

I am writing this because the city requires a letter of use. I have never done this before and found no actual format for one, so please bare with me.

I found it funny that the building I have chosen was actually the same building I had my first job in. Some of you may remember Moore's Chicken, where the donut shop is now, I was a cook there long, long ago.

Anyways, I am proposing to change the storage facility at 103 Conevyor Dr. into a tattoo removal, tattoo, and piercing shop.

The shop will be named West Wing Tattoo & Co. Where we will provide the three above named services.

The tattoo removal; I worked with in Virgina with huge success. Many people benefit greatly from this process. Whether it be removing a mistake from the past or something that just is not for them

anymore. Be it an ex lover, gang affiliation, just a poorly made tattoo, or bad life decision.

The tattoo application; I have been tattoo for almost 33 years now. I feel that tattooing benefits the community in several ways, for alot of people it is used as a part of a healing process. To grieve for people lost or a pet that has passed. For some a celebration of new birth, someone who has found their path in life, or it is celebrating its beginning. Some for a reform in life, some for self worth. Some for just to remember a date on a calendar. All of which a large part of the population participate in. Unfortunately not all people get the quality they had hoped for in their tattooed due to inexperience or lack of caring on the tattooed part.

According to the 2019 polls by IPOs, over 30% of Americans are tattooed.

Unfortunately to do this people take their money out of this community because this service is not provided. It's not just the money to get tattoos but also the restaurant where they stop for lunch on the outings. For the gas and treats they pick up while doing errands. All that money could be spent in Joshua. Not to mention the many clients that I personally have drive in from as far as six hours away to receive the services I provide. These are people that could be spending that money here in Joshua. Money that can be reinvested in our community, for the school system and Joshua overall.

The piercing; piercings are in high demand. As I've seen too many times when there is no location to go and receive professional service and after care instructions, they are doing it themselves. Which can be unsafe and unsanitary.

The shop hours of operations would be Tuesday through Thursday 1pm -9pm , Friday and Saturday from 2pm -10 pm.

The best times of my career was probably the four years I spent in Florida working at Shamrock Tattoo with owner Jeff McNaughten. He was an inspiration because he gave back to the community. He rooted deeply by donating not just funds but his time also in little league teams and the schools, as well as supporting other businesses.

I also enjoyed the short time I was in Virginia Beach, mostly because of the interactions with non-profit organizations like Wounded Warriors and other charity groups. One of the donation we ran at the shop just before school started was a school supply round-up. Giving back to the kids to help where it was needed.

I would love the opportunity to do this

kind of work here in Joshua. The chance to become a bigger part of the community where I grew up in.