

Chapter 8.08

BODY ART ESTABLISHMENTS

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8.08.010 Purpose.

The City Council finds that tattooing, branding, body piercing, and other similar body art practices:

- (a) Present significant health and safety risks if not performed in a safe and sanitary manner;
- (b) Often results in permanent markings or disfigurement of the person's body; and
- (c) Minors currently are not restricted from accessing such services in any way.

It is therefore declared to be the public policy of this city to eliminate and prevent health and safety risks posed by the practice of tattooing, branding, body piercing, and other similar body art practices by regulating these practices, providing sanitation regulations, requiring body art establishment permits in order to operate, requiring inspections, providing standards for enforcement, requiring training and certification for body art practitioners, and restricting such acts against minors. The City Council authorizes the Health Director to administer and enforce this chapter within the city and within three miles of the corporate limits of the city and outside of any other organized city or village. (Ord. 17999 §1; May 20, 2002).

8.08.020 Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them by this section:

Antiseptic shall mean an agent that inhibits the growth and multiplication of, or destroys, disease-causing microorganisms on the skin or mucosa.

Aseptic techniques shall mean methods used in piercing procedures to prevent contamination of a pierced area by microorganisms.

Autoclave shall mean a sterilization device which meets the standards of American Society for Mechanical Engineering (ASME).

Body art shall mean the practice of physical body adornment by practitioners using, but not limited to, the following techniques: body piercing, tattooing, cosmetic tattooing, branding, and scarification. This definition does not include practices that are considered medical procedures by the Nebraska Medical Board, which shall not be performed in a body art establishment.

Body art establishment shall mean any place or premise, whether public or private, that is permanent in nature or location, where the practices of body art are performed.

Body art practitioner shall mean a person who has obtained training, passed an examination and holds a permit issued under this chapter to perform tattooing, branding, body piercing or other similar body art procedures.

Branding shall mean any method of placing designs, letters, scrolls, figures, or any other marks upon the skin by burning with a hot iron or instrument.

Body piercing shall mean puncturing and penetration of the skin of a person and the insertion of jewelry or other adornment thereto in the opening, except that puncturing the outer perimeter or lobe of the ear with a presterilized single-use and clasp-ear-piercing system shall not be included in this definition.

Contaminated shall mean the presence of microorganisms on inanimate objects.

Department shall mean the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

Disinfection shall mean the destruction of pathogenic microorganisms on inanimate objects or surfaces, thereby rendering these objects sanitary for use or handling.

Establishment shall mean body art establishment.

Equipment shall mean all machinery, including fixtures, containers, vessels, tools, devices, implements, furniture, display and storage areas, sinks and all other apparatus and appurtenances used in connection with the operation of a body art establishment.

Gloves shall mean single use, sanitary, disposable medical grade gloves, such as triple washed latex examination gloves or vinyl gloves.

Health care professional shall mean any physician, osteopathic physician, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, or dentist licensed in the State of Nebraska.

Health Director shall mean the Director of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department or her/his authorized representative.

Hot water shall mean water which attains and maintains a temperature of at least one-hundred and twenty degrees Fahrenheit (120° F).

Imminent health risk shall mean a significant threat or danger to health that is considered to exist when there is evidence sufficient to show that a product, practice, circumstance, or event creates a situation that requires immediate correction or cessation of operation to prevent injury, illness or disease based on the number of potential affected persons and the nature, severity and duration of the anticipated injury, illness or disease.

Infectious waste shall mean:

- (a) Blood and body fluids in a liquid or semi-liquid state;
- (b) Items contaminated with blood or body fluids, which, if compressed or disturbed, may release liquid or semi-liquid blood or body fluids;
- (c) Sharps which have been used in performing body art.
- (d) Other waste which contains pathogenic microbial agents or other biologically active materials in sufficient concentrations that exposure to the waste directly or indirectly creates a significant risk of disease.

Injury shall mean any unexpected complication, damage, harm, hurt, or impairment to a customer's body structure or function that is caused by a body art procedure.

Instrument shall mean hand pieces, needles, and other tools that may come in contact with a customer's body or be exposed to body fluids during body art procedures.

Minor shall mean any person who has not attained the age of 18 years.

Operator shall mean an individual, firm, partnership, company, corporation, trustee, association, organization or other public or private entity, including nonprofit groups or organizations that owns, operates, or manages a body art establishment.

Oral piercing shall mean a piercing in any portion of the mouth, including the tongue, lip and cheeks.

Notifiable disease shall mean all communicable diseases required by the laws of the State of Nebraska and the Lincoln Municipal Code to be reported to health officials.

Parent shall mean a natural parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian of a minor.

Person shall mean an individual, a corporation, an organization, a limited liability company, or other legal entity.

Practitioner shall mean any person who has received a permit from the Health Director to perform body art on another person.

Procedure surface shall mean any surface of an inanimate object or any associated work area that may require sanitizing.

