

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

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 7, 1977

TO: Borough Superintendents

FROM: Director of Operations Irving E. Minkin

SUBJECT: MECHANICAL DEMOLITION

My memorandum of March 24, 1977, regarding mechanical demolition, is hereby rescinded, and superseded by the following.

The memorandum dated August 22, 1975, regarding mechanical demolition, is modified in regard to the height of the structure, by substituting the following language for item (d) therein:

"(d) structure does not exceed 40 feet. However, special authorization may be granted for structures not exceeding 80 feet in height provided that in addition to all of the requirements in said memorandum, and Directive No. 10 of 1973, the following items shall be adhered to:

(1) All applications for mechanical demolition be first approved by Sam Roberts or his representative.

(2) A statement be made that where a crane is to be used, the sidewalk will be closed during machine operations, by permit from the Department of Highways.

(3) The crane or derrick has a certificate of approval, a certificate of operation; and a certificate of on-site inspection is noted will be obtained in conformance with section C26-1909.4.

(4) Location of demolition equipment must be noted on the plot plan submitted.


(5) The request forwarded by Mr. Roberts, Director of Demolition, notes that his demolition inspectors will confirm that the conditions of the approval are being adhered to, as well as the following:

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- a. Type of demolition equipment to be used must conform to that approved on plans. For example, if plans call for a clamshell, a ball may not be used.
- b. Crane and Derrick Division's approved Temporary Certificates of Approval and Operation must be with the machine used for demolition. The approved boom lengths will be in the upper left hand corner, and the form will be stamped Temporary Certificate of Approval and Temporary Certificate of Operation.
- c. Serial number of crane must be the same as that on the approved form. Serial number will be found in cab of crane. If inspector is in doubt he is to ask the operator for the location of the serial number or he is to call the Crane and Derrick Section at 482-7763.
- d. Hoisting machine operators license to be current and is to be seen by the inspector.
- e. Approved Building Department Certificate of On-Site Inspection (form #21C) is to be on the job site. Form will contain the location of the machine, which is to conform to approved Borough Superintendent's drawing and is to contain sketch of foundation necessary to spread load of outriggers or cats of the crane.

(6) In the case of demolition with a demolition ball, either Commissioner Walsh or the Director of Operations has indicated approval in writing, after a review of all of the facts and verification of conformance with section 25.5 of Reference Standard RS 19-2 by the applicant.

This memorandum is to take effect immediately.


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Director of Operations

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