



REGULAR AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.B.

FOR COUNCIL: June 9, 2025

WARD IMPACTED: City-Wide Impact

SUBJECT: Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Amending the Bloomington City Code Updating Chapters 22 and 37.5 and the Schedule of Fees Pertaining to Massage Establishments and Sexually Oriented Business Licenses Administered by the City Clerk, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: The proposed Ordinance be approved.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:

Goal 3. Grow the Local Economy

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:

Objective 3e. Strong working relationship among the City, businesses, economic development organizations

BACKGROUND: At the request of City Council, the City Clerk Department completed a thorough license audit over the summer of 2023 and brought to Council two major Code updates in the fall/winter of 2023. At that time the City Code chapters applicable to massage establishment and sexually oriented business licensing, as well as the Schedule of Fees, were skipped as the City looked at ways to best align the chapters with efforts to prevent human trafficking in the City. Citywide staff also began training on human trafficking and researching ways to update the Code to further human trafficking prevention.

Bloomington is positioning itself to become the first city in the State of Illinois to be Human Trafficking Training Certified and recognized as a *Partner in Peace* by the Center for Prevention of Abuse.

The Code edits contained in the proposed Ordinance better prepare the City to address human trafficking in the aforementioned establishments, as well as modernize Code language to best align it with today's license processing and ensure safe business operations.

COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT: It is proposed that both the Massage or Bodywork Establishment License and the Sexually Oriented Entertainment Business License have an Application fee of \$100, plus an annual license fee of \$250 and an investigation fee as determined by the City contract fee.

Respectfully submitted for consideration.

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ATTACHMENTS:

CLK 4B Ordinance