

TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLESEX

CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 4 - 2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLESEX,
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROHIBITING THE
USE OF SKY LANTERNS AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR THE
VIOLATION THEREOF.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED and it is hereby enacted and
ordained by the Board of Township Supervisors in and for the Township of Middlesex,
Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1: BACKGROUND.

It is the intent of the Board of Supervisors of Middlesex Township to protect the health,
safety and welfare of the general public by prohibiting the use of sky lanterns. Sky lanterns have
been banned in more than 25 states and create an uncontrolled fire hazard jeopardizing the health
and safety of the public and property.

SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS.

The following words and terms used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings ascribed
to them as follows:

SKY LANTERN: An unmanned airborne lantern, whether tethered or untethered, that relies
upon a flame or fuel cell as a heat source to heat air inside a lantern with the intention of causing
it to lift into the atmosphere. Sky lanterns are also known as a Chinese lantern, kongming
lantern, wish lantern, sky candle, fire balloon, airborne paper lantern or sky lighters.

TOWNSHIP: Middlesex Township

SECTION 3: PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF SKY LANTERNS.

The use or launching of sky lanterns in the Township is prohibited. The floating of any
sky lantern or device containing a flame or fuel cell on any body of water, stream or creek in the
Township is prohibited.

SECTION 4: PENALTIES.

Any person, individual, partnership, co-partnership, association, corporation or any entity violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a summary offense and, upon conviction before a Magisterial District Judge, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and by imprisonment to the extent allowed by law for the punishment of summary offenses.

SECTION 5: SAVING IN THE EVENT OF INVALIDITY.

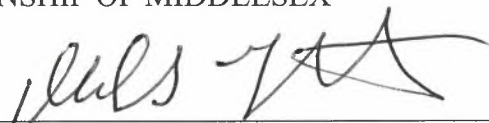
If any section, provisions, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase or word in this Ordinance is declared by any reason to be illegal, unconstitutional, or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect or impair the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any other section, provisions, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase or word or remaining portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE.

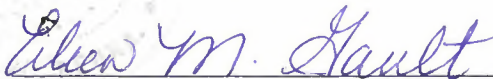
This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 28th day of September, 2018, in public session duly assembled.

TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLESEX

By: 
Chairman, Board of Township Supervisors

ATTEST:


Township Secretary

(Township Seal)