
From: Garth Baldwin
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 7:55 AM
To: Lyn Rogers; City Council
Cc: Michael Jones; Stacie Pratschner; Bob Hammond
Subject: RE:

Mrs. Rogers,

I hope that one of the council that represents your ward has reached out to you. I have not seen that, so thought I would try to acknowledge your email and try to address your concerns. First, the primary issue seems to be overflow parking and respect for your ingress/egress to your home. It sounds like there is an issue with some illegal parking as well. I understand why the Chief would have referred you to us for the larger issue of overflowing. There are a couple things I anticipate discussing with the rest of the council and staff. Incidentally, the staff will be ones who will do any real heavy lifting to address the matter.

Regarding the inconvenience to you, if you are blocked in or a car is parked within 30-feet of the stop sign (I believe that is the legal distance), or if the curb is marked red as no parking, you can call Blaine PD to address those types of incidents. Then it's something they can deal with. The larger issue does fall to the city.

The facilities and code are the concern for city staff and the council. If the curb at the stop sign is not marked as, "No parking" we can look into the process for whether Public Works will or can do that. It's a residential area and to be honest I don't know the regulations for what gets marked where. However, I will ask the question. If they can, they will take care of that. Our City Manager, Michael Jones will be seeing this email and will take any appropriate action he sees. Furthermore, as for the overflow of parking and whether the building has sufficient parking. This matter may be a civil one. I'm confident that the city code would not allow for an under-allowance of parking space to residential units ratio. There again, I speculate. Stacie Pratschner our Community Development Director would know the answer to that. I can tell you she is actively updating all the city codes and that when the apartments across from you were built she was not with the city. By that I mean she may not have firsthand knowledge, but could find out that answer. She would likely consider it something to be aware of in the future, owing to the undeveloped lots to the east that are more than likely going to be multi-family units as well. All that being said, the proactive thing to do may be to contact the manager of the apartments to inform them that they may have residents with more cars than are allowable per unit and are causing an overflow for other residents and neighbors. Again, I have no idea about their situation but that seems like a logical course one might take. You can do a couple things that might help too. Try setting your trash cans out there when the space is there, even if it's a day before trash day! Stake your claim as much as you can. It's public space after all.

I do appreciate you contacting us about your concerns. I don't know if we, as the council, can do anything substantive to alleviate the problem at this moment, but it highlights some things we need to consider for the future. The police will definitely assist you when they can. Trust that we will discuss this issue. IN addition, I'm on the Public Works advisory committee so will also discuss the ins and outs with our new Director Bob Hammond. He might have to do some research too, since he's new, but Bob is a pro. He'll find the answers.

Again. Thank you for bringing your concerns to us. We need public input like this to better support the people of Blaine.

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From: Lyn Rogers [glsrogers@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2020 1:41 PM

To: City Council
Subject:

I live on B St, 231. Mine is one of 2 houses on the west end of the street. Because the apartment building across the street from me does not have enough parking cars park on both sides of B street. Sometimes this makes it difficult for me to get in and out of my driveway. They park so close to the sides of my driveway and they are parked behind me when I try to back out it is hard to maneuver. My driveway has never been blocked, but they squeeze in so tightly I am worried I, or a visitor will back into a car. They also park right up to the STOP sign on the north side. The garbage trucks have a hard time getting through some weeks and have an even harder time picking up the cans. I have seen an Aid Car have difficulty parking and have to block the street to do so as there is nowhere for them to pull over. Is there anyway to make this parking on the north side of the street only or no parking for the first block of the street. I feel there should have been enough parking supplied by the apartments to prevent this from happening. I dont think cars should be blocking Emergency vehicles form parking or making garbage pickups more difficult. Would you share your opinion with me on this? Thank you for your time and your continuing service.

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231 B St

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Date: Tue, 2 Jun 2020 10:57:25 -0700
Subject: Parking

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