

TO: Mayor and City Council of the City of Dacula

FROM: Brittni Nix, City Administrator
Jack Wilson, City Attorney

DATE: September 20, 2023

SUBJECT: Ordinance to amend Chapter 12, Article XVI – Body Art Studios and Body Artists

The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) has instituted new health rules for body art locations, businesses and artists. The State rules will go into effect October 6, 2023 and the DPH has requested that all jurisdictions amend pertinent ordinances to prevent conflicting regulations. The local health authority, Gwinnett, Newton & Rockdale (GNR) Public Health Department, will assist transitioning new and existing studios and artists on the new policies and procedures.

The provided amendments to Chapter 12, Article XVI correspond with DPH and are intended to promote greater safety, accountability, and efficiency within the body art industry. The amendments create a more efficient application process, more complete sanitization standards, and more clearly define prohibited acts. Staff notes that the subject ordinance was last updated in 2006.