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Regulations Governing Operation and Conduct of Barber and Beauty  
Shops, Schools and Colleges for Training of Barbers and Beauty  
Culture Operators

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Subject regulations have been on file in the Department of Records since June 12th.

These regulations were advertised in the local newspapers on June 12th, 1956.

No inquiries were received as a result of this advertising and, the regulations having been on file for the required thirty day period, are now in force.

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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

REGULATIONS GOVERNING OPERATIONS AND CONDUCT OF BARBER AND BEAUTY SHOPS, AND  
SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES FOR THE TRAINING OF BARBERS AND BEAUTY CULTURE OPERATORS.

CODE OF GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

TITLE 6 - HEALTH CODE

6-402 Business, Professional and Community Controls

6-402(3) Barber and Beauty Shops

(a) No person shall conduct, manage or operate any barber shop, beauty shop, beauty school, barber school or barber college where hair is cut, cleaned or treated for any fee, charge, or hire unless he has obtained a license as provided in § 6-502.

(b) Every person applying for such license shall permit such inspection as the Department may by regulation prescribe.

(c) No license shall be issued to any person who is not duly registered and licensed under the applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(d) The fee for such license is \$5.

(e) Every such establishment shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition at all times, and no article, except tools and instruments and the temporary cover placed over clothing, shall be used on more than one person. All tools and instruments shall be cleaned, disinfected, sterilized or treated in such manner as the Board may by regulation prescribe to prevent the spread of communicable disease.

(f) No person shall cut, clean or treat hair for compensation, directly or indirectly, in any place other than a licensed barber or beauty shop except that any barber or beauty operator registered with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania may cut, clean or treat hair for persons in their private residences or in institutions in cases of sickness, incapacitation, confinement and other emergencies.

(g) No student barber or student beauty shop operator shall practice or be permitted to practice his intended trade upon any person except by way of clinical work on a person willing to submit to such practice after being properly informed that the operator is a student.

(h) No person holding a license under this Section shall knowingly render any service to any person suffering from any infectious or communicable disease except in accordance with § 6-402(3) (f).

Pursuant to Section 6-402(3) of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Philadelphia, the following regulations are promulgated by the Board of Health.

REGULATION 402(3)-1. DEFINITIONS

(a) Approved: The word "approved" shall mean satisfactory compliance as determined and recorded by the Department of Public Health.

(b) Detergent. A chemical or chemical compound which when added to water increases the effectiveness of water as a cleansing agent.

(c) Service Area. That area in a barber or beauty shop, or school or college for the training of barbers and beauty culture operators, in which services are provided to patrons.

REGULATION 402(3)-2. LOCATION. All barber or beauty shops, and schools or colleges for the training of barbers and beauty culture operators shall be completely separated by solid partitions, or by walls extending from floor to ceiling, from any room used for human habitation, food establishment or room where food is prepared. If such partition or wall contains a door or window, such door shall be self-closing and kept closed, and such window shall be unopenable.

REGULATION 402(3)-3. FLOORS. Floors shall be constructed of hardwood, tile, composition material, or covered with linoleum so as to be easily cleanable, and shall be free of open holes or cracks, and shall be kept clean and in good repair. Floors shall be kept free from accumulations of hair.

REGULATION 402(3)-4. WALLS, CEILINGS, PARTITIONS, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER APPURTENANCES. Walls and partitions in service areas shall be easily cleanable and shall be kept in good repair. Walls, partitions, ceilings, cabinets, shelves, drawers, furniture, fixtures, and all other equipment and appurtenances shall be cleanable and kept clean. Handwashing facilities, bowls, and wash basins shall be installed in the service area to permit separate use at all times during working hours by employees for handwashing, cleaning of tools and instruments and servicing of patrons. Bowls, basins, shampoo boards, and other similar appliances shall be effectively cleaned and rinsed with hot water after each use and kept clean.