Sanitary shall mean free of contaminants and pathogenic microorganisms.

Sanitation shall mean the application cumulative heat or chemicals on cleaned surfaces that, when evaluated for efficacy, yield a reduction of five (5) logs, which is equal to a 99.99% reduction or pathogenic microorganisms.

Sanitizer shall mean disinfectant or germicide registered with the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Sharps shall mean any rigid object used for the purpose of puncturing, lacerating, or penetrating the skin or mucosa.

Sharps container shall mean a rigid, leak and puncture resistant, and labeled container, designed for the containment of sharps. Labeling must include the international biohazard symbol.

Single use shall mean products or items that are intended for one-time, one-person use and are disposed of after use on each customer such as, cotton swabs or balls, tissues or paper products, paper or plastic cups, gauze and sanitary coverings, razors, piercing and tattooing needles, scalpel blades, and protective gloves.

Sink shall mean a lavatory equipped with hot and cold running water under pressure.

Spore shall mean a highly resistant dehydrated form of a bacterial cell, such as those of the genus *Bacillus*.

Station shall mean any chair, table, or bench where body art procedures are performed.

Sterile shall mean free of live bacteria or other microorganisms including highly resistant bacterial endospores.

Sterilization shall mean the destruction of all forms of microbial life.

Support animal shall mean a trained animal such as a Seeing Eye dog that accompanies a person with a disability to assist in managing the disability and enables the person to perform functions that the person would otherwise be unable to perform.

Tattoo shall mean designs, letters, scrolls, figures, symbols or any other marks upon or under the skin with ink or any other substance resulting in the coloration of the skin by the aid of needles or any other instruments designed to touch or puncture the skin.

Tattooing shall mean the method of placing a tattoo upon or under the skin of another person.

Universal precautions shall mean a set of guidelines and controls, published by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which includes specific recommendations for the use of gloves, masks, protective eye wear and/or other protective equipment when contact with blood or body fluids containing blood is anticipated. (Ord. 17999 §2; May 20, 2002).

8.08.030 Body Art Establishment; Permit Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a body art establishment without first obtaining a permit from the Health Director. The operation of a body art establishment without the required permit is hereby declared unlawful. The operator of a body art establishment shall conspicuously post or display the body art establishment permit so that it is readily viewable by customers of such establishment. It shall be unlawful for a body art establishment to operate without at least one person present who holds a valid body art practitioner permit. (Ord. 19732 §1; June 25, 2012; prior Ord. 17999 §3; May 20, 2002).

8.08.040 Body Art Establishment Permit; Exemption.

The puncturing of the outer perimeter or lobe of the ear with a presterilized single-use and clasp-ear-piercing system shall not be regulated under this chapter. (Ord. 17999 §4; May 20, 2002).

8.08.050 Body Art Establishment Permit; Application.

(a) An application for a permit to operate a body art establishment shall be submitted to the Health Director on forms provided by the Health Director.

(b) Each application shall include:

(1) The operator's full name, mailing address, phone number, and a statement identifying the operators;

(2) If the operator is a partnership, the name, mailing address and phone number of each partner;

(3) The establishment name, location, and the types of body art and other services offered;

(4) A to-scale drawing of all pertinent aspects of the establishment, including a description of materials used for all surfaces and the establishment floor plan;

(5) The number of body art stations;

(6) The signature of the operator or operators; and

(7) Such other pertinent information as requested on such forms.

(c) If more than one establishment will be operated by the operator; a separate application and fees shall be required for each location. (Ord. 17999 §5; May 20, 2002).

8.08.060 Body Art Establishment; Permit Fees.

(a) The City Council may, by resolution, from time to time establish or revise the fees for a body art establishment permit.

(b) Any initial body art establishment permit issued after December 31 and before May 15 shall pay 67% of the initial fee. Any initial body art establishment permit issued on or after May 15 and before July 1 shall pay the initial fee and such permit shall be valid until June 30 of the following year. Renewal of all body art establishment permits shall be as required in Section 8.08.080.

(c) The fees shall be payable to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department and the Health Director shall deposit the fees at the City Treasurer's Office. The City Treasurer shall credit the fees to the Health Fund. (Ord. 20072 §1; August 18, 2014: prior Ord. 19968 §1; December 16, 2013: Ord. 19931 §1; October 21, 2013: Ord. 19788 §2; October 8, 2012: Ord. 19611 §2; Sept. 12, 2011: prior Ord. 19447 §2; Sept. 13, 2010: Ord. 19302 §2; Sept. 14, 2009: Ord. 19141 §2; Sept. 15, 2008: Ord. 18983 §2; Aug. 27, 2007: Ord. 18800 §2; Sept. 18, 2006: Ord. 17999 §6; May 20, 2002).

