

## **Massage Establishment Ordinance Enforcement**

In December 2015, after input from the public and from local massage professionals, the Sunnyvale City Council adopted a revision of Sunnyvale Municipal Code (SMC) Chapter 9.41 as developed and recommended by staff. This was in response to a change in state law, mandating that the City take full regulatory authority over local massage businesses.

Since the revisions to SMC, Public Safety officers working under the direction of the department's Massage Establishment Task Force have performed compliance inspections in 46 massage establishments, including the 37 that existed at the time the law changed. Those inspections resulted in administrative action against any establishment that was not fully compliant with SMC Chapter 9.41.

Currently there are 36 active permitted massage establishments and sole proprietors in Sunnyvale. Since the new ordinance went into effect, 18 permits have been issued to sole proprietors and outcall-only massage providers. These types of businesses were not issued permits by the City under the previous ordinance.

The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety continues to work with the California Massage Therapy Council (CAMTC) to ensure proper certification of massage therapists and compliance of local massage businesses with local and state laws. We are proud of the cooperation between CAMTC, local massage business owners and the public, ensuring that massage establishments can continue to provide a valuable service to the community. For more information, contact Captain Shawn Ahearn at 408-730-7158 or [sahearn@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:sahearn@sunnyvale.ca.gov)