



# CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

## ORDINANCE NO. 2050

### TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 269

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND TO AMEND THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER 20, "LAND DEVELOPMENT AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS," SECTION 20-6.13, "TABLE OF RESIDENTIAL USES," AND SECTION 20-22.73, "BODY ART ESTABLISHMENTS".**

*Sponsored by Councilman James Kole.*

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel adopted City Ordinance No. 1702, Text Amendment No. 223, on March 28, 2011, approving a Unified Land Development Code ("Code") including all requirements for development within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council desire to implement certain changes recommended by City staff, as set forth herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that the following sections of the Laurel City Unified Land Development Code shall be and hereby are amended as follows:

#### **Section 20-6.13. "Table of Residential Uses:**

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Uses	P-I	R-5	R-55	R-20	R-T	R-30	R-18	R-10	R-H	R-MD
Tourist home <del>(f)-(k)</del>	X	A	A	A	A	A X	<del>A X</del>	<del>A X</del>	X	A

(k) A tourist home shall comply with the following:

- (1) Must be located within a single-family dwelling (attached or detached) a ~~single-family dwelling (one-family detached)~~ that is the permanent residence of the owner.

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~~(5) Only one (1) tourist home is permitted per city street.~~

- (6) ~~The owner may not rent the tourist home for a period less than three (3) days between visitor stays.~~

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### **Sec. 20-22.73. Body art establishments:**

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*Body piercing.* The penetration or puncturing of the human skin by any method for the purpose of inserting jewelry or other objects in or through the body or portion thereof. ~~Body piercing does not include the piercing of the outer perimeter or the fatty lobe part of the ear using a pre-sterilized single-use stud and clasp ear piercing system. The piercing of any other part of the ear or the use of any other procedure shall be considered body piercing.~~

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(5) *Health and sanitary requirements.* Each body art establishment shall comply with the following requirements:

- (a) There must be a separate work area for each artist, and a separate waiting area for ~~potential and waiting~~ customers.

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- (c) ~~The~~ Each separate work area must have a access to a clean sink and basin, with running cold and hot water, separate from the bathroom, and not accessible by potential and waiting customers in the waiting area.

- (d) ~~The room(s) in which tattooing is done~~ Each separate work area shall be have an area of not less than one hundred (100) square feet in area. If the work areas are in an open area (i.e., not enclosed by walls and a door), each separate work area shall be separated on all sides by a wall or other opaque separation, such as a curtain, which shall be at least six feet (6') in height. All walls, doors, and other separations shall be of a color on which blood or other bodily fluids can be easily visible. The walls or other separations, doors, floors and ceilings for each work area shall have an impervious, smooth and washable surface, and floors shall not be carpeted. The room must Each working area shall be constructed in a manner of, or separated by, materials that allows easy cleaning, and (ie, walls and ceilings must be light in color and the floors in the working areas shall must not be carpeted(because it absorbs blood)).

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- (f) Each person performing body art shall ~~must~~ have his or her their own worktables, chairs, and their own set of cabinets for instruments, dyes and/or single-use articles, none of which shall be shared by any other person. ~~Each workspace shall be no less than 6'x6' and a minimum of (100) square feet. If the working area is an open layout, distance between clients shall be no less than 8ft apart,~~

and a minimum 6' tall by 6' long mobile divider or partition wall must be available for client privacy. This wall must be made of a smooth and washable surface.

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- (g) The furnishings in the establishment (worktables, countertops and chairs) shall ~~must~~ be made of non-absorbent, corrosive-resistant, and smooth material that is easily sanitized. All tables and other equipment shall be painted or finished in a light color ~~color on which blood or other bodily fluids can be easily visible,~~ with a smooth, easily washable finish. ~~and shall be separated from waiting customers or observers by a panel at least six (6) feet high or by a door.~~ Worktables, counters, sinks and chairs must be sanitized with a bactericidal solution after each client.

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- (i) Before starting a tattooing/piercing procedure, the person performing the tattoo/piercing procedure must first remove all watches, bracelets and rings and inspect ~~his or her~~ their hands for hangnails, cuts and sores. All cuts and sores must be bandaged, and fingernails trimmed, before tattooing or piercing. The person shall then ~~wash his/her hands thoroughly with antibacterial soap and water, using a hand brush,~~ properly sanitize hands based upon the current CDC guidelines before starting to tattoo or pierce. Hands shall be dried with ~~a blow drier or an individual single-use towel.~~
- (j) Persons with diarrhea, vomiting, fever, ~~or~~ rash, or skin infections, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs, shall not perform body art (tattooing or piercing) procedures.
- (k) No tattooing or piercing shall be done on any skin surface that has a sunburn, rash, pimples, boils or infections or manifests any evidence of any other unhealthy condition, including, without limitation, skin conditions such as Psoriasis and Eczema. Artists shall ~~must allow~~ require at least thirty (30) days healing time between the time that such skin condition was first observed by the artist and proceeding with tattooing or piercing continuing work on the same body-tattoo area, but any such tattooing or piercing shall only be done when there is no longer any visible sign of a skin condition.
- (l) A separate bin certified to contain hazardous waste only shall ~~must be~~ located in each separate work area ~~workplace of~~ within the body art establishment. ~~Do not dispose of household waste shall not be disposed of~~ in this bin. There shall ~~must also~~ be a separate waste bin for household (non-hazardous) waste in the waiting area and within each work area. Hazardous waste and sharps (being any devices with a sharp point or edge that can puncture or cut the skin) waste shall not be placed in the household waste bin. Another separate bin exclusively for sharps, being a puncture-resistant and leak-proof disposal container made of durable plastic, metal or fiberglass with a securely-fitting lid that accepts sharps, but prevents hands from entering said container, ~~shall must~~ be located in each separate work area ~~place of~~ within the establishment. ~~The bin for sharps must be solidly built, have puncture resistant and leak-proof walls, and must have a narrow mouth and be sealable~~ The sharps bin shall ~~must~~ be

conspicuously marked as such. Hazardous and sharps waste ~~shall must be~~ collected and disposed of by a licensed medical waste disposal provider. The name and certification of the medical waste disposal provider shall must be provided to the eCity, and receipts of pickups shall be kept on file for inspection by the City, which may occur during any business hours purposes.

