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Sec. 27-1 Fire Rescue Department

Camden County Fire Rescue shall have the authority to:

- a) Protect life and property against fire, explosion, hazardous materials, or electrical hazards;
- b) Detect, prevent and assist in the prosecution of arson;
- c) Administer and enforce the laws of Georgia; the rules and regulations, and any ordinances and codes that are adopted by the Camden County Board of Commissioners that are related to the prevention and suppression of fires, explosions, or injuries from hazardous materials and explosions and the protection of life and property from such hazards.

- d) Inspect any necessary building, based on the judgment of the Fire Marshal and/or the Fire Chief, and its construction, protection, and occupancy features necessary to minimize danger to life from fire, including fumes, smoke, and panic.
- e) Conduct programs of public education in fire prevention and safety;
- f) Conduct emergency medical services and rescue assistance, subject to O.C.G.A. Title 31, Chapter 11 and subject to the approval of the Camden County Board of Commissioners;
- g) Control and regulate the flow of traffic in areas of existing emergencies, including rail, highway, water and air traffic; and
- h) Perform all such services of a fire rescue department as may be provided by law or which necessarily appertain thereto.

Sec. 27-2 Adoption of State Minimum Fire Safety Standards

- a) There is hereby adopted by the Camden County Board of Commissioners for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, including smoke, fumes, or panic, those certain codes known as the Georgia State Minimum Fire Safety Standards, as amended by Chapter 120-3-3 of the Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia, under authority of O.C.G.A. 25-2-4, 25-2-12, 50-13-21. The codes are hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out completely in this article. From the date on which the ordinance from which this article is derived shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling within the limits of the county. If any sections of the Georgia State Minimum Fire Safety Standards conflict with the requirements listed within the Official Code of Camden County, the stricter policy shall apply.

Sec 27-3 International Fire Code

- a) The International Fire Code is hereby amended by omitting section 108, Board of Appeals of Chapter 1, Administration and section 108 shall not be adopted by the County.
- b) Appendix D, *Fire Apparatus Access Roads*, shall be adopted by this County as if set out fully in this article.

Sec 27-4 Construction of Codes

- a) All codes, ordinances, standards, and pamphlets adopted in this article shall be construed as the standard for fire code compliance among buildings within the county and shall prevail in matters of life safety over all other local codes, ordinances or standards which apply to the same building components or systems covered by this article. Final approving authority for fire code compliance covered in this section shall be the Camden County Office of the Fire Marshal.

Sec 27-5 Enforcement of Article

- a) The provisions of this article shall be enforced by authorized personnel of Camden County Fire Rescue, or by authorized deputies of Camden County Sheriff's Office.

Sec 27-6 Penalties for Violation of Article

- a) Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this article or the codes adopted by reference in this article or fail to comply therewith or who shall violate or fail to comply with any order made pursuant to this article, or who shall build in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder and from which no appeal has been taken, or who shall fail to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by the Board of Commissioners within the time set forth in this article, shall constitute a violation of a county ordinance. Any person violating this article or any of the codes and/or laws incorporated in this article shall be deemed guilty of violating a county ordinance and shall be punished by a predetermined fine and/or imprisonment in the common jail of the county. The imposition of one penalty shall not excuse the violation nor permit it to continue, and such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a specified time. When not otherwise specified, each day that prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate violation of this article.
- b) The application of the penalty in subsection (a) of this section shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of the prohibited conditions.
- c) Upon written notice from the Fire Marshal or his designee, work on any project that is being performed contrary to the provisions of this article and the codes adopted in this article, or otherwise being done in a dangerous or unsafe manner, shall cease immediately. Such notice shall be given to the owner of the property, his agent, or the person doing the work and shall state the conditions under which the work may be resumed.
- d) Permits or approvals may be revoked by the Fire Marshal or his designee when there has been any false statement or misrepresentation as to any materials or facts contained in plans or other information on which the permit or approval has been based.
- e) Whenever any of the officers or inspectors of Camden County Fire Rescue find conditions which are unsafe and/or in violation of the provisions or intent of the codes or ordinances enforced by the Office of the Fire Marshal, written notice, which has been approved by the Fire Marshal, shall be given to the owner, the owner's agent or the occupant or occupant's representative requiring that any activities impacted by the conditions shall cease until the condition is corrected.

