

Amend Deconstruction of Buildings Law Code to include houses and duplexes built in 1940 or earlier

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Subject: deconstruction of homes needs to go further

<https://www.oregonlive.com/portland/2019/11/portland-may-expand-which-old-homes-must-be-dismantled-by-hand.html?fbclid=IwAR1fMxy9knMdv6Pp33BG6G1Vbb-jzBVNnYWfi97f2dFOOQnfVD9i9mW6-GE>

hi,

actually a demolition moratorium would benefit more climate concerns now, since the city of portland embraces that, but doesn't walk the talk

very much....

at least extend it to 1950 and earlier...

we write frequently re this and the tree code if portland wants to be taken seriously and not give in to developer greed

thx

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John Sandie – resident of NE Portland

Let me put a bit of historical context to the present proposal --

Back in May of 2014 while doing research on residential demolitions, United Neighborhoods for Reform (UNR) discovered two landmark scientific studies in Baltimore and Chicago documenting the propagation of lead-based paint dust during urban demolitions. Subsequently, additional academic studies at Wayne State and UIC verified and added much to these earlier studies.

Through, at times, frustrating – but persistent-- efforts of enlightening municipal and state employees to these studys' findings; UNR and other civic minded citizens successfully achieved the passage of Oregon State laws to put proper legal weight on responsible residential demolition requirements and best practices. The Portland ordinance, in accordance with state best practices, went into effect July 1st of 2018; and City Council will hear of its effectiveness, challenges and needs for improvements later this year during the DRAC sub-committee presentation.

Along this journey, it became apparent that the public health benefits of deconstruction augmented the environmental and salvage benefits, further promoting the need for broadening deconstruction requirements and use.

The construction market has seen the need and benefits of expanding deconstruction usage and filled this void effectively, overcoming initial concerns of not having capacity to handle the additional load and acting as impediment to new development. In addition, let's not understate the importance of adding critical construction trades training along the way.

Therefore, if the Council does not support this proposal – you are, in essence, discounting the countless hours dedicated to meetings of advisory groups and numerous workshop events that called upon the collective wisdom of a wide range of industry and public experts regarding all phases of demolitions and benefits of deconstruction.

I urge you to actively support this proposal. Thank you.

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Subject: Testimony to the Portland City Council in support to Amend Deconstruction of Buildings Law Code to include houses and duplexes built in 1940 or earlier.

Expanding the required deconstruction mandate and putting a halt to the mechanical demolition of homes in residential neighborhoods utilizing diesel particulate belching excavators can not come soon enough. Moreover, the mechanical demolition of homes built prior to 1978 spreads contaminated lead paint dust directly into the air of residential neighborhoods where kids play, families barbecue and where people simply enjoy the outdoors in the green yards around their homes.

Deconstruction is about sustainability and preservation. The reuse of building materials lessens the need for new raw materials including new lumber from growing trees, and preserves historical artifacts such as period window frames, interior moldings and trim, and other materials of character that otherwise could not be replaced.

In the 1920s, Portland was in the midst of a new home building boom. These homes were of high quality construction using old growth lumber. There is a vibrant marketplace for both restoration and repurposing uses of these products. It is a crime to not to preserve the irreplaceable lumber and reusable materials from these homes.

As compared to mechanical demolition, deconstruction also creates significantly more jobs - including entry-level jobs that can lead to higher paying jobs.

For city that pride's itself by promoting reuse and recycling, it is only common sense to expand the deconstruction mandate to not only include homes built between 1916 and 1940, but all the way to 1978 and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

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hi shawn,

the decon of houses is wasteful, as a demolition moratorium would work better for green portland...

affordable housing is keeping all homes and restoring them...

this is better, but still wrong to raze a house for unaffordable poorly made homes, duplexes, tri, etc

thx

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