

AMITY TOWNSHIP  
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. # 347

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF AMITY TOWNSHIP AMENDING AND RESTATING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 121 ENTITLED "HUNTING" OF PART 1 ENTITLED "PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS" OF CHAPTER XX ENTITLED "PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS" OF THE TOWNSHIP OF AMITY CODE OF ORDINANCES ELIMINATING THE SCHUYLKILL RIVER TRACT AS AN AREA FOR HUNTING; AMENDING AND RESTATING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 131 ENTITLED "PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS" OF PART 1 ENTITLED "PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS" OF CHAPTER XX ENTITLED "PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS" TO INCLUDE THE OPTION TO BAN INDIVIDUALS VIOLATING PROVISIONS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREA RULES AND ADDING RESTITUTION TO THE AMOUNT PAYABLE FOR VIOLATIONS; AND AMENDING AND RESTATING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 207 ENTITLED "PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS" OF PART 2 ENTITLED "SKATEBOARD PARKS" OF CHAPTER XX ENTITLED "PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS" OF THE TOWNSHIP OF AMITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE THE OPTION TO BAN INDIVIDUALS VIOLATING PROVISIONS OF THE SKATEBOARD PARK RULES AND ADDING RESTITUTION TO THE AMOUNT PAYABLE FOR VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS, the Township of Amity wishes to remove the Schuylkill River Tract as an area for hunting; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Amity wishes to include restitution for penalties and the option to ban individuals for violations of the rules established for the Township's parks and recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Amity wishes to include restitution for penalties and the option to ban individuals for violations of the rules established for the Township's skateboard parks.

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. Section 121 entitled "Hunting" of Part 1 entitled "Parks and Recreational Areas" of Chapter XX, entitled "Parks and Recreational Areas", of the Township of Amity Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

**"§20-121. Hunting.**

Hunting on park grounds is allowed only on Monocacy Hill, and only in compliance with the regulations and stipulations as set forth in the statutes commonly known as the "Game Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," Part 3, entitled "Discharge of Firearms," of Chapter 14, entitled "Health and Safety," of the Township of Amity Code of Ordinances (commonly known as the "Township's Gun Ordinance"), and the regulations set forth herein and only a lawful distance from area picnic grounds, publicly occupied parks and houses. Additionally, the following regulations shall apply:

- (a) The discharge of all firearms is prohibited on Monocacy Hill 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 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 is restricted to Amity Township residents.
- (d) A hunting permit issued by Amity Township ("hunting permit") is required to hunt on Monocacy Hill during the times designated by the Board of Supervisors.
- (e) Application for Hunting Permit:
  - (1) Any person desiring to obtain a hunting permit shall obtain, complete and submit an application at the Township Building or online.
  - (2) No fee is required for a hunting permit.

“§20-207. Penalties for Violations.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Part shall, upon conviction of the same, be liable to a penalty of not more than \$600 plus restitution for each and every offense as may be determined by appropriate proceedings initiated before a District Justice authorized to hear summary proceedings. The Township may elect to ban any person from a Township Park, should a violation of any of the provisions of this Part occur. The Chief of Police will notify any such violator via a certified letter of such trespass, which shall not exceed two (2) years.”

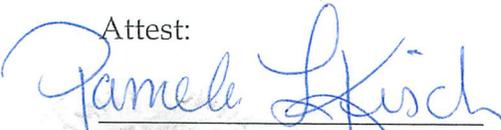
SECTION 4. Any and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after enactment in accordance with the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code.

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

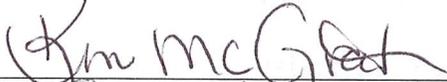
DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED into law this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Amity, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Attest:

  
Pamela L. Kisch, Secretary

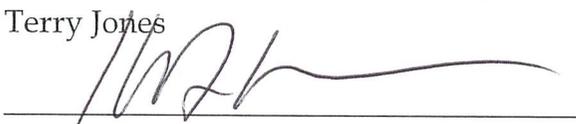
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- (3) Evidence of a current and valid Pennsylvania hunting license is required to obtain a hunting permit.
- (4) An applicant must be 18 years of age or older. However, a parent may obtain a hunting permit for a minor who must be in the adult's presence at all times while hunting on Monocacy Hill.
- (5) No hunting shall be permitted by a minor who is unaccompanied by an adult who also possesses a hunting permit.
- (6) 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 through 14-305 of the Amity Township Codes.<sup>1</sup>
- (7) Hunting permits will be valid for 12 months from the date of issuance.
- (8) 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. Section 131 entitled "Penalties for Violations" of Part 1 entitled "Parks and Recreational Areas" of Chapter XX, entitled "Parks and Recreational Areas", of the Township of Amity Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

**"§20-131. Penalties for Violations.**

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Part shall, upon conviction of the same, be liable to a penalty of not more than \$600 plus restitution for each and every offense as may be determined by appropriate proceedings initiated before a District Justice authorized to hear summary proceedings. The Township may elect to ban any person from a Township Park, should a violation of any of the provisions of this Part occur. The Chief of Police will notify any such violator via a certified letter of such trespass, which shall not exceed two (2) years."

SECTION 3. Section 207 entitled "Penalties for Violations of Part 2 entitled "Skateboard Parks" of Chapter XX entitled "Parks and Recreational Areas", of the Township of Amity Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION

I, Pam Kisch, Secretary of the TOWNSHIP OF AMITY, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 347 was advertised in the *Reading Eagle*, a daily newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Amity, on September, 2025, and was duly enacted and approved as set forth at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on September 17, 2025.



Pam Kisch  
Pam Kisch, Secretary

Date: September 17, 2025