

AMITY TOWNSHIP
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 355

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF AMITY, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 20 PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS, PART 121 HUNTING OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF AMITY TO PERMIT HUNTING ON MONOCACY HILL BY PERSONS WHO ARE NOT RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP AND TO IMPOSE CONDITIONS UPON SUCH PERMISSION

BE IT ACTED 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. Chapter 20 Parks and Recreational Areas, Part 121 Hunting of the Code of Ordinances of the Township of Amity, Berks County, Pennsylvania is hereby amended and restated as follows:

§ 20-121. Hunting.

Hunting on park grounds is allowed only on Monocacy Hill and 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. All hunting shall occur in 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, except as provided for in Section 20-121(e) below.
- (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) Non-Resident Hunting. A person who is not a Township resident may hunt on Monocacy Hill with a valid, current non-resident hunting permit issued in accordance with Section 20-121(f) and conditioned upon completion of eight (8) hours of volunteer work within the Monocacy Hill Recreation Area per year. Volunteer work must be coordinated with the Monocacy Hill Conservation Association and/or the Township of Amity as directed. Failure to complete volunteer hours shall result in the loss of future hunting permits.
- (f) 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.
 - (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.
 - (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. 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 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after enactment.

SECTION 4. That nothing in this Ordinance, the Uniform Construction Code, or the Property Maintenance Code hereby adopted 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 5. 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 October, 2026.

TOWNSHIP OF AMITY BOARD OF
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