



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 5.

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RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: NOVEMBER 15, 2011

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY
DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:
Bill No. 2011-43 - For Possible Action: Updates Chapter 6.69 of the Municipal Code pertaining to the licensing and regulation of reflexology. Sponsored by: Councilman Stavros S. Anthony

Fiscal Impact:

☐ No Impact ☐ Augmentation Required
☐ Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

This bill will update provisions of the Municipal Code pertaining to the licensing and regulation of reflexology. The updates are intended to make the City's regulations more consistent with those governing massage therapy.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Bill No. 2011-43
2. Business Impact Statement

Motion made by BOB COFFIN to Approve as Do Pass

Passed For: 2; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

RICKI Y. BARLOW, BOB COFFIN; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

By way of reading the item, COUNCILMAN BARLOW declared the Public Hearing open.

KAREN DUDDLESTEN, Business Licensing Manager, reviewed the purpose and background of the bill. There were no responses from licensees and the definition of reflexology has not been challenged. There is an independent national reflexology organization that lists member schools, but there are no such schools in Nevada. This bill will restrict many of the schools with which they have experienced credentialing problems. The Councilman stated he does not want to unintentionally restrict or prohibit experienced professionals. MS. DUDDLESTEN explained this will only impact new licenses going forward. CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL

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STEED clarified this will not impact existing licenses.

SERGEANT CARMEN DONEGAN, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Special Investigations, voiced her support of the bill.

GLENN SAVAGE, Director of Environmental Health for the Southern Nevada Health District, thanked the City for their efforts and voiced his support.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY thanked staff and Bamboo Bridges for their efforts. This bill will not impact existing businesses but will place the City in a position to put businesses conducting unlawful practices out of business. He hopes stricter regulation continues to move throughout Southern Nevada. COUNCILMAN BARLOW shared with him other public comments urging the City Council to work to eliminate human trafficking.

COUNCILMAN COFFIN does not want to unduly prevent entry into the reflexology profession. CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED confirmed the bill would simply require practitioners to have a diploma from a recognized school.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY made it clear this is a national problem and that one of the adoptions made by the League of Cities was to stop human trafficking and this is allowing Las Vegas to take the lead on creating counter-measures. It is a great step for dealing with the international problem on a local level. By way of reading the next item, COUNCILMAN BARLOW declared the Public Hearing closed.