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Luis Pastoriza
Municipal Clerk
City of Camden

POC# 12854

LEYBA-MARTINEZ
04/14/2026

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 485 AND CHAPTER 870 TO FURTHER REGULATE THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF TOBACCO STORES AND TOBACCO SHOPS, SMOKE SHOPS AND OTHER RETAIL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS INVOLVED IN THE PRINCIPAL SALE OF TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND TOBACCO PARAPHERNALIA IN THE CITY OF CAMDEN AND TO ALSO DENY ANY FUTURE LICENSES FOR THESE ESTABLISHMENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Camden currently licenses and regulates tobacco stores or tobacco shops, smoke shops and other retail business establishments whose business involves the principal sale of tobacco, tobacco products, smoking paraphernalia and tobacco paraphernalia; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camden seeks to now cease issuing future licenses to tobacco stores or tobacco shops, smoke shops and other business establishments whose business involves the principal sale of tobacco, tobacco products, smoking paraphernalia and tobacco paraphernalia except for those licenses the City has already issued; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Camden now seeks to amend Chapter 485, Sections 870-37 and 870-38.1 of the Camden City Code including providing revised definitions and to cease issuing licenses to any future establishments seeking a license to establish and operate as a tobacco store or tobacco shop, a smoke shop and any other retail business establishment whose business involves the principal sale of tobacco, tobacco products, smoking paraphernalia and tobacco paraphernalia; and

WHEREAS, the Administration of the City of Camden also seeks to adopt land use regulations and other requirements for tobacco stores or tobacco shops, smoke shops and other retail businesses

involved in the principal sale of tobacco, tobacco products, smoking paraphernalia and tobacco paraphernalia to further promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Land Use Law, *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.*, delegates to municipalities the power to zone and regulate development within its borders by adopting or amending zoning ordinances relating to the nature and extent of the uses of land and structures thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has reviewed this ordinance and determined that the proposed ordinance was consistent with the City's Master Plan, and made certain other recommendations with respect to the Report and Recommendations which it determined was consistent with the City's Master Plan, and which are to be included herein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Camden as follows:

AMENDMENTS OF CHAPTER 485

§485-10. Review of application; factors to be considered.

- A. Same.
- B. Same.
- C. Same.
- D. Same.
- E. Subject to license renewals, the Chief License Inspector shall no longer issue a “Retail Sale of Tobacco License” to any business in the City of Camden as tobacco stores or tobacco shops, smoke shops or other retail business establishments involved in the “Principal Sale of Tobacco, Tobacco Products, Smoking Paraphernalia and Tobacco Paraphernalia” as defined herein, are no longer permitted in the City of Camden.

AMENDMENTS OF CHAPTER 870

§ 870-37 -- PROHIBITED USES IN ALL DISTRICTS

All uses not expressly permitted by this chapter are prohibited in all districts (unless permitted by conditional use permit as elsewhere in this chapter provided), such prohibition to include but not be limited to the following:

A – AA.

Same.

BB. Tobacco Stores or Tobacco Shops, Smoke shops and other retail business establishments involved in the principal sale of tobacco, tobacco products, smoking paraphernalia and tobacco paraphernalia, as defined in §870-38.1 herein, seeking a “Retail Sale of Tobacco License” in the City of Camden.

§870-38.1—PERMITTED USES IN CERTAIN WARDS – LICENSING AND REGULATING TOBACCO STORES AND TOBACCO SHOPS, SMOKE SHOPS AND OTHER RETAIL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS INVOLVED IN THE PRINCIPAL SALE OF TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, SMOKING PARAPHERNALIA AND TOBACCO PARAPHERNALIA

- A. Purpose.

Same.

B. Recitals Incorporated.

Same.

C. Definitions.

The following amendments shall be added to current definitions:

Principal Sale of Tobacco, Tobacco Products, Smoking Paraphernalia and Tobacco Paraphernalia refers to an establishment which meets the definition of a Smoke Shop, Tobacco Store or Tobacco Shop as defined, herein.

Smoke Shop – a retail business which displays, sells, distributes, delivers, offers, furnishes or markets tobacco, tobacco products, smoking paraphernalia and tobacco paraphernalia and meets one of the following conditions: (1) has visible exterior signage that references smoking, the use of tobacco, tobacco products, smoking paraphernalia and tobacco paraphernalia; (2) has visible interior signage that references smoking, the use of tobacco, tobacco products, smoking paraphernalia and tobacco paraphernalia and has displays of tobacco products, smoking products, smoking paraphernalia or tobacco paraphernalia, measuring a total of ten (10) or more linear feet; or (3) has retail sales of smoking products or smoking paraphernalia of more than \$1000 in any calendar month of a year. Smoke Shop shall not include a grocery store, supermarket, convenience store or similar retail use that only sells conventional cigars, cigarettes or tobacco or tobacco products as an ancillary sale and shall not be subject to the restrictions in this chapter.

D. Licensing requirements.

1. A tobacco store or tobacco shop, smoke shop or other retail business establishment whose business involves the principal sale of tobacco, tobacco products, smoking paraphernalia and tobacco paraphernalia and obtained a “Retail Sale of Tobacco License” or “Retail Sale of Tobacco License - Nonconforming” shall be entitled to continue ongoing business operations subject to license renewal requirements.
2. No person shall establish, maintain or operate a tobacco store or tobacco shop, smoke shop or other retail business establishment involved in the principal sale of tobacco, tobacco products, smoking paraphernalia and tobacco paraphernalia without first obtaining a “Retail Sale of Tobacco License” or “Retail Sale of Tobacco License - Nonconforming” from the City of Camden.
3. Subject to license renewals, no other person shall be issued a “Retail Sale of Tobacco License” at any time in the City of Camden.
4. [Former 3] Application Process
 - (a) Subject to license renewals, no other person shall be issued a “Retail Sale of Tobacco License” at any time in the City of Camden.

