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Attorney General

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1251 Waterfront Place

Mezzanine Level

Pittsburgh, Pa. 15222

Dear Attorney General,

I am a forester employed by [REDACTED] that has entered into a contract with a landowner in South Beaver township, Beaver County Pa. to harvest some timber from their property in South Beaver Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania. South Beaver 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 would like to request that your office review the South Beaver Township timber harvesting and logging 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

- **Sec 8.16** requiring any parcel of land over (1) acre in size to obtain a Zoning Permit
- **Sec 8.16 A.4** requiring an approved Erosion and Sediment Control Plan by the County Conservation District.
- **Sec 8.16 E** Assurance that areas to be timbered is not either landslide prone or flood prone as no timber harvesting shall take place.
- **Sec 8.16 F.2** Approved E&S Plan by County Conservation District.
- **Sec 8.16 F.4** A storm water management plan
- **Sec 8.16 G.1** No property shall be clear cut
- **Sec 8.16 G.3** No timber harvesting shall take place in areas known to be landslide prone or flood prone
- **Sec 8.16 G.4** No harvesting can take place within twenty feet of the property line.

I have attached a copy of the ordinance for South Beaver Township. When asking for the Timber Harvest application I was also told I needed to provide proof of Workers Compensation, Proof that all roads were bonded, state and local and a \$1,000.00 processing that a portion of may be returned depending on how many time my application was rejected.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, I can be reached at my office at [REDACTED] or my cell phone at [REDACTED] also by email [REDACTED]

Respectfully submitted,

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