REGULATION 402(3)-5. LIGHTING. General illumination of at least 4 foot-candles at a point thirty (30) inches above the floor level shall be provided in all rooms, and illumination of at least thirty (30) foot-candles shall be provided at all working surfaces where services are provided to patrons or where tools and instruments are cleaned and sanitized. Such illumination shall be reasonably free from glare and distributed so as to avoid shadows.

REGULATION 402(3)-6. VENTILATION. Ventilation shall be provided so as to prevent condensate and excess moisture and to remove objectionable odors and toxic substances. Construction and operation of ventilation facilities shall be such as to prevent undue chill, or the blowing of loose hair about the establishment. Exhaust outlets shall be constructed and operated so as to avoid creating nuisance to adjacent areas as prescribed by the Air Pollution Code (Title 3 of the Code of General Ordinances, and regulations adopted thereunder) of the City of Philadelphia. Where partitions are used to separate areas within the establishment, such partitions shall not extend closer than eighteen (18) inches to the ceiling, and shall permit free circulation of air. Toilet rooms shall be completely enclosed and separately ventilated.

REGULATION 402(3)-7. WATER SUPPLY. Water supply shall be of safe, sanitary quality from a source approved by the Department of Public Health and shall be provided in adequate quantity and pressure in all rooms used for service of patrons and/or cleaning of tools and instruments. All handwashing facilities, bowls, and wash basins used for cleaning of tools and instruments or handwashing shall be provided with hot running water at a temperature of at least 120° Fahrenheit and cold running water at all times when the establishment is open for service.

REGULATION 402(3)-8. PLUMBING. All plumbing shall conform to the Plumbing Ordinances and regulations adopted thereunder and any applicable regulations of the Departments of Public Health and Water of the City of Philadelphia. Plumbing fixtures shall be of cleanable impervious material and shall be kept clean and in good repair and in proper operating condition. Cross-connections or backflow connections as defined in American Standard National Plumbing Code, ASA A 40.8 - 1955 shall be prohibited; these prohibited connections shall include connections, conditions or arrangements between a potable water supply and any other water supply, plumbing or drainage system, water receptacle or liquid or other substance or between the City water supply and any other water supply such that backflow can occur.

REGULATION 402(3)-9. LIQUID WASTE DISPOSAL. All liquid wastes shall be disposed of in accordance with the requirements of the Plumbing Ordinances and of the Health Code (Title 6 of the Code of General Ordinances) and Regulations adopted thereunder, and of any other applicable Ordinances and Regulations of the City of Philadelphia. Such wastes shall be discharged into the public sewerage system, if available. If such system is not available, liquid wastes shall be disposed of in a manner approved by the Department of Public Health.

REGULATION 402(3)-10. REFUSE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL. Hair droppings, papers, tissues, cottons, creams, and other waste materials shall be disposed of and kept stored in tightly covered containers and removed from the premises at least twice weekly. Refuse containers in areas where services are provided to patrons shall be emptied and cleaned at least daily. All refuse containers shall be cleanable and kept clean.

REGULATION 402(3)-11. SANITARY FACILITIES. Toilet and lavatory facilities shall be adequate, conveniently located and available during working hours for all persons working in the establishment, and shall comply with applicable statutes, ordinances and regulations. Toilet rooms shall be constructed with smooth washable floors and walls and shall be kept clean, well illuminated and in good repair. Toilet rooms shall be ventilated to the outside air as prescribed in the Plumbing Code, and discharge vents shall conform to the requirements of the Air Pollution Code (Title 3 of the Code of General Ordinances) and regulations adopted thereunder. Durable, legible signs shall be posted conspicuously in each toilet room directing employees to wash their hands before returning to work. Common towels and common drinking cups shall not be permitted.

