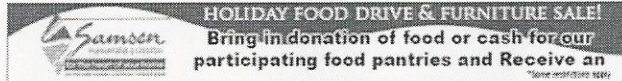


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City moves forward with Woodville Mall demolition without owners

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NORTHWOOD, OH (Toledo News Now) - The Woodville Mall is set to come down in July of next year, but now the city says they're running into problems with the property owners.

The City of Northwood says the property owners are not meeting strict court-ordered deadlines. The first was to install a chain-link fence around the property, which happened, but now city officials say the owners missed the deadline for detailing how they plan to demolish the former mall.

The plans were supposed to be submitted by Sept. 30. City officials say they did receive a plan from the property owners, but the plans lacked any details regarding demolition. The city engineer gave the owners a list of information they still needed, but the city has not received a response.

City Administrator Bob Anderson says city council will start discussing the process of advertising for demolition bids at this Thursday's council meeting.

"We're not sure about the cost, everything is still pretty much in the air right now," Anderson said. "It's been about two years since we've been dealing with an abandoned mall. I think it's about time...we do something about it."

He says he's pushing for the city to be more aggressive with the demolition process, and says he doesn't want to see the building sitting empty for another year.

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