

Department of Public Health

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Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025

RE: Health Code Violation(s) on property at:
5100 Washington Ave
Racine, Wisconsin
Tax No: 13132036

Zhongguo Chen
403 Sixth Street
RACINE, WI 53403

Dear Business Owner,

You are hereby ordered to cease all operations immediately:

- 1) **Observation: Observation: Joy Spa dba Relax Spa was operating as a massage parlor without obtaining an occupancy permit. Three massage rooms observed and a fourth room holding personal effects, a kitchen area, small refrigerator brimming with food and a small bathroom with a shower. Evidence of illegal activities of sexual nature. Evidence of permanent living conditions on premises include observation of beds, bedding, large amounts of food and cooking equipment, rice was hot held in rice cooker at time of inspection, and large amounts of personal effects such as clothing, toiletries, feminine hygiene products, medications, cell phones, wallets, and money. Water damaged ceiling tiles in massage rooms. Walls observed to be soiled with grime in massage rooms. Floors have accumulations of dust, dirt, and refuse. Frames of massage tables are constructed from untreated wood and are not smooth or easily cleanable. Tops of many massage tables are constructed of a mix of various foam padding and mattress toppers covered in bunched and folded comforters/blankets and are not smooth, non-absorbent or easily cleanable. Unlabeled containers and various squeeze bottles observed holding various liquids and creams observed in all massage rooms. Clean and soiled linens do not have a system to determine if they are clean or soiled or changed between guests. Observed hot towel incubator to be turned on and towels were observed warm inside. Bathroom walk under sink is heavily water damaged and has a black mildew/mold like substance accumulating. Missing base cove floor tile in bathroom and caulking around hand sink is in disrepair. Various fire violations were also observed and documented by Racine Fire Department staff including use of extension cords.**

Sec. 22-781. - Permit—Required.

No person shall engage in, conduct or carry on, or permit to be engaged in, conducted or carried on, in or upon any premises within the city which constitutes a massage establishment, the business of a massage establishment without having been issued a permit as provided in this division, nor without complying with all statutes, ordinances and regulations applicable to such establishment and unless such permit is in effect at the time of such operation . The permit required by this section shall not apply to hospitals, nursing homes and sanitariums.

(Code 1973, §§ 22.20.030, 22.20.050; Ord. No. 3-99, pt. 6, 2-17-99)

Remarks

- 22-418 Application for permits shall be made in writing to the health department on forms developed and provided by the health department, stating the name and address of the applicant and proposed operator, and the address and location of the proposed establishment, together with any such other information as may be required. The health department shall either approve the application or deny the permit within 30 days after receipt of a complete application.
- 22-419 Fees for permits required by this article shall be as provided through the fee schedule as established by the common council.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: **sadie.schuldt@cityofracine.org** or **(262) 636-9496**

Sincerely,

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Sadie Schuldt
Sanitarian

Any person aggrieved by any determination made by the health officer or his or her designee may within 15 days of the date on the notification of such determination request a review of such determination by mailing or delivering to the health officer a written request for review as prescribed by section 54-3 of the City of Racine Municipal Code of Ordinances.

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