

Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

Second Reading and Adoption of An Ordinance Amending Chapter 8 ("Business Licensing") of the Oak Park Village Code to add a new Article 38 ("Massage Establishments and Massage Services")

Overview

First reading of this ordinance was held on October 2, 2017. Article 38 ("Massage Establishments") of Chapter 8 ("Business Licensing") establishes new licensing and operations requirements for all entities providing massage services within the Village of Oak Park.

Staff Recommendation

Adopt the Ordinance.

Fiscal Impact

N/A.

Background

Having received numerous concerns from residents regarding the entry of new Massage Establishments within the community, and in light of recent legal actions that have occurred at these establishments, staff reviewed comparable municipal ordinances from Chicago and Berwyn and is recommending the creation of new regulations and requirements for the licensing and operation of Massage Establishments in Oak Park. New regulations and requirements include:

State Licensing: Proof of State Licensing for each massage therapist is required Service Rates: Will be prominently displayed Service Records: Records of dates and times of all massage services is to be maintained Advertising: No depiction, display etc. of services that would constitute a felony or misdemeanor allowed

Façade/Display Window: Clear glass allowing for unobstructed view of front customer area required. Inspections: Twice Annually

Following the first reading of the Ordinance, Mayor Abu-Taleb requested the business license fee be increased from \$100-\$250 (based upon square footage) to \$300 and for a criminal background check to be required for applicants (which is consist with Liquor License applicants). Staff reviewed the request and included these

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items to improve the screening process and cover the cost of the same.

Alternatives

The Village Board could choose to not adopt the ordinance.

Previous Board Action

A first reading was held on October 2, 2017.

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

NA.

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments NA.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities NA.

Performance Management (MAP) Alignment

A Governance Priority of Development Customer Services Department is Economic Development - Create/Maintain and environment to maximize stability and growth.