



## Bonner Street Construction Permits

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Mr. Krueger,

I am emailing you to address some concerns regarding private construction that is currently taking place on Bonner St, 77007. Bonner is a very narrow, two lane residential street that only has legal access onto from Center St.

On Friday November 18th, 2011 a Triple B Construction company begin tearing up the street a few feet from my driveway. During this process they struck a water line, resulting in no water for two days for the residents in the area. On Monday November 21st, construction crews could be heard working outside until after midnight. Since the beginning of construction and currently, one of the two narrow lanes on Bonner has been obstructed at all times and even both lanes have been obstructed multiple times (*see attached photo taken today 12/2/11*).

As a tax paying citizen in the City of Houston I am entitled to and expect some of the basic services to be available to me. Some of the basic services I am referring to are personal access from public streets to and from my home, access for emergency vehicles to and from my home, water and **enforcement of the city ordinances**. While the water issue was corrected, both the access issues and the enforcement of city code have not.

According to the city's Sidewalk and Roadway Obstructions and Impairment Ordinance, a private construction company is required to have a permit when obstructing lanes in the public right of way (*See page 2 of the attached Sidewalk and Roadway Rules*). Based on the city's website, **currently there is no active lane closure permit** issued for Bonner between the railroad tracks and Center (*See attached - Permit Map*). Triple B filed for and was issued a Roadway Obstruction Permit (#82097), which expired Monday November 28th, 2011 (*See attached - Expired Permit*). With an expired permit, Triple B has continued with their construction and the obstruction of lane(s) on Bonner everyday since November 28th. In addition to permits or a lack of, traffic notes posted on the city's website lists specific conditions that must be met during private construction (*See attached - Traffic Notes*). Two of these conditions are relative to this construction project and have not been met. The first, is that the contractor shall maintain one lane of traffic in each direction during working hours. The second, off duty police officers or flaggers are required to direct traffic when lanes are blocked.

In conclusion, I would like answers to the following questions:

1. **What** action is the city going take to ensure that Triple B has the required permit(s)?
2. **When** will the city take action, since Triple B has been and is currently obstructing lanes without a permit?
3. **What** action is the city going to take to address the past 5 days of lane obstruction with no permit?

I appreciate your time addressing these concerns, sincerely hope that immediate action will be taken regarding the Triple B's lack of compliance and look forward to hearing your response.

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