Sec 27-7 Establishment and Duties of the Office of the Fire Marshal

- a) The fire prevention codes adopted herein shall be enforced by the Office of the Fire Marshal within Camden County Fire Rescue.
- b) The Fire Marshal in charge of the Office of the Fire Marshal shall be appointed by the Fire Chief of Camden County Fire Rescue in accordance with the County personnel policy.
- c) The Fire Chief of Camden County Fire Rescue may detail such members of the fire service as inspectors as shall from time to time be necessary. The Fire Chief of Camden County Fire Rescue shall recommend to the Board of Commissioners the employment of technical inspectors, who shall be selected in accordance with the County personnel policy.
- d) A report of the Office of the Fire Marshal shall be made annually and transmitted to the Fire Chief of Camden County Fire Rescue and shall be forwarded to the Board

of Commissioners. It shall contain a report of all activities and inspections undertaken pursuant to this article, with such statistics as the Fire Chief of Camden County Fire Rescue may wish to include therein. The Fire Marshal and Fire Chief of Camden County Fire Rescue shall also recommend any amendments to the code, which in his or her judgment, shall be desirable.

- e) The Office of the Fire Marshal shall be the primary division within Camden County Fire Rescue in charge of public education, relating to injury, burn and fire prevention.
- f) The Office of the Fire Marshal shall be the primary division within Camden County Fire Rescue in charge of the investigation into all fires deemed necessary by the Fire Chief of Camden County Fire Rescue. The Office of the Fire Marshal shall be the primary division within Camden County Fire Rescue to assist with the prosecution and conviction of any persons involved in incendiary fires within Camden County. The Office of the Fire Marshal shall have the authority to request, if necessary, the involvement of any investigator within the Georgia State Fire Marshal's Office to assist with the investigation of any fire within Camden County.

Sec 27-8 Inspections

- a) The Fire Marshal or Fire Chief of Camden County Fire Rescue or his assistants and inspectors shall inspect or cause to be inspected all premises on a periodic basis for compliance with the State Minimum Fire Safety Standards, this chapter, rules and regulations and other fire protection ordinances of the County, and shall make orders as may be necessary for the enforcement of the laws and ordinances governing the same.
- b) Additionally, upon complaint submitted in writing alleging a failure to comply with the State Minimum Fire Safety Standards, this chapter, and fire related rules, regulations, and ordinances, the Fire Marshal or Fire Chief of Camden County Fire Rescue or his assistants or inspectors may enter in or upon any building or premises complained of for the purpose of investigating the complaint.
- c) Additionally, if the Fire Marshal or Fire Chief of Camden County Fire Rescue or his assistants or inspectors has been deputized by the state Safety Fire Commissioner pursuant to O.C.G.A. 25-2-12.1 then that person is further authorized to seek inspection warrants against non-cooperating parties pursuant to O.C.G.A. 25-2-22.1. Inspection warrants may be issued by any judge of the superior, state, municipal or magistrate court upon proper oath or affirmation showing probable cause.

Sec 27-9 Modifications

- a) The Fire Marshal, upon approval of the Fire Chief of Camden County Fire Rescue, shall have power to modify any of the provisions of this Fire Prevention Code upon application in writing by the owner or lessee, or a duly authorized agent, when there are serious difficulties in carrying out the strict letter of the code, provided that the spirit of the code shall be observed, public safety secured, and substantial justice done. The particulars of such modification, when granted or allowed, and the decision of the Fire Marshal and Fire Chief thereon shall be entered upon the records of the fire department and a signed copy shall be furnished to the applicant.

Sec 27-10 Variances

- a) The Fire Marshal and Fire Chief of Camden County Fire Rescue shall have the power to implement systems, methods, or devices of equivalent or superior quality, strength, fire resistance, effectiveness, durability, and safety as alternatives to those prescribed by the codes, provided technical documentation is submitted to the fire department to demonstrate equivalency, and the system, method, or device is approved for the intended purpose. The decision of the Fire Marshal and Fire Chief may be appealed to the Camden County Board of Commissioners within the time constraints of appeals described in this article.

Sec 27-11 Appeals

- a) Whenever the Fire Marshal and/or Fire Chief of Camden County Fire Rescue shall disapprove an application or refuse to grant a permit when applied for, or when it is claimed the provisions of the State Minimum Fire Safety Standards, this article, or other county-related rules, regulations, or ordinances do not apply or that the true intent and meaning of the same has been misconstrued or improperly applied, the claimant may appeal the decision, in writing, to the County Administrator within thirty (30) days from the date of decision. The County Administrator shall retain the authority to make a judgment on the appeal or forward said appeal to the Camden County Board of Commissioners. The Board shall retain the authority to make a final judgment on any appeal submitted.

