



Policy: Demolition Assistance

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The City of Oelwein wants to improve the community by removing homes that no longer provide a safe and habitable living condition for community members. To help achieve this goal, the city will provide demolition assistance to property owners in Oelwein. Demolition 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 demolition with a maximum award of \$5,000 as a reimbursement
- 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

The process for the award is as follows:

- The applicant must provide two demolition bids for the property
- The applicant must apply to the city via the demolition assistance application
- 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 and passes the demolition inspection, the property owner submits landfill tickets and copies of paid invoices to the city
- A reimbursement 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. This program helps the city avoid demolishing a home and bearing all of the cost.