



Community Management, Inc.

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I represent Community Management, Inc., located at 2105 SE 9th Avenue. CMI is a minority owned business and was founded in 1972 by Kaye Youngren, a single mother. At that time she was the only employee and is still the owner.

Twenty years ago CMI moved to SE Portland when the East Side was in a downward spiral. We rented 2,000 SF of office space from Wescold who owned the building since 1932. Wescold moved their manufacturing to Seattle and CMI leased their offices and warehouses. Our next door neighbor was Balzer Pacific, also a manufacturing company. Balzer was forced to leave the City of Portland 2 years ago because the Milwaukie Light Rail took their service facility.

CMI moved to the SE side because the warehouse/office space was economical and we saw an opportunity to grow. We know we have helped to revitalize the neighborhood. We have remodeled our building, including resurfacing our parking lot and replacing sidewalks.

In 2014 two new bathrooms were added; City permit fees \$4,000. As a condition of the permit we were required to put in street trees; cost \$6,000. Two months later we received notice from the City that trees were being installed by the City at no cost! This was after we had been forced to pay \$6,000 for the trees.

Parking was never an issue; our on-site parking lot provides 18 spaces. Street parking was easily available. Then the City decided that we could not park on the street without a permit; adding at least \$700 each year to our cost of doing business in the City.

Then the City decided to force sick leave on Portland Businesses; adding cost to our small company over \$300,000.

If we are unable to grow our office space we will be forced to move outside the City of Portland leaving behind \$12,400 in Tri Met Taxes, \$40,000 in property taxes, \$2,500 in Personal Property Taxes, and City of Portland Taxes/Multnomah County Taxes of \$56,000.00.

We currently employ 107 people with benefits and jobs that pay well above the minimum wage and now the City is trying to restrict us from growing our business on our own property. We flatly reject this latest assault on our business.

The City of Portland should post a sign at the City limits

Small Business Is Not Welcome