TOWNSHIP OF NEW BRITAIN
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO.: 2015-01-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEW BRITAIN, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP CODE BY REPEALING PART 1 OF CHAPTER 6 REGARDING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND AMENDING PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING ARCHERY EQUIPMENT, DISTURBING ANIMALS, AND FIREWORKS.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has enacted Act 192 of 2014 which prohibits a county, municipality, or township to enact or enforce any ordinance, resolution, regulation, rule, practice, or other action that regulates the lawful ownership, possession, transfer, or transportation of firearms, ammunition, or ammunition components; and

WHEREAS, the Act also empowers any person adversely affected by such an ordinance, resolution, regulation, rule, practice, or other action to bring suit against said county, municipality, or township for actual damages and declaratory or injunctive relief.

NOW THEREFORE, be it, and it is hereby ENACTED and ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of New Britain, Bucks County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

ARTICLE I. Repeal of Part 1

The New Britain Township Code is hereby amended by repealing and replacing Chapter 6, Part 1, Discharge of Firearms with the following:

PART 1

RESERVED

ARTICLE II. Park Rules and Regulations

Section 16-209 of the New Britain Township Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§16-209. Archery Equipment, Disturbing Animals & Fireworks.

1. Archery equipment may only be used in special areas provided by the Township for such use.

2. Trapping, injuring, killing, or otherwise disturbing of any birds or animals in any Township park and the damaging, destroying or removal of any nest or habitat is strictly prohibited.

3. The discharge or possession of any rocket, firecracker, or other fireworks or any explosive substance within the park system is prohibited unless authorized by a permit.

ARTICLE III. Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE IV. Severability

If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than that portion specifically declared invalid.

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ARTICLE V. **Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after final enactment.

ENACTED and ***ORDAINED*** this 5 day of January, 2015.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP
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