

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** June 11, 2007

FROM: CITY MANAGER

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

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve an extension of the interim urgency ordinance which temporarily prohibits the issuance of massage permits pursuant to Title 17 of the Pasadena Municipal Code.

BACKGROUND

On April 30, 2007, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 7096 which was an interim urgency ordinance temporarily prohibiting the issuance of massage permits pursuant to Title 17 of the Pasadena Municipal Code. Since that time, the Planning and Development Department has undertaken a review of its land use regulations and is conducting a study whether distance requirements 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. This planning study is currently in the process of mapping locations of massage use, conducting a review of the processes and procedures for the review and background check of owners and employees, and conducting a review of the history of compatibility and impacts of this use throughout the City. The Planning and Development Department has concluded that it needs more time to conduct this study. Additional 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.

This ordinance will extend Ordinance No. 7096 and will continue to prohibit the issuance of massage establishment permits pursuant to Title 17 of the Pasadena Municipal Code for 10 months and 15 days.

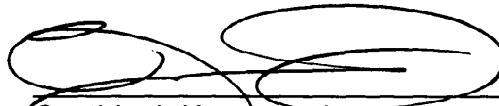
ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

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.

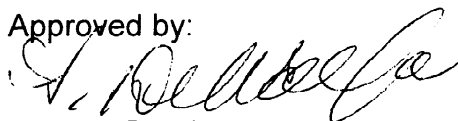
FISCAL IMPACT

Other than staff time, there will not be an immediate fiscal impact as a result of this temporary moratorium.

Respectfully submitted,


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Approved by:


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