

October 16, 2007

**Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Hermosa Beach Planning Commission**

**Regular Meeting of
October 16, 2007**

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING TATTOO/BODY
PIERCING STUDIOS

Recommendation:

Recommend that City Council approve the Text Amendment by adopting the attached Resolution.

Background:

On July 17, 2007, the Planning Commission reviewed the issue of tattoo/body piercing studios as a permitted land use in the City. That review was in response to public inquiries regarding the establishment of tattoo/body piercing studios in the City.

After reviewing different options, the Commission initiated an ordinance amendment and requested staff to return with a zone text amendment that would:

1. Allow the use only in the C-3 (General Commercial) district subject to approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP); and,
2. Impose 1000-foot distance requirements between tattoo/body piercing studios.

On August 21, 2007, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing to review the proposed Text Amendment. At that meeting, the Planning Commission continued the hearing to the October 16, 2007, and directed staff to provide additional information on Los Angeles County Health and Safety regulations¹ and, to analyze the potential of locating tattoo/body piercing studios in the C-2 (Downtown) Zone.

Analysis:

Tattoo/body piercing studios are defined as any establishment where the principal activity is tattooing and/or body piercing. The attached Ordinance Amendment will conditionally permit tattoo/body piercing studios in the C-3 district if the proposed studio is located more than 1,000 feet from another tattoo/body piercing studio. Furthermore, the Standard Conditions of Approval for all tattoo/body piercing establishments will require the following:

1. The owner of the tattoo/body piercing studio shall obtain all health permits required by the County of Los Angeles for operation of a tattoo/body piercing studio prior to issuance of a business license, and prior to opening the business.
2. The tattoo/body piercing studio shall not operate between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
3. A waste disposal plan approved by Los Angeles County Department of Health and Safety shall be submitted to the City prior to the issuance of a business license.
4. Any changes to the interior layout which would alter the primary function of the business shall be subject to review and approval by the Planning Commission.


The ordinance exempts beauty salons which apply permanent makeup as an accessory service because of their anticipated low impacts.

On August 21, 2007, the Commission requested that staff review the alternative of also conditionally permitting tattoo/body piercing studios within the C-2 (Downtown Commercial) Zone. The C-2 Zone was established to provide opportunities for a limited range of office, retail, and services uses specifically for the scale and character of the downtown – a pedestrian oriented shopping/entertainment district catering to both residents and visitors. Since tattoo/body piercing studios are predominately conducted by appointment only, this use does not appear to be consistent with the C-2 Zone, nor appropriate for the character of the downtown which emphasizes pedestrian oriented shopping and entertainment.

Tattoo/body piercing studios, as well as beauty salons offering permanent make-up services, are required to obtain a public health facility permit from the County of Los Angeles. Each individual operator is required to obtain a public health operator permit as required by the County of Los Angeles Department of Health and Safety (Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 11.36 – Body Art Establishments). Each operator shall demonstrate successful completion of a blood borne pathogen training course that has been approved by the Department of Health and Safety. All permits issued by the Department of Health and Safety are non-transferable.

Summary:

Staff believes that the ordinance amendment addresses the need to provide effective controls over the location and operation of tattoo/body piercing studios in the City in response to the direction of the Commission.



Richard Denniston,
Associate Planner

CONCUR:



Ken Robertson, Director
Community Development Department

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Matrix
3. Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 11.36 – Body Art Establishments
4. Miscellaneous Correspondence

¹ On October 4, 2007, staff discussed the permit and enforcement process with Carlos Cartegena of the Los Angeles County Department of Health and Safety who indicated that that both business owners and operators are required to obtain a health permit from the County. Each operator is required to pass a blood borne pathogens training course approved by the Department of Health and Safety. All body art studios are inspected by a health inspector prior to business operation. Inspections may be conducted as often as necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of Chapter 11.36 (Body Art establishments) of the Los Angeles County Code.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-

AN RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH RECOMMENDING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF A ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE CONDITIONALLY PERMITTING TATTOO AND BODY PIERCING STUDIOS IN THE C-3 DISTRICT

The Planning Commission of the City of Hermosa Beach hereby recommends City Council approval of the following amendments to the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code:

SECTION 1. The following definitions shall be added to the alphabetical list of commercial land use definitions in Hermosa Beach Municipal Code Section 17.04.050 as follows:

“Tattoo/body piercing studio” means any establishment where tattooing and/or body piercing takes place.

“Body piercing” means to puncture, perforate, or penetrate a human body part or tissue with an object, appliance, or instrument for the purpose of placing a foreign object in the perforation to prevent the perforation from closing. This includes, but is not limited to, creating such an opening in the lip, tongue, nose, eyebrow or navel. Body piercing does not include piercing of the ear lobe or outer portion of the ear.

“Permanent make-up” means the application of pigment to or under the skin of a person for the purpose of permanently or semi-permanently changing the color or appearance of the skin. This includes, but is not limited to, permanent or semi-permanent eyeliner or lip color

“Tattooing” means the act of indelibly marking or coloring the skin with a needle by injecting ink, dye, or other coloring material upon or under the skin so as to leave a permanent mark or designs on the skin. Tattooing does not include application of permanent make-up that is performed as an incidental service in a beauty shop, day spa, or other service or retail establishment.

SECTION 2. Tattoo/body piercing studios shall be added to the alphabetical table of uses permitted in commercial zones in Hermosa Beach Municipal Code Section 17.26.030 as follows:

USE	C-1	C-2	C-3	See Section
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<u>Tattoo/body piercing studios</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>U</u>	<u>17.40.190</u>
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SECTION 3. Section 17.40.190 Tattoo/body piercing studios shall be added to the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code to read as follows:

17.40.190 Tattoo/Body Piercing Studios.

A. In lieu of the findings required by Section 17.40.020, the Planning Commission shall approve an application for a conditional use permit for a tattoo/body piercing studio where evidence presented substantiates the following finding:

1 The exterior walls of the establishment are located more than 1,000 feet from the exterior
2 boundaries of any lot or parcel of land upon which any other tattoo/body piercing studio is
3 located.

4 B. The following minimum conditions and standards which apply to tattoo/body piercing studios, in
5 addition to any other deemed necessary or appropriate to ensure compatibility with existing or future uses
6 in the vicinity, may be required:

- 7 1. The owner of the tattoo/body piercing studio shall obtain all health permits required by the
8 County of Los Angeles for operation of a tattoo/body piercing studio prior to issuance of a
9 business license, and prior to opening the business.
- 10 2. The owner shall submit to the Community Development Department a waste disposal plan
11 approved by Los Angeles County Department of Health and Safety prior to the issuance of a
12 business license.
- 13 3. The tattoo/body piercing studio shall not operate between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00
14 a.m.
- 15 4. Any changes to the interior layout which would alter the primary function of the business
16 shall be subject to review and approval by the Planning Commission.

17 SECTION 4. Section 15061(b)(3) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations exempts the project
18 from the requirements for the preparation of documents imposed by the California Environmental Quality
19 Act.

20 **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 16th day of October, 2007, by the following vote:

21 AYES:
22 NOES:
23 ABSENT:
24 ABSTAIN:

25 I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution P.C. 07- is a true and complete record of the action taken
26 by the Planning Commission of the City of Hermosa Beach, California, at their regular meeting of
27 October 16, 2007.

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29 L. Kersenboom, Chairman

_____ Ken Robertson, Secretary

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West Covina

Sec. 26-63. Definitions.

Body piercing. The business of perforating the skin using a needle or otherwise, so as to produce a piercing on the cartilaginous part of the ear or any part of the body.

Tattooing. The business of inserting pigment under the surface of the skin by pricking with a needle or otherwise, so as to produce an indelible mark or figure visible through the skin. This definition is not intended to apply to any act of a licensed practitioner of the healing arts performed in the course of his practice. **No person shall manage, conduct, carry on, or participate in, directly or indirectly, the business of tattooing. This prohibition is declaratory of existing code provisions. This definition is not intended to apply to the application of permanent make-up.**

Whittier

18.06.061 Body piercing parlor.

"Body piercing parlor" means any establishment where the principal activity involves the puncturing or piercing of the skin for the purpose of wearing jewelry or other ornamental body paraphernalia. The term "principal activity" does not include establishments wherein the puncturing or piercing of the skin is incidental to the principal business activity, such as jewelry sales. Said puncturing or piercing of the skin shall comprise less than thirty percent of the gross receipts of the establishments. (Ord. 2691 § 3 (part), 1996)

18.06.430 Tattoo parlor.

Any establishment where principal activity is the indelible marking or coloring of the skin with a needle injecting ink, dye or other coloring material upon or under the skin so as to leave permanent marks or designs on the skin. Tattoo parlor does not include tattooing performed by a licensed dermatologist on premises licensed as a dermatology office, hospital, or similarly state-licensed institution. (Ord. 2691 § 3 (part), 1996)

18.06.431 Tattooing.

The activity of indelibly marking or coloring the skin with a needle by injecting ink, dye or other coloring material upon or under the skin so as to leave permanent marks or designs on the skin. (Ord. 2691 § 3 (part), 1996)

18.52.030 Required for designated uses.

The purpose of any conditional use permit shall be to insure that the use for which the same is required will be rendered compatible with other existing and permitted uses located in the general area of the same. The following uses, each of which possesses characteristics of such unique and special form as to render impractical their operation without specific approval, shall be permitted in the zones as hereinafter set forth, provided that a conditional use permit is first obtained pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, unless such use is designated as a permitted use in a particular zone.

H. Uses conditionally permitted in the C-1 zone:

Tattoo parlors

San Clemente

5.04.090 Permits, etc., required for certain businesses.

C. Certain Businesses Requiring City Council Approval or Special Event Permit.

1. None of the following business shall be conducted within the City unless they have first obtained either City Council approval or, if appropriate, a special event permit pursuant to Chapter 8.72 of this code:

Recreation or amusement centers, penny arcades, *tattoo* parlors, shooting galleries, circuses, carnivals, menageries, sideshows, exhibitions, circus processions or parades, palmistry, fortune-telling, clairvoyance, psychoanalysis, personality readings, psychological tests or kindred practices, boxing, wrestling, sparring exhibitions, billiard or pool room, bowling alley, dance hall, public dance, public dance place, fireworks exhibit, fish market, canning or preserving plant, dairy, livery or feed stable, riding stable, pony rides, lunch stand or street kitchen, junk yard, auto wrecking yard, massage parlor, ambulance service, psychedelic shop, skating rink, outdoor musical or special event, pawnbroker or any other business similar in nature, as determined by the License Collector, which might be construed to be dangerous or injurious to the public health, safety or welfare or be dangerous or detrimental to surrounding property.

Lancaster

17.12.070 Uses subject to director's review and approval.

If site plans or other pertinent information for the proposed use are first submitted to and approved by the director in accordance with Article VI of Chapter 17.32, premises in the C zone may be used for the following uses:

- B. Body piercing establishments;
- S. *Tattoo* parlors.

Carson

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Tattoo service. (See CMC 9133 and 9138.92.) C C

In addition to the general criteria for the approval of a conditional use permit pursuant to CMC 9172.21(D)(1), special criteria and limitations as indicated below shall be considered in acting upon a conditional use permit in a commercial zone:

Tattoo service:

The business shall satisfy the requirements of CMC 9138.92.

§ 9138.92 Tattoo Service.

