



## Common Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date: May 5, 2026

Agenda Item: Razing of Buildings

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### BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

Following a review of the City Code, staff identified that regulations governing the razing of buildings and structures does not currently exist. This ordinance is being drafted to formally establish those standards. Requiring demolition permits helps ensure the health, safety, and welfare of residents by establishing clear standards and oversight for the removal of structures. These permits would apply when a property owner proposes to demolish a residential dwelling, commercial building, or accessory structure such as a garage. The permitting process allows the City to ensure demolition activities are conducted in a consistent manner and in accordance with recognized best practices.

### PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

April 13, 2026-Plan Commission Recommended referral to Common Council.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

N/A

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City of Whitewater Common Council:

1. Approve the first reading of the Razing Buildings Ordinance.
2. Option to waive second reading.

### ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

Draft Ordinance.