

LENAWEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

REGULATIONS GOVERNING

TATTOO OPERATIONS AND/OR INTRADERMAL COSMETICS STUDIOS

**CHAPTER I PURPOSE, ADMINISTRATION AND
GENERAL DEFINITIONS**

SECTION 1 PURPOSE

A regulation of the Board of Health of Lenawee County, Michigan to protect the public health of Lenawee County residents by providing for the issuance of certificates/licenses; defining tattooing, body piercing and intradermal cosmetics; establishing minimum sanitation standards for tattoo, body piercing, and intradermal cosmetics operations; prescribing duties, responsibilities and authority of the Lenawee County Health Department; providing for the enforcement of the regulation and penalties for the violation of its provisions.

SECTION 2 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- a. **AUTHORITY** – By virtue of the power vested in the Board of Health of Lenawee County under the authority of Act 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended, there are hereby provided regulations effecting the public health, safety and welfare relating to tattooing, body piercing and intradermal cosmetics within the County of Lenawee, State of Michigan and to provide penalties for the violation of such regulations.
- b. **JURISDICTION** – The Lenawee County Health Department shall have jurisdiction throughout Lenawee County, including all cities, villages, and townships in the administration and enforcement of these regulations including all amendments hereafter adopted unless otherwise specifically stated.
- c. **ENFORCEMENT** – All premises affected by the requirements of these regulations shall be subject to inspection by the Health Officer. The Health Officer may collect such samples for laboratory examination or any other examinations or test as may be necessary for the enforcement of the regulations governing tattooing, body piercing and intradermal cosmetics.
- d. **RIGHT OF ENTRY** – No person shall refuse to permit the Health Officer or his designee, after proper identification, to inspect any tattoo facility at reasonable hours nor shall any person molest or resist the Health Officer in the discharge of his/her duty and the protection of the public health.
- e. **FEES AND HANDLING OF FEES** – All fees collected by the Health Officer shall be receipted for and deposited to the credit of the Lenawee County Health Department. A **FEE SCHEDULE** for licenses, certificates and other services authorized by these regulations shall be established and

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approved by the Lenawee County Board of Health, pursuant to Act 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

- f. **PENALTY** – Any person who shall fail to comply with any provision herein shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction hereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of time not exceeding ninety (90) days, or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court. Each twenty-four hours said owner shall knowingly permit said violation of these regulations shall be deemed an additional offense.
- g. **INJUNCTIVE PROCEEDINGS** – Notwithstanding the existence or pursuit of any other remedy, the Health Officer may maintain an action in a court of competent jurisdiction for injunction or other process against any person to restrain or prevent violations of these regulations.
- h. **INTERFERENCE WITH NOTICES** – No person shall remove, mutilate or conceal any notice or placard posted by the Health Officer except by permission of the Health Officer.
- i. **VALIDITY** – If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of these regulations is for any reason adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, it is hereby provided that the remaining portions of these regulations shall not be affected thereby.
- j. **OTHER LAWS AND REGULATIONS** – These regulations are supplemental to the rules and regulations duly enacted by the Michigan Department of Public Health and to laws of the State of Michigan relating to public health and shall supersede all ordinances not conforming with the minimum standards as set forth in these regulations.
- k. **NOTIFICATION** – Notification of the adoption of all regulations promulgated by the Board of Health, under authority of Act 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended and approved by the Board of Commissioners of Lenawee County shall be published in a newspaper circulated in the appropriate county within 30 days after action indicating where copies of such regulations can be obtained for review.
- l. **EFFECTIVE DATE** – The regulations, or amendments thereto, shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of Act 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended, which shall be 45 days after approval or at a time specified by the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners.
- m. **ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES** – Nothing stated in these regulations may be construed to limit the power of the Health Officer to order the immediate and complete abatement of the public nuisance or menace to the public health, of a condition, which in the opinion of the Health Officer may become a threat to the public health.
- n. **PRE-EXISTING VIOLATIONS** – No violations of any repealed section or provision shall be made legal by virtue of a new effective date of these regulations. Any act, situation or condition of premises or things which when created or first allowed to exist was a violation of these regulations, shall continue to be a violation of these regulations if a similar section or provision is a part of these regulations.

