

1 [Massage Practitioner Requirements.]

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3 **Ordinance amending Section 1902 of the San Francisco Health Code by changing the**
4 **requirement that massage practitioners obtain a certificate of graduation to a certificate**
5 **of completion verifying at least 100 hours of massage instruction.**

6 Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;
7 deletions are *strikethrough italics Times New Roman*.
8 Board amendment additions are double underlined.
9 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

9 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

10 Section 1. The San Francisco Health Code is hereby amended by Section 1902, to
11 read as follows:

12 **SEC. 1902. APPLICATION FOR MASSAGE PRACTITIONER PERMIT; GENERAL AND**
13 **ADVANCED PRACTITIONERS.**

14 (a) Every applicant for a massage practitioner permit shall file an application with the
15 Director upon a form provided by the Director and pay a non-refundable application fee, as set
16 forth in Section 1927.

17 (b) The application for a massage practitioner permit shall set forth, under penalty of perjury,
18 the following:

- 19 (1) Name and residence address of the applicant;
- 20 (2) A unique identifying number from at least one government-issued form of identification,
21 such as a social security card, a state driver's license or identification card, or a passport;
- 22 (3) Written evidence that the applicant is at least 18 years of age;
- 23 (4) Applicant's height, weight, and color of hair and eyes;
- 24 (5) Business, occupation, or employment of the applicant for the five years immediately prior
25 to the date of application; this information shall include, but not be limited to, a statement as to

1 whether or not the applicant, in working as a massage practitioner or bodywork technician or
2 similar occupation under a permit or license, has had such permit or license revoked or
3 suspended, and the reasons therefor; and

4 (6) All felony or misdemeanor convictions.

5 (c) An applicant for a general massage practitioner permit shall provide, as part of the
6 application, the name and address of the recognized school for massage attended, the dates
7 attended, and the original of the diploma or certificate of completiongraduation awarded the
8 applicant showing that the applicant has completed not less than 100 hours of instruction. An
9 applicant for an advanced massage practitioner permit shall provide, as part of the
10 application, the name and address of the recognized school or schools for massage attended,
11 the dates attended, and the original of the diploma(s) or certificate(s) of completiongraduation
12 awarded the applicant showing that the applicant has completed not less than 200 hours of
13 instruction. The additional 100 hours of instruction required for the advanced massage
14 practitioner permit may be completed at one or more schools. If the applicant already holds a
15 current general massage practitioner permit, he or she need only submit documentation for
16 the additional 100 hours of instruction necessary for the advanced massage practitioner
17 permit.

18 (d) The Director shall administer a culturally-sensitive test to all applicants, in the applicant's
19 own language, to confirm basic proficiency in massage before issuing a permit.

20 (e) The Director is hereby authorized to require in the application any other information
21 including, but not limited to, any information necessary to discover the truth of the matters set
22 forth in the application.

23 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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