



Greetings,

Buncombe County Environmental Health would like to notify you of changes to our Tattoo Program that will be effective **July 1, 2022**.

Guest Artist Tattoo Permit

A **guest artist** is a tattoo artist that has a tattoo permit issued by another county or state and operates out of an existing permitted Buncombe County tattoo establishment for a period of time not to exceed a total of **30 days** per calendar year in one location. Guest artist applications must be received 15 days prior to permitting.

Please be advised that in order to be considered for a **guest artist** permit, you must submit the following at least **15 days** in advance of the anticipated tattooing start date:

- A completed “Application for a guest artist tattooing permit”
- A schedule listing the dates and times the guest artist will be tattooing
- A **current, unexpired** copy of the artist’s tattooing permit from their home jurisdiction
- The required fee of \$100.00

The information can be submitted electronically to ehrequest@buncombecounty.org or in person or by mail to 30 Valley St. Asheville, NC 28801. Payments may be made by check, money order, cash or credit card at the address listed above or by credit card over the phone at 828-250-5016.

Tattoo Artist Yearly Permit Fee Change

We are pleased to announce that the annual permit fee for permanent artists has been reduced from \$250.00 to \$175.00.

If you have any questions regarding the changes, please feel free to reach out to Buncombe County Environmental Health at ehrequest@buncombecounty.org or 828-250-5016.

Sincerely,

Jessica R. Silver, REHS
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