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Dear Code Official:

I am writing to advise you of two changes to the Uniform Construction Code that were adopted in May.

The first amendment appears at N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.15(f)4.ii. It allows plan review to proceed even if the required prior approvals are not yet in place provided that the application is otherwise complete and the plan review fee has been paid. There is an exception which states that zoning approval must be in place for additions or alterations to owner-occupied one- or two-family residences.

The second amendment is at N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.23(g). This amendment removes the 60 day minimum for temporary certificates of occupancy. Eliminating the 60 day minimum gives local construction officials the discretion needed to establish an appropriate amount of time to meet the requirements to obtain a certificate of occupancy.

LexisNexis, the publisher of the New Jersey Administrative Code, has not yet sent these changes to the Uniform Construction Code subscribers; there are too few pages involved to make a full update. The changes have been posted to the Department's website at http://www.nj.gov/dca/codes/misc/pdf/nj_ucc_5_09_upd.pdf. The next Uniform Construction Code update mailed to subscribers will include these changes adopted in May, together with other changes adopted later. Although they have not yet been mailed to subscribers, the two amendments described above have been adopted as part of the Uniform Construction Code and are enforceable now.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Code Assistance Unit at (609) 984-7607.

Sincerely,

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