

TO: City of Dacula City Council and Mayor

FROM: Jack Wilson, City Attorney
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DATE: January 25, 2022

SUBJECT: Ordinance Amendment—Massage Therapists

Mayor and Members of City Council:

Council Member Williams requested the City staff to review the City's licensing ordinance regulating Massage Therapists. The current ordinance was drafted in 1993 and amended in 1998. Given recent unfortunate events and abuses at other such businesses in metro Atlanta, it is a good time to review and update these provisions.

The draft ordinance is intended to update objective standards to ensure that only legitimate massage therapists are licensed by the City. The draft proposes to limit the number of establishments to three (3) based on the current population. (The City has only one such business at this time—a Massage Envy franchise in the shopping center at 525 Dacula Road.) The draft exempts practitioners who work from home or travel to their clients.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council approve the new ordinance to take effect immediately.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please let us know.

Thank you.