
CITY OF CHICAGO

RULES



DEMOLITION BY
IMPLOSION



Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot

Commissioner Rosa Escareno

BY AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 2-25-120 AND 2-30-030 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF CHICAGO, THE RULES REGARDING DEMOLITION BY IMPLOSION ARE ADOPTED, AS FOLLOWS:

By Order of the Commissioner:

Signed: 

Commissioner Rosa Escareno

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RULES REGARDING DEMOLITIONS BY IMPLOSION

Rule No. 1. For purposes of this rules, the following definitions shall apply:

"Code" means the Municipal Code of Chicago.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection or her or his designee.

"Department" means the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection.

"Applicant" means any person that intends to use explosives to demolish a building or other structure by means of implosion.

Rule No. 2. The Commissioner shall not issue an explosives license for the business activity of demolition by implosion to the applicant, unless, in addition to all other application requirements provided in the Code, including Section 15-4-311, and rules promulgated thereunder, the applicant provides:

- (a) a proof of compliance for the written notice and posted notice requirements of Section 15-4-311 (b) and (c). Acceptable proof for compliance with the written notice requirement shall include, but not limited, to certified mail receipts. Acceptable proof for compliance with the posting requirement shall include a date-stamped color photograph, no smaller than 11 inches by 17 inches, of the required posting; and
- (b) a proof of compliance with all the elements of the public meeting required under Subsection (d) of Section 15-4-311 of the Code. Acceptable proof for such compliance shall include, but is not limited to, recorded audio or video of such meeting and record of the time, place and attendees of such meeting.

Rule No. 3. For purposes of Section 15-4-311 of the Code an application is deemed to be filed with the Commissioner when the Department receives a complete application with all the required supporting documents as prescribed by the Commissioner.

Rule No. 4. The Commissioner shall not issue an explosives license for the business activity of demolition by implosion to the applicant until the Department receives a written notification from the Executive Director of the Office of Emergency Management and Communications that all of permits, certificates, and approvals from all City agencies required to regulate a demolition by implosion have been duly issued. The forgoing City agencies include but are not limited to: the Department of Buildings, the Department of Fire, the Office of Emergency Management and Communications, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Streets and Sanitation, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Water Management.

Rule No. 5. The Commissioner reserves the right to suspend or revoke an explosives license for the business activity of demolition by implosion issued by the Department for a violation of any provision of the Code, including Chapter 2-30, or these Rules or any other rules promulgated thereunder, including non-compliance with any community notification requirements imposed under Section 15-4-311 of the Code.

Rule No. 6. Nothing in these Rules is intended to limit the powers or authority of the City of Chicago, the Department or the powers or authority of any other City agency; nor are these

Rules intended to relieve any person or entity from full compliance with any other provisions of the Code, rules promulgated thereunder by any other City Department, or any applicable law.

Rule No. 7. The provisions of these Rules are severable. If any part of these Rules, in whole or in part, is declared invalid or unconstitutional, that declaration shall not affect the part or parts which remains.

Rule No. 8. Any application, plan, and documentation required to be submitted to the Department under any provision of these Rules shall be complied by submitting such application, plan or documentation to the Office of Emergency Management and Communications.