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- (q) Markers used to draw designs onto the patron's broken skin shall must be single use only. a Alcohol based markers may can be used on unbroken skin.

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- (s) Each artist shall inquire of each customer as to whether the customer has had any be made, and anyone giving a history of recent jaundice, or hepatitis, or other any other communicable diseases within the past six (6) months, and if any customer responds in the affirmative as to any such conditions or diseases, the customer shall not be tattooed or pierced.

- (t) ~~Single service or individual containers of dye or ink shall be used for each patron, and the container therefore shall be discarded immediately after completing work on a patron, and any dye in which the needles were dipped shall not be used on another person.~~ Any excess dye or ink during any tattooing procedure shall be removed from the skin with an individual sterile sponge or a disposable paper tissue which shall be used only on one (1) person, and then immediately discarded. After completing work on any person, the tattooed area shall be washed with sterile gauze or single use disposable towel, saturated with a green an environmental, anti-bacterial soap solution. or a seventy percent alcohol solution. The tattooed area shall be allowed to dry, and a sterile gauze bandage, drylok pad, or Dderm-type dressing shall then be fastened to the tattooed area with adhesive.

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- (x) During work, tattoo or piercing artists ~~shall must~~ wear clean and single-use barrier-protective protection and gloves to avoid contact and exchange of body fluids. The single-use, barrier-protective gloves and barrier protection shall must be changed after each patron, and also when immediately, if they are punctured or cut during a procedure on any patron. Used gloves and barrier protection shall be discarded thrown away in the hazardous waste bin.

- (y) Employees shall wear ~~barrier protection~~ single-use, barrier-protective gloves whenever handling hazardous and sharps waste.

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- (bb) Hazardous and sharps waste must be collected and disposed of by a licensed medical waste disposal provider. Documented pick up of hazardous waste shall be required to pass annual inspection.

- (6) *Records.* Each tattoo and/or piercing establishment shall maintain permanent records for each patron. Before the tattooing or piercing operation begins, the patron shall be required to personally ~~to~~ enter on a record form provided for such

~~establishments~~ purposes the date of the procedure, his or her name, ~~his or her~~ address, his or her age, and his or her signature. Proof of legal name and age shall ~~must be verified by government-issued or state-issued~~ photo ID, such as driver's license or passport. ~~The records~~ Each patron shall also provide written certification that the patron has not had any jaundice ~~or hepatitis or any communicable diseases~~ within the past six (6) months, and if so, the month(s) and year(s) ~~date~~ of such jaundice, ~~or hepatitis or any communicable diseases~~. Such records shall be maintained in the establishment, and shall be available for examination by ~~the~~ any City representative during any business hours. Such records shall be maintained by the tattoo/piercing establishments for a period of not less than ~~two~~ three (3) years. ~~M~~ All minors (being any individual under the age of eighteen (18)) ~~must always~~ shall be required to be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian, and said ~~have a parent or legal guardian shall be required to be present at all times during the procedure, parent~~ Each employee of the body art establishment shall be presumed to have known whether a patron is a minor, and thus if any such employee shall have any doubt about the age of a patron, he or she shall require a government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license or passport, to confirm whether or not the patron is a minor. Any such record shall also be kept by the establishment for at least a period of three (3) years.

~~s must have a valid Government or State Issued Photo ID along with an Original Birth Certificate (or certified copy with raised seal), not a copy, for the minor. School ID or Government or State Issued ID for the minor are encouraged. Proof of these should be kept in file as well and able to be given to a Health Inspector at any time if so inquired.~~

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- (8) *Pigments and dyes.* All pigments and dyes used in tattooing must be from bulk, commercially packaged ~~single-use~~ containers only. Pigments and dyes ~~shall must~~ be stored in an area away from toilets or other areas with potentially high contamination levels. All pigments, dyes, colors and any other material used in tattooing and piercing shall be sterile and free from bacteria, virus particles and noxious agents and substances, and the pigments, dyes and colors used from stock solutions for each patron shall be placed in a single-service receptacle, and such receptacle and the remaining solution shall be discarded after use on each patron.

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- ~~(10) *Certain persons prohibited on premises.* No establishment shall permit any person under the age of eighteen (18) years to enter upon or remain on the premises. Unless the person is accompanied by an adult who is a patron of the body art establishment and the person is located in a room separate from the room and/or area in which body art is being performed and is supervised by an adult. A State or Federally issued photo identification shall be required for all patrons of a body art establishment.~~

- (10) Persons prohibited from being pierced. It shall be unlawful to pierce the following:
- (a) Any person under the age of 18 without a parent or guardian present, with proper documentation, as described outlined above.

(b) Any person under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or controlled dangerous substances.

(c) Any genital or sex organ piercing under the age of 18, regardless of parental consent. This includes nipples and genitals of any kind.

**AND, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED**, that this Ordinance shall take effect on the day of its passage.

**PASSED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**ATTEST:**

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**SARA A. GREEN, CPM, MMC**  
City Clerk

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**KYLA CLARK**  
President of the City Council

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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**KEITH R. SYDNOR**  
Mayor