

Hunting Ordinance, Requirements for Hunting

We do not have a HUNTING MAP showing locations in which you are permitted to hunt in Washington Township. Use this ordinance to determine if you meet the requirements and are able to hunt on property within Washington Township.

72.000 - DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS ORDINANCE

Sec. 2: The following words, terms and phrases when used in this Ordinance shall have the meaning described to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- A. *Firearm* means any weapon or device from which is propelled, by means of explosives, compressed air or gas, springs, levers, or other mechanical devices, any missile, projectile, bullet, shot, pellet or slug.
- B. *Private Shooting Range* means any area of land, building, structure, or portion thereof kept, used or maintained, in whole or in part, for the shooting or discharge of firearms and/or weapons which is not held out for use by the general public.
- C. *Public Shooting Range* means any area of land, building, structure, or portion thereof kept, used or maintained, in whole or in part, for the shooting or discharge of firearms and/or weapons which is held out for use by the general public.
- D. *Weapon* means any device from which it is, or appears to be, capable of discharging or propelling any projectile, arrow, missile, knife, spear, bullet, shot, pellet or slug.

Sec. 3: In all parts of the Township, it shall be prohibited to either discharge or attempt to discharge a firearm within 450 feet of an occupied building, dwelling, residential structure, cabin, house, or any barn or other building used in connection with a farm operation, without obtaining the written permission of the owner, renter, or occupant of the property, except in the following circumstances:

- A. Discharge or use of firearm in lawful self-defense or in lawful defense of another person.
- B. Law enforcement officers and military personnel while in pursuance of official duties.
- C. Pursuant to posted regulations and procedures at either a public or private shooting range located on private property.
- D. Discharge of a firearm while within an enclosed building into a bullet trap adequate to stop and contain the discharge and which bullet trap is constructed and utilized in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.