(b) The Chief License Inspector is hereby designated to act as the licensing authority for the City for all applications seeking a license pursuant to this Chapter.

(c) For those tobacco stores or tobacco shops, smoke shops and other retail business establishments whose business involves the principal sale of tobacco, tobacco products, smoking paraphernalia and tobacco paraphernalia and which are operating through a Mercantile License issued by the City of Camden at the time of enactment of this Section, such business shall be listed as “nonconforming” pursuant to § 870-187 of the Camden Code and such business shall be eligible to continue such operations pursuant to the provisions of § 870-187 of the Camden Code. The license shall continue to be reviewed and renewed as a “Retail Sale of Tobacco License - Nonconforming”. For those businesses that were issued a “Retail Sale of Tobacco License” , the Chief License inspector shall utilize the previous process for reviewing and approving renewal of this license and this license shall continue to be issued as a “Retail Sale of Tobacco License”.

(d) Same.

(e) Same.

(f) Any “Retail Sale of Tobacco License” or “Retail Sale of Tobacco License - Nonconforming” issued pursuant to this section shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance and shall be renewed in accordance with the provisions of this section and Chapter 485.

g. All current tobacco stores or tobacco shops, smoke shops and other retail business establishments involved in the principal sale of tobacco, tobacco products, smoking paraphernalia and tobacco paraphernalia shall be issued a “Retail Sale of Tobacco License - Nonconforming” license or a “Retail Sale of Tobacco License” prior to continue to engaging in the retail business of selling, tobacco, tobacco products, smoking paraphernalia and tobacco paraphernalia.

5. [Former 4]. The Chief License Inspector shall no longer issue a “Retail Sale of Tobacco License” to any business in the City of Camden as tobacco stores or tobacco shops, smoke shops or other retail business establishments involved in the “Principal Sale of Tobacco, Tobacco Products, Smoking Paraphernalia and Tobacco Paraphernalia” as defined herein, are no longer permitted in the City of Camden.

6. [Former 5]. Distance Requirements.

(a) A retail sale of tobacco licensee shall not operate its business within:

[1] – [3] Same.

7. [Former 6]. All currently operating tobacco stores or tobacco shops, smoke shops and other retail business establishments involved in the principal sale of tobacco, tobacco products, smoking paraphernalia and tobacco paraphernalia shall be licensed with a “Retail Sale of Tobacco License” or a “Retail Sale of Tobacco License – Nonconforming, as appropriate.
8. [Former 7]. Upon renewal of its license, a currently operating smoke shop, tobacco store or tobacco shop and other retail business establishment involved in the principal sale of tobacco, tobacco products, smoking paraphernalia and tobacco paraphernalia shall be issued a “Retail Sale of Tobacco License” or a “Retail Sale of Tobacco License - Nonconforming” license, as appropriate.
9. [Former 8]. The Department of Code Enforcement shall develop and oversee the process for licensing and license renewals for a “Retail Sale of Tobacco License” and the “Retail Sale of Tobacco License – Nonconforming.
10. [Former 9]. The Department of Code Enforcement shall also develop policies and procedures related to appropriate internal and external advertising at any business establishment that falls within the provisions of §870-38.1 of this Chapter that has either a “Retail Sale of Tobacco License” or a “Retail Sale of Tobacco License – Nonconforming” license.
11. [Former 10]. Pursuant to Section 485-10 and Section 870-38.1 herein, the Department of Code Enforcement and the City’s Health Officer shall have the authority to enforce this Section’s provisions. This section shall not be seen as modifying, in any way, the authority of the City’s Health Officer and Law Enforcement to enforce the prohibition against flavored vapor products pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A: 170-51.12.
12. [Former 11]. A “Retail Sale of Tobacco License” and the “Retail Sale of Tobacco License – Nonconforming” shall comply with all applicable municipal zoning laws and the location restrictions set forth in this Section and the Camden Code.
13. [Former 12]. Nothing in this Section shall exempt any business establishment from seeking and obtaining site plan approval as required by the provisions of the Camden City Code.
14. [Former 13] The maximum hours of operation for any retail business operating pursuant to this Section shall be those specified in §485-32 of the Camden Code.

E. Fees.

(1) Retail Sale of Tobacco License – nonconforming - \$219.42.

(2) Retail Sale of Tobacco License - \$1250.00.

F. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

Violations and penalties of this Section shall be imposed in accordance with the provisions of §1-15 of the Camden Code.

Referral to Planning Board. Following introduction and prior to adoption, the Clerk shall cause a copy of this ordinance to be referred to the City of Camden Planning Board for review pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40:55D-26.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistency only.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after its final passage and publication as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this ordinance. Furthermore, the other provisions of this ordinance are deemed to be severable and remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27BBB-23 and N.J.S.A. 40:69A-41, a true copy of this Ordinance shall be forwarded to the Mayor, who shall have ten (10) days from the receipt thereof to approve or veto this Ordinance. Additionally, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27BBB-23, a true copy of this Ordinance shall be forwarded to the State Commissioner of Community Affairs, who shall have ten (10) days from the receipt thereof to veto this Ordinance, and the action by the Commissioner regarding this Ordinance shall supersede any action by the Mayor on the same Ordinance. All notices of approval and/or veto shall be filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2026

The above has been reviewed
and approved as to form.

DANIEL S. BLACKBURN
City Attorney

ANGEL FUENTES
President City Council

VICTOR CARSTARPHEN
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
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BARCLAY
04/14/2026

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 717 OF THE CAMDEN CITY CODE;
FARMERS' MARKET SPECIALTY LICENSE, AND TO SPECIFY AND CLARIFY
THE REQUIREMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS CHAPTER**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Camden has determined that there is a business supply and a consumer demand for Farmers' markets to take place within the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Camden believes that direct access of Farmers' markets provides fresh foods that may be otherwise unavailable to the residents in the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Camden now seeks to establish Chapter 717 of the Camden City Code establishing application criteria for the City to license and set fees for Farmers' market events within the City of Camden; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Camden that Chapter 717 of the Camden Code is established as follows:

Chapter 717. Farmers' Market Specialty License.

