

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 044

By: Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 832.03, 832.06, 832.07 AND 832.09 OF CHAPTER 832 OF TITLE TWO OF PART EIGHT-BUSINESS REGULATION AND TAXATION CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE CONCERNING MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That existing Section 832.03 of Chapter 832 Massage Establishments of Title Two of Part Eight-Business Regulation and Taxation Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Strongsville concerning Exemptions, be and is hereby amended in order that Section 832.03 shall read in its entirety as follows:

**CHAPTER 832
Massage Establishments**

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832.03 EXEMPTIONS.

This Chapter shall not apply to the following individuals while engaging in the personal performance of the duties of their respective professions:

(a) Physicians, surgeons, chiropractors, osteopaths or physical therapists who are duly licensed to practice their respective professions in the State.

(b) Nurses who are duly licensed by the State of Ohio Board of Nursing to practice nursing.

(c) Barbers and beauticians who are duly licensed under the laws of the State, except that this exemption shall apply solely to the massaging of the neck, face, scalp and hair of the customer or client for cosmetic or beautifying purposes.

(d) Schools, colleges or institutions approved by and determined to be in good standing with the State Medical Board of Ohio that have Massage therapy curriculum required for students to become Massage Therapists upon course completion and the students enrolled at such schools, colleges or institutions.

(e) Manicurists and pedicurists who are duly licensed under the laws of the State, except that this exemption shall apply solely to the massaging of the hands and feet of the customer or client for cosmetic or beautifying purposes.

(f) Schools, colleges or institutions approved by and determined to be in good standing with the State Cosmetology and Barber Board of Ohio that have non-therapeutic relaxation massage for a cosmetic purposes curriculum required for students that are training to become barbers and/or beauticians upon course completion and the students enrolled at such schools, colleges or institutions.

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Section 2. That existing Section 832.06 of Chapter 832 Massage Establishments of Title Two of Part Eight-Business Regulation and Taxation Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of

Strongsville concerning Massage Services License Application, be and is hereby amended in order that Section 832.06 shall read in its entirety as follows:

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832.06 MASSAGE SERVICES LICENSE APPLICATION.

(a) Applications for a Massage Services License shall be filed with the Chief of Police. Within sixty (60) working days following receipt of the completed application, the Chief of Police shall either issue the License or mail a written statement of the reasons for denial. When necessary, The Chief of Police may extend the time beyond the sixty (60) days in order to conduct a complete investigation.

(b) The application shall include the Applicant's full, legal name, current residential address, a statement explaining the exact nature of the Massage, bath, or treatment to be administered, and the location of the proposed place of business and facilities where such service will take place. Applicant shall provide a copy of the Applicant's license to practice Massage from the State Medical Board of Ohio **and/or the Ohio State Cosmetology and Barber Board**. Any Applicant who does not have a License to practice Massage from the State Medical Board of Ohio **and/or the Ohio State Cosmetology and Barber Board** shall not be eligible to receive a Massage Services License under this Chapter. Applicant shall also provide a copy of the results of the Applicant's background check performed as a part of Applicant's licensing process by the State Medical Board of Ohio **and/or the Ohio State Cosmetology and Barber Board**. If the Applicant can produce a license in good standing to practice Massage from the State Medical Board of Ohio **and/or the Ohio State Cosmetology and Barber Board** but cannot produce a copy of the results of the Applicant's background check as required in this Section, Applicant must submit to a background check.

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Section 3. That existing Section 832.07 of Chapter 832 Massage Establishments of Title Two of Part Eight-Business Regulation and Taxation Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Strongsville concerning Application Fees, be and is hereby amended in order that Section 832.07 shall read in its entirety as follows:

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832.07 APPLICATION FEES.

Any application for a Massage Establishment License or for a Massage Services License or a transfer of a License shall be accompanied by a ~~One Hundred Fifty Dollar (\$150.00)~~ **Fifty Dollar (\$50.00)** non-refundable fee. The application fee shall be used to offset the cost of review and investigation, and is not made in lieu of any other fees required by the Strongsville Codified Ordinances. The application fee shall be paid at the time the application is submitted.

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Section 4. That existing Section 832.09 of Chapter 832 Massage Establishments of Title Two of Part Eight-Business Regulation and Taxation Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of

Strongsville concerning License Expiration and Renewal, be and is hereby amended in order that Section 832.09 shall read in its entirety as follows:

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832.09 LICENSE EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL.

(a) Massage Establishment Licenses shall expire on December 31st of the year for which the License was issued and must be renewed annually.

(b) Massage Services Licenses shall expire on December 31st of the second year for which the License was issued and must be renewed every two years.

(c) A renewal fee of ~~One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00)~~ **Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)** will be assessed for each License being renewed. Applications for License renewal must be submitted to the Chief of Police no later than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of such License. A renewal License shall be granted upon a finding by the Chief of Police, that no act, related to the Applicant or Massage Establishment that is the subject of the renewal application, has been committed during the previous license period that would be grounds to deny the initial License application, and that the Massage Establishment premises passes a renewal inspection as provided in Section 832.09(d) herein. Once a License holder's License expires, the License holder shall be in violation of this Chapter until a new Massage Establishment or new Massage Services License is obtained from the Chief of Police.

(d) Upon the filing an application to renew a Massage Establishment License and payment of the associated renewal fee, the Chief of Police or his authorized representative, including the Building Department and/or Fire Department, shall cause a general inspection of the Massage Establishment premises to be made to ensure that the provisions of this Chapter, the Strongsville Codified Ordinances, Building Code and/or Fire Code are fully complied with.

(1) If the Massage Establishment License holder declines to have the Massage Establishment premises inspected, the Chief of Police or his authorized representative may obtain an order or warrant to inspect from a court of competent jurisdiction.

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Section 5. That any ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance be and are hereby repealed.

Section 6. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council; and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 7. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that the Codified Ordinances of the City concerning massage establishments must be amended with regard to manicurists and pedicurists and application fees. Therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Michael CA
President of Council

Date Passed: May 4, 2026

Approved: *Thomas B. Serwit*
Mayor

Date Approved: May 4, 2026

Attest: *Aimee Piętka*
Clerk of Council

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Carbone	<u>Absent</u>	_____
Clark	<u>✓</u>	_____
Kaminski	<u>✓</u>	_____
Kosek	<u>✓</u>	_____
Roff	<u>✓</u>	_____
Short	<u>✓</u>	_____
Zacharyasz	<u>✓</u>	_____

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