

481—492.12(10A) Mobile tattoo unit permit criteria. No new mobile tattoo units will be permitted. Mobile tattoo units granted a permit prior to September 7, 2016, may continue to operate with a current permit provided they remain compliant with the rules of this chapter. Mobile tattoo units and tattoo artists working from mobile tattoo units shall comply with the following:

492.12(1) No mobile tattoo unit is operated in the state without having a permit to operate issued by the department.

492.12(2) All tattoo artists working in a mobile tattoo unit have a permit and comply with these rules. Artist permits are posted in a conspicuous location in the mobile tattoo unit.

492.12(3) Mobile tattoo unit permits are posted in a conspicuous place in the mobile tattoo unit.

492.12(4) Mobile tattoo unit permits are nontransferable.

492.12(5) Within 30 days of a change of address of where the mobile tattoo unit is housed, the owner submits a new application and a fee for a new permit.

492.12(6) Inspections will be conducted by the local jurisdiction in which the mobile tattoo unit is housed. Any out-of-state mobile tattoo units maintaining an Iowa mobile tattoo unit permit must be inspected annually.

492.12(7) Mobile tattoo units are permitted for use only at temporary events lasting 14 calendar days or less. Permits are obtained at least 14 days prior to the event, and no tattoo procedures are performed before a permit is issued. Promotional documentation of the event is included with the application. Permit holders are responsible for compliance with all other local regulations including but not limited to zoning and business license criteria.

492.12(8) The mobile tattoo unit is maintained in a clean and sanitary condition at all times. Doors are tight-fitting. Openable windows have tight-fitting screens.

492.12(9) Mobile tattoo units meet the sterilization criteria in accordance with rule 481—492.5(10A).

492.12(10) Mobile tattoo units are used only for the purpose of performing tattoo procedures. No habitation or food preparation is permitted inside the vehicle unless the tattoo work station is separated from such areas by an impervious floor-to-ceiling barrier.

492.12(11) Mobile tattoo units are equipped with a hand sink for use of the tattoo artist for hand washing and preparing the client for the tattoo procedures. The hand sink is supplied with hot and cold running water under pressure to a mixing-type faucet, as well as liquid soap and single-use towels in dispensers or hand dryer. An adequate supply of potable water is maintained for the mobile tattoo unit at all times during operation. The source of the water and storage of the tank(s) is also identified.

492.12(12) All liquid wastes are stored in an adequate storage tank with a capacity at least 15 percent greater than the capacity of the on-board potable water supply. Liquid wastes are disposed of at a publicly owned treatment works site approved by the department of natural resources (DNR).

492.12(13) Restroom facilities are available at the temporary event or within the mobile tattoo unit. A hand sink is available within a reasonably acceptable distance from the restroom. The hand sink is supplied with hot and cold running water under pressure to a mixing-type faucet, as well as liquid soap and single-use towels or hand dryer.

492.12(14) All tattoo artists working in a mobile tattoo unit have a permit and comply with these rules. Permits are posted in a conspicuous location in the mobile tattoo unit.

492.12(15) No animals, except service animals, are allowed in the mobile tattoo unit at any time.

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