

Public Safety Committee Memorandum

TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS DATE: APRIL 19, 2017

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT WARD: 1

SUBJECT: REVOCATION OF MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT PERMIT - VOGUE

MASSAGE HEALER

ISSUE:

Whether to deny or grant the appeal by Kong Loon Fung from the revocation of the massage establishment permit for Vogue Massage Healer (5115 Jurupa Avenue #B1).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Public Safety Committee deny the appeal and affirm the revocation of the massage establishment permit.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Riverside Police Department's Vice Unit ascertained uncontroverted evidence that prohibited conduct occurred at Vogue Massage Healer located at 5115 Jurupa #B1. The Vice Unit visited the business on February 2, 2017, and again on February 8, 2017. During these visits, they confirmed that prohibited conduct was occurring at this business in violation of Riverside Municipal Code Section 5.52.080 (c)(2), Prohibited Conduct.

RMC 5.52.080 - Prohibited conduct

- C. No owner, massage technician or other employee of a massage establishment, or any other person shall:
 - 1. Expose the genitals, anus, or areola of any person before, during, or after a massage.
 - 2. Touch or expose or cause to be touched, or exposed the genitals, anus, or areola of any person before, during, or after a massage.
 - 3. Permit a patron to touch, expose, or view the genitals, anus, or areola of any person before, during, or after a massage.
 - 4. Be employed while under the age of eighteen (18) years of age.
 - 5. Provide a massage on a suspended certificate or permit.
 - 6. Engage in sexually suggestive advertising furthering the business.
 - 7. Engage in any form of sexual activity on the Property.
- D. No massage establishment shall be used for residential or sleeping purposes.

Furthermore, a massage therapist was arrested for violating Penal Code Section 647(b) (Solicitation for Prostitution). Based on the evidence gathered during this investigation, the massage establishment permit for Vogue Massage Healer was revoked. A Massage Establishment Permit Revocation letter, dated March 9, 2017, was sent to Kong Loon Fung via certified mail.

On March 15, 2017, Kong Loon Fung submitted to the City Clerk the attached letter appealing the revocation. Thereafter, a hearing on the appeal from the revocation of the massage establishment permit for Vogue Massage Healer was set to be heard by the Public Safety Committee on April 19, 2017. Notice of said Hearing was provided to appellant by the City Clerk.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City of Riverside.

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Attachment: Appeal Letter