A. Purpose and Intent.

1. The permit requirements and restrictions imposed by this Section are reasonably necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Carson.
2. The restrictions and requirements contained in this Section are intended to reduce the burden on the Sheriff's Department and the City of Carson Code Enforcement Division in the regulation of tattoo services.
3. The restrictions and requirements contained in this Section are intended to be in addition to the requirement of a valid business license issued by the Business License Division.

4. The regulations and restrictions contained in this Section are intended to bear a reasonable and rational relationship to the goals sought to be achieved by the City of Carson as described in the General Plan.

B. Definitions. For the purpose of this Section, the following definitions apply:

1. "Body Pierce" means to puncture, perforate, or penetrate a human body part or tissue with an object, appliance, or instrument for the purpose of placing a foreign object in the perforation to prevent the perforation from closing. The puncturing of the outer perimeter or lobe of the ear shall not be included in this definition.

2. "Tattoo" means an indelible mark or figure fixed upon a body by insertion of pigment under the skin or by production of scars.

3. "Tattoo Establishment" means premises used for the business of marking or coloring the skin with tattoos, and all furnishings, equipment, instruments, dyes and inks, and other facilities maintained therein incidental to such use.

4. "Tattoo Parlor" or "Tattoo Facility" – see "Tattoo Establishment."

5. "Tattoo Service" means a business that provides tattoos to customers.

C. Required Registration and Permits.

1. Conditional Use Permit. Pursuant to CMC 9172.21, an application for tattoo service shall be subject to the requirements of a Conditional Use Permit, unless otherwise specified herein. The Planning Commission has the authority to approve such Conditional Use Permit.

2. Business License.

a. No person shall engage in, conduct or carry on, or permit to be engaged in, conducted or carried on, in any location within the City, the business or operation of a tattoo establishment, and no person shall manage a tattoo establishment, without first obtaining a valid business license issued by the Business License Division.

b. Each person providing tattoo service in a tattoo establishment who is not a paid employee of said establishment, but is contracted or otherwise paid apart from the establishment, must obtain a separate business license. Paid employees of the establishment need not obtain a separate business license.

3. Registration. Every person conducting tattoo services, as defined in this Section, or desiring to conduct such activity, on or after the effective date of the ordinance, shall register with the Los Angeles County Health Department in compliance with applicable County codes.

4. Public Health Facility and Public Health Operator Permits.

a. Every person owning a tattoo establishment shall, within one (1) year of the effective date of the ordinance codified in this Section and in compliance with CMC 9182.22(A), or prior to the operation of a tattoo establishment, obtain and maintain a valid public health facility permit in compliance with applicable County codes.

b. Every person conducting tattoo activity shall, within one (1) year of the effective date of the ordinance codified in this Section and in compliance with CMC 9182.22(A), or prior to conducting any tattoo service, obtain and maintain a valid public health operator permit in compliance with applicable County codes.

D. Posting Requirements.

1. The public health facility permit issued to the owner of any facility operating as a tattoo establishment must be posted and exhibited at all times in an area that is visible to the public and clients of said establishment.
2. The public health operator permit issued to a person providing a tattoo service must be posted and exhibited at all times in an area that is visible to the public and clients of any tattoo establishment in which tattoo services are provided.
3. Every person registered with the department shall at all times prominently post the certificate of registration adjacent to his or her workstation in an area that is readily visible to clients from that location.

E. Communicable Disease Control. If the City of Los Angeles County Health Department has reasonable cause to suspect a communicable disease is, or may be, transmitted by any person conducting activities regulated by this Section, or by any use of contaminated equipment, or by other unsanitary or unsafe conditions which may adversely impact the public health and safety, the City of County Health Department may do any or all of the following:

1. Issue an order excluding from the permitted tattoo establishment any person responsible for transmitting a communicable disease, or reasonably believed to be responsible for transmitting a communicable disease, or reasonably believed to pose a substantial risk of transmitting a communicable disease, until the City or Los Angeles County Health Department determines there is no further risk to the public health and safety.
2. Issue an order to immediately suspend the public health facility permit issued to the owner of the tattoo establishment until the City or Los Angeles County Health Department determines there is no further risk to the public health and safety.
3. Issue an order to an owner, an employee or a client of a tattoo establishment, to provide information reasonably deemed necessary to prevent the spread of communicable disease.

F. Inspections. Any and all tattoo establishments shall permit City officers, including code compliance officers, to inspect any premises providing tattoo services for compliance with applicable codes.

G. Violation and Noncompliance.

1. **Penalty.** Any person who operates a tattoo establishment in violation of this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or both.
2. **Injunctive Relief.** Any act or failure to act which is a violation of this Section may be the subject of a civil action to enjoin the person so acting or failing to act to conform his or her conduct to the provisions of this Code. The filing and prosecution of such an action shall, in no way, limit the authority or ability to impose other requirements of this Section or penalties enumerated hereunder.

3. Owner Responsibility. The owner of a tattoo establishment is responsible for any violation by any person who does any tattoo service with the owner's consent, or in the owner's tattoo establishment, whether such person is an employee or a tattoo technician independent operator. Any such tattoo activity done with the owner's actual or constructive knowledge is presumed to be done with the owner's consent.

H. Exceptions.

1. The required permits described in this Section shall not apply to, have no effect upon, and shall not be construed as applying to the application of permanent make-up or cosmetic reconstruction applied by a licensed practitioner, licensed cosmetician, or licensed electrologist as defined in the California Business and Professions Code, and has received additional training in the procedures, practices and techniques of permanent make-up application and cosmetic reconstruction.

2. Any person claiming exemption under this Section shall furnish satisfactory evidence that he or she is entitled to such exemption, including proof of bona fide employment, or if applicable, a citation or certification to the particular provision of the Business and Professions Code upon which that person relies.

3. A person who exclusively engages in the piercing of the leading edge or earlobe of the ear shall be exempt from the permitting and registration requirements of this Section, provided he or she does the following:

- a. Performs the procedure through the use of an approved ear perforating mechanical device to force the single-use stud or single-use needle through the tissue of the ear; and
- b. Utilizes a sterile, disposable, single-use stud or single-use solid needle.

I. Severability. If any provision of this Section or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Section or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby. (Ord. 06-1349, § 4)

Dana Point

9.07.200 Tattoo Parlors.

The operation of any tattooing establishment, as defined in Section 9.75.270, within the City of Dana Point shall be in compliance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 6 of the Dana Point Municipal Code. Tattoo parlors may only be permitted subject to the issuance of a conditional use permit pursuant to Chapter 9.65. (Added by Ord. 94-09, 5/24/94; amended by Ord. 96-10, 8/13/96; Ord. 96-13, 11/26/96)

**SECTION 9.11.020(b)
COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS**

LEGEND:

- P = Permitted Use P* = Permitted Use subject to special use standards (see Chapter 9.07)
- C = Conditional Use C* = Conditional Use subject to special use standards (see Chapter 9.07)
- T = Temporary Use T* = Temporary Use subject to special use standards (see Chapter 9.39)
- X = Prohibited Use A = Accessory Use

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Tattoo Parlors	X	C*	C*	C*

9.75.270 Definitions of Use.

Tattoo Parlor -- shall mean any premises used for the business of marking or coloring the skin with tattoos, and all furnishings, equipment, instruments, dyes and inks, and other facilities maintained therein incidental to such use.

6.44.107 Tattooing Operations.

All tattooing operations shall be performed in accordance with the following operations procedures:

(a) Prohibited Operations. No tattooing operation shall be performed on skin surface areas containing any rash, pimples, boils, or infection or otherwise manifesting any evidence of unhealthy conditions.

(b) Potential Health Risks. The establishment owner shall provide written information as required by the Health Officer about blood-borne diseases and their transmission to all tattoo operators and maintain records to verify operator receipt of this information. The tattoo operator shall inform the customer of any potential health risks involved, whenever the skin is pierced, punctured or tattooed, as required by the Health Officer.

(c) Health Conditions of Operator. No tattooing operations shall be performed unless the operator is free of communicable diseases and pustular skin lesions.

(d) Smoking. No operator shall smoke while performing a tattooing operation.

(e) Cleanliness of Operator. No operator shall perform a tattooing operation with unclean hands. For the purpose of this paragraph, hands shall not be considered clean unless they have been thoroughly washed with soap from a single service dispenser and warm water vigorously rubbing all surfaces of lathered hands for at least ten (10) seconds, followed by thoroughly rinsing under a stream of water. Hands shall be dried using single service towels from a dispenser or hot air blower. If a liquid soap is used, the dispenser shall be cleaned and filled with fresh soap only when empty.

Tattoo operators shall wear protective gloves while handling needles or blades, or doing any procedure that may cause bleeding. Gloves shall be discarded between each customer.

(f) Shaving. No tattooing operation involving shaving shall be performed unless the skin is washed with soap prior to the shaving and unless the blade used in shaving is previously unused and unless the blade holder has been autoclaved since its previous use.

(g) Skin Preparation. No tattooing operation shall be performed unless the skin is adequately prepared prior to the operation. For purposes of this paragraph, skin shall be considered properly prepared if it is thoroughly washed with soap following shaving and thereafter scrubbed gently three times with seventy percent (70%) isopropyl alcohol, using a separate sterile gauze pad each time. No alternative method of skin preparation shall be considered adequate unless approved in writing by the Health Officer.

(h) Use of Stencils. No tattooing operation involving the use of stencils shall be performed unless all of the following requirements have been complied with:

(1) Each stencil must be pre-cleaned pursuant to Section 6.40.105.

(2) Each stencil, having been pre-cleaned, must be wiped with sterile gauze soaked in seventy percent (70%) alcohol and air dried immediately prior to its use in the tattooing operation.

(3) Petroleum jelly used for stencils must be from a collapsible tube which has not

previously been used in any tattooing operation and must be applied to the skin with a sterile gauze which has not previously been used.

(i) Use of Approved Dyes. No tattooing operation shall be performed using dyes or inks of a type that has been disapproved for use by the Health Officer pursuant to Section 6.40.104.

(j) Use of Sterile Dyes. No tattooing operation shall be performed unless the following requirements have been complied with:

(1) The dye or ink used for the tattoo must be obtained from presterilized dye or ink bottles and, prior to the tattooing operation, aseptically transferred from such bottles into sterile paper cups which have not previously been used in any tattooing operation. No refilling of the dye cup is permitted.

(2) No dye or ink shall be used in which needles used on another person have been dipped.

(k) Use of Sterile Equipment. No tattooing operation shall be performed using equipment that has not been cleaned and sterilized in the manner set forth in Section 6.40.105.

(l) Discarding of Certain Equipment. Operators shall discard the following items immediately after use in any tattooing operation:

(1) Blades used in shaving.

(2) Tubes and gauze used in application of petroleum jelly used for stencils.

(3) Paper cups used for dye or ink. (Ord. 94-08, 5/24/94)

Laguna Beach

No codified provisions

Long Beach

Chapter 21.52 CONDITIONAL USES

21.52.273 Tattoo or fortunetelling services.

The following conditions shall apply to tattoo and fortunetelling services:

A. No new fortunetelling or tattoo parlor uses shall be located within one thousand feet (1,000') of any existing adult entertainment, arcade, fortunetelling, tattoo parlor or tavern use; and

B. Fortunetelling and tattoo parlors shall operate only between the hours of seven (7:00) a.m. and ten (10:00) p.m.

(Ord. C-6533 § 1 (part), 1988).

