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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
**CC:** JOSHUA M. TETZLAFF, CITY ADMINISTRATOR  
KEN ONDICH, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR  
TIM APPLIN, POLICE CHIEF  
**FROM:** EVAN C. GARIEPY, PLANNER  
**SUBJECT:** SECOND HEARING OF ORDINANCE #362 REQUIRING MASSAGE  
THERAPISTS TO BE LICENSED BY THE CITY  
**DATE:** MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

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**Background and Staff Considerations**

The Council reviewed the proposed Ordinance #362 on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at which point the first reading of the Ordinance was conducted.

Councilmember Maggie Bass proposed amending the language specifying that people performing massage in their own house with no compensation to their immediate family would not be massage therapists. The language regarding “immediate family” has been removed from the definition of Massage Therapist. The first reading was conducted with this language removed, at which point there were no public comments.

The language amended has been highlighted below in red and crossed out. The proposed Ordinance in its entirety has been attached, with this change made.

**Language Amendment**

**§ 122.02 DEFINITIONS**

***MASSAGE THERAPIST.*** An individual who practices or provides therapeutic massage to another for a fee or other consideration paid either directly or indirectly. A person licensed as a medical doctor, chiropractor, osteopath, podiatrist, licensed nurse, physical therapist, athletic director or trainer, or beautician, cosmetologist, or barber who confines their treatment to the scalp, face, and neck, or the lower leg and feet in the case of a pedicure or hands in the case of a manicure, or a

person performing massage therapy without compensation on an occasional basis within their own residence ~~for members of their immediate family~~, shall not be deemed to be a massage therapist.

**Recommendation**

Conduct the second reading and approve Ordinance #362.