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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #000093 111506
CODE INTERPRETATION

CODE SECTION: 20.30.100 (C)

I. ISSUE

Control of rodents in an urban environment has been determined to be a critical issue by King County and the City of Shoreline. The demolition of buildings or structures may cause dispersion of the rodent population.

II. FINDINGS:

• **Shoreline Municipal Code (SMC)**

20.10.020 Purpose

“It is the purpose of this Code to:

- Promote the public health, safety, and general welfare;
- Guide the development of the City consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.”

• **City of Shoreline Property Maintenance Code (ref. 15.05.010(K)SMC)**

104.2 Rule-making authority. The code official shall have authority as necessary in the interest of public health, safety and general welfare, to adopt and promulgate rules and procedures; to interpret and implement the provisions of this code; to secure the intent thereof; and to designate requirements applicable because of local climatic or other conditions. Such rules shall not have the effect of waiving structural or fire performance requirements specifically provided for in this code, or of violating accepted engineering methods involving public safety.

302.5 Rodent harborage. All structures and exterior property shall be kept free from rodent harborage and infestation. Where rodents are found, they shall be promptly exterminated by approved processes which will not be injurious to human health. After extermination, proper precautions shall be taken to eliminate rodent harborage and prevent reinfestation.

308.1 Infestation. All structures shall be kept free from insect and rodent infestation. All structures in which insects or rodents are found shall be promptly exterminated by approved processes that will not be injurious to human health. After extermination, proper precautions shall be taken to prevent reinfestation.

III. CONCLUSIONS

The Director, acting under the authority outlined in the referenced codes and ordinances, has the authority to, in the interest of public health, safety and general welfare adopt policies to implement the provisions of these codes. More specifically, the Director, through this administrative order, defines when rodent abatement is required for those buildings and structures proposed to be demolished and what processes are deemed acceptable relative to rodent abatement in and around these structures.

IV. DECISION:

When is rodent abatement required?

Demolition of:

- Food sales and food handling establishments
- Buildings that are subject to a current code enforcement action
- Other buildings or structures as determined by the Director pursuant to the provisions the Shoreline Property Maintenance Code

What are “acceptable processes” for rodent abatement?

At the time of application submittal:

- A declaration from a pest control company stating that they have completed a rodent abatement process on the property, or
- A declaration from a pest control company that they have examined the property and find no evidence of rodents.

The abatement measures must remain in place during demolition based on recommendations from the pest control company.

Original signed by Joe Tovar

November 15, 2006

Director’s Signature

Date