Sec 27-12 Permits

- a) In accordance with requirements as detailed in Section 105 of the International Fire Code, a permit shall be obtained from the Office of the Fire Marshal to conduct certain operations described therein, or to store, handle, or use those processes described therein that are considered to present an extra or unusual fire hazard to life or property. Before permits may be issued, the Fire Marshal or his assistants or inspectors shall inspect and approve the receptacles, processes, vehicles, buildings, storage places or sites to be used for any such purposes. A predetermined processing fee shall be imposed upon each permit application. The County shall revoke or suspend an individual or entity's business license for violation of this section. Violation of this section shall be punished by a predetermined fine and/or imprisonment in the common jail of the County.

Sec 27-13 New Materials, Processes or Occupancies which May Require Permits

- a) The Fire Marshal and Fire Chief of Camden County Fire Rescue shall act as a committee to determine and specify, after giving affected persons an opportunity to be heard, any new materials, processes or occupancies, which shall require permits in addition to those now enumerated in the International Fire Code. The Fire Marshal shall post the list, if any, in a conspicuous place in his or her office, and distribute copies thereof to interested persons. The list shall be a rule and regulation of the fire department and shall be adopted by the Camden County Board of Commissioners and become effective upon approval, unless otherwise specified.

Sec 27-14 Submission of Plans and Specifications Required

- a) Owners, their agents or designees, of all buildings and tenant spaces covered by this article are required to submit plans and specifications of the project to the Camden County Planning and Building Department. The Planning and Building Department shall forward all plans to the Office of the Fire Marshal for approval prior to construction. An 80 percent completion inspection, a 100 percent inspection and a certificate of occupancy shall be obtained from the Office of the Fire Marshal prior to the occupancy of the facility.

Sec 27-15 Revision of Plans

- a) All drawings, specifications and/or pertinent documents required to bear the stamp, seal and signature of a registered designer shall be revised by the designer of record and bear his or her stamp or seal and signature on all revisions and details. Required revisions to stamped plans are subject to the designer of record's approval, which shall be in the form of "hardline" drawings. Fax transmittals or written correspondence may be deemed acceptable alternatives subject to the approval of the Fire Marshal and/or Fire Chief.
- b) Certain minor corrections to plans, i.e., relocation of exit signs, sprinkler heads, smoke alarms or change of door swings, etc., may be "redlined" as granted by each department. Redlined corrections shall be shown on all required sets of plans and/or specifications and shall bear the name and signature of the individual submitting the project for code compliance review.
- c) Examples of items not allowed to be redlined are as follows:
 - (1) Changes to the means of egress as in direction of travel, number of the means of egress, etc.
 - (2) Changes to the number of exits.
 - (3) Changes to features necessary for accessibility for the disabled.
 - (4) Changes to fire alarm systems except as stated in the above subsection.
 - (5) Changes to sprinkler systems to include site plans except as stated in the above subsection.

Sec 27-16 Temporary Occupancy

- a) A temporary certificate of occupancy may be issued for a portion or portions of a facility. The Office of the Fire Marshal shall forward written comments to the building official of the county allowing or disallowing occupancy of a partially completed facility.
- b) All facilities described in this section shall be equipped with the following minimum features in order for a temporary certificate of occupancy to be issued:
 - (1) All required portions of the means of egress shall be complete which does not include carpet, wallcovering, etc.
 - (2) All exit signage shall be in place and in proper working order.
 - (3) All emergency lighting fixtures shall be in place and in proper working order.
 - (4) All required exits shall be installed and equipped with approved hardware.
 - (5) All automatic sprinkler systems (if so equipped) shall be installed, tested, and in proper working order.

- (6) All fire barriers shall be installed and properly sealed.
- c) Any facility where a temporary certificate of occupancy has been issued shall be in compliance with the above features. If necessary, certain portions of a facility may be issued a temporary certificate of occupancy as long as all the above criteria have been met for that particular area. The Fire Marshal and the Fire Chief of Camden County Fire Rescue shall agree upon the terms of the temporary certificate of occupancy and the document shall bear the names and signatures of both parties granting the approval.

