

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**
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Final Reading of Ordinance 21-006 Amending Sections 153.004 & 153.171 of the West St. Paul City Code Regarding Cosmetic Tattooing (cont. from 04/12/2021)

BACKGROUND:

In order to fully align multiple sections of the City Code, Staff is proposing a minor amendment to the Zoning Code to separate cosmetic tattooing (microblading) from the definition of Body Art. Doing so will allow microblading to be performed in spa and salon type establishments rather than being restricted exclusively to body art establishments. This proposed amendment aligns with the changes made in March of 2020 to the business licensing section of the Code, which removed the local licensing requirements around microblading as the Minnesota Department of Health already currently regulates and licenses this use.

When reviewing this proposed ordinance amendment during the first reading on March 22, 2021, a question was prompted around location restrictions for performing microblading. As the Code currently reads, cosmetic tattooing (microblading) is included as a subcategory within the body art definition traditionally associated with permanent tattoos. The body art establishments fall subject to a number of limitations, primarily focused on location. By amending the Code as proposed, it would eliminate the majority of location restrictions, and allow microblading to be performed wherever salons and spas are allowed to operate.

City Council reviewed the proposed amendments on March 22, 2021 and voted unanimously to approve the first reading.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff is recommending that the City Council hold a Public Hearing and approve of the final reading for the proposed ordinance amendment.

ATTACHMENT:

Ordinance No. 21-006 Amending Section 153.004 and Section 153.171 of the West St. Paul City Code Regarding Cosmetic Tattooing.