

Chapter 19.60 – BLASTING OR EXPLOSIVE DEMOLITION

19.60.010 - Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this section is to establish the conditions under which blasting or explosive demolition may be permitted in Whitman County.

19.60.020 - Conditions of Approval

Blasting Permits shall be issued by the Whitman County Public Works Department. The permit must be requested by the applicant each year. The Blasting Permit shall be valid for up to one year, and expires on December 31st. The permit is not to be construed as approval by other agencies, and/or compliance with other local, state and federal regulations and requirements. The applicant must contact and obtain necessary permits or approvals annually. Failure to obtain these permits are basis for revoking the Whitman County Blasting Permit. Any ownership transfers shall be reported to the Whitman County Public Works Department for review and/or update of the permit. Any activity where blasting or explosive demolition is required shall be done only in accordance with the following provisions:

1. Written notification must be posted on the premises in a conspicuous manner or given directly to the resident(s) within 1,000 feet of the blasting area, or notification requirements and regulations set by the state and federal agencies (whichever is greater). In addition, blasting within 1,000 feet of any county or state road right-of-way shall require verbal notification to the appropriate official. The notification shall include the date and approximate time of the proposed blasting with a minimum of one hour notification prior to such activity;
2. Proof of \$1,000,000.00 liability insurance or bonding for damages;
3. Proof of a certification or license from the appropriate State department issuing such certification or license;
4. Flagging for roads, if necessary;
5. Shutting off power in affected utility corridors, if necessary;
6. Cleaning up of debris from adjacent property.