21.15.2990 Tattoo parlor.

"Tattoo parlor" means a commercial land use where the marking or coloring of the skin is performed by pricking in coloring matter or by producing scars, and which is conducted in exchange for financial or other valuable consideration. It does not include tattooing when applied by a licensed dermatologist on premises licensed as a dermatological office.

(Ord. C-6533 § 1 (part), 1988).

Table 32-1

Uses In All Other Commercial Zoning Districts

	Neighborhood			Community				Regional	Other	
Personal	CNP	CNA	CNR	CCA	CCP	CCR	CCN	CHW	CS	

Services									
<i>Tattoo parlor</i>	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	C	N

**Table 33-2
Uses In Industrial Districts**

Use	IL	IM	IG	IP	*Notes and Exceptions
8.3 <i>Tattoo and massage parlors</i>	N	N	N		

El Monte

17.24.040 Conditionally permitted uses in specified zones.

The uses specified in the following subsections may be permitted in the zones indicated in this section upon the granting of a conditional use permit:

51. *Tattoo parlors or body piercing establishments in C-3 or less restrictive zones;*

Manhattan Beach

No codified provisions

Inglewood

No codified provisions

Compton

No codified provisions

Hawthorne

No codified provisions

Westminster

Chapter 8.10 TATTOO OR DERMATOGRAPHY ESTABLISHMENTS

8.10.010 Definitions.

D. "Tattoo" shall mean an indelible mark or figure fixed upon a body by insertion of pigment under the skin or by production of scars.

E. "Tattoo or dermatography establishment" shall mean the premises used for the business of marking or coloring the skin with tattoos, and all furnishings, equipment, instruments, dyes and inks, and other facilities maintained therein incidental to such use. (Ord. 2232 § 1 (part), 1994)

17.24.010 Permitted uses.

Uses permitted in the C2 district shall be as follows:

Tattoo parlor or dermatography studio, as defined in Section 5.04.095, provided said establishment meets the following requirements:

1. The hours of operation shall be limited to 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily.
2. The business shall not have opaque front windows and shall not have private work stations, in order to maintain adequate interior visibility.

3. A police permit shall be obtained for the **tattoo** parlor or dermatography studio, and for each **tattoo** artist or dermatography artist.

4. A **tattoo** parlor, dermatography studio, **tattoo** artist or dermatography artist shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 8.10 of the Westminster Municipal Code.

5. No person under the age of 18 shall enter upon the premises of a **tattoo** parlor or dermatography studio for the purpose of obtaining a **tattoo** unless in the company of said person's biological or adoptive parent or legal guardian. The premises shall have signs posted in at least two prominent locations, with black letters at least one inch high on a white background, which shall read: "NO PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 18 SHALL BE PERMITTED ON THESE PREMISES UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN."

6. Any business which is not a **tattoo** parlor or dermatography studio, but employs or contracts with a **tattoo** artist or dermatography artist to provide skin markings and adornments to its customers, shall for the purposes of these requirements be considered as a **tattoo** parlor or dermatography studio. An exception shall be made for any California licensed cosmetologist who provides facial tattooing only as a part of a complete regimen of cosmetology services.

7. Compliance with the terms of Section 5.12.085 shall be required.

Redondo Beach

10-2.402 Definitions.

"Personal convenience service" shall mean an establishment providing recurrently needed services of a personal nature. This classification includes, but is not limited to, barber and beauty shops, seamstresses, tailors, shoe repair shops, photocopying, retail dry cleaning establishments (excluding wholesale dry cleaning plants), self-service laundromats, and similar services. This classification excludes tattoo parlors.

El Segundo

No codified provisions

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE

BODY ART ESTABLISHMENTS

Title 11 - Health and Safety
Division 1 - Health Code
Chapter 11.36 - Body Art Establishments

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Chapter 11.36
BODY ART ESTABLISHMENTS

Part 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1
DEFINITIONS

11.36.010	Definitions generally.
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11.36.010 Definitions generally.

- A. For the purpose of this chapter, the words and phrases set forth are defined and shall be construed as hereinafter set out, unless it is apparent from the context that any such word or phrase has a different meaning.
- B. Whenever any word or phrase used in this chapter is not defined herein but is defined in state law or regulation or in another section of the Los Angeles

County Code, the definition set forth in such state law or regulation or other section of the Los Angeles County Code is incorporated in this chapter as though set forth herein in full, and shall apply to such word and phrase used but not defined herein. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.020 Approved.

"Approved" means meeting the minimum standards set forth and declared acceptable by the county health officer, the department, the State Department of Health Services or the United States Food and Drug Administration. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.030 Blood borne pathogen.

"Blood borne pathogen" means any microorganisms that are present in human blood and that can cause disease in humans. Such pathogens include, but are not limited to, hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HBC) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.040 Blood borne pathogen standards.

"Blood borne pathogen standards" means any recognized law, ordinance, regulation or standard containing requirements or recommendations, which has been adopted by the department and is applicable to the control of blood borne pathogens in the conduct of any activities regulated by this chapter. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.050 Body art.

"Body art" means to adorn the body through the permanent application of a tattoo or insertion of an object, such as jewelry, into a hole for display purposes. Body art is the collective term for any single activity or combination of activities defined herein and in Sections 22.08.200, 22.08.020 and 22.08.160, respectively, as tattooing, body piercing or permanent cosmetics. It shall not include activities such as, or similar to, cutting of the skin or subcutaneous tissue, cutting or modification of cartilage or bone, implantation, branding, deep tissue penetration, threading, stapling or any other invasive procedure, whether or not such act would constitute the practice of medicine requiring licensure as a physician. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.060 Body art activity.

"Body art activity" means any temporary or permanent application, process of application, sterilization, sanitization, cleaning, preparation, implementation or other procedure, utilized in the conduct of body art or any associated activity, which is necessary to the conduct of body art, as defined in this chapter. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.070 Body art establishment.

"Body art establishment" means any temporary or permanent premises, business, location, facility, room, mobile facility, or any portion thereof, used or operated as a body piercing parlor as defined in Section 22.08.020, as a permanent cosmetics parlor as defined in Section 22.08.160, or as a tattoo parlor as defined in Section 22.08.200. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.080 Body art technician.

"Body art technician" means a person that has completed an approved blood borne pathogen training course and is registered with the department to conduct body art activity, in a permitted body art establishment. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.090 Body art technician independent operator.

"Body art technician independent operator" means a body art technician conducting body art activity at a permitted body art establishment, but who is not an employee of the owner of the body art establishment. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.100 Body art temporary event.

"Body art temporary event" means an event, conference or meeting to demonstrate products, or provide a venue for an industry trade show or to educate body art technicians, where a body art technician conducts body art activity. A body art temporary event shall not exceed 30 consecutive days in a 90 day period at a location. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.110 Body piercing.

"Body piercing" means the creation of an opening in the human body for purpose of inserting jewelry or other decorations. This includes, but is not limited to, creating such an opening in the ear, lip, tongue, nose, eyebrow or navel for the purpose of inserting jewelry or other decorations. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.120 Client.

"Client" means any person who meets all legal requirements set forth in this chapter and has given informed consent to have body art activity performed upon his or her person. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.130 Consent form.

"Consent form" means a document provided by the body art establishment or body art technician independent operator to each person requesting that any body art activity be performed upon his or her person. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.140 Contaminated.

"Contaminated" means the presence or the reasonably anticipated presence of blood or other potentially infectious materials on a substance or in or on an item. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.150 Contaminated waste.

"Contaminated waste" means any contaminated substance, including but not limited to any liquid or semi-liquid blood or body fluid or any material that would release potentially infectious material in a liquid or semi-liquid state if compressed, or any contaminated sharps, or any items that are caked with dried blood or other potentially infectious material and are capable of releasing these materials during handling. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.160 County.

"County" means the County of Los Angeles. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.170 Department.

"Department" means the Los Angeles County department of health services. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.180 Departmental regulations.

"Departmental regulations" means the regulations pertaining to body art activity and establishments promulgated by the department as currently written or as may from time to time be amended. When adopted by the department, these regulations are incorporated in and become part of this chapter. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.190 Existing owner.

"Existing owner" means an owner of a body art establishment operating on the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.200 Exposure control plan.

"Exposure control plan" means a written plan that meets all requirements of Title 8 California Code of Regulations §§ 3203 and 5193, to minimize clients' and employees' risk of exposure to blood or potentially infectious material. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.210 Exposure incident.

"Exposure incident" means a person's eye, mouth, other mucous membrane,

non-intact skin or blood coming in contact with potentially infectious material as a result of body art activity. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.220 Instrument.

"Instrument" means approved equipment, devices, and components utilized to conduct body art activity, including but not limited to needles, needle bars, needle tubes, forceps, hemostats, tweezers, or other items used to insert pigment or dye, or to pierce, puncture or be inserted into any part of the human body, or to assist in such acts, for the intended purpose of making a tattoo or permanent hole. Such items also include studs, hoops, rings, or other decorative jewelry, materials or apparatuses. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.230 Manager.

"Manager" means the owner or other person designated by the owner to be the owner's on-site representative in a body art establishment, who shall meet the criteria and comply with the provisions set forth in Section 11.36.440. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.240 Mobile body art establishment.

"Mobile body art establishment" means a vehicle, conveyance or other mobile platform approved for use by the department as a body art establishment. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.250 Owner.

"Owner" or "operator" means the person, persons or legal entity having legal ownership of a business operating as a body art establishment. Any reference in this chapter to "owning" means having existing owner status. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.260 Permanent cosmetics.

~~"Permanent cosmetics" means any application of pigment to or under the skin of a person for the purpose of permanently or semi-permanently changing the color or appearance of the skin. This includes, but is not limited to, permanent or semi-permanent eyeliner, eye shadow, or lip color. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)~~

11.36.270 Permanent hole.

"Permanent hole" means a hole produced by piercing or puncturing any part of the body with instruments intended to leave an opening in body tissue in which a device or apparatus may be inserted. Permanent hole includes any body part newly pierced or punctured which is undergoing a healing process, and any piercing or puncture whether or not removal of the device or apparatus from the perforation

would result in fusing of the tissue structures. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.280 Potentially infectious material.

"Potentially infectious material" means human body fluids, including but not limited to, semen, vaginal secretions, cerebrospinal fluid, synovial fluid, pleural fluid, pericardial fluid, peritoneal fluid, amniotic fluid, and any other body fluid that is visibly contaminated with blood such as saliva or vomitus, and all body fluids in situations where it is difficult or impossible to differentiate between body fluids. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.290 Registration.

"Registration" means the process as set forth in Section 11.36.320 whereby persons wishing to be body art technicians file a completed registration form with the department as a prerequisite to conducting body art activities in any jurisdiction wherein this chapter is in force. Registration by the department shall not mean the registered body art technician has demonstrated to the department's satisfaction that the bearer has a level of competency sufficient to practice in this field. Registration shall remain valid for no more than three years. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.300 Tattoo.

"Tattoo" means to insert pigment, ink or dye under the surface of the skin of a person by pricking with a needle or otherwise, to permanently change the color or appearance of the skin or to produce an indelible mark or figure visible through the skin. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.310 Temporary body art establishment.

"Temporary body art establishment" means a location that is approved by the department as a body art establishment in conjunction with a temporary body art event. The temporary body art event shall be held for no more than 30 consecutive days in a 90 day period at a location. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 11.36.320 Registration.
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11.36.320 Registration.

