News from the City of Austin Development Services Department



New Demolition Requirements Begin This Friday, Oct. 1

As a reminder, new requirements for demolition projects go into effect on Friday, Oct. 1. Information about the revised process is <u>now available on our website</u>. The revised process primarily affects notification requirements for total demolitions and projects that remove more than 50 percent of external walls of any residential or commercial structure.

Demolition contractors will be required to provide notice to surrounding residential structures at least five days before demolition work begins. DSD inspectors will provide notification materials after the pre-demolition requirements and inspection are complete. The new process also includes the following documents:

- <u>Affidavit of Compliance</u> affirms that the contractor will follow all applicable regulations for removal and disposal of asbestos, lead, refrigerants, and any other hazardous materials. This should be submitted with your application.
- **<u>Refrigerant Disposal Acknowledgment</u>** confirms that refrigerants have been disposed properly by a licensed contractor, as stated in the affidavit.
- **Demolition Notification Packet** will include instructions and the required yard sign and door hangers. Inspectors will provide this material after the pre-demolition inspection.
- **Demolition Notification Acknowledgment** confirms the contractor has received instructions and materials needed to notify adjacent properties at least five days before demolition begins. Contractors will receive this document with the notification packets.

The new process includes specific notification requirements for multi-family properties to help ensure property owners notify tenants. If you are planning a demolition project after Oct. 1, please <u>visit the website</u> to learn more before submitting your application.

FY 2022 Fees Become Effective Friday, Oct. 1

The new fiscal year (FY) begins Friday, Oct. 1. As noted in the <u>Aug. 30 edition</u> of Important Update, fees for DSD development services will not increase this fiscal year. FY 2022 fees for all DSD services will be updated <u>on our website</u> Oct. 1. More information about the FY 2022 budget fee schedule is available in the City of Austin <u>FY 2021-2022</u> <u>budget</u>. Fee schedules appear on pages 612-815, and DSD fees begin on page 720.

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Share Your Story to Help Shape the Next Historic Preservation Plan

The word "heritage" means different things to different people, and the City of Austin wants its new equity-based historic preservation plan to represent the full story of our community. To help ensure your voice is reflected in the plan, here are ways to share your story.

- Complete the survey by October 3.
- Tag a photo on social media showing an aspect of Austin's heritage that matters to you with the hashtag **#ATXpresplan**.
- Give feedback on the draft plan on SpeakUp Austin when it posts in fall 2022.

The draft preservation plan will recommend policies, programs and tools to celebrate and preserve buildings, neighborhoods and stories that reflect Austin's rich and complex heritage.

Thank you for your continued interest in Development Services topics.

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