



# TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH

COUNTY OF SOMERSET

Hillsborough Township Municipal Complex  
The Peter J. Biondi Building  
379 South Branch Road  
Hillsborough, NJ 08844



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**Building Department**  
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## commercial TCO Requirements

**Final Approvals**--Need to be submitted to our office before a TCO can be issued.

- Zoning (just do a check in with Zoning)
- Engineering (required inspection confirms site plan matches the actual site)
- Fire Safety
  - Looking at fire lanes, knox box, number verification of the building.
- Health (if a prior approval was needed then a final approval is needed)
- MUA (Municipal Utility Authority)
  - Sewer Use Permit
- Somerset County Soils
- Non-Residential Developmental Fee--paid in full at the Finance Department
- Elevator (if applicable)--Need the Elevator Subcode Technical Section signed off from the state and any additional inspection sheets attached. (Please note--submitting a picture/copy of an Elevator final approval sticker does not meet the requirements for a CO)
- Administration--Massage/Spa facility needs to register with the Township Clerk for a Massage License

## **Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO)**

In order for a TCO to be issued--

- All Certificate Requirements in the N.J.A.C. 5:23-2:23 must be met.
- A final inspection needs to be scheduled and approved by each Subcode.
- No life safety issues can exist--this is determined by each Subcode during inspection. Life safety issues include, but not limited to, working fire alarms, sprinkler systems, fire extinguishers, working toilets, hot water, heat and A/C, exit egress.
- All outstanding paperwork and fees need to be resolved including any updates, test reports, 3rd party test reports, etc.
- All prior approvals need final approvals. (see all depts. listed above)
- It is the responsibility of the owner/agent to submit all Prior Approvals Final/TCO approvals to the Building Department.
- All violations must be corrected and assessed penalties paid.
- The first TCO is issued at no cost.

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- Each time a TCO is renewed there is a \$30 fee--can be paid by check, credit card or cash in the exact amount.
- After all TCO inspections have been approved, an Application for Temporary Certificate of Occupancy needs to be requested, completed and submitted to the Building Department by the owner/agent before a TCO can be issued.

### **Renewing a TCO**

- Each time a request is made to renew a TCO, the owner/agent needs to go back to all the departments that gave a TCO and get updated documentation of TCO or CO from each of those departments and submit it to the Building Department.
- Schedule a TCO inspection for Building, Fire, Electric and Plumbing. Each time a TCO is requested to be renewed, the Building, Fire, Electric and Plumbing inspectors will need to re-inspect prior to renewing the TCO. Renewing a TCO is determined by the Subcodes.

### **Please Keep in Mind----**

- We have a minimum of 3 business days to a maximum of 10 business days to issue a TCO.
- TCO's will not be issued after 12 noon on Fridays.
- A TCO may be denied if there are any outstanding penalties or fees due at the Building Dept and/or any prior approval depts.

**A Building Cannot be occupied until a Certificate is issued!**

Please call Donna Daugherty at (908) 369-4313 x7204 with any questions.

Thank you,  
The Hillsborough Building Department

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