

ORDINANCE No. 97- 12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, TO BE KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH BODY-PIERCING ORDINANCE; PROVIDING AUTHORITY; TITLE AND CITATION; PURPOSE; DEFINITIONS; MINORS, PIERCING PROHIBITED; RECORDS; EXEMPTIONS; SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY. This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 95-494, Laws of Florida, Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of law.

SECTION 2. TITLE AND CITATION. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Town of Fort Myers Beach Body-Piercing Ordinance.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE. It is the purpose of this ordinance to protect the health, safety and welfare of minors from the spread of infectious diseases and from disfiguring of their bodies.

SECTION 4. DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this ordinance, the terms listed below shall have the following meanings unless otherwise specifically stated. When not inconsistent to the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural include the singular and words in the singular number include the plural. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely discretionary.

a. Body Piercing means the act of penetrating the skin to make, generally permanent in nature, a hole, mark, or scar. Body Piercing does not include the use of a mechanized, pre sterilized ear-piercing system that penetrates the outer perimeter or lobe of the ear or both.