



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

2026 Nuisance Abatement Mowing Services

City of Oelwein, Iowa

Project Overview:

The City of Oelwein is seeking bids from qualified contractors to provide nuisance abatement services. This includes mowing of grass/weeds and removal of volunteer trees/brush on private properties where owners have failed to comply with City Ordinance Chapter 16, Article IV.

1. Scope of Work

Following notification from the Building Official or their representative, the contractor shall:

- **Abatement:** Cut all grass, weeds, and brush to a height not to exceed three (3) inches.
- **Trimming & Edging:** Trim around structures, fences, and poles. Edging must be performed on all adjacent sidewalks and curbs.
- **Volunteer Tree Removal:** Cut and remove volunteer trees as specified in the individual abatement notice.
- **Cleanup:** Remove all grass clippings and debris from sidewalks, driveways, and streets immediately following the work.
- **Documentation:** Provide "Before" and "After" digital photographs for every property abated to verify work quality for assessment purposes.

2. Contractor Requirements

- **Bonding:** Must provide a **\$10,000 surety bond** to indemnify the City against claims for property damage or accidents.
- **Equipment:** Must have sufficient equipment (mowers, trimmers, chainsaws, and transport) to respond to abatement requests within **24 hours** of notification.

3. Submission Details & Timeline

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "2026 Mowing Abatement Bid" or emailed to the Building Department at buildingofficial@cityofelweil.org.

- **Submission Deadline:** April 28, 2026, by 4:00 PM.
- **Selection Date:** April 30, 2026.
- **Contract Start:** Immediately upon selection.

4. Bid Form (Rates)

Contractors must provide a flat hourly rate for labor and equipment. The City pays for actual time on the job.

	Bid Rate
Abatement Scope-of-Work Hourly Rate	\$_____ / hr

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

Company Name: _____ Phone: _____