

Agenda Number 8A.7
Township Council Meeting Date 5/23/00
Ordinance Number 0-00-18

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER III ENTITLED "POLICE REGULATIONS" BY ADDING NEW SUB-SECTION 3-34 ENTITLED "TATTOOING/BODY PIERCING OF MINORS" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Howell that Chapter III entitled "Administration" is hereby revised by adding new sub-section 3-34 entitled "Tattooing/Body Piercing of Minors" of the Revised General Ordinance of the Township of Howell are hereby amended to read as follows:

3-34.1 Prohibition.

a. It shall be unlawful for any person to tattoo or pierce any part or parts of an individual under the age of 18 years who is not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian during the entire procedure.

b. All tattoo/body piercing establishments within the Township of Howell shall post a sign, not less than 6" x 8" in a conspicuous place near each cash register in all retail establishments offering said services containing the following language:

Tattooing or body piercing of a minor is prohibited by Ordinance # 0-00-18 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Howell unless a parent or legal guardian is present throughout the entire procedure. A person who pierces/tattoos a person under 18 years of age shall be prosecuted in accordance with local ordinance.

3-34.2 Identification Required.

a. It shall be unlawful to tattoo or body pierce an individual without first requesting and examining identification from both the minor's parent/legal guardian and the minor to positively establish legal guardianship and the minor's correct age.

b. It shall be unlawful to tattoo or body pierce an individual 18 years of age without first requesting and examining two positive forms of identification, one of which must be a birth certificate with raised seal to conclusively determine the client is 18 years old or older.

3-34.3. Penalty.

a. Any person who directly or indirectly acting as agent or otherwise tattoos or body pierces a minor under the age of 18 years shall be subject to either or both the following penalties:

A fine not to exceed more than \$1,000.00.

2. Community service of not more than ninety (90) days.

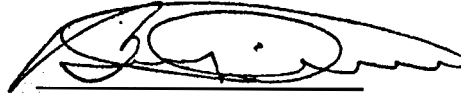
The continuation of such violation for each successive incident shall constitute a separate offense and the person or persons allowing or permitting the continuation of the violation may be punished as provided above for each separate offense.

b. The violation of any provision of this section shall be subject to abatement summarily by a restraining order or injunction issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Township Council of the Township of Howell on 4/17/00 and will be further considered for final passage and adoption at the Township Municipal Building on Preventorium Rd. Howell, New Jersey, 07731 on 5/23/00 at 8:00 o'clock p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached on the agenda, at which time and place all persons interested therein

shall be given an opportunity to be heard and during the week prior thereto, and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said Ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office in the Township of Howell Municipal Building to the members of the general public who shall request same.



BRUCE DAVIS
Township Clerk

Dated: 4/18/00

This is to certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Township Council at a regular meeting of the Township of Howell held 5/23/00



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