

Resolution authorizing the Engineering Department to streamline the process of demolishing structures condemned by the Building & Inspections Department.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City's Building & Inspection Department is more aggressively looking at dilapidated buildings, and

WHEREAS, more structures are being condemned and required to be demolished, and

WHEREAS, demolition is not deemed as public construction and, therefore, not bound by the public bidding laws but may apply to the prevailing wage law (e.g. Wis. Stat. § 66.0903), and

WHEREAS, most structures condemned have asbestos and/or lead base paint that needs to be addressed prior to bidding, and

WHEREAS, in order to get a demolition permit to raze a structure, all utilities must be disconnected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, City of La Crosse Common Council that the Engineering Department has the authority to hire an Environmental Contractor to test for asbestos and lead base paint.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Engineering Department is authorized to hire a contractor to properly disconnect all utilities and remove asbestos and lead base paint when necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Engineering Department is authorized to hire a demolition contractor to demolish condemned structures after obtaining the appropriate prevailing wage determination, if appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the money to pay for all work necessary to demolish condemned structures shall be paid from the dilapidated building account and that the Board of Public Works has the authority to release the funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Street Department deems it can complete the demolition, that all their expenses are paid from the dilapidated building account including purchase of any required materials, repair and maintenance of equipment, salaries and benefits, tipping fees and other pertinent costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Engineer, Board of Public Works, Finance Director or their designee are hereby authorized to do any and all things necessary to effectuate this resolution.