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From: Sandy Cromwell <sandyc@montana.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 7:53 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Intermountain Industrial Victor Montana

I too had to listen to the noise Julie express yesterday, and for me it went on all day long as I tried to work in my garden because my husband and I are finally retired. I also hear it in my house and have to close my windows to get peace inside. We've completely lost our peace and quiet at home. Now this morning they're sandblasting, which I can also hear in my house, on top of the beeping and slamming/screeching steel, and I'm two acreage sized properties down from them. They're also disbursing the dust from the sandblasting into the air because they won't keep the door closed. Their hut is not insulated properly so we can still hear the noise even if they do close the door. This isn't just about bothering the people on their property line, which is bad enough, it's affecting the whole neighborhood and we need something done. Who enforces the Noise Nuisance? This is a clear case of the need to use it. We were all here first, no matter what lies they claim. We do not, or at least we didn't until IMI showed up, live in an industrial park. This is a residential/agriculture neighborhood...or at least it was. They have intruded on our lives and our rights to our own property enjoyment causing stress and emotional discord. Why has nothing been answered with regard to the volunteer zoning we submitted? We cannot let them expand and take over completely. We've already lost our fight for property value loss. Enough is enough!

Please, please, please...someone take this seriously and have the guts to stand up to them so we don't lose everything we've ever worked for by being forced to move out of the homes we've owned for 20+ years just because they're too inconsiderate to keep their business on their own property!

Thank you,
Sandy Cromwell

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Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2020 8:45 AM
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Subject: Re: Intermountain Industrial Victor Montana

It has been a month since I sent my email and I know that my neighbor Sandy is emailing as well. Sounds like you may have possibly responded to her briefly but we are not sure that anything is or will ever be done about Intermountain Industrial and their noise, dust and absolute ignorance to those trying to live around their industrial hell. This morning I have listened to and felt the vibration of the noise of their machines, back up beepers and been blinded by the stack of aluminum that they know is blinding us yet it continues to grow. We went down and ordered material for a privacy fence Monday so that maybe I can at least look out my windows again.. Why in the hell they should be allowed to walk into a neighborhood as they did, lie about the noise levels of their business and rob us of our quiet enjoyment is beyond me. A business of their nature does not belong in a residential area at all. We may not have zoning but people had a voice about Walmart, you talk about noise, dust control and light pollution when you are considering subdivisions so why would their not be some kind of impact study prior to allowing businesses like Intermountain Industrial to rob people of their home values and peace and quiet along with their sanity. This situation is not OK. Their has to be some restrictions. They have placed them on us with their noise. Who wants to invite guests over to sit and enjoy your industrial view and listen to this crap. This entire neighborhood wants some zoning placed to keep them from getting bigger and louder than they already are. The heavy truck traffic is tearing up the roads and crushing culverts along Red Crow. People are pissed and they want some kind of resolution. Something has to be put in place. The people in this area have some ideas on some zoning that we want to see put in place. We are asking that you help us figure out what we can do and that we get something in place sooner rather than later. We have it drafted and we have the backing of more than enough property owners in the area.

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Sent: Wed, May 6, 2020 9:38 am

Subject: Intermountain Industrial Victor Montana

Good Morning. As businesses are re-opening and people are trying to return to work I am hoping that you are talking about our situation in Victor and the number of neighbors here that want some type of voluntary zoning in place to prevent the situation here from becoming worse. There are more than enough neighbors who want something in place with some restrictions.

I am listening to their earth shaking pounding as I am writing this to you. Some of the neighbors have been in their homes for 20, 30 and 40 years. This area does not want industrial business coming in and destroying the beauty of what is left, let alone the peace and quiet that people no longer have. This company has said under oath what their operation is like, we can provide that to you and we need this company held to it. It is not fair to the many people living here. There are more than enough people to create a voluntary zoning district and we are not OK with any additional structures or increase in the ones that are here. We are not OK with them becoming any louder than they already are or expanding in size.

People had a voice with Walmart, why is it OK for this company to come here without the neighbors being told the truth of what they are. Their previous landlord complained many times and that is one of the reasons they bought a property and

moved. They moved into another residential area and brought their noise, dust and heavy trucks with them. These roads are not built for the weight of these trucks. Ask the county about the pot holes on Bear Creek. When one of these trucks kills somebody because they are loaded and flying down Bear Creek doing 55 MPH in a 50 MPH zone, you can remember I told you so. I have been behind them when they are doing this. I have been coming up on the stop sign when they run it or about to the corner when they come whipping around it taking the entire intersection. Sandy Cromwell was pulling her horse trailer and run off the road by one of them.

This neighborhood is not happy at all with what is taking place. They know that we cannot ask them to leave but they took an oath and testified that they don't work Friday's or weekends, they don't work late, they are not expanding, they don't make noise, the sand blasting is not hazardous or loud, they did not dump chemicals on the ground, they don't start before 7 AM and they only have 5 employees. They said they are not loud. They said all of this and more while under oath. Now what we are asking for is that they be held to this. They are not residents here. They work here. These are peoples homes that they have devalued and destroyed their right to quiet enjoyment and so selfishly trampled on so why should they not have to have restrictions. They have placed them on us with their ignorance and coming here. Why should the people who live here not have any say or any rights. This business is not the same as Bear Creek Timberwrights was. Wood VS. Steel, you figure it out. They have way more machines, they had to bring in tons of dirt and reinforce the concrete floor of that building to support their tools. I would say they are definitely not the same. Timber is an agricultural product and steel is not. This was not an industrial area. They changed the tax classification. They have made it this way. We want to see that something is done to protect the home owners. We need to get something done sooner rather than later.

Thanks so much.

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