Sec 27-17 Collection of Fees and Issuance of Permits and Approvals

- a) The Office of the Fire Marshal shall assess and collect, and persons so assessed shall pay in advance to the Office of the Fire Marshal, fees and charges under this article as follows:
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| (1) New anhydrous ammonia permit for storage in bulk (more than 2,000 gallons aggregate capacity) for sale or distribution; one time fee | \$100.00 |
| (2) Annual license for manufacture of explosives other than fireworks | 100.00 |
| (3) Annual license for manufacture, storage, or transport of fireworks | 1,000.00 |
| (4) Carnival license | 100.00 |
| (5) Certificate of Occupancy | 100.00 |
| (6) Construction plan review: | |
| (a) Bulk storage construction | 100.00 |
| (b) Building construction, 10,000 square feet or less | 100.00 |
| (c) Building construction, more than 10,000 square feet | .015 per square foot |
| (7) Other construction | 100.00 |
| (8) Liquefied petroleum gas storage license: | |
| (a) 2,000 gallons or less | 100.00 |
| (b) More than 2,000 gallons | 500.00 |
| (9) Building construction inspection: | |
| (a) 80 percent completion, 100 percent completion, annual, and first follow-up | None |
| (b) Second follow-up | 100.00 |
| (c) Third and each subsequent follow-up | 150.00 |
| (10) Purchase, storage, sale, transport, or use of explosives other than fireworks: | |
| (a) 500 pounds or less | 50.00 |
| (b) More than 500 pounds | 100.00 |
| (11) New self-service gasoline station permit; one time fee | 100.00 |
| (12) New permit to dispense compressed natural gas (CNG) for vehicular fuel; one time fee | 100.00 |
- b) The licenses and permits for which fees or charges are required pursuant to this article section shall not be transferable. A new license or permit and fee are required upon change of ownership.

Sec 27-18 Governmental and Religious Organization Facilities Exemptions

- a) Facilities owned by any city, county, state or federal government and facilities owned by religious organizations which are used exclusively for religious services are exempt from fee charges in section 27-18.

Sec. 27-19 Automatic Fire Suppression System Required

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Sec 27-20 Fire Hydrant and Water System Requirements

***Any current or future pressurized water system within the jurisdiction of Camden County Fire Rescue, including both private and municipal systems, shall provide access to all installed fire hydrants for the purpose of use in emergency situations, inspection, testing, and identification marking by authorized County personnel.*

- a) The procedure for determining fire-flow requirements for buildings or portions of buildings hereafter constructed shall be in accordance with the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule, utilized by the Insurance Services Office (ISO©).
- b) Fire hydrants shall be required on any pressurized water system designed to supply multiple structures, where any two of these structures are separated by a distance greater than five hundred feet (500'). Fire hydrants shall be located no more than five hundred (500') feet apart and within five hundred feet (500') of any structure and shall be on an eight inch (8") water line main. To eliminate future street openings, all underground utilities for fire hydrants, together with the fire hydrants themselves and all other supply improvements shall be installed and approved by the County Fire Chief and the Director of Planning and Development or their designees before any final paving of a street shown on the subdivision plat
- c) All public and private fire hydrants installed and operating within the jurisdiction of Camden County Fire Rescue shall be painted and marked in accordance with national guidelines as set forth in the current State Minimum Fire Safety Standards.

Sec 27-21 Building Numbering and Identification for Emergency Response

- a) Each one- and two-family dwelling unit shall have posted and maintained in a conspicuous place on the property, visible from all streets providing access to the public and/or emergency personnel, the address of such dwelling unit in reflective figures at least four inches high on a contrasting background.
- b) Each multifamily building shall have posted and maintained in a conspicuous place on the building, visible from the parking lot or all streets providing access to the public and/or emergency personnel, the address(es) or number(s) of the building in reflective figures at least six inches high on a contrasting background and each individual apartment/unit within the building shall be marked on or about its main entrance with the individual apartment/unit number and/or address in reflective figures at least four inches high on a contrasting background. In addition to the above, where a multifamily building has more than one exterior entrance, each such entrance shall be marked, in reflective figures at least four inches high on a contrasting background, with the numbers and/or address of each and every apartment/unit to which access is provided through that common entrance.

- c) All commercial properties, including individual buildings and all types of multi-tenant occupancies, shall have building numbering and identification requirements decided by the Office of the Fire Marshal on an individual basis, either during inspection of existing properties or during plans review of proposed properties.
- d) Any building recessed from any street providing access to the public and/or emergency personnel shall post and maintain reflective figures in a conspicuous place on the building and also adjacent to the intersection of the access road and main street(s).

