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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 14, 2013

TO: City Planning Commission, Committee of the Whole

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SUBJECT: Zoning Code Text Amendment – Massage Parlors/Massage Establishments

An ordinance was introduced to the City Council on September 20 to amend Title 20 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to *Zoning Code*, (changing regulations pertaining to massage):

- a) Chapter 520 relating to *Introductory Provisions*
- b) Chapter 525 relating to *Administration and Enforcement*
- c) Chapter 535 relating to *Regulations of General Applicability*
- d) Chapter 536 relating to *Specific Development Standards*
- e) Chapter 541 relating to *Off-Street Parking and Loading*
- f) Chapter 548 relating to *Commercial Districts*
- g) Chapter 549 relating to *Downtown Districts*
- h) Chapter 550 relating to *Industrial Districts*
- i) Chapter 551 relating to *Overlay Districts*.

Currently, any establishment that is primarily providing massage services as a principal use is considered a Massage Parlor per the zoning code. Massage Parlors are a sexually oriented use per 549.340. The proposed ordinance would remove massage as a sexually oriented use, converting it to a general retail sales and services use.

This zoning code text amendment is proceeding along with an amendment to the City's Business Licensing regulations. Massage uses are proposed to be licensed and inspected regularly to ensure that no illegal activity is occurring and that a proper work environment is provided.

Of the Chapters introduced for this amendment, only Chapters 520, 548, and 549 will be affected. The remaining chapters will be returned to the author. This amendment will be scheduled for the December 2, 2013 City Planning Commission meeting.