DICKINSON TOWNSHIP
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2027-01

AN ORDINANCE OF DICKINSON TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 205 – "ZONING" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DICKINSON TO AMEND SECTION 205-109, ENTITLED "OUTDOOR SHOOTING RANGES (PUBLIC AND PRIVATE)" TO REVISE THE PERMITTED ZONING DISTRICTS FOR PUBLIC OUTDOOR SHOOTING RANGES AND CORRECT AN INTERNAL ORDINANCE REFERENCE.

WHEREAS, the Dickinson Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania (the "Township"), is a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Township, as a governing body, is empowered to amend its Zoning Ordinance pursuant to the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, 53 P.S. § 10609; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Supervisors deems it in the best interest and for the general welfare of the citizens and residents of the Township to revise the zoning districts where public shooting ranges are permitted and to correct an internal reference to another ordinance provision; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 205, entitled "Zoning," of the Code of the Township of Dickinson (the "Code"), at Article IV thereof, entitled "Specific Criteria," provides for specific uses of land which are permitted, either by right, special exception, or by conditional use (collectively, the "Permitted Uses"), in each respective zoning district of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that revising the zoning districts where public outdoor shooting ranges are permitted and correcting a reference in the Zoning Ordinance from a reserved provision to the correct Ordinance provision is in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and the residents of the Township.

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Dickinson Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The above recitals are incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. The Code of the Township of Dickinson, Chapter 205, "Zoning," Article IV, "Specific Criteria," is hereby amended by deleting the ~~stricken~~ text and adding the underlined text as follows:

A. Article IV, "Specific Criteria," §205-109, "Outdoor shooting ranges (public and private)":

"B. Within the C~~,~~ and A ~~and MU Zone~~ Zones, public outdoor shooting ranges are permitted by conditional use, provided that the applicant has met his/her burden of proof that the proposed use meets all applicable regulations contained within this chapter including but not limited to those general criteria contained within **§ 205-162B** and specifically as follows (this **§ 205-109** shall not apply to any shooting range, or similar use, erected on private property for which the public is not freely allowed access and use, with or without a fee)."

"I. The applicant shall present credible evidence that the sounds of shooting comply with ~~**§ 205-30**~~ the performance standards referenced in **§ 130-4H** of this chapter;"

"K. No part of a public outdoor shooting range property shall be located with 1/4 mile of any land within ~~a~~ the BI, LDR ~~and~~ or MU Zones."

SECTION 3. Repealer. All provisions of previous Ordinances, which are contrary to this Ordinance, are expressly repealed.

SECTION 4. Savings Clause. In all other respects, the Ordinances shall remain as previously enacted and ordained.

SECTION 5. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any of its sections, clauses, or sentences shall be held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional, such provision shall not affect or impair any remaining sections, clauses, or sentences of the same.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with law.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this __ day of _____ 2027 by the Board of Supervisors of Dickinson Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

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ATTEST: **DICKINSON TOWNSHIP**

_____ By: _____
Grace Hogue, Secretary Rob Kole, Chairman

By: _____
Jen DeGaetano – Vice Chairperson

By: _____
Robert Line, III - Supervisor

(SEAL)

APPROVED this __ day of _____ 2027

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of Dickinson Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, will hold a public hearing to consider for adoption an Ordinance entitled and summarized hereinafter, at its regularly scheduled meeting to be held on January 4, 2027, at 6:00 p.m., at the Dickinson Township Municipal Building. The title of the proposed Ordinance is:

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Following the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors may vote to enact said proposed ordinance.

A summary of the proposed Ordinance is as follows:

Amending certain provisions of Chapter 205 – "Zoning" to add revise the zoning districts where public shooting ranges are permitted and to correct a reference to another ordinance provision. All other aspects of the Code of the Township of Dickinson are to remain the same, provisions of the Ordinance are severable, and certain ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are repealed.

The full text of the proposed Ordinance may be examined at the Dickinson Township Municipal Building, 219 Mountain View Road, Mt. Holly Springs, Pennsylvania 17065, during regular business hours. A copy of the proposed Ordinance has been filed with the newspaper publishing this notice and at the Dickinson Township Municipal Building.

PUBLICATION AND ADVERTISING INSTRUCTIONS

- Set date for public hearing.
- Advertise twice in the newspaper (at least one week apart with the last advertisement being at least 7 days before the public hearing and the first advertisement being no more than 30 days before the public hearing).
- Keep a copy of the proposed ordinance in the Township office for public inspection and review.
- Forward copy of proposed ordinance to the Township and County Planning Commissions for their recommendation. Provide 30 days to comment before the public hearing. Keep cover letter in the Township offices.
- Send a copy of the full proposed ordinance to the publishing newspaper when the advertising is requested. Keep cover letter in the Township offices. Maintain the proof of publication in the Township offices.
- Send an attested copy of the proposed ordinance to the Cumberland County Law Library. Keep cover letter in the Township offices.
- Within 30 days after enactment, send a copy of adopted ordinance to the County planning agency. Keep cover letter in the Township offices.