LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE APPLICATION FOR:

ESSENTIAL OIL BODY CARE, LLC 14505 Highway 44, Suite 104 Gonzales, LA 70737

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSION OF LAW AND ORDER

Pursuant to La. R.S. 37:3555(B) and applicable provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, an administrative hearing was held before the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy ("Board") on September 25, 2023, relative to the Application for Establishment License for ESSENTIAL OIL BODY CARE, LLC submitted by Fengqin Xia.

Present were: Toshii Cooper; Amie Dudzinski; Donna M. Green, Kathryn Lea Love, Chair; Rosemary H. Wilkinson, and Karla Swacker, Board Members;

Sheri M. Morris, Counsel for the Board;

James Raines, Complaint Counsel;

Liu Ting Chen, Mandarin Chinese Language Interpreter; and

Fengqin Xia, owner of Essential Oil Body Care, LLC ("Applicant").

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On or about August 23, 2023, Fengqin Xia submitted a Louisiana Application for Establishment License with Verifying Affidavit for ESSENTIAL OIL BODY CARE to be located at 14505 Highway 44, Suite 104 in Gonzales with phone number (225) 363-1198 to open on June 1, 2023 ("Application"), (Board Exhibit A).
- 2. The Application indicates there was "a previous massage establishment operated at this address" owned by Linqun Wang and that Linqun Wang, License No. 8718, is the only massage therapist to be employed at the location.
- 3. Applicant attached:
 - A. a Business Transfer Agreement effective February 13, 2023 transferring Bye Bye Stress Massage Therapy located at 14505 Highway 44, #104 in Gonzales from Liqun Wang and Fengin Xia;
 - B. Records filed with the Louisiana Secretary of State on February 13, 2023 showing Fengqin Xia as the registered agent and manager of ESSENTIAL OIL BODY CARE, LLC; and

- C. an Occupational License issued to ESSENTIAL OIL BODY CARE, LLC by Ascension Parish on March 27, 2023 for "Massage service" located at 14505 Highway 44, Suite 104 in Gonzales. (Board Exhibit A).
- 4. Advertisements with the phone number and/or address on the Application were found on websites which advertise sexually-oriented services including SumoSearch, SkipTheGames.com, BodyRubsMap, BackPageGals, RubGuides and ECCIE. Advertisements on websites advertising sexually-oriented businesses with the address and/or phone number on the Application included women in lingerie represented to be massage therapists, (Board Exhibit B).
- 5. On or about May 3, 2023, the Board's Investigator reported:
 - A. She called the phone number on the Application, made an appointment for a massage and confirmed the address;
 - B. The sign at the business stated "Bye Bye Stress Massage";
 - C. Two ladies were present and prepared to provide massage services;
 - D. License No. 8718 of Liqun Wang was posted at the business but Liqun Wang was not present;
 - E. There were massage beds set up within rooms;
 - F. There was a bowl of raw meat in a bathroom sink;
 - G. There were business cards with Bye Bye Stress Massage with the location and phone number on the Application and business hours "7 days 9am-10pm";
 - H. A bedroom appeared to be lived in; and
 - I. Fengqin Xia was present but unable to communicate in English, (Board Exhibit B).
- 6. A Notice of Intent to Deny establishment application and Notice of Hearing was sent to Applicant via email and U.S. regular and Certified Mail advising an administrative hearing was set for September 25, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., (Board Exhibit C).
- 7. FENGQIN XIA testified under oath as follows:
 - a. When she received the Notice of Intent to Deny the Application for Establishment, she called the former owner in Los Angeles for information regarding the ads.
 - b. On May 3, 2023, when the Board's investigator visited she called an employee to communicate with the investigator.
 - c. The business has been closed for a long time and has not been opened. In August 2023 she gave a key to some visitors to check the premises.
 - d. The lease is still under Linqun Wang's name who promised to stay until another worker was found.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

La. R.S. 37:3558(D) prohibits licensure of a sexually oriented business as a massage establishment.

<u>ORDER</u>

Considering the applicable law and evidence;

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Application for Establishment License of ESSENTIAL OIL BODY CARE, LLC. submitted by Fengqin Xia is hereby DENIED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Fengqin Xia and ESSENTIAL OIL BODY CARE., are ineligible for licensure by the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy until Applicant demonstrates to the Board compliance with all laws.

Signed this 19th day of March 2024.

For the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy

Kathryn Lea Love, Chair

Please notify via Certified U.S. Mail:

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Fengqin Xia, Owner

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