

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 4890

AN ORDINANCE regarding the regulation and licensing of massage practitioners and massage parlors in the City of Bellevue; repealing Chapter 5.28 of the Bellevue City Code and Sections 5.28.010 through .190 inclusive thereof; requiring any massage practitioner in the City to have a State license; making it a misdemeanor not to have a State license; authorizing inspections; adding a new Section 10A.96.050 to the Bellevue City Code; and establishing an effective date.

WHEREAS, State law currently prohibits the City to subject state licensed massage practitioners to city licensing requirements and regulations not currently imposed on similar health care providers, such as physical therapists or occupational therapists; and

WHEREAS, the City does not currently license and regulate health care providers, such as physical therapists or occupational therapists; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington now licenses massage practitioners and regulates massage therapy businesses pursuant to chapter 18.108 RCW; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to repeal the massage practitioner licensing and regulatory provisions of Chapter 5.28 of the Bellevue City Code; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to make it a criminal offense for any person to practice as a massage practitioner in the City of Bellevue without having a state license to do so; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 5.28 of the Bellevue City Code and Sections 5.28.010 through .190 inclusive thereof are repealed.

Section 2. A new Section 10A.96.050, State Massage Practitioner License Required - Violation is Misdemeanor - Inspections - Definitions, is added to Chapter 10A.96 of the Bellevue City Code to read as follows:

Section 10A.96.050 State Massage Practitioner License Required - Violation is Misdemeanor - Inspections - Definitions.

# ORIGINAL

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It shall be unlawful for any person to practice or represent himself or herself as a massage practitioner in the City of Bellevue without first applying for and receiving a license to practice from the State Department of Licensing pursuant to RCW 18.108.030. Failure to have a state license as required by this section shall be a misdemeanor.

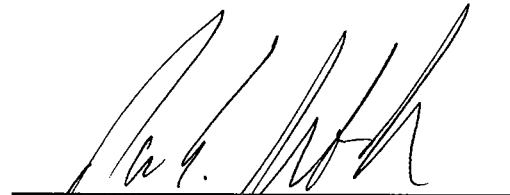
To the extent authorized by RCW 18.108.190, City law enforcement personnel shall have the authority to inspect the premises of any business where massages are given.

For purposes of this section, "massage" and "massage practitioner" shall have the meanings set forth in RCW 18.108.010.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days after its passage.

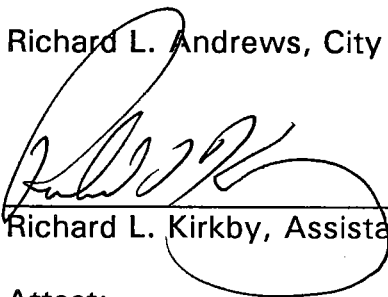
PASSED by the City Council this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1996, and signed in authentication of its passage this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1996.

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Ronald E. Smith, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Richard L. Andrews, City Attorney

  
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Richard L. Kirkby, Assistant City Attorney

Attest:

  
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Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk

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