ORDINANCE #2008-O-01

Planning Commission

"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TOWN OF CAMDEN"

BE IT ORDAINED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMDEN IN COUNCIL MET:

SECTION 1.

There is hereby established, pursuant to 22 Delaware Code, Section 701, et seq., the Planning Commission of the Town of Camden.

SECTION 2.

The Commission shall consist of seven (7) members to be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Mayor and Town Council. The term of each member so appointed and confirmed shall be for three (3) years, EXCEPT that of the members first appointed, three (3) shall be appointed to a term of three (3) years; two (2) shall be appointed to a term of two (2) years; two (2) shall be appointed to a term of one (1) year.

SECTION 3.

Any member of the Planning Commission may be removed for cause, after a public hearing, by the Mayor with the approval of the Town Council. A vacancy occurring otherwise that by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term, in the same manner as an original appointment.

SECTION 4.

The Mayor and one additional member of Town Council shall be ex officio members of the Planning Commission and may exercise all of the powers of the regular members, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that an ex officio member may not hold an office on the Commission, and shall have no right to vote on matters coming before the Commission.

SECTION 5.

All members of the Commission shall be compensated and may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in connection with their official duties. Compensation shall be established by resolution.

SECTION 6.

The Commission shall elect annually, a chairman and secretary from among its own number, and may employ experts, clerical help and other assistants. The Commission may appoint a custodian of its comprehensive plan and records, who may be the Town Engineer or the Town of Camden, Land Use Administrator.
SECTION 7.

The Commission shall adopt its own rules of procedure and determine the times of its meetings and methods of notice thereof. All meetings of the Commission at which any official action is taken shall be open to the public, and all records of the Commission shall be public records.

SECTION 8.

The Planning Commission of the Town of Camden shall have all the powers and authority vested in municipal planning commissions under the provisions of Title 22, Delaware Code, Chapter 7, subject to the same conditions and limitations set forth therein at the effective date of this ordinance. The Planning Commission shall report at each monthly meeting of Council and shall present copies of its minutes of the preceding month.

Effective date of ordinance:

This ordinance shall be in effect upon the second reading of Town Council.


APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Town Solicitor

Mayor Robert A. Mooney
Vice-Mayor James O. Plumley, III
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Councilman Robert Hawkins
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