



**MUNICIPAL
CONSTRUCTION
OFFICIALS OF
NEW JERSEY**

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Dear Director Smith,

The Municipal Construction Officials of New Jersey (MUNCO) is a membership-based organization comprised of NJ State Licensed Construction Officials. Construction Officials are licensed by the Department of Community Affairs and are the chief administrators of the enforcing agency that enforces the Regulations for the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code. The members of MUNCO are working code officials in the State of New Jersey.

As Construction Officials we strive to make the permitting and inspections process as effective and efficient as possible while meeting the minimum requirements required by State laws and local ordinances. With that we welcome a formalized and uniform mechanism to facilitate electronic plan review in our local enforcing agencies which Governor Murphy signed into law as P.L. 2021 c.70. Most agencies already accept some form of electronic submission to expedite the permitting process. With the events surrounding the COVID 19 pandemic most agencies reacted and adopted their own versions of electronic plan review/submission and remote inspections before any guidance documents were provided to assist the residents, builders, and property owners within their respective municipalities.

Our membership has discussed P.L. 2021 c.70 and support its implementation however it has generated many questions and concerns with its practical application. We believe vetting these questions and concerns in the planning stages will be instrumental in the successful roll out of this system.

MUNCO would like to offer our assistance with the development of the Electronic Permit Processing Review System that the DCA has been charged with implementing. We believe our input during the development stages will help identify any potential conflicts in the practical application and provide valuable insight to reduce confusion or misinterpretations once it is implemented

We look forward to working together to provide a positive impact on our profession.

Please feel free to contact me at your convenience at (609) 799-0909 extension 1201 or via email at bmiller@plainsboronj.com

Sincerely,

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