§ 717-1. Definitions.

The definitions and other provisions Chapter 24 of the Department of Health Food Safety Rules are hereby incorporated herein. Any amendments to these Rules are also incorporated herein without the need to revise this Chapter.

FARMERS' MARKET – a common facility or area where one or more farmers or growers gather on a regular, recurring basis to sell a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables and other locally-grown products directly to consumers.

§ 717-2. Licensing Requirements

- A. The following licenses shall be required and submitted with any Farmers' market specialty license application, as appropriate:
1. Compliance with all State of New Jersey licensing requirements.
 2. A food handler's permit or other required certificate issued by the Camden County Department of Health
 3. A Farmers' market specialty license issued by the Department of Code Enforcement.
 4. Compliance with the State Fire Prevention Code and the State Fire Safety Code, including but not limited to, N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(a)(3xii) and N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.7(g) and any other additional fire safety items as required by the Fire Official in his discretion, as appropriate.
 5. Any permits as required by the Fire Official, the State Fire Prevention Code and the State Fire Safety Code, including but not limited to, N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(a)(3xii) and N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.7(g).
 6. Any other documents or other information as determined by the Fire Official, the Director, the Chief License Inspector or the Camden County Health Officer, to carry out the purpose and intent of this chapter, any other provision of the State Fire Prevention Code, the State Fire Safety Code, the City of Camden Code and the Camden County Health Code.

§717-3. Policies and Procedures/Application – Farmers' Market Specialty License.

A. The Department of Code Enforcement shall develop policies and procedures related to approval of applications for Farmers' market specialty license within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Chapter. Such policies and procedures shall include, among other things, examining the proposed locations in the City submitted with the application for a Farmers' market specialty license for appropriateness and appropriate timeframes [day, week, seasonal] for their use. At a minimum, such policies and procedures shall include the following:

1. A discussion of the types of Farmers' markets licenses to be permitted which shall include: a Farmers' market specialty license in effect for one to three days, a Farmers' market specialty license in effect for one week, a Farmers' market specialty license in effect for several weeks or a Farmers' market specialty seasonal license in effect from spring to fall of a year.
2. That the sponsor and its vendors must comply with all of the provisions provided for in this Chapter as well as those provided for in Chapter 716.
3. Scales utilized by a vendor during the Farmers' market must meet City Weights and Measures requirements.
4. Produce may be sold by count, weight, bunch or in containers which comply with State of New Jersey requirements.

5. Eggs – must be packed in a clean container and re-labeled by the producer/packer. Labels must include; product name, name/address of producer/packer, the size-weight class of eggs and numerical count. Eggs can be sold from an established place of business at the Farmers’ market.
6. Pies must be sold in covered containers, and cream pies must be refrigerated.
7. All prepared foods must be prepared in a licensed, inspected kitchen pursuant to Chapter 24 of the New Jersey Department of Health regulations.

B. The Department of Code Enforcement shall develop the application process for approving Farmers’ markets in the City of Camden based on the policies and procedures discussed herein. The application shall advise the sponsor that compliance with all of the provisions provided for in this Chapter as well as those provided for in Chapter 716, is required. The application shall also include, at a minimum, an attached copy of New Jersey’s Department of Health and Agriculture’s collaboration brochure: “Chapter 24 and You: A Practical Guide to Selling Safely at Farmers’ Markets.”

C. The Chief License Inspector is hereby designated to act as the licensing authority for compliance with all City requirements for all applications.

§717-4. Licensing Process – Farmers’ Market Specialty License.

- A. A Farmers’ market specialty license shall be permitted upon approval of the Director of the Department of Code Enforcement, or his/her designee. If there is a sponsor of such event, the sponsor shall seek a City permit including the sponsor and all other on-site vendors in attendance. The sponsor shall identify the number of canopy tents needed for the event. The sponsor shall comply with all the requirements provided for in this Chapter as well as Chapter 716, including ensuring that any insurance required for the event shall include all vendors in attendance. The sponsor and all attending vendors shall also ensure compliance with all City of Camden, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, New Jersey Department of Health, and other fire and health requirements, including but not limited to, Federal Food and Drug Administration requirements, and obtaining all necessary City of Camden Health Officer inspections and certifications and Department of Code Enforcement approvals, required for food sales and service during the event.
- B. If there is a sponsor for the Farmers’ Market event, the sponsor must submit a list of all participating vendors and a Farmers’ market specialty license application with all necessary licenses and certifications. This application shall serve in place of each vendor requiring having its own mercantile license for this event. The application shall include the items or types of items each vendor will be offering for sale at the event. The sponsor

shall ensure that each vendor has the appropriate licenses as required for the sale of their specific goods.

- C. The Director of the Department of Code Enforcement, or his/her designee, shall review the application and, upon determining compliance with the provisions of this Chapter, may, in his discretion, issue a Farmers' market specialty license provided for in this Chapter for the appropriate timeframe. The Director shall also review the number of canopy tents being sought for the event, the need for that amount of canopy tents and whether the maximum number of canopy tents being sought for the event should be approved. The Director of Code Enforcement's determination as to the number of canopy tents being sought for the event, the need for that amount of canopy tents, whether the size of the canopy tents is appropriate and whether the maximum number of canopy tents being sought for the event should be approved shall be in his/her discretion. A Farmers' market specialty license shall permit the licensee to conduct the business activities of a peddler within the City of Camden according to the provisions of this chapter and all other applicable provisions of the Code. Each license issued shall extend from the period beginning each day at 12:00 a.m. for the term of the license. All provisions of the City of Camden Code apply to each Farmers' market specialty license issued.
- D. For those Farmers' market events provided for in this Chapter, any required fees to be imposed by the City for this specialty license shall apply only to the sponsor seeking the Farmers' market specialty license; not to each listed vendor included on the sponsor's application for its Farmers' market specialty license.

