

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING FRISCO’S CODE OF ORDINANCES, ORDINANCE NO. 06-03-31, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 22 (BUSINESSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS); ADDING ARTICLE VII (TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION FOR TATTOOS AND BODY PIERCING AT EVENTS); ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS ON TEMPORARY TATTOOING AND BODY PIERCING AT EVENTS; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE WITH A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$500, SAVINGS/REPEALING CLAUSE, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION HEREOF**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Frisco, Texas (“City Council”) finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Frisco, Texas (“Frisco”) to amend Chapter 22 (Businesses and Business Regulations) of the Frisco Code of Ordinances, Ordinance No. 06-03-31, as amended (“Code of Ordinances”), to add Article VII (Temporary Authorization for Tattoos and Body Piercing at Events), as set forth in this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Frisco has complied with all legal notices and public hearings as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that amending the Code of Ordinances as set forth below is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of Frisco’s citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRISCO, TEXAS:**

SECTION 1. Findings Incorporated. The findings set forth above are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. Amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22 (Businesses and Business Regulations). The Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22 (Businesses and Business Regulations), is hereby amended to add Article VII (Temporary Authorization for Tattoos and Body Piercing at Events) as follows:

**“Article VII. Temporary Authorization for Tattoos and Body Piercing at Events**

**§ 22-340 Definitions.**

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this Article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Body piercing has the meaning assigned to that term under Section 146.001 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

Certificate of Insurance (COI) means a certificate of general liability insurance for personal injury (including death) and property damage in which the City and its officers, agents, representatives and employees are named as additional insureds on an endorsement with a combined single limit coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate or as otherwise required by the City.

City means the City of Frisco, Texas, and all areas within its corporate limits.

City authorization means the City's issuance of the zoning confirmation letter required by Section 146.003(a) of the Texas Health and Safety Code in conjunction with an application for tattoo or body piercing temporary location license issued by DSHS.

Designated venue means a hotel, conference center, event center or similar venue approved in advance for an event by the City Manager or his/her designee.

DSHS means the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Event means any public or private convention, trade show or event where tattooing and body piercing services are offered as a supplemental activity by one or more licensed tattooists or licensed body piercers.

Event host means the person seeking to hold an event at which tattooing or body piercing activities will occur.

Law means any applicable local, state or federal law, statute, ordinance, resolution, rule, regulation or requirement, as it currently exists, may be amended or arise in the future.

Supplemental activity means tattooing or body piercing activities offered as a supplementary feature to a business-oriented event, such as a trade show or corporate meeting, at a designated venue in which tattooing or body piercing does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the designated event floor space or as approved in advance by the City Manager or his/her designee.

Tattoo has the meaning assigned to that term under Section 146.001 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

## **§ 22-341 Authorization of Temporary Tattooing and Body Piercing at Events**

A person may not practice tattooing or body piercing at a designated venue or event in the City unless the event host holds a temporary permit for tattooing or body piercing, as appropriate, issued by the Director of Development Services. Temporary tattooing and body piercing shall be permitted only at designated venues where tattooing and body piercing are offered as a supplemental activity. Tattooing and body piercing activities shall occur only indoors within designated venues and must comply with all laws.

**§ 22-342 Duration of Events.**

- (a) Supplemental activities permitted under this Article shall occur for a specified period of not more than seven (7) days per single event, including setup, operation and breakdown periods.
- (b) Supplemental activities are limited to the hours of the event.

**§ 22-343 Application Requirements.**

- (a) An event host desiring to offer temporary tattooing or body piercing activities at an event must apply for a permit by filing a completed permit application with the Director of Development Services on the form provided by the City. Applications for a permit will be reviewed by the Director of Development Services or his/her designee. City authorization will be issued by the City Manager or his/her designee.
- (b) All event hosts must submit the completed permit application form at least forty-five (45) days before the start of the event and include the following:
  - 1. A list of all participating tattooists and body piercers, including license numbers. All participating tattooists and body piercers must be licensed and in good standing with DSHS;
  - 2. The designated venue's floor plan, indicating tattooing and body piercing stations, sanitation areas and compliance with local fire and occupancy codes;
  - 3. Event dates and times;
  - 4. The Certificate of Insurance (COI);
  - 5. Payment of all applicable fees, which are nonrefundable;
  - 6. Contact information for event host and on-site contact, including:
    - (a) Name;
    - (b) Phone number;
    - (c) Scanned copy of government-issued photo identification.
- (c) Each permit application must be completed in its entirety. An incomplete permit application will not be accepted.
- (d) Failure to provide required information or documentation within the specified timeframe may result in denial or revocation of the permit.
- (e) Not less than fifteen (15) days before the start of the event, each event host must submit to the Director of Development Services a copy of the DSHS-issued temporary location

license for the event. Failure to provide the temporary location license may result in the revocation of a permit or City authorization.