- A. Every person conducting body art activity as defined in this chapter, or desiring to conduct such activity, on or after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter, shall file with the department a completed registration form, accompanied by the applicable fee as set by law.
- B. No person may be registered unless he or she is at least 18 years of age.
- C. Every person registering with the department to conduct body art activities must comply with the provisions for registration established through departmental regulations.
- D. Failure to provide all information required by departmental regulations or submission of false or misleading information shall make the registration invalid.
- E. The registrant shall be deemed registered with the department as a body art technician upon provision of a certificate of registration to the registrant by the department. Until such time as a certificate of registration is issued, the person is not authorized to conduct body art activity.
- F. Any registration issued by the department certifying that a person is registered with the department as a body art technician is nontransferable and is valid only for the person to whom it is issued.
- G. Registration shall be valid for three years from date of issuance unless made invalid earlier due to the registrant's failure to comply with departmental regulations. Upon expiration, any person desiring to continue to conduct body art activity must renew his or her registration and provide all required documentation, as specified in this section. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.330 Permits.

- A. Every person owning a body art establishment shall, within six months of the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter, obtain a public health facility permit pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of this chapter.
- B. Every person conducting body art activity shall, ~~within six months of the effective date of this chapter~~, obtain a public health operator permit pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of this chapter. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

Article 3
PLAN REVIEW - PERMIT - REGISTRATION

- 11.36.340 Plan review.
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- 11.36.390 Permit - Suspension and revocation and fines.

11.36.340 Plan review.

- A. No later than 60 days after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter, an existing owner must submit to the department three sets of complete legible plans of his or her body art establishment, drawn to scale, which shall include all specifications required under this chapter. The department will review the plans and approve or reject them within a reasonable time of submission. Nothing in this section shall require that plans or specifications be prepared by anyone other than the applicant.
- B. A person proposing to build or remodel a body art establishment or modify any vehicle or conveyance to be a mobile body art establishment, shall submit to the department complete legible plans, drawn to scale, which shall include all specifications required under this chapter. The department will review the plans and approve or reject them within a reasonable time after submission. No jurisdiction in which this ordinance is effective shall issue a building or other permit to build a body art establishment or a mobile body art establishment or to remodel an existing body art establishment, mobile body art establishment or temporary body art establishment until it has received verification the department has completed such a plan review and given its approval. Nothing in this section shall require that plans or specifications be prepared by anyone other than the applicant. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.350 Public health facility permit.

- A. Each person owning a body art establishment shall obtain a public health facility permit by meeting the requirements enumerated in departmental regulations.
- B. Upon review and verification that the owner has met the requirements enumerated in departmental regulations, the department shall issue a public health facility permit to the owner.
- C. No person may conduct any body art activity in a body art establishment unless that facility has a valid public health facility permit issued by the department. However, an existing owner must obtain such a valid public health facility

permit within six months of the effective date of this chapter.

- D. The department may at any time suspend or revoke the public health facility permit to operate as a body art establishment for failure to comply with any provision of this chapter.
- E. If a public health facility permit has been suspended or revoked by the department pursuant to this chapter, the permit may be reinstated by the department provided the department is satisfied that the cause for the suspension or revocation no longer exists and the condition of the body art establishment now meets the requirements for issuance of such public health facility permit pursuant to this chapter. The department may require the owner of such a body art establishment to make any changes necessary to comply with this chapter, satisfy any fines imposed pursuant to this chapter and to submit plans and specifications reflecting any required changes, as a condition of reinstating the public health facility permit.
- F. Any public health facility permit issued by the department to the owner of a body art establishment is nontransferable. The public health facility permit shall be valid for the approved facility only, and for the time period indicated, unless suspended or revoked. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.360

Public health operator permit.

- A. In addition to registering as set forth in Section 11.36.320, persons operating as a body art technician or a body art technician independent operator, or intending to do so, shall obtain a public health operator permit by filing a completed application form with the department and paying the required fee, and providing proof of registration as a body art technician with the department.
 - 1. During the year immediately following the effective date of this chapter, public health operator permits may be issued on a conditional basis. A person issued a conditional permit shall have up to six months from his or her date of application to provide the department with proof of successful completion of a blood borne pathogen training course that has been approved by the department. Failure to provide such proof within the prescribed time shall cause the person's conditional public health operator permit to be canceled forthwith.
 - 2. At all times after one year following the effective date of this chapter, each applicant must also provide the department with proof of successful completion of a blood borne pathogen training course that has been approved by the department.
- B. Upon successful completion of the application process described in subsection A of this section, the department shall issue a public health operator permit to the applicant.

- C. No person may conduct any body art activity in any jurisdiction adopting this chapter unless that person has a valid public health operator permit issued by the department.
- D. The department may at any time suspend or revoke the public health operator permit for failure to comply with any provision of this chapter.
- E. If a public health operator permit has been suspended or revoked by the department pursuant to this chapter, the permit may be reinstated by the department provided the department is satisfied that the cause for the suspension or revocation no longer exist and that the body art technician has met the requirements for issuance of such public health operator permit pursuant to this chapter. The department may require the body art technician to take any steps necessary to comply with this chapter, and satisfy any fines imposed pursuant to this chapter as a condition of reinstating the public health operator permit.
- F. Any public health operator permit issued by the department to a body art technician is nontransferable. The public health operator permit shall be valid for the approved body art technician only, and for the time period indicated, unless earlier suspended or revoked. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.370 Posting requirements.

- A. The public health facility permit issued to the owner of any facility operating as a body art establishment must be posted and exhibited at all times in an area that is visible to the public and clients of said establishment.
- B. The public health operator permit issued to a body art technician must be posted and exhibited at all times in an area that is visible to the public and clients of any body art establishment in which the body art technician is conducting body art activity.
- C. Every person registered with the department as a body art technician shall at all times prominently post the certificate of registration adjacent to his or her workstation in an area that is readily visible to clients from that location.
- D. Every establishment permitted to conduct body art activity pursuant to this chapter shall have posted at all times a legible sign at least one inch in lettering, that provides the following information so as to be clearly visible to patrons entering the establishment:

Any public health concerns regarding this establishment should be directed to the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services Office: (the program office address and telephone number to be provided by the county health officer).
- E. Every establishment permitted to conduct body art activity pursuant to this

chapter shall have posted at all times a legible sign in at least one inch lettering that provides the name of each body art technician conducting body art activities within the establishment in an area that is easily visible to the clients of said establishment.

- F. Every establishment permitted to conduct body art activity pursuant to this chapter shall have posted at all times a legible sign in at least one inch lettering in each restroom directing attention to the need for persons using the toilet to thoroughly wash their hands after such use.
- G. Every establishment permitted to conduct body art activity pursuant to this chapter shall have posted at all times a legible sign in at least two inch lettering at all workstations and cleaning rooms or areas, indicating that smoking is prohibited. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.380 Permit and registration - Reporting requirements.

Every person having a public health permit or registration with the department under the provisions of this chapter shall report to the department any changes in status to the business or activities made reportable by departmental regulations within 15 days of the change. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.390 Permit - Suspension and revocation and fines.

- A. Any permit issued pursuant to this chapter may be suspended or revoked by the department and fines consistent with the provisions of this chapter may be imposed by the department for a violation of this chapter or any other violation of law or standard creating a risk to public health and safety, including any violation of the Los Angeles County Code, the California Health and Safety Code, the blood borne pathogen standard, or the exposure control plan of the body art establishment at which body art activity is conducted, or any combination of such violations.
- B. Whenever the department finds that a body art technician is not in compliance with the requirements of this chapter, or any law or standard affecting public safety, including but not limited to the Los Angeles County Code, the California Health and Safety Code, blood borne pathogen standard, or the exposure control plan of the establishment at which body art activity is conducted, or any combination thereof, a written notice to comply shall be issued to the body art technician. The notice to comply shall include a statement of the deficiencies found, set forth the corrective measures necessary for the body art technician to be in compliance with this chapter, provide a compliance date by which such corrective measures must be completed and inform the body art technician that failure to comply within the prescribed time may result in the imposition of any penalty provided for in this chapter, including suspension and/or revocation of any and all permits or registrations. The notice to comply shall also advise the body art technician of his or her right to an administrative review under the provisions of this chapter.

- C. Whenever the department finds that an owner is not in compliance with the requirements of this chapter, or any law or standard affecting public safety, including but not limited to the Los Angeles County Code, the California Health and Safety Code, the blood borne pathogen standard, or the exposure control plan of the establishment at which body art activity is conducted, or any combination thereof, a written notice to comply shall be issued to the owner. The notice to comply shall include a statement of the deficiencies found, set forth the corrective measures necessary for the owner to be in compliance with this chapter, provide a compliance date by which such corrective measures must be completed and inform the owner that failure to comply within the prescribed time may result in the imposition of any penalty provided for in this chapter, including suspension and/or registration of any and all permits or registrations. The notice to comply shall also advise the owner of his or her right to an administrative review under the provisions of this chapter.
- D. A written request for an administrative review, as specified in subsections B and C of this section, above, must be made by the noticed person within 15 calendar days of the compliance date set forth in the notice to comply or any extension thereof later granted by the department. Failure to request an administrative review within the prescribed time shall be deemed a waiver of the right to an administrative review. The administrative review shall be held within 15 calendar days of the receipt of a written request for a review. Upon written request of an owner or body art technician or on its own motion, the department may advance or postpone the scheduled administrative review date, if good cause warrants such action.
- E. In the case of an administrative review, the department shall issue a written notice of decision to the subject person within five working days of the administrative review or waiver. In the event of suspension or revocation of any permit or registration, the notice of decision shall specify the acts or omissions found to be violations of this chapter and, in the case of a suspension, shall state the extent of a suspension. The notice of decision shall also state the reasons the body art technician's public health operator permit or an owner's public health facility permit has been suspended or revoked and the terms upon which such permit may be reinstated or reissued, if any.
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- F. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if any immediate danger to the public health or safety is found or is reasonably suspected, unless the condition is corrected forthwith, the department may immediately suspend any permit or registration issued pursuant to this chapter, initiate a criminal complaint and/or impose any fine permitted by this chapter, pending a determination of an administrative review as provided herein. Immediate danger to the public health and/or safety shall include any condition, based upon inspection findings or other evidence, that can cause, or is reasonably suspected of causing, infection or disease transmission, or any known or reasonably suspected hazardous condition.
1. Whenever a public health operator permit or public health facility permit

issued pursuant to this chapter is immediately suspended or a fine is imposed as the result of an immediate danger to the public health or safety, the department shall issue to the permittee so suspended or fined, a written notice to comply setting forth the acts or omissions with which the permittee is charged, specifying the sections of the Los Angeles County Code, California Health and Safety Code, blood borne pathogen standard, or the exposure control plan of the establishment at which body art activity is conducted, or the combination of alleged violations, and informing the permittee of the right to an administrative review.

