

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

for

DEMOLITION AND SITE CLEARANCE

City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

1. No structure or accessory building shall be removed from the premises as a whole, or in a substantially whole condition, but all such structures and accessory buildings shall be demolished on the premises.
2. Demolition and disposal of rubbish and debris shall proceed simultaneously.
3. The City assumes no responsibility for the condition of existing buildings and structures and other property on the site, nor for their continuance in the condition existing at the time of issuance of the Invitation for Bids or thereafter. No adjustment of contract price or allowance for any change in conditions, which may occur after the Invitation for Bids has been issued, will be made.
4. Once the demolition is started, it shall be continued until completed.
5. A Wrecking Permit shall be procured from the Inspection Department before commencing demolition. There will be no charge for the permit.
6. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances and codes of the City of La Crosse and in particular, your attention is directed to Building Code, Chapter 16, General Building Restrictions 16.09 G (1) (2) (4):

(G) WRECKING OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES.

- (1) Before a building can be demolished or removed, the owner or his agent shall notify all utilities having service connections within the building, such as water, electricity, gas, sewer and other connections. The wrecking permit shall not be issued until a release is obtained from the utilities stating that their respective service connections and appurtenant equipment, such as meters and regulators, have been removed or sealed and plugged in a safe manner.
- (2) Whenever a building is demolished, the roof and each upper story shall be taken down before the demolition of the next lower story is begun; no material shall be placed in such a manner as to overload any part of such building in the course of demolition; all brick, stone, timber and structural parts of each story shall be lowered to the ground immediately upon displacement; all dry mortar, lime, brick dust, plaster, or other flying material shall before and during removal be dampened sufficiently to prevent it from floating or being blown into the street or on adjoining property; and all sidewalks shall be protected by fences and scaffolds as required by this code for the protection of sidewalks during the erection of buildings.
- (3) Excavations from demolished buildings or structures shall not be filled with any materials subject to deterioration. The Inspection Department, upon notification by the permit holder, the owner or his agent, in writing and upon form provided by the Inspection Department for that purpose, shall inspect each excavation, or any part thereof, before filling any excavations and it shall be unlawful to fill any such excavation without inspection and approval of the Inspection Department. Voids in excavations shall not be permitted.

7. Whenever the Engineering Department determines that construction or repair work may endanger the traveling public, the Contractor, at the request of the department, shall erect roofed passageways extending over public thoroughfares at least six (6) feet, the roof of which shall be not less than a double thickness of 2 inch thick lumber.
8. If buildings to be demolished are surrounded by a number of trees and bushes, and if during demolition a sufficient number of limbs are broken or hanging to present a safety hazard, the Engineer will order the removal of such trees at no additional cost to the City.
9. No part of the abutting streets, including the public walks and boulevard areas, shall be occupied by the Contractor and his equipment. Boulevard trees, public walks and boulevards shall be preserved and properly protected.

Upon request, the City Engineer may permit the Contractor and his equipment to occupy a maximum of one-third of the adjacent street area. Granting this permission does not change the Contractor's responsibility in regard to damage to private or public property.

The Contractor's operations shall be confined to the parcels of land included in the demolition.

10. Arrangements shall be made with the Police Department to prohibit parking of vehicles in the near vicinity of the actual demolition.
11. The Contractor shall be responsible for all damage to private or public property as a result of his fault or negligence in connection with the prosecution of the work and shall be responsible for the proper care and protection of all work performed until completion and final acceptance.
12. In order to prevent the blowing of dust and dirt, the Contractor will be required to wet down and keep wet the structures before and during wrecking operations, all rubbish and debris stockpiled on the site, and all rubbish or debris is being loaded for disposal.
13. All obstructions shall be adequately barricaded and lighted at night.
14. Demolition and site clearance will consist of the demolition and removal of all structures and accessory buildings, walks, concrete slabs, retaining walls, trees and bushes, and including foundation walls, columns, floors, piers, partitions, walls, stoops and any other subsurface structures to the level of the demolition grade; filling all excavations to the existing ground elevation; and the grading and smoothing of the site. All shall be done in a lump sum bid.
15. When the work of demolition is substantially complete, the Contractor shall notify the Engineering Department that the work will be ready for final inspection.
16. The Contractor shall comply with applicable laws and ordinances governing the disposal of materials, debris, rubbish and trash off or on the project area; and shall commit no trespass on any private property in the disposal of the materials without permission of the property owners involved.