SECTION 3 GENERAL DEFINITIONS

3.1 DEFINITIONS –When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the singular number include the plural and words in the plural include the singular number. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directional. Words and terms not defined herein shall be interpreted in the manner of their common usage. The following words and terms used in these regulations unless otherwise stated, shall have the following meaning:

- a. Board of Health** – The term “Board of Health” shall mean the Board of Health of the Lenawee County Health Department.
- b. Body Piercing** – The term “Body Piercing” means the perforation of human tissue for the purpose of placing a decorative object into the body or skin for a non-medical purpose with the exception of piercing the ear.
- c. Intradermal Cosmetics** – The term “Intradermal Cosmetics” shall mean beautifying the skin by applying permanent make-up such as eye brows, etc. by placing an indelible mark on the skin of another individual.
- d. Health Department** – The term “Health Department” shall mean the Lenawee County Health Department.
- e. Health Officer** – The term “Health Officer” shall mean the director or the acting director of the Lenawee County Health Department or his/her authorized representative.
- f. Municipality** – The term “Municipality” shall mean any incorporated city, village, or township within the County of Lenawee.
- g. Tattoo** – the term “Tattoo” shall mean any of the following:
 - (a.)** Placement of an indelible mark on the body of another individual by the insertion of a pigment under the skin; or,
 - (b.)** Placement of an indelible design upon the body of another individual by production of scars.
- h. Owner** – the term “Owner” shall mean the owner of title or record or the person legally occupying or in possession of any property or premise.
- i. Patron** – the term “Patron” shall mean the individual receiving a tattoo, body piercing or intradermal cosmetics procedure.
- j. Person** – The term “Person” shall mean an individual, or a firm, partnership, company, corporation, trustee, association or any public or private entity.
- k. Premise** – The term “Premise” shall mean any tract of land with or without a habitable building or dwelling.
- l. Tattoo Facility** – The term “Tattoo Facility” as it relates to these regulations shall be the specific premise at a geographic location in which a certified operator does any of the following:
 - (a.)** Places an indelible mark on the body of another individual by the insertion of a pigment under the skin; or,

- (b.) Places an indelible design upon the body of another individual by production of scars; or,
- (c.) Pierces the body/skin for the purpose of placing a decorative object into the body/skin for a non-medical purpose with the exception of piercing the ear.

CHAPTER II LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, PROCEDURES AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

SECTION 1 LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- 1.a REQUIRED LICENSE** – It shall be unlawful for any Person to operate any practice, business or occupation of tattooing, body piercing or intradermal cosmetics within the jurisdiction of the Lenawee County Health Department unless said Person possesses a valid License then in force issued by the Health Officer.
- b. REQUIRED COMPLIANCE** - A Person shall comply with all applicable requirements of this regulation in order to be entitled to receive and to retain said license. A license shall not be transferable as to Person or place. The License shall be placed in a conspicuous location in the customer area of every Tattoo Facility.
- c. EXPIRATION OF LICENSE** – Every License issued hereunder shall expire at Midnight on December 31, following date of issuance, or as otherwise stated on the License. Any required License shall be deemed to be in effect as of the date of the Health Officer’s approval of the application for same.
- d. REGULATED ACTIVITY** – An individual shall not tattoo, perform intradermal cosmetics or engage in the body piercing of another individual unless each of the following conditions are met:
 - (a.) the tattooing, intradermal cosmetics or body piercing occurs at a tattoo facility licensed under these regulations; and
 - (b.) the individual receiving the tattoo, intradermal cosmetics or body piercing is 18 years of age or older and age must be verified by a valid form of identification. Individuals entering the tattoo facility that are younger than 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

SECTION 2 PROCEDURES FOR LICENSING

- a. APPLICATION SUBMITTAL** – Any Person desiring to operate a Tattoo Facility shall make written application for a License on form(s) provided by the Health Officer. Such application shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee as specified in the Fee Schedule. Failure on the part of the Person to fully complete the required application may be deemed cause for refusal to issue a License.

