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**Barbershop, Hairdressing, Cosmetology, Nail Salon and Spa  
Technical Standards**

Purpose of Inspections: To reduce hazardous substance exposures in Barbershop, Hairdressing, Cosmetology, Nail Salon and Spa for customers, employees and employers and to assure compliance with the Connecticut Public Health Code  
Code Citations: CT Public Health Code Water Supplies: 19-13-B39, 19-13-B101, B102; On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems: 19-13-B103. Connecticut General Statutes: Chapter 386 Barbers; Chapter 387 Hairdressers and Cosmeticians.

**Section 1.1 Water**

- (a) All sinks in the establishment must have hot and cold running water, under pressure, from an approved source at all times. Hot water shall be provided at a minimum temperature of 105°F and maximum of 115°F.
- (b) Equipment must be commercial grade and designed for such purpose.
- (c) Wastewater from all plumbing fixtures shall be discharged into municipal sewers or approved subsurface sewage disposal systems.
- (d) Plumbing fixtures shall be maintained and shall conform to applicable building and plumbing codes; proper devices to prevent back siphonage or cross-connections are required.
- (e) A separate and designated utility or mop sink shall be provided. Establishments in operation prior to enactment of this ordinance may submit written request for an exemption from this requirement based on physical constraints of the establishment.

**Section 1.2 Floors, Walls and Cove Base**

- (a) Floors and walls shall be of such construction as to be easily cleaned and kept in good repair.
- (b) Debris shall not be allowed to accumulate on floors or fixtures. Debris shall be removed to a covered receptacle after serving each customer.
- (c) Ceilings shall be kept in clean and good repair.
- (d) All establishments shall have properly fitted sanitary cove base installed.

**Section 1.3 Lighting and Ventilation**

- (a) Lighting fixtures shall be in sufficient number and properly placed so as to provide adequate illumination.
- (b) The establishment shall be properly and adequately ventilated so as to remove chemical vapor emissions, excess heat and odors and shall not pollute nor negatively affect the indoor air quality of adjacent premises.

#### **Section 1.4 Refuse and Garbage**

- (a) Containers inside the establishment shall consist of covered containers for hair droppings, paper, and other waste material. The containers shall be emptied daily and maintained in a sanitary manner.
- (b) Containers stored outside the establishment shall consist of approved garbage receptacles that have lids which are kept closed at all times. The garbage receptacle area and property must be maintained in a clean manner, free of litter at all times, and screened from public view.

#### **Section 1.5 Toilet and Handwashing Facilities**

- (a) Toilet and handwashing facilities shall be clean and in working condition at all times. Restrooms may not be used for storage of linen, beauty supplies, or chemicals.
- (b) Both hot and cold water must be provided under adequate pressure.
- (c) Soap dispensers, sanitizers and disposable towels/hand dryers must be provided in restrooms and at hand washing sinks.
- (d) Covered waste receptacles must be provided.

#### **Section 2.1 Infection Control of Barbershop, Hairdressing, Cosmetology and Spa Establishments**

- (a) All implements shall be disinfected using an EPA-approved disinfectant diluted to the correct concentration in accordance with the manufacturer's label. The contact time of disinfection must be a minimum of ten (10) minutes on implements or equipment. The solution must be changed daily or when visibly dirty.
- (b) All surfaces or implements that have come in contact with blood and/or body fluids shall be thoroughly cleaned with warm, soapy water prior to disinfection. An appropriate disinfectant includes an EPA-approved tuberculocide or products registered against HIV/HBV/HVC (Hepatitis B and C Virus), or household bleach (5.25%).
- (c) Items used to clean up minor cuts should be double-bagged and placed in normal trash.
- (d) All shaving implements are required to be single use.
- (e) All shaving implements are required to be disposed of in a medical grade sharps container.
- (f) Attached equipment and fixtures must be clean and free of debris.

#### **Section 2.2 Pedicure Basins: *Clean and sanitize after each customer, the pedicure basin shall be cleaned in the following manner:***

- Scrub the basin using warm water, detergent or soap, and scrub brush. Rinse thoroughly with warm water.
- Spray with EPA-approved disinfectant diluted to the correct concentration in accordance with the manufacturer's label.
- Let stand for ten (10) minutes (use of timer is required). Rinse thoroughly with warm water.



