

CITY OF OTTAWA
Information regarding Ejector Pump Financial Assistance Program

Municipal Code

Sec. 106-311. Ejector Pump Program.

(a) The city shall set aside a limited amount of city funds each year to establish and have available a program for subsidizing the installation of ejector pumps in homes subject to chronic and/or severe flooding. Funds will be available on a "first-come-first-served" basis.

(b) Applications will be received from property owners who can establish a history of chronic and/or severe flooding. Property located in areas which were the subject of previous attempts to ameliorate flood damage by government purchase of property prone to flooding shall not be eligible for the program. The city engineer or his/her designee shall then determine whether the application shall be accepted or rejected.

(c) Property owners whose applications have been accepted shall obtain from a licensed contractor an estimate for the work to be done. Estimates shall be submitted to the city engineer. The city engineer shall then authorize the property owner to begin work. When the work has been completed according to the approved specifications and has been inspected and approved by the city engineer or his/her designee, the property owner shall submit to the city a receipt showing final payment to the contractor. In the alternative, a property owner who wishes to install an ejector pump in his/her personal residence may elect to install the ejector pump personally. In that event, the owner shall provide to the city engineer an estimate of the costs to be incurred. After the work is completed, the property owner may claim his/her reimbursement by presenting to the city engineer or his/her designee receipts showing the purchase of the necessary materials.

(d) Upon receiving proof of payment from the property owner, the city shall reimburse the property owner for one-half the cost of installing the ejector pump up to the maximum city contribution of \$1,500.00.

(Ord. No. O47-2008, 10-21-2008; Ord. No. O14-2009, 2-3-2009; Ord. No. O35-2011, 9-6-2011)