SOMATIC BUSINESSES: CUSTOMER INSTRUCTIONS
SOMATIC PRACTITIONER

1. The City of Sacramento issues a Somatic (massage) Practitioner Permit to people wishing to practice massage or body work.
   a. If you are a certified massage therapist with the State of California, you do not need a Somatic Practitioner Permit.

2. The fee for a Somatic Practitioner Permit is $320 (new), $254 (renewal).
   a. A new applicant must also submit to a LiveScan fingerprinting process with associated fee of $88 ($408)

3. All Somatic Practitioner Permits expire one year following the date of issuance.
   a. Renewal applications must be submitted 30 days prior to permit expiration.

4. Applicants provide:
   a. A completed Special Business Permit Application (IND1)
   b. Property Owner Acknowledgment form (PO1) for each location they will be providing services
   c. A valid California driver’s license or identification card (new only)
   d. Two passport-sized photos (more photos may be requested, if needed)
   e. Proof of membership in qualified state or national association devoted to the profession of massage and bodywork
   f. Proof of Insurance
      i. General liability insurance coverage in the minimum amount of one million dollars per occurrence.
   g. Proof of education
      i. New applicants must have at least 250 hours of massage education from a recognized school of massage
      ii. All applicants must have 12 hours continued education in the previous year
   h. Applicants operating as independent contractors (e.g., you are not an employee of a company) must have a valid Business Operations Tax Certificate with the City, which can be obtained here: http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Finance/Revenue/Business-Operation-Tax/Apply-for-a-Business-Operation-Tax-Account
SOMATIC ESTABLISHMENT

1. If you are not a certified massage therapist with the State of California and own and operate a massage business, you must obtain a Somatic Establishment Permit.

2. The fee for a Somatic Establishment Permit is $2,502 (new), $1,629 (renewal).
   a. A new applicant must also submit to a LiveScan fingerprinting process with associated fee of $88 ($2,590)

3. Somatic Establishment Permits expire one year from the date of issuance.
   a. A renewal application is due 30 days prior to the date of expiration

4. Applicants must provide:
   a. A completed Somatic Establishment Permit Application (SO1)
   b. Proof of ownership or leasing rights to the business location property
      i. If you are not the owner of the property, you must include the Property Owner Acknowledgement Form (PO1)
   c. Proof of insurance
      i. General liability insurance coverage in the minimum amount of one million dollars ($1,000,000.00) per occurrence, and the policy must be endorsed to include all of the somatic practitioner permit holders who operate in the establishment
   d. A surety bond of $100,000
   e. Personal Disclosure Forms of all business owners
   f. All businesses operating within the City of Sacramento must have a valid Business Operations Tax Certificate with the City, which can be obtained here: http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Finance/Revenue/Business-Operation-Tax/Apply-for-a-Business-Operation-Tax-Account