



Policy: Tear Down Assistance Policy

Adopted by Resolution:

Date:

The City of Oelwein works to improve the community by removing homes that no longer provide a safe and habitable living condition for community members. The city will provide tear down assistance to property owners in Oelwein to help achieve this goal. Tear down assistance is paid to the property owner who successfully demolishes a home and either adds to their current property or builds on the demolished property.

Rules of the program

- The city will fund 50 percent of the tear down with a maximum award of \$5,000
- Applicants who have received income from the property are not eligible
- Strong consideration is given to applicants who acquire an adjacent property and want to add to their existing property
- A licensed contractor must tear down the property

The process for the award is as follows:

- The applicant must have two bids for the property
- The applicant must apply to the city.
- All homes that are applying for assistance must be inspected by the city
- Applications and completed inspections are sent to the Planning, Finance, Enterprise, and Economic Development Committee for recommendation to council
 - This committee meets as needed and as time allows
- The Committee can recommend funding, recommend denying funding, or provide a recommendation with conditions.
- Once the council approves funds, the applicant then proceeds to work with their contractor on the demolition of the property
- Contractors must pull a permit for a demolition in the City of Oelwein
- Once the demolition is completed, the property owner submits landfill tickets and copies of paid invoices to the city
- A check is cut to the property owner once all building permits are clear and all paperwork has been provided to the city

While the city strives to follow the above guidelines, exceptions can be made in dire circumstances.