

# Construction Permit Approval FAQs

*PLEASE NOTE: Construction permits and Engineering permits are not the same and are therefore submitted and reviewed independently of one another by different divisions.*

## **1. Now that I've submitted my permit application, when can I start my improvements?**

Only AFTER paying for and picking up an APPROVED permit application can a project/improvement begin.

## **2. How long does it take for a permit to be approved?**

If zoning review IS required

If making exterior improvements (generator, addition, etc.), a permit requires Zoning Officer review. This is a PRIOR APPROVAL required BEFORE construction-related review. Once the Zoning Officer provides approval, the next step in the approval process is construction review.

If zoning review IS NOT required

According to NJ 5; 23-2.11, local construction offices have up to 20 business days from submittal (after zoning prior approval, if needed) to review applications.

## **3. Is there a way to check on the status of my permit application while it is under review?**

Our staff is available during business hours to answer any of your questions.