REGULATION 402(3)-12. HEALTH OF OPERATORS. No person who is affected with any infection or disease in a communicable form, or who is a carrier of such an infection or disease shall practice barbering or beauty culture, and no person so affected shall be so employed in a barber or beauty shop, school or college. Every person practicing barbering or beauty culture shall obtain annually a chest X-ray examination and certificate of same approved by the Department of Public Health. No owner or operator of an establishment shall practice barbering or beauty culture, or shall keep in his employ any person for the practice of barbering or beauty culture, unless such owner, operator, or employee shall have obtained within one week after the initial date of employment or practice, a chest X-ray examination and/or possesses an approved certificate of same. Where a communicable disease or a carrier-state of a communicable disease is indicated in an operator or employee, the Department of Public Health may require physical examinations, and laboratory tests to be performed by the Department to determine if such operator or employee is free from such a disease. The Department shall determine if this communicable disease or carrier-state shall disqualify the person from employment in a barber or beauty shop, school or college. No person who is addicted to the use of habit-forming drugs shall practice or be employed in the practice of barbering or beauty culture, nor shall any person practice or be employed in barbering or beauty culture while under the influence of alcohol.

operator shall wash his hands thoroughly with warm water and soap and use an individual clean towel for wiping his hands immediately before serving each patron and after use of the toilet. Each operator shall keep his outer garments clean at all times during business hours and shall be clean in person.

REGULATION 402(3)-14. SANITARY PRACTICES.

(a) Powder puffs, sponges, permanent wave pads, strips, flannels, and other similar articles or devices shall be used only once and discarded immediately in a covered container.

(b) Alum or other astringent material used to stop the flow of blood, shall be applied only in powdered or liquid form by means of a clean single-service gauze or cotton. The use of common styptic or astringent pencils or lump alum is not permitted.

(c) Liquids, creams, and powders shall be stored in clean closed containers and shall be removed from the container either by a sanitized utensil, single-service spatula or in such a manner that unused portions are not touched by the fingers. Liquids, creams, and powders used on one patron shall not be reused.

(d) No person practicing barbering or beauty culture shall undertake to treat or prescribe for the treatment of any disease of the skin or scalp. Needles and comedo extractors shall not be used.

(e) Spitting shall not be permitted. Cuspidors shall be prohibited.

(f) Tobacco in any form shall not be used while serving patrons.

REGULATION 402(3)-15. CLEANING AND SANITIZATION OF TOOLS AND INSTRUMENTS.

(A) All multi-use tools and instruments such as razors, tweezers, combs, hair brushes, rubber discs, parts of vibrators or massaging machines, hair nets, curlers, hairpins and all other multi-use utensils or appliances that come into contact with the neck, face, head, hair, skin or hands, shall be cleaned and sanitized after use on any patron and prior to use on another patron.

(B) Sanitizers shall be kept clean and in covered container of sufficient size to permit immersion of the tools and instruments to be sanitized.

(C) Tools and instruments awaiting cleaning and sanitizing shall be stored in a closed receptacle which shall be kept clean.

(D) Tools and instruments which have been cleaned and sanitized shall be stored in a separate clean enclosed receptacle used for this purpose only. Cleaning shall be accomplished by mechanical cleansing to remove hair and other foreign material and washing in water at a minimum temperature of 110° Fahrenheit with detergent. Sanitization shall be accomplished by one or more of the following methods; except that multi-use of shaving brushes, mugs and dusters shall be sanitized only as provided in (1) (a) below:

(1) Heat Sanitization

(a) Immersion in boiling water 212° Fahrenheit for at least twelve (12) minutes.

(b) Exposure to confined live steam of at least 212° Fahrenheit for at least twelve (12) minutes.

(2) Chemical Sanitization

(a) Immersion in a solution containing not less than two thousand (2,000) parts per million of quaternary ammonium compound for at least two (2) minutes.

Instruments with non-detachable parts such as electric clippers that cannot be completely immersed shall have the surfaces, which contact the skin or hair of the patron, immersed and operated in the above mentioned chemical sanitizer for a period of at least ten (10) seconds and such instruments be allowed to drain dry for a period of at least ten (10) minutes.

