

Letter of complaint to Mayor Clay Larkin & Post Falls City Council from Dolly Metzger re: Idaho Meth Projectt billboard on Spokane Street:

Dear Sirs,

I was directed to you to place my complaint about the increasingly offensive Meth billboard advertisement located on Spokane St. in Post Falls. As a resident of the city of Post Falls and a parent to a daughter and with 18 nieces and nephews in the city under age 10, I find this advertisement extremely obscene and unnecessary. I do not believe it is in the best interest of our city, state or country to subscribe to this type of billboard parenting. It is the duty of parents to educate their children to the facts and hazards of life. This should be done at the appropriate times and places. These billboards provoke an unnecessary curiosity in younger children. Neither I, nor any parent should be forced to explain such criminal and immoral acts as prostitution (selling of ones body) or addictive narcotic use (buying, selling, distribution of controlled substances is illegal) to our children because of this message board. With each subsequent board my daughter has become increasingly agitated. It is sad to think that we should be so de-sensitized to the immorality that pervades our society that we as a city, as a people would not be shocked by this billboard. I am certain you are aware of the Post Falls city code that covers this type of advertising, but here it is anyway:

Under Post Falls city code

Title 9.24.010 states -

A. It is unlawful for any person to exhibit, pass, give or deliver to another any obscene book, pamphlet, picture, card, print, paper, writing, mold, cast or figure.

B. "Obscene" means that material which depicts sexual acts or conduct that taken as a whole appeals to prurient sexual interests and is without redeeming social value, as judged by contemporary community standards. (Ord. 524 § 2, 1986: prior code § 6-1-10)

I believe the city of Post Falls should not continue to allow the display of billboard advertisements which are directly opposed to the city code. If the billboard operator does not wish to remove the offensive images and messages voluntarily, the city should intervene and take legal action if necessary. Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance in expediting the resolution of this matter.

Dolly Metzger