

ORDINANCE NO. XL

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING
OUTDOOR SHOOTING RANGES

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Cascade, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained as follows:

SECTION 1. Definitions:

(a) Shooting Range - shall include all outdoor private, semi-public, semi-commercial and commercial outdoor ranges for which memberships are sold or for which a fee is charged or gratuity accepted either directly or indirectly including both smallbore and high power rifle ranges, excepting, however, any hunting club having a shooting range entirely on land owned or leased by the hunting club.

(b) Person - shall include any individual, partnership, association, firm and corporation.

(c) Township - shall mean the Township of Cascade, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

(d) Supervisors - shall mean the Supervisors of Cascade Township.

SECTION 2. Applicability: Every individual who shall own and/or operate a shooting range shall do so in accordance with the standards and requirements of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Location: Every shooting range shall be located so that no inhabited buildings are located within 150 yards of the firing positions or within the Danger Area.

SECTION 4. Direction of Fire: Wherever possible the direction of fire shall be due north or within 20 degrees of due north.

SECTION 5. Danger Area: The Danger Area shall be comprised of:

(a) Target Area - that area included within an arc extending from thirty (30) degrees left to thirty (30) degrees right of a direct line between the firing positions and the targets and shall extend from the firing positions to the target line.

(b) Ricochet Zone - that area extending from the limits of the target area a distance of 450 yards to a point ten (10) degrees left to ten (10) degrees right of an extension of a direct line between the firing positions and the targets.

SECTION 6. Habitation Down Range - no range shall be permitted where there is existing habitation downrange within 2 1/2 miles of the firing line unless protected by natural or artificial backstops as hereinafter set forth.

SECTION 7. Backstops - there shall be located at least 25 yards behind the target line a natural or artificial backstop which shall be thirty (30) feet high or extend to a height which is determined by the intersection of a vertical line at the backstop location at a grade elevation of 5% above the existing grade between the firing line and the targets, whichever is the greater height. The backstop shall extend to the left and right of the target area a distance at least equal to the required height of the backstop. The grade of the backstop shall be no steeper than one (1) foot in vertical rise to 1 1/2 feet in horizontal distance. The face of the backstop shall be free of rocks and gravel and shall be stabilized with vegetative growth. Artificial backstops shall be of a design approved by the

National Rifle Association. An Eyebrow Ricochet Catcher may be required by the Supervisors and if required shall be in accordance with accepted design standards of the National Rifle Association.

SECTION 8. Signs - signs shall be posted every one hundred (100) feet around the perimeter of the shooting range including the ricochet zone warning persons of the existence of the shooting range.

SECTION 9. Fencing - any portion of the rifle range that adjoins a public right-of-way shall be enclosed by a fence adequate to prevent small children from wandering onto the range.

SECTION 10. Public Right-Of-Way - no range shall be permitted if a public right-of-way is included within the danger zone unless the range is so constructed and the use of it restricted so as to prevent any individual from shooting across the public right-of-way if the flight of the bullet could be less than thirty (30) feet above the surface of the right-of-way.

SECTION 11. Metal Targets and Bullet Stops - metal targets and bullet stops shall not be permitted.

SECTION 12. Metal Target Forms - metal target forms shall not be permitted.

SECTION 13. Approval of Plans - prior to the construction, renovation or expansion of a shooting range, site plans prepared by an architect or professional engineer shall be submitted to the Supervisors for approval. The Supervisors shall within 45 days of submission of the plans give written notice to the applicant of their decision. If the plan is not approved, the reasons for its denial shall be set forth in writing.

SECTION 14. Enforcement - any person shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$100.00 no more than \$300.00, and the costs of prosecution, and in default of payment thereof to imprisonment for not less than 10 days nor more than 30 days. Provided: each day's violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 15. Severability - the provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable, and if any provisions thereof shall be held to unconstitutional, invalid or illegal by any court or competent jurisdiction such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as legislative intent that this Ordinance would have been enacted had such unconstitutional, invalid or illegal provisions not been included therein.

SECTION 16. Repealer - All Ordinances or part of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED into an Ordinance this 13 day of August, 1977.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF CASCADE

BY: C. LaMan

Chairman

ATTEST:

Kay R. Keller
Secretary