



A Resolution Calling for Municipal Building Deconstruction

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield understands the benefits of deconstruction and building material reuse; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield will be among a small number of innovative municipalities nationwide that are adopting these measures; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield recognizes the value of reuse and preserving its cultural heritage by prolonging the lifespan of current building stock, its architectural features, and building material as much as possible; and

WHEREAS, globally, buildings account for 39% of annual greenhouse gas emissions and more than 50% of resource extraction and solid waste production; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield is to adopt a circular economy approach to construction and deconstruction in the built environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield will reduce landfill waste by requiring careful deconstruction of buildings that have run their full course of use; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield will require as much material as possible to be reused in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield will require as much material as possible to be recycled that cannot be easily reused; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield, through the process of deconstruction and not mechanical demolition, will reduce the release of hazardous dust from the site; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield will thus reduce the carbon emissions associated with the extraction and transportation of raw materials that make up the built environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield will thus create more jobs in deconstruction, reuse, and recycling sectors by creating value out of reused and recycled materials, which are subsequently used again in new construction and remodeling, contributing to circularity in the continual building, care, and maintenance of the town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield will thus ensure that the benefits of deconstruction, salvage, and reuse are shared among all local communities to reduce historical social and economic inequities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council directs the Facilities Management Department to pilot deconstruction during the next major municipal building renovation or demolition. The Pilot may involve full deconstruction, which is the disassembly of a building in the reverse order it was constructed for the purposes of reuse and recycling, or selective deconstruction, which is the disassembly of selected portions of a building for the purposes of reuse and recycling; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Facilities Management Department and Sustainability and Solid Waste Coordinator report to Town Council within one year of the resolution effective date with a status report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Facilities Management Department and Sustainability and Solid Waste Coordinator report to Town Council once the pilot is completed with relevant findings and recommendations.

The resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this 26th day of January in the year 2026.



Antonia Moran
Mayor, Town of Mansfield