


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	18-682	Meeting:	December 17, 2018
	Agenda Item:	52	Roll Call:	[]
	Submitted by:	Dana Wingert, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of creation of Article X to the City Code regarding the regulation of massage therapists and massage therapy businesses.

SYNOPSIS:

Approval of the creation of Article X to the City Code regarding massage therapists and massage therapist businesses for the purpose of identifying and addressing businesses that engage in massage therapy without valid licenses and/or are involved in illegal activities, which may include prostitution and/or human trafficking.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Defines “massage therapist” as is defined in Iowa Code Chapter 152C.
- Specifies that it is unlawful for a person to engage in or offer to engage in the practice of massage therapy, or use in connection with the person’s name, the initials “L.M.T.” or the words “licensed massage therapist”, “masseur”, “masseuse”, or any other word or title that implies or represents that the person practices massage therapy, unless the person possesses a license issued under the provisions of Iowa Code section 152C.3.
- Requires each massage therapist to keep his/her license in possession at all times while doing business in the City and shall, upon request of a prospective customer or City official provide said license. Provides that penalties are subject to shall be subject to general penalty provisions of section 1-15 of this Code to include both criminal and/or civil.
- Requires the Chief of Police to placard locations where massage therapy is practiced in violation of law.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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