

Massage Therapy – Municipal Regulations Comparison Chart

	Municipality	Terminology	Zoning Regulations	Separation Requirements	Other Codes/Regulations	License Required through State?	Professional Membership Required?	Exemptions
	Madison Heights	Massage Parlors (principal use) and Massage Establishments (accessory use – max. 10% of floor area)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Massage Parlors (principal use) classified as a Regulated Use.</li> <li>• Regulated Uses require Special Approval in B2 (Planned Business) or B3 (general Business) district.</li> <li>• Massage Establishment permitted as accessory use to other principal uses in district.</li> </ul>	Regulated Uses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,000 feet from another regulated use.</li> <li>• 300 feet from religious institution, school, park, residential use or zoning district.</li> </ul>	Separate Business Licensing regulat	Yes	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensed medical practitioners.</li> <li>• Barbers and cosmetologists (neck, face, scalp, hair massages only).</li> <li>• Massage education/school through licensed massage therapist.</li> </ul>
Least Restrictive	Troy	Massage Facility	No reference in Zoning Ordinance	N/A	Massage Facility Licensing Ordinance (Police Regulations)  Max 18 licenses per year	Yes	No	None listed.
	Warren	Massage Establishment	Allowed by right in General Business District.	N/A	Separate Massage Establishments and Spas Ordinance	Yes	No	Licensed physical therapists, medical practitioners, athletic trainers, medical clinics, etc.
Semi-Restrictive (Professional Membership Required)	Marquette	Massage Parlor	Classified as “Adult Entertainment”, except for certified members of American Massage and Therapy Association (MTA). Permitted as Special Land Use in Industrial/Manufacturing district.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 500 feet from another adult use.</li> <li>• 500 feet from religious institutions, schools, parks, public office buildings.</li> <li>• 300 feet from residential land use.</li> </ul>	N/A	Yes	Not required. However, members of American Massage and Therapy Association (AMTA) are exempt from Adult Entertainment standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensed health care facilities</li> <li>• Certified members of the American Massage and Therapy Association (AMTA).</li> </ul>
	Ferndale	Massage Establishments	Permitted by-right in Central Business District, General and Extended Business Districts	N/A	Separate Business Licensing regulations	Yes	Yes: American Massage Therapy Association or Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensed medical practices.</li> <li>• Massage as an accessory use to a fitness center.</li> <li>• Massages to the face, head, neck and shoulders as a cosmetic treatment.</li> </ul>
	Holland	Massage Clinic/Massage Establishment	State-licensed facilities with professional certifications classified as “Medical or Dental Clinics”. Allowed in office/commercial districts.	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes: American Massage Therapy Association or other nationally-recognized massage therapy organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospitals, nursing homes, medical clinics.</li> <li>• Physical therapists, chiropractors.</li> <li>• Barber, beauticians, cosmetologist (scalp, face, neck, feet, shoulders only).</li> </ul>

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Most Restrictive (Regulated Use)	Royal Oak	Massage Parlors/Massage Establishments	Classified as Regulated Use.	Regulated Uses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1,000 feet from another regulated use.</li> <li>1,000 feet from school, library, park, playground, religious institution.</li> <li>150 feet from residential zoning district.</li> </ul>	Separate Massage Establishments Ordinance	Yes	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical professionals.</li> <li>Physical therapy.</li> </ul>
	Birmingham	Massage Facility or Massage School	Classified as Regulated Use. Requires special land use approval in General Business District and Mixed-Use District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1,000 feet from another regulated use.</li> <li>1 regulated use per building.</li> </ul>	Separate Business Licensing regulations; Separate Regulated Use Ordinance.	Yes	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical professionals.</li> <li>Athletic trainers and physical therapists</li> <li>Barbers/cosmetologists, as an accessory practice</li> </ul>
	Novi	Massage Studio/Massage Establishment	Classified as “Adult Personal Service/ Adult Business Uses.” Similar to the Special Use process. Only permitted in B-3, General Business zoning district.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1,000 feet from another adult use.</li> <li>1,000 feet from school or religious institution.</li> <li>1,300 feet from residential zoning district</li> </ul>	Separate Massage Ordinance	Yes	Yes (Only Massage Schools): American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA), International Myomassethics Federation (IMF), or Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals (ABMP),	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospital.</li> <li>Face massages or cosmetic/beautifying massages.</li> <li>Medical treatment, athletic trainers, physical therapists.</li> <li>Massages as an accessory use (5% of revenue).</li> <li>Chair massages.</li> </ul>
	Livonia	Massage Establishment	Allowed by-right in Highway Business District, “Waiver Use” (special land use) in Local, General, and High-Rise Business Districts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>400 feet from existing massage establishments.</li> <li>400 feet from schools, places of worship, parks, daycares.</li> </ul>	Separate Business Licensing regulations	Yes	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Licensed medical practitioners.</li> <li>Massage as an accessory use to a beauty salon, barber shop, athletic clubs, etc.</li> <li>Occasional chair massages by licensed massage therapists.</li> </ul>