

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Deconstruction Program Six-Month Status Report. (Report)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

In July 2016, City Council unanimously approved a deconstruction ordinance (187876). The ordinance requires houses and duplexes seeking a demolition permit to be deconstructed if the structure was built in 1916 or earlier, or it is designated as a historic resource. The ordinance went into effect October 31, 2016. Deconstruction contrasts from traditional mechanical demolition in that it prioritizes salvage of materials for reuse as opposed to recycling or disposal. The ordinance supports policies and actions in the 2015 Climate Action Plan and the Comprehensive Plan Update.

The ordinance also directs the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to report to City Council on the status of the new deconstruction requirements after the first six months. The report (Exhibit A) summarizes the progress of the deconstruction program and recommends next steps to advance the program. Major components of the report include:

- Permitting infrastructure;
- Contractor training and certification;
- Permit status and trends;
- Market demand and expansion; and
- Workforce training.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

- Existing staff resources will continue to be used to operate the program.
- The program requires approximately 20 hours/week in staff time.
- Bureau of Planning and Sustainability staff remain responsible for the program including administration, permit review, and enforcement.
- Bureau of Development Services Permit Center staff will continue responsibility for confirming applicability of the requirements (year built and historic status).

Community impacts and community involvement:

The Deconstruction Advisory Group (DAG) was established in April 2015 and has met 20 times since formation. The DAG consists of a broad range of stakeholders including deconstruction and salvage (for and non-profit), home building, commercial development, demolition, neighborhood, recycling, historic preservation, and Bureau of Development Services and Metro staff. The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability has used the DAG as the primary way of soliciting community or contractor feedback on the new deconstruction requirements. The success of the program to date can be traced directly to the involvement of this group and their diverse perspectives and experiences.

Anticipated testimony includes:

- Members of the Deconstruction Advisory Group (DAG)
- Home builders
- United Neighborhoods for Reform (UNR)
- Earth Advantage
- Certified Deconstruction Contractors
- Workforce training students

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

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