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Subject: Requirements of the Safe Body Art Act (AB 300)

To Whom It May Concern:

As you may be aware, the Safe Body Art Act took effect on January 1, 2012, and all facilities will be required to apply for a Permit to Operate. Although the registration requirements for practitioners have not changed, there are now mandated trainings for every artist. Currently, we have an annual registration fee for each practitioner of \$108.00, annual facility permit fee of \$215.00, A Temporary Event Booth (per practitioner) fee of \$85.00, a Body Art Temporary Event Sponsor fee of \$257.00, and a Mobile Body Art Facility fee of \$127.00. Ordinance number 3056 was approved by our Board of Supervisors February 9, 2017 stating that these fees shall be annually amended to reflect increases in cost providing the service including but, not limited to Consumer Price Index increase.

Assembly Bill 300, The Safe Body Art Act, was signed into law on October 9, 2011. The Safe Body Art Act establishes a uniform set of standards for the State of California for all body art, which includes tattoos, piercing, permanent cosmetics, and branding.

Listed below are some important requirements of the Safe Body Art Act:

- All Body Artists must practice at a permitted facility, if you are currently registered at your home or other address, you must reregister at an approved facility.
- All Body Art practitioners will be required to have evidence that they have successfully completed an OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Training as well as complying with the current Hepatitis B requirements.
- Facility owners shall provide Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Training for Body Art practitioners, employees, contractors, and volunteers who perform duties within the decontamination and sterilization area or procedure area.
- A Body Art facility shall maintain and follow a written Infection Control Plan/Bloodborne Pathogen Protection Program and provide onsite training for staff.
- Jewelry used in the practice of body art must meet the standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) or International Organization for Standardization (ISO).
- Body art facility must comply with California Department of Public Health requirements for sharps waste containers.

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The Safe Body Art Act can be found in the California Health and Safety Code, Sections 119300-119327 and found online at http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_0251-0300/ab_300_bill_20111009_chaptered.html. In addition, please review the attached document from the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health's "California Safe Body Art Act Guidelines-Questions and Answers".

Inspecting and regulating Body Art Facilities is new to Lake County Environmental Health. We have a long and successful relationship with many other industries and professions and anticipate a mutually fulfilling working relationship.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

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