- b. REQUIREMENT FOR EXAMINATION** – All Persons working in a Tattoo Facility licensed under this ordinance shall obtain a tattoo/body piercing/intradermal cosmetics education certificate every two years from the anniversary date of the original certificate. The issuance of this certificate shall be contingent upon successful completion of a written or oral examination provided by the Health Officer. A Person failing such examination may apply for re-examination after 30 days. Upon the successful completion of said examination, the Person can be referred to as “Certified Operator”.
- c. APPLICATION APPROVAL** – Upon receipt of the properly completed application accompanied by the appropriate fee, completion of a plan review and obtaining a passing score on a written and/or oral examination by the applicant, the Health Officer shall make an inspection of the facility. Upon confirmation that all of the applicable requirements of these regulations have been satisfactorily met, a License shall be issued to the Owner/Person by the Health Officer. The Owner/Person may thereafter be referred to as “Licensee”.

SECTION 3 DENIAL, SUSPENSION, AND REVOCATION OF LICENSE

- a. DENIAL** – If the Health Officer finds good and sufficient reason to deny an application for License, he/she shall issue a notice to the Person in writing that the license will not be issued, citing the deficiencies or non-complying items that constitute his/her reasons for not issuing the License. Until the Person has satisfactorily complied with the requirements of these regulations and the terms and conditions of the notice, he/she shall be denied a License.
- b. SUSPENSION** – Any License issued pursuant to the provisions of these regulations may be suspended by the Health Officer for failure of the Licensee to comply with the applicable requirements of these regulations. Upon said discovery, the Health Officer may issue a written notice to the Licensee or Certified Operator thereof, citing such conditions and stating that the License is immediately suspended. Upon receipt of said notice of suspension all tattooing, body piercing or intradermal cosmetics operations shall immediately cease and the Licensee or Certified Operator shall close the establishment.
- c. REINSTATEMENT OF SUSPENDED LICENSES** – Any Person whose License has been suspended may, at any time, make a written request for reinstatement of the License. Such a written request shall include a statement signed by the Person to the effect that in the person’s opinion the conditions causing such suspension of the License have been corrected. Within a reasonable time, not to exceed ten (10) working days following receipt of such request, the Health Officer shall make a reinspection of the Tattoo Facility. If the Person is then in satisfactory compliance with the applicable provisions of these regulations, the License shall be reinstated upon payment of the reinstatement fee prescribed in the fee schedule.

- d. **REVOCATION** – For serious or repeated violations of any of the requirements of these regulations or for interference with the Health Officer in the performance of his/her duties, a License may be revoked by the Health Officer after an opportunity for a hearing has been provided. Prior to such action to revoke a License, the Health Officer shall notify the Licensee in writing, stating the reasons for which the License is subject to revocation and advising that the License shall be revoked at the end of five (5) days following service of such notice, unless the Licensee files a request for a hearing within five days, and unless the Licensee at said hearing satisfactorily shows cause why his/her License should not be revoked. A License may be suspended for cause pending its revocation or a hearing and decision relative thereto.

CHAPTER III INSPECTION OF TATTOOING FACILITIES

The Health Officer shall have the authority to inspect every Premise and location at which the aforesaid practice is being carried on within the jurisdiction of the Health Department as often as deemed necessary for the enforcement of these regulations. The Health Officer may at any reasonable time make inspections of the Tattoo Facility to insure compliance with these regulations. All Tattoo Facilities within the jurisdiction of the Lenawee County Health Department shall be inspected a minimum of two (2) times per year by the Health Officer.

