

We cut our expenses to align them with our revenue. Most of the cuts we made are temporary. With projected revenue of 163,259, and 10% going to the State General Fund, we had to look at the practicality of leaving our expenditures at 151,470 which was our actual expenditures for FY17. With our projected revenue to the Fee Fund at \$148,418 that put us fairly in line to have a balanced budget. Some of the things we put in place during FY17 to stop the practice of continuing to spend more than we were depositing to the Fee Fund are as follows:

- We no longer reimburse the schools for hosting the exam, we have an administrator working at .5 which we could really use at least .75. The other two staff members are drawing salaries well below the market average. We have stopped overnight travel for most of the exams and are having our board meetings by teleconference which loses some of the personal effect and not as efficient, but it saves us mileage and meal per diem. Also, we have not been buying any supplies for the office. We put all our forms out on the website and we no longer mail out physical practice tests because of the cost of postage. We had to be fiscally responsible and cut expenditures or our 20K reserve would have been depleted. It was never the intention that this spending was sustainable. The Agency Vehicle needs to be replaced and even basic maintenance on it (tires, oil etc.) has not been factored in.

Some of the things we will need in the foreseeable future are basic office supplies, vehicle repairs, some new text books for our library, to be able to go back to quarterly in person board meetings and to be able to provide money for travel to pursue opening new schools and to join the NABBA and attend their conference for networking purposes. Most if not all the states who have cheaper license fees are licensed by an Agency that licenses multiple disciplines. Our barbers who's license fees pay for our agency 100% desire to remain a separate agency and are willing to pay for it. The amount we have in reserve has varied as much as 50K over the course of the last decade and we desire to have an agency with a budget that aligns perfectly our revenue with the cost of doing business (our expenditures) with taking in to account that 10% off the top will go to SGF.

Our fee cap increase was to be proposed during the FY16 legislative session but it didn't move forward. We knew at that point our fees would need to increase to be able to continue to sustain our agency and perform within the approved budget. We were informed in the 2016 session, with false projections that if we did not merge with KBOC we would end up bankrupt. This projection did not reflect a true rise in revenue coming from licensure fees. We did what we needed to do in the FY 2017 year to stay within our budget, but with the intent of being able to raise fees and continue to operate efficiently and separately. The attached survey was done in 2016 and reflects the opinions of our barbers in Kansas. We have also brought today the letters written by our barbers when the Board was facing merger with the board of Cosmetology of interest in them is that many of the barbers mention their willingness to pay more for a license if it means being left alone.

Balance Forward Fee Fund

FY 2006 - \$454

FY 2008 - \$2,273

FY2009- \$8,722

FY 2010 - \$6,914

FY 2011 - \$21,642

FY 2012 - \$18,046

FY 2013 - \$29,307

FY 2014 - \$44,307

FY 2015 - \$48,853

FY 2016 - \$42,723

FY 2017 - \$29,917

Kansas Board of Barbering
 Telephonic Survey of Kansas Barbers
 Conducted Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Survey Process

- ***640 Total Kansas Licensed Barber Shops***
 - ***Survey Field included calls to 73 Shops***
 - ***12% of Total Shops***
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Question	Percent YES	Percent NO	Average
Do you feel there is a shortage of barbers in Kansas?	78%	22%	
Do you feel there is a shortage of quality barber schools in Kansas?	90%	10%	
One problem with opening new barber schools in Kansas is the shortage of licensed instructors. Do you approve of an instructor apprentice program to train instructors?	82%	18%	
Do you feel having an annual inspection for all barber shops is sufficient to ensure an adequate level of Public Safety?	97%	3%	
Do you feel the \$80.00 annual barber license fee and \$40.00 shop license fee is fair and reasonable?	100%		
From 1-10 with 10 being most important, how would you rate the importance of the Kansas Board of Barbering to the barbering industry in Kansas?			Overall Average of 9.2

KANSAS BOARD OF BARBERING

CUSTOMER SERVICE SATISFACTION SURVEY - Please return your completed survey to the Board office
700 SW Jackson, Suite 1002, Topeka, KS 66603 . 785-296-2211

Mailed – 1,608 Received to date – 161 Percent returned – 10%

Preliminary results; Not all respondents answered every question.

1. Have you contacted the Board of Barbering by phone within the past six months?

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>N/A</u>
42	111	0

2. Which of the areas below best describe the purpose of your inquiry?

License renewal/restoration – 31	Opening new barber shop – 5	Sanitation regulation question – 2
Inspection question – 2	License Transfer – 2	

3. Was staff courteous and professional in handling your inquiry?

Very – 42	Somewhat – 1	Neutral – 25	Not Very – 0	Not at All – 0
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4. Was your question or request addressed to your satisfaction?

Very – 41	Somewhat – 1	Neutral – 21	Not Very – 0	Not at All – 0
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5. If written information was requested, did you receive it in a timely manner?

Yes – 16	No – 0	N/A – 70
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6. Are you aware that the Board now has a website at <http://kbob.kansas.gov>?

Yes – 39	No – 69	N/A – 19
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7. Have you accessed the website within the past six months?

Yes – 6	No – 30	N/A – 26
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8. Did you find the website user friendly and easy to maneuver?

Yes – 12	No – 3	N/A – 84
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9. Are there any improvements you would like to see made to the website?

Yes – 2	No – 18	N/A – 75
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Comments: None given

10. Are you aware that renewals and restorations can now be completed online?

Yes – 45	No – 81	N/A – 9
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11. Do you feel you receive your renewed license in a timely manner?

Yes – 132	No – 2	N/A – 4
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12. Are there any changes you would like to see to the renewal process?

Yes – 7	No – 104	N/A – 9
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Comments: 6 want reminders; 1 license size – can't find standard frame size to fit current license size

13. Have you found Board inspections to be conducted in a professional manner?

Very – 137	Somewhat – 1	Neutral – 3	Not Very – 0	Not at All – 0
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14. Do you feel that the Board is responsive to the barbering industry in Kansas?