§717-5. Alcoholic Beverage Sales and Consumption.

1. The City of Camden may seek permission to allow for the sale or consumption of certain alcoholic beverages during a City-sponsored a Farmers' market event taking place in any public or quasi-public place or public park.
2. A non-profit organization which is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is a sponsor or co-sponsor of a Farmers' market event with the City of Camden may seek permission to allow for the sale or consumption of certain alcoholic beverages during a Farmers' market event taking place in any public or quasi-public place or public park.
3. The City of Camden Risk Manager shall ensure that the appropriate City insurance type(s) and amount are available for an event when sponsored solely by the City of Camden.
4. A non-profit organization sponsor or co-sponsor of a Farmers' market event with the City of Camden seeking such permission shall submit the type and total amount of insurance that is to be obtained for the event and the type of insurance, and the amount thereof must be reviewed and approved by the City of Camden's Risk Manager. For a Farmers' market event where a non-profit is a co-sponsor with the City of Camden, the City of Camden's Risk Manager may take into account the type and amount of insurance that the City has available for such event. Such insurance decisions by the City's Risk Manager shall be in his/her discretion.

5. Alcoholic beverage sales and consumption during the Farmers' market event shall be limited to only beer, wine, hard seltzers and malt alcoholic beverages only.
6. For a City-sponsored Farmers' market event, the City of Camden shall limit the sale of beer, wine, hard seltzers or malt alcoholic beverages to an eligible individual to no more than two (2) purchases at one time.
7. The sponsor or co-sponsor of a Farmers' market event with the City of Camden shall limit the sale of beer, wine, hard seltzers or malt alcoholic beverages to an eligible individual to no more than two (2) purchases at one time.
8. The sponsor or co-sponsor of a Farmers' market event with the City of Camden shall also place signage at the Farmer's market event indicating that alcoholic beverage consumption is only permitted on the grounds of the event site.
9. The City of Camden shall comply with Chapter 181; Alcoholic Beverages, § 181-22; Places restricted, including but not limited to complying with the licensing requirements of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board as well as receiving written advance approval from the Mayor or his designee prior to selling and consuming beer, wine, hard seltzers and malt alcoholic beverages at a City of Camden sponsored Farmers' market event.
10. A sponsor or co-sponsor of a Farmers' market event with the City of Camden, seeking approval for the sales or consumption of beer, wine, hard seltzers and malt alcoholic beverages must comply with Chapter 181; Alcoholic Beverages, § 181-22; Places restricted, including but not limited to complying with the licensing requirements of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board as well as receiving written advance approval from the Mayor or his designee prior to selling and consuming such alcoholic beverages at the Farmers' market event.
11. A sponsor or co-sponsor of a Farmers' market event with the City of Camden shall also ensure compliance with all other City of Camden permit requirements and laws. As appropriate, such license may include more than one identified location for an event but only when each such identified location meets all of the requirements provided for in this Chapter and Chapter 716 of the Camden Code.

§717-6. Compliance with Chapter 716.

The sponsor and its vendors of a Farmers' market event shall comply with the provisions provided for in this Chapter as well as those provisions provided for in Chapter 716 of the Camden Code.

§717-7. Fees.

The following fees shall apply for a Farmers' market specialty license:

- A. Farmers' market specialty license in effect for one to three days:
 1. One event location - \$
 2. More than one event location - \$

B. Farmers' specialty market license in effect for one week:

1. One event location - \$
2. More than one event location - \$

C. Farmers' market specialty license in effect for several weeks:

1. One event location - \$
2. More than one event location - \$

D. Farmers' market specialty license in effect from spring to fall of a given year:

1. One event location - \$
2. More than one event location - \$

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**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7; ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT;
ARTICLE X, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, TO REVISE AND UPDATE
THIS CODE SECTION**

WHEREAS, the Administration has reviewed Chapter 7; Administration of Government; Article X, Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, this review led to many revisions and updates to the provisions of Article X, Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Camden, having agreed with these revisions to Article X, Department of Human Services; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Camden as follows:

AMENDMENTS OF ARTICLE X

§ 7-48. Establishment; Director of Human Services

Same.

§ 7-49. Powers and duties.

- A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of Human Services, the Department of Human Services shall:
- (1) Formulate and administer programs for the general welfare of the residents of the City of Camden, within the parameters of municipal law and within the parameters of municipal financial ability.
 - (2) Coordinate and supervise all social service programs within the City of Camden, whether financed by federal, state or municipal revenues, for the aid and comfort of the citizenry on the basis of their needs.

§ 7-50. Division of Senior Services.

Within the Department of Human Services and under the direction of the Department of Human Services, there shall be a Division of Senior Services, whose duties shall be to conduct and administer programs for the benefit of the aged and senior citizens.

§ 7-51. Division of Community Services.

The Division of Community Services is hereby established and shall be supervised by the Director or his/her designee. The responsibilities of the Division shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. Operate community centers and neighborhood facilities under the jurisdiction and control of the City of Camden.
- B. Develop and administer re-entry and reintegration programs designed to assist youth and young adults returning to the community following involvement with the juvenile justice or criminal justice system. Such programs may include mentoring, education support, workforce development, counseling referrals, life-skills training, and coordination with probation, courts, and community organizations to promote successful reintegration and reduce recidivism.
- C. Assist residents with access to rental assistance programs, housing stabilization services, and eviction prevention initiatives through municipal, county, state, and federal resources.
- D. Coordinate services and outreach efforts for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity, including referrals to shelters, transitional housing programs, and supportive service providers.
- E. Establish and operate a Homeless Outreach Program to identify, engage, and assist individuals experiencing homelessness throughout the municipality.

§ 7-52. Division of Recreation.

