



Olympia Police Department: Massage & Reflexology Ordinance Update

Olympia City Council

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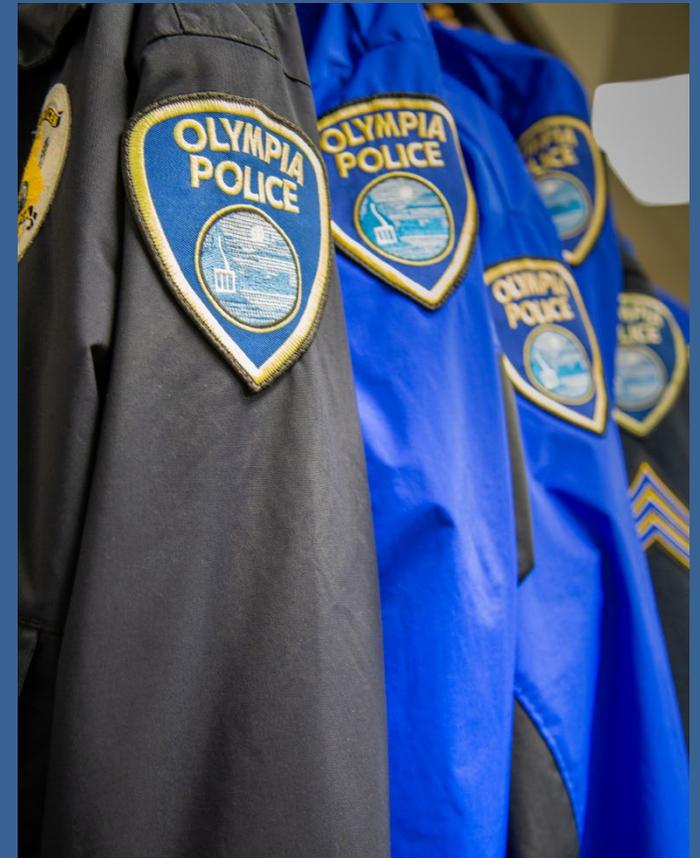
The Challenge

- Some businesses offer massage/reflexology services without proper licenses
- The Olympia Police Department does not have the authority to hold violators accountable
- Unlicensed operations may be fronts for criminal activity:
 - Human trafficking
 - Prostitution
 - Fraud or money laundering
 - Legitimate businesses harmed by illicit competition
 - Public health and safety are at risk



The Solution – Amending and Adding a New Ordinance

- Amend OMC 9.24 – Lewd Conduct definitions and penalties
- Add new Chapter 5.26 – Massage and reflexology businesses
- Add Section 5.02.055 – License revocation and denial provisions
- Amend OMC 18.02.180(P) – Definitions, Unified Development Code



Key Elements of the New Ordinances and Amendments



- Valid licenses must be conspicuously posted
- No minors (under 18) may practice
- Unlicensed service or advertising is prohibited
- Inspections allowed in common areas during business hours
- Criminal and administrative penalties for violations

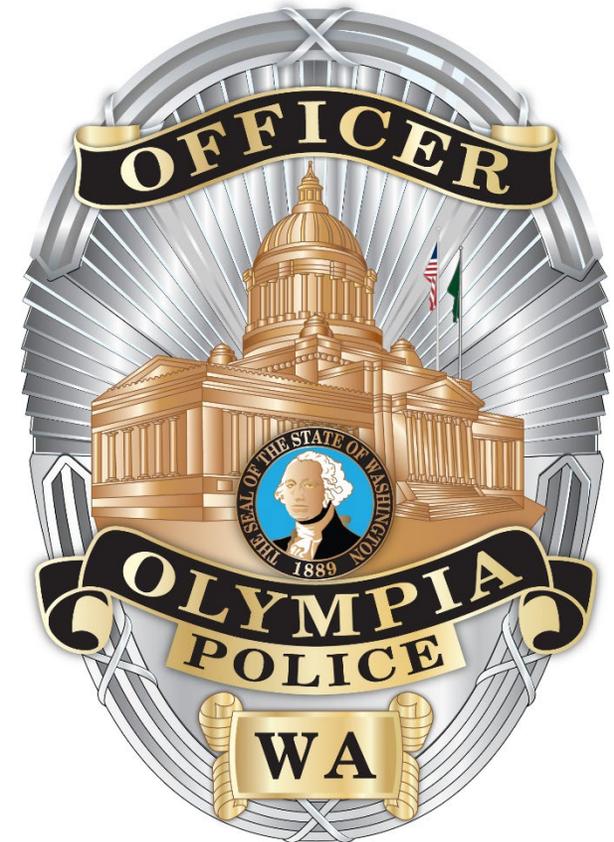
Enforcement Strategy

Community Policing Unit

- Neighborhood Policing Officers
- Downtown Walking Patrol Officers

Scalable Response

- Complex cases will receive additional investigative resources as needed





Victim Support Partnership

- Victim safety and well-being are central to this initiative
- OPD collaborates with Innovations Human Trafficking Collaborative (IHTC)
 - Ensures victims are treated with care, dignity, and respect
 - Supports the transition from victim to survivor

Proposed Timeline

August 12, 2025

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1st Reading

September 9, 2025

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2nd Reading

October 1, 2025

Effective Date

If Approved



Questions?