

ORDINANCE MC- 5497
On Motion Of: Jannette Ramos
APPROVED: March 12th, 2024
ADOPTED: April 9th, 2024

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ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 562-14 AND SECTION 562-16 OF THE CAMDEN CODE TO AUTHORIZE THE PRIVATE USE OF CITY FACILITIES AND INCREASING FEES FOR THE USE OF SUCH FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the Administration of the City of Camden is now seeking to amend Section 562-14 to authorize and establish the private use of City facilities; and

WHEREAS, , the Administration of the City of Camden is also seeking to amend Section 562-16 of the Camden City Code to increase the fees to be charged for the private use of City facilities; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Camden that Section 562-14 and Section 562-26 of the Camden City Code are amended as follows:

§ 562-14. Groups to use application to reserve facility.

- A. Any community-oriented organization or group which desires to reserve the use of a City park or ball field must do so by an application to the Department of Human Services. The use of the park or ball field must be directly related to the community-oriented purpose of said organization or group.
- B. Any individual, organization or group which desires to utilize a recreational facility for a private purpose, such as a wedding or anniversary reception, must do so by an application to the Department of Human Services. Private use of City of Camden facilities shall be extended to the following recreational facilities pending approval for use:
 - 1. Cramer Hill Community Center, 1035 Reeves Avenue
 - 2. Malandra Hall Community Center, 1200 S. Merrimac Road
 - 3. Isabel Miller Community Center, Eighth & Carl Miller Blvd.
 - 4. Martin Luther King Community Center, 1151 Haddon Avenue
 - 5. North Camden Gymnasium, 1000 N. Sixth Street
 - 6. Watertower, Rose & Everett Streets
- C. The Department of Human Services shall be the final authority as to whether a proposed use is community-oriented or private in nature. The Department of Human Services shall determine whether the proposed private use is appropriate, pursuant to the standard set forth in § 562-10 of this chapter. The Department of Human Services shall have the right to deny use of a recreational facility if the proposed use is deemed to be inappropriate.

§ 562-16. Application fees for private individuals or groups.

- A. A non-refundable security deposit in the amount of \$150 shall be assessed for each application submitted by an individual or group for private use of a recreational facility. The City of Camden shall be permitted to charge the applicant for the cost for any damage to the facility resulting from the applicant's use of the facility.
- B. The applicant may be required to hire one Camden County police officer and/or a security guard for the duration of the applicant's use of the facility. The police officer must be hired in accordance with the terms of employment, including off-duty employment, established by the Camden County Police Department. The hourly rate and other applicable costs, for such police officer or security guard shall be set by the employer of the Camden County police officer or security guard.
- C. Should the applicant's use of the facility extend beyond the agreed upon number of hours for a specific recreational facility, the applicant shall be required to pay the specified hourly fee for the additional use of that recreational facility, as provided for in section 562-16 E, herein. The applicant shall also be required to pay the hourly rate and other applicable costs, for the additional hours worked by the Camden County police officer, security guard and/or the City of Camden employee when the applicant's use of the facility is beyond any agreed upon number of hours.
- D. All fees shall be due seven days prior to the private use of the facility or the applicant shall be denied access to the facility. Any additional fees assessed related to the additional use of the Camden County police officer, security guard and/or the City

employee, caused by the applicant's continued use of the facility beyond the permitted time-frame, shall be charged to the applicant.

E. Recreational facility rates shall be as follows:

1. Cramer Hill Community Center - \$100.00 per hour and a maximum capacity of 100 people
2. Malandra Hall Community Center - \$150.00 per hour and a maximum capacity of 150 people
3. Isabel Miller Community Center - \$100.00 per hour and a maximum capacity of 75 people
4. Martin Luther King Community Center - \$100.00 per hour and a maximum capacity of 50 people
5. North Camden Gymnasium - \$100.00 per hour and the maximum capacity of people shall be based on the approved activity
6. Watertower, Rose & Everett Streets - \$100 per hour and a maximum capacity of 100 people.

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.

March 12, 2024


The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 19, 2024
TO: Victor Carstarphen, Mayor
FROM: Luis Pastoriza, Municipal Clerk
RE: Ordinance Final Passage – (MC-5497)

Ordinance Amending Section 562-14 And Section 562-16 Of The Camden Code To Authorize The Private Use Of City Facilities And Increasing Fees For The Use Of Such Facilities

In accordance with Rule XIX of the Administrative Code of the City of Camden (Rules of Procedure governing the City Council), I am delivering to you the attached ordinance adopted by City Council at a **Regular** meeting held on **4-9-2024**. Said article provides that "each ordinance shall be returned by the Mayor to the Municipal Clerk after the Mayor has affixed his /her signature thereto or after the expiration of **ten (10) days** from the date of its delivery to the Mayor in any event."

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR	
Received by: _____	Date: _____
Date of Approval: _____	_____