

City Ordinance Search

The state of Minnesota is home to 856 distinct cities, each with the potential for unique local ordinances and licensing requirements.

- To begin your research, go to the official website for the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC), which can be accessed at <https://www.lmc.org>. The LMC serves as a valuable resource for information concerning Minnesota's municipalities.
- Once on the League of Minnesota Cities website, locate the search functionality. In the search bar, precisely type the term **"directory."**
- This will lead you to a search result that should be titled **"Online City Directory."** Click on this link to access the comprehensive listing of Minnesota cities.
- Within the Online City Directory, you will have the flexibility to search for specific cities either individually by name or browse through the entire list to identify the municipalities you wish to investigate. You will only be asked to provide information on the cities in the excel spreadsheet that has been shared with you.
- After you have identified the specific city you intend to research, the next step is to navigate to that city's official municipal website. Once on the city's website, carefully examine the various navigation tabs and sections. You will typically find relevant information under tabs or sections labeled **"City Hall," "Ordinances,"** or **"Business."**
- Within these primary sections, look for sub-sections or further links that specifically mention **"Licenses," "Permits,"** or **"Ordinances."** These areas are most likely to contain the regulatory information you are seeking.
- Once you are in the relevant section that lists business regulations, scan the content for any direct mentions of businesses that require specific regulation. If the website provides a search function within this section, it is highly advisable to use it. Type in the keyword **"Massage"** to quickly identify any **regulations, licenses, or permits** that specifically apply to massage establishments or practitioners.
- Once you have located the information, add in the content to the excel spreadsheet following the subject headings of **city, population, city ordinance link, Massage license required and cost**
- Should your online research efforts not yield the necessary information, or if you encounter dead ends, the next recommended course of action is to directly contact the City Hall of the municipality in question. During your call, clearly explain that you are inquiring about specific business regulations, licensing requirements, or ordinances

pertaining to massage businesses within their jurisdiction. Be prepared to ask specific questions and to take detailed notes of any information provided.