

Fact Sheet of Major Changes in the SF Massage Ordinance

On December 5, 2003, Mayor Willie Brown signed an ordinance that created major revisions to the regulation of massage businesses and practitioners in San Francisco. If you are interested in all of the changes, go to www.sfordinance.com.

Date of implementation

July 1, 2004

Regulatory authority

The primary difference between the new and old ordinances is that regulatory authority would be shifted from the Chief of Police to the Department of Public Health.

Practitioner permits

Current code defines one class of massage practitioners [masseurs/masseuses] and requires 70 hours of qualified massage school training.

The new code defines two categories:

- General Massage Practitioner: 100 hours of training.
- Advanced Massage Practitioner: 200 hours of training.

The primary purpose of the Advanced Massage Practitioner class is to facilitate the operation of private practices by qualified practitioners as described below.

Business permits

Current code defines two business permits: Massage Establishment and Outcall Massage Service.

The new code adds a third category: Solo Practitioner Massage Establishments. This new permit could only be held by Advanced Massage Practitioners and would be subject to less restrictive conditions. There are no specific operating requirements detailed.

Additionally, an Advanced Massage Practitioner holding a Solo Practitioner Massage Establishment permit would not be required to pay any additional permit or annual license fee for an Outcall Massage Service permit.

Fees

Permit	Filing Fee		Annual Fee	
	Old	New	Old	New
General Massage Practitioner	244	100	75	75
Advanced Massage Practitioner	n/a	100	n/a	75
Massage Establishment	1684	240	463	600
Solo Massage Establishment/Outcall	n/a	240	n/a	400
Outcall Massage Business *	462	240	393	200

* Advanced Massage Practitioners holding a Solo Massage Establishment permit will not be required to pay additional fees for an Outcall permit.