



Tattoos and Body Art Ordinance

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Goals

- Allow licensed artists to obtain a single license, valid for use at any registered parlor
- Require parlor to register with the City, to ensure compliance with zoning, building standards and artist licenses
- Maintain registry for registered parlors and licensed artists, for the purpose of regular inspections by Code Compliance
- Streamline compliance and hygiene standards under a single ordinance



History

- October 14, 2010: Stakeholder Meeting
- April 2011: Ordinance revision by City staff
- May 19, 2011: LRC Presentation
- Pending: Legal Review and Action by City Council



Regulations: Existing vs. Proposed

Existing:

- Federal (OSHA: Bloodborne Pathogens)
- State (Health and Safety Code: Food and Drug)
- State (DSHS: Tattoo and Body Piercing Studios)
- City (Title 9: Tattooing and Body Piercing)
- City (Title 5: Licensing)

Proposed:

- Reference other regulations (state, federal) in City ordinance
- Consolidate all requirements for tattoo and body art in Title 5 (delete from Title 9)



Parlors: Existing vs. Proposed

Existing:

- Parlors are currently only licensed with the State; inspections are conducted by DSHS every two years
- Violations are noted against parlor only, not artists working at the parlor

Proposed:

- Require parlors to register with City
- Registered parlors would be inspected by the City once a year



Artists: Existing vs. Proposed

Existing:

- A currently-licensed artist must obtain multiple licenses from the City in order to work at more than one parlor

Proposed:

- Require artists to obtain a license from the City
- Licensed artists would be free to work at any registered parlor within the City, while using a single artist license



Enforcement: Parlors and Artists

Registered Parlors:

- Inspected once per year for compliance with parlor requirements (artist list, hygiene, supplies used by artists)
- Notices of Violation (NOV) issued to parlor for violations
- Registration suspended (60 days) after two NOVs
- Registration revoked (12 months) after two suspensions

Licensed Artists:

- Inspected on a regular basis; individually, or during annual inspection of parlor
- Citations issued to artists for violations of ordinance
- License suspended (60 days) after two citations
- License revoked (12 months) after two suspensions



Questions?