**Section 2.3 Pedicure Basins daily:** *Clean and sanitize at the end of each day, the pedicure basin shall be cleaned in the following manner:*

- Remove screen and all debris trapped behind screen (each establishment must have the proper tool to remove the screen).
- Scrub screen with brush using warm water and detergent or soap, then immerse screen in EPA-approved disinfectant with demonstrated Bactericidal, Fungicidal, and Virucidal activity.
- Wash and scrub pedicure basin with warm water and detergent or soap; then rinse.
- Fill pedicure basin with warm water and EPA-approved disinfectant at correct concentration as per the manufacturer's label.
- Turn on the whirlpool jets and run for a minimum of ten (10) minutes (timer required)
- After disinfection, drain and rinse with clean water.

**Section 2.4 Pedicure Basins weekly:** *Clean and sanitize Weekly, the pedicure basin shall be cleaned in the following manner:*

- After routine cleaning, completely fill the pedicure basin with warm water and add EPA-approved disinfectant at correct concentration as per manufacturer's label.
- Turn on the jets and flush the spa system with sanitizing solution for ten (10) to fifteen (15) minutes.
- Turn jets off and let stand for six (6) to eight (8) hours, or overnight.
- Drain the basin and thoroughly flush system with clean water and dry with a clean towel prior to use.

**Section 2.5 Disinfection, sanitation, storage and use of equipment and implements:**

- (a) Hair brushes, combs and all other implements used on a customer shall be kept clean and sanitary at all times and shall undergo thorough cleansing and sanitizing after serving each customer or single-service disposable implements shall be used.
- (b) All nail salon and spa equipment and implements must be washed with soap, rinsed, and disinfected after each customer.
- (c) Cabinets, shelves, furniture, shampoo basins and fixtures shall be kept clean and free of dust, dirt and debris. Arms, seats and rests of chairs shall be wiped down after each customer.
- (d) Each pedicure and manicure station should have two (2) sets of clean and disinfected implements per station.
- (e) Cleaned and sanitized implements shall be stored in sanitary-covered containers which shall contain an EPA-approved disinfectant, in a clean drawer, or as otherwise approved by the Director of Health.
- (f) After each use on a patron, all electrical and non-electrical instruments shall be thoroughly cleaned to remove foreign matter, treated with an EPA-approved disinfectant and stored in a protected manner until their next use.
- (g) A container with a sufficient amount of disinfectant shall be located within easy access of each nail and pedicure station. Hair salons may keep a container of disinfectant for brushes and combs at work station or designated area in the establishment. Disinfectants shall be changed in accordance with the manufacturer's

- instructions to ensure complete disinfection. No sediment from the item being disinfected shall be allowed to remain in the bottom of the disinfection container.
- (h) Single-service, emery boards, orange sticks, buffing blocks, waxing sticks, cosmetic sponges, and other material shall be disposed of immediately after use and shall not be used again. Exception: orange sticks, emery boards, buffing squares, cosmetic sponges and disposable nail bits may be kept for the original customer if kept in a covered container labeled with the customer's name.
  - (i) A sanitary neck strip or clean towel shall be placed around a patron's neck so that the cape does not come in contact with the skin of the neck. Neck strips shall be discarded after use on each patron.
  - (j) Capes shall be cleaned as often as necessary to ensure a sanitary condition and shall be stored off the floor between uses.
  - (k) The headrest of chairs shall be covered with a single-use disposable cover.
  - (l) Lotions and powders shall be dispensed from a sanitary self-dispensing container. Creams and other solid substances must be removed from containers with a clean spatula or similar article. The instrument used for the removal of such substances shall not be allowed to come in contact with any patron. Removing such substances with the fingers is prohibited.
  - (m) Multi-use of cosmetic applicators is prohibited. This includes the use of lipsticks, powder puffs, makeup brushes and sponges, which are not disposable.
  - (n) Eyebrow pencils shall be sharpened after each use.
  - (o) All products not stored in the original container must be clearly labeled.
  - (p) Disinfectants include, but are not limited to:
    - Barbicide (10 minutes)
    - Quaternary ammonium compounds (1:1000 dilution for 30 seconds)
    - Alcohol (3 minutes)
    - Lubricant sanitizer (10 second contact time, 10 minute drain time)
    - Disinfectant spray (see manufacturer's instructions) (hospital grade required).
    - Commercial formalin (10% solution for 1 minute) (hospital grade required).
    - Bleach (see manufacturer's instructions)
    - Lysol, compound cresol solution, phenolic compound (5% solution for 3 minutes or 2% solution for 10 minutes)
    - Anti-microbial additive (see manufacturer's instructions)
    - Boiling water (5 minutes)
    - Autoclave (see manufacturer's instructions)
  - (q) Ultraviolet disinfection is prohibited.

