THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN, UTAH
ORDINANCE NO. 26-10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2009 WEST JORDAN CITY CODE (MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS); Title 4, Chapter 2, Article H

WHEREAS, the City of West Jordan ("**City**") adopted West Jordan City Code ("**City Code**") in 2009; and the City Council of the City ("**Council**" or "**City Council**") desires to amend Title 4, Chapter 2, Article H of the City Code ("**proposed City Code amendments**"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to bring the City Code into conformity with recent changes to the State Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to create a safe and healthy business environment for patrons, employees, contractors, business owners, and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City to adopt the proposed City Code amendments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN, UTAH AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment of City Code Provision. City Code Title 4, Chapter 2, Article H is amended as shown in Attachments 1 (Legislative Version) and 2 (Clean Version) to this Ordinance.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon posting or publication as provided by law and upon (i) the Mayor signing the Ordinance, (ii) the City Council duly overriding the veto of the Mayor as provided by law, or (iii) the Mayor failing to sign or veto the Ordinance within fifteen (15) days after the City Council presents the Ordinance to the Mayor.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN, UTAH, THIS 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

CITY OF WEST JORDAN

By: Bob Bedore (Mar 3, 2026 16:04:09 MST)
Bob Bedore
Council Chair

ATTEST:

Cindy M. Quick, MMC
Council Office Clerk

[See next page.]

Voting by the City Council	**"YES"**	**"NO"**
Council Chair Bob Bedore	☒	☐
Council Vice-Chair Jessica Wignall	☒	☐
Council Member Annette Harris	☒	☐
Council Member Zach Jacob	☐	☒
Council Member Kent Shelton	☒	☐
Council Member Chad Lamb	☒	☐
Council Member Kayleen Whitelock	☒	☐

PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 3, 2026

Mayor's Action: X Approve _____ Veto

By: _____ Mar 3, 2026
Mayor Dirk Burton Date

ATTEST:

_____
Tangee Sloan, MMC, UCC
City Recorder

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL/PASSAGE (check one)

X The Mayor approved and signed Ordinance No. 26-10.

_____ The Mayor vetoed Ordinance No. 26-10 on _____ and the City Council timely overrode the veto of the Mayor by a vote of _____ to _____.

_____ Ordinance No. 26-10 became effective by operation of law without the Mayor's approval or disapproval.

_____
Tangee Sloan, MMC, UCC
City Recorder

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I, Tangee Sloan, certify that I am the City Recorder of the City of West Jordan, Utah, and that a short summary of the foregoing ordinance was published on the Utah Public Notice Website on the 9th day of March 2026. The fully executed copy of the ordinance is retained in the Office of the City Recorder pursuant to Utah Code Annotated, 10-3-711.

Tangee Sloan, MMC, UCC
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(Attachments on the following pages.)

Attachments 1 and 2 to

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Attachment 1 – Title 4, Chapter 2, Article H - Legislative Version

Attachment 2 – Title 4, Chapter 2, Article H - Clean Version

(See the following pages for the attachments.)

ARTICLE H. MASSAGE

SECTION:

4-2H-1: Definitions

4-2H-2~~1~~: License Required

4-2H-3~~2~~: Prohibited Acts

4-2H-4: Massage Establishment Requirements

4-2H-5: Limitations on Site of Prior Revocation

4-2H-1: ~~LICENSE REQUIRED~~DEFINITIONS:

All definitions used herein shall have the same meaning as those found in Utah Code section 58-47b-102, or successor provision.

4-2H-2: LICENSE REQUIRED:

A. It is unlawful for any person, or business, to engage in, carry on, or conduct the business of massage in the city without first obtaining a general city business license and a specialty massage license.
B. The following massage service providers are exempt from the specialty massage license requirement in subsection A:
    a. Physicians, surgeons, chiropractors, osteopaths, nurses, or any physical therapists, who are duly licensed to practice their respective professions in the State of Utah and persons working directly under the supervision of or at the direction of such licensed persons, working at the same location as the licensed person, and administering massage services subject to review or oversight by the licensed person;
    b. Barbers and cosmetologists who are duly licensed under the laws of the State of Utah, while engaging in practices within the scope of their licenses, and limited to the massaging of the neck, face, scalp, hands, or feet of the clients;

c. Employees of hospitals, nursing homes, mental health facilities, or any other health facilities duly licensed by the State of Utah, while acting within the scope of their employment;

d. Massage performed as part of a home occupation.

~~It is unlawful for any person to engage in, carry on or conduct the business of massage in the city without first obtaining a city business license.~~ (Ord. 12-13, 6-13-2012; amd. Ord. 19-47, 12-04-2019, Effective at 12 noon on January 6, 2020)

4-2H-~~2~~3: PROHIBITED ACTS:

A. It is unlawful for any person to practice or engage in or attempt to practice or engage in massage, without first being properly licensed by the state.

B. It is unlawful to serve, store, allow to be served, or allow to be consumed any alcoholic beverage on the licensed premises of a massage establishment.

C. It is unlawful for a licensed individual, a licensed massage establishment, or an employee of a massage establishment to engage in unlawful conduct or unprofessional conduct on business premises, including locations designated by the client through an outcall massage service.~~The following acts are prohibited:~~

~~A. State License Required: It is unlawful for any person to practice or engage in or attempt to practice or engage in massage, without first being licensed by the state as a massage technician or massage apprentice.~~

~~B. Alcohol: It is unlawful to serve, store, allow to be served, or allow to be consumed any alcoholic beverage on the licensed premises of a massage establishment.~~

~~C. Massaging Specified Anatomical Areas: It is unlawful for a massage technician, massage apprentice, or any employee of a massage establishment to touch or offer to touch or massage the specified anatomical areas of customers.~~

~~D. Sexual Activity: It is unlawful for the massage technician, massage apprentice, or any customer or employee of the massage establishment, to display to any other person any "specified anatomical area" or to engage in any "specified sexual activity", while on the premises of the massage establishment.~~ (Ord. 12-13, 6-13-2012)

4-2H-4: MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT REQUIREMENTS:

All massage establishments shall comply with the following requirements:

A. Provide verification of registry with the State of Utah pursuant to Section 58-47b-301.1 of the State Code or successor provision.
B. Business hours are restricted to between 6:00 AM and 10:00 PM.
C. Licensed individuals providing services at the massage establishment must display their license in the front lobby. The legal name of each licensed individual as well as the Department of Professional Licensing (DOPL) number must be visible.
D. The full name, address, and phone number of all the massage establishment's employees, independent contractors, and any other individuals performing massage and a copy of their valid Utah license and valid government issued photo identification must be provided with an application for a specialty license. Updated information must be provided to the City within 30 days of any changes in staff.
E. It is unlawful to employ anyone under the age of 18 at a massage establishment.
F. Security cameras are only permitted in the lobby area of a massage establishment.
G. Windows into the lobby area of the massage establishment must remain unobstructed and transparent to outside viewers. Opaque window coverings or graphics which significantly impede visibility into the lobby area are prohibited.
H. No license shall be issued under this Article until an on-site inspection has been completed by the Business License Official or their designee.

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The Business License Official may not license a massage establishment at a location for a period of two years where a previous massage establishment was located and had its license revoked, denied, or suspended.

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