

Good Afternoon,

Thank you so much for providing all of the information. We have never had an inquiry for hypnotherapy, and this has been very helpful.

I reviewed the fee schedule under Broward County Business Tax Licenses, and they include hypnotherapy under alternative/holistic medicine. I also discussed different categories that we have in our fee schedule with our City Administrator as well. We have a mental health counseling category (\$110.00), which we both agreed would apply to a hypnotherapist.

Please feel free to share my contact information with the student who you are assisting.

Have a great day,

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From: Matthew Brownstein <matthew@interpersonalthyponotherapy.com>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 11:01 AM
To: Jennifer Oh <joh@lighthousepoint.com>
Subject: Business Tax Receipt for Hypnotherapist

Dear Ms. Jennifer Oh,

Thank you for your time on the phone this morning regarding the recent application of a graduate of ours who applied for a Business Tax Receipt as a Hypnotherapist.

We are Florida's first and currently only State-Licensed School through the Florida Department of Education who offers legitimate career diplomas in the fields of:

- Hypnotherapist

- Clinical Hypnotherapist
- Transpersonal Hypnotherapist

These are legitimate career credentials which are acknowledged on the federal and state level. Graduates earn diplomas to be a Hypnotherapist and not a “hypnotist.”

We often run into issues with cities and/or counties who either do not understand the Florida Hypnosis Statutes or who have an outdated code that puts a hypnotist into the category of psychics and astrologers. It appears that your City falls into the latter category and is therefore requesting, according to one of our graduates, that this person pays \$1,000 for the Business Tax Receipt. I understand the reasoning to do this for so-called “psychics”, yet when someone has diplomas from a State-Licensed postsecondary vocational institute in a legitimate profession, then they should not be put into this category.

We have worked with many Cities and Counties over many years to address this problem and have always succeeded in finding a proper solution to allow our graduates to pay a reasonable amount of money per year and to get their Business Tax Receipts without any issues.

Please see all of the work that I have done regarding this issue on this webpage: <https://www.interpersonalthypnotherapy.com/legal-efforts>. On that page, please scroll down to Law and Legislative efforts where you will see the resolutions that have occurred with the various Cities and Counties that we’ve worked with.

Your City had the same issue that Davie, Florida had. Here is a direct link to the correspondence with Davie. You will see my letter to them and the resolution as well. There are also numerous others on the webpage listed above, yet this is the most recent: https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/e10091_3a6d4b4086b3435e9f69eb7b407f4f5c.pdf

Thank you in advance for your time in this matter,

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