

CHAPTER 125

TATTOOING

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125.01 DEFINITION. For the purposes of this chapter, “tattooing” means to puncture the skin with a needle and insert indelible permanent colors through the puncture to leave permanent marks or designs.

125.02 PRACTICE. The practice of tattooing people is prohibited except when practiced by persons registered pursuant to this chapter who are either:

1. Physicians or osteopaths licensed to practice in the State of Iowa, or
2. Any other person engaged in the practice of tattooing, whose sterilization and health practices are directly supervised by and under the responsibility of a physician or osteopath licensed to practice in the State of Iowa.

125.03 PLACES. The places for practicing the tattooing of people shall be limited to tattoo establishments for which a license or permit for that purpose has been obtained from the Iowa Department of Health or any location where tattooing may be practiced under State law.

125.04 REGISTRATION. Tattoo establishments and any person who may engage in the practice of tattooing shall register in the office of the City Administrator before commencing the practice of tattooing. Each registration shall be signed by the licensed physician or osteopath under whose supervision and responsibility the practice will be operated, verifying the time, place and manner in which direct supervision will be exercised throughout the term of the registration. A new registration, including a new signature and verification of a licensed physician or osteopath, shall be required for each calendar year thereafter.

125.05 REGISTRATION INEFFECTIVE. Any registration or proposed registration which does not comply or ceases to comply with the requirements of this chapter, including the regulations of the City Council, or which contains statements which were false when made or which cease to be true during the term of the registration, shall be deemed ineffective and shall not constitute a registration for purposes of this chapter.

125.06 REGULATIONS. The City Council shall by resolution make reasonable regulations for determining the adequacy of direct medical supervision, in time, place and manner, in order to minimize the risk of departure from good and proper health practices in accord with the purposes of this chapter. Such regulations shall be available for inspection in the office of the City Administrator.

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