



Building Code Considerations Hair/Nail/Beauty Salons

This fact sheet was prepared for hair, nail and beauty salon businesses planning to move into a building within The City of Wooster. In addition, the City staff is available to discuss your project.

Planning and Zoning: The first thing a business owner needs to do is verify their specific business is compatible with the zoning of the property. This can be done by contacting the Planning Division.

<https://www.woosteroh.com/planning>

Building Plan Review and Permits: For information on building permit applications, plan review requirements and fees, etc., contact the Building Standards Division.

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BUILDING CODE INFORMATION

Number of Restrooms: The size of the salon service business dictates how many toilets and lavatory sinks are required. Chapter 29 of the Ohio Building Code(OBC) allows a single (unisex) toilet and lavatory if the total occupant load of both customers and employees is fifty or less. Separate toilet facilities are required for male and female if over 50 total occupants (employees and customers). The occupant load is determined by the square foot area of the spaces (offices, seating area, etc.) divided by the occupant load factor from Chapter 10 of the OBC.

Occupant Load and Number of Exits: Chapter 10 of the OBC is used to determine the occupant load for the application of code requirements. Every space requires at least one exit door (means of egress), and two exits if the occupant load exceeds 49.

Ventilation Air: A mechanical HVAC system or natural ventilation is required. Building owners/operators must show compliance with Ohio Mechanical Code (OMC) Section 403, Ventilation Air (provide required calculations).

Manicure/Pedicure Nail Station Source Capture: In addition to natural/mechanical ventilation and mechanical exhaust for the salon, OMC 502.20 requires each nail salon station to have an exhaust system that captures the manicure/pedicure vapor, mists and dusts at the source and exhaust them to the exterior of the building. Each station is required to have a minimum exhaust rate of 50 cfm (cubic feet /min).

Salon Sinks, Bowls, Pedi-chairs Approvals: All plumbing and electrical fixtures, including salon sinks, bowls, and Pedi-chairs are required to be approved by a nationally recognized testing agency (such as IAPMO, ETL, U.L., etc.) and have an approval (label) attached to the fixture. Note: if the fixture has both plumbing and electrical components, there must be an approval for both. Check for the required product approvals before purchasing or installing the equipment. Ohio Plumbing Code (OPC) 423.3 requires water temperature limited to a maximum of 120 degrees F.

Electrical: Receptacles within 6ft. from the top inside edge of the bowl of the sink are required to be GFCI protected according to the National Electric Code.

Accessibility (Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)): Any alterations to a building or space (new walls, rooms, doors, bathrooms, etc...) will need to meet the accessibility code requirements from Chapter 11 of the OBC. Generally speaking, an accessible entrance and bathroom may be required.