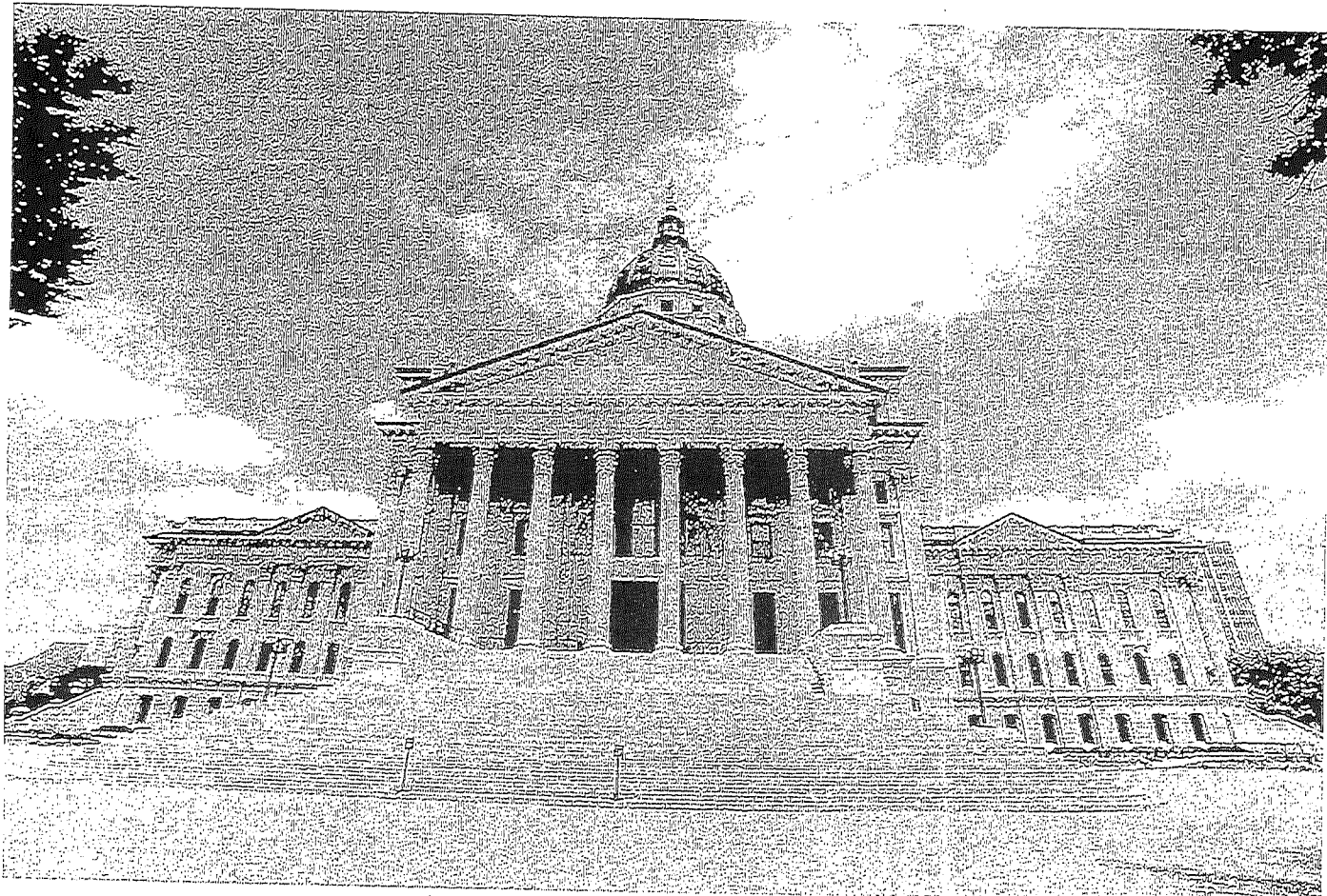
Very – 128	Somewhat – 15	Neutral – 3	Not Very – 0	Not at All – 0
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15. Do you favor merging the Board of Barbering with the Board of Cosmetology?

Yes – 5	Neutral – 5	No – 86	NO WAY – 49
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Additional comments: Neutrals did not answer yes or no but indicated a merger was probably going to happen anyway.

Barbers blast Brownback's merger idea



TOPEKA — Barbers are fighting back against what they regard as Gov. Sam Brownback's politicization of their state board through appointments and his merger proposal.

The larger Kansas Board of Cosmetology is welcoming the merger, but Sen. Vicki Schmidt, R-Topeka, questioned if it is up to the job.

Brownback's proposed merger of the boards is not moving quickly in the legislative process and could be in jeopardy. It did gain momentum in the Tuesday budget hearing before a Senate Ways and Means subcommittee.

Politics and barbering

"We feel like we have been set up to fail," said Larry Ross, Board of Barbering member told the Ways and Means' Sens. Larry Alley, R-Winfield, and Schmidt.

He said he was on a panel to interview someone for the board's administrator. They thought there was a qualified candidate, Ross said, and the person was called back for a second interview.

Matt Hickam, a lobbyist and former business partner of David Kensinger who was once Brownback's chief of staff, had been appointed by Brownback as chairman of the Board of Barbering in 2013. Ross said Hickam informed him he didn't need to attend the second meeting.

"Somehow, this guy didn't qualify after that," Ross said, of the candidate.

Larry Montgomery became administrator and now is no longer with the office. Ross said the board has had three chairmen in a short span and currently has an interim administrator.

John Bradford, a Republican legislator from Lansing defeated in 2016, was appointed by Brownback to the Board of Barbering after the November election.

Brownback put the merger proposal in his January State of the State Address, and Bradford "admitted he was appointed for the sole purpose of consolidating the boards. That's bad in my estimation," Ross told the legislators.

"You may feel like you've been set up to fail but you have a lot of friends," Schmidt said.

The News was unable to reach Hickam. Bradford thinks the one board is a good idea.

"Consolidation of two agencies with basically the same function is in the best interest of the public," said Bradford.

Barbers speak out

Placed before Alley and Schmidt were notebooks from the Board of Barbering that contained information about the office along with over 40 letters — many handwritten — from barbers across Kansas objecting to the proposed merger with Cosmetology.

