

**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
LEGAL NOTICE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3973
Adopted by the City Council on APRIL 15, 2013**

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH AMENDING CHAPTER 5.24 OF THE HUNTINGTON BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS”

SYNOPSIS:

In November, 2009, the City Council approved regulatory changes with regard to massage establishments to comply with newly enacted state law resulting in California Business and Professions Codes 4600, et seq. These laws significantly reduced local governments' regulatory authority in licensing, permitting, and land use by the formation of a State operated, non-profit agency with legislative oversight called the California Massage Therapy Council (CAMTC). Most of the licensing and monitoring responsibilities were transferred from the City to the State with the goal of achieving consistency in the application of rules and regulations with respect to businesses and individuals involved in the massage therapy field. The changes approved by Council included modification to the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance (HBZSO) and Municipal Code Chapter 5.24 to bring the City's regulations into compliance with State law.

Since the State law went into effect there has been a substantial increase in the number of massage establishments in Huntington Beach. The number of establishments has increased from nine (9) to approximately sixty-five (65). Based on information available to the police department, illicit sexual activity in massage establishments located in Huntington Beach has also increased substantially. This ordinance is an attempt to strengthen the local oversight of these establishments because oversight of the Huntington Beach locations by the CAMTC appears to be both inadequate and ineffective.

Upon adoption of this ordinance, all existing and new massage business owners conducting business or desiring to practice in the City of Huntington Beach will have to apply for registration certification. The registration shall be valid for one year, coinciding with the city business license effective and expiration dates.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting held April 15, 2013 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Sullivan, Hardy, Harper, Boardman, Carchio, Shaw, Katapodis

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

THE FULL TEXT OF THE ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

This ordinance is effective 30 days after adoption.

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