

ORDINANCE NO. 562

EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP,  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

**AN ORDINANCE OF EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, REPEALING CHAPTER 97, FIREARMS AND HUNTING, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 139, PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, OF THE EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP CODE, TO REMOVE CERTAIN REGULATION OF THE POSSESSION AND DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS; REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND CONTAINING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the East Norriton Township Code of Ordinances provides for certain regulation of hunting and the use of firearms within Township limits, and provides for the regulation of the discharge and possession of firearms in parks and recreation areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act*, 18 Pa. C.S.A. § 6101 *et seq.*, at Section 6120 preempts the Township from regulating the ownership, possession, transfer or transportation of firearms; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the recent amendments to the *Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act*, which grant an expansive right of legal standing to individuals and membership organizations to challenge a local gun control ordinance, and which provide further for exorbitant damages that can be shifted to the Township if unsuccessful in defending its ordinance, the Supervisors have determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to remove any regulation of firearms;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, by the Board of Supervisors that Chapter 97, Firearms and Hunting, and Chapter 139, Parks and Recreation Areas, of the Code of East Norriton Township, be and hereby are amended as follows:

I. Chapter 97 of the Code entitled "Firearms and Hunting" is hereby repealed in its entirety, and shall be labeled "Intentionally Left Blank".

II. Chapter 139 of the Code entitled "Parks and Recreation Areas" is hereby amended as follows:

A. **Section 139-2.3.G., Prohibited Activities**, is hereby deleted in its entirety, and shall be labeled "Intentionally Left Blank".

III. **REPEALER**

Any and all terms, conditions, and provisions of any Ordinance or Resolution of East Norriton Township in conflict with the terms, conditions and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**IV. SEVERABILITY**

It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that if a court of competent jurisdiction declares any provision to be invalid or ineffective in whole or in part, the effect of such decision shall be limited to those provisions which are expressly stated in the decision to be invalid or ineffective, and all other provisions shall continue to be separately and fully effective.

**V. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township.

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of East Norriton, Montgomery County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.



ATTEST:

**EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Harris A. Dainoff, Chairman

Donald D. Delamater, Secretary

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