

**GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BODY ART ORDINANCE**

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners has examined the Public Health Code and determined that there does not presently exist any applicable statute, regulation, rule, or order governing tattooing, cosmetic tattooing, body piercing, branding, or scarification, and;

WHEREAS, Sections 2433 and 2435 of the Public Health Code, 1978 P.A. 368, requires that a local health department shall endeavor to prevent disease, and;

WHEREAS, the practice of tattooing, cosmetic tattooing, body piercing, branding, or scarification have been associated with the transmission of Hepatitis B and may be potentially associated with the transmission of HIV Virus and other infectious and communicable diseases, and;

WHEREAS, the Grand Traverse County Health Department is an agency of Grand Traverse County and is under the direction and control of the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners, and;

WHEREAS, in order for the Grand Traverse County Health Department to fulfill its mandate under the Public Health Code, Sections 2433 and 2435 (1978 P.A. No. 368), to prevent disease the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners adopts this Ordinance and regulations to protect the public health and promote the public safety and welfare of the citizens of Grand Traverse County.

I. DEFINITIONS

The following terms used in these regulations shall be defined as follows:

- 1.1 **"AFTERCARE"** means written instructions given to the client, specific to the body art procedure(s) rendered, about caring for the body art and surrounding area. These instructions will include information about when to seek medical treatment, if necessary.
- 1.2 **"ANTISEPTIC"** means an agent that destroys disease-causing micro-organisms on human skin or mucosa.
- 1.3 **"BODY ART"** means the practice of physical body adornment by permitted establishments and operators/technicians using, but not limited to, the following techniques: body piercing, tattooing, cosmetic tattooing, branding, and scarification. This definition does not include practices that are considered medical procedures by a state medical board, such as implants under the skin, which shall not be performed in a body art establishment. Nor does this definition include, for the purposes of this Ordinance, piercing of the outer perimeter or lobe of the ear with presterilized single-use stud-and clasp ear-piercing systems.
- 1.4 **"BODY ART ESTABLISHMENT"** means any place or premise, whether public or private, temporary or permanent, in nature or location, where the practices of body art, whether or not for profit, are performed – including mobile body art establishments and temporary body art establishments.
- 1.5 **"BODY PIERCING"** means puncturing or penetration of the skin or bone with presterilized single-use needles or other appliances/instruments and the insertion of presterilized jewelry or other adornment thereto in the opening, except that puncturing the outer perimeter or lobe of the ear with a presterilized single-use stud-and-clasp ear-