8.08.070 Body Art Establishment Permit; Issuance.

Upon receipt of a complete application for a new permit and the applicable fees, the Health Director shall make an inspection of the operator's establishment within fourteen days to determine if the proposed establishment complies with the provisions of this chapter and any other applicable law or standard.

(a) If the application and establishment inspection results comply with the provisions of this chapter, a permit to operate a body art establishment shall be issued within a reasonable time not to exceed fourteen days.

(b) Upon receipt of an application for a permit renewal and the applicable fees, the Health Director may issue the permit without conducting an inspection.

(c) A permit issued hereunder is strictly limited to the operator and establishment specified in the permit.

(d) A permit shall be non-transferable from one operator to another or from one establishment to another.

(e) Any change of operator or establishment location shall require a new application and permit, with payment of fees therefor.

(f) The Health Director may refuse to issue or may suspend or revoke a permit if the operator:

(1) Has been convicted in this or any other state of a crime related to the practice of body art;

(2) Has violated provisions of this chapter which are determined by the Health Director to pose imminent health risk to the operator, practitioners, employees or the public. (Ord. 17999 §7; May 20, 2002).

8.08.080 Body Art Establishment Permit; Term and Expiration.

All body art establishment permits granted under the provisions of this chapter, shall expire on the thirtieth day of June following the date of their issuance, unless revoked prior thereto as provided in this chapter. (Ord. 17999 §8; May 20, 2002).

8.08.090 Body Art Establishment Permit; Renewal Late Fees.

(a) An operator who fails to renew the permit before it expires, but within 30 days of the date of expiration shall pay a late fee of 33% of the annual fee in addition to the renewal fee.

(b) An operator who fails to renew the permit before it expires and fails to renew the permit within 30 days from the date of expiration shall pay a late fee of 67% of the annual fee in addition to the renewal fee.

(c) An operator who fails to renew the permit before it expires is operating without a valid permit and shall be subject to closure or other appropriate enforcement action determined by the Health Director. (Ord. 19141 §3; September 15, 2008; prior Ord. 18983; §2; August 27, 2007; Ord. 18800 §3; September 18, 2006; Ord. 17999 §9; May 20, 2002).

8.08.100 Body Art Practitioner Permit; Required.

Every person who performs body art shall hold a valid body art practitioner permit. The performance of body art procedures without the required permit is hereby declared unlawful. A body art practitioner shall conspicuously post or display practitioner permit as issued so that it is readily viewable by customers of such practitioner. A body art practitioner must follow the requirements of body art establishments that are provided for by this chapter and other applicable laws. A failure to follow these requirements are grounds for suspension or revocation of practitioner permit in addition to any other penalty provided for by law. It shall be unlawful for any person to perform body art except in a body art establishment holding a current permit. (Ord. 19732 §2; June 25, 2012; Ord. 17999 §10; May 20, 2002).

8.08.110 Body Art Practitioner Permit; Application.

An application for a body art practitioner permit shall be submitted to the Health Director on forms provided by the Health Director. Each application shall include:

(a) The practitioner's full name, mailing address, and telephone number;

(b) The name of the establishments where they will perform body art;

- (c) The signature of the practitioner;
 - (d) Verification of completing training and testing requirements specified in this chapter;
- and
- (e) Such other pertinent information as requested on such forms. (Ord. 17999 §11; May 20, 2002).

8.08.120 Body Art Practitioner Permit; Training and Testing Requirements.

Before a body art practitioner permit shall be issued by the Health Director, the practitioner shall satisfactorily complete training and testing programs approved by the Health Director. At a minimum, such training and testing shall include: aseptic technique; cleaning, sanitization, and disinfection; personal hygiene; universal precautions; disease prevention; injury prevention; disease reporting; and requirements of this chapter. (Ord. 17999 §12; May 20, 2002).

8.08.130 Body Art Practitioner Permit; Issuance.

- (a) Upon receipt of an application for a body art practitioner permit, the Health Director shall review the application to determine compliance with this chapter and any other applicable law.
- (b) The Health Director shall complete the review and issue or deny the permit within a reasonable time, not to exceed thirty days.
- (c) A permit shall be issued if the Health Director determines that the practitioner complies with this chapter and any other applicable law or standard.
- (d) A body art practitioner permit is not transferable from one person to another. (Ord. 17999 §13; May 20, 2002).

8.08.140 Body Art Practitioner Permit; Term and Expiration.

- (a) A body art practitioner permit shall be valid for three years from the date of issuance.
- (b) Failure to comply with the body art practitioner permit requirements may be grounds for suspension or revocation of the body art practitioner permit and/or the body art establishment permit. (Ord. 17999 §14; May 20, 2002).

