RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF TANNING EQUIPMENT

BY MINORS

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BY AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PURSUANT TO SPECIFIC AUTHORITY UNDER 8-16-024 AND GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, THE FOLLOWING RULES REGARDING RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF TANNING EQUIPMENT BY MINORS ARE ADOPTED HEREIN.

By Order of the Commissioner:

Signed: Commissioner Julie Morita, M.D.  
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Chicago Board of Health Rules and Regulations for
Restrictions on Use of Tanning Equipment by Minors

By authority vested in the Chicago Board of Health pursuant to Sections 2-112-100 and 8-16-024 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, the following rules and regulations for restrictions on use of tanning equipment by minors are adopted herein.

Rule 1. Definitions

A. The terms “tanning equipment” and “tanning facility” shall have the same meaning ascribed to these terms in Section 8-16-024 of the Municipal Code of Chicago.

B. The terms “consumer” and “operator” shall have the same meaning ascribed to these terms in 77 Ill. Adm. Code 795.30.

Rule 2. Public Notification

A. Each tanning facility shall post a sign indicating: “The City of Chicago prohibits anyone less than 18 years of age from using tanning equipment, such as tanning beds, tanning booths or other equipment that uses ultraviolet light to tan.” This sign shall be 8 ½ inches high by 11 inches wide and the lettering 30 point bold font.

B. This sign shall be posted within sight of the public when entering the premises of the tanning facility.

Rule 3. Requirement to Verify, Acknowledge and Document Age

A. Within 10 business days following adoption of these rules and regulations, or thereafter at the time of a consumer’s initial visit to a tanning facility, the operator shall verify the consumer is at least 18 years of age by asking for proof of age. Proof of age must be verified by checking a valid driver’s license, or other state or federal government-issued identification that contains the date of birth and photograph of the individual, such as a state identification card, military identification card, or passport. No other forms of identification are acceptable. Upon verifying the age, the operator shall sign and date a written statement indicating: “I have verified [first and last name of consumer] is at least 18 years of age by checking a driver’s license or other state or federal government-issued identification that contains the date of birth and photograph of the individual, such as a state identification card, military identification card, or passport.” The signed statement shall become part of the consumer’s permanent record, and shall be made available to an agent of the Chicago Department of Public Health during the regular course of an inspection.

B. Within 10 business days following adoption of these rules and regulations, or thereafter at the time of a consumer’s initial visit to a tanning facility, the consumer shall be given a written statement indicating: “The City of Chicago prohibits anyone less than 18 years of age from using tanning equipment, such as tanning beds, tanning booths or other equipment that uses ultraviolet light to tan. By singing this form, I acknowledge I am 18 years of age or older.” The consumer shall sign and date this written statement. For illiterate or visually handicapped persons, the written statement
shall be read by the operator to the consumer in the presence of a witness, and both the witness and the operator shall sign and date the statement. The signed statement shall become part of the consumer’s permanent record, and shall be made available to an agent of the Chicago Department of Public Health during the regular course of an inspection.

C. The tanning facility operator may choose to exempt consumers who appear to be 40 years of age or older from the requirements in sections A and B of this Rule, provided the consumer’s date of birth is documented elsewhere in the consumer’s paper or electronic record.

Rule 4. Enforcement

A. Any person who believes a tanning facility has violated these regulations may file a complaint with the Chicago Department of Public Health Environmental Health Program by calling 311.

B. The Chicago Department of Public Health may investigate suspected or actual violations of these regulations. The Chicago Department of Public Health may also conduct unannounced compliance checks, working with underage teenagers.

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