



TOWN OF CANTON_{CT}

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES

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Sec. 29-253. (Formerly Sec. 19-395e). Code applicable to all municipalities. Ordinance governing demolition of hazardous building. (a) The State Building Code, including any amendment to said code adopted by the State Building Inspector and Codes and Standards Committee, shall be the building code for all towns, cities and boroughs. (b) Nothing in this section shall prevent any town, city or borough from adopting an ordinance governing the demolition of buildings deemed to be unsafe. As used in this subsection, “unsafe building” means a building that constitutes a fire hazard or is otherwise dangerous to human life or the public welfare.

Sec. 29-393. (Formerly Sec. 19-391). Building inspectors; duties, right of entry. On receipt of information from the local fire marshal or from any other authentic source that any building in his jurisdiction, due to lack of exit facilities, fire, deterioration, catastrophe or other cause, is in such condition as to be a hazard to any person or persons, the building inspector shall immediately make an inspection by himself or by his assistant, and may make orders for additional exit facilities or the repair or alteration of the building if the same is susceptible to repair or both or for the removal of such building or any portion thereof if any such order is necessary in the interests of public safety. Any building inspector shall have the right of entry into all buildings for the performance of his duties between the hours of nine o’clock a.m. and five o’clock p.m., in the interests of public safety.

PART IV* STATE DEMOLITION CODE

Sec. 29-401. (Formerly Sec. 19-403b). Regulations. The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall adopt such regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 as may be necessary for the administration of this part, including but not necessarily limited to, working definitions of such terms as “demolition”, “building”, “structure” and the like. Such regulations shall be designed for, and limited to, the carrying into effect of the intent and purpose of this part for public safety.

Sec. 29-404. (Formerly Sec. 19-403e). Local building official to administer State Demolition Code. The local building official shall administer sections 29-406 to 29-413, inclusive. Each such official shall have experience in building demolition, construction or structural engineering, shall be generally informed on demolition practices and requirements and on the equipment necessary for the safety of persons engaged in demolition and the public and shall have a thorough knowledge of statutes and regulations of the department concerning demolition. Such

official shall pass upon any question relative to the manner of demolition or materials or equipment to be used in the demolition of buildings or structures.

Sec. 29-413. (Formerly Sec. 19-403n). Basements and cellars. No person shall allow any basement, cellar, hole or the like to remain uncovered or opened as a result of the demolition of any building, structure or part thereof. Each person who, in a demolition operation, uncovers or opens such a basement, cellar, hole or the like shall fill the same to grade and remove all excess materials, rubbish and debris from the premises. If a new building, structure or part thereof is to be erected on the site of such demolished premises, the building official may waive any of the provisions of this section.

Sec. 29-405. (Formerly Sec. 19-403f). Appeal from decision of local building official. Any person aggrieved by any order or decision of a building official may, within ten days of such order or decision, appeal therefrom to the superior court for the judicial district wherein such person resides, and such appeal shall be a privileged matter to be heard by the court as soon after the return day as is practicable.

Note: A license is not required, but a building permit is required, for the following for:

- The disassembling, transportation and reconstruction of historic buildings for historic purposes;
- The demolition of farm buildings;
- The renovation, alteration or reconstruction of a single-family residence;
- The removal of underground petroleum storage tanks;
- The burning of a building or structure as part of an organized fire department training exercise;
- The demolition of a single-family residence or outbuilding by an owner of such structure provided it does not exceed a height of thirty feet; and
- The deconstruction or disassembly of swimming pools.

If you have any questions please contact the Building Department.

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