

City of Raymore Unified Development Code

Massage Therapy

Section 485.010: General Definitions

Personal and Consumer Service	Sale of any service to individual customers for their own personal benefit, enjoyment or convenience. For example, consumer services include the provision of personal services such as beautician and barbering services, specialized instruction, laundry and dry cleaning services, and all other similar services.
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Section 410.020 Use Table

Use	PO	C-1	C-2	C-3	BP	M1	M2	PR	Use Standard
COMMERCIAL USES									
Personal and Consumer Service	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	

Uses identified with a “P” in the use table are permitted by-right in the designated zoning districts, subject to compliance with all other applicable provisions of the Unified Development Code.

Section 420.040 Use-Specific Standards, Other Uses

B. Home Occupations

4. Particular Home Occupations Permitted

- h. Massage therapy, provided the home occupation complies with the following:
 - (1) Massage therapist shall be licensed to perform massage therapy in accordance with Chapter 324 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.
 - (2) Massage therapist shall obtain a City of Raymore Occupational License.
 - (3) Massage therapy to be conducted as a home occupation shall comply with all requirements of Chapter 635: Massage Establishments, of the Raymore City Code.
 - (4) There shall be only one licensed therapist per address operating at the home. No more than one room shall be used for massage therapy and the appointment times shall be spaced out during the day to eliminate patients waiting for their massage therapy appointment.
 - (5) Hours of operation shall be limited to 7:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Also applicable for Massage Therapists to locate in Raymore is City Code Chapter 635

CHAPTER 635: MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS

SECTION 635.010: TITLE

This Chapter will be known as the "Massage Establishment Code" and may be cited as such, and will be referred to in this Chapter as the "Code".

SECTION 635.020: PURPOSE

The intent of this Code is to regulate massage establishments and massage therapists in order to protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare. This will be accomplished by:

1. Providing standards for education and training of massage therapists.
2. Requiring a clean, healthy and safe environment in which massage therapists operate.
3. Promoting professionalism and prohibiting illegal acts.
4. Requiring insurance coverage.
5. Recognizing massage as a legitimate medical therapy and promoting public confidence therein.
6. Limiting massage techniques offered to the public for valuable consideration to those dealing with preventative health care, health maintenance and rehabilitation.
7. Providing geographic limitations designed to preserve the value of the property throughout the City.
8. Providing geographic limitations designed to protect the character of residential and commercial areas.

SECTION 635.030: APPLICABILITY OF CODE

Every massage establishment and/or massage therapist shall conform to the requirements of this Code, irrespective of when such massage establishment and/or massage therapist started practicing within the City limits.

SECTION 635.040: SEVERABILITY

In any case where a provision of this Code is found to be in conflict with a provision of any other ordinance or other legislation of the City existing on the effective date of this Code, the provision which establishes the higher standard for the promotion and protection of the safety, welfare and health of the people shall prevail. If any part of this Chapter should be declared invalid for any reason, such decisions shall not affect the remaining portions of this Code.

SECTION 635.050: DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Code, the following words and phrases shall have the following interpretation and/or meanings.

EMPLOYEE: Any person, other than the massage therapist, who renders any service to a permittee under this Chapter, who receives compensation from the permittee or patron.

MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT (MASSAGE PARLOR): Any establishment having a place of business where any person, firm, partnership, association or corporation engages in or carries on or permits to be engaged in or carried on any of the activities mentioned herein for compensation. This definition excludes chiropractors, physical therapists, and sports therapists.

MASSAGE THERAPISTS: Any person who offers to any person the service of massage or massage therapy for compensation.

