

**TOWNSHIP OF RIDGEBURY  
ORDINANCE NO. --**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER NO. --, REGULATING WEAPONS  
IN THE RIDGEBURY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, OF THE CODE OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF RIDGEBURY, COUNTY OF BRADFORD,  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Township of Ridgebury hereby ordains and enacts as follows:

**Section 1. Title.** REGULATING WEAPONS IN THE RIDGEBURY TOWNSHIP  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

**Section 2. Purpose.** The Township Supervisors are authorized under 53 P.S. 66527 Public Safety, to adopt ordinances to secure the safety of persons within the Township and more specifically within the Township Municipal Building. The Supervisors deem it appropriate and necessary for purposes of public safety to prohibit weapons in the Township Municipal Building.

**Section 3. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, except where otherwise specified or indicated by the context, the following words shall have the meanings indicated:

Firearms – Any rifle, shotgun, crossbow, pistol, gun, slingshot or any other device which is capable of discharging a projectile or which impels a projectile of any kind with a force that can reasonably be expected to cause bodily harm, which device is activated by any firing mechanism.

Knife – Any cutting instrument consisting of a sharp blade with a handle, any cutting edge or blade used to cut, stab or wound.

Deadly Weapon – An instrument that is not included in the definition of Firearm or Knife that could cut, stab, wound or kill a human being.

Bodily Harm – Impairment of physical condition or substantial pain.

**Section 4. Conditions for carrying at the Ridgebury Township Municipal Building.**

No person shall carry any firearm, knife, or deadly weapon at any time while inside the Ridgebury Township Municipal Building, unless they are specifically exempt from this ordinance.

**Section 5. Exemptions.**

1. Any law enforcement agency of the State, Federal, or Local Government on official business.
2. Duly elected Constables that meet the requirements of Act 1994-44, The Constables' Education and Training Act.

**Section 6. Prosecution of ordinance violators: disposition of fines, penalties and costs.**

Any violation or failure to comply with any provision of this Township ordinance shall constitute a summary offense and prosecution for every such offense shall be according to the practice in the case of summary convictions.

Any person who shall violate any provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, plus costs of such proceedings, or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a term of not more than 30 days, or both. The continuation of such violation for each successive day shall constitute a separate offense.

THIS ORDINANCE shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

Attest:

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Gary Wood, Supervisor Chairperson

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Helen Borden, Secretary

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Kenneth Cooke, Supervisor

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Larry Ostrander, Supervisor