

To: **Mayor and City Council**  
 Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**  
 From: **Brian Sturgeon, Chief of Police**  
 Date: **March 9, 2020**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Ordinance Amendment Related to Body Art

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### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Cosmetic tattooing is becoming popular in today’s society. Microblading (eyebrow), eyelid, and lip colorization, blending of scar tissue, and colorization of the areola area after reconstructive surgery are the ways cosmetic tattooing is being utilized. These procedures are being conducted in salons as well as in standalone establishments.

These procedures are very different than “regular” body art tattooing. Traditional body art tattooing utilized a “tattoo gun” that deposits pigment deep in the layers of skin creating a permanent effect. Cosmetic tattooing utilizes a special pen that deposits ink pigments in the top layers of the skin. These ink deposits are generally not permanent. An individual usually follows up after a certain period of time in order to maintain their desired cosmetic outcomes.

The Minnesota Department of Health currently regulates cosmetic tattooing including licensure of the providers.

Our current City ordinance does not allow for cosmetic tattooing except through the issuance of a body art license. The locations that body art establishments can operate are limited in the City of West Saint Paul.

Staff has been asked to review the current ordinance from individuals that would like to perform cosmetic tattooing within the city, specifically at Sola Salon.

Cosmetic tattooing has grown considerably with changes in technology, making this procedure more readily available. We have before Council this evening recommended changes to the Body Art Establishment ordinance that would allow an exemption to the City licensing requirements for cosmetic tattooing.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

		Amount
<b>Fund:</b>		<b>None</b>
<b>Department:</b>		
<b>Account:</b>		

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Discuss the recommended changes and provide input as to the direction Council would like to pursue regarding the regulating of cosmetic tattooing within the City of West Saint Paul. If Council would like to pursue the ordinance amendment, a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing will be placed on an upcoming Council agenda.