

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**
Jim Hartshorn, Comm. Dev. Dir.
From: **Melissa Sonnek, City Planner**
Date: **March 22, 2021**

Ordinance Amendment for Sections 153.004 & 153.171 of the West St. Paul City Code Regarding Cosmetic Tattooing

BACKGROUND:

In March of 2020, the Police Department removed the city business licensing requirements for cosmetic tattooing (often referred to as microblading). The decision to remove the local licensing requirements was due to the fact that the Minnesota Department of Health already regulates cosmetic tattooing. The change was also made due to the fact that microblading varies from typical body art procedures performed at traditional tattoo establishments. (See attached memo from the first reading on March 9, 2020).

While this change removed the licensing requirements, the full intent of the change was not carried forward into the zoning code, as cosmetic tattooing (microblading) still falls under the same location restrictions that apply to traditional tattoo establishments. Since cosmetic tattooing is typically performed in salons, spas, and in standalone buildings, City Staff is recommending sections 153.004 and 153.171 be updated to remove cosmetic tattooing from the body art language. This exception would allow cosmetic tattooing to be performed in spa and salon type establishments.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Commission met in regular session to review the proposed change and held a public hearing on the item. No one from the public wished to speak on the item. The Commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the amendment without voicing any concerns.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff is requesting that the Council review the proposed ordinance amendment and approve of the first reading.

ATTACHMENT:

Planning Commission Memo
Police Department Memo from March, 2020
Draft Ordinance

TIMELINE:

March 22: City Council First Reading
April 12: City Council Final Reading (Public Hearing)