TOWN OF HERNDON, VIRGINIA
TOWN COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

FEBRUARY 3, 2026

Ordinance- **to amend Chapter 14 (BUSINESSES), Article IV (Massage Therapy), Sec. 14-70 (Massage regulation) and to amend Chapter 30 (FINANCE AND TAXATION), Article VII (Business, Professional, Occupational License), Division 1 (Generally), Sec. 30-211 (Definitions) to update code references to Fairfax County's Massage Establishments Code.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Herndon, Virginia that:

1. The following sections or provisions of the Herndon Town Code (2000), as amended, amended as follows:

CHAPTER 14

(BUSINESSES)

Article IV. Massage Therapy

Sec. 14-70 - Massage regulation.

(a) The town council endorses, incorporates by reference, and ordains with necessary changes suitable for application in and complementary enforcement by the town, Chapter 28.~~1~~**2** "~~Massage Therapy, Establishments and Services~~ **Massage Establishments Code**," Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia (1976), as amended, or any successor chapter, subdivision, or amendment regulating massage therapists or massage establishments and related enforcement. It is the town council's intention to adopt the entire Fairfax County massage therapists and massage establishments regulatory program and related criminal penalty as the law of the town, while continuing cooperative Fairfax County's administration and enforcement in the town of these regulations and penalty provisions.

(b) Any person who violates or causes to be violated any provision of this article including the above referenced Chapter 28.~~1~~ **2**, Code of the County of Fairfax (1976), as amended, or any successor chapter, subdivision, or amendment regulating massage therapists or massage establishments and related enforcement, will be guilty of Class 1 misdemeanor.

CHAPTER 30

(FINANCE AND TAXATION)

Article VII. Business, Professional, Occupational License

Division 1. Generally.

Sec. 30-211. - Definitions.

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Massage means the treatment, for compensation, of soft tissues for therapeutic purposes by the application of massage and bodywork techniques based on the manipulation or application of pressure to the muscular structure or soft tissues of the human body, unless the massage is excluded from regulation by Code of County of Fairfax § 28.~~1~~ **2**-1-4.

Massage *establishment* means any fixed place of business where a massage is administered to a client, unless the place is excluded from regulation by Code of County of Fairfax § 28.~~1~~ **2**-1-4.

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2. This ordinance shall be effective on and after the date of its adoption.