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Committee: Ordinance and Licensing	Date: 11/25/2024
Common Council Item Number: 24-11222	Date: 12/3/2024
Submitted By: Brian Running	City Administrator Approval: Click here to enter text.
Finance Department Review: Click here to enter text.	City Attorney's Office Review: BER
Subject: Re-creation of Mun. Code §8.19, regarding licensing of massage therapists.	

Details:
Previous Mun. Code §8.19 was repealed several years ago after the Legislature passed a state law, Wis. Stat. §460.17, prohibiting municipalities from regulating massage businesses by local ordinance. Regulation of massage businesses is now done only by the state. Municipalities may only create local ordinances that enforce the requirement of holding the proper state license in order to engage in massage work. Passage of this ordinance and re-creating §8.19 will allow the City to enforce that license requirement.
Massage businesses are coming under closer scrutiny due to reports of illegal activities occurring in some of them. The passage of this ordinance is recommended as a first step in controlling illegal acts occurring in massage businesses in the City. We will continue to work with the Police Department to develop additional ordinances to curb illegal massage activity.

Options & Alternatives:
No alternative is recommended.

Financial Remarks:
There is no financial impact to the City by passage of this ordinance.

Executive Recommendation:
That the Committee recommend to the Common Council the passage of an ordinance re-creating Mun Code §8.19.