

**Attention NEW hunting permit applicants:**

Anyone submitting a Mendham Township hunting permit application for the **first** time is required to review this document and the attached Local Ordinance governing hunting within Mendham Township. Once you have viewed and understand this document, you must email Toni Gallicchio and confirm you have viewed and understand the local ordinance and park scheduling rules. Your permit will then be able to be released.

[tgalicchio@mendhamtownship.org](mailto:tgalicchio@mendhamtownship.org)

Applicants re-applying, those who have previously been issued a Mendham Township hunting permit do not need to send an email confirmation.

The Mendham Township hunting permit does not automatically give you permission to hunt within the Township park system. You must be scheduled and given permission to hunt within the Township park system. The park hunts are strictly controlled to avoid overcrowding of hunters and promote the safe harvesting of game. If you wish to be considered to hunt within the Township park system, please contact Town Hall or the Police Department and you will be directed to someone on the Mendham Township Wildlife Committee who can assist you. There are no exceptions to this procedure. Thank You.

All hunting permits are issued at the discretion of the Chief of Police.

## MENDHAM TOWNSHIP CHAPTER 165

### Firearms, Weapons, and Hunting

Website link

<https://ecode360.com/27509953>

#### § 165-1. Definitions.

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

**FIREARM** — Any gun, shotgun, rifle, pistol, revolver or other device from which a bullet, shot, ball, slug, pellet, solid projectile or other missile is propelled by means of a cartridge or shell or by the action, explosion or ignition of flammable or explosive substances.

**WEAPON** — Any firearm, air rifle, bow of 35 pounds or more pull, sling shot, spring gun or similar device or instrument in the nature of a weapon in which the propelling force is a spring, elastic band, carbon dioxide, compressed or other gas, vapor or compressed air, or which is discharged by compressed air, and ejecting a bullet or missile with sufficient force to injure a person.

#### § 165-2. Prohibited activities on private property.

No person shall enter or go upon any private property within the Township carrying any firearm or weapon, and no person shall use or discharge any firearm or weapon upon or into any private property in the Township, unless such person:

- A. Is the owner, a member of the immediate family (within two degrees of consanguinity) of the owner, or a tenant of the private property, except that for purposes of hunting, such person must have a valid license to hunt issued by the State of New Jersey;
- B. Has complied with the hunting regulations set forth in § 165-4;
- C. Carries the written permission of the property owner (indicating the duration of its effectiveness) to use firearms and weapons on the property for target practice, skeet or trap shooting or for purposes of instruction; or

- D. Is a law enforcement officer identified in N.J.S.A. 2C:39-6 in the performance of his or her duties.

**§ 165-3. Prohibited activities relating to public property.**

- A. No person shall discharge any firearm or weapon or cast an arrow upon or across any state, county, Township road or highway, park, playground, school property or other public property within the Township unless such person is a law enforcement officer identified in N.J.S.A. 2C:39-6 in the performance of his or her duties.
  
- B. No person shall carry a loaded firearm or weapon or drawn bow within 450 feet of any school property or public playing field.
  
- C. No person shall be permitted to hunt on any public property owned by the Township, except as authorized by resolution of the Township Committee for purposes of wildlife management. **[Amended 11-13-2000 by Ord. No. 19-2000]**

**§ 165-4. Hunting regulations.**

No person shall be permitted to hunt within the Township unless he or she:

- A. Is the owner, a member of the immediate family (within two degrees of consanguinity) of the owner or a tenant of the property hunted and carries a valid license to hunt issued by the State of New Jersey; or
- B. Carries or displays the following four permits:
  - (1) A written permit issued by the Mendham Township Committee or its duly authorized agent in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by resolution of the Township Committee;
  - (2) Written permission (indicating the duration of its effectiveness) from the owner of the property on which or into which the firearm or weapon is discharged or the arrow is cast;
  - (3) A license to hunt issued by the State of New Jersey; and
  - (4) A current decal displayed on the rear bumper of the hunter's vehicle (if any).
- C. The fee for a permit issued pursuant to Subsection B shall be \$20 for the period between July 1 through September 30 and \$40 for the period between October 1 through June 30 of the ensuing

year. This provision supersedes any inconsistent provision found in ordinance or resolution of the Township Committee. **[Added 7-12-2010 by Ord. No. 9-2010]**

**§ 165-5. Compliance with state laws and regulations required.**

No provisions of this chapter shall be interpreted as relieving any person from full compliance with all state laws, rules and regulations relating to firearms, weapons and hunting. The hunting regulations established by this chapter are in additions to the hunting laws and regulations of the State of New Jersey.

**§ 165-6. Minimum penalty.**

In addition to being subject to the general penalties provided in this Code, any person violating the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$100.