

City of Paso Robles Municipal Code

Chapter 5.38 - MASSAGE THERAPY AND MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS

5.38.030 - Permit required.

- A. It is unlawful for any person to perform or engage in the practice of massage for compensation within the city without possessing a valid CAMTC certificate obtained and maintained in compliance with the massage therapy act. All persons certified by the CAMTC shall have the right to perform or engage in the practice of massage consistent with the massage therapy act, the qualifications established by his or her certification, and the provisions of this chapter.
- B. Notwithstanding subsection A., an individual may apply to the city for an interim or temporary license to perform massage services in the city without first obtaining a CAMTC certificate, as follows:
 1. If the applicant has already submitted an application to CAMTC that is pending approval, the applicant may apply for an interim massage therapist license to perform massage services in the city until final issuance of the applicant's CAMTC certificate. The applicant shall demonstrate proof, to the satisfaction of the chief of police, that the person has submitted a complete application to CAMTC, including submission of fingerprint images for a background investigation. Upon approval by the chief of police, the applicant shall be issued an interim massage therapist license to perform massage services in the city, which shall be valid until, and conditioned upon, the applicant obtaining a CAMTC certificate. The interim massage therapist license shall be deemed immediately revoked and terminated if CAMTC denies the applicant's application. The applicant for an interim massage therapist license shall immediately inform the city of issuance, denial, suspension, or revocation of a CAMTC certificate.
 2. If the applicant has not yet satisfied all requirements to obtain a CAMTC certificate, but intends to continue working towards issuance of a CAMTC certificate, the applicant may apply for a temporary massage therapist license to perform massage services in the city for a period not to exceed three (3) years. The temporary massage therapist license shall automatically be null and void upon expiration provided, however, that the license may be renewed for a one-year period, upon proof that significant additional CAMTC-approved coursework has been completed. Upon license expiration, the applicant shall immediately cease performing massage services in the city unless and until the applicant obtains a CAMTC certificate in compliance with this chapter. In order to obtain a temporary massage therapist license pursuant to this subsection, the applicant shall submit to the chief of police, on a form approved by the city manager, the following minimum information, with supporting documentation:
 - a. The applicant is 18 years of age or older.
 - b. The applicant has successfully completed curricula in massage and related subjects totaling a minimum of 250 hours, or the credit unit equivalent, from a school deemed an "approved school" as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4601(a), as may be amended, or as otherwise allowed by CAMTC.
 - c. The applicant has verifiable work history of working in the massage industry for at least one (1) year.

- d. Submission of fingerprints and successful passage of a background check, subject to the same requirements and criteria imposed on owners and operators pursuant to Section 5.38.080.
 - e. The chief of police may deny issuance of a temporary massage therapist license for the same reasons set forth in Section 5.38.080, subsection F.
 - f. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the chief of police may appeal that decision to the city manager or designee by filing a notice of appeal within ten days of being notified of the decision, as set forth in Section 5.38.080, subsection G.
3. Individuals issued an interim or temporary massage therapist license pursuant to this section shall otherwise be subject to all the same requirements for certified massage practitioners and certified massage therapists set forth in this chapter.

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