

ORDINANCE NO. 341

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF AMITY, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF AMITY BY: (1) AMENDING CHAPTER 20 ENTITLED "PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS", PART 1 ENTITLED "PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS", SECTION 20-121 ENTITLED "HUNTING", TO ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR HUNTING ON MONOCACY HILL AND SCHUYLKILL RIVER TRACT PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP, INCLUDING DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS, LIMITATIONS ON TIMES OF YEAR HUNTING IS PERMITTED, LIMITING HUNTING TO TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS AND LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Amity, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. §20-121 entitled "Hunting", of Part 1 entitled "Parks and Recreational Areas" of Chapter 20, entitled "Parks and Recreational Areas", of the Code of Ordinances of the Township of Amity, Berks County, Pennsylvania, is hereby amended and restated, as follows:

- (a) The discharge of all firearms is prohibited on Monocacy Hill and the Schuylkill River Tract with the exception of the following:
 - (1) Shotguns, black-powder muzzle loaders, bows and arrows, and long, recurve and compound bows, at such times as specifically set forth by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors.
- (b) All use of firearms and bows shall be in strict accordance with Pennsylvania Law, the Pennsylvania Game Commission Rules and Regulations as in effect from time to time and shall be limited to individuals with a valid and current Pennsylvania hunting license.
- (c) Discharge of all firearms and all hunting on Monocacy Hill and the Schuylkill River Tract is restricted to Amity Township residents.
- (d) A hunting permit issued by Amity Township ("Hunting Permit") is required to hunt on Monocacy Hill and the Schuylkill River Tract during the times designated by the Board of Supervisors.
- (e) Application for Hunting Permit:
 - (2) Any person desiring to obtain a Hunting Permit shall obtain, complete and submit an application at the Township Building or online.
 - (3) No fee is required for a Hunting Permit.
 - (4) Evidence of a current and valid Pennsylvania Hunting License is required to obtain a Hunting Permit.

- (5) An Applicant must be 18 years of age or older. However, a parent may obtain a Hunting Permit for a minor who must be in the adult's presence at all times while hunting on Monocacy Hill or the Schuylkill River Tract.
- (6) No hunting shall be permitted by a minor who is unaccompanied by an adult who also possesses a Hunting Permit.
- (7) Hunting Permits will be revoked, or in the future refused, to those who do not follow the Game Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or Part 3, Discharge of Firearms 14-301-305 of the Amity Township Codes.
- (8) Hunting Permits will be valid for 12 months from the date of issuance.
- (9) An Applicant shall execute an appropriate release and indemnify the Township from any and all liability as a condition of the issuance of the Hunting Permit.

SECTION 2. 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 Board of Supervisors of the Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as they are inconsistent with this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall become effective (5) days following the date of adoption.

SECTION 5. Nothing in this Ordinance or the Parks and Recreational Areas Code hereby amended shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or cause of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. The Code of Ordinances of the Township of Amity, Berks County, Pennsylvania, as amended, shall be and remain unchanged and in full force and effect except as amended, supplemented and modified by this Ordinance. This Ordinance shall become a part of the Code of Ordinances of the Township of Amity, Berks County, Pennsylvania, as amended, upon adoption.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 21st day of August, 2024.

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