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Post Fire / Vehicle Damage Procedure

In the event that a fire in a building, home or structure occurs, the Building Safety Division should be contacted to initiate an assessment inspection of the structure to determine if it can be safely occupied. This will be permitted as a **“Post Fire Inspection.”**

In the event that a vehicle damages a building, home or structure, the Building Safety Division should be contacted to initiate an assessment inspection of the structure to determine if it can be safely occupied. This will be permitted as a **“Vehicle Damage Inspection.”**

The owner/owner's representative of the property is responsible for ensuring that the structure is protected and secured so that no one enters the property. The property owner is responsible for obtaining a building permit for a post fire inspection/vehicle damage inspection.

Once the permit is obtained, the owner or the owner's representative will schedule an inspection for the next business day. The Inspector will determine whether or not it is safe to enter the building, home or structure.

The Inspector will tag the structure with one of the following results:

- Approval to continue living or occupying partially.
- Only safe to gather your personal belongings, but not to live or occupy.
- Do not enter building is not safe to live or occupy.

The Inspector will send a report to the owner or their representative.

This report will serve as a basis to determine the magnitude of the scope of work of the structure. The inspectors report will be a general list of damages and state what type(s) of permit(s) will be needed for the repair(s) or replacement of damaged area(s).

This is not a final list of items damaged by the fire, nor is it intended to determine what the home insurer will and will not pay for. The information in the report will inform the Building Safety Division as to the scope of work to determine if plans are needed, if they can issue an over-the-counter building permit, and determine the permit fees.

Furthermore, a demolition permit may be needed to assess damages created by a fire or vehicle impact if areas of the property are obstructed or not accessible due to the extent of the damage to the structure. Or areas of the property may not be observable due to the nature of the damage (i.e. a whole house fire burns



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the roof completely down, but the walls remain intact, but the condition of the wall framing and foundation are unknown.). After safety of the structure is assessed and a demolition permit has been pulled, the contractor/owner shall request a “Demo” inspection to further assess what may need to be addressed on the building permit after the area(s) of the affected structure is demolished.

At either the post fire/vehicle damage inspection, or at the later demolition inspection a brief description of the affected areas will be noted, and the type(s) of permits needed will be stated.

It will be the owner’s responsibility to obtain such permits and provide the appropriate documentation for review by the City of Tracy Building Safety Division for code compliance and issuance of the required permits prior to the start of construction. Documentation may include, but not limited to a plan set, structural calculations, and supplemental specifications as needed to determine construction and code requirements.

Please take note of the steps within this process and requirements. Please feel free to contact the Building Safety Division if any further assistance is needed. You may call us at (209)831-6400 or via email to plancheck@cityoftracy.org