2. At any time within 15 calendar days of service of such notice to comply, the permittee affected may request, in writing, an administrative review by the department to show cause why the imposed suspension or fine is unwarranted. The administrative review shall be held within 15 calendar days of the receipt of a request. A failure to request an administrative review within 15 calendar days shall be deemed a waiver of the right to such review.
 3. At any time prior to an administrative review or waiver thereof, the recipient of a notice to comply issued pursuant to this subsection F, may correct the deficiencies noted in the notice to comply and request a reinspection.
 4. In the case of a request for reinspection as set forth in subsection F3, above, the department shall reinspect as soon as practical and, in no event, later than the end of the third business day following the request for reinspection. In the event the deficiencies noted in the notice to comply are corrected to the satisfaction of the health officer, the department has discretion to reinstate or modify any suspension of a permit and cancel or modify any fine imposed pursuant to this subsection F. If the department determines that the deficiencies noted in the notice to comply have been corrected, but the department elects not to reinstate the suspension or cancel the fine imposed pursuant to this subsection F, the department shall notify the permittee of this decision in writing. The permittee shall have 15 calendar days from receipt of said notification to seek an administrative review of this decision.
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5. If upon reinspection, any deficiency noted in a notice to comply is not corrected to the satisfaction of the department, the department's decision regarding the deficiency may be the subject of an administrative review. The time for requesting such administrative review remains 15 days from service of the original notice to comply.
- G. The department may, after an administrative review or waiver thereof, modify, suspend, or revoke or continue all such action previously imposed upon a public health operator permit or public health facility permit issued pursuant to this chapter or impose any fine allowed herein for violations of this chapter or any other laws or standards affecting public health and safety, including but not

limited to the Los Angeles County Code, the California Health and Safety Code, the blood borne pathogen standard, or the exposure control plan of the establishment at which body art activity is conducted, or any combination thereof, or for interference with a county health officer's performance of duty.

- H. A public health operator permit issued or a public health facility permit issued pursuant to this chapter may be reissued or reinstated, if the department determines that the conditions which prompted the suspension or revocation no longer exist and any fine imposed pursuant to this chapter has been satisfied.
- I. A body art technician whose public health operator permit is suspended or revoked shall cease all body art activity unless and until the permit is reinstated or reissued.
- J. In the event a public health facility permit is suspended or revoked, the owner of the body art establishment shall cease to operate said facility as a body art establishment unless and until the public health facility permit is reinstated or reissued. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

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11.36.400 Compliance with chapter provisions required.

- A. The provisions of this chapter are in full force and effect in the county and in every municipal jurisdiction in the county adopting this chapter.
- B. Except as exempted under this chapter, every person who conducts a body art activity, as defined in this chapter, including any person owning or operating any business or establishment regulated by this chapter, must comply with the provisions of this chapter. Each person receiving services resulting from activities regulated by this chapter must also comply with the provisions of this chapter.
- C. Any person who operates a body art establishment without a valid public health facility permit, any person conducting any body art activity without a valid public health operator permit, unless exempted pursuant to this chapter, or any person, who violates any law, ordinance or regulation governing any activity regulated by this chapter, or who, upon demand of the county health officer, refuses or neglects to conform to a lawful order or directive of a county health officer pertaining to conduct regulated by this chapter, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by fine of \$1,000.00, imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months, or both. Each such act is punishable as a separate offense, and each subsequent day that an act continues constitutes a separate act punishable as a separate offense.
- D. Operating a body art establishment in violation of any provision of this chapter constitutes a misdemeanor, punishable as provided herein.
- E. Except as specified in an approved variance issued pursuant to subsection F of this section, it is unlawful for any person to conduct any body art activity in any manner not conforming with the provisions of this chapter.
- F. Any person seeking to conduct any activity or operate an establishment regulated by this chapter in a nonconforming manner must apply to the

department for a variance. Such application must include a detailed description of the proposed nonconforming activity, including but not limited to describing all involved equipment, instruments, processes, procedures and methods. The application must also include any available documentation that verifies that the nonconforming activity, when conducted as proposed, provides adequate safeguards to the public health and safety. In addition, the person seeking a variance must provide a pre-addressed envelope with postage paid. The application will be reviewed and approved or denied by the department, and the decision will be mailed to the applicant using the provided envelope. No person may conduct any activity or operate an establishment regulated by this chapter in a nonconforming manner without having an approved variance from the department in his or her possession. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.410 Communicable disease control.

If the department has reasonable cause to suspect a communicable disease is, or may be transmitted by any person conducting activities regulated by this chapter, or by any use of contaminated equipment, or by other unsanitary or unsafe conditions which may adversely impact the public health and safety, the department may do any or all of the following:

- A. Issue an order excluding from the permitted body art establishment any person responsible for transmitting a communicable disease, or reasonably believed to be responsible for transmitting a communicable disease, or reasonably believed to pose a substantial risk of transmitting a communicable disease, until the department determines there is no further risk to the public health and safety;
- B. Issue an order to immediately suspend the public health facility permit issued to the owner of the body art establishment until the department determines there is no further risk to the public health and safety;
- C. Issue an order to an owner, an employee or a client of a body art establishment, to provide information reasonably deemed necessary to prevent the spread of communicable disease. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.420 Health officer - Enforcement.

- A. The county health officer may enter and inspect any body art establishment or enter and inspect any location suspected of conducting any activity regulated by this chapter, and, for purposes of enforcing this chapter, the county health officer may issue notices and impose fines therein and take possession of any sample, photograph, record or other evidence, including any documents bearing upon the body art establishment's or body art technician's compliance with the provision of the chapter. Such inspections may be conducted as often as necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of this chapter. The county health officer shall prepare a written report of the results of the inspection and provide a copy of such report to the owner or body art technician, as appropriate. In the event any person is cited in the report for a violation of this

chapter, the cited person will be provided a notice to comply by either personal service or by first class mail to the cited person's last known address or to his or her place of employment.

B. Based upon inspection findings or other evidence, the county health officer may do any of the following:

1. Impound any equipment, device or supply that is found to be unsanitary, lacking any required approval, or otherwise in such condition that it poses a substantial risk to endanger the public health and safety;
2. Attach a tag to any equipment, device or supply that is found to be unsanitary, lacking any required approval, or is otherwise in such condition that it poses a substantial risk to endanger the public health and safety, which designates the tagged item as unauthorized for use. No person shall use the tagged item or move or remove the tag without authorization from the department. The department shall commence an administrative review within 30 days of an action impounding or tagging an item to assess the propriety of such action, or release said impounded item or remove the tag from said tagged item.

C. Within 90 days of the enactment of this chapter, the department shall establish departmental regulations, a copy of which shall be made available at no charge, upon request. As determined necessary by the department, the department may, from time to time, amend the departmental regulations. A copy of amendments shall also be made available at no charge, upon request. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.430 Owner responsibility.

The owner of a body art establishment is responsible for any violation by any person who does any body art activity with the owner's consent in the owner's body art establishment whether such person is an employee or a body art technician independent operator. Any such body art activity done with the owner's actual or constructive knowledge is presumed to be done with the owner's consent. (Ord. 99- 0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.440 Manager - Requirements.

A manager must have successfully completed the blood-borne pathogen training required for registrants under this chapter, be familiar with the provisions of this chapter and be capable of communicating the provisions of this chapter to employees and clients of the body art establishment wherein he or she acts as manager. A manager shall be present in the body art establishment during business hours and at all times during which body art activity is conducted therein. The manager shall immediately identify himself or herself to any county health officer entering the body art establishment on official county business. In the owner's absence, the manager shall be authorized to accept on behalf of the owner any

notice issued to the owner pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.450 Facilities held in common or shared.

A violation of any provision of this chapter occurring in an area of a facility held in common or shared by more than one body art establishment, which is related to the condition of the facility or any requirement for obtaining or maintaining a public health facility permit, shall be deemed a violation for which the owner of each such body art establishment is responsible. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.460 Noncompliance with county health officer - Injunctive relief.

Any act or failure to act which is a violation of this chapter may be the subject of a civil action to enjoin the person so acting or failing to act to conform his or her conduct to the provisions of this chapter. A civil action to enforce the provisions of this section may be brought by the county counsel, the district attorney or any person directly affected by said failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter. The filing and prosecution of such an action shall, in no way, limit the authority or ability to impose other requirements of this chapter or penalties enumerated hereunder. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.470 Exemptions.

- A. A physician licensed by the state of California under the Business and Professions Code, Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 2000 of Division 2) who utilizes body art activities as part of patient treatment is exempt from the registration and permitting requirements of this chapter.
- B. A person who exclusively engages in the piercing of the leading edge or earlobe of the ear shall be exempt from the permitting and registration requirements of this chapter, provided he or she does the following:
 - 1. Performs the procedure through the use of an approved ear perforating mechanical device to force the single-use stud or single-use needle through the tissue of the ear; and
 - 2. Utilizes a sterile, disposable, single-use stud or single-use solid needle.
(Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.480 Severability.

If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the chapter or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

Part 2
OPERATIONS

Article 1
EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN AND REPORTING

- 11.36.490 Exposure control plan.
- 11.36.500 Reporting requirements - Complications.
- 11.36.510 Equipment and instruments.
- 11.36.520 Record maintenance.

11.36.490 Exposure control plan.

The owner of every body art establishment shall provide a written exposure control plan, approved by the department, which shall be applicable to all those who perform body art activities within said establishment, describing how the requirements of this chapter will be implemented. The exposure control plan shall meet requirements established in departmental regulations. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.500 Reporting requirements - Complications.

~~All infections, complications or diseases resulting from the body art activity which become known to the owner or body art technician shall be reported to the department by the informed person within 24 hours of acquiring such knowledge. Should department offices be closed at such times as to make notification within 24 hours impossible, the informed person shall mail written notification to the department within 24 hours of acquiring such knowledge and follow this by providing the department with oral notification within five working days of acquiring the knowledge. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)~~

11.36.510 Equipment and instruments.

~~All equipment and instruments utilized in conducting body art activity shall be used and maintained in accordance with departmental regulations. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)~~

11.36.520 Record maintenance.

- A. The owner of the body art establishment shall maintain records as required by departmental regulations.
- B. Upon cessation of business, the owner of the body art establishment shall forward to the department copies of all records maintained pursuant to this chapter or other departmental policies. Said copies must be provided to the department within 30 calendar days of closure. The revocation of a public

health facility permit issued to an owner of a body art establishment shall be deemed a cessation of business for purposes of this subsection upon exhaustion or waiver of the rights to appeal such revocation. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

**Article 2
CLIENTS**

- 11.36.530 Application for body art procedure - Consent form.
- 11.36.540 Restricted clients.

11.36.530 Application for body art procedure - Consent form.

- A. All persons desiring a body art activity shall complete an application for body art activity and a consent form, which shall be provided by the establishment or body art technician independent operator and which must meet the requirements established in departmental regulations. It is the responsibility of the body art technician or body art technician independent operator to ensure the prospective client completes the form and initials it in such manner as to fully demonstrate that he or she has been informed of the risks and side effects directly and indirectly associated with the body art activities requested and gives his or her informed consent to have the contemplated activity performed.
- B. The body art technician shall advise the client orally of all information contained on the application and consent form prior to the client completing and initialing the consent form and prior to commencing any body art activity. The body art technician shall explain all aftercare instructions. The client shall indicate receipt of oral and written aftercare instructions by initialing the consent form in the appropriate box or area. Upon completion of the body art activity, the body art technician shall repeat the after care instructions and precautions to the client, and the client shall initial and date at the appropriate place on the consent form to indicate this has occurred.
- C. The establishment shall retain the original of the completed application for body art activity and consent form, and a copy shall be provided to the client. (Ord. 99- 0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.540 Restricted clients.