8.08.150 Body Art Practitioner Permit; Fees.

- (a) The City Council may, by resolution, from time to time establish or revise the fees for a body art practitioner permit.
- (b) The fees shall be payable to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department and the Health Director shall deposit the fees at the City Treasurer's Office. The City Treasurer shall credit the fees to the Health Fund. (Ord. 20072 §2; August 18, 2014: prior Ord. 19788 §3; October 8, 2012: Ord. 19611 §3; September 12, 2011: Ord. 19447 §3; September 13, 2010: Ord. 19302 §3; September 14, 2009: Ord. 18983 §4; August 27, 2007: Ord. 18800 §4; September 18, 2006: Ord. 17999 §15; May 20, 2002).

8.08.160 Body Art Practitioner; Body Art Procedure Requirements.

- (a) At all times during body art procedures, body art practitioners must use aseptic techniques, universal precautions, sanitary, single use items, and sterile instruments. Before and after body art procedures, practitioners must thoroughly wash their hands in warm running water with liquid soap, rinse their hands and dry them with single-use disposable paper towels.
- (b) When performing body art procedures, practitioners shall wear gloves. Gloves shall be disposed after the completion of each procedure on an individual customer. Should gloves become

torn, punctured, or otherwise contaminated, practitioners shall remove and dispose the gloves, wash their hands, and put on a new pair of gloves before resuming the body art procedure.

(c) If the Health Director or practitioners determine that spattering is likely to occur, practitioners performing body art shall wear protective eyewear.

(d) Only jewelry and single use needles that are sterilized shall be used in body art procedures.

(e) Single use items contaminated prior to or during the procedure shall be discarded immediately and replaced with new ones before the procedure may resume.

(f) Any skin or mucous membrane surface to receive body art shall be free of rash, infection or any other visible disease condition.

(g) Practitioners performing body art shall be free of any infection or any other visible disease condition that may be transmitted as a result of carrying out the procedure.

(h) Preparation and care of the body art area:

(1) Before performing a body art procedure, the skin and surrounding area where the body art is to be placed shall be thoroughly cleansed with a Health Director approved pre-surgical scrub in accordance with the manufacturer's directions. A single-use sterile gauze pad or other suitable sanitary product may be used for washing the skin.

(2) If shaving is necessary, the skin shall be gently scrubbed with Health Director approved pre-surgical scrub in accordance with the manufacturer's directions before and after the shaving. Razors used for shaving shall be single-use.

(3) Before an oral body art procedure, customers must rinse their mouths with an antiseptic mouthwash.

(4) In the event of blood flow, all products used to check the flow of blood or to absorb blood shall be sanitary single-use products.

(5) Upon completion of the body art, the practitioner must apply an antiseptic solution to the area. (Ord. 17999 §16; May 20, 2002).

8.08.170 Body Art Practitioner; Use of Instruments.

Sterilized needles and instruments shall be so used, handled and temporarily placed during body art procedures in a way to avoid contamination. (Ord. 17999 §17; May 20, 2002).

8.08.200 Body Art Establishment; Requirements.

(a) Structural, electrical, mechanical, ventilation, and plumbing components of buildings shall comply with all applicable building and zoning codes. Walls, floors, ceilings, and equipment in all areas shall be maintained in a clean condition and in good repair.

(b) Walls, floors, and procedure surfaces of equipment in areas where body art procedures are conducted, where equipment and instruments are cleaned, and in restrooms shall be smooth, non-absorbent and washable. After use by each customer, all procedure surfaces shall be cleaned and sanitized with a sanitizer that has a demonstrated tuberculocidal activity, as indicated by the product label.

(c) Effective measures shall be taken by the operator to protect against the entrance, breeding or presence of insects, vermin and rodents. Openings to the outside shall be protected by such means as self-closing doors, screened or closed windows. Screening material shall not be less than sixteen mesh to the inch.

(d) There shall be a minimum of forty-five square feet per station, and each establishment shall have an area that can be screened from public view for customers requesting privacy or for all genitalia body art procedures.

(e) A minimum of twenty foot candles of light, measured three feet off the floor, shall be provided in all areas of the establishment. A minimum of 100 foot candles of light shall be provided at the level where body art is being performed, and where instruments and sharps are cleaned and handled.

(f) In addition to sinks in restrooms and the equipment washing sink required below in (i), handwash sinks shall be provided at a ratio of no less than one handwash sink per every three practitioners. Each handwash sink shall be readily accessible to each practitioner. Each handwash sink shall be supplied with hot and cold running water which passes through a mixing type faucet, and with liquid soap and disposable single-use paper towels.

(g) Restrooms shall be available in the establishment. Each restroom shall be supplied with a sink with hot and cold running water which passes through a mixing type of faucet. Each restroom shall be supplied with liquid soap, toilet tissue, single-use paper towels, and a waste receptacle. Restrooms shall have self-closing doors.

(h) At least one waste receptacle shall be provided in each station area. Solid waste, including infectious waste, shall be collected, stored, and disposed of in a manner and frequency in compliance federal regulations, with Lincoln Municipal Code and in such a way that does not create a nuisance, as defined in the Lincoln Municipal Code.

