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Voluntary Demolition Program

As part of the City of Lima's initiative to reduce urban blight through the Better Together Program, the City may provide assistance to qualified owners for the demolition of abandoned or uninhabitable structures. For \$250, the City may demolish a single family residential structure or \$100 for an accessory structure (three vehicle or less garage), subject to the following criteria:

1. Homeowner provides a full title search at time of application (estimated cost of \$250); OR accessory structure owner undergoes lien and owner check by City; OR title approval at the discretion of the Law Director.
2. The structure has been deemed unsafe under the guidelines of Lima Code Chapter 1420 – Existing Buildings, Dangerous Buildings.
3. The cost to repair the structure exceeds 50 percent of the County Auditor's value of the structure as determined by the City.
4. The property must have been in the current ownership for at least two consecutive years (Exception: title transferred to heirs of deceased owner).
5. The property is owned only by one or more individual(s) in their personal capacities, and not used for any business purpose; nor is the demolition for the purpose of expanding an existing use, i.e. parking lot or building expansion.
6. Fire bond funds have been exhausted or not available.
7. No creditor liens exist on the structure(s) or property. If liens exist, an allowance of one month from the date of application will be permitted for owner to provide proof liens have been removed. Application fee will be forfeited if no proof is provided within this time period.
8. County property taxes are current and property is not in active foreclosure.
9. Owner has removed all personal items, trash, and debris from the interior of the structure and exterior of structure.
10. Allocated Better Together demolition funds are available.
11. It is in the city's best interest to participate in the demolition of the structure, at the sole discretion of the Public Works Director.

Applications are available at the City of Lima Building Department, 50 Town Square, Lima, Ohio.