CHAPTER IV PLAN REQUIREMENTS – EQUIPMENT – OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

SECTION 1 PLAN REQUIREMENTS

- a. **PLANS REQUIRED** – No Person, firm, association, or corporation shall construct, install, operate, equip, or extensively alter a Tattoo Facility until plans have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Health Officer. When such plans are submitted to the Health Officer, they shall be acted upon within thirty (30) days after date of receipt.
- b. **PLAN SPECIFICATIONS** – The plans and specifications submitted for approval by the Health Officer shall clearly show and describe that applicable provisions of these regulations can be adequately met, and shall include:
- (a.) The total area (square feet) to be used for the tattoo, body piercing or intradermal cosmetics operation;
 - (b.) entrances and exits;
 - (c.) location, number and types of plumbing fixtures including all water supply facilities;
 - (d.) plan of light, both natural and artificial;
 - (e.) detailed floor plan drawn to scale of not less than ¼ inch equal 1 foot;

- (f.) equipment schedule that includes make and model numbers of all instruments and sterilization equipment;
- (g.) finish schedule of floors, walls and ceilings; and,
- (h.) location and type of water supply and sewage disposal system(s).

SECTION 2 EQUIPMENT

- a. **EQUIPMENT APPROVAL** – All equipment, both new and used, to be utilized in the tattoo facility shall be approved by the Health Officer.
- b. **DESIGN** – To allow proper cleaning and sterilization, equipment used for contact with skin, muscles or body fluids should be (a) designed for easy assembly – disassembly; and (b) of smooth easily cleanable construction.
- c. **SOLDER** – Solder used for the attachment of needles to the needle bars shall be lead-free.

SECTION 3 OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

- a. **MINIMUM FLOOR SPACE** – Tattoo Facilities shall have not less than one hundred fifty (150) square feet of usable floor space. If more than one certified operator is engaged in the same facility, there shall be a minimum of one hundred (100) square feet of floor space for each certified operator. The building shall be enclosed on for sides and maintained free from dust, dirt, or contamination and shall have self closing doors and windows equipped with screens in good repair if the windows are intended to be used for ventilation.
- b. **ILLUMINATION** – The Tattoo Facility shall be provided with artificial light sources equivalent to at least twenty (20) foot-candles at a distance of thirty (30) inches above the floor throughout the operation. A minimum of fifty (50) foot-candles of light shall be provided at the level where the tattooing, body piercing or intradermal cosmetics is being performed. Spot-lighting may be utilized to achieve this required degree of illumination.
- c. **WALLS, CEILINGS AND FLOORS** – The floors, walls and ceilings shall be light in color, impervious, smooth, easily cleanable and shall be maintained in a sanitary manner at all times.
- d. **TOILET FACILITIES** – A toilet and lavatory shall be conveniently located and accessible to the certified operator(s) and Patron(s).
- e. **HAND WASHING SINK** – A lavatory or hand washing sink, with hot and cold running water, liquid or granular soap, and single-use towels shall be located in close proximity for each certified operator.
- f. **PLUMBING WASTE LINES** – There shall be no overhead or otherwise exposed sewerage lines so as to create a potential hazard to the sanitary environment of the operation. All plumbing improvements shall comply with local and State plumbing codes.
- g. **SOLID AND/OR MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL** – Sufficient receptacles shall be provided for the disposition of trash, etc. Each trash receptacle shall

have a lid and be kept closed at all times. All medical waste, including needles or other sharps, shall be disposed of in a manner prescribed by the Michigan Department of Public Health or approved by the Health Officer.

