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RESIDENTIAL BUILDING DEMOLITION GUIDE

Required Items for Residential Building Demolition:

- Survey of Existing Property - For Exterior Demolition.
- Asbestos Testing Report - NYS Labor Law Industrial Code Rule 56
- Call UDig NY 811 (1-800-962-7962)
- Historic Preservation written Approval - Planning Department (845-331-3931)
- Plot Plan (can be illustrated on copy of Survey)
 - All Structures to be removed to be labeled as such
 - All Structures to remain, to be labeled as such
 - Dimension from all structures to be removed to property lines.
 - Water Curb Box
 - Sewer Line / Septic System
- Submit signed specifications of the work on contractor's or owners letter head listing all methods and means from start to finish of demolition.
- If Main Structure is to be removed, all existing accessory structures are to be removed as well.
- Utilities:
 - Water - Plumbing Permit
 - Gas - Plumbing Permit
 - Sewer - Plumbing Permit
 - Septic - tank must be pumped out and filled with stone or sand.
 - Electric - Electric Permit
 - Plumbing, Gas & Electrical Demolition Permits must be filed separately by a licensed plumber and electrician.
 - Proof of Electric & Gas cut-off from Central Hudson
 - Oil tanks - all above or below ground tanks must be properly emptied, cleaned and removed.
- Illustrate all proposed safeguards per Chapter 33, 2020 BCNYS, including, but not limited to:
 - Means & Methods of Demolition
 - Fire Safety during Demolition
 - Adjacent Property Protection
 - Water Accumulation
 - Complete Removal of Foundation
 - Engineered Fill / Fill supporting future foundations
 - Erosion Control Plan
 - Final Grading Plan

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- Storage & Handling of Materials & Equipment
 - Fire Extinguisher Location
 - A temporary fence must be installed around the premises for entire structure demolition.
 - Sweep of Interior of Building for removal of people & animals, immediately prior to commencement of demolition.

For Permit Closeout:

- Pre-Demolition Inspection
- Manifest / Hauling Receipt - Lead Paint Present
- Certification from Engineer regarding Engineered Fill - Buildable Lot
- Final Demolition Inspection
- Electrical Permit Closed
- Plumbing Permit Closed

Notes:

- For hot work such as welding and cutting metals, a fire watch shall be provided to watch for fires, makes use of portable fire extinguishers or fire hoses, and perform similar fire prevention and protection duties. The fire watch shall remain for at least 30 minutes after the welding or cutting operations have been completed to insure that no fire exists.
- Except for the owner, no person shall enter premises which have been ordered vacated unless authorized to perform inspections, repairs, or to demolish and remove such building or structure.
- Safe and sanitary conditions shall be provided where demolition and wrecking operations are being carried on, work shall be done in such manner that hazard from fire, possibility of injury, danger to health and conditions which may constitute a public nuisance will be minimized, in conformity with generally accepted standards.
- Access to all utilities and public facilities, including, among others, fire hydrants, fire alarm boxes, police call boxes street lights and protected during demolition.
- Gas, electric, sewer, power, water and other service connection shall be disconnected, removed or sealed in conformity with the applicable regulations of the public utility or the municipal agency having jurisdiction.
 - Central Hudson (gas & electric)
 - Kingston Water Department (water)
 - Department of Public Works (sewer disconnect)
 - Dig Safety New York
- The owner/occupant and/or contractor are responsible for the removal of all construction debris from the jobsite.