

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP,  
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP  
NOISE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REGULATIONS REGARDING  
TIME LIMITS ON FIREWORKS AND COMPLAINTS RELATED TO  
ANIMAL NOISE.**

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2018, the Board of Supervisors of East Lampeter Township adopted Ordinance No. 336, which defines and regulates noise in East Lampeter Township; and

WHEREAS, Act No. 74 of 2022, adopted by the General Assembly amending Title 3 Pa. C.S. Chapter 11 known the “Fireworks Law,” became effective on September 9, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of East Lampeter Township wishes to update the Township Noise Ordinance so as to bring it in conformance with Act 74 of 2022; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 1996, the Board of Supervisors of East Lampeter Township adopted Ordinance No. 186, which prohibits the keeping of animals making disturbing noises;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of East Lampeter Township wishes to update the Township Noise Ordinance so as to bring it in conformance with previous enforcement provision from Ordinance No. 186 related the keeping of animals making disturbing noises;

NOW THEREFORE, be and it is hereby ordained and enacted that Ordinance No. 336, adopted April 2, 2018, is amended as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 6.B.11 of Ordinance No. 336 containing specific prohibitions regarding fireworks is deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following text:

11. Fireworks. The setting off of noise making fireworks between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. the following day, unless a fireworks permit has been obtained from the Township which establishes a different time period, in which case the time period established by the permit shall control, except:

- a. On July 2, 3 and 4 and December 31, fireworks may be used until 1:00 a.m. the following day; and
- b. When July 4 falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, fireworks may be used until 1:00 a.m. on the immediately preceding and following Friday and Saturday; and
- c. Memorial Day, including the immediately preceding Saturday and Sunday; and
- d. Labor Day, including the immediately preceding Saturday and Sunday.

**Section 2.** Section 7 of Ordinance No. 336 governing enforcement is amended to add the following provision:

F. Complaints Related to Animal Noise. Whenever any person shall complain to the police department that an animal or bird which continuously and/or incessantly makes noise is being kept by any person in the Township of East Lampeter, the police department shall issue a warning to the owner of the animal or bird that a complaint has been received and that the person should take whatever steps necessary to alleviate the noise. Upon receipt of a verified complaint from at least two (2) citizens not from the same household alleging that an animal or bird continuously and/or incessantly makes noise is being kept by any person in the Township of East Lampeter, the police department shall inform the owner of such animal or bird that a complaint has been received and shall cite the owner of the animal or bird for the violation alleged in the complaint.

**Section 3.** In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any other remaining provisions, sections, sentences, clauses or parts of this ordinance; it being the intent of the Township that the remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 4.** This ordinance shall become effective as provided by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**DULY ORDAINED and ENACTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022, by  
the Board of Supervisors of East Lampeter Township.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Assistant) Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Vice) Chairman

[SEAL]

I, Ralph M. Hutchison, Secretary of the Board of Supervisors of East Lampeter Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance duly adopted at a legally constituted meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Lampeter Township held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present and voted in favor thereof.

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Ralph M. Hutchison, Secretary