

**15A NCAC 18A .3202 PERMITTING**

- (a) Every person engaged in the practice of tattooing shall register with their local health department on or before January 1, 1995, by providing their name, the address of the location at which they engage in tattooing, and their hours of operation.
- (b) No person shall engage in tattooing on or after June 1, 1995, without first obtaining a tattooing permit issued by the department. Persons permitted to engage in tattooing in counties with local rules shall obtain a tattooing permit from the department on or after June 1, 1995. Nothing herein shall preclude counties with local rules from permitting tattoo artists prior to June 1, 1995, at which time all tattoo artists shall be permitted by the department.
- (c) No tattooing permit shall be issued to a person until an inspection by the department verifies compliance with this Section.
- (d) Tattooing permits shall be issued in the name of the individual tattoo artist, shall list the address of the tattoo establishment where the artist will practice, and shall not be transferable to another person or place of practice.
- (e) A valid tattooing permit shall be posted in the premises of the tattoo establishment in a conspicuous place where it may be easily observed by the public upon entering the establishment.
- (f) Application for a tattooing permit shall be submitted to the local health department. The application shall include at least the following information:
  - (1) Name of tattoo artist;
  - (2) Mailing address of tattoo artist;
  - (3) Name of tattoo establishment;
  - (4) Street address of tattoo establishment;
  - (5) Anticipated date of commencing operation; and
  - (6) Signature of tattoo artist.
- (g) Any additional information requested by the department to verify compliance with this Section shall be submitted with the permit application. An initial application for issuance of a tattooing permit shall be submitted no less than 30 days before anticipated commencement of tattooing by the artist within the jurisdiction of the local health department issuing the permit. Application for renewal of an existing tattooing permit shall be submitted to the local health department at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the existing permit.
- (h) Any permit application fee established by the local board of health shall be paid upon submission of the application.

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