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Dear Attorney Willig,

I am a Forester employed by [REDACTED] has entered into a contract with a landowner in Moon Township [REDACTED] to harvest some timber from their property in Moon Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Moon Township has a timber harvesting ordinance and requires that a permit be issued before any timber may be harvested. I have reviewed this ordinance and the permit requirements and noticed some provisions and requirements of the ordinance and permit that your office has found to be in conflict with the Municipal Planning Code and ACRE. I reached out to the Moon Township [REDACTED] and sent him an email with my questions on October 22, 2023. After no response from him, I visited the Twp office and handed the information to him in person on November 15, 2023. [REDACTED] has not gotten back to me since then.

I would like to request that your office review the Moon Township timber harvesting ordinance and permit requirements for compliance under the ACRE Law.

Below are some of the items of the ordinance and permit requirements that I feel violate the Municipal Planning Code and ACRE.

- 13-605 The requirement that the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan be reviewed and approved by the Allegheny County Conservation District.
- 13-607 The requirement of a Performance Security. In the fee Schedule this is \$500 per acre of soil disturbance.

- 13-608, G. The requirement of a wetland determination and a Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory receipt.
- 13-610 The requirement of Liability Insurance and Workers Compensation Certificates naming the Township as Additional Insured.
- The requirement of a \$3000.00 Engineering Escrow to pay for the Township Engineer and a Township Forester to review the application.
- On the included Logging Permit Application Checklist there is the requirement for a "Preliminary Slope Stability Investigation", and below that a requirement for a "Geo-Tech Engineer Report". I cannot find any requirements for these in the Logging Ordinance.

I have included all the paper work and information I was given by Moon Township when I asked for the Permit Application, including: a Logging Permit Application Checklist, Workers Comp Information Form, Township of Moon Permit Agreement, Application for a Logging Permit, Over Posted Weight Permit, the Logging Ordinance Chapter 13 part 6, and the Moon Township Fee Schedule (logging is #16 A, B, C & D).

Thank you for considering this, I can be reached on my cell phone at [REDACTED]

Respectfully Submitted,
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