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ORDINANCE MC- 5629
On Motion Of: Arthur Barclay
APPROVED: April 14th, 2026
ADOPTED: May 12th, 2026

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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.

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: 
LUIS PASTORIZA
Municipal Clerk



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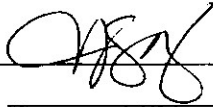
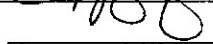
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: *May 13, 2026*
TO: *Victor Carstarphen, Mayor*
FROM: *Luis Pastoriza, Municipal Clerk*
RE: *Ordinance Final Passage – (MC-5629)*

Ordinance amending Chapter 7; Administration of Government; Article X, Department of Human Services, to revise and update this code section

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 **5-12-2026**. 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: <u></u>	Date: <u>5/13/26</u>
Date of Approval: <u></u> <u>5/27/26</u>	