

# Ordinance would regulate massages

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sage business. The state is also not preventing anyone from entering the profession, according to Judith Dennis, administrative secretary for the state Board of Massage.  
Councilwoman Jan Dolan told council that perhaps a resolution urging the state to take a stand on the massage parlor issue was in order, particularly one calling for the state to return to licensing and regulating such businesses.  
Although Farmington Hills may be able — through its own ordinance — to rid the city of improperly run massage parlors, that doesn't mean such parlors

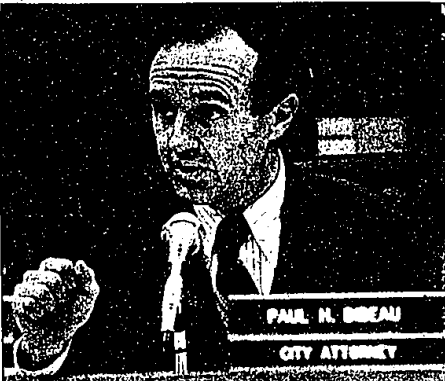
won't move into Novi or any other nearby community.  
"This was not a problem four years ago. Now it's obviously a problem and it's going to grow," Dolan said.  
**UNDER THE** proposed ordinance, existing oriental health spas or other businesses that provide massage services will have 60 days after adoption of the ordinance to comply with provisions.  
In addition to the required business license, massage parlors and health spas will be required to obtain an operating permit. Employees of the business who intend to provide massages

are also required to obtain a permit.  
The permit application will be forwarded to the police to investigate the applicant. The city's building, planning and fire departments will also inspect the applicant's business premises. The premises will also be inspected by an officer of the Oakland County Department of Health.  
"The chief of police shall recommend denial of an application for a permit if the character, reputation, moral integrity, or physical or mental condition of the applicant or his employees is found to be inimical to the public health, safety, morals or general

welfare," according to the proposed ordinance.  
AN OPERATING license is issued for only one year. When seeking a license renewal, the applicant will be required — as in the original application — to provide a signed affidavit from a physician stating the applicant is free of any contagious or communicable disease. Massage parlor and health spa employees are also required to have a physician's affidavit, declaring them to be free of contagious and communicable disease.  
The proposed ordinance also addresses the physical amenities of the health spas or massage parlors. Significant among these items is that massages may not be performed in "a private room which is closed to the view of other persons."

The ordinance also requires "adequate bathing, dressing, locker and toilet facilities" for patrons as well as "clean and sanitary towels and linens" for each patron. Proper dress — covering the body from neck to just below the hips — is also required.  
Violation of the proposed ordinance is a misdemeanor that upon conviction carries a penalty of up to a \$500 fine and 90 days' imprisonment.

BIBEAU TOLD council that the Farmington Hills Planning Commission is also considering amendments to zoning ordinances regarding the location of health spas and massage parlors.  
"Right now, we have them (existing



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Farmington Hills city attorney Paul Bibeau.

health spas) in our most active-type zone (B-3). Normally, that is away from our residential areas," Bibeau said.  
Following council's vote Monday, Sharon Chilson, president of Citizens for a Decent Community — a group of Hills residents that have strongly op-

posed and picketed the health spas — offered her comments.  
"I think this ordinance is wonderful. I wish we had had this ordinance to begin with so we wouldn't have had a problem," she said.

## City OKs massage regulation

Two Farmington ordinances aimed at regulating massage-related businesses were approved as introduced Monday by the city council. An additional ordinance amending the city's zoning code was also introduced.  
The approved ordinances require licenses for massage-related businesses within the city limits and add fees and other limitations.  
The proposed ordinance, recommended to the council by the planning commission last week and introduced Monday, would allow massage-related facilities to operate in areas zoned heavily commercial (C-3) and restrict them from the central business district and C-2 commercially-zoned areas.