Included were messages from:

- Vincent Arpin, Hutchinson: "I have been a dedicated barber for 57 years and am proud of my profession. The barber profession in the last 25 plus years has not gotten the respect and recognition that they deserve."
- Edd Reichuber, Hutchinson: "I have been a barber since 1964. ... I don't see any benefit in merging."
- Mary Ann Langhofer, Russell: "I have been a licensed barber for 32 years. I have worked with 2 cosmetologists for a total of 20 years. I had to teach them both how to cut a Flat Top because they were not taught that in school."
- Alvin A. J. Doty, Garden City: "If you compare the barbers coming out of barber schools and the so called barbers coming out of Cosmetology schools, there is no comparison between the two. They cut hair completely different and do not have the skills to be real barbers."
- Glenn Stephens, Pratt: "Don't Kill Our Profession."
- Barry Miller, Phillipsburg: "You should survey the clients of this business. Most men actually do not like to go to a beauty shop."

Nationwide

Bruce Williamson's father was a barber for 56 years and Williamson, working in Topeka, has been a barber for 43 years.

"I think anything we can possibly do to protect our industry is important," Williamson told the legislators.

Nationwide, he said, there is a movement to merge barbering and cosmetology operations in states. A lot of the box stores and chain stores want consolidation so they can put a barber pole outside their business and offer shaves, he said.

A cosmetologist can use a razor but can't put a blade on a customer's skin, which would be a shave, Williamson explained. He also said barbers and cosmetologists cut hair differently.

Barbers against Brownback's proposed merger with Kansas Board of Cosmetology

By Harrison Drake Published: February 22, 2017, 11:26 pm Updated: February 23, 2017, 10:53 am

TOPEKA, Kan. (KSNT) – Governor Sam Brownback's proposal to merge the Kansas Board of Barbering and Kansas Board of Cosmetology has barbers objecting the possible move.

"This is a hostile merger being done with zero approval of the Board of Barbering or any of our 1,200 barbers." says Sonia Sprouse with the Kansas Board of Barbering.

A budget meeting will be held at the statehouse tomorrow at noon.

"If he eliminates our budget that means we are going to merge into the cosmetology board," says barber Bruce Williamson. "And if we are under the cosmetology board then that means that everything that we do, we have to line up with their rules and regulations."

Governor Sam Brownback used the merger as an example of his fiscal responsibility in the State of the State address; however, the Kansas Board of Barbers is fee funded which means they are self-reliant and receive no state funds.

"I want to be a barber. I want to cut men's hair," says barber Josh Ledom. "There is a certain style of hair I want to cut. I don't want the merger to happen."

The Kansas Board of Barbers says the merger is being done with no approval from their agency.

But there has been a decline in the traditional barbershop nationally. In Kansas though, according to the Kansas Board of Barbering, at least three barber schools are opening this year, while eight cosmetology schools closed last year.

May 20, 2008

Dress & Grooming, Hair

Rediscovering the Barbershop

Brett

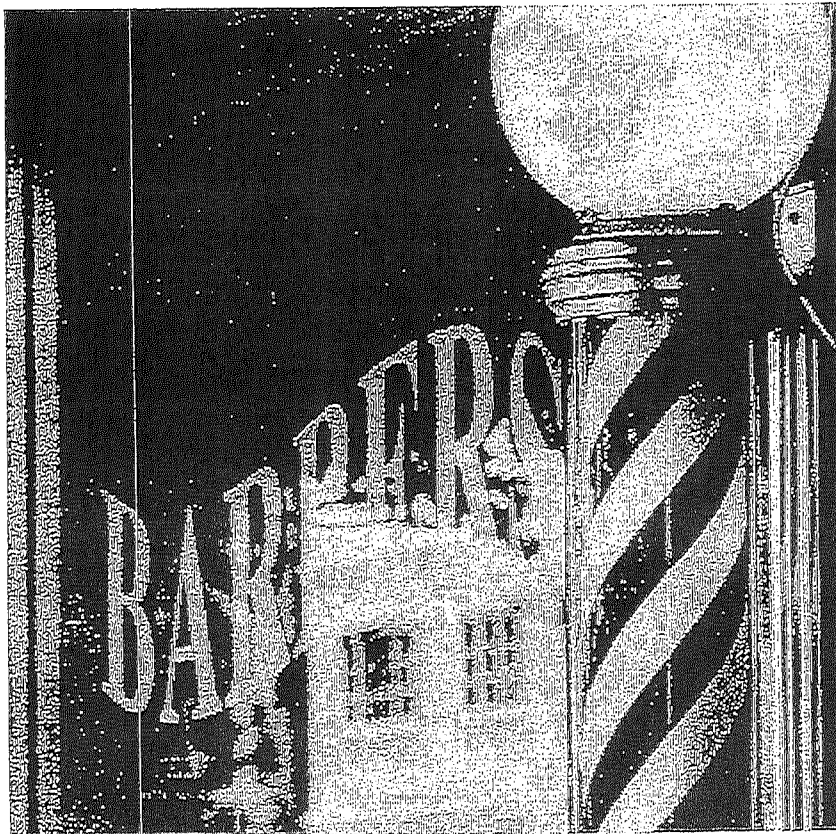


Photo by [LemonSunrise](#)

For the past few months, I've been having my haircut at various barbershops. For most of my life, I went to unisex salons that reeked of perm chemicals and mousse. Every time I'd go, I'd walk away with a bad haircut. On top of that, I always felt out of place. Most of the clients were usually women and a woman was cutting my hair. I'd just go in, sit there silently while the person cut my hair, and leave.

I don't know why I stopped going to a barbershop. As a child, I went to a barbershop on the main street in my hometown. It was called "The Friendly Barbershop." I remember being fascinated with all the barber stuff. What I remember most though, was the distinct manliness of the place. Even as a young child, I could sense that a barbershop was a cool hang out for men. Twenty years later, I'm rediscovering the barbershop. You should too.

In the decades after WWI, several other factors combined to weaken the place of the barbershop in society. Companies like Sears began selling at-home haircutting kits, and mom began cutting Junior's and Pop's hair. Then the Depression hit, and people cut back on discretionary spending like barber shaves. The loss of male lives in the World and Korean wars also shrunk barbers' pool of clientele. Then in the 1960's Beatlemania and the hippie culture seized the country, and hairstyles began to change. Men started to grow their hair longer and shaggier, and their visits to the barber became infrequent or non-existent.

