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TO: ALL LOCAL NEWS MEDIA

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SUBJECT: DEMOLITION OF 47 E FEDERAL (REALTY TOWER)

DATE: JULY 11, 2024

Please see the below public safety update regarding the demolition of 47 East Federal (Realty Tower) and impacts on the surrounding area.

The owner of 47 East Federal (Realty Building) has initiated the process of demolition after receiving all necessary permits from Mahoning County. This project is a private demolition job and is not being administered by the City of Youngstown.

In addition to the security fence placed around the building by the owners, the City of Youngstown has installed and will maintain additional barricades marking the “collapse zone.” As the building demolition proceeds and the height of the building is reduced, the collapse zone will be reduced accordingly. It is anticipated that full removal of the collapse zone can be achieved at the Youngstown Fire Chief’s discretion once the demolition reaches the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

Per Ohio EPA standard precautionary measures for unsafe buildings, demolition will occur utilizing a “live load” method with all debris treated as Regulated Asbestos Containing Material (RACM). This work will be performed under the supervision of a State of Ohio Asbestos Hazard Abatement Specialist. The contractor will also provide continuous water to the demolition footprint for dust control.

Throughout the demolition process, downtown businesses, patrons, and residents can expect the following:

- Larger than usual amounts of truck traffic will be present in the downtown area, specifically on Market Street and Federal Plaza.

- Demolition work being done beyond traditional business hours and days so the work can be completed in a timely manner.
- The presence of dust during the demolition process – this is inevitable. The contractor will provide continuous water to the demolition footprint to help control it.
- Further damage to the road and curbs in the immediate vicinity of the demolition site may occur. The city is preparing for this to ensure quick repairs.
- Relocation of barricades marking the collapse zone as the demolition progresses. To help ensure everyone's safety during the demolition process, we ask that you please respect these barricades.

While this process is being administered by the property owner, YO Properties 47, the city is continuing to work to ensure the safety of our residents, businesses, and visitors during this process. We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation.