

Tattoo Parlors and Body Piercing

The City of Huntington ordinances regulate Tattoo Parlors. It is unlawful for anyone to operate a Tattoo Parlor without a business license from the City. Tattoo Studios and Body Piercing and Technicians are permitted through the local and State Health Department. To apply for a permit, download and complete the application forms and submit them along with your plan to the Cabell-Huntington Health Department. Body Piercing Technician Applications may be downloaded and submitted to the WV State Health Department. For more information about Tattoo Parlors please see the City of Huntington Ordinance Section 1341.41 Tattoo Parlors. You may also email the City Planner, Bre Shell at shellb@cityofhuntington.com for additional information.

For more information contact the Cabell Huntington Health Department:

- Phone: (304) 523-6483, ext. 264
- Website: <http://www.cabellhealth.org/environmental.htm>

For more information about Body Piercing permits contact the WV Department of Health and Human Resources: Public Health Sanitation Division:

- Website: http://www.wvdhhr.org/phs/other/Body_Piercing.asp

In general, the permit submittal will adhere to the following review process:

- Contact the WV State Health Department for applications to be a Body Piercing Technician
- Contact the City Planner to determine the zoning requirements
 - If the location has previously had a Tattoo Parlor, you may be required to petition the Board of Zoning Appeals to continue at that location
 - If the location has not previously been a Tattoo Parlor, the location may not allow that use OR you may be required to petition the Board of Zoning Appeals for approval
 - All locations must meet the requirements of Section 1341.41 which details distance requirements to certain uses
- Once the City verifies all zoning requirements have been met, applicant applies for Cabell County Health Department approval for the location.
- Applicant shall apply for a Certificate of Use and Occupancy Permit
- Applicant shall apply and pay for a City of Huntington Business License

Related Ordinances:

Article 1341.41: Tattoo Parlors

Article 1359.01: Special Permit Procedures