Introduced October 23, 2018, by Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilman Borchert, (by request of Administration)

#### Item No. 18-10-3250

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 3918**

An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 8, Businesses, Article II, Licenses Generally, Division I, Generally, by adding Section 8-29, Massage Therapists and Establishments.

WHEREAS, City desires to establish an Ordinance regulating the Massage
Therapy industry in our community; and

WHEREAS, Massage Therapy is a licensed profession by the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, City requires an occupational license for all businesses operating in the City of Slidell; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 37:3551, et seq, governs Massage Therapists and Establishments; and

WHEREAS, City hereby adopts Louisiana Revised Statute 37:3551 et seq, as it now exists, including all amendments and addendums, as it will exist in the future; and

WHEREAS, City limits the hours of operation for Massage Therapists and Establishments beginning no earlier than 6:00 a.m. and closing no later than 10:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, proprietors for personal service care establishments providing massage therapy have a responsibility for the safety of persons while in their establishment.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that it does hereby amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 8, Businesses, Article II, Licenses Generally, Division I, Generally, by adding Section 8-29as follows:

A. Louisiana Revised Statute 37:3551, *et seq*, as it now exists, including all amendments and addendums, and as it exist in the future is adopted.

Section 8-29, Massage Therapists and Establishments.

- B. (1) An establishment that provides Massage Therapy, even if it is only a portion of the services provided, must possess a City occupation license for Massage Therapy.
- (2) All Massage Therapists and Establishments must comply with all City Ordinances and Louisiana Revised Statute 37:3551 et seq.
  - (3) Inspection of Licenses:
    - (a) Any employee of the Department of Planning and Building Safety, Code Enforcement and/or Slidell Police Department are authorized to enter any Massage Establishment whenever the business is operating for the purpose of confirming that all persons providing Massage Therapy and the Establishment have current State licenses and a City Occupation License for Massage Therapy. "Operating" is defined as anytime non-employees are allowed into the establishment for the purpose of receiving personal care services.

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- (b) This Chapter shall be enforced by the Department of Planning and Permits, Code Enforcement and Slidell Police Department.
- (4). Any individual who is found to be providing Massage Therapy in violation of City Ordinance and/or State Law shall be immediately ordered to cease and desist providing Massage Therapy and be issued a Notice of Violation.
- (5). Penalty: Violation of the provisions of this Chapter shall be considered a misdemeanor and any person, including the owner or operator of a massage establishment, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

### (6). Revocation:

- (a) An establishment that is found to be providing Massage Therapy without a State License or City Occupation License or is found to have an employee providing Massage Therapy without a State License or City Occupation License more than once in a calendar year shall have their Occupational License revoked.
- (b) Revoked License. No license that has been revoked will be reinstated without the written authorization of the Mayor.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that the City hereby limits the hours of operation for Massage Therapists and Establishments beginning no earlier than 6:00 a.m. and closing no later than 10:00 p.m.

ADOPTED this 27th day of November, 2018.

Kim Harbison

President of the Council Councilwoman, District F

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Thomas P. Reeves Council Administrator

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