

**TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE

No. **22-033**

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DATE TO MAYOR _____

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TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

TITLE

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 270, HUNTING AND FIREARMS

Be It Ordained by the Council of the Township of Hamilton, in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, that the *Code of the Township of Hamilton, New Jersey, Chapter 270, Hunting and Firearms*, as amended and supplemented, be further amended and supplemented as follows:

Chapter 270

HUNTING AND FIREARMS

§ 270-1. Discharge of firearms; hunting.

Except as noted in Subsection D:

- A. No person shall, within the territorial limits of the Township, hunt, attempt to hunt, cast an arrow or discharge firearms of any type, including rifles, shotguns, pistols, air guns and BB guns, at any time.
- B. At no time shall hunting of any kind be permitted on Township-owned or leased property.
- C. No person shall cast an arrow or discharge any firearm upon or across any state, county or Township road or highway.
- D. No person except the owner or lessee of the property, or persons specifically authorized by the owner in writing, shall hunt, cast an arrow, discharge a firearm or have in his possession a nocked arrow or loaded gun while within the safety zone established pursuant to state law.

§ 270-2. Exceptions to firearms restrictions.

- A. Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit the use of firearms for the protection of life, persons or property.
- B. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any archery, pistol, shotgun or rifle range equipped with proper safeguards for the protection of life and property, or operated by any club under the control and supervision of the duly constituted officers of such club, and the duly authorized Hamilton Township Police Division pistol range.

§ 270-3. Prohibition of firearms on municipal property.

- A. No person, subject to exemptions in § 270-3(B) below, is permitted to carry a firearm into municipal property, including but not limited to: municipal buildings, municipal-leased facilities, firehouses, libraries, and the senior center. Nothing in this section supersedes any additional prohibitions from federal, state or county authorities.
- B. Exemptions from the prohibition from carrying firearms. This subsection shall not apply to

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persons who are active or retired law enforcement officers, persons who are active duty military and licensed employees of private detective agencies, armored car companies and private security companies.

§ 270-[3]4. Violations and penalties.

Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to the penalties provided for in § 1-2, Violations; penalties, of this Code.

Any Ordinance or Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PRESIDENT

MUNICIPAL CLERK

RECORD OF VOTE													
First Reading							Second Reading						
COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	ORD	SEC	COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	ORD	SEC
ANTHONY P. CARABELLI, JR.	✓					✓	ANTHONY P. CARABELLI, JR.						
PASQUALE "PAT" PAPERIO, JR.	✓						PASQUALE "PAT" PAPERIO, JR.						
RICHARD L. TIGHE, JR.	✓				✓		RICHARD L. TIGHE, JR.						
CHARLES F. WHALEN	✓						CHARLES F. WHALEN						
NANCY PHILLIPS	✓						NANCY PHILLIPS						

X - Indicates Vote A.B. - Absent N.V. - Not Voting ORD. - Moved SEC. - Seconded

REJECTED _____

JEFFREY S. MARTIN, MAYOR

DATE

APPROVED _____

RECONSIDERED BY COUNCIL _____

OVERRIDE VOTE

AYE _____

NAY _____

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