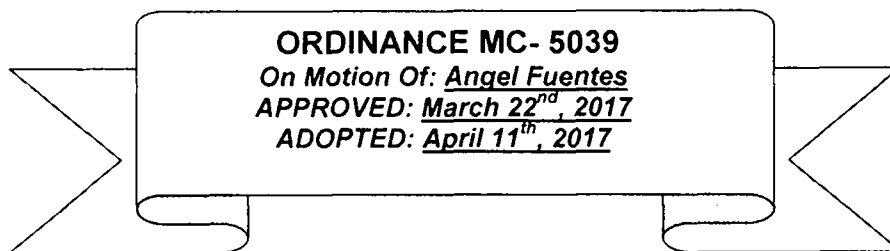


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**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 68 (MEETINGS) OF
THE CITY OF CAMDEN CODE – IN PERSON PRESENCE
TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE AT MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Camden requires all members of the governing body to be physically present when they attend and participate at all City Council meetings, except for emergency meetings, as provided under State law; and

WHEREAS, City Council considers it to be in the best interests of the City that the public have an opportunity to witness City Council's appointed members to all agencies, authorities, and boards participate in-person and in full detail in all phases of the deliberation, policy formulation, and decision making of said public bodies, which is vital to the enhancement and proper functioning of the democratic process; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Camden that, for all the reasons set forth above, Chapter 68 of the City Code, be, and hereby is amended as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 68 is hereby supplemented to add the following new section:

§ 68-4. Members' in-person attendance at meetings of agencies, authorities, and boards.

- A. All members of agencies, authorities, and boards appointed by the Mayor or City Council to serve on the aforesaid public bodies, as statutorily provided, shall be physically present to attend and participate in all meetings of said public bodies at which any business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon in any way.
- B. The only exception to the aforesaid in-person attendance requirement is for those circumstances that would (1) likely result in substantial harm to the public interest, thus requiring the holding of an emergency meetings pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act; and (2) in which a member's corporeal presence is not possible and his/her participation can only be obtained by means of communications equipment.
- C. Each Secretary of the respective agency, authority, and board shall record all communications equipment (e.g., telephonic or video) at such emergency meetings. The requirements of this section are not applicable to members of agencies, authorities, and boards appointed by the State of New Jersey.

SECTION 2: Any portion of the City Code not herein amended and supplemented shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistency only.

SECTION 4: 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.

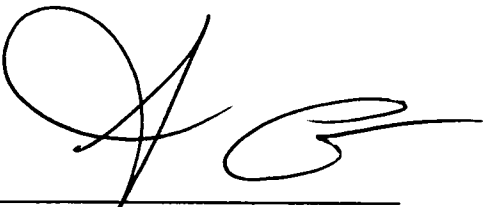
SECTION 5: This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after its final passage and publication as provided by law.

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.

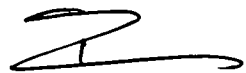
Date of Introduction: March 14, 2017

The above has been reviewed
and approved as to form.


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DATE: April 19, 2017
TO: Dana L. Redd, Mayor
FROM: Luis Pastoriza, Municipal Clerk
RE: Ordinance Final Passage – (MC-5039)

**Ordinance amending Chapter 68 (meetings) of the City of Camden Code-In
person presence to attend and participate at meetings**

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 **4-11-17**. 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:

Maria Correia

Date:

4/19/17

Date of Approval:

4/25/17