

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 2, 1972

TO: Borough Superintendents

FROM: Director of Operations, T. V. Burke

SUBJECT: Mechanical Demolition - Directive #3 of 1971
"Accelerated Demolition Program"

1. Directive No. 3 of 1971 requires the filing of Form 117B "Information - Mechanical Demolition of Building" in each unsafe building case being authorized for demolition pursuant to precept and in each case being certified to the Board of Health for declaration as a public hazard.

2. The use of Form 117B (Revised) shall continue. In those cases where it is deemed that mechanical demolition would not be safe, questions #1 and #2 must be answered. In cases where it is deemed that the structure can be safely taken down by mechanical means, all pertinent questions shall be answered.

3. In view of the fact that conditions in unsafe buildings may change from day to day because of vandalism, fire or advanced deterioration, no further information regarding mechanical demolition shall be disseminated until after a demolition permit is issued. Only in this manner can we avoid charges of favoritism or unequal treatment when bids are filed based on information furnished by this department and such information may or may not be the same for a given structure depending on the date the information was supplied.

4. If a written request for use of mechanical demolition pursuant to Section C26-1905.4 (d) is made subsequent to the issuance of a demolition permit, such request shall be processed after inspection by the Borough Chief Engineer-Construction or Chief Construction Inspector who shall submit a report to the Borough Superintendent.

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Permits when granted to use mechanical means of demolition, shall spell out all conditions and restrictions and shall delineate the safety zone.

5. Directive No. 44 of 1957 "Use of Mechanical Method of Demolition" shall be used as a guide in the issuance of such permits.

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Attachment - B-Form #117B (Revised)

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