

City of Taft
Massage Therapy & Business
License Application



209 E Kern St., Taft CA 93268-3292 Attn: Bus. License Coordinator • (661) 763-1350 EXT. 31

BUSINESS LICENSE TAX APPLICATION

APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY AND SIGNED BEFORE LICENSE CAN BE ISSUED • PLEASE ALLOW 7-10 DAYS TO PROCESS THIS APPLICATION

Business Name _____ Bus. Phone () _____
 Business Location _____ Bus FAX () _____
(Cannot be P.O. Box per State of California, Business & Professions Code Section 17538.5)

Mailing Address _____ Start Date _____
 _____ Rate Type _____

DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS _____ SIC CODE _____

OWNERSHIP: Corporation Corp-Ltd. Liability Partnership Sole Proprietor Limited Partnership Trust

State Lic. No. _____ Lic. Type _____ Expiration Date _____
 Resale No. _____ FEIN No. _____ SEIN No. _____

Enter below names of Owners, Partners, or Corporate Officers

Owner Name _____ Title _____ Soc. Sec. No. _____
 Home Address _____ Phone () _____
 _____ Cell Phone () _____
(Cannot be P.O. Box) Drivers Lic. No. _____

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 Home Address _____ Phone () _____
 _____ Cell Phone () _____
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Additional Information

No. of Employees _____ No. of Rooms _____ Occupancy Limit _____ No. of Coin Operated Machine(s) _____
 No. of Units (Apartment or Hotel/Motel only) _____ No. of Deliveries per Week (Wholesalers) _____

In case of emergency, please contact:

Name: _____ Phone () _____
 Address _____

Do you own or lease property? If Yes, please enter property owner's name, address, and phone number.

Name _____ Phone () _____
 Address _____

This license period is for the twelve months ending:

PLEASE CALCULATE AMOUNT DUE FROM SCHEDULE ON BACK OF THIS FORM BASED ON ESTIMATED GROSS RECEIPTS. ENTER TAX IN BOX BELOW AND SIGN.

Enter Estimated Gross Receipts: \$

Non-Refundable Review Fee one-time only \$

Estimated Gross Receipts are based on months:

Business License Tax \$

\$ to \$

State Mandate Fee \$

TOTAL TAX DUE \$

Sales or use tax may apply to your business activities. You may seek written advice regarding the application of tax to your particular business by writing to the nearest State Board of Equalization office. For general information, please call the Board of Equalization at 1-800-400-7115.

PAYMENT OF A BUSINESS LICENSE TAX DOES NOT RELIEVE THE APPLICANT (BUSINESS) OF THE REQUIREMENT TO COMPLY WITH OTHER REGULATIONS OF THE CITY, COUNTY, STATE, OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. I DECLARE, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THE INFORMATION CONTAINED ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Date: _____ Signature of Owner/Representative: _____

RETURN APPLICATION TO ABOVE ADDRESS AND MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO CITY OF TAFT



Where the average monthly gross receipts and sales are:

	At least	But Less Than	JAN thru DEC	APRIL thru DEC	JULY thru DEC	OCT thru DEC
A	\$ -0-	2,000.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 22.50	\$ 15.00	\$ 7.50
B	2,000.01	4,000.00	50.00	37.50	25.00	12.50
C	4,000.01	6,000.00	70.00	52.50	35.00	17.50
D	6,000.01	10,000.00	90.00	67.50	45.00	22.50
E	10,000.01	14,000.00	110.00	82.50	55.00	27.50
F	14,000.01	20,000.00	140.00	105.00	70.00	35.00
G	20,000.01	30,000.00	170.00	127.50	85.00	42.50
H	30,000.01	40,000.00	200.00	150.00	100.00	50.00
I	40,000.01	50,000.00	250.00	187.50	125.00	62.50
J	50,000.01 and over		Average Monthly Gross Receipts multiply by 0.005 (Example \$98,525 X 0.005 = \$492.63)			

ALL BUSINESS LICENSES EXPIRE DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR.
License must be renewed within 15 days of expiration date.

