

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Subsections 91.106.4.5.1, 91.106.4.5.2 and 91.106.4.5.4 of Section 91.106, Article 1, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to increase the notification requirements when a demolition permit is requested 45 years after issuance of the original building permit for a building or structure.

WHEREAS, concerns have arisen as to the adequacy of notification under the existing code subsections when a demolition permit is requested for demolition of a building or structure 45 years after issuance of the original building permit for that same building or structure;

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles desires to provide interested stakeholders, such as abutting property owners, occupants of abutting property, the relevant City Council District Office and relevant Certified Neighborhood Council Office, sufficient notice of the application for a demolition permit; and

WHEREAS, in support of the following modifications and changes, the City of Los Angeles hereby expressly finds that the following amendments and modifications to Subsections 91.106.4.5.1, 91.106.4.5.2 and 91.106.4.5.4 of Article 1, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code are reasonably necessary to generate the desired results.

NOW, THEREFORE,

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Subsection 91.106.4.5.1 of Section 91.106, Article 1, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

91.106.4.5.1. Notification of Demolition. The Department shall not issue a building permit for demolition of a building or structure for which the original building permit was issued more than 45 years prior to the date of submittal of the application for demolition pre-inspection, or where information submitted with the application indicates that the building or structure is more than 45 years old based on the date the application is submitted, without having first provided the following required notice and taken the following required actions at least 30 days prior to issuance of the demolition of building or structure permit:

1. The Department shall send written notice of the demolition pre-inspection application via U.S. mail to the abutting property owners and occupants, as well as the Council District Office and Certified Neighborhood Council Office representing the site, for which a demolition pre-inspection has been proposed for a building or structure.

2. The applicant shall post a placard on the property where the demolition will occur, in a conspicuous, visible place, within 5 feet of the front property line, describing the date of the application for demolition pre-inspection and meeting the following standards:

A. The placard shall be a minimum 11" x 17" in size and mounted at a minimum of four feet above the ground.

B. The placard shall have black letters on contrasting background white or color paper.

C. The placard shall have major block-style letters a minimum 3 inches in height and shall state: "NOTICE OF DEMOLITION." Minor letters 1½ inches in height shall list the permit number and telephone number for further information.

D. The placard material shall be made of durable, laminated or other weather resistant material.

3. The Department shall verify the placement of the placard prior to commencement of the demolition work.

4. All applicable protection devices (i.e., fences and/or pedestrian protection canopies) shall be installed and approved by the Department prior to demolition work and maintained during demolition, in accordance with LAMC Sections 91.3306 and 91.3307. The Department shall verify the placement of these devices prior to the commencement of demolition work.

Sec. 2. Subsection 91.106.4.5.2 of Section 91.106, Article 1, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

91.106.4.5.2. The applicant seeking the permit shall provide the Department with the addresses of all persons entitled to receive notice pursuant to LAMC Subsection 91.106.4.5.1 at the time that a demolition pre-inspection application is filed with the Department.

Sec. 3. Subsection 91.106.4.5.4 of Section 91.106, Article 1, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

91.106.4.5.4. Sections 91.106.4.5.1, 91.106.4.5.2 and 91.106.4.5.3 shall not apply to a building or structure as described in 91.106.4.5.1 that is the subject of a pending zoning application for a specific plan filed prior to January 12, 2015. In the event a specific plan for such property is not approved within three years from January 12, 2015, such property shall be required to comply with the provisions of Sections 91.106.4.5.1, 91.106.4.5.2 and 91.106.4.5.3. In so far as the provisions of Sections 91.106.4.5.1,

91.106.4.5.2, and 91.106.4.5.3 are different than or in conflict with the provisions of a specific plan, the provisions of the specific plan shall govern.

Sec. 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East, and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of _____.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

By _____
Deputy

Approved _____

Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

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