Even when short hair came back into style during the 1980's, men did not return en masse to the barbershop. Instead, a new type of hairdresser siphoned off the barbers' former customers: the unisex salon. Places like "SuperCuts" which were neither beauty salons nor barbershops, catered to both men and women. Many states' licensing boards accelerated this trend by ceasing to issue barber licenses altogether and instead issuing a unisex "cosmetologist" license to all those seeking to enter the hair cutting profession.

Why Every Man Should Go To A Barber Shop



Photo by Curtis!

public places. Then my shave commenced. The barber first wrapped a hot towel around my face. Next, the barber massaged in a lemon based cream to clean out my pores.

After that, several more hot towels were applied. By then, I was feeling nice and relaxed, on the verge of falling asleep relaxed. The barber then massaged in some cocoa butter to soften my beard. Next, the barber brushed a warm lather into my beard that smelled like man and not like that crappy artificial goo you buy in a can. The barber then took a piece of razor sharp metal and scraped my beard off for the closest, best shave I've ever had. Allowing another man to hold a razor to your neck is a good way to remind yourself that you're alive.

To finish it all off, I got another hot towel wrapped on my face along with a final face massage with a soothing vanishing cream. When I stepped out of the shop, I felt like a new man, ready to take on the world.

It's a great activity to do with your father or son. Men need traditions that can help bond them together. Visiting the barbershop with your father or son is a great tradition to begin in your family. Many men have been going to the same barber all their life and have introduced their sons to the same chair and the same barber. What a great way to bond with the men in your life!

You'll feel manlier. Every time I go to the barber shop I just feel manlier. I don't know what it is. Perhaps it's the combination of the smell of hair tonics and the all-man atmosphere. But more so, it's the awareness of the tradition of barbershops. Barbershops are places of continuity; they don't change with the shifts in culture. The places and barbers look the same as they did when your dad got his hair cut. It's a straightforward experience with none of the foofoo accouterments of the modern age. There are no waxings, facials, highlights, or appointments. Just great haircuts and great conversation.

When you walk out of the barber shop with a sharp haircut, you can't help but feel a bit of manly swagger creep into your step. So next time you spot that familiar red and white striped pole, stop in. You'll be glad you did.

Looking for a barbershop? Make sure to check out our [barbershop locator](#). If you know of shop, please add it to the map.

To whom it may concern:

My name is Troy Franklin Jr., board member of the Kansas Board of Barbering, and the Owner of Franklins' Barber & Beauty Salon in Wichita, Kansas. I am writing to express my opposition to merge the Kansas Board of Cosmetology and the Kansas Board of Barbering.

Consolidation for this merge would remedy unnecessary conflicts for incoming barbers, who rely solely on guidance from the Kansas Board of Barbering members, and the barber college staff for career and professional development. This specific conflict particularly affects those who are interested in getting back on their feet from troubled past, or law incriminating or felony charges that have enabled them from obtaining other job opportunities. The barbering profession has a very diverse identity, and the Kansas Board of Barbering has been in existence for more than 100 years as an independent and free funded agency, with specific processes and implementations that are much different from the Kansas Board of Cosmetology. Collaboration of the two would remove the two separate identities and merge two different styles that work better as siloed professions.

Currently, in order for students to receive their barbering license they must pass a written and practical exam. Barber and Cosmetology exams entail very different skill sets and examination techniques. Combining the two would not only change the testing process, there would be members of the board grading students that are not subject matter experts specific to barbering. As an owner and licensed professional barber for 21 years and a member of the Kansas Board of Barbering for 15 years, I have seen a lot of positivity driven in my own business as well as through barber students that I've mentored and hired for several decades. Barbering is its own craft, and the idea of merging would have a major impact on the effectiveness of our students and instructors, barbering colleges, and business owners and their ability to advocate for other local businesses in the community.

I respectfully request to vote "No" to the proposed merging of the Kansas Board of Cosmetology and the Kansas Board of Barbering.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Troy Franklin Jr.
Owner of Franklins' Barber & Beauty Salon
(316) 992-1199

Members of the Committee:

I am opposed to the consolidation of the Board of Barbering with the Board of Cosmetology for the following reasons:

- * The Alveras & Marsal committee, costing the state 4.3 million dollars, recommended to NOT consolidate.
- * Barber Board statutes were updated in 2016.
- * Consolidating will not save the state money - it will cost printing new licensure, moving offices, phones, etc.
- * For the safety of the public, the Barber Board conducts their own practical exams, never using an outside source.
- * The Barber Board has started 3 new barber schools in 2016, while 8 cosmetology schools closed.
- * The Barber Board is fee funded, which means we pay our own way, and we give 10% of the fees to the state.

In closing, if this would, in fact, save the state money, I would be in favor of consolidation. I appreciate your consideration of my concerns.

Respectfully,



Larry Ross

Kansas State Barber Board Member

Feb. 2017

To whom it may concern.

I have been a licensed barber for 26 years. I hold a barber instructor's license and I am currently the state Barber Inspector.

I work in a hundred year, 3rd generation barber shop and I am very proud of the history in this profession.

I talk to every barber in the state of Kansas. Many of these barbers have been cutting hair for over 50 years, you will not find individuals like this in any other profession. The young barbers can't wait to make their own legacy.

For most, this is their lifetime achievement.

Barbering is the oldest profession and should not be obsolete for someone's political gain.

This merger will not benefit anyone, not even the state of Kansas. We are fee funded and self regulated, how could we be anymore efficient?

Thanks for your time.

Jeri Bryant

Here are a list of some of the things that I think we want to point out to the committees that we hope will convince them to recommend we NOT consolidate the Barber and Cosmetology Boards

1. There is no benefit to public health.

2. We have had a licensing agency for over 100 years.

3. We are fee-funded, and totally supported by the Barbers in the state. There is no financial/budgetary improvement to the state by this consolidation. As a matter of fact it is detrimental to the budget because the Cosmetology Board is already paying the maximum allowed to the State General Fund of \$100,000 per year. The state budget will be losing our \$17,000.

4. The only actual changes are political in nature. Our administrator is hired by our Board currently and the new system has the director appointed by the Governor.

5. Barbers will have 25% representation on the new Board. Never enough for a majority vote in our favor.

6. All of this was initiated by the governor, or someone in his administration and we know this because our Chairman, John Bradford, told the Board members in our last phone conversation that he was appointed with the task of spearheading this consolidation attempt. No other Board has a chairman appointed with the dissolution of their Board in mind. All of these discussions took place without the knowledge or consent of the Barber Board, including any discussion involving OUR chairman and administrator.

