

New Planning Code Summary:

Interim Controls for Massage Uses

Code Changes: Sections 218.1, 790.60, 790.14, 890.60, and 890.14, and various other sections
Case Number: Board File No. 141231 (7-15)
Initiated by: Supervisor Tang
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The Way It Was:

Massage Establishments that qualified as a Medical Service Use (all massage practitioners were certified by the State) were not required to go through the CU process.

The Way It Is Now:

For the next 18 months, Massage Uses and massage establishments categorized as Medical Services Uses are required to obtain CU approval. These interim controls do not apply to accessory massage uses, provided that the massage use is accessory to a principal use, the massage use is accessed by the principal use, and the principal use is either (a) a tourist hotel, as defined in Section 790.46 of the Planning Code, that contains 100 or more rooms; (b) a large institution as defined in Section 790.50 of the Planning Code; or (c) a hospital or medical center, as defined in Section 790.44 of the Planning Code.

Link to signed legislation:

<https://sfgov.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=3453710&GUID=B6B78CCF-72AD-4F66-A7CB-C45CF1C8DEFD>