

Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO:

CITY COUNCIL

DATE:

April 23, 2007

FROM:

CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT:

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY PROHIBITING THE

ISSUANCE OF MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT PERMITS

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA TEMPORARILY PROHIBITING THE ISSUANCE OF MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT PERMITS PURSUANT TO TITLE 17 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE

PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance implements the direction given by Council at its regular meeting on March 26, 2007. The ordinance imposes an initial 45 day moratorium on the issuance of massage establishment permits pursuant to Title 17 (the Zoning Code) of the Pasadena Municipal Code.

REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

Council is concerned that prostitution activities may be taking place in massage establishments in the City, which may have secondary effects on nearby residential zones. Staff time is required to study the secondary effects of massage establishments, and whether a distance requirement between massage establishments and like uses, and a distance requirement between massage establishments and residential zones, are necessary to protect residential zones from such secondary effects.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED

The Planning and Development Department will implement the moratorium.

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FISCAL IMPACT

There will not be an immediate fiscal impact as a result of this temporary moratorium.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

This ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2) because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15262, because the ordinance involves only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the City has not approved, adopted or funded, and does not involve adoption of a plan that will have a legally binding effect on later activities.

Respectfully submitted,

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Introduced by:		
	ORDINANCE NO.	

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WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena ("City") has adopted the Land Use Element, and a Social and Economic Development Element, of its General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Element sets forth policies and goals toward the protection of residential neighborhoods, and the Social and Economic Development Element sets forth policies and goals toward land use planning that is protective of the social impacts of land uses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Pasadena has expressed concern regarding actual and potential prostitution activity at massage establishments in the City, and the secondary effects such illegal activity may have on residentially zoned neighborhoods, particularly since there is no distance requirement between adult businesses and residentially zoned neighborhoods in the City's Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, there is no First Amendment protected right conferred upon massage establishments; and

WHEREAS, further regulation of massage establishments may reduce the potential for secondary effects commonly associated with such businesses on nearby residential areas; however, to better understand the land use and legal nuances of locational restrictions on massage establishments, City staff would need adequate time to study the matter; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that there is a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety and welfare because, without the moratorium, a massage establishment could be granted

the required permit, or an overconcentration of massage establishments could occur, within the City, without full protection to residential zones from the potential secondary effects of massage establishments; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code Section 65858, and in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare, the City Council may adopt as an urgency measure an interim ordinance prohibiting any uses that may be in conflict with a contemplated general plan or zoning proposal that the City intends to study within a reasonable time.

NOW THEREFORE, the People of the City of Pasadena ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. The provisions of this ordinance temporarily prohibit the issuance of massage establishment permits pursuant to Title 17 of the Pasadena Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. During the effectiveness of this ordinance, the City will undertake a review of its land use regulations and study whether a distance requirement between massage establishments and residential zones may reduce the secondary effects commonly associated with massage establishments on the residential neighborhoods that may necessarily be in very close proximity, and in consideration of the goals and policies established in the City's Land Use Element, Social and Economic Development Element, and zoning code.

SECTION 3. Unless extended pursuant to California Government Code Section 65858, the provisions of this ordinance shall expire at the end of the 45 day period following its date of publication.

SECTION 4. This ordinance is additional to and supplemental to, and shall not affect, except as specifically provided herein, any provision of the Pasadena Municipal Code, which shall be operative and remain in full force and effect without limitation with respect to all such businesses.

SECTION 5. The City Council hereby declares that, should any section, paragraph, sentence, phrase, term or word of this ordinance, hereby adopted, be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is the

intent of the City Council that it would have adopted all other portions of this ordinance irrespective of any such portion declared invalid.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause this ordinance to be published by title and summary.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication, and shall remain in effect for a period of 45 days from the date of publication, in accordance with California Government Code Section

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	Signed and approved this	day of	, 2007.
			Bill Bogaard Mayor of the City of Pasadena
			was adopted by the City Council of the City of 2007, by the following vote:
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Date P	Published:		
Appro	ved as to form: \		Jane L. Rodriguez, CMC City Clerk

Assistant City Attorney