

ARTICLE VIII. THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE

Sec. 22-300. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to provide minimum requirements for persons engaging in the business of therapeutic massage or any other type of massage to ensure the public will have access to qualified practitioners and alleviate the possibility of massage practitioners engaging in illegal activities that are sometimes associated with massage. This article represents the protection of both the interest of the public as well as the legitimate and qualified massage therapist.

(Ord. No. 481, § I, 12-21-99)

Sec. 22-301. Application.

Any person, association, partnership or corporation desiring to obtain an occupation tax certificate to operate, engage in, conduct or carry on the business of therapeutic massage or any other type of massage shall make application to the city manager, or the city manager's designated representative. The making of an application for a permit to operate the business of therapeutic massage or any other type of massage does not authorize the engaging in, operation of, conduct or carrying on of any therapeutic massage business or any other type of massage business.

(Ord. No. 481, § I, 12-21-99)

Sec. 22-302. Contents of application.

Each application for an occupation tax certificate to carry on the business of therapeutic massage or any other type of massage shall contain the following information:

- (1) The applicant's full name;
- (2) The current address and telephone number of the applicant;
- (3) Proof of graduation from a state-authorized school of massage or massage therapy. Such school must be regulated and approved by state non-public secondary education or technical school commission;
- (4) An original certificate or a certified copy of the certificate of completion issued by the approved school as described in the next paragraph above;
- (5) The name, complete street address and telephone number of a representative of the aforesaid school who can confirm successful completion of the course of study in massage therapy or any other type of massage;
- (6) Proof of completion of a minimum of 600 hours of training in the field of massage therapy or any other type of massage.

In lieu of the requirements as set forth in paragraphs (3) through (6) of this section, an applicant for an occupation tax certificate to carry on the business of therapeutic massage or any other type of massage may exhibit a copy of another state's license to practice therapeutic massage or any other type of massage or a certified copy of such other state's license to practice

therapeutic massage or any other type of massage.

In lieu of the requirements set forth above for obtaining an occupation tax certificate, an Applicant may submit any two of the following:

- (1) Proof of training and education from a school other than a state-authorized school in massage therapy or any other type of massage. As an example, a training institute or other educational institution from another country which conveys a degree or certificate upon graduates who successfully complete the course of study for massage therapy or any other type of massage.
- (2) Proof of at least 400 hours of training and two years of practical experience in massage therapy or any other type of massage. Such proof should be accompanied by the name, current address and telephone number of a person who can certify both the school where the massage therapy training was obtained and the name of the licensed business where the applicant obtained practical experience.
- (3) Proof of passing the examination of the National Certification Board of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork.

(Ord. No. 481, § I, 12-21-99)

Sec. 22-303. Letter of reference.

All applicants shall submit a professional letter of reference from an individual who is not related in any way to the applicant or any of the partners, shareholders, officers or directors of the applicant.

(Ord. No. 481, § I, 12-21-99)