




**Seattle Department of
Construction & Inspections**

Date: October 21, 2019

To: Memo to File

From: 
Nathan Torgelson, Director

Subject: **SEPA EXEMPTION under SMC 25.05.880 Emergencies**
Project Number: 6753592-DM
Address: 2300 block of Northwest Market Street

I have concluded that demolition of the structure located at the 2300 block of Northwest Market Street in Ballard is necessary to protect against an imminent threat to public health and safety. This structure, which housed Kitchen N Things, La Isla Restaurant, Supercuts and Octo Designs Jewelers, was destroyed by fire on October 7, 2019. About 65% of Seattle's on duty fire fighters and fire personnel were called to the scene. The fire caused about \$3 million worth of damage and the building has been red tagged by the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections. The owner of the structure wishes to demolish the building as soon as the asbestos and lead abatement is completed for the building and adjacent right-of-way. The building is beyond repair, and the north wall is at risk of collapsing into the structure to the north along 24th Avenue NW.

I have concluded that demolition has independent utility as a means of averting possible human injury to unauthorized trespassers who might enter the structure, and to the existing structure to the north.

Based on the information described above, I, the Director of the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, have determined that issuance of a demolition permit for this structure is EXEMPT from review by the City under the State Environmental Policy Act and SMC 25.05.880.

cc: Jatinder Khokhar, SDCI
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