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**To:** City Council  
**From:** Bryan Myrkle, Community Development Director  
**Date:** December 8, 2017  
**Re:** Change Order #1 – 108/110 E. Lawrence Demolition

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As you know, the City of Charlotte is working with MCS Excavating to demolish the building at 108/110 E. Lawrence Avenue.

In anticipation of that work, the city updated the asbestos information for these buildings using Compli-Check, a firm that has previously done quality work for the city. The asbestos report from Compli-Check was provided to potential bidders on the demolition project.

Just a few days before the demolition was scheduled to begin, I was contacted by a representative of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. He was conducting an audit of the work done by Compli-Check, and had identified a significant area of asbestos ceiling material that Compli-Check did not find and did not include in its report. This was in the 110 side of the building under the suspended ceiling.

Due to the much higher amount of asbestos material in the building than originally reported, the cost for disposal of this material increased by \$4,500. In order to help keep the project moving forward, MCS agreed to absorb \$1,000 of the cost itself. The remaining \$3,500 would be owed by the City. I have processed a change order for Council approval for this amount.

This cost is likely to be reduced by another \$1,000 dollars, as the city is pursuing a refund for the asbestos work done by Compli-Check. The owner of Compli-Check did acknowledge the error, saying it was simply overlooked and assumed to be drywall rather than the asbestos-containing Transite tile it actually was.