(i) Other equipment and supplies necessary for providing body art services and for cleaning and sterilizing instruments shall include: at least a separate sink or basin with hot and cold running water under pressure for cleaning instruments; an autoclave; instruments and single use supplies for performing body art; work tables or counters; customer chairs; and storage cabinets or containers for storing clean and sterilized instruments and supplies.

(j) All surfaces of equipment shall be made of smooth, non-absorbent and non-porous material.

(k) Each equipment washing sink and autoclave must have an adequate size, depth or capacity to submerge or otherwise accommodate the instruments being cleaned or autoclaved.

(l) Ultrasonic cleaning units shall be used and maintained in accord with manufacturer's recommendations and shall be kept clean and sanitary.

(m) Animals shall not be allowed in a body art establishment. Support animals or aquariums with fish shall be allowed in waiting rooms and nonprocedural areas.

(n) Smoking is prohibited in areas where body art is performed or where instruments and supplies are cleaned or stored.

(o) Practitioners may not eat or drink in areas where body art is performed or where instruments and supplies are cleaned or stored.

(p) Water supplies shall comply with the provisions of the Lincoln Municipal Code.

(q) Sewage disposal shall comply with the provisions of the Lincoln Municipal Code.

(r) In addition to required handwashing and equipment washing sinks, there shall be a separate janitorial sink for disposal of mop water.

(s) There shall not be a direct opening between an establishment and any building or portion of a building used as living or sleeping quarters or as a food, liquor, or tobacco establishment. This shall be accomplished, at a minimum, by a solid floor to ceiling wall of separation.

(t) An establishment not in full compliance with the building and equipment requirements of this section on the effective date of this chapter, shall have six months from the effective date of this chapter to comply with requirements that are not determined by the Health Director to pose imminent health risk. (Ord. 19732 §3; June 25, 2012; prior Ord. 17999 §18; May 20, 2002).

8.08.230 Body Art Establishment; Requirements for Sterilizing Instruments and Jewelry.

(a) All non-disposable instruments used for body art shall be cleansed and sterilized after each use. Autoclave sterilization shall be conducted for the cycle of time and corresponding operating pressure recommended by the manufacturer of the autoclave. Sanitizers used in the cleaning process must have demonstrated tuberculocidal activity, as indicated by the product label, and be registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

(b) Jewelry used for a new body piercing must be sterilized with a liquid chemical sterilant approved by the Health Director or as required by the product label. Jewelry used in healed body piercing does not have to be sterilized, but must be used according to the product label.

(c) Instruments that are to be autoclaved must be packed in single use paper peel-packs or other containers designed for sterilizing instruments and marked with the expiration date. The expiration date shall not exceed ninety days from the date autoclaved.

(d) A log shall be kept to document the hours of autoclave operation.

(e) All sterilized instruments shall remain stored in sterilized containers until just prior to performing a body art procedure. Where several instruments are sterilized at the same time in the same container, such as in a single use setup, once the container is opened, any instruments not used immediately in a procedure must be resterilized.

(f) Every batch of sterilized equipment shall be monitored for sterilization by use of a heat sensitive indicator that is capable of indicating approximate time and temperature achieved. In addition to the indicator requirements, spore destruction tests shall be performed to prove that autoclaves are capable of attaining the minimum operating standards. Spore tests shall be performed at a minimum of once for each autoclave every thirty days and shall be verified through an independent laboratory.

(g) Autoclaves shall be cleaned at the frequency recommended by the manufacturer. Autoclaves shall be serviced at the frequency recommended by the manufacturer. A copy of the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning and servicing the autoclave must be maintained in operator's file.

(h) All clean or packaged sterilized instruments and supplies shall be stored in clean, dry closed cabinets, tightly covered containers, or in such a way that they remain sterile until used.

(i) Prepackaged sterilized instruments shall not be used past the manufacturer's expiration date. (Ord. 19732 §4; June 25, 2012; prior Ord. 17999 §19; May 20, 2002).

8.08.240 Body Art Establishment; Treatment, Storage and Disposal of Wastes.

(a) All infectious waste and sharps waste shall be handled and stored so that human exposure is prevented. Sharps shall be stored and disposed of in approved sharps containers.

(b) Infectious waste shall be:

(1) Autoclaved at a minimum pressure of fifteen pounds per square inch and at least 250°Fahrenheit for a minimum of fifteen minutes prior to disposal; or

(2) Discarded in double-lined plastic bags in covered waste receptacles or an approved “red” bag marked with the international biohazard symbol and stored safely until transported by a licensed infectious waste hauler to an appropriate treatment or disposal facility; or

(3) Treated prior to disposal by a method approved by the Health Director.

(c) Non-infectious waste shall be placed in covered waste receptacles and disposed of by a licensed refuse hauler. (Ord. 17999 §20; May 20, 2002).

