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Re: Amendment to Article 14, Section 14.09 Entertainment and Recreation

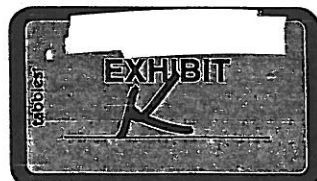
As a Nationally Board Certified Massage Therapist, an Indiana Certified Massage Therapist, a Business in La Porte County and the current President of the National Association of Nurse Massage Therapists, I fully support and commend the joint discussion regarding a proposed amendment to Article 14, Section 14.09 – Entertainment and Recreation between the La Porte County Planning Commission, the La Porte County Board of Zoning and Appeals and the La Porte County Commissioners.

My concern regarding this proposed amendment deals with the “Massage establishments” permitted uses shall be subsequent to Section 14.09 (a) “ **I strongly object to the establishment of any business, within La Porte County, offering massage within the prevue of Entertainment or Recreation based on the following:**

- 1.The State of Indiana requires all Massage Therapists to be State Certified. This tells the public that the individual has successfully completed a massage therapy educational program, has provided a history of conviction of prostitution, rape, sexual misconduct or is a registered sexual offender, adheres to the Law and regulations put forth by the State of Indiana and is therefore qualified to Practice Massage What the State does not allow is for a person to call themselves a Massage Therapist or or a Certified Massage Therapist when they indeed have not met the above criteria.
- 2.National Associations have a defined Scope of Practice for Massage, a defined level of education and a Code of Ethics which guides and supports the Massage Practice as well as the Therapist’s behavior with all clients and/or patients
- 3.La Porte Health Care facilities & providers utilize, recommend and prescribe Massage as an adjunct to their Medical, Integrative or Complementary Health Care
4. Approximately 46 US States and 2 US Territories have some form of Legislation of the Massage Profession -- be it Certification, Licensure, Registration or a Freedom of health care act

Therefore, Amending Article 1409 (a) to include Massage Establishments

1. Undermines and negates the image, the skills and knowledge base of not only my fellow professional peers within La Porte County who adhere to a Scope of Practice, a Code of Ethics which protects those individuals receiving Massage Services, the educational preparation they have achieved, their commitment to continue their education as they enhance and further their knowledge and scope of health related services and their adherence to the State of Indiana’s criteria for Practice but to a profession which like other professions utilizes valid research to implement specific protocols within their Practice.



2. Allows for uneducated individuals not meeting the above # 1 stated reason , to 'skirt' the Title Protection of Massage Therapist as defined by the State of Indiana
- 3.Supports and allows for sexually oriented services to occur under the umbrella of massage
- 4.Supports an influx of individuals who may represent prostitution, organized crime or potential harmful crimes committed against La Porte County residents and
- 5,Gives the community the perceived impression that all Massage Therapists provide potential sexually oriented services for 'fun and recreation' .....also known as 'the happy ending'

*Justin Weston, R.N.*

I am coming to you this evening to really express concern for these matters being brought to your attention in the Gentlemen's Club and ordinance being discussed. I feel that you have done an excellent job on writing this ordinance. However, for the company or individuals wanting to bring such an establishment to our county, I feel obligated to personally, as a concerned citizen address these matters with them. Why does your company or individuals feel it necessary to move a company or business to this area that practice these morals and ethics? It is not just a matter of our youth, but for adults of all ages to be concerned with what you want to bring into our county. Our commissioners have wrote of various reasons not to allow this business to be brought forth, unless supervised in a manner that your business is under strict restrictions and guidelines to follow. You can't really think that this business brings forth any good intentions in the services you are going to provide customers with. The business that you want to bring here as stated by the County Commissioner's delegates have absolutely no benefits to the citizens or anyone is this matter, besides you the owners . The exposing of women to make money for your benefits is an outright shame. Though people need jobs, this isn't an action needed to be taken for creating these jobs. I would hope that the individuals responsible for bringing this establishment forth would just reconsider the plans they have and go somewhere else. I thank you commissioners for your time and effort you have put into resolving all of these matters. And I would like ask one more important question for the individuals trying to get this business established. Have you really thought of even one significant good thing that would come out of your establishment or business?

Concerned Citizen

10/30/12

To Whom It Concerns

The Deletion of all the below is  
my desire with "no" exceptions in  
Our County

1. "Adult book and video stores"
2. "Adult regulated use"
3. "Addition of sexually oriented  
business"
4. Massage establishments per-  
mitted uses.

P.S. The moral decay of Our  
Country comes from these

Mr Paul La Berge