



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 026-001
DATE OF PASSAGE January 13, 2026

An Ordinance Amending Sec 25-267, Regarding Applications and Fees for Tattoo and Body Piercing Establishments.

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the requirements for licensing Tattoo and Body Piercing Establishments as set forth in Chapter 25, Article VI, Section 25-267 of the City Code currently requires applicants to provide "a certificate of compliance with or inspection by the county health department" as a prerequisite for licensing; and

WHEREAS, the Kane County Health Department does not regulate, inspect, or issue compliance certificates for tattoo and body piercing establishments; and

WHEREAS, the requirement specified in Section 25-267(g) is therefore obsolete and causes undue administrative confusion for both City staff and applicants; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: That the City Council hereby amends Chapter 25, Article VI, Section 25-267 of the Code of Ordinances entitled "Tattoo and Body Piercing Establishments," as more fully described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, by deleting the following language in subsection (g): "and a certificate of compliance with or inspection by the county health department."

Section 2: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect, and shall be controlling, upon its passage and approval.

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Section 3: That all Ordinances or part of Ordinances in herewith are hereby repealed insofar as any conflict exists.

Section 4: That any section, phrase or paragraph of this Ordinance that is construed to be invalid, void or unconstitutional shall not affect the remaining sections, phrases or paragraphs of this Ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect.

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PASSED AND APPROVED ON January 13, 2026

AYES 12 NAYS 0 NOT VOTING 0 ABSENT 0

ALDERMAN	Vote
Alderman Barreiro, Ward 1	yes
Alderwoman Garza, Ward 2	yes
Alderman Mesiacos, Ward 3	yes
Alderman Núñez, Ward 4	yes
Alderman Franco, Ward 5	yes
Alderman Saville, Ward 6	yes
Alderman Bañuelos, Ward 7	yes
Alderwoman Smith, Ward 8	yes
Alderman Bugg, Ward 9	yes
Alderwoman Baid, Ward 10	yes
Alderman Larson, At-Large	yes
Alderman White, At-Large	yes

ATTEST:



Deputy City Clerk
Maria Socorro Flores



Mayor John Laesch

1 **Sec 25-267 Application And Fee**

2 Applicants for a license to operate or conduct a tattoo
3 establishment shall file a written application upon a form provided
4 by the city and nonrefundable license fee, to the city treasurer.
5 The license fee for tattoo establishments shall be determined,
6 from time to time, by separate ordinance or resolution of the city
7 council. The application for a tattoo establishment shall include
8 the following information:

9 a. The name, complete address and phone numbers of the business
10 for which the license is sought;

11 b. The name, address and phone number of the person(s) with the
12 State Body Art licenses which will be associated with the
13 business and copies of said State Body Art license(s) or the
14 equivalent thereof;

15 c. The names, addresses and phone numbers of all persons or
16 entities having an ownership interest in the applicant
17 business;

18 d. Hours and days of the week of operation;

19 e. A complete description of all tattoo and body piercing to be
20 performed and any other products or services offered for sale;

21 f. A statement indicating whether or not the applicant has ever
22 had their Body Art license revoked or suspended. If so, an
23 explanation as to the reason for the suspension and revocation

- 1 and any remedial action taken subsequent to the suspension
2 and revocation;
- 3 g. Copy of the certificate of registration with the Illinois
4 Department of Public Health;
- 5 h. Copy of professional liability insurance in the amount of at
6 least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00);
- 7 i. The written and notarized declaration by the applicant under
8 penalty of perjury that the foregoing information contained
9 in the application is true and correct.