

Construction Industry Communication #20

From: Amit Ghosh, Chief Building Official
Re: Demolition Permits – Sewer Capping Permits and Commercial Demolition Procedures
Date: July 31, 2007

Requirements: Prior to permit issuance, all demolition permits will require a **Sewer Cap Permit** and **Inspector's Approved Report**.

All commercial demolitions will require a Demolition Application Owner's Statement as an acknowledgement of recycling procedures.

Background: *Columbus Building Code 4113.79 (C) – Demolition permit.* "Get Green Columbus" initiative.

Memorandum: Demolition permits will require a Sewer Cap Permit Inspector's Approved Report or Sewage Abandonment Permit prior to permit issuance, per *Columbus Building Code 4113.79 (C) – Demolition permit*. The Sewer Cap Permit is issued by the City of Columbus Division of Sewerage and Drainage and the Sewer Abandonment Permit is issued by the Columbus Department of Public Health. NOTE: *This does not apply to the demolition of detached garages.*

Demolition permit applications may be submitted to the Department of Building and Zoning Services, without a City of Columbus Division of Sewerage and Drainage Sewer Cap Inspection Report, waiver, delay, or the Sewage Treatment System Abandonment permit from Columbus Public Health, however, the permit will not be issued, until the Sewer Cap Permit Inspection Report, waiver, delay, or Sewage Treatment Abandonment permit with the audit sticker is received, per Columbus Building Code. NOTE: This does not apply to the demolition of residential accessory structures.

In support of the "Get Green Columbus" initiative, and in compliance with Columbus City Code 4113.79 (I) For all structures other than a one-, two-, or three-family dwellings or associated accessory structure, a demolition permit may be issued only after affidavits have been submitted by the applicant and placed on file with the director attesting to that 25 percent, either by weight or by volume, of the resultant demolition debris shall be recycled. Waste that would be

considered a hazardous material shall be excluded from such percentage. Final inspections shall only be approved after the department receives and approves a final analysis showing compliance with this section. Appeals to this requirement shall be heard by the building commission.

At the completion of the work in accordance to the Columbus Building Code demolition standards the contractor will request a final inspection by faxing or e-mailing the Demolition Inspection Request Form to 614-645-2433 or BZS-InspectionRequests@columbus.gov.

Upon receiving the Demolition Inspection Request Form, the total weight or volume of recycled material and debris, if applicable, will be recorded and the final inspection scheduled.

The building inspector will conduct a site inspection and, if in compliance with demolition standards, approve the final inspection.

Building and Zoning Services will maintain a database for all commercial demolition permits. Demolition permit sites having no activity more than 6 months after issuance will be inspected and the applicant advised that the permit has expired.

If it is determined the work was performed but no inspection was requested, the demolition contractor is in violation of the Columbus Building Code and may be required to appear before the Board of General and Home Improvement Contractors.

For more information, please contact the Building and Zoning Services Customer Service Center at (614) 645-6090

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