SALES AND SERVICE

Accountant, certified public	Itinerant photographer;
Agent, real estate, all others	Laundry;
Airplane renting, sales or service	Machine shop;
Anesthetist	Manufacturer;
Architect	Mechanic;
Assayer	Medical lab or technician
Attorney	Mortgage companies
Auction house;	Oculist, optician, optometrists
Auditor	Painter;
Automotive sales and service	Pay or subscription television;
Bar and/or cocktail lounge;	Pharmacy;
Barbershop	Photographer and/or photographic studio;
Beauty Shop	Physician, surgeon, psychiatrist
Blacksmith;	Physiotherapist
Bookkeeping and accounting	Plumber;
Broker, real estate, insurance	Printing and publishing;
Carpenter	Private detective;
Chemists	Psychologist
Chiropracist	Repairman;
Chiropractor	Restaurant and/or dining room, coffee shop, lunch room, stand or lunch counter;
Cleaning and/or dyeing;	Retail and/or wholesale merchant;
Confectionery wagons;	Service station;
Contractors (Classification A, B, & C), All Builders;	Shoe repairing;
Dental lab (technician)	Soda fountain;
Dentist, orthodontist	Stockyard;
Designer, structural or building	Surveyors, licensed land
Draftsman	Television cable relay systems;
Electrician;	Travel bureau/ticket agency;
Engineer, registered	Veterinarian
Equipment lease or rental;	Warehouse;
Foundry;	Welder;
Garage;	The rendering of any service whatsoever.
Geologist	
Gymnasium;	
Ice plant;	

or the rendering of any service whatsoever

PROFESSIONALS - \$30.00

Accountant, certified public	Draftsman
Agent, real estate, all others	Engineer, registered
Anesthetist	Electrolysis
Architect	Esthetics (Skin care)
Assayer	Foot Spa
Attorney	Geologist
Auditor	Manicuring/Nail Salon
Barber	Medical lab or technician
Beautician (Cosmetology)	Mortgage companies
Bookkeeping and accounting	Nurse Practitioner
Broker, real estate, insurance	Oculist, optician, optometrist
Chemists	Physician, surgeon, psychiatrist
Chiropracist	Physiotherapist
Chiropractor	Psychologist
Dental lab (technician)	Surveyors, licensed land
Dentist, orthodontist	Veterinarian
Designer, structural or building	

