



CATAWBA COUNTY

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Public Health – Environmental Health Division

Plan Review for New Tattoo Establishment

Submit application, contact sheet, and \$265.00 fee to Environmental Health for approval before beginning any construction or renovation. Applications must be reviewed and approved before we can look at the establishment. Insufficient information will delay plan review.

- Is the proposed location service by public sewer and water, or is it serviced by septic and well?
- Attach a diagram to scale of the layout of the establishment complete with furnishings and storage for the tattoo artist in their individual areas.

"Tattoo Establishment" means any location where tattooing is engaged in or where the business of tattooing is conducted or any part thereof. For purposes of this Section, "Tattoo Parlor" falls within this definition.

(8) "Tattooing Room" means a room in the tattoo establishment where tattooing is performed.

*Please note that once your establishment is approved, each tattoo artist must be permitted at the establishment. A \$225 permit fee will apply.

Name of Business & Address: _____

Owner Name & Mailing Address: _____

Telephone #(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Applicant Signature _____

Date: _____



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Please Fill Out and Turn in for New Tattooing Establishment

The NC tattoo rules require tattoo & permanent makeup artists to meet certain minimum sanitation standards. These standards include: each studio having an autoclave (for the sterilizing of tattoo instruments), a sink(s) for hand washing, proper storage & disposal of solid waste, studio kept clean & in good repair, maintaining records of all autoclave tests & also of each client. In addition, each artist must be able to demonstrate knowledge of proper aseptic techniques. (There is no testing of artistic ability). Upon meeting these standards the artist is issued a permit.

The Catawba County Health Department locally enforces the North Carolina state rules (15NCAC 18A .3200) for the practice of tattooing. Tattooing is defined as "the inserting of permanent markings or coloration, or the producing of scars, upon or under human skin through puncturing by use of a needle or any other method."

It is important to understand that the permit is issued to a specific artist at a specific location. That is, the studio & the individual artist must both meet regulations. An artist who practices at more than one studio, or who moves to another studio, must get a new permit at each location. Conversely, at a studio with more than one artist each artist must have a separate permit. Apprentices cannot work under an artist's permit; they must have their own permits.

1. _____ Will you use an autoclave to sterilize your equipment? If yes, then please put the make and model of the unit. **Please note that before a permit can be issued, there must be a spore test done by a certified lab to check and make sure the unit works.**

Make _____ Model# _____

2. _____ How many artists including you are you planning on having in the tattoo establishment?
3. _____ Does your facility have public water and sewer? If not, a septic tank check and water sample must be done prior to permitting.
4. Floor, wall and ceiling finishes? _____

5. _____ Number of bathrooms? This includes customer and artist restrooms.
6. **Please draw to scale**, either on the chart below or on a separate piece of graph paper, the establishment with all areas identified including location of all equipment, countertops, bathrooms, hand sinks, waiting areas, tattooing areas and anything else that is associated with the facility.



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