



## STAFF REPORT

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**To:** Planning Commission  
**From:** Community Development Director  
**Date:** July 20, 2004  
**RE: PC 04-30**  
Revised massage regulations allowing for verifiable experience to be substituted for required training.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Conduct the public hearing and formulate a recommendation to the City Council for adoption.

**BACKGROUND:** The Planning Commission held study sessions in early 2002 leading to adoption of Ordinance No. 167 for the regulation of Massage Technician and Massage Therapist permits. One of the key changes was a provision that allowed off-premise massage. Two levels of training were established by Ordinance No. 167, a Massage Technician requires 300 hours of training and a Massage Therapist requires 600 hours of training. Per the adopted regulations, a Massage Technician provides service at a fixed location and a Therapist may provide service offsite.

### Attachments

- Draft Ordinance No. 186

On June 15, 2004, the Planning Commission held a study session to consider revisions to the adopted regulations. Following the study session, the Commission directed staff to prepare draft text and set the matter for public hearing.

The attached draft text allows a Massage Therapist applicant to substitute verifiable experience for up to 100 hours of the required 600 hours of training. Per the Planning Commission's June 15, 2004 direction, each year of verifiable experience can be substituted for 25 hours of required training. The proposed revision is found in italics in Section 5 of the attached. If adopted, the following training/experience requirements for offsite massage licensing would be implemented:

500 hours of training and four years of experience  
525 hours of training and three years of experience  
550 hours of training and two years of experience  
575 hours of training and one year of experience  
600 hours of training

Remaining text of the Ordinance is unchanged.

### Review Authority

The Planning Commission is the Review Authority for this matter and is required to formulate a recommendation to the City Council. The Commission may, 1) Recommend

adoption of draft Ordinance No. 186 as presented, 2) Modify the draft Ordinance and then recommend adoption, or 3) Continue the matter to a future specific date to allow additional time for consideration of the issues.

The City Council will conduct an August 10, 2004 public hearing to consider the Planning Commission's recommendation.



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**Attachment**

Hazard Mitigation Plan

July 20, 2004

**To: Planning Commission via Community Development Director**  
**From: Finance Director**  
**Subject: Hazard Mitigation Plan**

**Recommendation:**

Conduct the public hearing and receive public comment.

**Discussion:**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires all governments, including city, county, special districts and school districts to prepare a hazard mitigation plan. The City of Twentynine Palms is combining with the County of San Bernardino in a Multi-Jurisdictional Plan. In order to meet certain deadlines, the City needs to have its plan ready for the county by August 16.

The City Council is the approval authority for the plan. Prior to adoption, the Planning Commission review is requested. The basic information for the plan has been entered, but a review is now necessary. Staff would be interested in any planning issues that should be addressed or need clarification. General historical knowledge of the area by members of the Commission and the public would be helpful in identifying potential hazards and how they could be or have been mitigated.

All suggestions will be considered by the Mitigation Planning Team.