

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** March 27, 2017

SUBJECT: Consider Ordinance No. 3453, amending and restating, in its entirety, Code of Ordinances Chapter 18, Article V, Massage Establishments regarding definitions, certificates of occupancy, and standards of operation.

PRESENTER: Clayton Husband, Principal Planner

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 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 regulations were created in the 1970's and do not reflect current industry standards and practices. An updated set of procedures and standards were developed based on the following key areas of improvement:

- Align definitions with State regulations
- Replace the licensing requirement with the certificate of occupancy process
- Update the general standards, sanitary requirements, and registration of customers
- Delete outdated regulations related to industry standards and practice
- Eliminate vague and redundant language

In addition to the proposed ordinance, the attached summary document provides more information on the major changes and revisions.

On February 3, 2017, a copy of the summary and proposed text was mailed to the 11 licensed massage establishments in North Richland Hills inviting them to provide feedback or comments on the recommended standards. Staff requested comments be provided by February 17, 2017. No comments have been submitted.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Ordinance No. 3453.