

Pasteurized Milk Tank Variance Proposal

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Dear Zoning Board,

During the Planning Board meeting on May 5th the Board had some concerns on the proposal of the new tanks. HP Hood is proposing a new tank installation in order to replace interior tanks that have a lot of age and in need of replacement. To replace the tanks inside the building would be cost prohibitive and would shut down production. This is where the proposal for tanks to be installed outside would allow us to continue with operations and demo the interior tanks when necessary.

The concern from the Board was the need to replace 18,000 gallons of tank space with the proposed 2-20,000 gallon tanks.

The proposal for this size tank is due to a number of reasons.

Replacing the silos and maintain existing capacity and instead adding more silos at a later time is not possible without obtaining a variance due to the lack of available square footage on this site. Gaining capacity will require the replacement of silos on the existing location and the now proposed new locations.

By allowing us to increase tank storage space on the proposed site now prepares us for potential growth in this hard market and provides a future for our employees and the Portland milk plant.

Combining tank space reduces water, chemical and energy use for the daily cleaning of the equipment as a 20k gal vertical silo uses minimal more energy compared to a single horizontal tank.

The company hopes this answers the concerns of the Board and has brought clarity to the proposal at the HP Hood Portland location.