7. Our profession is not failing or faltering, nor is our Board. We think perhaps this is retaliation for the Barber Board changing statutes to allow Cosmetologists to transfer to the Barber industry with 500 hours of additional training.

8. If this isn't a vendetta, then why weren't Barbers or Board members included in the discussion prior to this bill being presented?

9. If appointing Chairmen with the same task in mind as the currently appointed Chairmen, maybe that would explain why we have had to have 3 Chairmen in 22 months. None of them perhaps had the stomach for this type of dealings.

10. We recently made statutory changes in an effort to increase significantly the number of Barbers in Kansas, and we are not being given ample time to see progress.

11. If this does not benefit the Financial state of Kansas, nor the Public Health aspect of Kansas, why is the Barber Board being singled out? The only other fee funded agency being discussed this legislative year is the agency concerned with Audiologists and Hearing Aids. Those two agencies are being consolidated at THEIR OWN request.

12. We are opening at least 3 Barber schools in 2017 while Kansas saw 8 Cosmetology schools closed last year.

13. If it seems necessary to Consolidate the Barber and Cosmetology professions, why not consolidate every Licensed professional into ONE Professional Licensing and Regulation Division? If saving money, combining services and streamlining processes are HONESTLY the goal of this, then make EVERY professional follow this lead. No mingling of two for political wrangling or whatever motivation there exists behind singling out the Barber industry or it Kansas Board.

14. If not political in nature, why is there a stipulation of party affiliation number allowed?

Victoria Rajewski

Instructor Fort Leavenworth Vocational Barber College

Kansas Board of Barbering Board Member

Mrs. Sprouse

I went on line and found the current HB 2296 regarding the proposal by the Committee on Health and Human Services dealing with combining the Barber and Cosmetology Boards and found NO indication as to why this is being done.

I have written to Rep. Ken Rahjes, letters to the editors of the Salina Journal and the Hays Daily News encouraging barbers and cosmetologist to notify their representatives to vote NO on this bill if it reaches the floor. I see no need for combining these boards as they are fee supported and 10% of that money goes directly into the State General Fund, these boards are not dependent on tax revenue.

Truly felt this 22 page bill consumed much time of the committee that could have been spent on more important items.

Thank You

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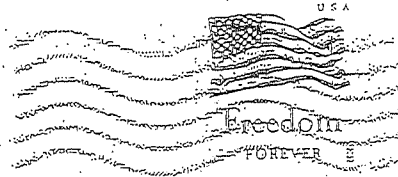
*Submitted
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I, Barrett Katzenmeier, oppose
the proposed merger of the Board
of Cosmetology and the Kansas
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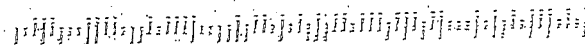
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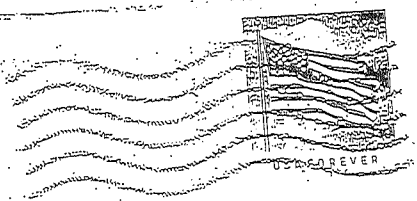
I read where you are wanting to combine the cosmetology and barber boards. Why are you wanting to do this? Are you wanting to eliminate more jobs. There is no tax dollar that go into the barber end of it or agency. It has been this way for years.

Are you wanting to do away with the barbering profession as we know of it today. It needs to stay the way it is. It is a part of history that dates back many years.

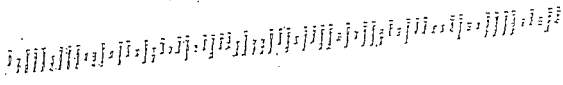
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Board of Cosmetology + Kansas Board of Barbering

- Robert J Lindholm
325 S. First
Lindsborg, Ks 67456
(Barber for 52 years)

I graduated from Lindsborg, Ks High School in "1964".
Nov. 1964. I started Barber school, Capital City Barber School Topeka, Ks. Graduated in June.

Took Apprentice Barber State Board + Passed
I Apprenticed under Pat Shea, Eastboro Barber Shop Topeka, Ks.

- Took state Board for Master Barber, + Passed
I continued barbering with Pat Shea at Eastboro Barber Shop Topeka.

May 1, 1971 I moved back to Lindsborg, Ks.

I bought Boylan's Barber Shop, from Arley Boylan. Arley had ran this shop for 37 years. (New name My Barber Shop)

- I worked hard to build the business and add another barber. In 1975 Pat Shea came to work for me. We worked together untill 1977.

1) Kimi changed the name "My Barber Shop,"
to "Hairymolairys".

Susan Fry moved on with her life,

Kimi hired Rachal Bradley right
out of Cosmetology School. I helped
train her to do men's hair cuts & clipper work
I am still working every day -

We definitely need a Barber Board
which would set guidelines for Barber
Schooling - Barbering Guidelines
State Board Exams - Licensing - Inspection

Barbering is a profession I have tried
to uphold for 52 years, so far.

Please maintain
Kansas State of Barbering

Randy S. [Signature] M.D.

Lindsborg, KS 62456

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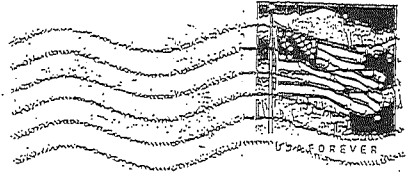
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Oldest Barbers in
the State, 56 yrs +
I'm against the merger
of the Cosmetology &
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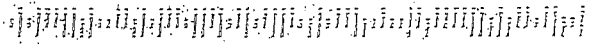
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February 13, 2017

Kansas Board of Barbering

I am 79 years old and have been proud to be a barber for over 54 years. I am completely opposed to the Kansas Board of Barbering and the Board of Cosmetology being merged. Barbers and Cosmetologist do not have the same training and the Cosmetologist do not have the knowledge that the barbers are taught. If you compare the barbers coming out of barber schools and the so called barbers coming out of Cosmetology schools, there is no comparison between the two. They cut hair completely different and do not have the skills to be real barbers.

We need to keep our barber identity as true barbers and that will only be accomplished by keeping the boards separate. We barbers have a history as true barbers and we need to keep our pride and dedication to our profession.