Sec 27-22 Marking of Utilities

- a) All buildings having more than one tenant space, or in complexes where utilities are not directly affixed to the building all electrical disconnects, meters and gas shut-offs shall be marked by a permanent means with the unit number in which the device is servicing. The number or figure shall be at least two inches high on a contrasting background. The manner in which the device is marked must meet the approval of the Office of the Fire Marshal.

Sec 27-23 Authority at Emergency Incidents

- a) The Fire Chief of Camden County Fire Rescue or fire officers under his or her direction shall have full control over all fire department apparatus in service at any incident that involves a direct threat to lives and/or property by fire, hazardous material, machinery/vehicle accident, or other type of similar emergency incident, including the necessity of EMS response. It shall be the duty of the Fire Chief or his or her designee to superintend the fire department while performing any public duty at such instances; to give general and specific directions as to the manner of performing necessary duties, including the use of any necessary equipment and the specific assignments of the various members of the fire department in attendance at the incident.

Sec 27-24 Certain Acts Interfering with Firefighting Activities

- a) No person, except an active member of the fire department, shall at any time enter within the territory or vicinity of any fire, when the area is roped off or access is denied by any member of the fire department or law enforcement office, or interfere with or attempt to operate any of the apparatus or equipment of the fire department or any fire hydrant, sprinkler system valve, fire department connection, or other appliance used during emergency mitigation, or interfere by giving orders to any individual, unless requested to do so by the Fire Chief or his designees; provided, however, that any member of local, county, or state government, any law enforcement officer or deputy, the owner or occupant of the property involved, or any other person who has been deemed as having a direct interest in the property, may be specifically authorized by the Fire Chief or his designee to enter the restricted areas.

Sec 27-25 Crossing Fire Hose Prohibited

- a) No vehicle shall be driven over any unprotected hose of the fire department when laid down on any street, roadway or private driveway without the consent of the fire department's officer in command of that particular incident. Any person refusing to

obey the orders and directions of the officer in command may be arrested for violation of this section and, on conviction thereof, be punished for the violation of a county ordinance.

Sec 27-26 Obstructing a Fire Station

- a) It shall be unlawful for any person to put any obstruction of any nature whatsoever in front of any fire station or location where any fire service apparatus and/or equipment may encounter a delay in response to an emergency incident.

Sec 27-27 False Alarms

- a) No person shall intentionally make, turn in, or report a false alarm of fire or false report for ambulance assistance, or aid or abet in the commission of such an act.

Sec 27-28 Response to Malfunctioning Fire Alarms

- a) When emergency response to a malfunctioning fire alarm system exceeds two in a 30-day period, a fee of \$50.00 shall be levied for each additional incident.

Sec 27-29 Designated Fire Lanes

- a) Streets or drives adjacent to the following locations shall have designated fire lanes:
 - (1) Any building 20,000 square feet or more with storage facilities, except for storage warehouse occupancies which are equal to or greater than 80 percent of the total building area and which comply with subsection (b) of this section.
 - (2) Places of assembly with an occupant load of 300 or more.
 - (3) The area five feet on each side of fire hydrants and associated appliances used for fire protection.
 - (4) All points of exit from nursing homes, hospitals, multistory office buildings and places of assembly.
- b) Buildings not required to have fire lanes shall maintain fire service access to at least one side.
- c) Where designated fire lanes are required, they shall meet the following criteria:
 - (1) The curbing shall be painted traffic yellow. Where curbing is not present, there shall be designated a 20-foot wide, cross-hatched, traffic yellow way of access kept free of obstructions.
 - (2) Signs meeting the specifications described in this article shall be spaced no less than 30 feet apart and legible from both directions of travel.
- d) Building driveways and access roads shall be kept clear of any obstruction which would hinder access by fire department equipment.

Sec 27-30 Reporting of Fires

- a) Any damage by fire having a total dollar value of \$200.00 or more shall be required to be reported to the Office of the Fire Marshal within 24 hours.

