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Esteemed members of the city council,

Today, I am here to present to you a summary of our Rental Home Inspection Program for the City of Oelwein.

As you may recall, the program was established on March 1st, 2019, with the purpose of ensuring safe and sanitary housing conditions for all residents of Oelwein. To achieve this goal, the program established minimum standards for all rental housing units in the city, and implemented ongoing inspections of all registered properties.

Over the past few years, our program has made significant progress in achieving its objectives. Specifically, we have completed a total of 1737 rental inspections and re-inspections, resulting in an improvement of living standards for our city. Furthermore, we have demolished 72 houses that did not meet the minimum housing standard, resulting in removal of slum and blight from our city, and thereby improving the overall quality of our housing stock.

We are pleased to report that the program has been a success, and we recommend no changes to our current policies. We believe that the once-every-three-year inspection schedule is appropriate, and that it has proven effective in ensuring the safety and well-being of our citizens. I would like to take a moment to emphasize the importance of this program, and to thank the city council for its continued support. By enforcing regulations and maintaining standards for rental properties, we are not only improving the quality of life for our residents, but also promoting economic growth and development in our city.

To conclude, we believe that our Rental Home Inspection Program is a vital component of our city's infrastructure, and we are committed to continuing this program as written.

Thank you for your attention, and we look forward to your continued support.

David Kral
Building Official/Zoning Administrator

