



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

October 20, 1995

To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

From: Bob Bersani, Inspectional Services

Subject: Council Order #66, dated 10/16/95 RE: REPORT ON WHETHER IT IS REQUIRED THAT CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS BE MET BY MASSAGE THERAPISTS.

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In response to this Council Order, training and experience qualifications are presently being required as a condition of licensing massagists under the authority of Chapter 5.40 (Massage Regulations) of the Cambridge Municipal Code. Background information follows:

a. Section 5.40.060 I of these massage regulations states: "If the Commissioner (Health and Hospitals) finds, pursuant to the rules and regulations established by him, that massages will not be performed exclusively by persons meeting rigorous qualifications of training and experience, the Commissioner shall have the right to deny the (massagist's) application".

b. Chapter 140, para. 51 of the general laws of the State of Massachusetts which governs massage regulations states: "The Board of Health may grant the license under such terms and conditions, and may make such rules and regulations in regard to the carrying on of the occupation so licensed, as it deems proper, and may revoke any license granted by it for such cause as it deems sufficient, and without a hearing;..."

c. The Commissioner of Inspectional Services was delegated the responsibility of administering the City's massage regulations by a Memorandum of Agreement between the Commissioners of Health and Hospitals and Inspectional Services dated 7/1/83.

d. As qualification and training requirements had not been previously established, I established the following requirements effective November 22, 1994:

- (1) Completion of a training program of 500 in-class hours meeting the standards of a recognized professional association, or,
- (2) provide evidence of having passed the national certification Exam for therapeutic massage and bodywork as administered by the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA), or,
- (3) submission of detailed evidence to prove training and/or experience equivalent to the 500 hour course of study.

An exception to this procedure is provided for currently licensed massagists who are permitted to renew their licenses at their current places of employment without having to meet these educational/training requirements.

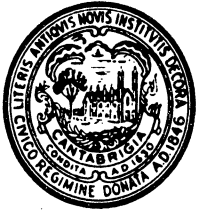
e. The above requirements and procedures were coordinated with Dr. Chalfin, the then Commissioner of Health and Hospitals. These requirements are essentially the same as those that have been recently promulgated by the Commissioner of Health and Hospitals as part of the new massage regulation that is being proposed to replace Chapter 5.40 of the Municipal Code.

Very truly yours,

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R. R. Bersani

cc
Dr. Chalfin
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October 30, 1995

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 60, regarding whether it is required that certain educational standards be met by massage therapists, received from Robert Bersani, Commissioner of Inspectional Services.

Very truly yours,

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Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #3

Relative to Awaiting Report
Item Number Sixty, regarding
whether it is required that
certain education standards
be met by massage therapists.

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In City Council October 30, 1995

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