

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE 2022-4

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEHIGH TOWNSHIP AMENDING CHAPTER 170 ENTITLED "WEAPONS", OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF LEHIGH TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA BY DELETING SECTION 170-2 ENTITLED "DISCHARGING WEAPONS" IN ITS ENTIRETY AND BY PROVIDING ALTERNATE GUIDELINES FOR THE DISCHARGE OF WEAPONS IN LEHIGH TOWNSHIP AND BY DELETING PROVISIONS WHICH REGULATE PRIVATE SHOOTING RANGES.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Board of Supervisors of Lehigh Township, that the Codified Ordinances of Lehigh Township shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 170-2, Discharging Weapons shall be deleted in its entirety and shall now read as follows:

- A. No person shall discharge weapons within the Township in a reckless or negligent manner.
- B. Individuals discharging weapons of any kind, whether at their own personal range or otherwise shall be solely responsible and liable in the event of damage or injury to themselves, their property, and/or the lives or property of others.
- C. It is recommended that individuals who chose to have personal shooting ranges, construct and operate them in accordance with NRA or similar standards. The Township also recommends that individuals with personal shooting ranges notify their insurance carrier of the range and obtain appropriate and necessary insurance coverage.
- D. The discharge of weapons whether at a personal shooting range or otherwise shall be in accordance with all Federal and Commonwealth Laws, including but not limited to discharging a firearm with 150 yards of an occupied third party structure and a bow and arrow within 75 yards of an occupied third party structure.
- E. Nothing in this section shall apply to individuals who are hunting within the Township when such individuals are acting in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

F. Exceptions: This chapter shall not be construed to prohibit the use of firearms by authorized United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) animal control officers and/or representatives. Further, this chapter shall not be construed or enforced to infringe upon the lawful exercise of the rights to use, transfer, own, transport or possess firearms to the extent permitted by federal laws or laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition, this chapter shall not be construed or enforced to regulate firearms to the extent regulation is prohibited. By 53 Pa.C.S.A. § 2961 and 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 6120.

SECTION 2. Section 170-4 entitled "Private Shooting Ranges" shall be deleted in their entirety as follows:

~~A. Section 170-4. Private shooting ranges. Private shooting ranges are authorized by permit, after inspection of the proposed range for proper backstop and property distances by the Chief of Police or duly authorized agent thereof.~~

SECTION 3. Severability. In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of the Ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause or part of the Ordinance, it being the intent of the Township that such remainder shall be in full force and effect.

SECTIN 4 Repealer. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby and the same repealed.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 13th day of December, 2022.

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP

ATTEST:

By: _____
Chairman

Secretary