



January 4, 2013

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Massage Bylaw Changes

January 1, 2013, the Massage Licence Bylaw 51M97 was amended and a new Body Rub Bylaw was created to distinguish between massage types.

A letter was sent to you in October 2012 which outlined how these changes would affect your massage centre or massage office licence.

You were given the opportunity to advise The City of Calgary what licence type was applicable to your massage centre and/or massage office.

Because no notification was received, your Massage Centre or office licence has been automatically converted to a Body Rub Centre (grandfathered**) or Body Rub Office (grandfathered**) licence type.

** Grandfathered means that the business licence existed before the new Body Rub Licence Bylaw 53M2012.

As a Grandfathered Body Rub Centre or Office you can employ both Massage Practitioners and Body Rub Practitioners

- A licensed Body Rub Practitioner has a minimum of two hundred and fifty (250) hours of education/training from an approved school of massage and is **not** a member in good standing of one of the four (4) recognized Massage Associations.
- A licensed Massage Practitioner is a member in good standing with one of the following four (4) recognized Massage Associations*.

- 1) Remedial Massage Therapist Association (RMTA)
- 2) Massage Therapist Association of Alberta (MTAA)
- 3) Alberta Association of Therapeutic Masseurs (AATM)
- 4) Natural Health Practitioners of Canada (NHPC)

If the licence type of Body Rub Centre / Office is not applicable to your business and you want to reclassify as a Massage Centre or Massage Office, please contact 403-268-5311. You will need to ensure **all** practitioners working out of your centre or office are licensed as a Massage Practitioner to do so.

To learn more about the Massage Licence Bylaw 52M2012 and the new Body Rub Licence Bylaw 53M2012, go to calgary.ca/massage. If you have further questions regarding the Massage Centre and Body Rub Centre licence categories, please call 403-268-5311.