

Updated Hunterdon Land Standards Keeps No Charge For Plan Review

Hunterdon County's Land Development Standards will continue to require no fee charge for County plan review under the first update to the regulations in twenty years approved by the Board of County Commissioners, at a recent Board meeting.

Commissioner Matt Holt, the Board's liaison to the Planning Department, stated, "The long overdue updated plan was adopted by the Hunterdon County Planning Board on December 3, 2020, after a series of meeting and public hearings. The revisions ensure compliance with new land use statutes, engineering standards, NJDOT access management rules and state storm water regulations."

The last revisions occurred in 2000 and the revised map now conforms to and meets current and anticipated digital advances in surveying methodology and technical updates to the geographic information system (GIS), County Planner Adam Bradford told the Board of Commissioners.

Board of County Commissioners Director Susan J. Soloway said, "Bringing the standards functionally into the digital era is valuable to all stakeholders in the land use community.

I believe it is also significant that the updated standards continue the County's policy of not charging a fee for plan review. That is one less burden for citizens and investors in moving through the myriad of state, county and local land use requirements."

Hunterdon County eliminated plan review fees in 2015.

The County Planning Act requires proposed developments adjacent to and/or along County roads, or which impact or indirectly affect County culverts, bridges, stormwater facilities, and other County structures to be reviewed by the County Planning Board.

Holt noted, "The Planning Board's Development Review Subcommittee, the Planning and Land Use Department staff, GIS staff, and the Engineering Department staff have all worked to develop the update over the past year and have done an excellent job."

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A copy of the updated land development standards is available on the County Planning and Land Use Department website. Visit <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/planning.htm> for a copy.