Nipple and genital piercing shall not be performed on any person under 18 years of age. Tattoos and permanent cosmetics shall not be applied to any person under 18 years of age, except when authorized by a physician and performed with the consent and in the presence of the person's parent or guardian. Persons under 18 years of age may receive body piercing to body parts other than nipples or genitalia provided the body piercing is performed with the consent and in the presence of the person's parent or guardian. For any procedure restricted under this section to persons age 18 years of age or older or requiring the presence and consent of the person's parent or guardian, both the minor and his or her parent or guardian shall provide a valid picture identification, provide proof of parentage or legal guardianship and complete a consent form which conforms with the requirements established in departmental regulations.

Tattooing, permanent cosmetics, or body piercing shall not be performed on skin surfaces which have sunburn, rash, pimples, infection, open lesions, mole, or manifest any evidence of unhealthful conditions, without a physician's written statement authorizing the body art activity under such condition.

Body art activity shall not be performed on any person who, in the opinion of the body art technician, has impaired judgement due to use of drugs or alcohol or for any other reason. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

**Article 3
PROCEDURE**

- 11.36.550 Technician condition.
- 11.36.560 Procedures and preparation.
- 11.36.570 Hepatitis B vaccination status - Declination.

11.36.550 Technician condition.

- A. No body art technician whose judgment is impaired for any reason shall perform any body art activity while in such condition.
- B. No body art technician affected with a rash, infection, boils, infected wounds, open sores, abrasions, keloids, weeping dermatological lesions, or acute respiratory infection shall conduct any body art activity or work in any area of a body art establishment in any capacity in which there is a likelihood that such person could contaminate instruments, equipment, or surfaces or come in contact with another person. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.560 Procedures and preparation.

Body art activities shall be conducted in accordance with the sanitation and preparation procedures set forth in departmental regulations. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.570 Hepatitis B vaccination status - Declination.

A body art technician shall make available upon request his or her hepatitis B vaccination information as required by departmental regulations. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

**Article 4
RESTRICTIONS**

11.36.580 Prohibited procedures and activities.

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It is a violation of this chapter for any person to perform or conduct any activities or procedures upon any person that endanger the health or safety of that person, regardless of the consent of the recipient.

An invasive procedure or activity, whether or not such procedure or activity constitutes the practice of medicine under the applicable law, endangers the recipient's health and safety unless performed by a person possessing medical expertise. Such prohibited procedures and activities include but are not limited to activities or procedures requiring an injection, cutting of skin or subcutaneous tissue or bone, implantation, branding, deep tissue penetration, threading, stapling, suturing, stitching or pocketing of skin or tissue, or any procedure to reduce the size of or close an orifice, or remove or reduce the size of any skin, cartilage, tissue, organ, or appendage or placement of chemicals or substances onto the skin for purposes of scarring or keloid formation or insertion of chemicals or other solutions into or under the skin surface.

Any such procedure or activity shall be conducted only by a licensed medical doctor or by a person specifically authorized by law to conduct the procedure or activity and only when otherwise permitted by law. Such procedure or activity shall only be conducted at a facility approved for the conduct of such procedure or activity by the appropriate authority under the applicable laws. Further, no such procedure or activity shall be conducted by a body art technician unless he or she is specifically authorized by law to perform such procedure or activity.

It is a violation of this chapter for any person to use in the conduct of body art activity or dispense any drug, chemical, agent or device that requires a licensed medical practitioner's authorization or prescription for use, application or to dispense, without such medical practitioner's authorization or prescription. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

Part 3
MOBILE BODY ART ESTABLISHMENTS

- 11.36.590 General requirement.
- 11.36.600 Vehicle plan check requirements.
- 11.36.610 Restricted use.
- 11.36.620 Equipment.
- 11.36.630 Body art temporary event requirements.
- 11.36.640 Sponsor requirements.
- 11.36.650 Permit requirements.
- 11.36.660 Operating requirements.
- 11.36.670 Record maintenance.

11.36.590 General requirement.

In addition to complying with all of the other requirements of this chapter, mobile body art establishments and body art technicians conducting body art activity from a mobile body art establishment shall also comply with all of the provisions of this Part 3. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.600 Vehicle plan check requirements.

- A. A person applying for a public health facility permit to use a vehicle as a mobile body art establishment shall submit detailed plans and specifications of the vehicle to the department for approval. The vehicle shall be made available to the department for inspection, at a time and place prescribed by the department, prior to issuance of a public health facility permit. The applicant shall pay all required fees to the department at the time of application.
- B. Department approval of a vehicle shall be valid for one year, unless modifications are made to the vehicle after the date of approval, in which case the owner must reapply in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.610 Restricted use.

The mobile body art establishment shall be used only for the purpose of performing body art activities at a body art temporary event. No habitation or cooking is permitted inside the vehicle. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.620 Equipment.

A mobile body art establishment shall be equipped in accordance with and otherwise meet all requirements of departmental regulations. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.630 Body art temporary event requirements.

At least 30 days in advance of the event, any person requesting to use a vehicle at a body art temporary event for the purpose of conducting body art activity shall submit detailed plans and specifications of the event, as required by departmental regulations, to the department for approval. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.640 Sponsor requirements.

At least 30 days in advance of the event, a body art temporary event sponsor that is providing space at an event for a mobile body art establishment shall submit detailed plans and specifications of the event, as required by departmental regulations, to the department. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.650 Permit requirements.

- A. A public health facility permit shall only be issued to the owner of a mobile body art establishment that meets department standards and otherwise conforms to the provisions of this chapter, and such permit shall only be issued to authorize body art activities in conjunction with a body art temporary event. The permit period may not exceed 30 consecutive days or the duration of the event, whichever is the shorter period of time. Multiple public health facility permits shall not be issued to an owner to operate a mobile body art establishment for any period of time totaling more than 30 consecutive days in any 90 day period. A separate public health facility permit shall be required for each body art temporary event. The public health facility permit shall not be transferable from one mobile body art establishment to any other body art establishment.
- B. An unpermitted body art technician desiring a public health operator permit to conduct body art activities at a temporary body art event shall obtain a permit under the provisions of this chapter at least 30 days in advance of the temporary body art event. No body art activity may be conducted at any mobile body art establishment by any person who has not obtained a public health operator permit pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. Such public health operator permit is valid only for conducting body art activity in mobile body art establishments approved by the department and only for such dates and times that the department has approved such an establishment for a permit.
- C. A body art technician holding a valid public health operator permit issued by the department who intends to conduct body art activity at a temporary body art event must notify the department in writing at least 15 days in advance of the temporary body art event that he or she intends to conduct body art activity at such event, provide the name of the owner of the mobile body art establishment in which the body art activity will be conducted and specify the body art activity he or she intends to conduct.
- D. The owner of a mobile body art establishment shall be responsible for ensuring

compliance with all other applicable regulations and requirements, including, but not limited to, zoning, permit and business license requirements.

- E. All establishment and operator permits and other information required by this chapter to be posted shall be posted in clear view of the clients. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.660 Operating requirements.

Body art technicians conducting any body art activity in a mobile body art establishment shall do so in conformance with the provisions of this chapter. All such body art activity shall be conducted in a mobile body art establishment that has onboard a public health facility permit issued by the department valid for that vehicle, time and place. No such body art activity may be performed outside of the enclosure of the mobile body art establishment. Mobile body art establishments shall provide full protection from contamination, filth, and debris to all instruments, equipment, devices, surfaces, clients and body art technicians. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.670 Record maintenance.

The operator must maintain all records and documents in accordance with the provisions established in departmental regulations. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

Part 4
TEMPORARY BODY ART ESTABLISHMENTS

- 11.36.680 General requirement.
- 11.36.690 Event requirements.
- 11.36.700 Sponsor requirements.
- 11.36.710 Permit requirements.
- 11.36.720 Operating requirements.
- 11.36.730 Record maintenance.

11.36.680 General requirement.

In addition to complying with all of the other requirements of this chapter, temporary body art establishments and body art technicians conducting body art activity from a temporary body art establishment shall also comply with all of the provisions of this Part 4. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.690 Event requirements.

At least 30 days in advance of the event, any person requesting approval to conduct body art activity in conjunction with a body art temporary event shall submit detailed plans and specifications of the event, as required by departmental regulations, to the department for approval. The person requesting such approval must meet all requirements established in departmental regulations for a body art temporary event. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.700 Sponsor requirements.

A body art temporary event sponsor that is providing space at an event for a temporary body art establishment shall submit detailed plans and specifications of the event in accordance with departmental regulations to the department at least 30 days prior to commencement of the event. The sponsor must also meet all other requirements established in departmental regulations for temporary body art events. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.710 Permit requirements.

- A. A public health facility permit shall only be issued to the owner of a temporary body art establishment that meets department standards and otherwise conforms to the provisions of this chapter. Such permit shall only be issued to authorize body art activities in conjunction with a body art temporary event. The permit period may not exceed 30 consecutive days or the duration of the event, which ever is the shorter period of time. Multiple public health facility permits shall not be issued to an individual to operate a temporary body art establishment for any period of time totaling more than 30 consecutive days in any 90 day period. A separate public health facility permit shall be obtained for

each body art temporary event. The public health facility permit shall not be transferable from one temporary body art establishment to any other body art establishment.

- B. An unpermitted body art technician desiring a public health operator permit to conduct body art activities in a temporary body art establishment shall obtain a permit under the provisions of this chapter at least 30 days in advance of the temporary body art event. No body art activity may be conducted at any temporary body art establishment by any person who has not obtained a public health operator permit pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. Such public health operator permit is valid only for conducting body art activity in temporary body art establishments approved by the department and only for such dates and times that the department has approved such an establishment for licensure.
- C. A body art technician holding a valid public health operator permit issued by the department who intends to conduct body art activity at a temporary body art event must notify the department in writing at least 15 days in advance of the temporary body art event that he or she intends to conduct body art activity at such event, provide the name of the owner of the temporary body art establishment in which the body art activity will be conducted and specify the body art activity he or she intends to conduct.
- D. The owner of a temporary body art establishment shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with all other applicable regulations and requirements, including, but not limited to, zoning, permit and business license requirements.
- E. All establishment and operator permits and other information required by this chapter to be posted shall be posted in clear view of the patrons. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.720 Operating requirements.

Body art technicians conducting any body art activity in a temporary body art establishment shall do so in conformance with the provisions of this chapter. All such body art activity shall be conducted in a temporary body art establishment that has a public health facility permit issued by the department valid for that establishment, time and place. No such body art activity may be performed outside of the temporary body art establishment. Temporary body art establishments shall provide full protection from contamination, filth, and debris to all instruments, equipment, devices, surfaces, clients and body art technicians. Body art activities shall not be conducted in an outdoor environment. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.730 Record maintenance.

The operator must maintain all records and documents in accordance with all applicable provisions in this chapter. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

Part 5
EXPOSURE CONTROL TRAINING

- 11.36.740 Blood borne pathogen training course - Requirements.
- 11.36.750 Blood borne pathogen training course - Examination.
- 11.36.760 Blood borne pathogen training course - Provider.

11.36.740 Blood borne pathogen training course - Requirements.

Any course taken by a person to fulfill the requirements set forth in this chapter relating to exposure control or blood borne pathogen training for registration with the department as a body art technician shall be approved by the department and meet the minimum requirements established in departmental regulations. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.750 Blood borne pathogen training course - Examination.

Any person desiring to register with the department as a body art technician shall complete a blood borne pathogen training course approved by the department and demonstrate knowledge of the required subjects through submission of documentation of attendance and completion of the course, and provide proof that he or she achieved a passing grade of 70 percent or more on the final examination. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.760 Blood borne pathogen training course - Provider.

