

PART 6

Use of Firearms

§ 601. Discharge of Firearms Prohibited. [Ord. 1985-2, 8/12/1985]

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.

§ 602. Use of Air Rifles, Bow and Arrows, or Similar Devices Restricted. [Ord. 1985-2, 8/12/1985]

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.

§ 603. Exceptions. [Ord. 1985-2, 8/12/1985]

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.

§ 604. Penalties. [Ord. 1985-2, 8/12/1985; as amended by Ord. 97-5, 11/19/1997]

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 \$1,000.00 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 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.