

ORDINANCE 2015- 09

BERLIN BOROUGH, CAMDEN COUNTY

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 – ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT,
ARTICLE I, REGARDING PUBLIC PORTION AT BERLIN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Berlin highly values the input of the citizens in making important decisions that affect the residents of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Berlin believes in the rights of citizens to observe Borough Council Meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Berlin wishes to ensure that all of our citizens have the opportunity to attend Borough Council Meetings and offer comment; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Berlin wishes to ensure that Council can conduct the important business of the Borough of Berlin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Berlin, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1: The Code of the Borough of Berlin, entitled “Public Participation at Certain Meetings of Governing Body”, is hereby created to read as follows:

§3-5 To Be Read At the Initiation of Privilege of the Floor:

The Borough of Berlin highly values the input of the citizens in making important decisions that affect the residents of our community. We also believe in the rights of citizens to observe Borough Council Meetings. To ensure that all of our citizens have the opportunity to attend our Borough Council Meetings and offer comment, and to ensure that the Borough can conduct the important business of the Municipality, we ask that speakers follow the guidelines for making public comments.

Notation of Public Comments on Agenda Items – The Mayor or Council President will recognize those individuals in the audience who wish to make comment.

Please respect the following procedures:

1. All members of the public attending the Council Meetings must treat each other and the Members of the Governing Body with respect.
2. State your full name and address.
3. Please limit your comments to five minutes.
4. If you desire, please submit your questions to Mayor and Council in writing with your name, address and telephone number where you can be contacted. Your questions will be answered within a reasonable time.
5. Individuals offering citizen comment are not permitted to make personal attacks on any Borough employee, Governing Body Member, other testifier or member of the public.

Section 2: All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3: If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

BOROUGH OF BERLIN



By: John J. Armano, Mayor

ATTEST:



Charleen Santora, Borough Clerk

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