

## CHAPTER 17

### TATTOOING AND BODY PIERCING

#### SECTION:

**6-17-1: DEFINITIONS (3425)**

**6-17-2: UNLAWFUL ACT**

**6-17-3: PENALTY**

**6-17-1: DEFINITIONS: (3425)**

For the purposes of this Section, the term "tattoo" shall mean a permanent mark or design made on the skin by a process of pricking and ingraining an indelible pigment into or under the skin or by raising scars. The term "body piercing" shall mean cutting, injecting, poking, or inserting instruments upon or under the skin for the purpose of attaching earrings, rings, jewelry, jeweled studs, or other metallic, glass, or plastic object for the purpose of wearing such object. (2981,3425)

**6-17-2: UNLAWFUL ACT:**

It is unlawful for anyone to body pierce or cause a body pierce or to place a tattoo or cause a tattoo to be placed on any other person under the age of eighteen (18) years except with the consent of a parent or legal guardian. The parent or guardian must be present at the time of body piercing and/or tattooing. (2981,3425)

**6-17-3: PENALTY:**

Among other penalties that may apply, any person, firm, or corporation that violates any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon conviction, persons shall be punished by a fine not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by such fine and imprisonment. Upon conviction, firms or corporations shall be punished by a fine not to exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000). Each violation continued shall be a separate offense, punishable as described above. (2981,3425)

**CHAPTER 18****CONTESTED PROPERTY DISPUTES****SECTION:****6-18-1: DISPUTES INVOLVING PROPERTY IN THE POSSESSION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT****6-18-1: DISPUTES INVOLVING PROPERTY IN THE POSSESSION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

- (A) When the Police Department possesses property that it has obtained in the normal course of work but no longer needs, the Police Department shall determine whether disposal of the property is provided for by law. (2993)
- (B) If disposal of the property described in Subsection (A) of this Section is not provided for by law, then the Police Department shall determine whether a dispute exists over the ownership of the property. If no dispute exists, then the Police Department may return the property to the person claiming ownership. (2993)
- (C) If property described in Subsection (A) of this Section is claimed by more than one (1) person, then the Police Department shall send a request to the Mesa City Court for a hearing to be conducted to determine the ownership of the property. The Police Department shall mail copies of the request to each person who is claiming ownership. (2993)
- (D) Upon receiving a request, the City Court shall schedule a hearing on the matter and shall provide written notification of the hearing date, time, and location to each person who is claiming ownership of the property. The hearing shall be informal. The technical rules of evidence shall not apply; decisions shall be based upon the preponderance of the evidence. The City Court shall allow testimony to be given orally or through sworn written affidavits. (2993)
- (E) Final decisions of the City Court are subject to appeal to Superior Court pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes Title 12, Chapter 6, Article 6. When the time for appeal has expired or, if the decision of the City Court is appealed, when a final order is issued by the Superior Court, the City Court shall notify the party awarded the property that they may obtain the property from the Police Department. (2993)

**CHAPTER 19****RECOVERY OF COSTS FOR POLICE SERVICES****(Repealed by 4942)**