

The City of Camden flag was first designed in 1907 by Spencer G. Easton

In the center sits the crest of Lord Charles Pratt, 1st Earl of Camden.

The man and woman pillars on either side stand for industry and intelligence.

Out of the naval coronet is a pine, for the first territory settled, Pine Poynte.

Motto: Virtus Et Industria

**RESOLUTION RE-ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL FLAG
OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN**

WHEREAS, Chapter 56, Section 56-1 (City flag) of the Code of the City of Camden (“City”) provides for the Official Flag of the City. City Council desires to re-adopt the current Official Flag of the City, which flag shall comport with the requirements of Chapter 56; and

WHEREAS, in 1773, Jacob Cooper, descendant of William Cooper who colonized in 1681 on the Cooper River, laid out a 40 acre town, previously part of Gloucester County, naming it after the English Chancellor, Lord Charles Pratt. Pratt, the first Earl of Camden, also known as Lord Camden was a loyal friend to the American Colonies and a staunch defender of the colonies constitutional rights within Parliament; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 1907, City Council adopted its coat of arms and created its Official Flag. With suggestions made by the Camden County Historical Society the first official seal was designed by a 20 year old artist from the City of Camden, Spencer G. Easton. The design for the Flag is a broad diagonal stripe of white running through the middle with two corners of blue on either side with the seal in the center. Gold fringe appears on three sides of the Flag; and

WHEREAS, in the center of the Flag’s seal is the Arms of Charles Pratt, Earl of Camden. On the left portion of the seal are three black stars and three elephant’s heads taken from the Pratt crest. The Elephant heads represent power, fidelity and wisdom. On the right portion of the seal, one can see a ship ready for launching, indicative of Camden’s booming ship-building industry and showing Camden as a significant port of entry in the region. Above the Flag’s seal, out of the Lord Camden’s naval coronet stands a green pine tree recalling the forests that once surrounded Camden and from which came the first name of any territory within the City, Pyne Poynt; and

WHEREAS, to the right of the Flag’s seal, the figure of a man represents Industry. At his feet lay a gear wheel and behind him is a locomotive, “Old-Ironside” the first ever used on the City’s vast railroad system. To the left of the Flag’s seal stands a woman representing intelligence and learning. Crowned with a wreath, in her left hand she holds a book and in her right a torch. At her feet are books, a scroll and mounted sphere all emblematic of learning; and

WHEREAS, below the Flag’s seal is the City of Camden’s official motto, “Virtus Et Industria;” now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Camden that the Official Flag of the City, as described above and in conformance with Chapter 56 of the Camden Code, is hereby re-adopted as the Official Flag.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council that the readopted Official Flag shall be immediately and properly displayed in all appropriate public areas of the City of Camden.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27BBB-23, a true copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the State Commissioner of Community Affairs, who shall have ten (10) days from the receipt thereof to veto this Resolution. All notices of veto shall be filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

The above has been reviewed
and approved as to form

City Attorney

President, City Council

ATTEST: _____
LUIS PASTORIZA
Municipal Clerk