

Guidelines for Tattoo Establishments Permanent

Establishment Guidelines:

- Must be annually inspected by the Designated Inspection Agency. Click below for link to County Inspector Map
https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1BLFO47sQiQiuZt_ecLO_z9iLKHc&ll=42.15771273959691%2C-93.24411196621145&z=9
- Must be located in a commercially-zoned building. **TATTOOING IS NOT PERMITTED IN RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS**
- Must have an area of at least 300 square feet
- Must have restroom facilities available
- Must be adequately lighted and ventilated
- Must have a tattoo hand-washing sink in the tattoo room
- Must have a written Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)
- Must have updated and accessible Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) listing all chemicals used at the tattoo establishment
- Must pay an annual, nonrefundable application fee of \$100
- Permit is valid for one year and expires on December 31 of each year

Change of Establishment Name Guidelines

- Must submit a Change of Establishment Name Form **within 30 days** of change of business name
- Application must be submitted by the owner of the establishment

Change of Establishment Location Guidelines

- Must submit a Change of Location Form
- Must submit a \$25 fee
- The new establishment must be inspected by the Designated Inspection Agency prior to opening.

Change of Establishment Ownership Guidelines

- Must submit a Change of Ownership Form **within 30 days** of change of ownership
- Must submit a \$25 fee

Mobile Unit Guidelines

- Must be annually inspected by the Designated Inspection Agency
- Mobile Units only permitted for use at special events lasting for a **MAXIMUM** of 14 calendar days
- Must pay an annual, nonrefundable application fee of \$100
- Permit is valid for one year and expires on December 31 of each year
- Effective September 7, 2016, no new mobile tattoo units will be permitted. Mobile Units granted a permit prior to September 7, 2016, may continue to operate with a current permit provided they remain compliant with the rules of this chapter (641-22.12(135))

Mobile Unit Event Guidelines

- Allows for mobile units to attend special events such as, county fairs, rallies, etc.
- Separate permits must be obtained for each special event attended
- A Mobile Unit Event Form must be submitted for the special event at least 14 days prior to the event (\$25 fee per event must be submitted with form)
- Events are not required to be inspected unless a complaint is filed

Temporary Establishment Guidelines

- Allows for tattoo activities to operate at a temporary site for a **MAXIMUM** of 14 consecutive days in combination with a single event or celebration (Ex. Conventions)
- Must submit application, floor plan, and fee at least **30 DAYS PRIOR TO EVENT**
- Must have temporary establishment inspected by Designated Inspection Agency (\$50 inspection for each booth must be paid to the inspection agency)
- Participating artists **MUST** have an Iowa permit on display at the event.

For a complete list of all permit requirements, refer to the Iowa Code link on the Tattoo Home Page.