**§ 86B-29. Barbershop, mobile barbershop, and barber school permits.**

(a) Any person, firm or corporation, before establishing or opening a barbershop, mobile barbershop, or barber school not licensed by the State or the Board shall make application to the Board on forms to be furnished by the Board, for a permit to operate a barbershop, mobile barbershop, or barber school. The barbershop, mobile barbershop, or barber school of the applicant shall be inspected and approved by the Board or an agent designated for that purpose by the Board, before the barbershop, mobile barbershop, or barber school may open for business. It is unlawful to open a new or reopened barbershop, mobile barbershop, or barber school until that barbershop, mobile barbershop, or barber school has been inspected and determined by the Board to be in compliance with the requirements of this Chapter. Upon compliance by the applicant with all requirements set forth in G.S. 86B-31 and the payment of the prescribed fee the Board shall issue to the applicant the permit applied for. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, no person, firm, or corporation shall be issued a permit to operate a barbershop or mobile barbershop in a location registered as a barber school, nor shall any person, firm, or corporation be issued a permit to operate a barber school in a location registered as a barbershop or mobile barbershop.

(b) The owners of every barbershop, mobile barbershop, and barber school that possesses a permit in accordance with this Chapter shall annually, on or before May 31 of each year, renew the barbershop's, mobile barbershop's, or barber school's permit and pay the required renewal fee. Every permit for any barbershop, mobile barbershop, or barber school shall expire on the 31st day of May in each year. Any permit issued under this Chapter shall be suspended automatically by operation of law after failure to renew the permit by the expiration date. The owner of any barbershop, mobile barbershop, or barber school whose permit has expired may, after the barbershop, mobile barbershop, or barber school has been inspected as required in subsection (a) of this section, have the permit restored immediately upon paying all lapsed renewal fees and the required late fee. (1929, c. 119, ss. 1, 16; 1931, c. 32; 1933, c. 95, s. 2; 1941, c. 375, ss. 1, 7; 1945, c. 830, ss. 1, 8; 1961, c. 577, ss. 3, 5; 1973, c. 1331, s. 3; 1979, c. 695, s. 1; 1995 (Reg. Sess., 1996), c. 605, s. 5; recodified from N.C. Gen. Stat. 86A-13 by 2022-72, s. 1(u); 2022-72, s. 2.)