



City of Arts & Innovation

Public Safety Committee Memorandum

TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE **DATE: MAY 16, 2018**

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT **WARD: 6**

SUBJECT: APPEAL OF REVOCATION OF MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT PERMIT – COCO RELAXATIONS

ISSUE:

Deny or grant the appeal by Attorney Long Z. Liu for appellant Ms. Ying Wang, the owner of Coco Relaxations, located at 1299 Galleria at Tyler, #2124, in the city of Riverside for the Riverside Police Department's revocation of the massage establishment permit for the business.

RECOMMENDATION:

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:

(2). 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 exposed 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 Coco Relaxations located at 1299 Galleria at Tyler, #2124.

On February 4, 2018, officers from the Riverside Police Department responded to Coco

Relaxations. During the investigation, one of the employees was accused of, and arrested for 289 PC. The investigation revealed that prohibited conduct had occurred in violation of Riverside Municipal Code Section 5.52.080 (c)(2), Prohibited Conduct.

On February 6, 2018, the Riverside Police Department's Vice Unit responded to Coco Relaxations and observed violations of Riverside Municipal Code 5.52.090(A), State Certificate Required. As a result, Ms. Ying Wang and an employee were each issued a citation.

Based on this investigation, the massage establishment permit for Coco Relaxations was revoked per Riverside Municipal Code Section 5.52.130(A)(2). A Massage Establishment Permit Revocation letter, dated February 8, 2018 was sent to Ms. Ying Wang via certified mail.

On March 22, 2018, Attorney Long Z. Liu attended a pre-imposition hearing with Deputy Chief Jeffrey Greer. On March 23, 2018, Ms. Ying Wang was sent a letter via certified mail stating no new evidence was presented during that hearing that would refute the allegation of the prohibited conduct and the revocation was upheld.

On March 28, 2018, Attorney Long Z. Liu 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 Coco Relaxations is scheduled to be heard by the City Council Public Safety Committee on May 16, 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendation in this report.

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Attachment: Appeal Letter