- h. **OPERATING TABLES OR CHAIRS** – All operating tables or chairs shall be constructed of material that can be sanitized and shall be located at least six (6) feet from any observer or waiting customers and/or separated by a panel at least four (4) feet high.
- i. **RECORDS** – The Tattoo Facility License shall keep records on all patrons receiving tattoos, body piercing or intradermal cosmetics indicating the name, address, age, client health history questions as stated in Chapter V, Section 1.a, signature of the client, as well as, a brief description of the work performed, the location on the body where the work was performed and the name of the certified operator completing the job. These records shall be recorded and kept on file for a minimum of ten (10) years. Access to these records shall not be denied to the Health Officer or any duly authorized agent of a law enforcement agency. All customer records shall be turned over to the Lenawee County Health Department upon termination of the business.
- j. **POSTING OF REGULATIONS** – The Licensee/Owner of the Tattoo Facility shall keep a copy of these regulations posted in each Tattoo Facility in a location that is conspicuous to the Patron. Such copy shall be provided by the Lenawee County Health Department.

CHAPTER V MINIMUM SANITATION STANDARDS

Alternatives to the requirements listed in Chapter V, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 may be established at the discretion of the Health Officer, if, in his/her opinion, said alternatives would provide equal or better protection than the minimum requirements of said Chapter. Such changes will be provided to the Licensee or certified operator in writing by the Health Officer.

SECTION 1 CLIENT HEALTH HISTORY

- a. **HEALTH HISTORY** – The certified operator shall inquire of a Patron for the following conditions:
 - 1) do you have a history of jaundice or hepatitis;
 - 2) a history of lymphadenopathy or lymphadenitis (swelling of lymph nodes);
 - 3) a history of blood donation exclusion (for other than hypertension and immediate illness);
 - 4) a history of skin disease or skin cancer;
 - 5) a history of allergies or anaphylactic reaction to needle injections; and,
 - 6) are you generally in good health today?
- b. **PROHIBITED SERVICE** – Those indicating a history of any of the above shall be refused service. Any Patron who is inebriated or obviously under the

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effects of alcohol or drugs shall be refused service. The certified operator shall verify the age of the patron by requiring proof of a valid form of identification. No minor (anyone under the age of eighteen years) shall be tattooed, have any part of their body pierced or have intradermal cosmetics applied to their body.

SECTION 2 OPERATOR HYGIENE

- a. **PERSONAL HEALTH** – The certified operator shall be free of communicable disease.
- b. **CLOTHING** – All certified operators, while tattooing, performing body piercing or applying intradermal cosmetics, shall wear clean, washable covering garments.
- c. **HAND WASHING** - Immediately prior to beginning any tattooing, body piercing or intradermal cosmetics operation, each certified operator shall wash their hands in warm water for at least three (3) minutes with liquid or granulated soap, or equivalent, as approved by the Health Officer. An individual hand washing brush shall be used by each certified operator. After washing hands, as herein required, the certified operator shall rinse their hands in seventy percent (70%) alcohol (rubbing alcohol) or in an antiseptic solution approved by the Health Officer. The certified operator’s fingernails shall be kept clean and short.
- d. **GLOVES** – The certified operator shall wear and then discard a separate set of disposable surgical gloves approved by the Health Officer for each client. Should the gloves develop a break or tear, they will be immediately replaced.
- e. **LAP CLOTH** – All certified operators who utilize lap cloths shall launder the lap cloth at least daily, and shall be replaced immediately if contaminated by blood or other body fluids.
- f. **SMOKING** – There shall be no smoking by the Patron or certified operator during any tattoo, body piercing or intradermal cosmetics operation.

SECTION 3 TATTOOING, INTRADERMAL COSMETICS AND BODY PIERCING OPERATION

- a. **SKIN SURFACE** – Tattooing, body piercing or intradermal cosmetics shall only be done on a normal healthy skin surface. None of the above operations shall be done on scar tissue. No certified operator shall attempt to remove tattoo marks. Patrons wishing to have a tattoo removed shall be referred to a licensed physician.
- b. **RAZORS** – Separate dispensable razors with single service blades shall be used for shaving each Patron and then discarded.
- c. **SHAVING** – Before shaving the area that is to be tattooed, pierced or receive intradermal cosmetics, the area shall be thoroughly cleansed with tincture of green soap (U.S.P.) or its equivalent, as approved by the Health Officer, and

then washed with a 70% alcohol solution. After shaving the area, 70% alcohol solution shall be applied to the skin.

