

CHAPTER 08 BUSINESS REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 8-10. TATTOO AND/OR BODY PIERCING

Sec. 8-10-1. Definitions in General

The definitions in A.R.S. tit. 9 (A.R.S. § 9-101 et seq.) shall be applicable to this Article unless a term is specifically defined in this Article, or unless the context requires otherwise.

Sec. 8-10-2. Definitions Pertaining to this Article

For the purposes of interpretation of this Article, the following words and phrases shall mean:

(a) *Applicant* – Any Person filing an Application with the City for a Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment License.

(b) *Application* - An application for a Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment License. The Application shall contain the full name of the Applicant, the Applicant's residential and business addresses and telephone numbers, the name of the business for which the License is sought and any additional information the City deems necessary.

(c) *Control* – The power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of an Applicant, Licensee or Controlling Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities or a partnership interest, or by agreement or otherwise. Control is presumed to exist if a Person has the direct or indirect ownership of or power to vote ten percent (10%) or more of the outstanding voting securities of the Applicant, Licensee or Controlling Person or to control in any manner the election of one or more of the directors of the Applicant, Licensee or Controlling Person. For the purposes of determining the percentage of voting securities owned, controlled or held by a Person, the voting securities of any other Person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with the other Person, or by an officer, partner, employee or agent of the Person or by a spouse, parent or child of the Person shall be included. Control is also presumed to exist if a creditor of the Applicant, Licensee or Controlling Person holds a beneficial interest in fifty percent (50%) or more of the liabilities of the Licensee or Controlling Person.

(d) *Controlling Person* – A Person directly or indirectly possessing Control of an Applicant or Licensee.

(e) *Licensee* – Any Person to whom the City has issued a License under this Article or any Person acting on behalf of such Person.

(f) *Licensing Office* - The Finance Department for the City of Maricopa or other department as designated by the City Manager.

(g) *Minor Traffic Violation* - A conviction or finding of responsibility not to include the following, which shall be considered serious traffic violations: excessive speeding involving a single offense for a speed of fifteen miles per hour or more above the posted speed limit; reckless driving as provided by A.R.S. §§28-693; aggressive driving as provided by Section A.R.S. §§28-695; racing as defined in A.R.S. §§28-708; improper or erratic traffic lane changes as provided by A.R.S. §§28-729; following the vehicle ahead

too closely as provided by A.R.S. §§28-730; a violation that is connected with a fatal traffic accident; driving a motor vehicle if the person has not been issued a valid driver license; driving a motor vehicle without a driver license in the person's possession; driving a motor vehicle without having a valid endorsement for the type of motor vehicle or motor vehicle combination being operated.

(h) *Owner* – The owner of record, as shown by the records in the office of the county assessor, of the premises where a Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment is located. “Business owner” means any legal owner of a Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment.

(i) *Person* – Any individual, partnership, limited partnership, firm, corporation, association, or any other group acting as a unit.

(j) *Piercing* – Penetrating, perforating, boring or creating a hole in the skin or another human body part. This Article does not apply to ear piercing or procedures prescribed by a health care provider licensed pursuant to A.R.S. tit. 32 (A.R.S. § 32-101 et seq.)

(k) *Police Department* – The Police Department for the City of Maricopa.

(l) *Tattoo* – Any indelible design, letter, scroll, figure, symbol or other mark that is placed on or under the skin with ink or colors by the aid of needles or other instruments and that cannot be removed without a surgical procedure; or any design, letter, scroll, or other mark done by scarring on or under the skin.

(m) *Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment or Establishment*– Any place of business or establishment wherein branding, scarifying, Tattooing or Piercing is performed.

(n) *Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment License or License* - Authorization issued by the City to any Person to operate a Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment.

(o) *Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Artist* – A Person who has training in Tattooing, branding, scarifying or Piercing and who practices Tattooing, branding, scarifying or Piercing as described in this Article for a fee of any kind.

Sec. 8-10-3. Applicability; Provisions Cumulative

(a) The provisions of this Article shall apply to all Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishments and Persons as defined herein.

(b) The provisions of this Article shall be in addition to any other regulations, privilege or license taxes or permit requirements required by the City, the state or other applicable agency and cumulative to any other applicable regulations, procedures or penalties.

