



ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5.52 OF THE RMC REGULATING MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS

Police Department

Public Safety Committee
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BACKGROUND

1. September 27, 2008 – Governor Schwarzenegger signed SB731 establishing California Massage Therapy Council which limited regulation by local agencies
2. September 18, 2014 – governor Jerry Brown signed AB1147 significantly revising the Massage Therapy Act and restored a significant amount of regulatory authority back to local agencies



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DISCUSSION

The proposed ordinance will allow the City to ensure that RMC Chapter 5.52 relating to massage business establishments is consistent with State law, allowing legitimate therapeutic massage services to flourish while discouraging unlawful sexual activity and human trafficking associated with prostitution.



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RECOMMENDATION

That the Public Safety Committee recommend that the City Council adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 5.52 of the Riverside Municipal Code relating to massage business establishments.



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