

To Members of the City Council

I have a few points to bring up about the proposed Ordinance for massage permits and licenses in the City of Cambridge. There are 3 areas of discussion re: the actual definition of a massage establishment under Article III, section 11-10 (d), the annual establishment license fee of \$500, section 11-12 and prohibiting massage of the buttocks; (11-25), unlawful acts because of the definition 11-10, which places the buttocks in the genital area.

Mainly, the ordinance deals with sexual acts of misconducts, fronts for prostitution, and discriminates against small businesspeople. There is nothing about actual qualifications of an experienced masseuse, museum, or consideration of a legitimate small time (1) massage room in a house zoned for commercial use for a few friends. \$500. is too much for someone like myself who is thinking of doing this. I'd have to do about 25 massages just to pay the license fee.

Item 3, I contend that the buttocks should not be treated as part of the sexual or genital area. They are a prime area of tension. Leaving out the buttocks, impairs the quality of the overall success of a good body massage. According to the Body Reveals by Doctors Ron Kurtz and Hector Prester, 1976, pg. 55 bottom,

"the buttocks make up the muscle mass which goes from the pelvis to the thigh posteriorly (back)."

pg. 23 "This holding is most often manifest as rings of muscle and fascial tension in areas between the major segments of the body. These areas are the neck and upper abdomen, the lower back between the shoulders, the diaphragm, the lower back between the abdomen and pelvis, the groins, knees and ankles, the

feet and eyes can also be held"
 pg 57 "The chronic contraction of the large muscles of
 the buttocks consumes a large amount of energy.
 On other occasions, the surface area ~~is~~ over
 these muscle groups appears to be soft and flabby,
 belying the underlying tension. With deeper pressure,
 they are found to be still more tense and tender.
 In this case, the use of massage in depth will allow
 these held charges to release. The muscles of the thigh
 and buttocks fix onto the pelvis and are very important
 in determining both its position and mobility.
 When chronically contracted, they effectively immobilize
 the pelvis."

Wataro Ohushi, practicing Shiatsu Therapist in NYC,
 says in his book on Shiatsu: Do it Yourself (Japanese
 Finger Pressure Massage, 1976, "That by pressing
 2 main pressure points on the buttocks and sacrum (lower
 back), tenshi and gull bladder meridian 30, (lines of
 energy), or circulating them, tired legs, sciatica & leg
 pain, and lower back pain will be relieved."

If I had had the time, I could have found
 more books to quote and people to bring stressing
 my point.
 Please consider.

Respectfully submitted,

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