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September 18, 2018

***Via First Class Mail and E-Mail ([ACRE@attorneygeneral.gov](mailto:ACRE@attorneygeneral.gov))***

PA Office of the Attorney General  
Attn: ACRE  
16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Strawberry Square  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Pocopson Township, Chester County, PA  
[REDACTED]

Dear Ladies/Gentlemen:

Our office represents Pocopson Township (the "Township"), which has provided me with a copy of Mr. Canan's September 7, 2018 letter on behalf of his client, [REDACTED]. Mr. Canan seeks to have the Pocopson Township Zoning Ordinance and Professional Service Agreement reviewed for compliance with ACRE. Mr. Canan objects to his client paying an escrow fee (as set forth under the Township's Omnibus Fee Schedule, adopted January 2, 2018 (see pages 1, 14 attached hereto)) and executing a professional services agreement as part of a timber harvest operation at [REDACTED].

After reviewing your Office's recent decisions regarding fees and escrows related to timber harvesting operation, the Township has determined that it will no longer require a professional services agreement or an escrow in conjunction with a timber harvest permit. The Township will remove this requirement from the Omnibus Fee Schedule when it is readopted in January 2019. In the interim, the Township administrative staff has been directed that no applicants shall be required to execute a professional services agreement or provide an escrow in conjunction with a timber harvesting permit. The Township's Zoning Ordinance does not contain language requiring the professional services agreement or escrow, so it does not require amendment.

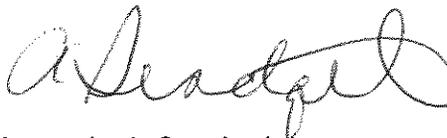
The September 7, 2018 letter does not include an objection to payment of the actual permit fee of \$150.00. Upon review of your Office's recent decisions, the amount of the permit fee appears to be consistent with the permitted reasonable fee limitations. Today (September 18, 2018), the Township received the permit fee.

Mr. Canan requests the return of the escrow to his client. As of the date of this letter, the Township has not received an escrow from [REDACTED] or the [REDACTED]. In the event an escrow has been mailed but not yet received by the Township, it will be promptly returned upon receipt.

As Mr. Canan raises no objections to the Township's Zoning Ordinance, it is respectfully requested that either Mr. Canan withdraw the request for review on behalf of his client, or that this Office dismiss this request.

Please let me know if you require additional information from the Township in processing this review.

Very truly yours,



Amanda J. Sundquist

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Enclosure

cc: Pocopson Township Board of Supervisors  
Susan Simone, Township Secretary  
Craig Kologie, Code Enforcement Officer  
Matthew J. Canan, Esquire