

CITY OF ABSECON

ORDINANCE 12-2014

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ABSECON,
CHAPTER 216-HOTEL AND MOTEL REGISTRATION, REDUCING THE PERIOD
REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN DOCUMENT RETENTION**

WHEREAS, Chapter 216 of the Code of the City of Absecon requires every hotel and motel in the City to keep a copy of a valid driver's license or other identification for each registrant of a rooming unit; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 216 of the Code of the City of Absecon has been interpreted to require the owners of each hotel and motel to keep said driver's license or other identification for an unlimited period of time; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Absecon wants to maintain appropriate balance between the retention of identification documentation versus unnecessary administrative requirements being imposed upon owners of hotels and motels in the City of Absecon; and

WHEREAS, after discussion with the Chief of Police it is deemed appropriate for hotels and motels to keep copies of driver's licenses and other identification for a period of sixty (60) days.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Absecon that Chapter 216, Section 216-1A of the Code of the City of Absecon shall be amended by adding a final sentence to the same which reads as follows:

The copy of the driver's license or other identification being kept on file may be destroyed after sixty (60) days have expired from the time the registrant has checked out or otherwise left the hotel or motel.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED 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 Any Ordinance or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.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: August 7, 2014

SIGNED: _____
John Armstrong, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Carie A. Crone, RMC, Municipal Clerk

Passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Municipal Council held on July 17, 2014. Laid over and advertised for public hearing and final adoption on August 7, 2014. Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Municipal Council of the City of Absecon at a regular meeting held on August 7, 2014.