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Chicago City Council
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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. The Municipal Code is amended by modifying Section 13-32-230 by adding the underlined language as follows:

13-32-230 Building wrecking - Permit required - Safety requirements.

a) Before proceeding with the wrecking or tearing down of any building or other structure, a permit for such wrecking or tearing down shall first be obtained by the owner or his agent from the building commissioner. It shall be unlawful for any person to proceed with the wrecking or tearing down of any building or structure or any structural part of such building or structure unless such permit has first been obtained and the applicable notification requirements set forth in Section 13-124-070 have been met. Application for such permit shall be made by the owner, or his agent, to the building commissioner, who shall issue the permit upon such application and the payment of the fee herein provided.

Every application shall state the location and describe the building which it is proposed to wreck or tear down. Upon the issuance of said permit, such building may be wrecked or torn down, provided that all the work done thereunder shall be subject to the supervision of the building commissioner and to such reasonable restrictions as he may impose in regard to elements of safety and health; and provided further, that the work shall be kept sprinkled and sufficient scaffolding be provided to insure safety to human life.

b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), if a building or structure is color coded orange or red in the Chicago Historic Resources Survey published in 1996, designated a National Historic Landmark, listed individually on the National Register of Historic Places, or listed as a "contributing resource" to a Historic District that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, no demolition permit shall be issued for a period not to exceed 90 days in order to enable the department of planning and development to explore options to preserve the building or structure, including, but not limited to, possible designation of the building or structure as a Chicago landmark in accordance with Article XVII of Chapter 2-120 of this code.

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance will become effective on passage and approval.