- A. Any person desiring department approval for purposes of this chapter of a training course curriculum for exposure control training or blood borne pathogen training shall make application to the department as follows: the applicant shall provide to the department a copy of a the course outline, a sample lesson plan, a statement of the examination method, a sample examination and any other documentation necessary for the department to evaluate the course to ensure the course complies with all applicable provisions of this chapter. Applicants shall be notified by the department within 30 days of application of the department's decision on the approval or rejection of the course.
- B. The course instructor must possess a high level of expertise in all areas covered by the training program and be otherwise qualified to conduct the training. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

**Part 6
CIVIL FINES**

- 11.36.770 Civil fines.
- 11.36.780 Amount.
- 11.36.790 Effect on permits.

11.36.770 Civil fines.

In addition to any other penalty provided for under this chapter, consistent with the process set forth herein for notice and administrative review, the department may impose a fine on persons violating any provision of this chapter or any law, regulation or standard incorporated into this chapter. The department may impose a fine upon such violators in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 per violation, as appropriate. The imposition of such fines shall, in no way, limit the authority or ability to impose other requirements of this chapter or seek other remedies against alleged violators. (Ord. 99- 0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.780 Amount.

In establishing the amount of the fine for each violation, the department will consider the following:

- A. The gravity and magnitude of the violation;
- B. The violator's previous record of complying or of failing to comply with the provision of this chapter;
- C. The violator's history in taking all feasible steps or in following all procedures necessary or appropriate to correct the violation; and,
- D. Any other considerations the department deems appropriate. (Ord. 99- 0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

11.36.790 Effect on permits.

- A. All fines imposed pursuant to this chapter must be satisfied in the manner prescribed by the department before a permit issued under this chapter to the violator may be reinstated or reissued.
- B. Failure to satisfy a fine imposed pursuant to this chapter in the manner prescribed by the department may result in suspension or revocation of the public health operator permit or public health facility permit issued to the violator. (Ord. 99- 0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)

Part 7
REPEAL PROVISION

11.36.800 Repeal.

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The provisions of this chapter shall remain in effect until the enactment of state laws or the promulgation of state regulations that control the conduct of body art activity, as defined herein. Upon the effective date of such enactment or promulgation, to the extent any provision of this chapter conflicts or is preempted by said enactment or promulgation, said conflicting or preempted provision is repealed in its entirety. (Ord. 99-0039 § 14 (part), 1999.)



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Tattoos and piercings: What to know beforehand

A tattoo or piercing may take only a few minutes or hours to acquire, but invest plenty of thought and research before getting one. If you take steps to protect yourself from possible risks, what seems like a cool idea now is less likely to turn into a source of regret later.

Tattoos: Permanent body art

A tattoo is a permanent mark or design made on your skin with pigments inserted through pricks into the skin's top layer.

How is it done?

During the procedure, a needle that's connected to a small machine with tubes containing dye pierces the skin repeatedly — an action that resembles that of a sewing machine. With every puncture, the needle inserts tiny ink droplets. The process, which may last up to several hours for a large tattoo, causes a small amount of bleeding and minor to potentially significant pain.

What are the risks?

Tattooed artwork involves breaching one of your body's main protective barriers — the skin. This means you can be more susceptible to skin infections and other skin reactions. Specific risks include:

- **Blood-borne diseases.** If the equipment used to create your tattoo is contaminated with the blood of an infected person, you can contract a number of serious blood-borne diseases. These include hepatitis C, hepatitis B, tetanus, tuberculosis and HIV — the virus that causes AIDS.
- **Skin disorders.** Your body may form bumps called granulomas around tattoo ink, especially if your tattoo includes red ink. Tattooing can also cause areas of raised, excessive scarring (keloids), if you're prone to them.
- **Skin infections.** Tattoos can lead to local bacterial infections. Typical signs and symptoms of an infection include redness, warmth, swelling and a pus-like drainage. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has linked clusters of potentially serious antibiotic-resistant skin infections to unlicensed tattoo artists who don't follow proper infection-control procedures. Some antibiotic-resistant skin infections can lead to

pneumonia, bloodstream infections and a painful, flesh-destroying condition called necrotizing fasciitis.

- **Allergic reactions.** Tattoo dyes, particularly red dye, can cause allergic skin reactions, resulting in an itchy rash at the tattoo site. This may occur even years after you get the tattoo.
- **MRI complications.** Rarely, tattoos or permanent makeup may cause swelling or burning in the affected areas during magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) exams. In some cases — such as when a person with permanent eyeliner has an MRI of the eye — tattoo pigments may interfere with the quality of the image.

Tattoo care

How you care for your new artwork depends on the type and extent of work done. Your tattoo artist should provide you with detailed instructions about how to care for the tattoo — such as cleaning the tattoo with soap and water, applying moisturizer regularly and avoiding sun exposure for at least the first few weeks.

Tattoos may take up to several days to heal. Don't pick at scabs, which increases the risk of infection and can damage the design and cause scarring.

Tattoo removal

A common problem with tattoos is dissatisfaction. Some tattoos fade. If the tattoo artist injects the color too deeply into your skin, the dye can drift — causing a blurred design. You may also decide that the tattoo no longer fits your current image or that the once-stylish design has become dated.

Tattoos are meant to be permanent, so their complete removal is difficult. Several removal techniques exist, but regardless of the method used, scarring and skin color variations are likely to remain. Methods include:

- **Laser surgery.** This is the most effective way to reduce the appearance of a tattoo. Pulses of laser light pass through the top layer of skin and the energy of the light is absorbed by the pigment in the tattoo. This process creates a very low grade of inflammation and allows your body to process the small areas of altered pigment. You may require as many as 12 treatments over a year to lighten the tattoo, and the treatment might not completely erase it.
- **Dermabrasion.** The tattoo area is chilled until numb, and the skin that contains the tattoo is sanded down to deeper levels. This generally isn't painful, but it may leave a scar.
- **Surgical removal.** A doctor can surgically cut out the tattoo and stitch the edges back together, but this can leave a scar.

Body piercing: Jewelry for body adornment

Body piercing is the insertion of jewelry into an opening made in the ear, nose, eyebrow, lip, tongue or other area of the body. Body piercing holds risks similar to tattoos. But due to improvements in safety procedures and equipment, the

popular practice of earlobe piercing is viewed as generally less risky than other body piercings.

How is it done?

Body piercing is traditionally done without anesthesia to dull the pain. When getting your earlobes pierced, a single-use, sterilized, ear piercing device or an ear piercing gun with sterilized, disposable cartridges may be safest. The single-use piercing device or gun typically includes one earring stud and clasp and comes in individually wrapped sterile packages.

For body piercings (other than in the earlobe), the practitioner pushes a hollow needle through a body part then inserts a piece of jewelry into the hole. Some practitioners may use a reusable piercing gun for these types of piercings. The devices are difficult to sterilize, however, and can more easily damage the skin.

What are the risks?

Anytime the skin is punctured, there is a risk of infection. Specific risks include:

- **Blood-borne diseases.** If the equipment used to do your piercing is contaminated with the blood of an infected person, you can contract a number of serious blood-borne diseases. These include hepatitis C, hepatitis B, tetanus, tuberculosis and HIV — the virus that causes AIDS.
- **Allergic reactions.** Some piercing jewelry is made of nickel or brass, which can cause allergic reactions.
- **Oral complications.** Jewelry worn in tongue piercings can chip and crack your teeth and damage your gums.
- **Skin infections.** Typical signs and symptoms of an infection include redness, swelling, pain and a pus-like discharge. Infections from piercings in the upper ear cartilage are especially serious. Antibiotics are often ineffective. Because cartilage doesn't have its own blood supply, the drug can't reach the infection site. Such infection can lead to cartilage damage and serious, permanent ear deformity.
- **Scars and keloids.** Body piercing can cause scars and keloids — ridged areas caused by an overgrowth of scar tissue.

Piercing care

Follow-up care for your piercing depends on the body part pierced. If you have an oral piercing (tongue or lip), use an antibacterial, alcohol-free mouth rinse for 30 to 60 seconds after meals while your piercing heals. Use a new soft-bristled toothbrush after the piercing to avoid introducing bacteria into your mouth.

If you have a skin piercing (nose, ears, eyebrow, navel), rinse the site in warm water and use a cotton swab to gently remove any crusting. Then apply a dab of a liquid medicated cleanser to the area. Gently turn the jewelry back and forth to work the cleanser around the opening. Avoid alcohol and peroxide, which can dry the skin. Also avoid ointments, which keep oxygen from reaching the piercing and can leave a sticky residue.

Piercing removal

Piercings often heal over — sometimes quickly — once you remove the jewelry that keeps the hole open.

Precautions to protect yourself

You can decrease the possibility of complications if you go to a reputable piercing or tattoo studio that employs only properly trained and licensed employees. Choose an establishment that's clean and tidy. Also look for and ask about the following:

- **An autoclave.** An autoclave is a heat sterilization machine that should be used to sterilize all nondisposable equipment after each customer. Instruments and supplies that can't be sterilized with an autoclave should be disinfected with a commercial disinfectant or bleach solution after each use. These include drawer handles, tables and sinks.
- **Fresh equipment.** An unused, sterile needle should be used for all piercings. If you're getting a tattoo, watch the tattoo artist and make sure he or she removes a needle and tubes from a sealed package before your procedure begins. Any pigments, trays and containers should be unused as well.
- **Gloves.** The piercer or tattoo artist must wash his or her hands and put on a fresh pair of latex gloves for each procedure. The piercer or tattoo artist should change those gloves if he or she needs to touch anything else, such as the telephone, during the procedure.
- **Single-use piercing devices.** When piercing your ears, make sure that single-use piercing devices or a piercing gun with sterilized, disposable cassettes are used. Don't receive a piercing from a reusable piercing gun. These devices typically can't be autoclaved, which may increase your risk of infection. Avoid piercing guns when piercing other body parts. A piercing gun may crush your skin during the piercing, causing more injury.
- **Appropriate hypoallergenic jewelry.** Brass and nickel jewelry can cause allergic reactions. Look for surgical-grade steel, titanium, 14- or 18-karat gold, or a metal called niobium.

If you're considering a tattoo or piercing, understand the risks and research the process beforehand. Get your body art done correctly and use proper care afterward to reduce the risks.

By Mayo Clinic Staff
Aug 17, 2007

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Yu-Ying Ting

From: Jackie Drasco on behalf of City Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2007 9:08 AM
To: Alan Meyer
Cc: Yu-Ying Ting
Subject: RE: Let's keep the balance in HB!!!

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Mr. Meyer – I will forward your email to the Community Development Department

Jackie Drasco
 Deputy City Clerk
 City of Hermosa Beach

From: Alan Meyer [mailto:ameyer@isc-usa.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2007 8:52 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Let's keep the balance in HB!!!

Attn: All commissioners

We have lived in Hermosa Beach 14 years; 2 sons 9 and 12 go to Valley; we love it here;

I want to keep this "small" community small without increasing the potential "slim factor" or potential crime centers!

1. The Tender Box has been a good neighbor for many years; maybe their expansion was an honest mistake maybe a calculated business decision to expand the viewing rooms upstairs. WE WANT THE STATUS QUO! Just like the recent ComRev situation this is NOT GOOD for anyone in the community except the owner. I'm not asking you close them down; but to follow the law now and in the future!

