

TOWNSHIP OF SCIO
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Ordinance No. 2026-26

AMENDING CHAPTER 36, ZONING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED SCIO TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE BY ADDING A NEW SECTION TO CHAPTER 36, ENTITLED MASSAGE THERAPY REGULATIONS; MODIFY SECTION 36-5, DEFINITIONS.

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THE TOWNSHIP OF SCIO, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1:

Chapter 36, Sec. 36-152, Massage Therapy Regulations of the Township of Scio Code of Ordinances, is added as follows:

- A. Standards.** A massage therapist must be licensed by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Health Professions. All licenses shall be prominently displayed on the premises. Upon required of any officer of the Township, licenses shall be provided for review and verification.
- B. Authorized Location.** Massage therapy is considered a personal service.
- C. Inspection.** Every establishment operated as a licensed massage therapy establishment shall be open for inspection by duly authorized representatives of the public safety, planning, or building department during operating hours for the purpose of enforcing any provision of this section or any other ordinance or regulation of the Township relating to public health, safety and welfare. It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse entry by Township representatives to the premises in which a massage establishment is being operated for the purpose of making lawful inspections.

Section 2:

Chapter 36, Sec. 36-5, Definitions of the Township of Scio Code of Ordinances, is modified as follows:

Massage Therapist means any person engaged in the business or profession of massage therapy, and who receives compensation for his or her services.

Massage Therapy means the act of massage offered or performed by a massage therapist in conjunction with a beauty salon, spa, health, club, athletic club, medical offices, or physical therapy clinic which is operating legally under this chapter.

Massage Therapy Establishment means any establishment or business wherein massage is practiced, including establishments commonly known as "health clubs", "physical culture studios", "massage studios", "massage parlors", or similar establishments by whatever name is designated.

Section 3. Repealer

All ordinances or parts thereof which are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed, except that terms defined herein for the purpose of interpretation, administration and enforcement of this Ordinance shall not act to modify, repeal or otherwise change the definition of any such term as used in other ordinances or laws.

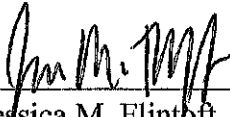
Section 4. Savings Clause

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or subsection is declared void or inoperable for any reason by any court, it shall not affect any other part or portion hereof other than the part declared void or inoperable.

Section 5. Adoption and Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be published in the manner as required by law. Except as otherwise provided by law, this Ordinance shall be effective upon the eighth day following final publication of the Ordinance or at such later date after publication as may be specified by the Township Board.

This Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board at its regular meeting called and held on the 9th day of June, 2026, and was ordered giving publication in the manner required by law.



Jessica M. Flintoft 6/9/26
Township of Scio Clerk Date

Adoption: June 9, 2026

Ordinance Publication: June 17, 2026

Effective Date: June 24, 2026