

COOPER CHARTER TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWNSHIP ZONING
ORDINANCE REGARDING SHOOTING RANGES**

The Charter Township of Cooper ordains:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF SECTION 120.14

The Township hereby amends Section 120.14 of the Township’s Zoning Ordinance to add definitions for “shooting ranges (club)” and “shooting ranges (commercial)” as follows:

Shooting Ranges (club): a non-profit private club or organization designed and operated for sport shooting that is open only to its members and their guests.

Shooting Ranges (commercial): an indoor area designed and operated for indoor sport shooting, that may or may not be a private club or organization, but which is also open commercially to the general public.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF SECTION 120.110(C)

The Township hereby amends section 120.110(C) of the Township’s Zoning Ordinance to add “shooting ranges (club)” to the list of Special Exception Uses in the “A” Agricultural District:

13. **Shooting ranges (club) (2, 11, 12)**

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT OF SECTION 120.210(C)(10)

The Township hereby amends section 120.210(C)(10) of the Township’s Zoning Ordinance to add “(commercial)” to the shooting range special use in the “C-2” Commercial District, General:

10. **Shooting ranges (commercial) (2, 5f)**

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT OF SECTION 120.220(C)(1)(k)

The Township hereby amends section 120.220(C)(1)(k) of the Township’s Zoning Ordinance to add “(commercial)” to the shooting range special use in the “C-3” Commercial District, Shopping Center:

10. **Shooting ranges (commercial) (2, 5f)**

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT OF SECTION 120.420(E)

The Township hereby amends section 120.420(E) of the Township’s Zoning Ordinance to amend the Minimum Standards Required of Special Exception Uses table with respect to shooting ranges:

Shooting ranges (club)	2, 11, 12
Shooting ranges (commercial)	2, 5f

Section 120.420(E) is also amended to add subparagraphs 11 and 12 minimum required standards, applying to shooting ranges (club):

11. Target areas, buildings and activities (including, but not limited to, parking, drive aisles, etc.) shall be set back at least 1,000 feet from adjacent dwellings and at least 500 feet from any adjacent property line of property not owned by the same owner.

12. The site shall be a minimum of 65 acres in size.

All other provisions in Section 120.420(E) not amended by this Ordinance shall remain unchanged.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT OF SECTION 120.330(A)

Section 120.330(A) of the Township’s Zoning Ordinance shall be amended to read, in its entirety, as follows:

A. Nonconforming uses, lots or structures in existence at the time of passage of this Ordinance shall not be extended, added to or altered unless such extensions, alterations or additions are in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance. **Notwithstanding, the Township Planning Commission shall have the authority to waive conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance for the extension, addition, alteration, or improvement of a nonconforming use, lot or structure in existence at the time of passage of this Ordinance if such extension, addition, alteration, or improvement does not: (1) increase the non-conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance and (2) does not have a negative impact on the public health, safety or welfare.**

SECTION 7. VALIDITY AND SEVERABILITY.

Should any portion of this Ordinance be found invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. REPEALER.

All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed but only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be published and take effect seven days after publication as provided by law.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20__.