LICENSE TAX/FEE SUMMARY SCHEDULE

FLAT RATE BUSINESSES	
Apartments or Courts	\$ 40.00 per year up to 4 units (ea. additional unit \$5 per year)
Arts and Crafts Fairs	\$ 30.00 per event 05-10 participants
	\$ 50.00 per event 11-24 participants
	\$ 75.00 per event 25-50 participants
	\$100.00 per event over 50 participants
Auto Wrecking	\$200.00 per year
Automobile Storage or Parking Lots	\$ 50.00
Billboard or Advertising Sign Business	\$ 100.00
Card Tables	\$1500.00 per year up to 5 tables + \$375.00 ea. table in excess of 5 tables.
Cleaners, Laundries	\$ 75.00 per year for each vehicle
Coin Operated Machines	\$ 30.00 per machine on site-maximum of \$200.00 per year
Collection Agency	\$ 40.00 per year
Dance Academy	\$ 30.00 per year
Hotels, Motels, Lodging Houses	\$40.00 per year less than 20 rooms-\$65.00 20-34 rooms-\$85.00 35-49 rooms- 50+ rooms-\$2.00
Campground, recreational vehicle park(RV park) or similar accommodation	\$40.00 per year for less than 20 spaces, \$5.00 per each space for 20 or more spaces
For operating commercial leasing property	\$30.00 for first 1,000 sq. ft., and \$20.00 per 1,000 sq. ft. thereafter
Importing Merchandise (Wholesale)	\$ 30.00 per year less than 2 deliveries/week \$40 2-3 deliveries/week - \$50.00 4 or more deliveries/week
Importing Merchandise (Retail)	\$ 50.00 per year for each vehicle
Itinerant Vendor, Peddler, Salesman, Solicitor, Etc.;	\$ 20.00 per quarter
Laundromats (less than 19 machines)	\$ 30.00 for the first machine, \$ 10.00 each additional per year – max. \$180
Palmist, Fortune Teller, Clairvoyant	\$500.00 per year
Rental Cars, Automobiles For Hire, Stages	\$ 30.00 per year for each vehicle
Secondhand Dealer or Secondhand Furniture Dealer	\$ 40.00 per year
Theater/Playhouse/Motion Picture	\$100.00 per year
Carnival/Traveling Show	\$500.00 for seven (7) days or less
Circus	\$250.00 for two (2) performances
Exhibition (vehicle)	\$ 30.00 for first day + \$10.00 per day for each exhibit in or upon vehicle
Open Air Theaters, Tents	\$ 30.00 first day + 10.00 per day for each additional day
Solicitor, Salesman, Service Repairman or Canvasser	\$ 10.00 registration fee per solicitor + tax on gross receipts
Taxicab	\$ 40.00 per year for each vehicle
Trading Stamp Company	\$100.00 per year
Trucking, Hauling	\$ 30.00 per year 8,000 lbs. and under
Wireless television Transmission	5% of gross revenues generated

***FOR ITEMS NOT SHOWN ON THIS SUMMARY SCHEDULE- PLEASE REFER TO TAFT CITY CODE.**

**CITY OF TAFT
APPLICANT CHECKLIST
MESSAGE PRACTITIONER/TECHNICIAN, MESSAGE ESTABLISHMENT**

An incomplete or illegible application will not be accepted. Please follow instructions carefully and complete the entire application legibly with an ink pen or typed written. Applicants must also possess all the required documents and satisfactory evidence of personal identification.

Once you have obtained an application packet from the City's Finance Department, carefully read all the information and complete the entire application. The application packet contains a copy of Municipal Code Section VI relating to Massage Therapy. Please read the ordinance carefully, as you will be asked to sign acknowledging you received and read the information.

Do not return your application to the Finance Department. Completed applications are to be submitted in person to the Taft Police Department, 330 Commerce Way, Taft, California 93268

The Police Department will accept applications Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, by appointment only. ***You may schedule an appointment by calling (661) 763-3101.***

When you appear for your scheduled appointment, please bring the following ***original documents***. Copies will not be accepted. The Police Department will make copies and give back your originals.

Valid California driver's license or California I.D. card.

Valid Social Security Card

A diagram drawn to scale, of the establishment (if applying for establishment permit).

Original diploma, certificate, certified transcripts or other certified written proof showing completed courses as required by the ordinance. The documents must state the number of training hours completed.

Be sure to bring your *completed* application and all the required documents to your scheduled appointment. ***If an applicant does not meet all criteria required by the ordinance, the application will not be accepted.*** You should also come prepared to pay the appropriate fees.

\$100.00 For Fingerprinting and background investigation. (One time fee only)

\$ 30.00 Business License fee (to be paid at City Hall)

\$ 60.00 Review Fee (to be paid at City Hall)

\$ 1.00 State Mandate Fee (to be paid at City Hall)

**CITY OF TAFT
LICENSE APPLICATION
MESSAGE PRACTITIONER/TECHNICIAN, MESSAGE ESTABLISHMENT**

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Type of License: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Taft Police Dept. # _____ Business License # _____

APPLICANT:

Last	First	Middle
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Residence Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Eye Color: _____ Hair Color: _____

Drivers License Number: _____ State: _____

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

LOCATION OF MESSAGE ESTABLISHMENT OR BUSINESS EMPLOYING MESSAGE PRACTITIONER:

Business _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

Name of Owner: _____ Phone Number: _____

I have obtained and read the requirements of the City of Taft contained in Title IV Chapter 20 of the Taft Municipal Code (Massage Therapy). A copy of the ordinance was provided to me with this application.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing, including statements contained in the attached application, are true and correct.

