

**CITY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN  
CITY PLAN COMMISSION  
REPORT  
August 31, 2020**

➤ **AGENDA ITEM – 20-1058 (Tim Acklin)**

AN ORDINANCE to create Section 115-356(d) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse allowing demolition of buildings without a Conditional Use Permit for transportation projects.

➤ **ROUTING:** J&A 9/1/2020

➤ **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Engineering Department is requesting that Conditional Use Permits are not required for the demolition of buildings on property that will be used for roadway projects and/or Right-of-Way. This would include properties purchased solely by the City for roadway projects and/or ROW and properties purchased in agreement with the WisDOT roadway projects and/or ROW.

➤ **GENERAL LOCATION:**

City Wide

➤ **RECOMMENDATION OF OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

N/A

➤ **CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

N/A

➤ **PLANNING RECOMMENDATION:**

This request makes sense. The primary purpose of this CUP was to allow the Common Council to be able to act on the loss of buildings and tax base in the City where there were no plans to build something new. This also allows the Council to place a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) as a condition to minimize any loss of tax base. Any purchase of property for roadway projects would still require Council action, which will them to act at that time if they have any concerns. Additionally, the City will not be placing a PILOT on itself. Lastly, there are already provisions in the Municipal Code that exempts the City from having to obtain a CUP in certain circumstances.

**This ORDINANCE is recommended for approval.**