

**CITY OF CENTENNIAL,
COLORADO**

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-O-09

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTENNIAL,
COLORADO, REPEALING ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE CENTENNIAL
MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING MASSAGE PARLOR LICENSES AND
REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, in March 2015, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2015-O-10, codified as Article 8 of Chapter 6 of the Centennial Municipal Code, to regulate certain massage parlors that were perceived to be insufficiently regulated under existing state and local frameworks; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these licenses was to address concerns related to potential illicit activity, including human trafficking, by establishing a local licensing and regulatory framework; and

WHEREAS, massage therapists in Colorado are licensed and regulated by the State through the Department of Regulatory Agencies, including requirements for education, examination, and fingerprint-based criminal history background checks; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado General Assembly adopted changes to state law through House Bill 24-1371, which requires fingerprint-based criminal history background checks for owners, operators, and employees of massage facilities, thereby expanding regulatory oversight beyond individual licensed massage therapists; and

WHEREAS, Arapahoe County has provided direction that it will implement a countywide background check process through the Sheriff's Office to comply with state law, which is anticipated to be available for municipal partners, including the City of Centennial, to rely upon; and

WHEREAS, the City's massage parlor licensing program currently applies to a limited number of businesses and has not resulted in enforcement actions since its adoption; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that, given the State's regulation of individual practitioners and the County's anticipated implementation of facility-level background check requirements, the original purpose of the City's licensing program has been addressed through other regulatory mechanisms; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that repeal of Article 8 of Chapter 6 of the Centennial Municipal Code will eliminate duplicative regulation while maintaining appropriate oversight through state and county frameworks.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTENNIAL, COLORADO, ORDAINS:

Section 1. Repeal of Massage Parlor Licenses and Regulations. Article 8 of Chapter 6 of the Centennial Municipal Code, entitled “Massage Parlor Licenses and Regulations,” is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 3. General Repeal. Any and all ordinances or codes or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby repealed; provided, however, that the repeal of any such ordinance or code or part thereof shall not revive any other section or part of any ordinance or code heretofore repealed or superseded and this repeal shall not affect or prevent the prosecution or punishment of any person for any act done or committed in violation of any ordinance hereby repealed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication following final passage.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTENNIAL, COLORADO, UPON A MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 5th DAY OF May, 2026.

CITY OF CENTENNIAL

By: 

Christine Sweetland, Mayor

Approved as to Form:

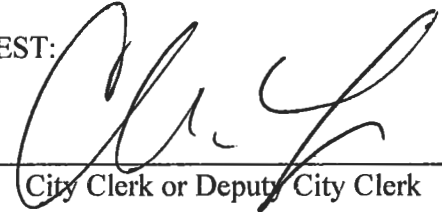


For City Attorney's Office

I hereby certify that the above Ordinance was introduced to the City Council of the City of Centennial at its meeting of May 5th, 2026 and ordered published in full on the City website in accordance with Section 2-1-110 of the Municipal Code.

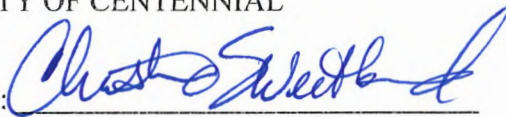
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FINALLY ADOPTED, PASSED, APPROVED WITH AMENDMENTS, IF ANY, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED IN FULL ON THE CITY WEBSITE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-1-110 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTENNIAL, COLORADO, UPON A MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED AT ITS MEETING HELD ON THE 19th DAY OF May, 2026, BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 AGAINST.

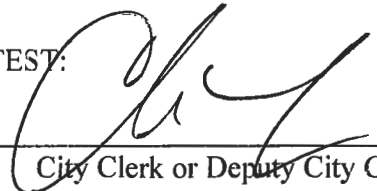
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By: 
Christine Sweetland, Mayor

I hereby certify that the above Ordinance was finally adopted by the City Council of the City of Centennial at its meeting of May 19, 2026, and ordered published in full on the City website on May 20, 2026 in accordance with Section 2-1-110 of the Municipal Code.

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ATTEST:

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