

TOWNSHIP OF BRANCH

**County of Schuylkill in the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**

ORDINANCE NO. 2009- 1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRANCH, COUNTY OF SCHUYLKILL IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA REGULATING TREE HARVESTING, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LOGGING PLANS; REQUIRING COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE REGULATIONS SETTING GENERAL OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TIMBER HARVESTING ACTIVITY; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES OR REFUSES TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OR PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors for the Township of Branch, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of same as follows:

This Ordinance shall be known as and may be cited as the "Branch Township Timbering Ordinance."

Section 102 – ADOPTION AND ENACTMENT AUTHORITY:

The Board of Supervisors enacts and ordains the herein Ordinance by the authority granted them as specified by: P.L. 486, Section 1, as amended; P.L. 73, Section 1; Re-Enacted and amended P.L. 288, No. 88, Section 1, imd. Effective; P.L. 94, No. 40, Section 1; as affected P.L. 202, No. 53, Section 2 (a) [1133]; as amended P.L. 105, No. 20, Section 1, P.L. 1329, No. 170, Section 2, et seq.

Section 103 – PURPOSE:

- (a) To recognize tree harvesting in Branch Township, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.
- (b) To provide for the regulation of such activity to ensure that:
 - 1. long-term production of timber crops is encouraged;
 - 2. the right to harvest trees is exercised with due regard for the protection of the physical property of adjacent landowners; and,
 - 3. the potential for negative environmental impacts resulting from improper tree harvesting is minimized.