Sec. 8-10-4. License Application; Fee; Timeline

(a) Any Person desiring to obtain a Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment License must apply to the Licensing Office. Each Application must be accompanied by all required Application fees.

(b) Upon approval, and prior to issuance of the Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment License, the Applicant must pay all required License fees.

(c) An Application will be granted or denied within the schedule of administrative and substantive review timeframes, as established by the Licensing Office.

(d) Fees are not prorated, transferable or refundable unless otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 8-10-5. License Required

- (a) It is unlawful for any Person to conduct or operate as a Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment in the City without first obtaining and maintaining in effect a current, unrevoked and unsuspended License as required by this Article.
- (b) It is unlawful for any Person licensed as provided in this Article to operate under any name or conduct business under any designation not specified in the License.
- (c) It is unlawful for any Person licensed as provided in this Article to conduct business at any location not specified on such License.
- (d) The License required by this Article is in addition to any other licenses or permits required by any governmental authority necessary to lawfully conduct business.

Sec. 8-10-6. Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment License Application; Contents

(a) Each Application for a Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment License shall include a description of the proposed business activity. Such description shall include, but not be limited to, the following information. Paragraphs (1) through (9) below are required to be completed about the Applicant, the Business Owner, the Licensee if not the Applicant or the Business Owner, the agent responsible for managing the premises on a day to day basis (hereinafter “managing agent”), and any Controlling Person as defined herein:

- (1) Full legal name and any name by which the Person is or has been known;
- (2) Current home address and telephone number and addresses over the past five (5) years;
- (3) Driver’s license number or other government-issued, federally recognized identification;
- (4) Birth date, height, weight, hair and eye color;
- (5) Business occupation and employment history for five (5) years;
- (6) License history, including issuance, revocation, suspension or termination of any current or past Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment Licenses;
- (7) The prospective Licensee shall submit to a fingerprinting process as directed by the Licensing Office for the purpose of obtaining a state or federal, or both, criminal records check pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1750 and Public Law (PL) 92-544. The Department of Public Safety is authorized to exchange this fingerprint data with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Fingerprints must be submitted on fingerprint cards provided by the Licensing Office or designee.
- (8) Listing of any prior felony or misdemeanor convictions except Minor Traffic Violations;
- (9) Documentation of age over eighteen (18) years;
- (10) Designation of the managing agent who will be managing or operating the Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment at the indicated location and proof of the managing agent’s authorization to act on behalf of the prospective Licensee;

(11) Name, address and telephone number of any other local agent authorized to conduct daily business and proof of authority to act on behalf of the prospective Licensee;

(12) Name, address and telephone number of statutory agent in Arizona if a corporation or an out-of-state Applicant, Licensee or owner;

(13) Except for corporations listed on the major stock exchanges, the names and addresses of all Persons financially interested in the business. If a Person financially interested in the business of the prospective Licensee is a corporation, the names and addresses of all Persons financially interested in that corporation shall be provided;

(14) The names and addresses of any Controlling Persons as defined herein. If the Controlling Person is a corporation, the names and addresses of all Persons having Control of the controlling corporation shall be provided;

(15) Evidence of current, valid conditional use permit or any other applicable zoning approval for the proposed activity issued by the City; and

(16) Such other information as may be requested by the Licensing Office to determine the truth of the information required to be set forth above.

(b) Any change in ownership of the business or in the information required to be provided in paragraphs (1), (10), (11), (12), or (13) above shall be reported to the Licensing Office within ten (10) calendar days after the change. Such changes shall be subject to investigation and approval by the City as provided in Subsection (c) set forth below and, if disapproved, the disapproval shall be grounds for termination of the License as provided in Section 8-10-14 of this Code. The requirement for reporting changes as required herein is effective at all times during the City's consideration of the Application and at all times when a License issued hereunder is in effect. All information set forth above in paragraphs (1) through (16) must be updated at the time of the renewal of the License.

