



**PB 26-06 BAER  
TEXT AMENDMENT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE 1, 2026**

Request for an amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Chapter 4, Use Standards, to allow tattoo parlor/body piercing establishments within the General Business district (GB) with a Special Use Permit subject to use-specific standards.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Currituck, North Carolina that the Unified Development Ordinance of the County of Currituck be amended as follows:

**Item 1:** That Chapter 4, Section 4.1.2. Use Table, Table 4.1.1.A Summary Use Table, is amended by adding the following underlined language.

**TABLE 4.1.1.A.: SUMMARY USE TABLE**

Z = Zoning Compliance Permit; U = Special Use Permit; MP = Allowed with Master Plan;  
CZ= Allowed in a Conditional Zoning District blank cell = Prohibited

| USE CATEGORY                  | USE TYPE                                  | ZONING DISTRICT<br>[NOTE: OVERLAY OR SUB-DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS MAY FURTHER LIMIT USES] |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |    |      |      |      | ADDITIONAL REQ.<br>(4.2._____) |
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|                               |                                           | RC                                                                                     | AG | SFM | SFO | SFR | SFI | MXR | GB | LB | VC | LI | HI | PD-R | PD-M | PD-O |                                |
| COMMERCIAL USE CLASSIFICATION |                                           |                                                                                        |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |    |      |      |      |                                |
| Retail sales & Services       | Tattoo parlor/body piercing establishment |                                                                                        |    |     |     |     |     |     | I  |    |    | Z  | Z  |      |      |      | 4.G.5                          |

**Item 2:** That Chapter 4, Section 4.2.4.G. Retail Sales and Services is amended by adding the following underlined language and renumbering accordingly.

**(5) Tattoo Parlor/Body Piercing Establishments**

Tattoo and body piercing studios shall comply with the following standards:

**(a) Separation**

No tattoo or body piercing studio shall be permitted within 500 feet of any of the following uses:

- (i) An adult entertainment use;
- (ii) A religious institution;
- (iii) A public school;

- (iv) A state licensed day care center;
- (v) A residential use (except for tattoo and body piercing studios located in GB);
- (vi) Another tattoo or body piercing studio; or
- (vii) A lot or parcel containing a public playground, public swimming pool, or public park is located.

(b) **Signage**

~~Except for signs as permitted in Section 5.12.4, Signs Exempted from Sign Permit Requirements, promotional displays and presentations shall not be visible to the public from sidewalks, walkways, or streets.~~

Up to one advertising sign shall be allowed, provided the sign does not exceed six square feet in area per side, or more than four feet in height. Signage shall not be internally illuminated or moving. Window signs are prohibited.

(c) **Additional Standards**

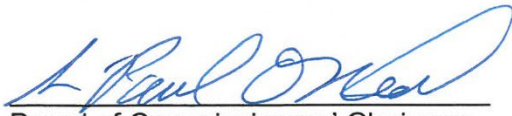
- (i) In the GB district, a Type C perimeter landscape buffer or minimum 6' tall opaque fencing shall be installed adjacent to residential structures within 100 feet of the tattoo parlor/body piercing establishment use.
- (ii) No tattoo/body piercing establishment shall be located within 12 miles from another tattoo parlor/body piercing as measured from exterior property lines of the parcel containing a tattoo parlor/body piercing establishment.
- (iii) Hours of operation shall be limited to 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- (iv) All tattoo and body piercing services shall occur within a fully enclosed structure.
- (v) In the GB district, a tattoo parlor/body piercing establishment use shall be the sole commercial use established on the subject parcel.

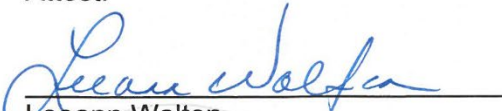
**Item 3: Statement of Consistency:**

The request is in conformance with the general purpose and intent of the Unified Development Ordinance and is consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the *Imagine Currituck 2040 Vision Plan*, including Land Use Goals 2 and 3, Land Use Policies 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, and Economic Development Goal 1.

**Item 4:** The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any of its provisions or any sentence, clause, or paragraph or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held unconstitutional or violative of the Laws of the State of North Carolina by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

**Item 5:** This ordinance amendment shall be in effect from and after the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2026.

  
Board of Commissioners' Chairman  
Attest:

  
Leeann Walton  
Clerk to the Board

(SEAL)

DATE ADOPTED: June 1, 2026  
MOTION TO ADOPT BY COMMISSIONER: Janet Rope  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER: Tony Angell  
VOTE: 4 AYES 3 NAYS

PLANNING BOARD DATE: 5/12/2026  
PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Approved with additional conditions  
VOTE: 4 AYES 3 NAYS

ADVERTISEMENT DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: 5/20/2026 & 5/27/2026  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING: 6/1/2026  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACTION: Approved with additional conditions  
POSTED IN UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE: 6/2/2026  
AMENDMENT NUMBER: 124