The Cosmetologist want to take over and run the true barbers out of business and this is how they are trying to get the power to do so, by taking away our rights and our pride as true barbers.

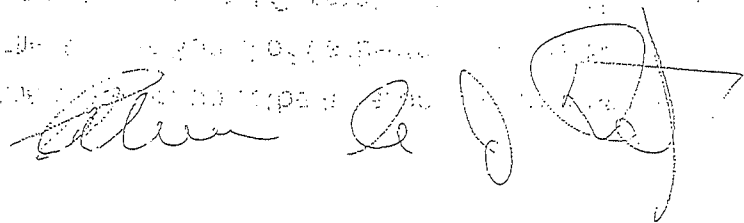
Listen to the true barbers and keep our profession strong and true and our boards separate for the pride of the barbers.

Alvin A.J. Doty

Al's Barber Shop

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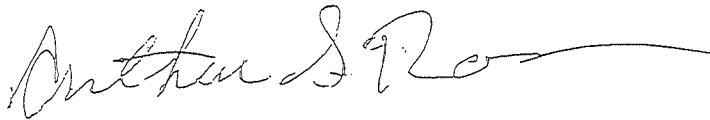
Submitted
via
website

February 14, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Arthur Roman, a barber for 53 years, am in full agreement with the Kansas Board of Barbering. We should not "merge" with the Board of Cosmetology. The Kansas Board of Barbers has been independent for over 100 years, and is a fee funded agency requiring zero tax dollars for operation. Our profession goes back to 1000 B.C. when Greek men were visiting the local barbers for shaving services.

No, we don't want to be co-joined with the Board of Cosmetology.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arthur S. Roman". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Arthur S. Roman
Roman's Hairstyling
Wichita, KS

Kansas Board of Barbering
700 SW Jackson Suite 1002
Topeka, Ks.
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FEB 13, 2017

My name is Marlon Bergin, I
have been a Barber for 41 years, and am
very Proud of my Profession!

With regard to combining the Barber,
and Cosmetology, I think it would be
Disrespectful and a Travesty!

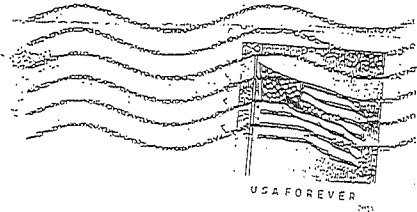
My opinion is they are two separate
Professions, and should remain that way.

Sincerely,

Marlon S. Bergin

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3rd Street Barber Shop
743 3rd Street
Phillipsburg, KS 67661

February 12, 2017

Kansas Board of Barbering
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RE: Merger of Board of Cosmetology and the Kansas Board of Barbering

The existence of barbering has been around for a long, long time. However, that is absolutely no reason for the merger of these two boards. I have been barbering since 1970, and have found it to be a very fulfilling profession. I know that it is thought in this day and age that it is a dying profession. You should survey the clients of the business. Most men actually do not like to go to a beauty shop. I will be blunt; most beauticians do not know how to cut men's hair. The clients I have look forward to coming into my shop to receive a professional looking haircut, but to also visit with other men. I think the barbering profession should actually be improved, i.e., by creating incentives to enter the profession, such as incentive to open up own business without being involved with the beauticians, and a standard of pricing a haircut.

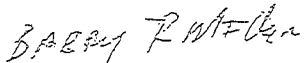
I have even thought of starting a scholarship program, trying to get a tax break, however talking with a CPA the tax right off is basically not worth the trouble.

I think it is deplorable what is happening to the profession. Just because it is an old profession doesn't mean the barber board should be eliminated.

Beauticians would not like a Barber inspector to inspect their shop, just like a Barber would not appreciate a Beautician doing the same. Keeping the Boards separate will keep the profession intact and hopefully the Barber profession will turn around and be a demanding profession again.

I am definitely opposed to the merger.

Thank you,


Barry R. Miller

2-14-17

I have been a dedicated barber for 57 years and am proud of my profession. The barber profession in the last 25 plus years has not gotten the respect and recognition that they deserve. Along with other fellow barbers, I don't want to see the Cosmetologist and the Barber Boards merge because they are two different professions. The Board of Barbers has been in existence for more than 100 years in Kansas. We are a free funded agency requiring zero tax dollars. Barbering can be tracked back as far as 1400 BC. We in the State of Kansas need to protect that history and the integrity of Barbering.

To keep this part of history alive for centuries to come, I ask that you take this matter into serious consideration and keep the Cosmetology Board and the Barber Board separate.

Thanking you in advance.

Vincent Arpin
Vincent J. Arpin
A&L Barber Shop
Hutchinson, KS 67502

Hello my Name is Carlos Belalcazar, a Barber here in KCK , I wanted to write today and tell you that it is unnecessary to have these two groups be one we don't need to eliminate more Jobs that families income depend on. We do great already it just no need to do all these other things that they want us to do its different trades from "Barber" and Cosmetology. It's always been different they have the choice as people to take whatever trade they want to find they're future and life calling. I Don't want to lose what I've stood for, these years I've been calling myself a Barber, this is more than a job it's a lifestyle I don't want them to change that and want to make all these new changes, For What? Barber is A Trade an opportunity and a lifestyle from wich learned and want to keep don't take that away from us please let other trades be other trades, and let us Be the Proud Barbers we WERE DESTINED TO BE .

Thank You Guys for giving me the opportunity to write and share my take on this

Please keep us in mind, and we hope for us to keep our Image ,

Sincerely ,

Proud Barber in Kansas City ☺.

February 15, 2017

Greetings,

Elected officials with the responsibility of preserving the Barbering Profession in Kansas.

My name is Charles Douglas Peterman, a practicing barber in Kansas since attending Capitol City Barber College in Topeka, Kansas in 1966. Except for active duty time with the United States Army Reserves in 1968; where I cut hair in the barracks on Friday nights prior to Saturday morning inspections, I have been a practicing barber every year in Kansas.

I knew when I graduated from high school that I wanted to become a Barber; not a Cosmetologist.

Since 1977, my wife Marikay; a [Cosmetologist] and I have owned our own business; [Hair It Is]. We titled it [A Hairstyling Clinic] as we maintained both Barber and Cosmetology Shop and individual licenses. We realized the differences and peculiarities between the professions and that each had its own separate ways of providing needed services to the public.