8.08.250 Body Art Establishment; Bandages and Surgical Dressings.

All bandages, tapes, and surgical dressings used in connection with body art procedures shall be sanitary. (Ord. 17999 §21; May 20, 2002).

8.08.270 Body Art Establishment; Pigments and Dyes.

All pigments, dyes, colors, etc. used in body art shall be free from bacteria, virus particles and noxious agents and substances. Pigments, dyes and colors used from stock solutions for each customer or patron shall be placed in a single-service receptacle and such receptacle and remaining solution shall be discarded and disposed of after each use. (Ord. 17999 §22; May 20, 2002).

8.08.290 Body Art Restrictions; Minors; Person Under the Influence or Mentally Incompetent.

(a) Limitations of Body Art on Minors.

(1) No practitioner or any other person shall perform body art on a minor without parental consent.

(2) No practitioner or any other person shall accept the consent of a parent who appears to be under the influence of alcohol, narcotic drugs, stimulant, or depressants, or who appears to be mentally incompetent.

(3) No practitioner or any other person shall perform body art on a minor without the presence of the minor’s parent.

(4) Parent must be aware of the location of the body art to be performed in advance of the procedure.

(5) It shall be unlawful for any person to misrepresent themselves as the parent of said minor.

(b) No practitioner or any other person shall perform body art on any person who appears to be under the influence of alcohol, narcotic drugs, stimulants, or depressants, or who appears to be mentally incompetent. (Ord. 17999 §23; May 20, 2002).

8.08.300 Body Art Establishment; Informed Consent and Information Requirements.

(a) Informed consent for body art procedures on adults.

(1) Verbal and written educational information, approved by the Health Director, shall be given to customers wanting to receive body art before the procedures begin. The information shall provide, at a minimum:

(i) A brief description of the procedure;

(ii) Any precautions to be taken by the customer before the procedure;

(iii) A description of the risks and possible consequences of the procedure;

(iv) Instructions for care and restrictions following the procedure.

(2) Prior to the procedure, customers shall sign and date a statement indicating they received and discussed the information with the operator or practitioner.

(3) Operators or practitioners shall sign and date the statements, and retain the originals with all other required records. A copy of the statement shall be provided to the customer.

(b) Informed consent for body art procedures on a minor.

(1) Verbal and written educational information, approved by the Health Director, shall be given to parent of minor and minor before body art procedures begin. The information shall provide, at a minimum:

- (i) A brief description of the procedure;
- (ii) Any precautions to be taken by the minor and parent of minor before the procedure;
- (iii) A description of the risks and possible consequences of the procedure;
- (iv) Instructions for care and restrictions following the procedure, and
- (v) Any restrictions against performing body art procedures on minors as prescribed by this chapter.

(2) Prior to the procedure, the minor and parent of minor shall sign and date a statement indicating they received and discussed the information with the operator or practitioner, and that the parent gives permission to the practitioner to perform body art on said minor.

(3) Operators or practitioners shall sign and date the statements, and retain the originals with all other required records. A copy of the statement shall be provided to the minor and parent of minor. (Ord. 17999 §24; May 20, 2002).

8.08.310 Body Art Establishment; Record Procedures and Requirements.

(a) Reporting infections, complaints of injuries. Any injury or complaint of injury, suspected infections that required treatment by a health care professional, or any notifiable diseases resulting from the body art procedure that become known to the operator or practitioner shall be reported to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department by the operator or practitioner within twenty-four hours.

(b) Customer records. Records must be maintained and shall include the following:

- (1) The customer's full name, address and telephone number;
- (2) Their date of birth and sex;
- (3) A list of medical conditions;
- (4) A list of allergies, including allergies to medicines or topical solutions used by the establishment;
- (5) History of bleeding disorders, or diseases;
- (6) The date of the customer's initial visit and any subsequent visits;
- (7) The body part or location the body art was performed;
- (8) A description of the jewelry used in the piercing; or a description of design of the tattoo, brand, or other body art;
- (9) If an existing tattoo, brand, or other body art was altered, a description of the original and its alteration must be recorded;
- (10) A description of any complications that occurred at the time of the body art procedure;
- (11) Copies of the signed statement for receipt of educational information required by this chapter;
- (12) The signature and printed name of the practitioner that performed the procedure at each visit.

(c) Additional customer records for body art procedures performed on a minor. These records shall be kept with other records for the minor. Records must be maintained and shall include the following:

(1) A copy of a state issued driver's license or identification card of the parent. A copy of a school issued identification card or state issued driver's license or identification card of the minor;

(2) A copy of any legal documents required to establish parent's legal relationship with minor;

(3) A copy of the signed consent by minor and parent.

(4) A single legible fingerprint taken from the right index finger of the parent, or if the right index finger is missing, then from the left index finger of the parent.