(c) The Police Department shall conduct an investigation of the Application and background of the applicant and proposed Licensee. Based on such investigation, the Police Department shall recommend to the Licensing Office the approval or denial of the License. In addition, the development services department and fire department, and any other affected department, may inspect any premises proposed as the site of the establishment and may make separate recommendations to the Licensing Office concerning compliance with the provisions of this Article and any other applicable codes.

Sec. 8-10-7. Location of Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment

Refer to the City of Maricopa Zoning Code for location requirements. A License will not be issued for any location not permitted in the City of Maricopa Zoning Code.

Sec. 8-10-8. Payment of Fees and Taxes

An Application for a Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment License will not be processed or renewed if the Applicant is delinquent in payment of any City taxes, fees, renewals or other City payments due in accordance with Section 8-1-3 of this Code.

Sec. 8-10-9. Fees

- (a) An Application for a Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment License must be accompanied by all fees required by this Chapter or by any other applicable laws, rules or regulations.
- (b) In order for an Application to be administratively complete, all fees must have been submitted.
- (c) Submission of the annual renewal form must include the annual fee before it will be processed.
- (d) Fees are not prorated, transferable or refundable unless otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 8-10-10. Term of License

Any License issued pursuant to the provisions of this Article shall be valid only during the calendar year in which it is issued. Any License may be renewed by filing a renewal Application for approval and paying the renewal fee before the first day of the year in which the Applicant wishes to be licensed.

Sec. 8-10-11. Public Hearing on Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment License; Notice

Refer to the City of Maricopa Zoning Code for requirements.

Sec. 8-10-12. Inspection of Premises, Property and Records

To ensure compliance with this Article and other applicable laws, the business premises of any Person required to be licensed under this Article, including any property on the premises related to the Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment, must be open to inspection by representatives of the City upon request at any time during the Licensee's regular business hours, or reasonable hours as agreed upon by the Licensee and the City.

Sec. 8-10-13. Grounds for Denial

The following include, but are not limited to, grounds for denial of an Application for a Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment License:

- (a) The Applicant, or proposed conduct of the Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment, fails to meet the requirements of this Article or any other applicable provision of this Code or law;
- (b) The Applicant is a corporation which is not qualified to transact business in the state;
- (c) Misrepresentations or material misstatements are made in the Application;
- (d) Harm to the public health, safety or welfare of the community, or clear or present danger of serious damage or danger to the public, would result from granting the License; or
- (e) A Business Owner, or a managing agent, an applicant, Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Artist, or other managing employee or a Controlling Person in the business to be licensed has been convicted of:
 - (1) A felony; or

- (2) A misdemeanor which relates to the activity to be licensed, or has, within two (2) years preceding the date of the issuance of a License, violated any of the provisions of this Article or the Maricopa City Code while conducting a Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment.

Sec. 8-10-14. Grounds for Revocation, Suspension, or Non-Renewal of License

(a) In addition to the automatic termination of a License as provided in this Article, the License may be revoked, suspended or denied renewal for any one or more of the following grounds:

- (1) The Licensee has violated the requirements of this Article or any other applicable provision of this Code or law;
- (2) The Licensee has been convicted of fraud in conducting the business or was deceitful in obtaining a License to conduct the business;
- (3) The Licensee has been convicted in a court of competent jurisdiction of a felony or of any misdemeanor which relates to the licensed activity;
- (4) The Licensee is grossly ignorant or willfully negligent in the business of the Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment;
- (5) There occurs on the premises repeated acts of violence or disorderly conduct;
- (6) The Licensee or any employee or managing agent thereof fails or refuses to make the premises or records available for inspections and examination as provided in this Article;
- (7) The Licensee knowingly files an Application or other document with material information which is false or misleading or knowingly gives testimony in an investigation or other proceeding which is false or misleading;
- (8) The Licensee is delinquent for more than thirty (30) days in the payment of any applicable taxes or fees payable to the City following formal notice of delinquency; or
- (9) Any completion of non-permitted improvements to the premises of the Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment occurs without appropriate approvals from the City.

(b) Upon discovery of a violation, the provisions of Section 8-1-10 of this Chapter shall go into effect.

