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Changes in Approval Documentation for Energy Inspections

Starting June 2, 2025:

Inspections for both temporary and permanent electrical services may be conducted virtually. As a result, we will no longer continue the traditional practice of affixing a 'Green Energy Sticker.'

Background:

The Union County Building Department has built a longstanding and cooperative relationship with community utility companies. Historically, after a successful inspection for temporary or permanent electrical service, our inspectors indicated approval by placing a physical inspection sticker on the electrical equipment—typically on the meter base. This unique number was then recorded in both the *Site Inspection Log* and the *Inspector's Log*. This process allowed for reliable communication and timely service activation for many years. However, as part of our ongoing efforts to modernize operations and enhance efficiency, we are transitioning to an optional virtual inspection process. Going forward, inspections for electrical services may be conducted remotely, and a digital document called the "Approval for Energy" will be generated upon approval. This document will replace the traditional on-site sticker and will serve as notification that the electrical service has passed inspection.

Key Changes:

Virtual Inspections: Required inspections for electrical service connections can now be performed remotely through virtual inspection methods.

Elimination of On-Site Stickers: Inspectors will no longer leave physical inspection stickers or indicators at job sites.

Digital Inspection Confirmation: Upon a successful inspection, a digital confirmation document—referred to as the "Approval for Energy"—will be created. This document will validate the inspection approval.

Contents of the Approval to Energize Document:

Permit Number - Account/Customer Number (if applicable) - Project Address - Applicant Name - Owner Name - Scope of Work - Inspection Result (Pass)

Responsibility of the Applicant/Contractor:

The applicant or contractor is responsible for forwarding the digital inspection confirmation to the respective electric utility provider for processing and activation of service. We appreciate your cooperation as we transition to a more streamlined and efficient inspection process. If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

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