



September 8, 2020

AARP Age-Friendly Membership Director
22 W. Washington Ave. #600
Madison, WI 53703
Electronically submitted

Dear Ms. Ceman,

On behalf of the City of Oshkosh, Wisconsin I am please to offer this letter of our ongoing commitment to building an age-friendly community. We are excited about the opportunity to join AARP's National and Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities in partnership with the World Health Organization. Oshkosh is committed to promoting independence through health, wellness and access for improved quality of life for citizens in all stages of life, and for all ages.

Joining AARP's Age-Friendly Communities means that the City of Oshkosh and surrounding area is allowed the opportunity to build upon previous successes. Below are a few recent examples highlighting the City's accomplishments:

- In 2018, the City of Oshkosh was named in the top five of *"The Most Livable Small Cities in the US."*¹
- In 2019, the City of Oshkosh & City of Neenah were jointly named number two in *"The Best Places for Millennials To Move."*²
- In 2019 – 2020, the City of Oshkosh, home to the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, was named number one *"Best College Towns."*³
- In 2020, the City of Oshkosh was number six of *"The Most Livable Small Cities."*⁴
- In 2020, the City of Oshkosh was in the top 20 of *"The Best Places for Retirees to Live and Work."*⁵

Currently, the City of Oshkosh has an AARP Livability rating of 56 out of a possible 100 points.⁶ Our goal in achieving Age-Friendly Community Membership is to prioritize efforts using AARP's Eight Domains of Livability: Outdoor Spaces & Buildings, Transportation, Housing, Social Participation, Respect & Social Inclusion, Work & Civic Engagement, Communication & Information and Community & Health Services. We hope to carry forward the great work that has been started in our community by engaging more citizens, specifically older adults in the in our Comprehensive Action Plan.

The City of Oshkosh looks forward to learning and sharing with the AARP network Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Palmeri".

Lori Palmeri
Mayor, City of Oshkosh

1. Source: <https://smartasset.com/mortgage/the-most-livable-small-cities-in-the-us>
2. Source: <https://www.reviews.org/trends/best-places-for-millennials-to-move/>
3. Source: <https://www.schools.com/research/best-college-towns>
4. Source: <https://smartasset.com/checking-account/most-livable-small-cities-in-the-us-2020>
5. Source: <https://smartasset.com/retirement/best-places-to-retire-in-the-us>
6. Source <https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Oshkosh+WI+USA>

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