(3) The Department of Public Health may remove from, or supplement this list with, any approved sanitization process after chemical and bacteriological tests and field trials demonstrate its efficiency or inefficiency in sanitizing multi-use tools and instruments used in the practice of barbering any beauty culture. Where such other sanitization processes are used, the Department may require that the establishment provide proper testing equipment to measure concentration or intensity of effective agent.

REGULATION 402(3)-16. TOWELS AND OTHER COVERINGS.

(A) Clean individual laundered and sanitized towels or individual sanitary paper towels shall be used for each patron.

(B) Towels shall be laundered in accordance with provisions of the Health Code (Title 6 of the Code of General Ordinances) of the City of Philadelphia and regulations adopted thereunder, except that laundering operations in the establishment are prohibited.

(C) Head-or-neck-rests shall be covered by a clean laundered towel or individual sanitary paper covering before use on each patron.

(D) A clean laundered towel or individual sanitary paper covering shall be placed completely around the neck of each patron in order to prevent a commonly used hair-cloth, apron, protective covering, or any other article used from coming into direct contact with the neck of a patron.

(E) All towels and paper coverings used on each patron and soiled linens must, immediately after use, be discarded into a closed receptacle which is cleanable and is kept clean.

(F) Clean towels, single-service paper coverings, and other clean linens, shall be stored in enclosed dustproof containers and receptacles which shall be kept clean.

(G) Hair cloths, aprons, shampoo capes, and all other protective coverings shall be kept clean.

REGULATION 402(3)-17. INSECTS AND RODENTS. The construction and operation of barber and beauty shops, and schools or colleges, for the training of barbers and beauty culture operators, shall be such as to prevent the entry, harborage, and/or breeding of insects and/or rodents in the establishment or on the premises.

REGULATION 402(3)-18. MISCELLANEOUS SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

(A) Gas and other fuel burning equipment shall be so designed, constructed, installed, and operated as to eliminate hazards from fire,

explosion, asphyxiation and/or burns. Such devices shall conform to the requirements of applicable statutes, ordinances and regulations.

(B) Electrical equipment shall be so designed, constructed, installed and operated as to eliminate hazards from fire, shock, burns, radiation damage to tissues, or other hazards. Such devices shall conform to the requirements of applicable statutes, ordinances and regulations.

REGULATION 402(3)-19. SERVICE OUTSIDE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT.

(A) No service shall be rendered outside a licensed establishment as provided in Section 6-402(3) (f) of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Philadelphia unless the following requirements have been met:

(1) Barbers or beauty culture operators providing service outside a licensed establishment shall be sponsored by an establishment licensed by the City.

(2) All appointments provided outside of the licensed establishment shall be entered in a record available at the establishment. Such entries shall be made prior to the appointment except for emergencies, and shall include the following information:

- (a) The name of the barber or beauty culture operator providing the service.
- (b) The name of the person to whom the service is provided.
- (c) The address where the service is provided.
- (d) The date and time of the appointment.
- (e) The nature of the sickness, emergency or the reason for incapacitation or confinement.

(3) In cases of emergency the information required in REGULATION 402(3)-19(A)(2) shall be recorded within 24 hours after the service has been provided.

(4) The records required in REGULATION 402(3)-19(A) (2) and (3) shall be kept at the establishment for a period of one year and shall be available for inspection by authorized representatives of the Department of Public Health at all reasonable times.

(5) Barbers and beauty culture operators providing service outside licensed establishment must use on each person provided such service, separate tools and instruments which have been cleaned and sanitized at the licensed establishment in accordance with REGULATION 402 (3) - 15 and are carried in a clean container and wrapped in a clean towel, except that the same tools and instruments may be used for consecutive appointments if equipment and supplies are available at each place of appointment to fully comply with REGULATION 402 (3) - 15.

(B) Any person licensed by the City to conduct, manage or operate a barber or beauty shop, school or college shall be responsible for compliance with all applicable statutes, ordinances and regulations by all barbers or beauty culture operators whom he sponsors to provide service outside his licensed establishment.