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Policy for Demolition Contractor Licensing and Permit Issuance

It has come to my attention that we are issuing demolition permits to individuals/companies without the proper contractor licenses to perform the work. Beginning immediately, we will follow the policy below for assuring that state licensing law is complied with in this jurisdiction.

All applications for demolition shall include the job valuation for the project as well as the cubic feet as currently required. Before a demolition permit is issued, the examiner shall verify that the contractor applying for permit is properly licensed to perform the work (see license requirements below)

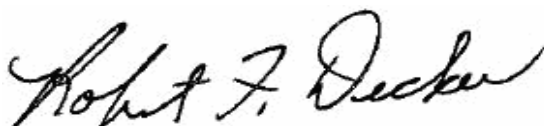
Local licenses (as found in the amendments to the 2021 International Existing Building Code):

- Class A license – allows contractors to perform all demolition work with a job valuation of less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00).
- Class B license – allows contractors to perform demolition work for projects not more than two stories in height that do not exceed 5,000 square feet per floor, or a total volume of the structure to be demolished which does not exceed 120,000 cubic feet.
- Anyone applying for a permit for a project with a job valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) or more must have a contractor's license issued from the State of Tennessee with a monetary limit which equals or exceeds the job valuation of the project.

State Licenses

- State licensed general contractors may perform work on all demolition projects that fall within their monetary limit and are included in their license classification.

Permits shall not be approved unless all required documents are received and the contractor is properly licensed to perform the work.



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