

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER SAUCON
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER SAUCON, COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING AND REVISING CHAPTER 118, PARKS AND RECREATION, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER SAUCON TO AMEND THE REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO CARRYING FIREARMS IN TOWNSHIP OWNED RECREATION PLACES AND ON THE SAUCON RAIL TRAIL TO ALLOW THE CARRYING OF FIREARMS WHEN AUTHORIZED BY THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA; AND TO CLARIFY THAT HUNTING IS NOT PERMITTED IN TOWNSHIP OWNED RECREATION PLACES OR ON THE SAUCON RAIL TRAIL

WHEREAS, the Township of Lower Saucon is a Township of the Second Class, Optional Plan of government, located in Northampton County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lower Saucon has adopted Chapter 118 of the Code of Lower Saucon Township (hereinafter "Code") relating to parks and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lower Saucon desires to amend Chapter 118, Parks and Recreation, at Sections 118-3(J) and 118-3.1(L), to provide for the lawful carrying of firearms in Township owned Recreation Places and on the Saucon Rail Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lower Saucon desires to amend Chapter 118, Parks and Recreation, at Sections 118-3 and 118-3.1 to clarify that hunting is not permitted in Township owned Recreation Places or on the Saucon Rail Trail; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this Ordinance is intended to promote the health, safety, comfort, convenience, and general welfare of the citizens of Lower Saucon Township.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the Township of Lower Saucon, County of Northampton, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as follows:

SECTION 1. Whereas Clauses

The foregoing Whereas clauses are incorporated herein as if the same were fully set forth again at length.

SECTION 2. Amendment to Chapter 118 (Parks and Recreation), Section 118-3 (Prohibited Acts)

- a.** Chapter 118, Parks and Recreation, at §118-3(J) of the Code of the Township of Lower Saucon is hereby amended by adding the words "in a manner not authorized by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania" to the end of the sentence contained therein.

- b. Chapter 118, Parks and Recreation, is hereby amended by adding an additional subsection at §118-3(Z) as follows:

- Z. Hunting or trapping animals of any kind.

SECTION 3. Amendment to Chapter 118 (Parks and Recreation), Section 118-3.1 (Saucon Rail Trail Prohibited Acts)

- a. Chapter 118, Parks and Recreation, at §118-3.1(L) of the Code of the Township of Lower Saucon is hereby amended by adding the words “in a manner not authorized by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania” to the end of the sentence contained therein.
- b. Chapter 118, Parks and Recreation, is hereby amended by adding an additional subsection at §118-3.1(BB) as follows:

- BB. Hunting or trapping animals of any kind is not permitted on the Saucon Rail Trail.

SECTION 4. Severability

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any sentence, clause, or Section of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid; such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as a legislative intent that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional illegal or invalid provision not been included herein.

SECTION 5. Repealer

All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after adoption thereof.

ENACTED and **ORDAINED** this 19th day of June, 2013.

ATTEST

LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP

Jack Cahalan
Township Manager

Glenn C. Kern
Council President