

ORDINANCE NO. 99-7

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 AN 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:

**DISCHARGE** - the act of expelling, releasing or propelling a projectile from a firearm or other weapon.

**FIREARM** - any weapon which is designed to or may readily be converted to expel, release or propel any projectile by the action of an explosive; or the frame or receiver of any such weapon. The term 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.

**HUNTING** - to kill or catch game for food or sport, in accordance with rules, regulations and statutes of the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

**PROJECTILE** - any object designed to be expelled, released or propelled forward, such as a bullet, an arrow, pellets, etc.

**TARGET SHOOTING** - the act of discharging a firearm or other weapon at an inanimate object for purposes of sport or for practice in preparation of hunting.

**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 discharge, or to allow for the discharge of, any firearm within the Township of Hilltown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

**SECTION 6. PENALTIES**

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall be subject to summary proceedings before the District Justice and, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), and in default of payment, be sentenced to imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days. Each section of the Ordinance violated by a single discharge shall constitute a separate violation and each discharge contrary to the regulations herein shall constitute a separate act of violation.

**SECTION 7. REPEALER**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and, specifically, Hilltown Township Ordinance No. 95-1 is hereby repealed in whole.

**SECTION 8. 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 the 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 9. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

SO ENACTED and ORDAINED this 23<sup>RD</sup> day of AUGUST, 1999.

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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