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**INFORMATION SHEET**

1. Applications and a copy of Title 6, Chapter 6.36, of the Ordinance Code of Stanislaus County are available from the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office. Permit fees will be paid when the applicant takes out the application, and validation stamp will be noted at that time on your application. There is a non-refundable application fee of \$100.00 due at the time your application is submitted.
2. Applicants are required to have their fingerprints taken. This may be arranged by calling the Sheriff's Identification Bureau, (209) 525-7933. This shall be done prior to the filing of the completed application. You must take your completed application, proof of age, and two photographs with you to the Sheriff's Office.
3. The certificate from your physician on the form supplied by the Treasurer-Tax Collector shall be submitted by the physician directly to the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency, Communicable Disease Division. They are located at 820 Scenic Dr, Modesto. For further information please call (209) 525-7341. Employees not engaging in the practice of massage as a masseuse, masseur, instructor or trainee, are not required to fill out a medical form.
4. Schools of massage and massage establishments are allowed in C-1, C-2, and M Zones. They are also allowed by Conditional Use Permits in the H-1 Zone. Applications for Conditional Use Permits shall be obtained from the Stanislaus County Planning Department. The owner or operator of a school of massage or massage establishment may wish to apply for the Conditional Use Permit (if required) prior to applying for a permit to operate the school or establishment. The sequence of these applications is at the option of the applicant.
5. The letter required by the trainee applicant as per Section 6.36.150 of the Ordinance Code of Stanislaus County must be submitted with the application.
6. If additional space is needed to complete any of the items on the application, please attach a separate sheet of paper. Please note on the application that you have done so and specify on the additional sheet which questions you are answering.
7. After you have completed your application and have been fingerprinted, return it and required supportive documents to the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office. The address is 1010 Tenth St, Ste 2500, Modesto, CA 95354
8. Filing fees for Massage permits are in addition to any required business license or building permit fees.

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9. Information other than on you application may be required by various Stanislaus County Departments. In these cases, submit the additional information requested to the departments requesting the information.
10. Schools of massage and massage establishments are required to have their facilities inspected prior to approval of their application. An inspection may be arranged by calling the Chief Building Inspector at (209) 525-6330. The Chief Building Inspector will notify the other departments involved and arrange a date and time convenient to all parties involved. Inspections will be made only after the application is filed and fees are paid.
11. The Treasurer-Tax Collector will notify the applicant when his or her application is approved and a permit may be issued.
12. After approval, the applicant may obtain the permit and ID card at the Sheriff's Department, Identification Division.
13. The following sheets explain the various penal code sections that are mentioned in the application and ordinance.
14. A non-refundable filing fee of \$100.00 must be paid before processing of application. Stanislaus County Application for License of Massage Establishments &

**APPLICATION FOR LICENSE OF A MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT**

In order to conduct a massage establishment you must have approval from the following departments:

Department	Approved	Do Not Approve
Health Department		
Fire Warden		
Public Works		
Planning		
Sheriff's Office		