

Chapter 59

FIREARMS, HUNTING AND TRAPPING

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GENERAL REFERENCES

Definitions and rules of interpretation - See Ch. 3.

ARTICLE I

Firearms and Air Guns

[Adopted 10-1-56 as Ord. No. 62]

- § 59.1. **Definitions.**

The following words and phrases, when used in this Article shall have the meaning ascribed in this section, unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

AIR GUN - Any gun which uses air under pressure from pumping or other means to discharge missiles at a muzzle velocity in excess of two hundred (200) feet per second.

FIREARM - Any pistol, revolver, rifle or shotgun which discharges a bullet, cartridge, shell, shot or other missile propelled by the burning or explosion of gun powder.

TOY AIR GUN - An air gun which does not contain air under high pressure from pumping or other means but which derives its force from a spring which is set by a simple cocking operation and discharges missiles through a smooth barrel at a muzzle velocity of less than two hundred (200) feet per second.

§ 59.2. Discharge of firearms and air guns restricted.

59.2.1. No firearm or air gun, as defined in this Article, shall be fired or discharged anywhere within the limits of the Township, except by those persons and in those circumstances permitted by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and of the United States. [Amended 8-2-76 by Ord. No. 632]

59.2.2. No toy air gun, as defined in this Article, shall be fired or discharged within the limits of Upper St. Clair Township.

§ 59.3. Parents of violating minors subject to penalties.

Any parent of a child who has not reached his or her 18th birthday, who knowingly permits such child to violate the provisions of this Article, shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalties hereinafter provided.

§ 59.4. Violations and penalties. [Amended 8-2-76 by Ord. No. 632; 10-6-97 by Ord. No. 1751]

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Article shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 5, Enforcement of Ordinances; Penalties, and/or removal from the property.

ARTICLE II
Hunting and Trapping
[Adopted 10-1-56 as Ord. No. 61]

§ 59.5. Hunting and trapping regulated. [Amended 8-2-76 by Ord. No. 632; 2-7-83 by Ord. No. 1021; Amended 4-5-93 by Ord. No. 1580; 9-8-98 by Ord. No. 1780]

No person shall engage in hunting and trapping except in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States. No person shall engage in hunting and trapping of any type of animal or game on property owned or leased by the Township except by special permit for hunting only authorized by the Township Manager. The boundaries of Township property shall be posted by appropriate signs specifying that hunting and trapping is prohibited.

§ 59.6. Violations and penalties. [Amended 8-2-76 by Ord. No. 632; 10-6-97 by Ord. No. 1751]

Any person who violates the terms of this Article shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 5, Enforcement of Ordinances; Penalties, and/or removal from the property.