

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

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**SUBJECT: NEW REQUIREMENT FOR
DEMOLITION PERMIT APPLICANTS**

DATE: May 16, 2019

Approved



Date

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INFORMATION

The purpose of this Memorandum is to advise City Council of an upcoming new requirement, affecting demolition permit applicants, as mandated by the City of San Jose's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Permit issued by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. Beginning July 1, 2019, project applicants will be required to complete screening forms for Polychlorinated Biphenyls prior to City approval of building demolitions on private and public property. Polychlorinated Biphenyls are regulated at both the state and federal level as exposure to them may present health risks. Runoff into storm drains from building demolition activities has been identified as a controllable source. All projects that involve demolition must submit a screening form to the City to meet this regulatory requirement. However, Polychlorinated Biphenyls testing will only be required for select buildings constructed between 1950 and 1980 and will not be required for wood frame and residential buildings. Staff will incorporate the new requirement into the demolition approval processes for both public and private projects.

Environmental Services Department, Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, and Public Works staff worked collaboratively to streamline the screening process and develop outreach to affected parties. Staff presented on the new regulation and screening process at the Developers and Construction Roundtable meeting held on February 8, 2019, and have posted alerts regarding the new requirement on the City's website. In May 2019, staff will mail a notice to the developer and construction community to further promote awareness of the new form and regulations. Beginning June 1, 2019, program information will be available on Environmental Services Department's Stormwater webpage at www.sanjoseca.gov/ManagingPCBs.

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