A 90-day moratorium placed on occupancy permits for massage-related businesses was approved Jan. 6 to allow consideration of the zoning ordinance. Council is expected to act on the zoning issue at the next regular meeting.  
The issue of prohibiting massage-related services to patrons of the opposite sex received a recent negative ruling in a Wayne County Circuit court, Farmington. City Manager Robert Deadman told the council, but he suggested leaving this item in the ordinance.  
The ruling involved a Garden City ordinance provision prohibiting women from giving massages to men.

ALSO INCLUDED in the ordinances are limitations of business practices to therapeutic baths, massages for those 17 or older only, and requirements for massages and massages to be 18 or older. Those owning and operating in the business are required to be licensed and pay related fees, and are subject to public safety investigations.  
The council's action was prompted by allegations of health spa-related prostitution in neighboring communities, including Farmington Hills. There are currently no massage-related businesses operating in Farmington, Deadman said, although city administrators have received several inquiries.

# Hills councilwoman works with seniors

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"It is certainly a success, service-wise. Financially, I just keep trying to not lose too much money."  
Dolan's center was the first of its

kind for area residents. It stemmed from workshops she attended at Madonna College, Livonia.  
"It is certainly a much-needed service and a much-needed convenience," she said.

"We have clients who come for one day, or two or three days a week. But all of them think of it as a social club. They are going to come, and the caretaker gets some time off."  
Dolan is also an advocate of home

health care for the aging. "They are generally healthier at home, happier, and besides it's cost-effective," she said.  
DOLAN SPOKE from her home

since 1966, where she raised four sons overlooking a ravine on "the best lot in the subdivision for sledding down a hill," she said.  
Some of her own art is on the walls, with pieces she's collected. All of her seasonal decorations are of her own creation, stemming from her study of flower-arranging and her membership in the Federation of Garden Clubs in Michigan and the Detroit Flower Arrangers Guild.  
"All of our assignments are critiqued, and if you miss a certain number of months, you are dropped. So a lot of vacations are planned around those meetings," she said of the Detroit Flower Arrangers Guild.  
"One assignment was called 'Studs and Spuds,' so we had to come up with

something having to do with wood, some pointoes and foliage. Another had to do with light and motion. It certainly keeps you from getting lazy," she added.  
As for vacations, "They always include hitting every art museum in whatever town it is," Dolan said. "I just like good art. I once went to Boston for the weekend when I learned that Boston was the only city in the U.S. that was going to have the Renoir exhibit."  
"I'll get back to the art work one of these days. Maybe I'll be the next Grandma Moses."  
The Ohio native graduated from the University of Akron. She worked as a hospital dietitian, then as a substitute high school teacher before her marriage to Walter Dolan.

## District court judges receive salary hikes

A recently approved salary increase for two local district judges will save local municipalities money, as state subsidies for local courts increase.  
The increases take salaries for 17th District Court Judges Michael Hand and Margaret Schaeffer from \$68,376 to \$71,631. Both Farmington and Farmington Hills city councils unanimously approved the increase at regular meetings this month.  
Slightly more than half, or \$40,295, of each judge's new salary will be paid

directly by the state with the balance of \$31,337 paid by the two cities with the help of additional state subsidies, according to reports from both cities. This follows the same formula as previously used.  
Under Public Act 104, additional state subsidy to the local governments was increased to \$12,532 per judge Jan. 1, and will increase again on June 1 to \$18,801. Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman said in a report to council.

The legislation was passed to standardize the judges' salaries throughout the state and to "continue the process of the State of Michigan assuming the responsibility of funding the District Court system," he added.  
WITH THE June subsidy, the net amount paid by the cities will total \$12,532 per judge, or \$8,935 for Farmington Hills and \$1,593 for Farmington, according to a previously established formula for local court cost distribution.

If the governmental units disallowed the increases, they would not be eligible for the increased state reimbursement, according to reports from Deadman and Farmington Hills Finance Director Charles Rosch.  
The judges requested salary increases in a Jan. 2 letter to both councils, following a Supreme Court memorandum detailing increases allowed.

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