The rules and regulations require separate inspections from each board by a member of that specific profession, who has the knowledge and training of how that business operates and its special needs and requirements. Not by someone of the other profession, or worse yet, someone with no knowledge or training appointed off the street.

The Kansas Barber Board is self-funded using no tax dollars for maintaining its operation. It is one of the very few agencies or boards in the state of Kansas that does not require state funding or have had to have the legislators dip into other funds to help it out in these very troubled financial times.

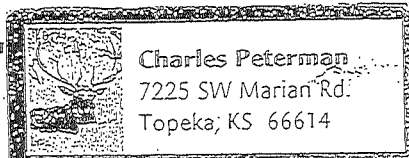
Being inspected by both boards in our business throughout the years I have seen firsthand the differences of each profession and the need for the boards to remain separate. I want to be governed and inspected by the Barber Board who knows my profession.

The past seven years have seen state agencies, boards and institutions combined, dismantled or completely done away with. Many times, not for the good of all concerned. Please leave us alone, we are taking care of ourselves and not costing the state any more money, which they don't have. Please don't cause us to lose our identity as proud Barbers serving the public professionally for over one hundred years here in Kansas.

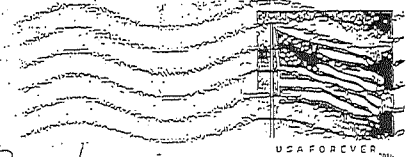
I am now working part-time due to the rigors of fifty years of standing and serving the people of Kansas, but I plan to continue and I want to do so as a barber, governed by my own Kansas Board of Barbers.

Respectfully,

Charles D. Peterman



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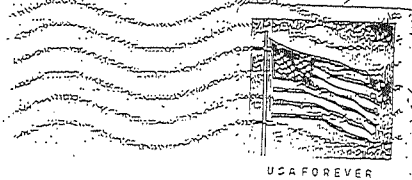
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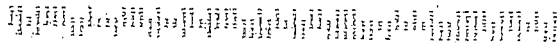


KANSAS BOARD OF BARBERING

700 SW. JACKSON

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Hello

My name is Paul Mohler, Owner of a 1 chair
- shop in rural Kansas - Overbrook. I am
dedicated to my profession and will hope the
seperate Board of Barbering shall continue.

Besides the obvious financial reason of
keeping Barbering, as it is, a self funded Board,
and in changing anything in government the
cost of reprinting, reorganization, and change usually
outclasses any perceived savings. Barbers should
inspect barbers / cosmetologist should inspect cosmetologists
Each know their profession and should be allowed
- to keep their industry strong and healthy.

Please go elsewhere to find a penny in budget
savings. The Barbers indeed are doing OK.

We do not need any assistance.

Keep barbering board ad inspections the same
as we have been - an independent Group, for
the good of barbers and cosmetologists but
must importantly for the good of our
Customers. Thank you

2-9-17

Paul Mohler

Overbrook barbershop
302- Maple St
785 - 645-7225

2-11-17

To Kansas Board of Barbering:

I'm writing this letter to ask you not to combine the Barber and cosmetology Boards together. I own a barbershop and have been a barber for almost 37 years. A few reasons I feel this is not a good idea are the elimination of barber colleges and the loss of jobs. What about testing for barber school grads? You surely cannot give the same test to both barber and beauty students. Barbers would probably end up being governed mostly by the cosmetology board. I think barbers are proud of their identity; I know I wouldn't like losing mine. Please consider these points when making your decision.

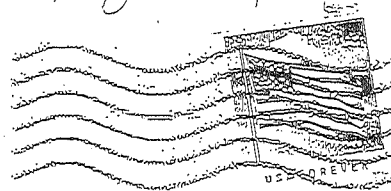
Appreciatively,

Mary Philp

MARY PHILP
2602 E. Douglas
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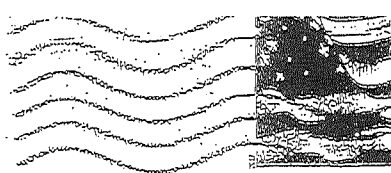
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Mary Ann Langhofer
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February 9, 2017

I have been a licensed Barber for 32 years. In that time I have worked with 2 Cosmetologists for a total of 20 years. I had to teach them both how to cut a Flat Top because they were not taught that in school. I also taught them both, an easier way to do a high and tight by starting with short and going to long and they admitted it was much easier that way.

I do not want a cosmetologist inspecting my shop unless they have barber training. Are they going to take additional training? I doubt it. And Barbers should not be inspecting Beauty Shops.

Please leave the boards separate and allow us all to function as we have for years.

A Concerned Barber,
Mary Ann Langhofer

2-8-17

Kansas Board of Barbering;

PLEASE DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO KEEP THE
2 BOARDS SEPARATE. OUR STATE BOARD HAS DONE A
GOOD JOB OVER THE LAST 100+ YEARS. WE ARE WELL
SUPPORTED AND DON'T NEED THE POLITICS AND PROBLEMS
THAT COMES WITH COMBINING THE 2 BOARDS.
OUR RULES AND OPERATIONS ARE SO MUCH DIFFERENT
THAN AN OUTSIDER WOULD EVER GUESS.
IF THE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY IS HAVING PROBLEMS, FIX
THEM AND LEAVE US ALONE. BARBERING IS AN OLD
AND HONORABLE PROFESSION. LEAVE IT THAT WAY.

Alvin J. Bennett
124 S. MERIDIAN
WINTER CENTER, KS

(BARBERING, AGE 51 YEARS)

To Whom It May Concern,

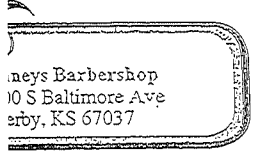
It was brought to my attention that there is a proposed merger of the Board of Cosmetology and the Kansas Board of Barbering. I would like to voice my opposition of this proposal. I believe that merging these two boards will do a great disservice to both of these great professions. While there are some similarities between cosmetology and barbering, the majority of our services are drastically different.