Executed on: _____ 20_____, at _____,
California.

Signature:

----- **FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY** -----

Approval / Denial _____
Denial _____
Police Department

Approval /
Building Department

Approval / Denial _____
Denial _____
Planning Department

Approval /
Fire Department

Date Issued: _____

Aliases, or other names used by the applicant:

Dates Used

NAME

FROM

TO

Prior Residence Addresses and Dates for the past three years:

The business, occupation or employment of the applicant for the past 3 years with dates and addresses:

MESSAGE OR SIMILAR BUSINESS OR EMPLOYMENT HISTORY: Have you previously been employed in a massage establishment or school of massage in this or any other city or state:

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, complete the following:

BUSINESS/OCCUPATION ADDRESS PHONE FROM TO

Have you ever had a license or permit suspended or revoked for such business or employment?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, When: _____

If yes checked above, specify which business or employment and give the reason for said revocation of suspension.

WAIVER FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I hereby give permission to the agency to which this application is made to conduct a background investigation of me and to contact any person or agency who may add to or aid in this investigation. I further authorize persons, firms, agencies and institutions listed on this application to release or confirm information about me and statements I have made as contained in this application.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law and pursuant to the Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.), I understand that information contained in this application may be a matter of public record and shall be made available upon request or court order.

I hereby certify under penalties of perjury that the answers I have given are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I understand and agree to the provisions, conditions and restrictions, herein or otherwise imposed.

Applicant Signature

Date

Witness Signature/Badge Number

Date

Chapter 20
THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE

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4-20-1: DEFINITIONS:

For the purpose of this chapter the following terms shall be deemed and construed to have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, unless from the particular context it clearly appears that some other meaning is intended:

MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT: An establishment having a permanent physical location for business where any person engages in, conducts, or permits to engage in, for a fee, profit or other compensation, massage, baths or other similar physical procedures.

MASSAGE TECHNICIAN: Any person who administers to another person for a fee, profit or other compensation, massage, baths or other similar physical procedures.

PERSON: Any individual, partnership, corporation or association, of any nature whatsoever.

SPECIAL EVENT: A civic or public occurrence, held in public, with a time span of not more than seven (7) days, which has been "permitted" by the city.

THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE: A method of treating any external part of the body for remedial or hygienic purposes, consisting of rubbing, stroking, kneading or tapping with any body part or instrument. (Ord. 714-04, 7-6-2004)

4-20-2: LICENSE AND PERMITS:

A city business license and the following are required:

(A) **Massage Establishment Permit:** A massage establishment will be required to obtain a Taft city business license, a massage establishment permit, and every massage technician performing massage at that location will be required to obtain a massage technician permit.

1. The building and business must conform to the uniform building codes and the laws of the city and state.

(B) **Massage Technician Permit:** A massage technician will be required to obtain a Taft city business license/massage technician permit to perform therapeutic massage.

(C) **Special Event Permit:** A special event permit will require that the massage technician hold a current Taft city business license/massage technician permit.

1. Massage must be performed within the boundaries of a booth or canopy, that is open to the public on at least one side and displays signs or banners indicating that massage is taking place at that location. Proper lighting must be provided at the booth or canopy after sundown.

2. There is no restriction on the time of day that massage may be performed during a special event.

3. All persons working at the massage booth or canopy must be eighteen (18) years of age or older. (Ord. 714-04, 7-6-2004)

4-20-3: UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE WITHOUT PERMIT; EXCEPTIONS:

(A) Except as provided in subsections (B) and (C) of this section, it is unlawful for any person to keep, maintain or operate a massage establishment, or to perform massage for a fee, profit or other compensation, in the city, in violation of this chapter or without having first obtained a massage establishment permit, from the city of Taft. Except as otherwise provided in this section, each massage technician must hold a valid massage permit. No more than one massage establishment permit shall be required for any establishment in a single location.

