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January 8, 2020

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**RE: ACRE Request – Upper Saucon Township –
Lehigh County – [REDACTED]**

Dear Mr. Willig:

Please be advised that I am the solicitor for Upper Saucon Township, and it is in that capacity that I write to you concerning your letter of December 12, 2019, regarding the above-referenced matter. Although your letter is dated December 12, 2019, please note that it was not received at the Township until December 20, 2019.

Township staff and I have carefully reviewed your letter and enclosures as well as the applicable provisions of the Township's Zoning Ordinance. In addition, I met with the Zoning Officer and the Director of Community Development to review the status of the Weaber permit application. As a result, I am authorized to convey to you that Township staff will recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Zoning Ordinance sections referenced in your letter, including 517.B1.C (Required Approval of a Forest Stewardship Plan) and 517.D.1.J (setbacks and buffers), be deleted from the Ordinance. We understand that these are the only sections raised by [REDACTED] in its ACRE Complaint, and that the remaining requirements of Section 517 (Forestry Uses) are not at issue.

As you may know, it takes approximately ninety (90) days for a municipality to enact an amendment to a zoning ordinance. Accordingly, so as not to improperly delay further action on Weaber's permit application, the Township will conduct any remaining review as if the above-noted Zoning Ordinance Sections are in fact deleted.

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We trust that this response addresses fully the issues raised in your letter of December 12, 2019, however if it does not, please contact me as soon as possible. Assuming that the Township has adequately addressed this matter, I request confirmation of the same from your office. Of course, if you have any questions, you should feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

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