The Division of Recreation is hereby established and shall be supervised by the Director or his/her designee. Responsibilities of the Division shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. Administer and operate recreational facilities, either indoor or outdoor, for sports and other athletic and recreational programs for children and adults.
- B. Use public property to the extent that it may be adaptable for recreational programs and purposes.
- C. Develop and administer a Summer Recreation Program that provides structured recreational activities, sports, educational enrichment, arts and cultural programming, and supervised activities during the summer months when school is not in session.
- D. Manage municipal swimming pool operations, including coordinating staffing, lifeguard assignments, supervision, program registration, and monitoring of daily operations to ensure safe and efficient use of public pool facilities.
- E. Plan and develop programs to stimulate constructive use of leisure time of the citizens of the City.

§ 7-53. Division of Program Development.

The Bureau of Program Development is hereby established and shall be supervised by the Director or his/her designee. The Bureau shall be responsible for the planning, development, and evaluation of programs administered by the Department of Human Services. Responsibilities of the Division shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. Identify and apply for grants for community service, recreational and public works activities.
- B. Coordinate and implement programs in conjunction with community groups and other governmental units.
- C. Review, monitor and report on programs which the City has been awarded or has awarded to community groups, as directed by the Bureau of Grants Management.
- D. Perform research for grants, partnerships, and funding opportunities from governmental agencies, foundations, and community partners to expand services and programs.
- E. Prepare reports to appropriate City, state, federal and/or private foundations as directed by the Bureau of Grants Management.

§ 7-54. Division of Youth Services.

The Division of Youth Services is hereby established and shall develop, coordinate, and administer programs designed to support the educational, social, civic, and personal development of youth within the municipality. The Division shall promote positive youth engagement, leadership development, workforce readiness, and access to supportive services for young residents.

Responsibilities of the Division shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. Developing and administering after-school programs, mentoring initiatives, and youth leadership programs.
- B. Coordinating youth outreach and engagement initiatives designed to encourage participation in community programs and services.
- C. Working in partnership with local schools, law enforcement agencies, community organizations, and nonprofit groups to support youth development and positive outcomes.

- D. Providing programs aimed at youth empowerment, violence prevention, conflict resolution, and positive youth engagement.
- E. Organizing youth activities, workshops, and educational programs that promote civic responsibility, personal growth, and community involvement.
- F. Developing and administering youth employment initiatives, including summer job programs that provide work experience, job training, and career development opportunities for young residents.
- G. Coordinating and administering the Summer Food Service Program and other youth nutrition initiatives, including programs authorized through the United States Department of Agriculture, to ensure that eligible youth have access to nutritious meals during summer months.

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27BBB-23 and N.J.S.A. 40:69A-41, a true copy of this Ordinance shall be forwarded to the Mayor, who shall have ten (10) days from the receipt thereof to approve or veto this Ordinance. Additionally, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27BBB-23, a true copy of this Ordinance shall be forwarded to the State Commissioner of Community Affairs, who shall have ten (10) days from the receipt thereof to veto this Ordinance, and the action by the Commissioner regarding this Ordinance shall supersede any action by the Mayor on the same Ordinance. All notices of approval and/or veto shall be filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2026

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DANIEL S. BLACKBURN
City Attorney

ANGEL FUENTES
President City Council

VICTOR CARSTARPHEN
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
LUIS PASTORIZA
Municipal Clerk

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The purpose of the following ordinance is set forth in the whereas and/or ordained clauses contained within said ordinance, which are incorporated in this statement by reference thereto as if fully set forth herein. A copy of the ordinance can be obtained by the public without cost from the Municipal Clerk's Office

Luis Pastoriza
Municipal Clerk
City of Camden

POC# 12857

DB:dh
04-14-26

ORDINANCE SUPERSEDING MC-5614, ADOPTED ON MARCH 10, 2026, AND FURTHER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY RANGES TO BE PAID TO CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN" ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 23, 1982 (MC-1917)

WHEREAS, an ordinance, MC-5614 was adopted on March 10, 2026, seeking to establish the salary range for the following titles: Mechanic; Mechanic (Diesel); Mechanic - Fire Apparatus; Supervising Mechanic; and Supervising Mechanic - Fire Apparatus; and

WHEREAS, it was subsequently determined that MC-5614 included an attachment with a list of these amended salaries and wages which had clerical salary errors contained therein; and

WHEREAS, it was also determined that these clerical salary errors were determined to be legally material, thereby requiring the adoption of this ordinance to supersede MC-5614 and establish the salary ranges for the above titles; now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Camden that an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Fixing the Salary Ranges to be Paid to Certain Officers and Employees In the Classified and Unclassified Service of the City of Camden", adopted December 23, 1982 (MC-1917) is amended and supplemented as stated herein, with attachments, as follows:

SECTION 1. To adjust salary ranges for administrative efficiency and personnel retention/recruitment purposes (**NOTE:** any individual's increase in salary within the to-be-established Salary & Wage ranges must be approved in advance by the State Division of Local Government Services ("DLGS") by Waiver pursuant to the City's current Transitional Aid to Localities Memorandum of Understanding with the DLGS):

SECTION 2. Increasing the salary range for the below titles are as follows:

*	Mechanic	53,000	55,650	58,433	61,355	64,423	67,644	71,026
*	Mechanic (Diesel)	60,000	63,000	66,150	69,458	72,931	76,578	80,407
*	Mechanic Fire Apparatus	66,000	69,300	72,765	76,403	80,223	84,234	88,446
**	Supervising Mechanic	79,000	82,950	87,098	91,453	96,026	100,827	105,868
**	Supervising Mechanic Fire Apparatus	83,000	87,150	91,508	96,083	100,887	105,931	111,228

SECTION 3. The effective date of these amendments shall be June 1, 2026.

SECTION 4. Attached hereto and incorporated herein, by way of reference is the list of amended salaries and wages to be paid to certain officers and employees in the Classified and Unclassified Services of the City of Camden, as set forth on the attached schedule.

SECTION 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistency only.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after its final passage and publication as provided by law.

SECTION 7. If any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this ordinance. Furthermore, the other provisions of this ordinance are deemed to be severable and remain in full force and effect.

