

Bathhouse/Massage Salons FAQs

I. Is a license required to own or operate a bathhouse or a massage salon within city limits?

Answer: No, if the applicant meets any of the following conditions:

- a. is a member in good standing with any of the following organizations:
 1. the American Massage & Therapy Assn.
 2. the International Myomassethics Federation, Inc.
 3. Kansas Assn. of therapeutic Massage & Bodywork.
- b. is licensed by the Kansas Board of Healing Arts as a chiropractor or osteopath
- c. is licensed by the Kansas Board of Cosmetology to provide cosmetology services
- d. the applicant performs services in a hospital TMC 5.40.050

II. Is a license required to work in a bathhouse or a massage salon within city limits?

Answer: No, if the applicant meets any of the conditions above.

III. If the applicant doesn't meet any of the conditions in Question 1, a license is required. TMC 5.40.060. What are the eligibility requirements for license?

Answer:

- a. the bathhouse or massage salon CANNOT be located in a district zoned for RR-1, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, M-1, M-2, M-3, M-4, O&I,1, O&I 2, O&I 3, C-1, C-2, U-1, MS or PUD.
- b. applicant must be a citizen of the United.States or a legal resident
- c. must be a resident of the City for at least 30 days prior to date of application
- d. at least 21 years old
- e. no felony convictions or convictions for crimes of moral turpitude within previous 5 years prior to application

f. good character and reputation

g. must have completed a course of study or have experience that would qualify the applicant to operate or provide massage services

TMC 5.40.070; 5.40.100

IV. What is the application fee?

Answer:

5.10.080 Bathhouse or massage salon.

(a) The following license fees are hereby prescribed to operate the business of a bathhouse or massage salon:

(1) Operator, per year \$300.00

(2) Employee performing the duties in connection with the giving of baths and massages, per year \$25.00

(b) The term of the licenses under this section shall be for the period of June 1st through May 31st.

(c) The full amount of the license fee under this section shall be paid regardless of when the application is made, and the licensee shall operate under the license for the remainder of the license period for which the license is issued. No rebate or return of any portion of the license fee shall be made in case the license is revoked for any cause

VI. What other approvals are necessary?

Answer: The police department. County health department. The city council. TMC 5.40.080; 5.40.100

VII. Where can I find a license application?

Answer: County health department. TMC 5.40.070

VIII. If my business is in Shawnee County, outside the City, do I need to obtain a county license.

Answer: Yes. Sec. 7-131/County Code