

ORDINANCE NO. 2015- 694
WEST NORRITON TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WEST NORRITON TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 13, "LICENSE, PERMITS AND GENERAL BUSINESS REGULATIONS", PART 8, "FIREARM PERMIT APPLICATIONS", § 801, AND CHAPTER 6, "CONDUCT", PART 2, "UNREGULATED DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS PROHIBITED", §§ 201, 203.

WHEREAS, West Norriton Township (the "Township"), pursuant to the First Class Township Code, 53 P.S. § 55101, *et seq.*, is authorized to make and adopt Ordinances that are consistent with the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth that it deems necessary for the proper management and control of the Township and welfare of the Township and its citizens;

WHEREAS, the Township deems it in the best interest and general welfare of the citizens and residents of the Township to amend the West Norriton Township Code, Chapter 13, Part 8, § 801; and Chapter 6, Part 2, §§ 201, 203;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of West Norriton Township has met the procedural requirements of the First Class Township Code and the Municipalities Planning Code, 53 P.S. § 10101, *et seq.*, for the adoption of the proposed ordinance, including holding a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Township, after due consideration of the proposed ordinance at a duly advertised public meeting, has determined that the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of West Norriton Township will be served by the amendments to Chapter 13, Part 8, § 801 and Chapter 6, Part 2, §§ 201, 203.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of West Norriton Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of same as follows:

I. AMENDMENT. Chapter 13, License, Permits and General Business Regulations, Part 8, Firearm Permit Applications, Section 801 is hereby amended as follows:

§ 801. Background Checks for Applications for Licenses to Carry Firearms.

The Township is required to conduct a background check of any person applying to Montgomery County for a license to carry firearms.

II. AMENDMENT. Chapter 6, Conduct, Part 2, Unregulated Discharge of Firearms Prohibited is hereby renamed as follows:

PART 2. UNREGULATED DISCHARGE PROHIBITED

III. AMENDMENT. Chapter 6, Conduct, Part 2, Unregulated Discharge of Firearms Prohibited, Section 201 is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

Section 201. Unregulated Discharge Prohibited.

No person shall discharge, or cause or permit to be discharged on any premises over which such person has dominion or control, any weapon, device or mechanism which propels a projectile with force including but not limited to air guns and bow and arrows (but not including firearms as defined in 18 P.S. § 5515), in or over any public highway or place in West Norriton Township, or in or over any private place in West Norriton Township.

IV. AMENDMENT. Chapter 6, Conduct, Part 2, Unregulated Discharge of Firearms Prohibited, Section 203 is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

Section 203. Declaration as Nuisance.

The discharge, the causing to be discharged, or the permitting to be discharged of any weapon, device or mechanism which propels a projectile with force including but not limited to air guns and bow and arrows (but not including firearms as defined in 18 P.S. § 5515) contrary to the provisions of § 201 and § 202 of this Part 2 are hereby declared to be public or common nuisances dangerous to life, limb and property and may be summarily abated by any police officer of West Norriton Township by confiscating the same and removing it to police headquarters in the Township Building. Such abatement may be in addition to fines and penalties hereafter provided for.

V. REPEALER

All ordinances or parts of ordinances that are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed, it being understood and intended that all ordinances and the First Class Township Code, such as are not otherwise specifically in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance, shall remain in full force and effect, the same being reaffirmed hereby.

VI. REVISIONS

The Board of Commissioners of West Norriton Township does hereby reserve the right, from time to time, to adopt modifications of, supplements to, or amendments of this Ordinance, including this provision.

VII. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional, by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provisions shall be separate, distinct and independent, and such holding shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

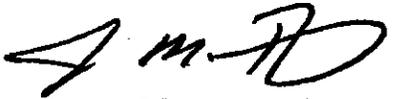
VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after date of adoption.

Approved by the Board of Commissioners of West Norriton Township, this 14th day of July, 2015.

Attest:

**WEST NORRITON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



JASON BOBST, Secretary



RALPH PANZULLO, President