MASSAGE THERAPY: Massage therapy shall mean a scientific health care, health maintenance, and rehabilitation technique carried out by a highly trained professional which involves a skillful massaging and kneading of human skin, muscles, and tissues causing relaxation, stimulation, and easing of mental and physical tension, alleviation of aches and pains, the breaking up of fatty tissues and muscles spasms, the improvement of circulation through the body, the body to restore itself to a more comfortable feeling, the body to rehabilitate itself from any disease or malfunction, the reduction of strain on the heart, and the reduction of body fluids in the legs and arms. Massage therapy shall also mean any method of pressure or friction against or stroking, kneading, rubbing, tapping, pounding, vibrating or stimulating of the external soft parts of the body with the hands or with the aid of any mechanical or electrical apparatus or appliance with or without such supplementary aides as rubbing alcohol, liniments, antiseptics, oils, powders, creams, lotions, ointments, or other similar preparations commonly used in this practice.

PATRON: Any person over eighteen (18) years of age who utilizes or receives the services of any establishment subject to the provisions of this Chapter and

under such circumstances that it is reasonably expected that he/she will pay money or give any other consideration therefor. (Patrons under the age of eighteen (18) shall have on file with the establishment or therapist, written permission from a parent or legal guardian to receive therapeutic massage).

RECOGNIZED SCHOOL: Any school or institution of learning which has for its purpose the teaching of the theory, method, profession or work of therapeutic massage, which requires a resident course of study not less than five hundred (500) hours to be given in not more than twenty-four (24) calendar months before the student shall be furnished with a diploma or certificate of graduation from such school or institution of learning following the successful completion of such course of study or learning.

SECTION 635.060: OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE REQUIRED

- A. No person, firm, partnership, association or corporation shall operate a massage establishment without first having obtained an occupational license issued by the City of Raymore. It is unlawful to conduct such a business unless the license issued is current, unrevoked and not suspended.

- B. It shall be further unlawful for any person, organization or company, within the City limits to participate directly or indirectly in or for the operation of business activity under a different name or designation that those herein specified but for the purpose of carrying out activity or activities defined in this Section.

SECTION 635.070: RESERVED

SECTION 635.080: REQUIREMENTS FOR AN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE

- A. *Massage Therapists.* Applicant must be licensed to perform massage therapy in accordance with Chapter 324 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

- B. *Massage Establishment.*
 - 1. Premises shall comply with all applicable zoning, fire, health and building codes.

 - 2. Premises and equipment shall be clean, sanitary, and well maintained.

3. Items for the personal use of patrons, such as linens, sheets and towels, shall be cleaned and freshly laundered, unless disposable, and no such item, if non-disposable, shall be used twice without being laundered. Disposable items must be disposed of in a sanitary manner after each use.
4. The license of the massage establishment and of every massage therapist employed thereby, shall be displayed in an open and conspicuous place on the premises and shown to officers of the City of Raymore upon request.
5. Massage establishment and massage therapist licenses are not transferable and such authority as a permit confers shall be conferred only on the permitting name therein. Any applications made, fees paid and permits obtained under the provisions of this Chapter shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any other fees, permits or licenses required to be paid or obtained under any other ordinances of this City.
6. All signs pertaining to a massage establishment shall be affixed to the building in which business is being conducted. In addition, all massage establishments are required to obtain a sign permit from the Planning and Zoning Administrator before placement of said sign.

SECTION 635.090: RESERVED

SECTION 635.100: ENFORCEMENT

It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Code Enforcement Official, Raymore Police Department, and/or the Building Inspector to enforce this Chapter of this Code. When, on the basis of a complaint, personal observation and/or other information an authorized enforcement official reasonably suspects that a violation has occurred, it is the applicant's responsibility to cooperate with the investigating official(s).

SECTION 635.110: RESERVED

SECTION 635.120: REVOCATION OF LICENSE

If any massage therapist or their employees, shall violate any of the provisions of this Code or the Revised Statutes of Missouri, and is finally convicted in any court of the City or State, he/she may have his/her massage establishment license suspended or revoked by the City Council after a hearing. Ten (10) days written notice of the hearing stating the grounds thereof shall be delivered to said

massage establishment at his/her place of business or by leaving or posting said notice at said address. The accused shall have the right at the hearing to be represented by an attorney, to cross examine witnesses, to present evidence, and to testify on his/her own behalf. The hearing shall be held in public at a regular or special meeting of the City Council. If suspension or revocation of the license occurs, no license fee shall be refunded.