
From: Garth Baldwin
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 7:57 AM
To: Amy Ernlund
Cc: City Council
Subject: RE: Violation

Ms. Ernlund,

It truly pleases me that your concern for our public employees prompted you to send this email. My uncle recently retired from Blaine Public Works, and my cousin is an electrician for Blaine. So thank you for looking out for my family. As is being championed these days is the popular slogan of "We are all in this Together." Indeed we are. Your concern for the folks out working on public projects is admirable, they are some of the MOST essential of workers. Our public employees, outside supporting road and utility infrastructure, are only part of the team working the best they can to support the citizens of Blaine. All of the people behind the scenes in the offices of City Hall are also hard at work for the rest of us. The truth of the matter is that public employees are not subject to the same limits of the Governor's Covid-19 orders as the rest of us.

Personally, I had to close my business in Blaine and have been doing the best I can from my home. I'm frustrated that I have had to send my employees home without being able to offer them the ability to work during this time. I understand the concern and confusion surrounding what many are calling "Our new normal" - but I don't accept any of this as normal regardless of newness, and it won't be mine. I look forward to the medical community getting a handle on this virus so it can be treated like so many other illnesses. Hopefully next year when we get our flu shot, there's one for the novel coronavirus as well. Until then, the city, county, state, and federal governments will continue to work as needed to support the taxpayers and citizens of our communities.

My telephone number is below if you would like to discuss this further. I encourage you to email me and all the City Council whenever you have concerns. I am always available to Blaine community-members, those in and out of Ward 2.

Stay well,

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From: Amy Ernlund [amyernlund@gmail.com]
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Why are Public Works employees marking lines for construction for next week? Filing complaint w state:violation of stay at home order.