

ZONING INTERPRETATION RECORD

Subject of Interpretation: Massage as an analogous use to Turkish Bath

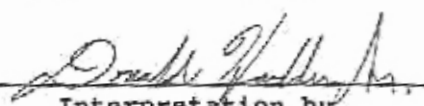
Zoning Ordinance Section Number: 5.1403/5.1503

Title of Section: C-2/C-3 Districts

Cause for Interpretation: There has been a change in the massage industry practice which the zoning ordinance has not responded to

Interpretation: Facilities which provide massage or massage therapy and which qualify as licensed massage under the City of Scottsdale Code are deemed to be analogous to Turkish Bath. Therefore, such uses may occur where a Turkish Bath is allowed, subject to the procedures and standards which apply to Turkish Baths.

The use of "Turkish Bath" is a fairly specific term which refers to a use which has become rare and relatively archaic. Over the past two or three decades, the practice of massage has separated from the use of hot steam baths, whereas previously, they generally were practiced as a combined activity. To the extent massage was a primary aim and major component of a Turkish Bath, massage as a use by itself can be considered to have the same or less physical impact. Upon on-going revision of the Zoning Ordinance, it is expected that the term "Turkish Bath" will be eliminated and replaced with massage.


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