

ORDINANCE #12

May 6, 1961

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Be it Enacted and Ordained by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Amity, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful and shall constitute disorderly conduct for any person:

- (a) To engage in fighting, or to incite others to fight or to engage in any unlawful act tending to imperil the personal security of any person or to endanger or injure property within the Township of Amity.
- (b) To use loud, boisterous, profane, blasphemous, indecent or immoral language upon or near any of the public highways or public places or in a manner so as to annoy residents in the neighborhood, or to make any unseemly noise or disturbance to the annoyance of the residents nearby.
- (c) To commit any act of lewdness or public indecency of exposure of person or to become intoxicated.
- (d) To loaf, loiter or stand upon any of the sidewalks, roads, or other public highways or places so as to interfere with the free and full passage of residents or travelers.
- (e) To set up, maintain, open, operate or conduct any gambling place, or any immoral show, entertainment or exhibition, unlawful drinking place, resort or house of prostitution, or to participate in the operation of any of the same, or to be a patron thereof.
- (f) To set up, maintain or possess any device which is or can be used for purposes of gambling.
- (g) To carry concealed any deadly weapon, unless authorized by law, or to discharge any gun, whether the propelling force is compressed air or explosion, or firearms, unless in defense of person, and/or property, except when such gun is being carried and discharged by a person or persons who is and are duly licensed under the gun laws, or any other laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and further provided that this provision shall not apply to a person or persons discharging firearms at a trap shoot or shooting range which is located at a reasonably safe place.

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- (h) To throw on, from or unto any highway, any stones, snowballs or other material or to raise any false alarm of fire.
- (i) To interfere with any member of the Police Department of Amity Township, or any other police officer in the performance of their duties, resist arrest, or fail to render assistance to any police officer when called upon by him.
- (j) To tamper with, destroy or otherwise interfere with any lights, guardrails, signs or other property or materials placed in public places by any officials or agents of the Township of Amity or of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or municipal subdivision thereof.

**Section 2.** Any gun which uses compressed air or a spring as the propelling force for a pellet and when being used or carried in violation of any provision or section of this ordinance may be seized, confiscated and retained by any duly authorized police officer of the Township of Amity or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and, after being so seized, confiscated or retained shall be held for a period of ten (10) days; in the event that no cause is shown within the ten (10) day period why the said gun should be returned, it shall thereupon be destroyed.

**Section 3.** Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be liable on conviction before any Justice of the Peace of the County of Berks at a summary proceeding to a fine or penalty not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) and costs for each and every offense or, in default of payment of such fine and costs, shall be duly imprisoned in the Berks County Prison for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.

**Section 4.** If any section or part of any section of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any other part of this ordinance; it is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this ordinance would have been enacted had such invalid Section or portion of a Section not have been included herein.

**Section 5.** All other ordinances, or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed insofar as such inconsistency may exist.

Ordained and Enacted into an Ordinance this 6th of May, 1961.

Attest, Russell H. High, Sec.

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