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To: City Council
Subject: Item 9.D - Body Art Ordinance - Temporary & Mobile Operations

Dear Mayor Morgan and Members of the City Council,

I'm a Capitola resident, and I'm excited to see this ordinance reach the Council. Thank you to City staff, the Planning Commission, and the Council for the thoughtfulness you've brought to this process. I fully support adoption, and offer one small recommendation.

The ordinance's glossary defines a “Temporary or Mobile Body Art Facility,” yet Section 17.96.080.F.7 prohibits it outright. The State Safe Body Art Act and Santa Cruz County already license and regulate these operations, and they are common and professionally run at conventions, fairs, and festivals. As written, no licensed studio could even offer body art at the City's own events, like the Art & Wine Festival.

I'd respectfully recommend allowing temporary, mobile, and outdoor body art operations by City permit, with appropriate conditions, rather than prohibiting them. It's a minor adjustment, consistent with existing State and County regulation, that supports small businesses and won't slow adoption.

Thank you again for all the hard work on this and for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

Eric Cirignano