

**ADDITION TO CHAPTER 17 OF THE
JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS CODE OF ORDINANCES**

ARTICLE VIII – MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS

Sec. 17-102 – Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Employee means any and all persons, other than a massage therapist, who renders any service for a licensee under this division and who receives compensation directly from such licensee, but who has no physical contact with customers, patrons, or clients of such licensee.

Massage or massage therapy means a system of structured palpation or movement of the soft tissue of the body. The system may include, but is not limited to, techniques such as effleurage or stroking and gliding, petrissage or kneading, tapotement or percussion, friction, vibration, compression, and stretching activities as they pertain to massage therapy. These techniques may be applied by a licensed massage therapist with or without the aid of lubricants, salt or herbal preparations, hydromassage, thermal massage, or a massage device that mimics or enhances the actions possible by human hands. The purpose of the practice of massage, as licensed under the Illinois Massage Licensing Act (the “Act”) (225 ILCS 57/1 et seq.) is to enhance the general health and well-being of the mind and body of the recipient. “Massage” does not include those acts of physical therapy or therapeutic or corrective measures that are outside the scope of massage therapy practice as defined by the Act.

Massage establishment means any building or portion thereof at which massage services are provided by a massage therapist.

Massage therapist means a person who is licensed by the Department of Professional Regulation of the State of Illinois and administers massage for compensation.

Sec. 17-103 – Business license required, transferability.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in, conduct, or carry on or to permit to be engaged in, conducted or carried on the operation of a massage establishment in the city without having first been issued, pursuant to this division, a city business license for each individual location within the city under which the operation of a massage establishment is conducted.

(b) No business license issued under this division shall be transferable or assignable to any other person or any other location.

Sec. 17-104 – License and permit applications; premises; facilities required.

(a) An application for a license required under this division shall be made in conformity with the general requirements of this chapter 17 relating to applications for business licenses.

(b) No business license shall be issued to any person without first providing documentation that all such employees or independent contractors engaging in the practice of massage or massage therapy on the licensed premises are licensed massage therapists in accord with the provisions of the Massage Licensing Act (225 ILCS 57/1 et seq.).

Sec. 17-105 – Operating requirements.

(a) Every portion of a massage establishment, including appliances and apparatus, shall be kept clean and operated under sanitary conditions.

(b) A separate dressing room for each sex shall be available on the premises, with individual lockers for each employee and massage therapist.

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(c) All massage establishments shall be provided with clean laundered sheets and towels in sufficient quantity which shall be laundered after each use and stored in a sanitary manner.

(d) All walls, ceilings, floors, pools, showers, baths, and any other physical facilities shall be in good repair and maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

(e) Oils, creams, lotions, and other preparations used in administering massages shall be kept in clean, closed containers or cabinets.

(f) Closed cabinets shall be provided for use in the storage of clean linens, towels and other materials used in administering massages. All soiled linens, towels and other materials shall be kept in properly covered containers or cabinets which shall be kept separate from the clean storage areas. Nondisposable instruments and materials shall be disinfected after use on each patron.

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