

31 May 2007

TO : Blaine City Council  
Blaine City Hall  
FAX 332-8330

RE : *Billboard not allowed !*

We posted a preliminary inquiry to the Planning Dept. concerning the installation of a privately paid-for billboard on private property that would advertise Blaine Harbor to visitors coming from the North.

The response was "not allowed" ! (See enclosed.)

*Does Blaine want visitors passing our most visible entry to NOT KNOW WHERE THE TOWN IS ? It appears that this is what the Planning Commission has concluded !*

We suggest that the City Council ask for a review of its ordinance, and in particular the prohibition of billboards.

Sincerely,



Joel Douglas

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c/c : BATF Committee, Chamber of Commerce

P.S. - *Could we please have a meeting on this subject ?*

Subj: **RE: Blaine Harbor billboard**  
Date: 5/29/2007 4:00:44 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time  
From: [TBlack@cityofblaine.com](mailto:TBlack@cityofblaine.com)  
To: [Harborland@aol.com](mailto:Harborland@aol.com)  
CC: [AWenger@cityofblaine.com](mailto:AWenger@cityofblaine.com)

Mr. Douglas,

The Blaine code does not allow "billboards" or "off-premise" signs in general. Depending on the zone, a "temporary" off-premise real estate directional sign of 32 sq.ft. may be allowed provided it announces "*directions to a residential property open house for sale or rent when the agent or seller is in attendance at the property for sale.*" From the photos you provided, the sign you propose would not appear to be permitted. As to the note you attached to the two photographs, I could not read it, and therefore cannot respond. Let me know if you have additional questions.

Tom Black

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Harborland@aol.com [mailto:Harborland@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 29, 2007 9:58 AM  
**To:** Thomas Black  
**Subject:** Blaine Harbor billboard

Tom,  
Do we need an application for attached billboard? What is size allowed?

Thank you,  
Joel Douglas

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See what's free at [AOL.com](http://AOL.com).

\*\*\* This email may be considered a record subject to public review. \*\*\*

Wednesday, May 30, 2007 AOL: Harborland

To: Blaine City Council  
Development Director Galvin  
City Manager Tomsic  
Fax: 332-8330

Re: Billboard sign west of exit ramp

The 1st unmarked Blaine entry from the south displays NO indication that the entry is to Blaine. It states "Semiahmoo and Portal Way." We intend to provide a directional arrow to those visitors from the south who accidentally take this exit hoping to get to Blaine.



We will have participation from a couple of honest, cultivated restaurants and invite the Port to join in the cost. This will be on private property leased from the Freemans. We would prefer to do a temporary sign as opposed to a temporary banner.

Thank You,

*Joel Douglas*

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