

ORDINANCE 27 - 2018

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
GLOUCESTER COUNTY**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 141 OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED "MASSAGE PARLORS"**

WHEREAS, Chapter 141 of the Code of the Township of Washington regulates "Massage Parlors"; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to amend and update;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, in the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 141 entitled "Massage Parlors", of the Code of Washington Township is hereby amended, revised, and/or supplemented as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 141, Section 141-1 of the Code of the Township of Washington, entitled "§ 141-1 Definitions" shall be deleted and is hereby replaced with the following:

"§141-1 As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

MASSAGE

The administration by any person or method of exerting or applying pressure, friction, moisture, heat or cold to the human body with a rubbing, stroking, kneading, pounding or tapping of the human body by any physical or mechanical means for any form of consideration.

MASSAGE BUSINESS

Any establishment or business wherein massage is practiced, including establishments commonly known as "health clubs," "physical culture studios," "massage studios" or "massage parlors."

MASSAGE PARLOR

Any establishment or operation wherein a massage is administered or is permitted to be administered when such massage is administered for any form of consideration.

MASSAGE THERAPIST

Any person, who, for any consideration whatsoever, engages in the practice of massage as herein define and licensed by the State of New Jersey. "

SECTION 2: Chapter 141, Section 141-3 of the Code of the Township of Washington, entitled

"§ 141-3 "Licensing of Employees required." shall be deleted and is hereby replaced with the following:

"§ 141-3 "Registering Employees required.

No person shall render or perform services as a massage therapist, or engage in the business of or be employed as a massage therapist, unless and until he/she has obtained a current massage therapist license from the state of New Jersey and

registered with the Township Clerk in accordance with the terms and provisions of this chapter.

SECTION 3: Chapter 141, Section 141-4 of the Code of the Township of Washington, entitled “§ 141-4 Application for license.” shall be deleted and is hereby replaced with the following:

“§ 141-4 Application for license

A. Each and every applicant for a license, either for an establishment or premises to be used for a massage parlor business shall submit an application in accordance with §133-1 of the Code.

B. Each and every applicant shall submit a registration application with a current New Jersey Massage Therapist License for each massage therapist to be employed by the Massage Parlor. Each massage therapist shall undergo a criminal background check conducted by the Washington Township Police Department.

SECTION 4: Chapter 141, Section 141-5 of the Code of the Township of Washington, entitled “§ 141-5 Fees.” shall be deleted and is hereby replaced with the following:

“§ 141-5 Fees

A. The applicant for a Massage Parlor license under this chapter shall pay an annual license fee as set forth in Chapter 80 Fees, of the Code.

B. License Fee Renewal Fees due on February 1, 2019 shall be extended to July 1, 2019. Thereafter all fees are due on July 1 of each year.

SECTION 5: Chapter 141, Section 141-6 of the Code of the Township of Washington, entitled “§ 141-6 Approval by Township Council” shall be deleted and is hereby replaced with the following:

§ 141-6 Approval by Township Council.

Each application for a license, or the renewal thereof, either to operate a massage establishment or premises or to engage in the business of, which is submitted to the Township Clerk shall be approved by the Township Council before any license is issued. The Township Council shall not approve such application if, on the basis of the past criminal record of the applicant, or of the principals thereof, or on the basis of other evidence of bad character or morals, it shall determine that the granting or renewal of such license would tend to encourage or permit criminal or immoral activities within the Township.”

SECTION 6: Except as set forth in Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 above, the balance of Chapter 141, and the balance of the Code of the Township of Washington, shall not be affected by this Ordinance.

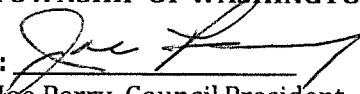
SECTION 7: All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 8: If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance.

SECTION 9: This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after final passage by Council or twenty (20) days after approval by the Mayor, whichever comes first.

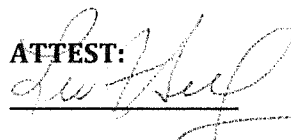
	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Donato			X				
Longfellow	X		X				
Pasqualone						X	
Perry		X	X				

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

BY: 
Joe Perry, Council President

I do hereby attest the above Ordinance 27-2018 was introduced at the Township of Washington Meeting on December 6, 2018. A public hearing will occur on December 19, 2018 at 7:00P.M., at 523 Egg Harbor Rd., Sewell, NJ.

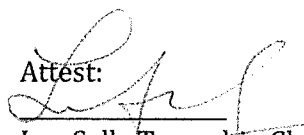
ATTEST:


 Leo Selb, Township Clerk

	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Donato			X				
Spinelli			X				
Longfellow	X						
Pasqualone			X				
Perry		X	X				

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Attest:


 Leo Selb, Township Clerk

On this 19th day of December, 2018, I hereby approve the above Ordinance.


JOANN GATTINELLI, MAYOR

ADOPTED: _____