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Sec. 29-401-1. Definitions

Unless otherwise expressly stated, the following terms shall have these meanings:

(a) "Application" means a formal written request for a certificate of registration.

(b) "Building" means any structure built for the support, shelter or enclosure of persons, animals, chattels, or property of any kind.

(c) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of public safety or his designee.

(d) "Demolition" means any wrecking activity directed to the disassembling, dismantling, dismembering and/or razing of any structure or part thereof not exempted under the provisions of section 29-402 (c) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(e) "Person" means an individual, a corporation or a partnership.

(f) "Structure" means an assembly of materials above or below ground level forming a construction for occupancy or use including, but not limited to, buildings, stadiums, platforms, radio towers, storage tanks, towers, trestles, piers, wharves, sheds, coal bins, bridges, boilers, shelters, and display signs. The term structure shall include a structure or any part or parts thereof.

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Sec. 29-401-2. Application and fees

(a) Applications shall be submitted to the demolition unit of the department of public safety on forms provided by the department of public safety.

(b) Initial applications shall be accompanied by a fee of five hundred dollars for a Class A certificate and, in the case of a Class B certificate, the fee shall be two hundred dollars. Annual renewal applications shall be accompanied by a fee of three hundred dollars in the case of a Class A certificate and in the case of a Class B certificate the fee shall be one hundred dollars. Renewal applications shall not be accepted after thirty days next following the expiration date of the certificate.

(c) Applications received without the required fees shall be returned to the applicant without further processing by the department.

(d) In the event that the person requesting the certificate is a partnership or corporation, a partnership authorization or a corporate resolution, as appropriate, authorizing the request for a certificate shall accompany the application.

(e) In the instance of a corporate or partnership request for a Class A certificate, no application shall be accepted unless at least one of the active officers or active partners or full-time employees of the corporation sets forth sufficient knowledge and experience to be considered an expert in the field of demolition in the opinion of the commissioner. Such expert shall have not less than five years supervisory experience in the field of demolition for a Class A certificate to be issued to the applicant. In the event that a Class B certificate is requested, then the expert must furnish proof that he has been engaged in the demolition business in a supervisory capacity for at least three years. The knowledge and experience of the proposed expert shall be set forth in the application.

(f) In the event a certificate is requested in the name of an individual, then that person must present satisfactory proof that he has been engaged in the demolition field in a supervisory capacity for at least five years for a Class A certificate or three years in the case of a Class B certificate. The knowledge and experience of such person shall be set forth in the application.

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Sec. 29-401-3. Certificates of registration

(a) Certificates shall be of two types, Class A and Class B. A Class A certificate shall be required for the demolition of any structure or part thereof which exceeds two and one-half stories in height or thirty-five feet in height. A Class B certificate shall be required for the demolition of any structure two and one-half stories or less in height or less than thirty-five feet in height. A person holding a Class A certificate shall also be permitted to perform such work as that permitted by the holder of a Class B certificate.

(b) All persons who obtain a demolition certificate shall be responsible for the performance of their servants and/or agents engaging in the demolition activity.

(c) There shall be no subcontracting of demolition operations unless the subcontractor possesses a proper demolition certificate.

(d) The business of demolition shall be carried on or executed only by the person, corporation, or partnership to whom the certificate for such demolition has been issued and no persons, corporations or partnerships shall conduct or carry on a demolition operation under a demolition certificate issued to some other person. In the instance of a corporate or partnership certificate, at least one of the active officers or active partners or full-time employees must have sufficient knowledge and experience to be considered an expert in the field of demolition in the opinion of the commissioner. The commissioner shall be notified immediately when such expert is no longer a member of or employed by the certificate holder.

(e) In the event a certificate is requested in the name of an individual, then that person must show sufficient knowledge and experience to be considered an expert in the field of demolition.

(f) The commissioner shall not issue a certificate until he finds:

(1) That the applicant has the necessary experience for the type of certificate requested.

(2) That the credit report and financial statements of the applicant show that the applicant is financially able to engage in the demolition business for which the certificate is requested.

(3) That the applicant as well as all partners of a partnership and all officers and directors of a corporation possess a reputation for honesty, integrity, and good character. In considering such reputation, the commissioner may take into account the information contained in the letters of recommendation submitted by the applicant and any other statements submitted to or obtained by the Commissioner.

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Sec. 29-401-4. Revocation of the certificate

(a) Any certificate issued pursuant to these regulations may be revoked by the commissioner after notice and opportunity for hearing if:

(1) The certificate was fraudulently obtained or erroneously issued.

(2) The holder of the certificate, any partner of a partnership or officer or director of a corporation, or that individual providing the technical expertise has violated any of the provisions of the regulations of the department of public safety, the department of environmental protection, or any local, state or federal rule or regulation concerning demolition, health, demolition, waste disposal or if the same persons failed to comply with any directive of a local municipality authorized to issue specific demolition permits.

(3) The holder of the certificate failed to carry out and conform to the provisions of Part IV of Chapter 541 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(b) The commissioner may refuse to issue any certificate or renewal thereof for cause as set forth in section 29-402 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(c) The revocation of a certificate shall automatically revoke any demolition permit issued by any local municipality.

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Sec. 29-401-5. Administration of the state demolition code

The local building official shall administer the state demolition code as set forth in sections 29-406 to 29-413, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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