(d) Other body art establishment records. The following records must also be maintained by the establishment operator:

(1) Autoclave maintenance records and spore test results required of this chapter;

(2) A copy of this chapter;

(3) Records of employees. Such records shall include the following employee information: full names, dates of birth, sex, home addresses and telephone numbers, their dates of hire, and their duties and responsibilities. Such records shall be maintained for at least two years after a person's employment ends;

(4) Records of practitioners. Such records shall include the following practitioner information: full name, mailing address, telephone number; permit number and expiration date. Such records shall be maintained for at least five years after a person's employment end;

(5) Documentation of training required by this chapter;

(6) A complete description of all body art procedures provided by the body art establishment.

(e) Records required by this section shall be maintained at each establishment for the current permitting period. Records may be stored elsewhere after that time frame, but they must be stored for a period of five years and be made available for review by the Health Director upon request. (Ord. 19732 §5; June 25, 2012; prior Ord. 17999 §25; May 20, 2002).

8.08.320 Body Art Establishment; Enforcement, Inspection.

(a) The Health Director shall conduct an inspection of each body art establishment before an initial permit is issued.

(b) The Health Director shall conduct periodic inspections of each body art establishment.

(c) An operator shall permit the Health Director to inspect at any reasonable time for the purpose of determining compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

(d) The Health Director shall record the inspection findings on an inspection report. The Health Director shall furnish the original inspection report to the body art establishment operator.

(e) The inspection report shall:

(1) Set forth specific conditions found;

(2) Establish a specific and reasonable period of time for correction of violations of the provisions of this chapter, if any;

(3) State that failure to correct the violations within the period of time specified may result in immediate suspension or revocation of the permit and prosecution for violation of this chapter;

(4) State that the operator may request a hearing before the Health Director upon such inspection findings by filing a written request with the Health Director.

(f) A warning notice may be issued for violations that the Health Director determines pose an imminent health risk. Such warning notice shall:

(1) Set forth specific conditions found,

(2) Establish a specific and reasonable period of time for correction of such violations;

(3) State that failure to comply with the warning notice may result in immediate suspension or revocation of the permit and prosecution for violation of this chapter;

(4) State that operator may request a hearing before the Health Director upon such inspection findings and warning notice by filing a written request with the Health Director.

(g) After the time period given for correction in the inspection report or warning notice, the Health Director shall reinspect the establishment to determine compliance.

(h) The completed inspection report form and the warning notice are public documents that shall be made available for public disclosure to any person who requests it according to law. (Ord. 17999 §26; May 20, 2002).

8.08.330 Body Art Establishment or Practitioner Permit; Suspension, Revocation.

It shall be a condition of any permit issued under this chapter that it may be suspended or revoked at any time by the Health Director for the violation of the statutes of the State of Nebraska or any of the provisions of this chapter or ordinances of the City by causing an immediate and substantial hazard to the public health. Any permits granted under this chapter shall be subject to suspension or revocation in the following manner:

(a) The Health Director shall notify the operator or practitioner as provided in Section 8.08.370.

(b) The Health Director may suspend the permit for an appropriate period of time not to exceed ninety days.

(c) The suspension or revocation shall be effective immediately upon notice.

(d) The operator or practitioner shall have a right to a hearing in which the Health Director shall conduct in accordance with Section 8.08.380.

(e) It shall be unlawful to continue to operate or cause, permit or allow body art procedures after the operator receives notice of suspension or revocation. It shall be unlawful for the practitioner to perform body art procedures on another person after receiving notice of suspension or revocation.

(f) Actions for reinstatement, hearing, or appeal shall not stay or delay the suspension or revocation in any manner. (Ord. 17999 §27; May 20, 2002).

8.08.340 Body Art Establishment or Practitioner Suspended Permit; Reinstatement.

(a) Any operator or practitioner whose permit has been suspended may apply for reinstatement of such permit. The application shall provide the same information as for a new permit and shall also include a statement signed by the operator or practitioner that the conditions causing suspension of the permit have been corrected.

(b) The Health Director shall inspect or review the application as for a new permit, except, the Health Director shall make the establishment inspection within three days after receiving the application for reinstatement and the reinstatement fee. The Health Director shall make a

determination if a practitioner permit shall be reinstated within five days after receiving the application for reinstatement and the reinstatement fee.

(c) The Health Director shall reissue or reinstate the permit if the conditions causing suspension of the permit have been corrected and upon payment of any reinstatement fee provided for in this chapter. (Ord. 17999 §28; May 20, 2002).

8.08.350 Body Art Establishment or Practitioner Suspended Permit; Reinstatement Fee.

Any person eligible for reinstatement as provided in Section 8.08.240, shall pay a reinstatement fee as the City Council may, by resolution, from time to time establish or revise for a body art establishment or a practitioner permit in addition to any other applicable fees. The Health Director shall not reinstate the permit until the reinstatement fee is paid. (Ord. 20072 §3; August 18, 2014: prior Ord. 19931 §2; October 21, 2013: Ord. 19788 §4; October 8, 2012: Ord. 19141 §4; September 15, 2008: Ord. 18983 §5; August 27, 2007: Ord. 18800 §5; September 18, 2006: Ord. 17999 §29; May 20, 2002).