When I went to barber school, the majority of my focus was spent on fine detail work. Whether I was learning how to do straight razor shaves, cutting flat-tops, or how to cut taper fades, all these skills took plenty of time and practice. I believe this practice deserves a barber focused instruction and barber focused evaluation. I fear that combining these two boards will water down the expectations of what it means to be a barber.

I take pride in my profession. I know there is a difference between cosmetology and barbering. My belief in this is affirmed by customers who express their pleasure in finding a barber shop. They know the difference in the services that we provide. I think it would be in our best interest to keep the cosmetology and barbering boards separate to insure quality services in the field we have chosen.

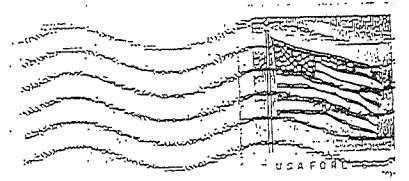
Sincerely,

Joseph Rogers



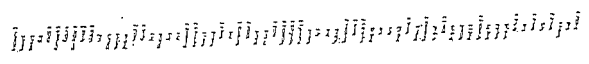
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February 10, 2017

To whome it may concern:

I have been a barber for nearly 10 years, I went to barber college to become a barber not a cosmetologist! As barbers we ~~we~~ cut hair, we do not give permanets or color hair. Typically we cut mens hair and they appreciate the sharp detail that barbers do.

I believe the barber board and the board of Cosmetology should remain seperate entities as they each have their own nitch. People who teach barbering have barber knowledge. People on the barber board have the knowledge, eye and skill to be able to judge barbers skill that they have practised and learned in barber college. Please keep the Kansas board of barbering a division of its own.

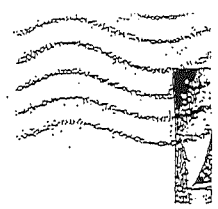
Thank you.

Robert D. Nyquist

Riley Browning
118 S. Main St.
Ottawa, Kansas
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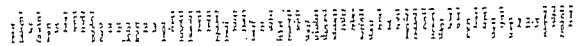


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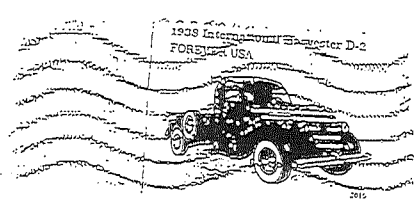


Regarding the proposed merger of the board of
Cosmetology and the Kansas board of Barbering
I strongly disagree with the merger -
Barbering and Cosmetology are two different
entities. I recently graduated from
Barber College and learned specific skills
that Cosmetologists don't have and I am
building a great business and career in
this profession. I don't even want to
see the Barbering identity lost.
no merge!

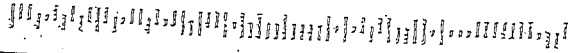
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742 E. 630 Ave.
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Having been a barber
50 years, I do not believe
there should be any change-

Do Not Merge with the
Board of Cosmetology

We have our Barber
Standards & have done
well with these all these
years. Please do not
change a thing!

Dennis Vinardi
Dennis Vinardi

1-10-2017

To Whom

I Robert L. Culver R.B. Am
Against ^{mergering} ~~considering~~ the Cosmetology
board + Barber board. If the Barber
board stands Alone (we pay our own board
Chairman + Examiners why isn't this ok).
What does Cosmetology know about
barbering -

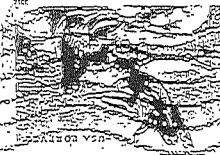
Thanks
Robert Culver

ROBERT L. Culver
License # 13823

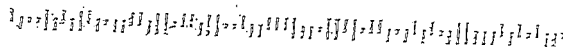
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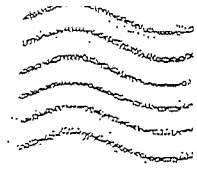
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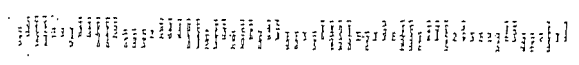
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Kansas Board of Barbering
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RE:

Proposed merger of the
Board of Cosmetology and
the Kansas board of
Barbering

Rex Browning

I am very much
against this merger!
I believe there is a
renewed interest in the
profession of barbering.
We are dedicated and
proud of our professional
talents - our profession
has a long & important
history & a great
future with many
new graduates enter-
ing our shops.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I went to Advanced Barber College in 1986 to be a skilled professional BARBER. The older man teacher and owner of the school gave a opening speech ABOUT the importance of the SKILL of Barbering. He passed out our kits to us with clippers, etc and continued to speak on the SKILL of Barbering. How to handle different customers good and bad. This went on for well

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Barbering is a SKILL, There are lots of people that can run clippers with a 'guard' on it, He explained it is a learned feel of the use of clipper ~~of~~ over comb - some like it tighter around the ears - etc.

He also always said if you are sweeping hair - you aren't making ~~it~~. Needless to say, all of this being said we need to stay separate BOARDS.

I like to be identified as a Barber - being a woman as well.

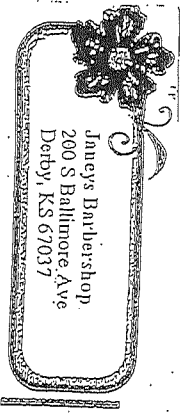
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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Janey Mahlandt and I have been a barber for 23 years. I chose to go to barber school as opposed to cosmetology school years ago for many reasons.

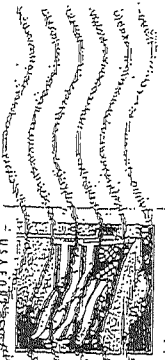
Barbering and Cosmetology concern two very different arts. Barbering is the art of cutting hair and shaving and shaping and designing beards and facial hair and Cosmetology is focused very minutely on detail work. They are focused far more on coloring hair and curling and styling designs.

I feel that it would be a huge mistake to combine the two boards because they are two totally separate and different sets of skills that are required to do each of the jobs and one is very seldom qualified to do both. On



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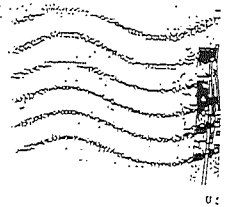
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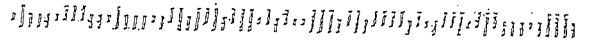


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these boards together
is not the way to go.

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Both men and women

Dale Brooks

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