**Proposed Hennepin County Body Art Ordinance Changes**

New Body Art Ordinance. What do you need to know?

Hennepin County is in the process of updating Hennepin County Ordinance 23. Some of these changes were made to more accurately reflect MN statutes 146B and to clarify certain requirements. This list highlights the proposed changes in the new ordinance for business owners, managers and technicians.

Link to the existing ordinance <https://www.hennepin.us/your-government/ordinances/ordinance-23>.

Contact your health inspector or health department if you have questions about the ordinance changes.

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| **What’s changing?**  | **What’s the change?** |
| 1. Tattooing of a minor prohibited.
 | Any tattooing of a minor is prohibited regardless of parental or guardian consent. Establishments found to be tattooing minors may be subject to misdemeanor citations and may be grounds for closure.  |
| 1. Technician, client, and establishment file retention period.
 | Technician information, establishment information (jewelry and ink invoices, spore test results, etc.), and client records must now be kept on file for three years. The previous requirement was to retain these files for a two-year period. |
| 1. Microdermal and surface piercings are now allowed.
 | The definition for “implanting” has been updated to reflect only procedures where an object is inserted entirely below the dermis. While implanting is strictly prohibited, this updated definition no longer includes objects inserted into the dermis or the epidermis and therefore allows for microdermal and surface piercings.  |
| 1. New requirements outlined for mixing and saving inks.
 | Any technician mixing their own ink to save for future use must mark the nearest expiration date, and discard or use the ink on or before that date. The original ink bottles must be kept on-site until the mixture is discarded. |
| 1. Single use sterilized needle clarification.
 | This section has been reworded to clearly define the requirements for single use sterilized needles for both piecing and tattoo procedures. It also outlines the requirements for needles that come pre-sterilized, which must meet FDA standards (such as Ethylene Oxide Gas). |
| 1. Spore test clarification.
 | This section has been reworded to clearly state that spore tests must be conducted on autoclaves at least every 30 days. |
| 1. Technician license requirements redefined.
 | Removed the licensing responsibility for Hennepin County to license technicians, guest artists, and apprentice artists. These existing sections have been updated to reflect the requirement for licensure through the Minnesota Department of Health and references requirements from MN statutes 146B.  |
| 1. New requirements for release forms.
 | All medical release forms must include a statement informing clients that technicians shall not perform body art procedures if clients fail to complete or sign the release form, and technicians may decline to perform body art procedures if clients have any identified health conditions. |

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