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RENTAL BUILDINGS SALVAGE AND ABATEMENT

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Introduction

The intent of this Bulletin is to provide clarification regarding the requirements of Salvage and Abatement permits where demolition of a residential rental building is proposed.

In balancing the requirements set by Council regarding the displacement of renters and the requirement that demolition materials be disposed of in a responsible manner clarification is necessary to provide direction for the processing of Salvage and Abatement Permits for building that have residential rental suites.

Residential Rental Buildings and Salvage and Abatement

As per Section 10.14 “Demolition of a Building” of the Zoning and Development By-law the displacement of occupants of residential rental buildings by demolition permits can’t considered until both the Development and Building Applications for the new building are considered “issuable.”

The Salvage and Abatement Permit is to be considered part of the demolition or deconstruction work to a building and therefore it will be considered the same as a Demolition Permit as it pertains to requirements rental buildings or as defined by Section 10.14 “Demolition of a Building” of the Zoning and Development By-law.

Salvage and Abatement Permit Requirements

Effective April 1, 2016 a separate Building Permit to salvage and abate (Salvage and Abatement Permit) will be issued for removal of both hazardous and salvageable building materials prior to demolition.

The Salvage and Abatement Permit will not be granted until the Development, Building and Demolition Applications are “issuable” for the site. Once the Salvage and Abatement work has been completed to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Group the Demolition Permit can be issued (see: [Bulletin 2015-008](#) for full Demolition and Abatement Requirements).