2. I realize that Tattoo's are all the rage and I see no harm. If my kids want a little discreet one; OK... blazoned across their bodies they both know they'd be thrown out of my home.

BUT we DO NOT NEED a LARGE PARLOR with a huge parking lots. Usually tat stores are discreet out of the way places; not a former donut shop that EVERYONE who drives in Hermosa will pass by. GOD, the traffic and people "hanging out" will be BAD. The police will have to patrol 24/7! bet they'd have to include them in their already busy schedule as a target location to KEEP PATROLLING!!!
 YOUR JOB IS TO HELP KEEP OUR TOWN SAFE AND SOUND....this is not the way

Thank you.

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AYES: Kersenboom, Perrotti, Pizer
NOES: None
ABSENT: Allen, Hoffman
ABSTAIN: None

11. TEXT 07-5 -- Text amendment to allow tattoo businesses / body art studios in the C-3 zone subject to a Conditional Use Permit, or other zone as deemed appropriate.

Staff Recommended Action: To recommend approval of said text amendment.

Acting Director Robertson stated that based on the direction from the Commission at its last meeting, staff has prepared a text amendment to allow body art studios in the C-3 zones subject to a conditional use permit; and advised that the C-3 zone specifically includes Pacific Coast Highway and Aviation Boulevard corridors and the SPA zones along the PCH corridor. He explained that the ordinance defines body art studios as any establishment where the principle activity is tattooing and/or body piercing; that it is also defined as the art of coloring the skin with a needle by injecting ink/dye or other coloring material upon or under the skin so as to leave a permanent mark or design on the skin; and he pointed out that tattooing does not include the application of permanent makeup that is performed as in incidental service in a beauty salon. He added that body piercing is defined as creating an opening in the human body for the purpose of inserting jewelry or other decorations. He stated the conditional use permit will be subject to the requirement that it be located 1,000 feet from any other body art studio; that it will be subject to the requirement the studio be closed from 11:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M.; and that it will be required to obtain a public health facility permit as required by the Los Angeles County Health Department. He pointed out the County Health Department has many rules that govern the use and licensing of these establishments, such as requiring a plan approval by the County, registration of tattoo artists, and requiring clients of tattoos to be at least 18 years old unless consent is given by a parent/guardian, to name a few.

Vice-Chairman Perrotti asked if these establishments would have the same parking criteria as retail or service; and noted his support to not allow anyone inside the premises if they are not at least 18 years old.

Acting Director Robertson indicated yes, they would have the same parking criteria; and mentioned that not allowing individuals 17 years of age and younger on the premises is more restrictive than the County regulations.

Responding to Vice-Chairman Perrotti's comment, Assistant City Attorney Feldman stated it may be better to consider that age issue with each business application that comes before the Commission, considering the impacts that will be generated from that specific business.

Vice-Chairman Perrotti asked why the beauty salons have been exempted with the permanent makeup applications.

Acting Director Robertson stated permanent makeup is a common practice already in beauty salons and noted that staff has not seen any negative impacts from that use.

Chairman Kersenboom opened the public hearing.

Cheri Beaupre, Gardena, stated she certifies the body artists in the industry; and she presented

this evening a petition with 300 signatures indicating support for this type business in Hermosa Beach. She stated that this type business is a tranquil, quiet business, unlike many of the problematic businesses on Pier Avenue. She advised that permanent makeup has the same health issues that are regulated by Los Angeles Health Department and stated that permanent makeup application should be categorized the same as body art/tattooing. She advised that with permanent makeup applications, the same tattoo instruments and ink are used. She advised that ear piercing is done at various malls without a parent's consent and stated these piercings shouldn't be allowed in a general retail establishment. She added that the tattoo artists take tests to prove they are qualified. She pointed out that people from all walks of life are getting tattoos these days.

Vice-Chairman Perrotti asked if there is a certification program for body art, noting his main concern relates to health issues.

Ms. Beaupre stated that in order to successfully pass through an academy such as the one she operates, the tattoo artist has to prove they have skills; advised that each artist must apprentice for a period of time within someone's shop; and noted that the artists obtain annual updates for their certification. She once again offered her assistance to staff in drafting this test amendment. She stated she teaches a course in sterilization, cross contamination, blood borne pathogen transmission, trains on how to complete the OSHA compliance forms, the logs for how they remove their trash and needle containers, noting all of this is mandated/regulated by the County. She stated if an artist does not successfully complete these courses, they do not get certified. She advised that every certificate is numbered; that the Health Department has the corresponding photo of their driver's licenses all on file; and that if there is ever a problem, the City can call the Health Department to address any concern. She stated these artists are honest, hard working individuals.

Ms. Beaupre noted for Commissioner Pizer there is no state certification at this time other than the fact the artist has to prove they run a safe and healthy business.

Bill Hedrick, resident, questioned if ex-felons are allowed to work in this profession and whether Hermosa Beach could prevent them from working in this community.

Johnny Anderson, Redondo Beach, stated he owns a high end professional tattoo shop in Gardena; advised that his entire staff has been certified in the blood borne pathogens program that Ms. Beaupre was speaking about; and pointed out that his shop has gone above and beyond the County Health Department requirements to ensure that all the tattoos they do are very sterile/antiseptic. He offered his assistance should staff be seeking additional help with this text amendment.

Ashley Beck, resident, noted his support of a good tattoo shop in Hermosa Beach, but indicated he would like to see a low number of these establishments.

Vice-Chairman Perrotti pointed out there would be 1,000 feet separating these establishments, noting that would help to limit the number in the City.

Robert Moest, attorney representing Mr. Anderson, noted he has contacted staff on Mr. Anderson's behalf to open a similar use in this community; and expressed his belief this text amendment is a good step forward, focusing on the need to make sure the tattoo establishments comply with County Health requirements. He pointed out that in the last few years, tattoo artistry has exploded in popularity; advised that underground/illegal tattooing can

create health risks, but stated that the tattooing done in legal shops/establishments are very safe. He advised that Los Angeles County's health regulations concerning tattooing is one of the most aggressive/stringent and well-drawn in the nation as far as protecting the health of patrons; mentioned that some studies indicate the greater risk is to the person giving the tattoo, not the person receiving the tattoo; but added the County's regulations protect both individuals. He pointed out that Mr. Anderson is a nationally recognized tattoo artist, involved in shows all over the country and winning a number of awards for his work; and expressed his belief the City would benefit from Mr. Anderson having a business in Hermosa Beach. He stated this is a different time where this expression of art is widely accepted, and stated it should be permitted in Hermosa Beach.

Jim Ferrell stated he owns a business on PCH and expressed his belief the text amendment should not include all C-3 zoning, stating this zoning is located across the street from the Community Center, next to schools, and next to places where children may be influenced by the positioning of the business and the temptation it may provide. He suggested modifying some of the C-3 zones to get away from the schools and to look more closely at where this business may be better suited, yet allow for this type of business to grow and flourish.

Roger Bacon, resident, recommended that people read about the negative impacts of tattooing and piercings, such as blood diseases, bone diseases, skin disorders/infections, allergic reactions, MRI complications; and he commented on what he believes was an inadequate public hearing notice concerning this matter at the prior meeting. He suggested that a more suitable location for these type businesses might be the Pier Plaza area, not PCH and Aviation; and asked why this City can't exclude this use entirely. He noted his concern with this type establishment near his shopping center, addressing his concern for the children attending Valley School, young adults, and the mentally handicapped individuals who routinely visit this shopping center. He asked that this matter be continued to allow for more community input.

Jim Lissner, resident, questioned who would want to rent next door to a tattoo establishment, expressing his belief it would harm the area and its business; expressed his belief that other zoning should be considered if this use is approved, suggesting possibly the Plaza area. He noted his opposition to the 1,000 spacing limitation, believing it is not enough and that it would create a poor impression of this City and PCH and lower its property values. He suggested that since the work is done by appointment, that these establishments be located in a professional medical building and not advertised with signs to run down the neighborhood. He stated there is no upside for the City in approving these establishments.

Chairman Kersenboom closed the public hearing.

Vice-Chairman Perrotti mentioned that in the older days, the only people who typically had tattoos were bikers or service men that used tattoos as a means of identification; but stated that much has changed in recent years, making this activity very popular. He quoted from a July *Newsweek* article about this industry, "According to the American Academy of Dermatology, 36 percent of young people between the ages of 18 and 29 have a tattoo, and the number is rising"; quoted from a July *Los Angeles Times* article, "Nearly 50 percent of Americans between the ages of 21 and 32 have at least one tattoo or piercing other than in an ear, according to a 2006 study by the University of Chicago and Northwestern University"; and stated this industry has become more prevalent, especially with the younger people and that it's becoming more acceptable to people of all ages and walks of life. He expressed his belief that if this text amendment is adopted, the majority of the clientele will be from around the nearby South Bay area. He suggested a closing hour of 10:00 P.M. He stated that the C-3 zone is a better

location than Pier Avenue; that he does not believe it should be on the Plaza; and noted his support of the ordinance, with the closing time of 10:00 P.M.

Commissioner Pizer expressed his belief there is no good location in this city for these type establishments; and stated that this matter should be continued to a full Commission hearing and to allow more public comment. He pointed out the adjacent cities do not allow this use.

Chairman Kersenboom noted his support to continue this matter to a full Commission; and noted his concurrence with the 10:00 P.M. closure and suggested possibly limiting the number of establishments to two in this City.

MOTION by Commissioner Pizer, seconded by Chairman Kersenboom, to **CONTINUE** to the October Planning Commission meeting TEXT 07-5, text amendment to allow tattoo businesses / body art studios in the C-3 zone subject to a Conditional Use Permit, or other zone as deemed appropriate. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Kersenboom, Perrotti, Pizer
NOES: None
ABSENT: Allen, Hoffman
ABSTAIN: None

Chairman Kersenboom asked staff to research the possibility of placing these establishments in other zones.

~~12. L-11 -- Lot merger determination for the property at 2408 The Strand, comprised of two existing lots, to determine whether the lots shall be merged into one parcel (continued from the July 17, 2007 Planning Commission meeting).~~

~~Staff Recommended Action: To not merge subject lots.~~

~~Associate Planner Denniston highlighted the provisions of the Lot Merger Ordinance, which have been addressed in depth at prior Planning Commission hearings. He stated the subject property is one large 7,632-square-foot parcel comprised of two lots from the original subdivision; stated that the most northerly lot is approximately 30 feet wide, 126 feet deep; that the adjacent lot is approximately 30 feet wide and 128 feet deep; advised that the property meets the basic criteria to be considered for merger since the lots are less than the minimum lot requirement of 4,000 square feet, with the main structure sited on both contiguous lots; however, pursuant to the criteria related to neighborhood compatibility, he noted the subject property shall not be merged due to its combined size of 7,632 square feet unless the integrity of the neighborhood will be harmed. He stated that of the 6 parcels that front on The Strand between 24th and 25th Streets, 5 are similar in size and width; therefore, the subject lots are greater and similar to 83 percent of the lots on the block as defined by the Lot Merger Ordinance; and based on the analysis, he noted the lots do not qualify for merger.~~

~~Chairman Kersenboom opened the public hearing. There being no input, Chairman Kersenboom closed the public hearing.~~

~~Vice-Chairman Perrotti noted that in staff's analysis, there was a determination the subject lot is similar or greater than 5 out of the 6 properties; and he noted his concurrence with staff not to merge the lots.~~