

Chapter 93 FIREARMS

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Upper Southampton 1-21-1986 as Ch. 6, Part 2, of the 1986 Code. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Arrest — See Ch. 48.

Disorderly conduct — See Ch. 81.

§ 93-1. Discharge of firearms prohibited.

Except in necessary defense of person and property and except as provided in § 93-3 of this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person to use, fire, or discharge any gun or other firearm within the township.

§ 93-2. Use of air rifles, bow and arrows, or similar devices restricted.

It shall be unlawful for an person to discharge any air rifle, air pistol, spring gun, spring pistol, B-B gun, bow and arrow, or similar device, or any implement that is not a firearm but which impels a pellet of any kind with a force that can reasonably be expected to cause bodily harm, at any place within the township, except as provided in § 93-3 of this chapter, and except on a target range which is properly constructed to trap or stop the projectile as ascertained by the Chief of Police.

§ 93-3. Exceptions.

This chapter shall not apply to:

- A. Persons licensed to hunt in this commonwealth while actually engaged in hunting where permitted under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;
- B. Members of any organization incorporated under laws of this commonwealth engaged in target shooting upon the grounds or property belonging to or under the control of such organization; and
- C. Any law enforcement officers when used in the discharge of their official duties.

§ 93-4. Violations and penalties. [Amended 6-7-1988 by Ord. No. 256¹]

Any person who violates or permits a violation of this chapter, shall, upon conviction in a summary proceeding brought before a District Justice under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, be guilty of a summary offense and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, plus costs of prosecution. In default of payment thereof, the defendant may be sentenced to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days. Each day or portion thereof that such violation continues or is permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense, and each section of this chapter that is violated shall also constitute a separate offense.

¹ Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I).