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Dear Robert,

I am filing a formal ACRE law complaint regarding the zoning ordinance in Richmond Township, Berks County, PA. Specifically, in reference to the language highlighted below where they are requiring approval form the Zoning Hearing Board. Additionally, I could not find much specific information regarding what they would require in order to obtain a timber harvesting permit.

On page 133:

4. Extractive Operations and Timber Removal:

- Section 804.2 (Special Exception Conditions for Quarries, Sandpits, Gravel Pits, Removal of Earthen Fill) states: "Removal of forest or timber is prohibited without prior approval of the Zoning Hearing Board." This means that large-scale timber harvesting (beyond incidental removal) requires a special exception and approval from the Zoning Hearing Board.

5. Environmental and Site Controls:

- Any operation involving timber harvesting must comply with slope controls, erosion and sedimentation plans, and may require site plan review depending on the scale and impact.

Example Implementation:

- If a landowner wishes to conduct timber harvesting beyond incidental removal, they must apply for a special exception from the Zoning Hearing Board, submit an erosion and sedimentation control plan if steep slopes are involved, and ensure compliance with all relevant district regulations (lot size, setbacks, etc.).

Summary Table:

- If a landowner wishes to conduct timber harvesting beyond incidental removal, they must apply for a special exception from the Zoning Hearing Board, submit an erosion and

sedimentation control plan if steep slopes are involved, and ensure compliance with all relevant district regulations (lot size, setbacks, etc.).

Sincerely,

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