Sec. 8-10-15. Appeals

Any Person aggrieved by the denial of an Application for License or by the restrictions placed upon the License or by the suspension or revocation of such License, and who is not satisfied with the decision of the City Manager or designee, shall have the right to an appeal before the City Council in accordance with Section 8-1-11 of this Chapter.

Sec. 8-10-16. Application after Denial or Termination

No Person may apply for a Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment License within one (1) year from:

- (a) The denial of any such License to the Applicant; or
- (b) The suspension, revocation, termination or non-renewal of such License unless the cause of the denial, suspension, termination, revocation or nonrenewal has been, to the satisfaction of the Licensing Office, removed in such time.

Sec. 8-10-17. Display of License

A Licensee shall display such License in a conspicuous place in the Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment.

Sec. 8-10-18. Transferability; Automatic Termination of License

- (a) Licenses issued hereunder are not transferable.
- (b) The following shall result in automatic termination of a Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment License:
 - (1) Any change in location of a licensed Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment;
 - (2) Upon the sale or transfer of more than fifty percent (50%) of the stock or ownership of the Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment; or
 - (3) Upon the revocation or termination of any use permit or other zoning approval issued by the City relating to the Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment.
- (c) A new Application may be made by the Person whose License is terminated as provided in this Section, or by another Person desiring to own or operate a Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment.

Sec. 8-10-19. Special Requirements for Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishments

It is unlawful for any Person to engage in, conduct, or carry on, or permit to be engaged in, conducted, or carried on, in or upon any premises within the City, the business of a Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Establishment except in compliance with all of the following requirements:

- (a) A readable sign, conforming to the City's sign ordinances, shall be posted at the main entrance identifying the establishment.
- (b) Lighting and ventilation shall be provided in each room or enclosure where services are performed on patrons, in accordance with the City's Building Code.
- (c) Public restrooms shall be located in such a way so that traffic to the restrooms does not occur in any area in which instruments are sterilized or on any area in which Tattoo and/or body Piercing operations are conducted.
- (d) Compliance with all applicable provisions of the City's Fire Code.
- (e) Establishment must have written procedures on the proper handling and sterilization of equipment and demonstrate that all personnel are trained in the procedure. All personnel must be updated annually.
- (f) Establishment must post and provide to customers upon request, written instructions on Tattoo and/or Piercing care.

(g) Establishment must have a posted procedure, followed by all employees, wherein they are required to obtain two pieces of identification to verify the age of the customer.

(h) Establishment must provide training in blood-borne pathogens and cross contamination to all personnel on an annual basis.

Sec. 8-10-20. Specified Unlawful Activities

(a) With respect to any Person subject to the provisions of this Article, it shall be unlawful:

(1) To intentionally brand, scarify, Tattoo or pierce the body of a Person who is under 16 years of age.

(2) To intentionally brand, scarify, Tattoo or pierce the body of a Person who is 16 or 17 years of age without the physical presence of that person's parent or legal guardian.

(3) To perform branding, scarifying, Tattooing or Piercing of the body of a Person who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

(b) Wherever in this Article an act is prohibited or declared unlawful, and wherever in this Article the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared unlawful, the violation of any such provisions of this Article shall result in an offense punishable according to Section 8-10-22, except Subsections (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this Section, which are classified as class six felonies.

Sec. 8-10-21. Exemptions

(a) The provisions of this Article shall not apply to:

(1) Persons authorized by the laws of this state to practice medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, podiatry, naturopathy or acupuncture;

(2) Registered nurses, licensed practical nurses or technicians, when acting under the supervision of a licensed physician or osteopath;

(3) Ear piercing; or

(4) Procedures prescribed by a health care provider licensed pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-101 et seq.

(b) Any exemption granted in this Article is effective only insofar as and to the extent that the bona fide practice of the business or profession of the Person exempted overlaps into the field comprehended by this Article, and exemptions granted in this Article are solely for those activities which are performed in the course of the bona fide practice of the business or profession of the Person exempted.

Sec. 8-10-22. Penalty

(a) A violation of this Article is an offense, punishable as provided in Article 1-8 of this Code. Each day on which a violation continues shall be a separate offense.

(b) In addition to the penalties provided for in this Section, a violation of this Article is grounds for revocation of a business License as provided in Section 8-10-14 of this Article.