

CITY OF ABSECON

ORDINANCE 01-2013

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ABSECON,
CHAPTER 3 – ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, ARTICLE II – ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION
SECTION 3-15 – ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of all of the citizens of the City of Absecon that their local government be operated in a manner which promotes transparency and openness in its actions and allows for a legislative process which permits its elected representatives and members of the public a full opportunity to participate in the enactment of legislation; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act specifically provides for the publication of proposed legislation, along with the agenda of scheduled City Council meetings, in order to permit the public to more fully participate in their local government.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABSECON CITY, NEW JERSEY that Chapter 3, Article II, Section 3-15A be amended to add the following language:

The Mayor or any member of the City Council may propose for introduction an Ordinance or Resolution and shall have recourse to the assistance of the City Administrator and the City Solicitor in its preparation. Any proposed Ordinance or Resolution shall be presented to the City Administrator for inclusion on a City Council Meeting agenda at least seventy-two hours prior to a scheduled City Council Meeting, and the City Administrator shall promptly forward such proposed Ordinance and Resolution to Mayor and members of City Council.

In addition to fulfillment of all those notice requirements set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 *et seq.*, the agenda for any City Council meeting, along with the body of all proposed Ordinances and Resolutions to be considered at such meeting, shall be published on the City's website at least forty-eight hours prior to such meeting. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, City Council may consider any proposed Ordinance or Resolution not included in a published meeting agenda, as an amendment thereto, upon the affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority of those City Council members attending such meeting.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Absecon that:

1. Any Ordinance or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.
2. This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication as required by Law.

Dated: March 3rd, 2013

APPROVED: _____
John R. Armstrong, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jessica A. Snyder, Interim Deputy Clerk

Passed on first reading at a work and regular meeting of the Municipal Council held on February 21, 2013. Laid over and advertised for public hearing and final adoption on March 3rd, 2013. Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was defeated by the Municipal Council of the City of Absecon at a work and regular meeting held on March 3rd, 2013.