

Press Release

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From: Washington Mayor JoJo Burgess

Re: Ridge Ave. Exxon Issues

In response to a recent stabbing incident at the Exxon Station on Ridge Avenue in the City of Washington, Mayor JoJo Burgess and Chief Steve Devenney have held a meeting with the business owner.

The Mayor and Chief expressed their concern about this and previous incidents. “We made it clear that some things have to happen to make the business safer.” said Mayor Burgess. “The City supports all of our local businesses, but public safety will always take priority over profit.” he added.

Chief Devenney believes that the changes that have been agreed to should help eliminate the likelihood of future problems. “The owner promised and now we will expect him to execute on those promises in a timely manner.” the Chief stated.

Mayor Burgess also reminds people that the community plays a major role in solving these cases and getting criminals off the street.” Vigilante justice or retaliatory actions will only make our community less safe and will not be tolerated. Please do not try to take the law in to your own hands and please consider the safety of city residents, instead of personal feelings.” Burgess added.

The City plans to closely monitor the Exxon location and continue to work with the owner to keep residents and customers safe.