

Township of Lawrence
County of Mercer

Ordinance No. 2431-22

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 400, GENERAL REGULATIONS AND PERMITTED MODIFICATIONS,
ARTICLE IV ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Township of Lawrence, per N.J.S.A. § 40:48-1(18) may enact ordinances to regulate and prohibit the sale and use of guns, pistols, firearms; and

WHEREAS, the Township finds the sale of firearms in close proximity to school zones and houses of worship may create unnecessary risk; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence that the Land use Ordinance be hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Article IV Zoning District Regulations, Section 400, General Regulations and Permitted Modifications is amended and supplemented as follows (additions are shown as thus; deletions are shown as ~~thus~~.)

C. Special Minimum Setback Requirements

5. Firearm Stores. No firearm stores shall be permitted within 1000 feet of public or private school property or a house of worship.

Section II. Severability

If any section, part of any section, or clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance. The governing body of the Township of Lawrence declares that it would have passed the ordinance and each section and subsection thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section III. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

Adopted: September 20, 2022

**Township of Lawrence
County of Mercer**

RECORD OF VOTE

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVE	SECOND
Mr. Bobbitt	x						x
Mr. Kownacki	x						
Ms. Lewis				x			
Mr. Powers	x					x	
Mayor Ryan	x						

ATTEST:

Tonya D. Carter, Municipal Clerk

John T. Ryan, Mayor

I, Tonya D. Carter, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lawrence, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance duly approved and adopted by the governing body of the TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE on September 20, 2022.

Tonya D. Carter, Municipal Clerk

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