

TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN

COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY

**ORDINANCE #16-16**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 9 ENTITLED “PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE” AND TITLE 12 ENTITLED “STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 9.04.040 entitled “Regulation of firearms” of Chapter 9.04 entitled “Offenses Against Public Peace” of Title 9 entitled “Public Peace, Morals and Welfare” of *The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Raritan* is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 9.04.040 Regulation of [firearms] weapons.**

A. No person shall shoot any device at, [or] into or upon any street, sidewalk, curb, alley, highway, park or other public place, quasi-public place or place to which the public is invited, or into any car[,] or vehicle, or into or upon private property not his or her own without the express consent of the owner of such private property, except as allowed by Section 12.48.030 in accordance with the Township of Raritan Wildlife Management Program to be adopted by Resolution of the Raritan Township Committee, as such Resolution may be amended from time to time.

B. For the purposes of this Section, “Device” shall mean firearms of any description in which loaded or blank cartridges may be used, as well as air guns, spring guns, bows, slings or any other form of weapon potentially dangerous to wildlife or human safety.

**Section 2.** Section 12.48.020 entitled “Hours of Operation” of Chapter 12.48 entitled “Open Space and Recreation Areas” of Title 12 entitled “Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places” of *The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Raritan* is hereby amended to read as follows:

Except as otherwise posted, all open space and recreation areas shall open at seven a.m. in the forenoon and shall close in the evening. Closing times will vary with the seasons and will be posted in the particular open space/recreation area, but in no event shall closing be later than ten p.m. No person shall enter upon or remain within an open space or recreation area except during its hours of operation, except that any person who is authorized pursuant to the Raritan Township Wildlife Management Program may have access to his or her designated property according to the Wildlife Management Program in effect at the time.

**Section 3.** Section 12.48.030 entitled “Rules and Regulations” of Chapter 12.48 entitled “Open Space and Recreation Areas” of Title 12 entitled “Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places” of *The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Raritan* is hereby amended by the amendment of paragraph 1 to read as follows:

1. No person shall damage, deface, cut, carve, transplant or remove any tree or plant or injure the bark, pick the flowers, fruits, berries or seeds, of any tree or plant[. Nor] , nor shall any person attach any rope, wire or other contrivance to any tree or plant, except that a treestand may be permitted on certain properties as designated and authorized by the Township Committee in connection with the Township of Raritan Wildlife Management Program to be adopted by Resolution of the Raritan Township Committee, as such Resolution may be amended from time to time.

**Section 4.** Section 12.48.030 entitled “Rules and Regulations” of Chapter 12.48 entitled “Open Space and Recreation Areas” of Title 12 entitled “Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places” of *The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Raritan* is hereby amended by the amendment of paragraph 7. to read as follows:

7. No person shall bring into, carry or have in his or her possession, use or discharge any firearm or weapon, as defined in N.J.S. 2C:39-1(r), or as may be amended, unless the firearm or weapon is being used in accordance with the Township of Raritan wildlife management program to be adopted by a Resolution of the Raritan Township Committee, as such Resolution may be amended from time to time.

**Section 5.** Section 12.48.030 entitled “Rules and Regulations” of Chapter 12.48 entitled “Open Space and Recreation Areas” of Title 12 entitled “Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places” of *The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Raritan* is hereby amended by the amendment of paragraph 14. to read as follows:

14. No person shall enter or leave any open space or recreational area except through established entrance or exit ways, or as directed by the Superintendent of the Raritan Township Department of Public Works.

**Section 6.** Section 12.48.030 entitled “Rules and Regulations” of Chapter 12.48 entitled “Open Space and Recreation Areas” of Title 12 entitled “Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places” of *The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Raritan* is hereby amended by the amendment of paragraph 20. to read as follows:

20. Parking of motor vehicles shall only be in parking lots at each facility specifically designated for such use. No vehicles are to be parked or driven on any turf area or areas designated for other specific activities, except for Township authorized vehicles and as allowed by the Superintendent of the Raritan Township Department of Public Works.

**Section 7.** If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

**Section 8.** The Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption, passage and publication according to law.

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**Note to Codifier: language in brackets [ ] is to be deleted from the original text. Underlined language is new language to the original text.**

**ATTEST:**

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF  
TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN**

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William Bray  
Acting Township Clerk

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Karen Gilbert  
Mayor

**NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a Township Committee Meeting by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan on September 20, 2016, the same was then ordered to be published according to law with a public hearing and a vote scheduled for the meeting of October 18, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, One Municipal Drive, Flemington, New Jersey at which time all interested persons will be heard.

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William Bray  
Acting Township Clerk

Roll Call	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Richard Chen, Committee Member	X		X			
Michael Mangin, Deputy Mayor			X			
Craig O'Brien, Committee Member			X			
Lou Reiner, Committee Member		X	X			
Karen Gilbert, Mayor			X			