Sec 27-31 KNOX-BOX® Rapid Entry System

- a) The following structures shall be equipped with a KNOX-BOX® Rapid Entry System, which shall include Knox® locking FDC Plugs and Storz Caps where

applicable, at an accessible location near the main entrance of the structure or complex or at such location approved by the Fire Marshal:

- (1) All buildings within the fire services jurisdiction of Camden County Fire Rescue having an automatic fire suppression system except one- and two-family dwellings as defined in the applicable adopted codes;
- (2) Multi-family residential structures, including senior citizen apartment/condo complexes, that have restricted access through locked doors and have a common corridor for access to the living units;
- (3) Any subdivisions or developments with restricted access to the property by a gate or other means, requiring access by keypad, card, key, or other type;
- (4) Commercial or industrial buildings and complexes;

Exception: Any building or complex having on-site 24-hour security personnel with access to all areas of the property may be exempt from the requirements at the discretion of the Fire Chief and Fire Marshal.

- b) All new construction subject to this section shall have the rapid entry system installed and operational prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
- c) All structures in existence on the effective date of this section and subject to this section shall have one calendar year from this effective date to have the rapid entry system installed and operational.
- d) The Fire Marshal shall be authorized to implement rules and regulations for the use of the rapid entry system.
- e) The owner or operator of a structure required to have a rapid entry system shall, at all times, keep a key or keys, as required, in the lock box that will allow for complete and unobstructed access to the structure or complex interior. These keys shall be marked and identified in a manner approved by the Fire Marshal.
- f) The owner or authorized occupant of the building shall notify the Fire Marshal when testing, inspection, or maintenance is performed on any fire protection equipment. Any installed plugs or caps shall be removed for these purposes by the approval of the Fire Marshal and shall be done by authorized fire department personnel only.
- g) The owner or occupant shall be responsible for ordering and installing the KNOX-BOX®. The box shall be installed by following the manufacturer's instructions, at a height no less than five and no more than seven feet above ground level at a spot predetermined upon consultation of the Fire Marshal.
- h) The KNOX-BOX® is not required to be attached to or monitored by a private alarm system, but it is recommended.
- i) Upon completion of installation, the Fire Marshal must be notified by phone as soon as possible at 912-510-4302 or 912-729-3911 to schedule a time for locking the box.

Sec 27-31 Authority to enact a Burn Ban

- a) In the event of dry conditions which may pose a fire danger to developed and/or undeveloped lands within Camden County, the Fire Chief shall have the authority

to enact a burn ban, for all or portions of Camden County, with the approval of the Chairman of the Camden County Board of Commissioners.

Sec 27-32 Structure and Non Structure Fires

Camden County Fire Rescue is authorized to initiate a user fee for the delivery of Fire Rescue services, personnel, supplies and equipment to the scene of a fire. The rate of the user fee shall be that which is the usual, customary and reasonable costs (UCR), which includes any services, personnel, supplies and equipment and may fluctuate based on the needs of the fire. The user fee shall be filed to the commercial or homeowner's insurance, representing an add-on-cost of the claim for damages of the property and/or injuries. The claim costs shall be filed to the insurance coverage of the owner of the property, or responsible party.

Sec 27-33 Hazardous Material Incident Response

Camden County Fire Rescue is authorized to initiate a user fee for the delivery of Fire Rescue services, personnel, supplies and equipment to the scene of a hazardous material incident or situation where response was warranted to protect the public. The rate of the user fee shall be that which is the usual, customary and reasonable costs (UCR), which includes any services, personnel, supplies and equipment and may fluctuate based on the needs of the incident. The user fee shall be filed to the vehicle, commercial or homeowner's insurance, representing an add-on-cost of the claim for damages of the property. The claim costs shall be filed to the insurance coverage of the owner of the property, or responsible party.

Sec 27-34 Emergency Medical Services Response

Camden County Fire Rescue is authorized to initiate a user fee for the delivery of Fire Rescue services, personnel, supplies and equipment to the scene of an emergency or non-emergency medical incident. The rate of the user fee shall be that which is adopted by the fire rescue department as a fee schedule. The user fee due shall be the responsibility of patient or responsible party. An insurance billing authorization is necessary before patients insurance can be billed.

The respective Fire Department or their designees are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents and/or implement any and all procedures necessary to effectuate the collection of fees in order to enhance services by the Fire Department.

All amounts collected as a result of this ordinance shall be placed into a fund as established by the Fire Department to be used exclusively for personnel, supplies and equipment for the Fire Department.

It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Camden County Board of Commissioners concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in open meetings of this Board of Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of

Commissioners that resulted in such formal actions were in compliance with all legal requirements, and the Codified Ordinances of the Camden County Board of Commissioners.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and execution.

Adopted in legal assembly this 5th day of August, 2008.

Preston Rhodes, Chairman
Camden County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jodi Gregory, County Clerk