



ORDINANCE # 2015-O-04

2015 Amendment to the 2007 Camden Comprehensive Plan

WHEREAS, Title 22, Section 702 of the *Delaware Code* empowers municipalities to develop comprehensive plans to guide their futures; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Camden adopted the 2007 Comprehensive Plan on May 5, 2008 and it was certified by Delaware Governor Ruth Ann Minner effective that same date, per *Delaware Code* Title 22, Section 702; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 22, Section 702(e), which requires that municipalities review their comprehensive plans at least every 5 years, the Mayor and Council adopted the 2013 Amendment to the 2007 Camden Comprehensive Plan on January 6, 2014, Ordinance # 2014-O-01; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council wish to make further amendments to the 2007 Comprehensive Plan and 2013 Plan Amendment; and

WHEREAS, this 2015 Plan Amendment was prepared by the Town of Camden Planning Commission, pursuant to Title 22, Section 702(a) of the *Delaware Code*, with assistance from employees of the Town of Camden Staff and the Institute for Public Administration (IPA), a unit within the University of Delaware's School of Public Policy & Administration; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 22, Section 702(a) of the *Delaware Code*, the Town of Camden Planning Commission prepared this 2015 Plan Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Camden Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 18, 2015 to solicit public comment at which all interested parties were given a chance to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Camden Planning Commission transmitted a recommended 2015 Plan Amendment document to the Mayor and Town Council following the March 18, 2015 public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council authorized submission of the 2015 Plan Amendment for state review under the Plan Amendment at a Preliminary Land Use Service (PLUS) on April 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Camden Staff presented the PLUS review on May 27, 2015; and

WHEREAS, in a letter dated June 22, 2015, the Office of State Planning Coordination registered no objection to the 2015 Plan Amendment, and no state agencies provided comments; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council held first and second readings of this Ordinance at the regular monthly meetings on August 3, and September 14, 2015 respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council held a public hearing on the 2015 Plan Amendment on September 14, 2015 at which all interested parties were given a chance to be heard.



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WHEREAS, notice of this public hearing was published in the *Delaware State News* and the *Wilmington News Journal* on August 28, 2015 which is more than the 15-day notice required in Title 22, Section 304 of the *Delaware Code* and Section 240-46B of the *Camden Zoning Ordinance*; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Camden September 14, 2015, that this public body hereby adopts the "Town of Camden 2015 Amendment to the 2007 Comprehensive Plan," a copy of which is attached to and made a part of this Ordinance.

THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL FURTHER ORDAINS that a copy of the "Town of Camden 2015 Amendment to the 2007 Comprehensive Plan" shall be submitted to the Office of State Planning Coordination.

THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL FURTHER ORDAINS that, pursuant to Title 10, Section 8126 of the *Delaware Code*, notice of the action taken by this Ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town; and finally,

THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL FURTHER ORDAINS that this Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Town Solicitor

ATTEST:

Town Manager

Mayor Justin T. King

Vice Mayor John W. Green

Councilman Kevin R. Casquarelli

Councilman Larry L. Dougherty, Sr.

Councilwoman Tracy Torres

1 st Reading:	<u>08/03/2015</u>
2 nd Reading:	<u>09/14/2015</u>
Public Hearing:	<u>09/14/2015</u>
Adopted:	<u>09/14/2015</u>