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The Department of Environmental Health Proposed Fee Package for Implementation of the Safe Body Art Act

Assembly Bill 300, the Safe Body Art Act, was signed into law by Governor Brown and becomes effective on July 1, 2012. The law requires that body art be performed in a safe and sanitary manner to prevent the potential for spreading blood-borne diseases. It provides a uniform set of standards for the body art industry to protect the health and safety of body art practitioners, their customers and the public.

The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) is the local agency charged with implementing the Safe Body Art Act in the County of San Diego. Having implemented a local body art program for over forty years, DEH has a long history of collaboration with the local Body Art industry. To partner in the implementation of the new state law and make changes to the local program, DEH worked with a group of Body Art stakeholders. This group helped identify training needs for Body Art practitioners to learn the requirements of the new law and provided input regarding changes to the local ordinance as well as proposed fees to attain cost recovery for program changes.

To provide the information needed by our body art industry stakeholders on the local implementation of the Safe Body Art Act, DEH will have three outreach sessions at no charge. Please join us to learn about the changes to the existing local Body Art Program, including registration requirements, permit fees and facility permitting requirements. To attend one of the sessions listed below, please RSVP to the Food and Housing Specialist on Duty by phone at (858) 505-6900 or E-mail to DEH.FHDUTYEH@sdcounty.ca.gov

- June 26, 2012, from 2-4 pm at 5500 Overland Ave., San Diego
- June 27, 2012 from 8-10 am at 5500 Overland Ave., San Diego
- July 3, 2012 from 1-3 pm at 151 E. Carmel St., San Marcos

Proposed Fee Adjustment

DEH strives to continuously improve processes to ensure we operate as efficiently and effectively as possible. As a result of these efforts, no fee adjustment was necessary in fiscal years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. However, implementation of the Safe Body Art Act requires a restructuring of County fees, to be consistent with state specifications regarding registrations, permits and inspections.

To determine your fee adjustment for the body art program, see proposed fees on the reverse of this page along with a summary of changes to the program. Proposed fees are also posted at DEH's web page, www.sdcdeh.org. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Food and Housing Division's Duty Specialist by telephone at 858-505-6900 or by e-mail at fhdutye@sdcounty.ca.gov.

The Board of Supervisors will hear these proposed fee adjustments at their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 310, County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego. The fee adjustments will become effective August 24, 2012, if approved. Any changes to this date will be posted on the DEH website at www.sdcdeh.org.

BODY ART FEE UPDATES

<i>Body Art</i>	<i>Current Fee</i>	<i>Proposed Fee</i>	<i>Percent Change</i>
FG01 Body Art Facility	\$ 266	\$ 279	4.89%
FG03 Body Art Practitioner	\$ 146	\$ 95	-34.93%
Deleted fee: Body Art Technician (One-time registration)	\$47	N/A	
Body Art Temporary Event Sponsor	New	\$ 465	
Deleted fee: Body Art /Temporary Event Organizer	\$270 plus \$71 per booth (1/2 hr X \$142 hourly rate = \$71)	N/A	
Body Art Temporary Event Booth	New	\$ 52	
Notification form ear-piercing only	New	\$ 45	
Late Fee for Body Art Temp Event	\$ 86	\$ 83	-3.49%

Explanation of changes:

Implementation of law changes requires a restructuring of current fees. For your convenience, the proposed changes are summarized below.

- Deletion of two fees for:
 - One-time Body Art Registration
 - Body Art Temporary Event Organizer fees
- Adding three new fees for:
 - Body Art Temporary Event Sponsor
 - Body Art Temporary Event Booth
 - Notification form – Ear Piercing Only
- Adjustment of three fees for:
 - The Body Art Facility fee is proposed to increase 4.9% due to the new requirement for review of additional documentation, including the Infection Prevention and Control Plan.
 - The Body Art Practitioner fee is proposed to decrease 35% because only an annual registration will be required rather than both a one-registration fee and an annual inspection permit fee.
 - The Late Fee for Body Art Temporary Event would decrease 3.5% due to efficiencies achieved in having the sponsor submit a single application for the event.

These proposed changes would result in an estimated overall decrease of 11.2% in permit fees for the Body Art industry.