



PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** March 2, 2017

SUBJECT: TR 2017-02 Public Hearing to consider amendments to Section 118-1, Definitions, and 118-631, Table of Permitted Uses, of the North Richland Hills Zoning Ordinance regarding massage establishment, acupuncture clinic, reflexology clinic, and foot spa.

PRESENTER: Clayton Husband, Principal Planner

SUMMARY:

Revision is proposed to the Zoning Ordinance related to Section 118-1 Definitions, and Section 118-631 Table of Permitted Uses. The revisions would add definitions for massage establishment, acupuncture clinic, and reflexology clinic/foot spa, and assign these uses as permitted by right or by special use permit in various zoning districts.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

In 2016, an interdepartmental task force began discussing the rise in the number of massage establishments in the city. Through these discussions, the task force identified the need for possible revisions to the standards and regulations contained in Chapter 18 (Businesses) and Chapter 118 (Zoning) of the Code of Ordinances as they relate to massage establishments.

The existing business regulations were created in the 1970s and do not reflect current industry standards and practices. An updated set of procedures and standards will be considered by City Council on March 27, 2017.

This update also includes consideration of proposed revisions to the zoning regulations as they relate to a massage establishment, acupuncture clinic, and reflexology clinic/foot spa. Text revisions such as these are considered periodically to ensure that the zoning code is aligned with City goals and policies, is current with technology and industry changes, and that vague or unclear language is eliminated.

The proposed revisions are described in detail below.

Section 118-1 Definitions



CITY COUNCIL: The City Council will consider this request at the March 27, 2017, meeting following a recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve TR 2017-02.