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Dear Construction Official:

The Department has made the decision to decommission the PermitsNJ software effective June 30, 2020.

In 2017, Governor Christie signed Executive Order 225. This Executive Order decentralized software development and maintenance from the State's Office of Information Technology out to the individual State agencies. The software development resources were distributed to the state agencies with the largest software development needs, and the Department of Community Affairs did not acquire any of those software development resources. As a result, the Department can no longer enhance or maintain the PermitsNJ software; it has become outdated and has fallen out of pace with advancing technology.

A cost benefit analysis on the development or purchase of a replacement permitting software, to be offered to municipalities "free of charge," was conducted. Because there are so few local municipalities using the PermitsNJ software, it was found that it would be inefficient to develop or acquire new permitting software.

It is the Department's understanding that many municipalities using PermitsNJ have implemented municipal software elsewhere in the municipality. Most municipal government software suites include a permitting component. It is recommended that municipalities using PermitsNJ contact their municipal administrator as soon as possible to discuss replacing PermitsNJ with another permitting software.

Please note that, unlike UCCARS, municipalities will not be able to continue using PermitsNJ after June 30, 2020. If your office is still using the much older UCCARS software, be advised that this software has been out of support for many years and will not function on 64-bit versions of Windows 7 or higher. If your office issues fewer than 200 permits per year, you have the option of submitting monthly permit activity using the Municipal Monthly Activity Reports (UCC forms R811 and R812).

The Department will assist municipalities in any way possible to ensure a smooth transition to other permitting software. Should you have any questions or concerns, please email permitsnj@dca.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

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