

ORDINANCE #15
GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY
TATTOOING AND TATTOO PARLORS

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, tattoo parlors or anyone practicing tattooing;

WHEREAS, Sections 2433 and 2435 of the Public Health Code, 1978 P.A. No. 368, requires that a local health department shall endeavor to prevent disease and;

WHEREAS, the practice of tattooing has 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 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. DEFINITION.

Tattooing is the creation of an indelible mark or figure upon the human body by insertion of pigment into or under the skin or by the production of scars.

II. PROHIBITION.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a tattoo parlor, practice, business or occupation of tattooing in Grand Traverse County unless the person possesses a valid license issued by the Grand Traverse County Health Department.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate a regulation adopted pursuant to this ordinance.

III. PENALTY.

A. Any person who violates Section II A of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by not more than 90 days in jail or a fine of \$500.00 or both plus costs of prosecution.

B. Any person who violates Section II B of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by not more than 90 days in the county jail or a fine of not more than \$200.00 or both.

IV. OTHER LEGAL SANCTIONS.

In addition to the penalties provided in Section III of this Ordinance, the Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Grand Traverse is hereby authorized to utilize all other legal remedies that are authorized by law to abate or enjoin any violation of this Ordinance, place or location where the violation occurs.

V. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE HEALTH OFFICER.

The Grand Traverse County Health Officer shall have the authority to regulate the design, installation, operation and maintenance of any tattooing parlor, practice, business or occupation under the jurisdiction of the Health Officer.