- (f) The Director of Development Services shall issue a permit as provided for in this Article when, from a consideration of the event host's complete permit application and such other information as may otherwise be obtained, the Director finds that the conduct of the event will meet the requirements of this Article.

**§ 22-344 Compliance.**

- (a) A person commits an offense if the person engages, participates, aids or commences in tattooing or body piercing activities at an event within the City in which the event host fails to make a complete, written application for and receive a permit where a permit is required under this Article.
- (b) All tattooing and body piercing activities must adhere to all conditions of the permit and other laws, including any applicable infection control practices and equipment sterilization standards.
- (b) All signs advertising or promoting the temporary tattoo or body piercing activities shall be posted inside the designated venue. Such signs may not be posted outside the designated venue or visible from public right-of-way or other public areas.
- (c) Tattooing or body piercing activities in which any of the following body parts are exposed shall be screened from the public and other event participants: genitalia, buttocks, areola or nipples.
- (d) The City reserves the right to inspect any event site and designated venue before and during the event to ensure compliance.
- (e) Permits are event host- and location-specific. An event host may not, and shall have no authority to, assign, sell, transfer, pledge, encumber or otherwise convey the permit or any rights, duties, responsibilities or obligations thereunder, and no permit may be transferred from place to place. Any such assignment or transfer shall be null and void and may result in the revocation of the permit.

**§ 22-345 Enforcement; Appeal.**

- (a) The Director of Development Services or his/her designee may deny, suspend or revoke a permit issued under this Article if:
  - 1. The event host fails to comply with any of the terms or conditions of this Article or any other law;
  - 2. The event host makes a false statement of material fact on the permit application or other information provided by the event host;

3. The event presents an unreasonable danger to the health or safety of participants at the event or the public;
  4. The event host has had a permit suspended or revoked within the preceding twelve months or the event host has committed one or more violations of a condition or provision of a permit or this Article within the preceding twelve months;
  5. The event host publicly promotes the event before approval of the permit application; or
  6. The event host makes unauthorized use of the City logo or other intellectual property.
- (b) The denial, suspension or revocation of a permit does not prohibit the City from exercising any and all additional rights and remedies available by law or equity against the event host for failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the permit or other laws.
- (c) Any event host who is denied a permit or who has had a permit suspended or revoked (an “appellant”) may, within five (5) business days of the service of notice of such determination, file a written appeal from such determination with the Director of Development Services. Any appeals filed pursuant to this Article shall state succinctly the grounds on which it is asserted that the action should be modified or reversed and shall be accompanied by copies of the application for permit, the written notice of the determination of the Director and any other information material to the determination. The Director shall have five (5) business days from the date on which the appeal was received in which to serve upon the appellant a notice that the action appealed from was affirmed, modified or reversed. The appellant, within five (5) business days after denial or modification of his or her appeal by the Director, may appeal that denial to the City Manager for a final decision based on the information presented within five (5) business days of receiving the appeal. The City Manager shall have five (5) business days from the date on which the appeal was received in which to serve upon the appellant a notice that the action appealed from was affirmed, modified or reversed. All notices under this subsection to appellant shall be deemed served upon the appellant when it is personally delivered or when it is sent by email or United States mail, with proper postage prepaid, to the name and address set forth on the application for permit.”

SECTION 3: Savings/Repealing. The Code of Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this or any other Ordinance. All provisions of any ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent they are in conflict, but such repeal shall not abate any pending prosecution for violation of the repealed ordinance, nor shall the repeal prevent a prosecution from being commenced for any violation if occurring prior to the repeal of the ordinance. Any remaining portions of said ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4: Severability. Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of

this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional and/or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is expressly provided that any and all remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, regardless of whether any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases is declared unconstitutional and/or invalid.

**SECTION 5: Penalty.** Any person, firm, corporation or business entity violating this Ordinance or the Code of Ordinances shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be fined in an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or the highest amount allowed under applicable law. A violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall constitute a separate violation for each calendar day in which it occurs. Allegation and evidence of a culpable mental state is not required for proof of any offense defined in this Ordinance. The penal provisions imposed under this Ordinance shall not preclude Frisco from filing suit to enjoin the violation. Frisco retains all legal rights and remedies available to it pursuant to local, state and federal law.

**SECTION 6: Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its adoption and publication as required by law and the City Charter.

**DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRISCO, TEXAS** on this 3rd day of March, 2026.



*Jeff Cheney*  
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Jeff Cheney, Mayor

**ATTESTED TO AND  
CORRECTLY RECORDED BY:**

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Kristi Morrow, City Secretary

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