

ORDER OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER NOTICE OF CLOSURE

To: Michael Cor
"the owner"

RE: The personal services facility located in Edmonton, Alberta and municipally described as:
Home Based Tattoo Studio
2810, 10205 – 100 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta

WHEREAS I, an **Executive Officer of Alberta Health Services**, have inspected the above noted premises pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Act, RSA 2000, c. P-37, as amended;

AND WHEREAS such inspection disclosed that the following conditions exist in and about the above noted premises which are or may become injurious or dangerous to the public health or which might hinder in any manner the prevention or suppression of disease, namely:

- a. Visibly contaminated tattoo equipment was stored with other supplies
- b. There was neither a suitable surface disinfectant nor a sterilizer present for surface or device reprocessing.
- c. Tattoo needles were not being discarded in a safe and appropriate manner.
- d. Client records were not recorded and kept.
- e. Written aftercare instructions were not available.
- f. Products used in the provision of tattooing were contaminated.
- g. The areas where tattoos are given are not separated in a satisfactory manner from living and dining provisions.
- h. There was no sink dedicated for hand hygiene in the facility.

AND WHEREAS such inspection disclosed that the following breaches of the Public Health Act and the Personal Services Regulation, Alberta Regulation 20/2003 exist in and about the above noted personal services facility, namely:

- a. Visibly contaminated tattoo equipment was stored with other supplies which is a contravention of section 6(1) of the Personal Service Regulation (AR20/2003) which states: All equipment and instruments used in providing a personal service must be of durable construction and maintained in good repair and in a clean and sanitary condition.
- b. There was neither a suitable surface disinfectant nor a sterilizer present for surface or device reprocessing which is in contravention of the Personal Services Regulation (AR20/2003) Section 6(2) which states that all reusable equipment and instruments must be cleaned, disinfected or sterilized in accordance with the standards and guidelines referred to in Section 8 and Section 8(a) which states that the owner of a personal service facility and the personal service workers in a personal service facility must maintain it in

compliance with the Health Standards and Guidelines for Tattooing as approved and published by the Minister and as amended by the Minister from time to time; and Section III 11 of the associated Health Standards and Guidelines for Tattooing.

- c. Tattoo needles were not being discarded in a safe and appropriate manner which is a contravention of section 3(e) of the Personal Services Regulation (AR20/2003) which states: A personal service facility must contain an appropriate number and type of waste receptacles, including a puncture resistance container for the disposal of waste sharps if sharps are used in the personal service facility.
- d. Client records were not recorded and kept which is a contravention of section 9 of the Health Standards and Guidelines for Tattooing which states: The operator shall maintain a daily record of names and addresses of clients, name of tattooist and store them for two years. This will assist in the tracing of infectious diseases should they occur; and section 8(a) of the Personal Services Regulation (AR/2003) which states: The owner of a personal service facility and the personal service workers in a personal service facility must maintain it in compliance with the following standards and guidelines that are relevant to the personal service facility, as approved and published by the Minister and as amended by the Minister from time to time: (a) Health Standards and Guidelines for Tattooing.
- e. Written aftercare instructions were not available which is in contravention of section 5(c) of the Health Standards and Guidelines for Tattooing which state: The tattooist should provide the client with oral and written instructions regarding post treatment skin care.
- f. Products used in the provision of tattooing were contaminated which is a contravention of section 2 of the Health Standards and Guidelines for Tattooing which state: Every precaution must be taken to prevent contamination of the equipment, and to follow proper infection control practices during the procedure.
- g. The areas where tattoos are given are not separated in a satisfactory manner from living and dining provisions which is a contravention of sections 3(b) and 5 of the Personal Service Regulation (AR20/2003) which state: 3(b) A personal service facility must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. 5 A personal service facility must be located so that the service provision areas are separate from any sleeping, dining, bathing, washroom or food preparation areas.
- h. There was no dedicated sink for hand hygiene in the facility which is a contravention of section 4(1) of the Personal Service Regulation (AR20/2003) which states: A personal service facility in which body piercing, ear piercing, electrolysis, tattooing or aesthetic services are provided must be equipped with a sink that is (a) stainless steel, (b) supplied with soap and hot air dryers or single service towels in suitable dispensers, (c) not in a washroom, (d) only used for washing hands or cleaning equipment, (e) only used by the staff and clients of the personal service facility, and (f) in or readily accessible to the service provision area.

AND WHEREAS, by virtue of the foregoing, the above noted premises are hereby declared to be **Closed**.

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT**:

1. That the Owner immediately Close the above noted premises.
2. That until such time that written permission to resume personal services is granted by an Executive Officer as defined under the Public Health Act (RSA Chapter P-37), the above noted owner, Michael Cor, shall not practice tattooing in the province of Alberta.

The above conditions were noted at the time of inspection and may not necessarily reflect all deficiencies. You are advised that further work may be required to ensure full compliance with the Public Health Act and regulations, or to prevent a public health nuisance.

DATED at Edmonton, Alberta, February 12, 2015

Confirmation of an oral order issued to Michael Cor, on February 13, 2015.

_____ (Original Signed) _____

Thomas Cheung, CPHI(C)
Executive Officer
Alberta Health Services

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A person who

- a) is directly affected by a decision of a Regional Health Authority, and
- b) feels himself aggrieved by the decision

may appeal the decision by submitting a Notice of Appeal form within ten (10) days after receiving the order to:

**Public Health Appeal Board
c/o Central Reception
Main Floor, Telus Plaza North Tower
10025 Jasper Avenue NW
Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 1S6
Phone: 780-427-2813
Fax: 780-422-0914
Email: health.appealboard@gov.ab.ca**

A Notice of Appeal form may be obtained by contracting Alberta Health Services at 780-342-0122 or by contacting the Public Health Appeal Board.

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