

## MEDFORD BOARD OF HEALTH

### **Regulation 11: Demolition and Removal of Buildings**

Under the authority of M.G.L. Chapter 111 Section 31 and Section 128A, the Medford Board of Health has promulgated this regulation in an effort to protect the health and safety of the Medford community. This is specifically to prevent unsanitary conditions and rodent harborage.

#### **A. Purpose**

The purpose of this regulation is to legally empower the Medford Board of Health to enforce requirements including and in addition to existing State and Federal laws and regulations for demolition and removal of buildings. These regulations and laws are adopted by the Medford Board of Health in an effort to protect the health and safety of the Medford community.

#### **B. Requirements of Contractors Prior to Demolition**

Prior to demolition, a contractor requires a sign-off from the Medford Board of Health. To obtain this signature certain requirements must be fulfilled. Those include:

- 1) Proof of a Certified Pest control specialist has baited and inspected the area;
- 2) If the building was erected prior to 1960, proof of a certified asbestos contractor has inspected the building for indications of asbestos. If asbestos is found, the demolition contractor must follow the requirement of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Receipt of the Abatement form, and removal of asbestos must be completed.
- 3) In buildings and homes constructed prior to 1978, the Medford Board of Health reserves the right to require proof of a Lead inspection from a certified Lead Inspector. If Lead is found on the property, additional measures must be taken to ensure all lead is handled properly and is completely removed in clean up.

Upon completion of the above and proof being submitted to the Medford Board of Health, the Director or her agent may sign off on the permit for demolition.

#### **C. Filling of sites of demolished and removed buildings.**

The site of a demolished or removed building or structure must be leveled to uniform grade with sanitary fill, proper to prevent rodent harborage and other unsanitary conditions.

#### Unlicensed Operation

Any person who demolishes a structure without observing these regulations will be in violation of the Medford Board of Health regulation.

Failure to Comply with Orders

590.051 (B) (1) These regulations may be enforced by the Medford Board of Health through Ticket Enforcement under M.G.L. c. 40 s 21D:

**Fine Schedule:**

First offense, fifty dollars (\$50.00);

Second offense, one hundred dollars (\$100.00)

Third and subsequent offenses, two hundred dollars (\$200.00)

Each day that the offense continues shall constitute a separate offense.

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