- d. **SKIN LUBRICANT** – Only sterile anti-microbial ointment in collapsible metal or plastic tubes or its equivalent, as approved by the Health Officer, shall be used on the area to be tattooed, pierced or receive intradermal cosmetics and shall be applied by use of sterile gauze, but not directly with the fingers.
- e. **TREATMENT OF BLOOD FLOW** – No certified operator shall use styptic pencils, alum blocks, or any other solid styptic to check the flow of blood.
- f. **DYES OR INKS** – All dyes or inks used in tattooing or intradermal cosmetics shall be manufactured by a reputable manufacturer and used without adulteration of the original formula. Single service disposable containers of dye or ink shall be used for each patron. Dye or ink from these individual single service containers must be discarded and can not under any circumstance be re-used on another Patron or placed back into the original stock container. The single use containers shall be disinfected prior to use. If non-disposable containers are used, they must be sterilized before reuse.
- g. **TATTOO DISINFECTION** – Excess dye or ink shall be removed from the skin with an individually wrapped sterile gauze or individual sterile cotton saturated with a germicidal solution approved by the Health Officer or seventy percent (70%) alcohol. The tattooed area shall be allowed to dry and sterile anti-microbial ointment from a collapsible metal or plastic tube or its equivalent, as approved by the Health Officer, shall be applied. Sterile gauze dressing shall be applied to the site and secured with medically approved first-aid adhesive tape.
- h. **EQUIPMENT STORAGE** – Needles, dyes and inks used in tattooing, body piercing or intradermal cosmetics shall be kept in a clean, sterile and non-toxic condition. Other materials and equipment shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition to prevent transmission of etiologic agents. Violation of this provision is hereby declared detrimental to health and dangerous to human life and shall be considered a threat to the public health for purposes of these regulations.
- i. **INFECTIONS** – All infections resulting from the practice of tattooing, body piercing or intradermal cosmetics which become known to the operator, shall be reported to the Health Officer by the Person owning or operating the Tattoo Facility. Person(s) known to have an infection resulting from tattooing are to be instructed by the Licensee or certified operator to contact a physician.
- j. **PROHIBITIONS** – Tattooing, including the changing or repairing of previous tattoos, shall not be performed on the hands below the wrist line, on the feet below the ankle, on the head or face above the collar line (except of intradermal cosmetics application such as eye brows, lips, etc.), on the genitalia, scrotum, or in the anal area. Nor shall such tattooing be undertaken over the site of an obviously recent hypodermic injection.
- k. **DRESSING MATERIALS** - The use of paper napkins, other non-sterile materials and non-medically approved tape for dressing is prohibited. Only

recognized and approved surgical dressings and tapes shall be used on Patrons.

- l. POSTED PROCEDURES** – Procedures listed in Chapter V, Sections 3, 4, and 5 shall be prominently posted at the work site where tattooing, intradermal cosmetics or body piercing takes place.
- m. SAFE PRACTICES** – The certified operator shall follow the safe practice of one (1) needle per Patron; the needle used on one Patron may not touch or penetrate another patron or other Patron's dye or ink/dye without prior cleaning and sterilization.

SECTION 4 CLEANING OF INSTRUMENTS PRIOR TO STERILIZATION

- a. ULTRASONIC CLEANING** – After each job, the tattooing or piercing device shall be disassembled, soaked in warm detergent water and then rinsed in clean warm water prior to being placed in an ultrasonic type machine to remove the excess dye or skin tissue from the needles, tubes and needle bars. When this process is completed, the needles, tubes, needle bars and piercing device shall then be placed into a covered container for disinfection.
- b. DISINFECTION** – After ultrasonic cleaning, needles, needle tubes and grips shall be placed in a disinfectant solution approved by the Health Officer for approximately ten (10) minutes or as specified by the manufacturer.
- c. INSTRUMENT WASHING** – After placement in the disinfectant solution, clean and scrub needles, needle tubes and grips in a detergent soap and warm water solution.
- d. INSTRUMENT RINSING** – After equipment has been washed, rinse needles, needle tubes and grips in clean warm water and prepare for sterilization.

