

**EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 608

AN ORDINANCE OF EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING PART II: GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 126, LICENSES, PERMITS AND GENERAL BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE I, SECTION 126-2, SUBSECTION A TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS CONCERNING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR MASSAGE THERAPISTS, REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania regulates individuals who provide massages but does not regulate massage establishments, alternative therapy establishments, and individuals that provide alternative therapies; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code, 53 Pa. C.S. § 66506, grants the East Norriton Township Board of Supervisors (the “Township”) the authority to enact certain ordinances and regulations relating to the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the community of East Norriton Township; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2025, the Township Board of Supervisors enacted Ordinance No. 607 at a duly advertised public meeting which created a new Chapter 126 to the East Norriton Township Code of Ordinances which established regulation of establishments that offer massages and alternative therapy necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents, visitors, property owners and business owners in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to amend Ordinance No. 607 to require the submission of a background check for all licensed massage therapists operating a massage parlor within the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it, and it is hereby **ORDAINED** by the East Norriton Township Board of Supervisors, and it is hereby **ENACTED** and **ORDAINED** by authority of same as follows:

SECTION 1: AMENDMENT OF THE CODE

Article II, General Legislation, Chapter 126, “Licenses, Permits and General Business Regulations”, Article I, “Massage Parlors”, Section 126-2, “License Requirements, fee”, Subsection A is hereby amended to add a new subsection regarding background check requirements, and which shall state as follows (amended language is in bold font):

Article I, Massage Parlors

§ 126-2 License requirements; fee.

A. License requirements for massage establishments. Requirements for the issuance of a license as a massage establishment are as follows:

- 1) All massage establishments must register with and be licensed by the Township. All massage therapists practicing massage therapy at a massage establishment must be licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The owner and/or operator of massage establishments shall register their business as well as all massage therapists and provide copies of the licenses issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for all massage therapists to the Township on a fully completed application provided by the Township. The application must be filed in person by the person seeking the license during regular business hours. The owner and operator of the massage establishment shall have an ongoing obligation to update the names of massage therapists practicing in the establishment. The license fee for such license shall be determined from time to time by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.
- 2) All massage establishments must provide proof that all other required business licenses have been obtained and provide confirmation from the taxing entity that arrangements have been made for the payment of all required applicable taxes, including business privilege tax, local service tax, and/or earned income tax for its employees.
- 3) **Investigation. Applications for licenses for massage therapists shall be referred to the East Norriton Township Police Department, which shall cause an investigation to be made and report the findings to the Chief of Police. Applicants shall cooperate with any investigation conducted pursuant to the provisions of this Article Part and shall permit access to the proposed place of business and facilities in conjunction with such investigation. In addition, each applicant for licenses for an massage therapist must submit the following:**
 - i. **Two forms of identification issued by either the federal or state government, with one containing a photograph.**
 - ii. **FBI criminal background check per the directions at FBI website (must be the sealed and unopened envelope from FBI).**
 - iii. **Certified state police criminal background check for the state in which they reside (must be notarized).**
 - iv. **Signed release permitting East Norriton Township Police Department to conduct a local records check.**

SECTION 2: REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of inconsistency.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY.

The terms, conditions and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and should any portion, part or provision of this Ordinance be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, the East Norriton Township Board of Supervisors hereby declares its intent that the Ordinance shall have been enacted without regard to the invalid, unenforceable, or unconstitutional portion, part or provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE.


This Ordinance shall be effective immediately after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, this 30th day of September, 2025.

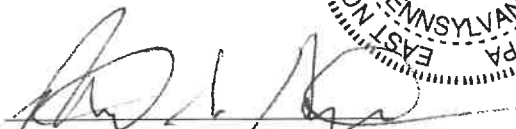
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Attest:





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STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

The undersigned _____, being duly sworn the he/she is the principal clerk of The Times Herald, Times Herald Digital, published in Montgomery, Bucks Counties for the dissemination of local or transmitted news and intelligence of a general character, which are duly qualified newspapers, and the annexed hereto is a copy of certain order, notice, publication or advertisement of:

NOTICE
EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP AT ITS REGULARLY SCHEDULED PUBLIC ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING LOCATED AT 2501 STANBRIDGE STREET, EAST NORRITON, PA 19401, WILL CONSIDER THE PASSAGE OF THE FOLLOWING AMENDED ORDINANCE, THE TITLE AND SUMMARY OF WHICH APPEARS BELOW:

AN ORDINANCE OF EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING PART 11: GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 126, LICENSES, PERMITS AND GENERAL BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 126-2, SUBSECTION A TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS CONCERNING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR MASSAGE THERAPISTS, REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed ordinance amends Chapter 126, Section 126-2, Subsection A of the Township Code of Ordinances to impose requirements regarding the submission to criminal background checks for all massage therapists applying for a license for the Township to operate in a massage parlor, as those terms are defined in the Code of Ordinances.

A COPY OF THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AND COPYING BY THE PUBLIC DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING LOCATED AT 2501 STANBRIDGE STREET, EAST NORRITON, PA 19401, AND AT THE OFFICES OF THIS NEWSPAPER.

PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND REQUIRE AN AUXILIARY AID, SERVICE, OR OTHER ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING SHOULD CONTACT TOWNSHIP MANAGER ROBERT HART AT (610) 275-2800.

Robert Hart
East Norriton Township
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EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP

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