

## ARTICLE XII. - HUMAN TRAFFICKING

### Sec. 42-426. - Title

This article shall be known and may be cited as the human trafficking ordinance.

(Ord. No. 2016-01, § 1, 1-12-16)

### Sec. 42-427. - Authority.

This article is enacted pursuant to F.S. § 125.66 and under the home rule powers of the county in the interest of the health, peace, safety and general welfare of the people of Pinellas County and section 2.04(i) of the Pinellas County Charter.

(Ord. No. 2016-01, § 2, 1-12-16)

### Sec. 42-428. - Intent and purpose.

It is the purpose and intent of this article to promote the health and general welfare of the residents of Pinellas County through the analysis of any impacts from human trafficking, the effectiveness of existing and emerging regulatory efforts and through consideration of addressing the problems associated with human trafficking within Pinellas County.

(Ord. No. 2016-01, § 3, 1-12-16)

### Sec. 42-429. - Definitions.

The following words, phrases, or terms when used in this article shall, unless the content otherwise indicates, have the meanings provided below.

*Adult entertainment establishment* means adult uses as defined in F.S. § 787.29(3)(a), as may be amended.

*Bodywork services* means services involving therapeutic touching or manipulation of the body using specialized techniques consistent with F.S. § 787.29, as may be amended.

*Human trafficking* means transporting, soliciting, recruiting, harboring, providing, enticing, maintaining, or obtaining another person for the purpose of exploitation of that person regulated pursuant to F.S. ch. 787, and defined in F.S. § 787.06, as may be amended.

*Massage services* means the manipulation of the soft tissues of the human body with the hand, foot, arm, or elbow, whether or not such manipulation is aided by hydrotherapy, including colonic irrigation,

or thermal therapy; any electrical or mechanical device; or the application to the human body of a chemical or herbal preparation as provided for and consistent with the terms as defined in F.S. § 787.29 as may be amended.

*Specialty salon* means any place of business wherein the practice of one or all of the specialties as defined in F.S. § 477.013(6)(a) and (b) are engaged in or carried on.

(Ord. No. 2016-01, § 4, 1-12-16)

#### Sec. 42-430. - General requirements.

- (a) The employer at each of the following establishments shall display public awareness signs in a conspicuous location that is clearly visible to the public and employees of the establishment:
  - (1) Adult entertainment establishments.
  - (2) Any business or establishment that offers massage or bodywork services for compensation that is not owned by a health care professional regulated pursuant to F.S. ch. 456, and defined in F.S. § 456.001.
  - (3) Any business or establishment operating as a specialty salon.
- (b) The required public awareness sign must be at least 8.5 inches by 11 inches in size, must be printed in at least a 16-point type, and must state substantially the following in English, Spanish and such other language as determined by industry demographic:

"If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in an activity and cannot leave—whether it is prostitution, housework, farm work, factory work, retail work, restaurant work, or any other activity—call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888 or text INFO or HELP to 233-733 to access help and services. Victims of slavery and human trafficking are protected under United States and Florida law." Posted Pursuant to Section 787.29, Florida Statutes and Pinellas County Code Section (Section #42-430).

(Ord. No. 2016-01, § 5, 1-12-16)

#### Sec. 42-431. - Enforcement.

- (a) Pinellas County Consumer Protection and any law enforcement agency in Pinellas County are authorized to enforce the provisions of this article.
- (b) Any law enforcement officer or code enforcement officer who is authorized by the head of that department shall, at any reasonable hour, have access to and shall have the right to inspect the premises of all permit holders under this article for compliance with any or all of the applicable codes, statutes, ordinances, and regulations in effect in the county.

(c) It is unlawful to violate any provision of this article and any violation hereof shall be deemed a noncriminal violation, punishable by a fine only as provided in F.S. § 775.083 and section 1-8 of the Pinellas County Code.

(Ord. No. 2016-01, § 6, 1-12-16)