



To: Mayor and City Council
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With an unfortunate rise in people camping or sleeping in communities across Iowa, Oelwein will need to have code ready to restrict this type of activity. The city wants to have code available to ensure if a problem arises the city can take the appropriate action. In many cases, where a person finds themselves with no housing, the city works through numerous resources to find them shelter. Unfortunately, many of those resources are dwindling and are not as helpful as we need them to be for our community. Unhoused community members need help, but the city does not have the resources available to address this issue. The approach for helping unhoused community members will need to come from a joint government collaboration of local, county, and state. This ordinance is being put in place as a last resort for unhoused issues.