Appendix: Example Definitions of "Demolition" in other Cities

Decatur, IL:

The complete removal of structure or a scope of construction (alteration, addition, renovation or reconstruction) of a structure where only the foundation of the original structure remains.

Pasadena, CA:

Demolition. The complete destruction or removal of a structure or object, removal of more than 50 percent of the perimeter walls, or removal of any portion of a structural wall of a street-facing elevation of a structure that may have an adverse affect on the significance of a property.

Fremont, CA:

"Demolition" means, in the case of a building or structure lacking historical significance, the removal of 50 percent or more of the exterior walls or the roof form. Regarding an historic resource, "demolition" means the destruction, removal or alteration of a building or structure in whole or in part.

Los Gatos, CA:

Demolition of a structure means:

- Demolition of more than fifty (50) percent of all exterior wall areas.
- Failure to maintain a contiguous (connecting without a break) portion of existing exterior wall area that is 50% or more of the total exterior wall area.
- The remaining exterior wall area must maintain either the existing interior or existing exterior wall covering.

Amherst, MA:

"Demolition" - Any act of pulling down, destroying, removing or razing a structure or portion thereof, or commencing the work of total or substantial destruction with the intent of completing the same.

Berkeley, CA:

A building or enclosed structure shall be considered demolished for the purposes of this chapter when, within any continuous 12 month period, such building or enclosed structure is destroyed in whole or in part or is relocated from one lot to another. For purposes of this Section, destroyed in part means when 50% or more of the enclosing exterior walls and 50% or more of the roof are removed. Removal of facades or portions of facades is subject to Chapter 23E.12.

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IV. MINOR AND MAJOR RESIDENTIAL ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS AND DEMOLITIONS

The following matrix provides the criteria for a minor residential alteration or addition, a major residential alteration or addition and a residential demolition.

| 25.5 | INOR LTERATIONS/ADDITIONS | MAJOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS | DEMOLITIONS |
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| • | 25% or less of existing perimeter foundation will be altered, abandoned or removed | more than 25% of the existing perimeter foundation will be altered, abandoned or removed | all of the existing perimeter foundation will be altered, abandoned or removed |
| • | foundation repair or replacement is only work to be done under the permit | the permit is for foundation repair or replacement, plus any other foundation work | |
| | | any new story is added, including a basement or other below-grade structure. Raising a structure to meet the required headroom in a basement is considered the same as creating a basement | |
| • | 50% or less of the exterior wall area on any floor will be increased or replaced | increasing or replacing more than 50% of the exterior wall area on any floor. If the floor under an exterior wall is removed, it will be treated as if the wall was removed | replacing more than 50% of the first floor exterior wall area |
| • | 1,000 square feet or less are to be added to the existing structure | more than 1,000 square feet are added to the existing structure | none of the existing structure is maintained |
| • | 100% or less of the exterior footprint area of the existing structure is to be added | more than 100% of the existing footprint area of the structure is added | |