



**CODE ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**  
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## **WHY do you require an Architect or Engineer?**

As a Building Code Official, Building Inspector, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical Inspector or Fire Code Official, the professional certification process defines the scope of work and legal language to interpret the civil and administrative codes designed by the International Code Council (ICC), the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (PA UCC).

A Building Code Official or Inspector is professionally certified to “inspect that of which is designed” by a registered design professional. Each professional has specifically been educated and trained in different aspects of the commercial and residential field and respects the others ability to perform the tasks necessary to professionally certify your project.

Building Code Officials and Inspectors are *not* design professionals and are *not* certified to give reliable construction information such as loads, calculations and design aspects of a project. We work in tandem with the design professionals and contractors to provide CODE interpretations and inspection processes to ensure the overall safety of the project meets or exceeds the minimum code standard of the Commonwealth UCC.

SAFETY is the sole concern with providing any professional inspection service or code interpretation in any community, county or governmental building department. A professional design set of plans, certified code opinion or professional review of existing condition is essential and necessary to ALL building officials and inspectors to properly review your application for safety and compliance.

Any commercial project design (new or existing) requires the professional oversight and accreditation of a PA Architect or Engineer to certify the structure, equipment and design layout meets or exceeds the minimum code standard. It's the LAW.

**A Pennsylvania registered Architect or Engineer provides educated guidance and design advice to any project and is professionally certified to attest for all the exact details, specifications, calculations, codes and outcome of esthetic projection to make your project safe, secure and beneficial.**

We welcome the ability to work together with you and communicate effectively to bridge the gap with information on who is who in your application process. Always feel free to communicate with the Building Code Official on any specific code concerns of your project.