

# Guidelines for Tattoo Establishments

## Permanent Establishment Guidelines:

- Must be annually inspected by the Designated Inspection Agency. Click below for link to County Inspector Map  
[http://www.idph.state.ia.us/webmap/default.asp?map=envhealth\\_resources](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/webmap/default.asp?map=envhealth_resources)
- Must be located in a commercially-zoned building. **TATTOOING IS NOT PERMITTED IN RESIDENTIAL DWELINGS**
- Must have an area of at least 300 square feet
- Must be adequately lighted and ventilated
- 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 \$100 fee

## Mobile Unit Guidelines

- Must be annually inspected by the Designated Inspection Agency. Click below for link to County Inspector Map  
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- 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

### **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 7 consecutive days in combination with a single event or celebration (Ex. Conventions)
- Must submit application, floor plan, and \$50 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.**