

5 E A detailed statement explaining how this application meets the specific tests identified in the Zoning Regulations for special exception being sought.

Applicant, Massage Escape Spa Company is seeking a special exception for a massage establishment to be located within the premises of 2352 Wisconsin Ave. NW. The specific tests for a special exception applicable to massage establishment are set forth in § 731 of the DC Zoning Regulations. The first of such tests requires that a massage establishment shall be compatible with other uses in the area.

Other uses in Glover Park neighborhood include but not limited to a Whole Food supermarket, outdoor recreation space in Glover Park, an indoor gym in Washington Sports Club and a variety of restaurants. Jointly and individually these uses support wellness for the whole person. A massage establishment is compatible with these uses because massage therapy relaxes body muscles thus contributes to the wellness of the whole person.

The second test outlined in section § 731 requires that a massage establishment shall not be objectionable because of its effect on the character of the neighborhood or because of noise, traffic, or other conditions. Glover Park residents appreciate wellness for the whole person. Applicant's Massage Escape Spa Company delivers wellness to Glover Park residents through massage therapy. While soft music often complements the overall massage therapy experience, its volume does not rise to a level of concern to other neighbors.

Moreover, because massage therapy is available in other parts of the city, it encourages applicant, Massage Escape Spa Company to build a strong local client base.

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thus limits vehicle traffic to its current level typically found in the Glover Park neighborhood. On-site parking is available in the back of the premises to ease demand for limited street parking spaces found in the area. In short, having applicant's Massage Escape Spa Company located on the above premises is not objectionable because of its effect on the character of Glover Park neighborhood or because of noise, traffic or other conditions.

Finally, section § 731 requires that a massage establishment shall not have an adverse impact on religious, educational, or other institutional facilities located in the area. Upon a careful review of property owner information retrieved from the Office of Tax and Revenue, applicant found no religious, educational or other institutional facilities in the immediate vicinity of its massage establishment or that are located within 200 ft radius from the premises. Hence applicant's Massage Escape Spa Company exerts no discernable adverse impact on these institutions due to wide distance separating them.

In conclusion, Massage Escape Spa Company's application meets the tests identified in section § 731 of Zoning Regulation for a special exception to massage establishment. The use is compatible with other uses in the area. It is not objectionable due to its effect on Glover Park's character, noise or traffic or other conditions. It has no discernable adverse effect on religious, educational or other institutional facilities located in the area.