

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE BUSINESS OF THERAPEUTIC PARLORS IN THE CITY OF MANILA; PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it ordained by the Municipal Board of the City of Manila, that:

SECTION 1. No person or persons shall operate and maintain therapeutic parlors in the City of Manila without first securing a Mayor's permit after paying the amount of ₱100.00 therefor and a municipal license fee of ₱2,000.00 per annum.

SEC. 2. For purposes of this Ordinance, therapeutic parlor shall mean to be an establishment where sauna and steam facilities are provided and where duly licensed attendants, masseurs and/or masseuses are employed for the purpose of offering treatment and massage facilities to customers. All hotels providing such massage or sauna and steam facilities shall also be covered by this Ordinance.

SEC. 3. Therapeutic parlors in the City of Manila are hereby authorized to open daily at 10:00 a.m. and to close at 6:00 a.m. the following day, including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

SEC. 4. A prospective attendant, masseur or masseuse must be a bona fide resident of the City of Manila and before employment in any therapeutic parlor in the City of Manila shall first undergo training in therapeutic massage in the Ospital ng Maynila which shall provide the necessary personnel and equipment. For this purpose, before admission, a trainee in therapeutic massage in the Ospital ng Maynila shall first pay a training fee of ₱50.00 each and after such training, for a period of not less than three (3) weeks, a certificate of completion of such training shall be given, whereupon he/she may be issued the necessary license; PROVIDED, That attendants, masseurs or masseuses presently employed shall be given three (3) months from the approval of this Ordinance to comply with the provision hereof.

SEC. 5. No person should be employed as attendant, masseur or masseuse in any therapeutic parlor without first securing a Mayor's permit, after paying ₱50.00 therefor and only after complying with all requirements attendant to such profession under existing ordinances.

SEC. 6. No therapeutic parlor shall be constructed, established and/or maintained in the City of Manila without the corresponding sauna or steam bath facilities also being offered to the customers.

SEC. 7. The plans and specifications for the construction of therapeutic parlors in the City of Manila shall be signed by a duly licensed engineer, architect or interior decorator and approved by the City Engineer of Manila.

SEC. 8. Each room in the therapeutic parlor shall be provided only with curtains or swinging doors without locks.

SEC. 9. Therapeutic parlors shall reserve 10% of their entire employees' complement for the employment of blind attendants, masseurs or masseuses, as certified by the Department of Social Welfare of the National Government and recommended by the Mayor of the City of Manila: PROVIDED, That they shall be exempted from the payment of Mayor's permit fee as provided for in Section 5 hereof.

SEC. 10. For purposes of supervision and regulation, the Manila Health Department shall have exclusive jurisdiction to inspect and verify licenses issued in connection with therapeutic parlors in the City of Manila and the implementation of this Ordinance, subject to the control of the Mayor: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the operation of such therapeutic parlors shall be under the responsibility of either a registered massagist and/or physician or registered nurse: AND PROVIDED, FINALLY, That corresponding receipts shall be issued for every service rendered to the customers.

SEC. 11. All existing therapeutic parlors are given a grace period of three (3) months from the approval of this Ordinance to comply with the provisions hereof.

SEC. 12. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than P100.00 nor more than P200.00 or by imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court. In addition, the permit issued shall automatically be cancelled. In case of violation by juridical persons, the president, manager or persons in charge of the therapeutic clinics or parlors shall be liable under this Ordinance.

SEC. 13. All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SEC. 14. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Enacted by the Municipal Board of the City of Manila at its regular session today, June 15, 1972.

Approved by His Honor, the Mayor on

July 7, 1972

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