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Re: Denial of Massage Establishment Permit

Sir or Madame,

My name is Hong Yang and I am requesting to appeal the attached letter that denies me the ability to operate my new business (Blue Moon Massage Spa) in the Riverside area. The application was denied due to my response to question #22 which asks if in the past ten years I have been arrested or convicted of any crime. In response to that question, I answered 'no'. However, in 2010, I was detained by the Costa Mesa Police Department and released the same day. The detectives released me stating that I did not commit a crime and confirmed that I was at the location in question with a friend and not doing anything illegal. My understanding was that I was not arrested – I was simply detained – and I was certainly not convicted of a crime. Therefore, I believe I was being truthful in answering question #22 with a 'no'.

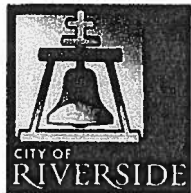
Since that time, I submitted an application for permanent residence in the United States and received a license as a Certified Massage Practitioner from The State of California. My permanent residence application was submitted in January, 2011 and approved in August, 2011 (USCIS # 088-390-482). I then attended vocational training in April, 2013, receiving a Certification as a Massage Practitioner in November, 2013. A copy of my Permanent Resident Card and my Certified Massage Practitioner Card is attached to this letter.

My intent is to operate a legitimate business and not to conduct any illegal acts that can compromise my integrity. I am a law abiding citizen who has already invested considerable time and money to open a business in Riverside. I believe we will provide a great service when we open. All signs will be posted condemning illegal acts and the business will be known in the community as a legitimate place of practice. If you have any questions on this matter please contact me at 626-757-6808 or email me at Yangniuniu0420@gmail.com.

Thank you for carefully reviewing my request. I look forward to many years of operation in the City of Riverside.

Sincerely, *Hong Yang*

Ms. Hong Yang
Certified Massage Practitioner
Cert #51458



Police Department

City of Arts & Innovation

May 27, 2015

Mrs. Hong Yang
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Re: **Denial of Massage Establishment Permit**

Riverside Municipal Code Section 5.52.050 states the Chief of Police shall not issue a massage establishment permit to an applicant if the applicant submits false, misleading or incomplete information on the application as required by Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 5.52.

On April 29, 2015, the Vice Unit of the Riverside Police Department received a permit application packet for Blue Moon Massage and conducted a thorough background investigation, during which a discrepancy was discovered. You stated on your application that in the past 10 years you have not been arrested or convicted of any crime and circled "no" on question 22. Further investigation revealed that in June 2010, you were in fact arrested in the City of Costa Mesa for 653.23(A)(1)PC / Supervising prostitution.

Consequently, the application for Hong Yang to operate *Blue Moon Massage* is hereby denied. If the applicant wishes to appeal the decision pursuant to Section 5.52.140 of this Chapter, said person must do so by making an appeal to the City Council's Public Safety Committee and depositing said appeal notice with the City Clerk within thirty (30) days following the denial of the application or following the serving of the massage establishment permit denial letter. The appeal shall clearly state the applicable basis for the appeal, and the scope of the appeal hearing pursuant to this Section shall be limited to those issues raised by the appellant in written appeal.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey L. Greer
Deputy Chief of Police

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