



Enclosed please find:

1. Hunting on Private Land Permission
2. Copy of the Firearms Code
3. Landowner Permission Form

****3** copies of Landowner Permission Form need to be completed:

- (1) for the Landowner.
- (1) for the Hunter.
- (1) returned to the Township.

****Please note the Hunter must have the completed form in his possession when hunting on the property.**

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED

Thank you.

Hunting on Private Land

Permission is hereby granted to the undersigned sportsman for hunting on land owned by the undersigned landowner or their agent for the date(s) listed and according to the conditions stated below.

Name: _____

Pennsylvania Hunting License No.: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (____) _____

This Permit permits the above-identified person to enter and hunt upon my property located below.

PROPERTY LOCATION: _____

This Permit is only valid for the individual identified above. No other person may use this Permit. This Permit is expressly conditioned upon the following terms and conditions:

The Permit Holder shall have a valid Pennsylvania Hunting License

The Permit Holder shall exercise appropriate care in the handling of all firearms, archery equipment and/or other weaponry and will obey all of the hunting laws and regulations of the Pennsylvania Game Commission and all other applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations and ordinances.

The Permit Holder shall not damage fences, buildings, or other property.

The Permit Holder shall not litter the area or dump any rubbish.

This free Permit is only valid on the lands of the issuing landowner and only for the days specified.

The Permit Holder must carry this Permit on his person while hunting on the Property.

Daily _____ Seasonal _____

Hunting Season: _____

Date(s): _____ to _____

Hunter's Signature

Date _____

Landowner's Signature

Date _____

*Chadds Ford Township, PA
Thursday, October 14, 2021*

Chapter 73. Firearms

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Chadds Ford (formerly Township of Birmingham) 11-6-1963 by Ord. No. 16. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Noise — See Ch. 89.

§ 73-1. Title.

This chapter shall be known and cited as “Chadds Ford Township Firearms Safety Ordinance of 1963.”

§ 73-2. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

FIREARMS AND SIMILAR WEAPONS

Any rifle, gun, pistol, revolver, automatic, musket, or shot gun, when used to discharge less than nine pellets of any kind, regardless of the propulsive power, whether gun powder, compressed air, gas or springs or any combination of said mechanism. A shotgun when used to discharge nine pellets or more is not included within this definition.

§ 73-3. Consent required; exception.

- A. No person shall, except as provided herein, fire or discharge a firearm or similar weapon, as hereinbefore defined, within the Township of Chadds Ford unless the user thereof has first given his name, address, and if the request is for permission to hunt, his hunting license number, to the owner or the lessee in possession of the premises where he intends to shoot and has obtained the written consent of such owner or lessee, as the case may be, on the form provided by the Supervisors of the Township of Chadds Ford. Prior to hunting or discharging a firearm or similar weapon on such property, duplicate signed copies of said consent shall be filed with the Township Secretary either in person or by mail. No registration with the Township or filing fee shall be required. The consent of the owner or lessee shall continue in effect until the end of the current hunting season or year in which the consent is obtained, as will be specified on said written consent, unless prior thereto the owner or lessee in possession of the land shall revoke such consent in writing. In granting such consent, the owner or lessee may stipulate the type of firearm or similar weapon or use for which consent is granted.
- B. This section shall not apply to the use of firearms or similar weapons in necessary defense of person or property; nor to the use of a firearm or similar weapon on such property as is owned or lawfully resided upon by said user; nor to the use of a firearm or similar weapon on an approved target range under adult supervision; nor to the use of a rifle or pistol cartridge of a size not greater than .22 caliber short in destroying trapped or treed animals such as muskrat or raccoon.

§ 73-4. Permit for target practice; fees.

The Secretary of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to issue permits for the use of firearms in target practice only to individual adult citizens of Chadds Ford Township, after the inspection and approval of the target range by the Supervisors of Chadds Ford Township. Such target range shall have a natural earth backstop or a backstop of the type and kind approved by the National Rifle Association. Such permits shall be good for a period of one year and the initial fee for such permits, and for each renewal of said permits thereafter, shall be as set from time to time by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

[1] *Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II).*

§ 73-5. Violations and penalties.

[Amended 12-29-1986 by Ord. No. 16A]

- A. Any person who violates or permits a violation of this chapter shall, upon conviction in a summary proceeding brought before a Magisterial District Judge under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, be guilty of a summary offense and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, plus costs of prosecution. In default of payment thereof, the defendant may be sentenced to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days. Each day or portion thereof that such violation continues or is permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense, and each section of this chapter that is violated shall also constitute a separate offense.^[1]

[1] *Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II).*

- B. Any Township constable or any police officer duly authorized to enforce the law within the Township of Chadds Ford is hereby authorized to seize, remove and destroy any firearm or similar weapon which is used in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter.

**CHADDS FORD TOWNSHIP
LANDOWNER HUNTING PERMISSION FORM**

This certifies that _____
(full name)

(and _____ guests) is/are authorized to enter upon the property of

(landowner/lessee)

for the purpose of _____

Permission is valid for the dates _____ to _____

Date Signature of landowner/lessee Telephone number

PA Gaming Commission – Southeast Region 610-926-3139 / 610-926-3137
PA State Police, Troop K – 484-840-1000
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