SECTION 5 STERILIZATION

- a. POSTED PROCEDURES** – Procedures approved by the department for sterilization are to be posted at the site where sterilization of instruments is to be conducted.
- b. STERILIZATION** – Each Tattoo Facility shall provide sterilizers, approved by the Health Officer. All needle bars, grips and tubes, shall be sterilized before using on each patron by one of two procedures:
 - (a.) Autoclaving for thirty (30) minutes at fifteen (15) to twenty (20) pounds pressure per square inch at two hundred fifty five (255) degrees Fahrenheit; or
 - (b.) dry heat sterilization at three hundred (300) degrees Fahrenheit for two and one half (2 ½) hours, three hundred twenty (320) degrees Fahrenheit for two (2) hours or three hundred forty (340) degrees Fahrenheit for one (1) hour or other method approved by the department.

All instruments to be sterilized shall be placed in approved wrappers or bags prior to placing them in the autoclave or dry heat sterilizer.

- c. **STERILIZATION VERIFICATION** – Irregardless of the method used for sterilization, the services of an independent testing establishment shall be used by the Tattoo Facility to check for biologic growth. Said testing shall be done every quarter at a minimum, unless otherwise established by the Health Officer. A copy of each test result shall be forwarded to the Lenawee County Health Department.

If the Tattoo Facility is notified by the testing establishment that a test result is positive for biologic growth, the Tattoo Facility shall immediately cease all operations and notify the Lenawee County Health department. Operations in the tattoo Facility can not resume until test results that are negative for biologic growth have been provided to the Lenawee County Health Department by the testing establishment.

Each time the autoclave is used, a registered tape that is sensitive to temperatures exceeding 255 degrees Fahrenheit and pressures of fifteen (15) to twenty (20) pounds per square inch must be used. If dry heat sterilization is employed, sterilization temperatures must be checked each time the unit is operated by using a temperature indicator label capable of measuring temperatures of 300, 320, or 340 degrees Fahrenheit depending upon the time allotted for proper sterilization. Copies of all test results, including the registered tape strips and temperature indicator labels, are to be kept on site in a log book. These results are to be made available to the inspecting agency upon request.

If at any time during the sterilization process, the registered heat tapes or temperature indicator labels fail to indicate proper sterilization temperatures were achieved, all items in the units must go through a second sterilization cycle.

- d. **STORING OF INSTRUMENTS** – During the sterilization process all tubes, grips and needle bars shall be left in approved wrappers or sterilizer bags. They shall remain in these wrappers or bags until they are used. These wrapped articles shall be stored in a closed glass case or storage cabinet. This closed glass case or storage cabinet shall be maintained in a sanitary manner at all times.
- e. **WORKING SURFACES** – Each working surface shall be cleaned after each use with a tuberculocidal disinfectant approved by the Health Officer.

CHAPTER VI VARIANCE PROVISION

The Board of Health may grant a hearing to a tattoo operator and authorize, for specific cases, such variance from the requirements of these regulations as will not be contrary to the protection of the public health and when the operator shows that because of practical difficulties or other special conditions, their strict application will cause unusual and

unnecessary hardship. However, no variance shall be granted that will defeat the spirit and general intent of these regulations, or otherwise not be consistent with the protection of the public health.

Approved and adopted by the Lenawee County Board of Health, May 5, 1994.

The above Lenawee County Ordinance was passed by a roll call vote of the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on Wednesday, June 8, 1994.