

**Chapter 86**  
**FIREARMS**

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**§ 86-1. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, the following term shall have the meaning indicated:

FIREARMS — Includes air guns, air pistols, spring guns or pistols, shot guns, rifles, pistols, revolvers, automatic or semiautomatic pistols and/or any handgun of any caliber.

**§ 86-2. Discharge prohibited.**

Except as herein provided it shall be unlawful to fire or discharge any firearm within the Township of Pennsbury.

**§ 86-3. Exceptions.**

Exceptions to the prohibition against discharge of firearms within Pennsbury Township are as follows:

- A. The use of firearms is permitted when employed by any duly appointed law officer in the course of his or her official duty.
- B. The use of firearms is permitted when necessary for the preservation of human life, as authorized in the Pennsylvania Crimes Code.
- C. The use of firearms is permitted when hunting in conformity with the game laws and other applicable laws, regulations and ordinances of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and this township, provided that any person hunting upon the land of another shall have written permission of the landowner or lessee of the property and shall have the written permission upon his or her person. Written permission shall be signed by the owner or lessee, shall clearly and legibly state the name and address of the person by whom the permission has been granted and shall be dated and shall be valid only for that period as appears on the face of the permittee's then-current state hunting license.
- D. The use of firearms in conformance with the laws and statutes of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is permitted when utilized by the owner or tenant on his or her own land or

by invited guests of the owner or tenant of land when such use takes place in the presence of the owner or tenant or with the written permission of the owner or tenant.

**§ 86-4. Reckless or improper use prohibited.**

The careless, reckless or improper use of any firearm tending to imperil or cause danger or harm to personal security or endanger the property of any person within the Township of Pennsbury is prohibited.

**§ 86-5. Violations and penalties.<sup>1</sup>**

Any person who violates or permits a violation of this chapter shall, upon conviction in a summary proceeding brought before a District Justice under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, be guilty of a summary offense and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, plus costs of prosecution. In default of payment thereof, the defendant may be sentenced to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days. Each day or portion thereof that such violation continues or is permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense, and each section of this chapter that is violated shall also constitute a separate offense.

**§ 86-6. Posting of signs.**

Legible signs giving public notice of the provisions of this chapter shall be posted at or near the public highways at the boundaries of Pennsbury Township.

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<sup>1</sup> Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I).