#### **Section 2.6 Hygiene of operators and customers.**

- (a) Operators shall thoroughly wash their hands with soap and water immediately after using the toilet, eating or smoking. Before serving each customer, operators shall thoroughly wash their hands with soap, shampoo or hand disinfectant.
- (b) Operators shall wear clean, washable garments.
- (c) Combs and other instruments shall not be placed or carried in the pockets of the operator.



- (d) No operator shall remove warts or moles or treat any disease of a patron, nor perform any medical procedure, such as an injection, nor dispense any medical device.
- (e) No client known to be affected with any infectious disease or any patron who is afflicted with impetigo, barber's itch, lice, nits, or ringworm. All operators shall have an exclusion policy for people with a communicable disease that may be transmitted through the services of a barber, hairdresser, cosmetologist, nail or spa technician.
- (f) Operators shall not eat or drink while providing services to a customer.

### **Section 2.7 Sanitary Services**

- (a) A commercial linen service shall be used for laundering if not done on the premises. Washing and/or drying of towels in one's private home is prohibited. Laundering conducted on site shall be located in a separate room and only the hot water cycle shall be used for all laundering.
- (b) All linens and towels shall be deposited in a covered cleanable receptacle after each patron.
- (c) Clean towels and linens shall be stored off the floor in a clean, protected location.

### **Section 3.1 Prohibited equipment and products**

- (a) It is prohibited to use or store the following items in a salon except for display or historical purposes:
  - Lancet or any other device used to break the skin
  - Razor blade (Credo blade) callus shaver
  - Shaving brushes, shaving mugs, and brush neck dusters.
- (b) Any substance banned by the Food and Drug Administration, including liquid methyl methacrylate monomer (MMA) and methylene chloride.
- (c) Materials to stop the flow of blood may be used only in liquid, powdered or single use form.

### **Section 3.2 Animals, pets, reptiles or birds**

- (a) No animal, pet, bird or reptile shall be allowed in the work area or other regulated areas of the salon. This prohibition shall not apply to service animals for the disabled. Statutory Reference: Connecticut General Statutes Sections 46a-42 and 46a-44.

### **Section 3.3 Food and beverages**

- (a) Food and beverages shall not be prepared or sold in the permitted premises except coffee and tea may be prepared and kept for the convenience of employees and customers.
- (b) A separate employee break room shall be provided if food and beverages are to be consumed by the employees. Those establishments in operation prior to enactment

of this ordinance may submit written request for an exemption from this requirement based on physical constraints of the establishment.

#### **Section 4.1 Salon Establishment Located in Residence**

- (a) A salon or spa located in a residence must be confined to a separate room or separated with ceiling-high partitions and provided with a door to be closed at all times.

#### **Section 5.1 Permits**

- (a) Each establishment shall post a valid permit in a prominent location where patrons can observe it.
- (b) Independent Contractors working in a permitted establishment shall be independently permitted by the Director of Health. A Connecticut State license and permit must be posted in a prominent location at the work station where patrons can observe it.

#### **Section 6.1 Smoking prohibited**

- (a) Establishments must adhere to Connecticut Statutes regarding smoking in public places.