

**§500-121 Shooting Ranges, Outdoor Commercial**

This §500-121 is intended to provide minimum standards to regulate commercial outdoor shooting ranges (hereinafter referred to as *ranges*) in order to protect neighboring property owners and the public at large from dangers of wild or ricocheting projectiles and from excessive noise and other nuisances.

- A. **Setbacks.** All outdoor shooting ranges shall be situated not less than 500 feet from any property line and not less than 1,500 feet from any principal residential or principal nonresidential building existing on the effective date of this §500-121. This shall not apply to structures on the same parcel as the shooting range.
- B. **Safety Design.** All ranges shall be designed and constructed with safety facilities to prevent accidental wild or ricocheting projectiles and stray arrows, and the Borough may require such additional safety features deemed necessary to meet the intent of this §500-121. Such features may include, but not be limited to, increased setbacks, earthen berms and setbacks, range orientation, and a limitation of hours of operation.
- C. **Noise Reduction.** All ranges shall be designed and operated to minimize any noise created by the facility and shall at a minimum comply with the requirements of §500-65 unless more restrictive standards are required by the Borough as a condition of approval.
- D. **Hours of Operation.** No firearm shall be discharged outdoors between sunset and 8:00 a.m. However, the Borough may establish more restrictive time limits as a condition of approval.
- E. **Fence.** Security fencing may be required by the Borough of such extent and design to restrict accidental access to any range.
- F. **Posting.** The perimeter around any outdoor range shall be posted with warning signs to adequately inform anyone entering the area.
- G. **NRA Guidelines; State and Federal.** The applicant shall provide evidence of compliance with any applicable National Rifle Association guidelines, and state and federal regulations, and best management practices.