

BUTLER TOWNSHIP TIMBER HARVEST REQUIREMENTS

(Butler Township Timber Harvesting Ordinance (Twp Ord No 7-19-90, Section VI Regulations)

VI. REGULATIONS.

- A. A logging plan shall be prepared for each harvesting operation within the Township by a professional forester
- B. Such plan will address, all applicable erosion and sedimentation control and stream crossing regulations under Chapter 102, Erosion Control Rules and Regulations issued under Act of June 22, 1937, P L 1987 (Clean Streams Law), and Chapter 105, Dam and Waterway Management Rules and Regulations issued under Act of 1978, P.L 1375, No 325 (Dam Safety and Encroachments Act)
- C. Points that shall be addressed by the logging plan including the following as a minimum.
 - 1. Design of the road system
 - 2. Water control structures
 - 3. Stream crossings.
 - 4. Log landings
 - 5. Haul roads, skid roads, and skid trails
 - 6. Maintenance
 - 7. Road use
 - 8. Road and log landing retirement
 - 9. Zoning district of the applicants property as well as adjacent properties.
 - 10. The general location of the anticipated operation in relation to municipal and state highways
 - 11. The location of property boundaries for the tract on which the logging will take place and the boundaries of the proposed harvest area
 - 12. A stand prescription for each stand located in the proposed harvest area
- D. The plan required by the rules and regulations referred to in Paragraph VI, B above shall satisfy the requirement of this ordinance if points 9, 10, 11, and 12 under Paragraph VI, C are also addressed.
- E. The plan will be available at the timber harvesting site
- F. For all tree harvesting operations that are expected to exceed three (3) acres, the township enforcement officer shall be notified at least three (3) working days before the beginning of the operation and within one (1) day before or after the date of completion.
- G. In addition to the notification required in Section VI, F, the following requirements must be met:
 - 1. A copy of the tree harvesting plan shall be submitted to the Township not less than fifteen (15) days before any operation commences that will exceed three (3) acres
 - 2. The plan shall be reviewed by the township enforcement officer, which review may include an inspection of the site of the proposed operation
 - 3. Within ten (10) days of the date the township receives a plan, the enforcement officer shall provide the landowner a written approval of the logging plan as submitted, or a written disapproval. A disapproval shall include a list of the additions or corrections that are needed to make the plan approved.
 - 4. Any landowner or operator aggrieved by the decision of the township enforcement officer may appeal the decision within thirty (30) days to the Township Board of Supervisors
 - 5. No harvesting operation expected to exceed three (3) acres or a stand regeneration treatment that exceeds two (2) acres shall commence unless or until an approved tree harvesting plan has been completed.

- 6 A fee of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars shall be charged for each plan to cover the costs of processing the plan, site inspections to be performed, and costs related to the issuance of a decision. Amended 9/16/93 \$500.00, Amended by Ord. No. 2020-2 3/17/20 \$1,500.00
- H The erosion and sediment control and stream crossing requirements addressed in the logging plan shall be followed at all times during the operation.
- I General operational requirements. The following requirements shall govern all timber harvesting activity.
- 1 Felling or skidding on or across any public thoroughfare is prohibited without the express written consent of the municipality of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, whichever is responsible for maintenance of said thoroughfare.
 2. No tops or slash shall be left within twenty-five (25) feet of any public thoroughfare.
 - 3 All tops and slash between a distance of twenty-five (25) and fifty (50) feet from a public thoroughfare shall be lopped to a maximum height of four (4) feet above the surface of the ground.
 - 4 No tops or slash shall be left on or along a property boundary without the consent of the adjoining landowner.
 - 5 Litter resulting from any logging operation shall be cleaned up and removed from the site before it is vacated by the operator.