

## **Part 6, Use of Firearms**

### **§601. Discharge of Firearms Prohibited.**

Except in necessary defense of person and property and except as provided in §603 of this Part, it shall be unlawful for any person to use, fire, or discharge any gun or other firearm within the Township of Smith. (Ord. 1985-2, 8/12/1985)

### **§602. Use of Air Rifles, Bow and Arrows, or Similar Devices Restricted.**

It shall be unlawful for any 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 of Smith, except as provided in §603 of this Part, and except on a target range which is properly constructed to trap or stop the projectile as ascertained by the Chief of Police. (Ord. 1985-2, 8/12/1985)

### **§603. Exceptions.**

This Part shall not apply to:

1. persons licensed to hunt in this Commonwealth while actually engaged in hunting where permitted under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;
2. 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
3. any law enforcement officers when used in the discharge of their official duties.

(Ord. 1985-2, 8/12/1985)

### **§604. Penalties.**

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a district justice in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed ninety (90) days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense. (Ord. 1985-2, 8/12/1985; as amended by Ord. 97-5, 11/19/1997)