8.08.360 Body Art Establishment or Practitioner Revoked Permit; Application for New Permit.

Any operator or practitioner who has had their permit revoked by the Health Director does not qualify for reinstatement. The operator or practitioner must make an application for a new permit and cannot obtain a new permit until at least ninety days have passed since the date of the revocation notice. (Ord. 17999 §30; May 20, 2002).

8.08.370 Notice; Service.

(a) The Health Director may serve notice as follows:

- (1) By personal service to the operator or practitioner; or
- (2) By certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested to the operator or practitioner's last known address.

(b) The person making personal service may provide a written declaration under penalty of perjury identifying the person served and the time, date, and manner of service as proof of service.

(c) If the service on a body art establishment is to a person other than the operator, the Health Director may send a copy of the notice to the operator by regular mail. The copy is not required as part of the notice, and receipt of the copy does not affect the notice. (Ord. 17999 §31; May 20, 2002).

8.08.380 Enforcement Hearings.

(a) The Health Director shall conduct hearings no later than:

- (1) Three days after a request for a hearing after a suspension or revocation.
- (2) Fourteen days after any other request.

(b) The Health Director may appoint a suitable hearing officer to hear the matter. Such hearing officer shall make recommendations based on the evidence adduced at the hearing for the Health Director's final determination of the matter.

(c) The hearing need not be conducted according to the technical rules relating to evidence and witnesses. The person requesting the hearing and the Health Director may:

- (1) Call and examine witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues of the hearing;
- (2) Introduce documentary and physical evidence;

(3) Cross examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues of the hearing; and

(4) Rebut evidence.

(d) The Health Director may uphold, reverse, or modify the act or findings prompting the request of the Health Director may take such other reasonable action as the Health Director may determine proper in relation to the request.

(e) The Health Director shall make a final determination within ten days after the hearing.

(f) The Health Director's decision shall be final and binding upon the City and upon the person making the request. The Health Director's decision may be appealed to the district court as provided by law. (Ord. 17999 §32; May 20, 2002).

8.08.400 Appeals.

(a) If the Health Director denies any application or fails or refuses to issue a permit under this chapter within forty-five days from the date of application, such decision may be appealed to the district court as provided for by state law.

(b) Any person aggrieved by a final decision of the Health Director in the administration or enforcement of this chapter may appeal such decision to the district court as provided by state law. (Ord. 17999 §33; May 20, 2002).

8.08.410 Variances.

Requests for variances for requirements in this chapter must be submitted to the Health Director in writing. A variance may be only be issued in relation to Sections 8.08.160, 8.08.200, 8.08.230, 8.08.240 in order to allow for improvements and changes to the industry. Only variances must comply with all applicable laws. The Health Director shall act on the request for variance within thirty days. (Ord. 17999 §34; May 20, 2002).

8.08.430 Liability of Operator.

Every act or omission of whatsoever nature constituting a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, by an officer, director, manager or other agent or employee of any operator if said act is committed or omission is made with the authorization, knowledge, or approval of the operator, shall be deemed and held to be the act of such operator, and said operator shall be punishable in the same manner as if said act or omission had been done or omitted by such operator personally. (Ord. 17999 §35; May 20, 2002).

8.08.440 Penalty for Violations.

(a) The violations of any of the provisions of this chapter, or the violation of any other ordinances of the City of Lincoln, or the laws of the State of Nebraska, in connection with the operation of the business by the operator or any employees or agents of the operator, shall be cause sufficient to justify the revocation or suspension of the permit by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Such revocation or suspension shall be cumulative with to any other penalty or fine imposed by the Lincoln Municipal Code, or the laws of the State of Nebraska.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally, knowingly, or willingly to commit any offense in violation of this chapter. Any penalty for violation of this chapter shall be cumulative with to any other penalty or fine imposed by the Lincoln Municipal Code, or the laws of the State of Nebraska. (Ord. 17999 §36; May 20, 2002).

8.08.450 Severability and Savings Clause.

(a) Each section and each subdivision of a section of this title is hereby declared to be independent of every other section or subdivision of a section so far as inducement for the passage of this ordinance is concerned and invalidity of any section or subdivision of a section of this title shall not invalidate any other section or subdivision of a section thereof.

(b) This title shall in no manner affect pending actions, either civil or criminal, founded on or growing out of any ordinance or part of any ordinance hereby repealed; and this title shall in no manner affect rights or causes of action, either civil or criminal, not in suit that may have already accrued or grown out of any ordinance or part of any ordinance hereby repealed. (Ord. 17999 §37; May 20, 2002).