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DANIEL S. BLACKBURN
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Luis Pastoriza
Municipal Clerk
City of Camden

POC# 12858

DB: yrh
4-14-26

**ORDINANCE AMENDING MC-5546 ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL ON
MARCH 11, 2025, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER (8) PARCELS TO JORDANTOWN COMMUNITY
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS MC-5546 is an Ordinance Authorizing the transfer of eight parcels to Jordantown Community Improvement Association which include Block 1104, lots 50, 51, 52, 91, 93 and Block 1107, lots 27, 28, and 30; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camden initially agreed to sell the parcels for the development of The Saunders Street Housing Development project, and

WHEREAS the City of Camden by way of this Amending Ordinance is transferring the parcels to the Camden Redevelopment Agency to continue the process for the same housing initiative with JCIA; and

WHEREAS, the terms and the amount remain unchanged from the original Ordinance except to include any additional fees and cost associated with redevelopment agreement and closing. The City of Camden deems it in the best interest of the public to sell the land for the purpose of development; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED, by City Council of the City of Camden, that, for all the reasons stated above, this Ordinance be hereby amended to include the new use of the subject space.

SECTION 1. The proper officer(s) of the City of Camden are hereby authorized to amend MC-5446 to transfer 8 parcels of City owned property to the Camden Redevelop Agency.

SECTION 3. Any portion of the Ordinance not herein amended and supplemented shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistency only.

SECTION 5. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Ordinance. Furthermore, the other provisions of this Ordinance are deemed to be severable and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after its final passage and publication as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27BBB-23 and N.J.S.A. 40:69A-41, a true copy of this Ordinance shall be forwarded to the mayor, who shall have ten (10) days from the receipt thereof to approve or veto this Ordinance. Additionally, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27BBB-23, a true copy of this Ordinance shall be forwarded to the State Commissioner of Community Affairs, who shall have ten (10) days from the receipt thereof to veto this Ordinance, and the action by the Commissioner regarding this Ordinance shall supersede any action by the mayor on the same Ordinance. All notices of approval and/or veto shall be filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

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Luis Pastoriza
Municipal Clerk
City of Camden

POC# 12859

MBS:dh
04-14-26

**AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE PUBLIC RIGHT AND RELEASING AND
EXTINGUISHING THE PUBLIC RIGHT IN A PORTION OF JEFFERSON STREET,
EAST OF SIXTH STREET**

WHEREAS, Lieze Properties, LLC, the owner of 1930 So. 6th Street, Camden, New Jersey, has. petitioned the Council of the City of Camden requesting that it vacate the public right in a portion of Jefferson Street, East of Sixth Street to permit the joining of fences of the owned property; and

WHEREAS, no objections or reservations have been made; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Council of the City of Camden that the interest of both the city and the public will not be adversely affected by vacating the public right in the portion of the street hereinafter described; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Camden that:

SECTION 1. All public rights, with the exception of those hereinafter specified, in and to the following land situated in the City of Camden and State of New Jersey, more particularly described in Schedule A attached hereto, be and the same are hereby released and extinguished.

SECTION 2. All municipal public utilities and cable television lines and facilities, if any, existing in, on or under the vacated street described in the legal description shall remain the property of the City of Camden or applicable public utility or cable television Company. The City of Camden expressly reserves an easement in, on or under the entire street to be vacated. The party or parties who become owners of the vacated street under this ordinance, and their successors in title, shall not have the right to close, remove, relocate, erect any structure upon, or block access to any municipal or public utility or cable television lines or facilities existing in, on or under the vacated street, but they shall have the right to contract or reach an agreement with the City of Camden or applicable public utility or cable television company to close, remove, relocate, detour or operate and maintain any such municipal public utility or cable television company lines and facilities. The party or parties who become owners of the vacated street must maintain fire access to said vacated street at all times.

SECTION 3. The street vacation is subject to the rights of the City of Camden and of public utilities to enter the vacated street in a reasonable manner for the purpose of inspecting, maintaining, repairing, replacing, closing or removing any municipal public utility or cable television lines and facilities remaining in, on, or under the vacated street, unless the City of Camden or public utility or cable television company waives such right by contract or agreement under Section 2 above.

SECTION 4. The Municipal Clerk shall have this ordinance published once, not less than (10) days instead of one (1) week prior to the second reading.

SECTION 5. Any portion of this ordinance not herein amended and supplemented shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies only.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final passage and publication as provided by law.

SECTION 8. The Municipal Clerk shall, within sixty (60) days after this ordinance becomes effective, file a certified copy of this ordinance, together with a copy of the proof of publication, in the Office of the Camden County Clerk/Register of Deeds with instructions that the certified copy of this ordinance be recorded and properly indexed in the street vacation book.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27BBB-23 and N.J.S.A. 40:69A-41, a true copy of this Ordinance shall be forwarded to the Mayor, who shall have ten (10) days from the receipt thereof to approve or veto this ordinance. Additionally, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27BBB-23, a true copy of this ordinance shall be forwarded to the State Commissioner of Community Affairs, who shall have ten (10) days from the receipt thereof to veto this ordinance, and the action by the Commissioner regarding this ordinance shall supersede any action by the Mayor on the same ordinance. All notices of approval and/or veto shall be filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

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Luis Pastoriza
Municipal Clerk
City of Camden

POC# 12860

DB:dh
04-14-26

**AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING RESTRICTED RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONES FOR
INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES IN CERTAIN AREAS IN THE CITY OF CAMDEN
AS HANDICAP PARKING PRIVILEGES ONLY**

WHEREAS, Richard Ocasio Gonzalez, upon providing the appropriate proof that he is the holder of the required specifications, seeks to have handicapped parking as a Type #1 permit in front of or near his home at 65 S 29th Street; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Nesmith, upon providing the appropriate proof that she is the holder of the required specifications, seeks to have handicapped parking as a Type #1 permit in front of or near her home at 1905 Pierce Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Tiffeny Brown, upon providing the appropriate proof that she is the holder of the required specifications, seeks to upgrade to personalized signage handicapped parking as a Type #2 permit in front of or near her home at 2859 Tuckahoe Road; now, therefore

