

**UPPER SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP**

**ORDINANCE NO.**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF UPPER SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF BUCKS, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING CHAPTER 123 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER SOUTHAMPTON ENTITLED "PARKS AND RECREATION" BY AMENDING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO FIREARMS, WEAPONS AND CERTAIN EQUIPMENT.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Upper Southampton Township, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is empowered to regulate the use and enjoyment by the public of parks and recreation grounds owned and operated by the Township pursuant to the authority established in the Second Class Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Upper Southampton Township regulates park and recreation grounds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors has determined that it is in the best interests of the health, safety and general welfare of the residents and visitors to amend regulations pertaining to firearms, weapons and certain equipment.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of Supervisors of Upper Southampton Township, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania does hereby ordain and enact the following:

**Section 1.** Section 123-4. J. of Chapter 123 of the Code of the Township of Upper Southampton is hereby deleted. In place of said deleted Section, the following Section 123-4. J. shall be inserted:

Section 123-4. J. Firearms, Weapons and Equipment

1. The recreational use of any firearm including but not necessarily limited to hunting and target practice and the cleaning and maintenance of any firearm is prohibited in all park and recreation areas. Firearm is defined as any handgun, shotgun, rifle or any other firearm regulated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
2. Air rifles, air pistols and bows and arrows are not permitted in any park and recreation area.
3. Hatchets, axes, and saws are not permitted in any park and recreation area. This subsection shall not apply to persons that maintain the park and recreation areas at the direction of the Township.

**Section 2.** All other regulations, provisions, parts, paragraphs, sections, subsections, clauses, sentences or portions thereof of the Code of the Township of Upper Southampton shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

**Section 3.** The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any section, clause, sentence, part or provision thereof shall be held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decisions of the court shall not impair any of the remaining sections, clauses, sentences, parts or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Southampton and that this Ordinance would have been enacted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, clause, sentence, part of provisions had not been included herein.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall be come effective five (5) days after adoption by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Southampton Township.

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Southampton Township on this    day of    , 2011.

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UPPER SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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ATTEST:

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Walter C. Stevens, Secretary/Treasurer