

CHAPTER 146

BUILDING DEMOLITION

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146.01 PURPOSE. In order to establish surety and good faith for the adequate and proper demolition of buildings prior to such demolition, a cash deposit shall be made to the City Clerk. Such deposit shall represent a surety for such costs as the City might incur in terminating municipal utilities to the property affected, such additional cleanup as may be necessary to protect the general health and environment of the general community and for such other incidental expenses as may be incurred by the City in protecting the public welfare from demolished structures.

146.02 PERMIT REQUIRED. No person shall demolish any building or structure within the City, or cause the same to be done, without first obtaining a permit from the City and depositing with the Clerk the cash deposit as required herein.

146.03 DEPOSIT. The deposit for demolition of structures is \$300.00 and shall be paid to the Clerk no later than 24 hours prior to said demolition. Once demolition has been completed, the property owner shall notify the Clerk, who shall notify the appropriate City official, who shall in turn conduct a thorough inspection of the premises and report the findings to the Clerk. If no deficiencies in the demolition exist and if no genuine hazard is posed to the general community in the opinion of the inspector, the Clerk shall promptly notify the property owner and shall immediately tender the full deposit amount back to the property owner within 48 hours. If deficiencies do exist, the Clerk shall, within the same 48-hour period, present a written list of said deficiencies to the property owner, who shall then be granted a period of five days from the date of said notice to correct the deficiencies. At the close of the five days or upon notice from the property owner, the appropriate City official shall conduct another investigation and if such deficiencies are corrected said official shall, within 24 hours, notify the Clerk who shall immediately tender a return of the deposit money to the property owner. If upon notification or the expiration of the correction period these corrections are not made, the City may utilize the deposit money for such expenses and costs as may be necessary to correct the problem and forthwith proceed with such corrective measures.

146.04 EXCEPTIONS. Structures having no permanent foundation may be excepted at the discretion of the City official who shall survey the premises and report to the Clerk as to whether a hazard to City utilities or welfare exists.