An independent contractor conducting massage, must obtain a Taft city business license regardless of the exceptions in subsections (B) and (C) of this section.

(B) Subsection (A) of this section shall not apply to the following persons and establishments wherein the only persons performing massage are the following:

1. Physicians, nurses, physical therapists, chiropractors, osteopaths or cosmetologists licensed in their respective professions by the state of California pursuant to the code of Business and Professions.

2. Massage technicians holding valid diplomas or certificates of graduation from a school or other institution licensed by the state of California (wherein the method, profession or work of massage is taught, showing completion of at least 100 classroom hours and 100 hours of internship, both on the subject of massage) performing under the direction of, and in the presence of, a physician, nurse, physical therapist, chiropractor, or osteopath licensed by the state of California pursuant to the code of Business and Professions.

(C) Health facilities licensed as such by the state of California pursuant to the Health and Safety Code, shall not be required to obtain a permit as a massage establishment. Persons holding a massage technician permit, or who are otherwise authorized to perform massage pursuant to this section, may perform massage on residents in such health facilities without having obtained a permit. (Ord. 714-04, 7-6-2004)

4-20-4: APPLICATIONS:

(A) Applications for permits under this section shall be obtained from the city of Taft. The completed application shall be submitted to Taft police department no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of business.

1. A special event permit application must be submitted to city hall seven (7) days prior to the event.

(B) Each application will list the requirements and conditions that must be met to successfully obtain a permit.

(C) Each applicant will be required to submit to a fingerprint identification and criminal history check, including photographs.

(D) Each applicant will pay a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the police department for the processing of the application which includes the fingerprinting, photographs and background check.

(E) Applicants for permits under this section who intend to teach massage or open a massage school, shall in addition to all other requirements of this code, submit a valid license from the state of California authorizing such activity. (Ord. 714-04, 7-6-2004)

4-20-5: REGULATIONS:

(A) Massage therapy is prohibited as a mobile, house to house, or home occupation, except as provided by a "special event permit".

(B) A recognizable and readable sign shall be posted at the main entrance identifying the location as a massage establishment. All signs must comply with city sign requirements.

(C) All employees of the massage establishment shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older.

(D) Permits issued for massage establishments will not be transferable, and shall be valid only as to the applicant and location provided on the application for such permits. Permits issued for massage technicians will be portable from massage establishment to massage establishment and for special events.

(E) It shall be the responsibility of the holder of the permit for the massage establishment to ensure that each massagetechnician has obtained a massage technician permit from the city and a city business license when required by this chapter.

(F) Every massage technician shall keep and maintain a "record of treatment" to include the date and hour of each treatment, and the name, address and phone number of each patron. The record shall be open to inspection by law enforcement during business hours. The record shall be maintained for twelve (12) months from the time of treatment. A massage establishment need not maintain a separate "record of treatment" from the massage technician.

(G) No massage establishment may operate between the hours of ten o'clock (10:00) P.M. and six o'clock (6:00) A.M.

(H) Any person holding a massage establishment permit shall, during business hours, ensure that the premises is accessible for inspection by law enforcement or any other government employees charged with enforcing health and safety or other laws of the city or state.

(I) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, massage shall be performed only at a massage establishment for which a permit has been issued. (Ord. 714-04, 7-6-2004)

4-20-6: REVOCATION AND APPEAL:

Any permits issued pursuant to this chapter may be revoked by the city of Taft whenever it is found:

(A) That any of the terms or conditions of said permits have been violated, or that the business has been operated in violation of local, state or federal law.

(B) Any decision of revocation or denial made by the city, may be appealed to the city council within sixty (60) days. (Ord. 714-04, 7-6-2004)