WHEREAS, Denise D. Carter, upon providing the appropriate proof that she is the holder of the required specifications, seeks to upgrade to personalized signage handicapped parking as a Type #2 permit in front of or near her home at 539 Vine Street; now, therefore

WHEREAS, Arnet F. Johnson, upon providing the appropriate proof that she is the holder of the required specifications, seeks to upgrade to personalized signage handicapped parking as a Type #2 permit in front of or near her home at 833 N 32nd Street; now, therefore

WHEREAS, Mary Brown, upon providing the appropriate proof that she is the holder of the required specifications, seeks to upgrade to personalized signage handicapped parking as a Type #2 permit in front of or near her home at 1211 Jackson Street; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Camden that, all the addresses listed above, shall be designated as either a Type 1 or Type 2 “Handicapped Parking” to have access to parking or personalized signage during the period of time that the said premises are occupied by the handicapped individuals

SECTION 1. Type 1 Handicapped Parking locations shall be reserved for any handicapped operator. All others shall be prohibited from parking in such space.

SECTION 2. Type 2 Handicapped Parking locations shall only be utilized by the approved applicant and only by the vehicle whose license plate corresponds with the license plate number on the posted sign. All others shall be prohibited from parking in such space.

SECTION 3. By the adoption of this ordinance, we are creating a schedule of Personalized Signage “Handicapped Parking” areas, including those set forth herein and including any other “Handicapped Parking” areas heretofore adopted by ordinance. Any ordinance prohibiting parking at the location specified is hereby rescinded and repealed, in part, wherein it conflicts with the ordinance to be adopted.

SECTION 4. Any portion of this ordinance not herein amended and supplemented shall remain in full force and effect.

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Municipal Clerk
City of Camden

POC# 12861

FUENTES
04/14/2026

**ORDINANCE AMENDING MC-5371, ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 8, 2022,
WHICH WAS AMENDED BY MC-5414, ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 11, 2022,
FURTHER AMENDED BY Mc- 5426, ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 10, 2022,
FURTHER AMENDED BY MC-5427, ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 13, 2022,
AND FURTHER AMENDED BY MC-5461, ADOPTED ON AUGUST 8, 2023,
GOVERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CONTROL OF RECREATIONAL**

**CANNABIS LICENSES AND HOURS OF OPERATION OF RETAIL
RECREATIONAL CANNABIS BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF CAMDEN**

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2022, the City of Camden adopted an ordinance, MC-5371, establishing and controlling recreational cannabis licenses in the City of Camden which was amended by MC-5414, adopted on October 11, 2022, further amended by MC-5426, adopted on November 10, 2022, further amended by MC-5427, adopted on December 13, 2022 and further amended by MC-5461, adopted on August 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Camden is now seeking to further amend MC-5371, adopted on February 8, 2022 which was amended by MC-5414, adopted on October 11, 2022, further amended by MC-5426, adopted on November 10, 2022, further amended by MC-5427, adopted on December 13, 2022 and further amended by MC-5461, adopted on August 8, 2023, to modify the hours of operation of retail recreational cannabis businesses operating in the City of Camden; now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Camden that MC-5371, adopted on February 8, 2022 which was amended by MC-5414, adopted on October 11, 2022, further amended by MC-5426, adopted on November 10, 2022, further amended by MC-5427, adopted on December 13, 2022 and further amended by MC-5461, adopted on August 8, 2023 is hereby further amended as follows:

**870-38 - PERMITTED USES IN CERTAIN DISTRICTS - CANNABIS LICENSED
BUSINESSES - ISSUANCE OF LICENSES AND PERMITS**

J. Requirements for Cannabis Businesses

1. Same.

2. Cannabis Retailers: Class 5.

a. In addition to the above, Cannabis Retailers, including an Alternative Treatment Center seeking a Retail license herein must also meet the following requirements:

1. A cannabis retailer may operate between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. seven days a week; Monday through Sunday.

2. The hours of operation for a cannabis retailer provided for in subsection (a)(1), above, shall be in effect for one (1) year pursuant to a pilot program. Following the passage of the one-year pilot program

period, these hours of operation shall become permanent unless the City Council of the City of Camden determines otherwise.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that following introduction and prior to adoption, the Clerk shall cause a copy of this ordinance to be referred to the City of Camden Planning Board for review pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any portion of the MC-5371, adopted on February 8, 2002, amended by MC-5414, adopted on October 11, 2022, further amended by MC-5426, adopted on November 10, 2022, further amended by MC-5427, adopted on December 13, 2022, and further amended by MC-5461, adopted on August 8, 2023 not herein amended and supplemented shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any portion of the Camden City Code not herein amended and supplemented shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistency only.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this ordinance. Furthermore, the other provisions of this ordinance are deemed to be severable and remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after its final passage and publication as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27BBB-23 and N.J.S.A. 40:69A-41, a true copy of this Ordinance shall be forwarded to the Mayor, who shall have ten (10) days from the receipt thereof to approve or veto this Ordinance. Additionally, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27BBB-23, a true copy of this Ordinance shall be forwarded to the State Commissioner of Community Affairs, who shall have ten (10) days from the receipt thereof to veto this Ordinance, and the action by the Commissioner regarding this Ordinance shall supersede any action by the Mayor on the same Ordinance. All notices of approval and/or veto shall be filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

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Luis Pastoriza
Municipal Clerk
City of Camden

POC# 12862

COLLINS
04/14/2026

AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 7; ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT; ARTICLE IX, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPOINT CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AS FIRST RESPONDERS

WHEREAS, Chapter 7; Administration of Government; Article IX, Department of Public Works authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Works to perform certain duties; and

