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## TOWN OF CAMDEN ORDINANCE #2020-O-01 New Construction Public Safety Impact Assessment

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that there is a need to create the "New Construction Public Safety Impact Assessment:"

Effective **July 1<sup>st</sup> 2024**, Town of Camden Ordinance #2020-0-01 will read;

- A. All applications for residential building permits for new construction shall be subject to an impact fee of **\$934.20** per dwelling unit for the expansion of the Camden Police Department. The purpose of the impact fee is to ensure that the Camden Police Department has the capacity to respond to demands for additional services caused by growth. Funds generated by this impact fee shall be used only for the purposes associated with additional manpower such as new officers, training for officers, equipment for officers, and other related expenses.
- B. Exemptions. The following shall be exempt from the building permit surcharge;
  - a. Building permits applied for by an organization exempt from tax under 501 (c)(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code which provides owner-occupied housing to low-income households by rehabilitation of residential properties and reselling said properties without profit, nor to the Delaware State Housing Authority, nor to any applicant funded by the Delaware State Housing Authority; and
  - b. Building permits applied for by any state or local government department or agency.
- C. Every two years after the enactment of this ordinance, prior to that year's new budget, the Town of Camden will review the current average number of persons per unit living in



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owner-occupied homes and the average number of persons per unit living in rental units to determine if an increase in public safety fee per dwelling is needed. If needed any increase will pass with a majority vote of Camden's Town Council.

The formula used to determine the amount of the impact fee is stated below.

Based on the America Community Survey and the United States Census Bureau, the 2023 data shows that in Kent County, DE, the average persons living in a household is 2.6.

Per the Chief of Police, Camden will need a new officer for each 400-person increase in population.

400 persons / 2.6 persons per unit 153.8 units.

The average cost of a new officer in their first year is \$143,680.00.

$\$143,680.00 / 153.8 \text{ units} = \$934.20 \text{ per new unit.}$

An impact fee of \$934.20 will allow the expansion of the Camden Police department as growth in Camden continues

HEREBY, BE IT SO ORDAINED, by the Mayor and the majority of the Council Members of the Town of Camden, present at a regular session of the Camden Town Council, to be effective upon adoption.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED THIS 1st DAY OF MAY 6, 2024.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Town Solicitor

ATTEST:

  
Town Manager

1st reading 4/1/24


2nd reading 5/6/24

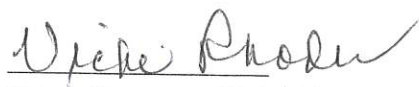
Authorizing Signatures:

Public Hearing 5/6/24

  
Mayor: Larry Dougherty

Adopted 5/6/24

  
Vice Mayor: Darlene Sturgeon

  
Councilwoman: Vicky Rhodes

  
Councilman: Daniel Ridgely

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Councilman Daniel Woodall