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Subject: RE: Proposed Text Amendment – Therapeutic Massage Establishments

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This only makes sense if you qualify what the health qualities are, the appearance of the office or therapy studio, etc. Altho this seems harmless enough, massage offices can also be sex-delivery places and we don't want to mistakenly allow that. I doubt that the City has the resources to check up on these places very often. And, of course, spot checks should be required to ensure that these places are, indeed, only delivering massages.

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Proposed Text Amendment – Therapeutic Massage Establishments

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During its regular monthly meeting next Tuesday, June 5, at 7 p.m. in City Hall, the Planning Commission will consider a draft text amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance regarding therapeutic massage establishments in Alexandria.

The proposed text amendment would add massage therapy to the definition of medical office, thus allowing massage therapy wherever medical offices are currently allowed. The proposed text amendment is in response to and in recognition of the fact that massage therapists are health professionals licensed through the Virginia Board of Nursing and should be regulated in the same manner as other health professionals. The text amendment will also rename the zoning classification of "medical office" to "health profession office" to better reflect the types of activities that occur in this land use.

The staff report explaining the proposed text amendment in detail is posted online [here](#) (see item number 10).

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