WHEREAS, during the recent winter storm Hernando, many of the employees of the Department of Public Works performed expedient and essential services to keep the city's roads and other city functions open and operating as well as keeping its residents safe; and

WHEREAS, the essential operations these Department of Public Works employees allowed other City and Camden County First responders to perform their essential functions, including police and fire services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Camden recognizes that the designation of certain DPW employees as First Responders is consistent with operational practice under the National Response Framework (Emergency Support Function #3 — Public Works & Engineering) and the State of New Jersey Emergency Operations Plan; and

WHEREAS, Homeland Security Presidential Directive 8 (HSPD-8, December 17, 2003) formally defines 'first responders' to include public works personnel responsible for the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's Civil Defense and Disaster Control Act (N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33 et seq.) and the NJ Office of Emergency Management recognize public works departments as integral components of municipal emergency response; and"

WHEREAS, currently, the Camden Code does not currently authorize the Director of the Department of Public Works to identify any employee of the Department of Public Works as a "First Responder";

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Camden now seeks to authorize the Director of the Department of Public Works to designate certain employees in the Department of Public Works as "First Responders";

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Camden as follows:

AMENDMENTS OF ARTICLE IX

§ 7-40. Establishment; Director of Public Works; Division of Buildings and Grounds.

- A. Same.
- B. Same.
- C. Same.
- D. The Director may designate certain Department of Public Works employees as 'First Responders' to perform City functions during declared or imminent City emergencies as defined herein. For purposes of this section, 'City emergency' shall include any event or condition that requires emergency activation of City resources, including but not limited to natural disasters, severe weather events, infrastructure failures, declared states of emergency, and any other condition posing an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare of the City of Camden.
- E. Designated employees shall, at a minimum, be employees whose assigned duties during an emergency directly support the life-safety mission of the City, including but not limited to road clearance, debris removal, infrastructure restoration, and hazard mitigation. Designated employees shall complete such National Incident Management System (NIMS) training as may

be required by the City's Emergency Operations Plan or by the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management."

F. The Director shall provide the Business Administrator and the City's Emergency Management Coordinator (if not the Director) with a list of Department of Public Works employees designated as 'First Responders.' Such list shall be incorporated into or referenced in the City's Emergency Operations Plan and shall be updated annually, or more frequently as circumstances require. Nothing in this section shall be construed to confer upon any designated employee the statutory benefits, presumptions, or legal status provided under state law, including but not limited to, those benefits, presumptions or legal status provided exclusively to law enforcement officers, firefighters, or emergency medical services personnel.

G. Definitions.

- (1) "City Emergency" means a declared emergency as defined in proposed §7-40(D) above, or as declared by the Mayor pursuant to Camden Code Chapter 320.
- (2) "First Responder" (for DPW purposes) means a DPW employee designated by the Director pursuant to §7-40 (D) to perform essential infrastructure and access functions during a City Emergency, consistent with the definition of 'first responder' in HSPD-8 (2003) and the National Response Framework.
- (3) "NIMS": The National Incident Management System, as established by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and adopted by the State of New Jersey pursuant to NJOEM Directive NJOEM-1 (2021).

H. [Former D] Same.

I. [Former E] Same.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistency only.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after its final passage and publication as provided by law.

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Date of Introduction: April 14, 2026

The above has been reviewed
and approved as to form.

DANIEL S. BLACKBURN
City Attorney

ANGEL FUENTES
President City Council

VICTOR CARSTARPHEN
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
LUIS PASTORIZA
Municipal Clerk

***** NEW NOTICE *****

The following ordinance was introduced and passed at first reading by the City Council of the City of Camden at a **Regular** meeting held on **Tuesday, 4-14-26** and is before the City Council of the City of Camden for further consideration for final passage at a **Regular** meeting to be held on **5-12-26** at **5:00 p.m.** in City Council Chambers, 2nd floor City Hall.

The purpose of the following ordinance is set forth in the whereas and/or ordained clauses contained within said ordinance, which are incorporated in this statement by reference thereto as if fully set forth herein. A copy of the ordinance can be obtained by the public without cost from the Municipal Clerk's Office

Luis Pastoriza
Municipal Clerk
City of Camden

POC# 12863

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04/14/20265

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 716 OF THE CAMDEN CITY CODE; SPECIAL EVENTS, TO MODIFY SECTION 716-32; VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES, FOR A PERSON WHO ALLOWS OR PERMITS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE SOLD OR CONSUMED IN A PUBLIC PLACE, QUASI-PUBLIC PLACE OR IN A PUBLIC PARK WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE REQUIRED SPECIALTY EVENT PERMIT

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Camden established Chapter 716 of the Camden City Code covering Special Events; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §716-17 (E)(2):

A non-profit organization which is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is a sponsor or co-sponsor of a specialty event with the City of Camden

may seek permission to allow for the sale or consumption of certain alcoholic beverages during the one-time specialty event taking place in any public or quasi-public place, or public park; and

WHEREAS, currently, §716-32 currently provides for the following violations and penalties:

- A. Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter, upon conviction, shall be subject to the following: for a first offense, the person shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$100, for a second offense, the person shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$150, for a third and subsequent offense, the person shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500, or by a period of community service not exceeding 30 days, or both.
- B. Nothing in this subsection concerning violations, fines and other penalties shall prohibit the Special Events Review Committee, pursuant to §716-31, herein, from suspending or revoking a special event permit or license where the applicant has failed to fully comply with the provisions of this chapter; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Camden now seeks to modify §716-32 to increase fines and penalties for any person who allows or permits alcoholic beverages to be sold or consumed in a public place or quasi-public place or in a public park without first obtaining the required specialty event permit; now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Camden that §716-32 of the Camden Code is amended as follows:

- A. Same.
- B. Same.
- C. Notwithstanding subsections A and B, above, any person who allows or permits alcoholic beverages to be sold or consumed in a public place or quasi-public place or in a public park without first complying with §716-17 herein, upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1000.00 or by imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days, or both.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistency only.

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