



ORDINANCE NO. 95-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DEFINING AND ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS; PERMITTING HUNTING UNDER THE APPLICABLE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH; DESIGNATING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

The Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors hereby ordains:

Section 1. Definitions. As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

FIREARM - includes shotgun, airgun, air pistol, spring gun, spring pistol, rifle and pistol of any caliber or any implement which impels with force a pellet, pellets or single projectile of any kind.

Section 2. Discharge Prohibited; Exceptions Authorized. Except as herein otherwise provided, it shall be unlawful and it is hereby prohibited for any person, firm or corporation to fire or discharge any firearm within the Township of Hilltown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Section 3. Exceptions As To Hunting. Nothing herein contained shall prohibit the use of a firearm when used for hunting purposes in accordance with rules, regulations and statutes of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, the use of any type of firearm by a person licensed to carry such firearms for person protection or for law enforcement.

Section 4. Exception As To Defense Or To Target Shooting. No person, firm or corporation shall, except in the defense of person or property fire or discharge any firearm within the Township of Hilltown. An exception would be for target shooting in an area in which it would be safe to conduct such target shooting. This shall include an area in which the discharge of said firearms does not constitute a danger to persons or property.

Section 5. Enforcement. The police officers of Hilltown Township are charged with enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance and any rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Supervisors.

Section 6. Seizure Of Firearms. Any township police officer lawfully engaged in his/her law enforcement duties within the Township of Hilltown is hereby authorized to seize, for evidentiary purposes, any firearms, as defined herein, which shall be fired or discharged within the limits of the Township of Hilltown in violation of this chapter.


Section 7. Penalties. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine not more than six hundred dollars (\$600.00), and in default of payment, to imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days.


Section 8. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.


Section 9. Severability. If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors that this ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

Section 10. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS







Date of Adoption:

February 27, 1995
