



City of Arts & Innovation

Public Safety Committee Memorandum

TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE **DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2017**
FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT **WARD: 5**
**SUBJECT: APPEAL OF REVOCATION OF MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT PERMIT –
LAVENDER BODY CARE**

ISSUE:

Deny or grant the appeal by Attorney Jonathan Golden, for appellant Mr. Ping Go, the owner of Lavender Body Care located at 9824 Magnolia Ave., #31, Riverside, for the Police Department's revocation of the massage establishment permit for the business.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Committee deny the appeal, and affirm the revocation of the massage establishment permit by the Riverside Police Department.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Riverside Municipal Code § 5.52.080(C)(2) – Prohibited conduct – states:

No owner, massage technician or other employee of a massage establishment, or any other person, shall touch or expose or cause to be touched, or expose the genitals, anus, or areola of any person before, during or after a massage.

Riverside Municipal Code § 5.52.130(A)(2) – Revocation – states:

The Chief of Police may revoke a massage establishment permit issued pursuant to this Chapter whenever the holder of an establishment permit is acting in a manner that constitutes a public nuisance.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Riverside Police Department's Vice Unit ascertained uncontroverted evidence that prohibited conduct occurred at Lavender Body Care located at 9824 Magnolia Ave. #31. The Vice Unit conducted an undercover operation at the business on July 6, 2017. During this visit, they confirmed that prohibited conduct was occurring in violation of Riverside Municipal Code

Section 5.52.080(C)(2), Prohibited Conduct. Based on this investigation, the massage establishment permit for Magnolia Relaxing Spa was revoked per Riverside Municipal Code Section 5.52.130(A)(2). A Massage Establishment Revocation letter, dated July 19, 2017, was sent to Mr. Ping Guo via certified mail.

On August 1, 2017, Attorney Jonathan Golden submitted the attached letter of appeal through the City Clerk's Office. The letter was accepted by the City Clerk's Office and the appeal for the revocation of the massage establishment permit of Lavender Body Care was scheduled to the City Council Public Safety Committee for September 20, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

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Attachment: Appeal Letter