

Attention Property Owner: A land use proposal has been submitted for property near where you live or near property you own elsewhere. State law requires that the county notify property owners within a certain distance from this property. The proposal and address of the property is described in the "Application" section below. The decision in this case does not directly affect the zoning or use of your property. If you object to the decision, refer to the "Appeal" section. If you have questions, contact the staff person listed at the end of this report.

**NOTICE OF DECISION
CONDITIONAL USE CASE NO. 18-013**

APPLICATION: Application of Mayfield Farms, LLC, for a conditional use to operate a milk processing facility as a commercial activity in conjunction with farm use on a 19.49 acre parcel in an EFU (Exclusive Farm Use) zone located at 23512 Schultz Rd NE, Aurora (T3S; R1W; Section 32D; tax lot 1700).

DECISION: The Planning Director for Marion County has **APPROVED** the above-described application subject to certain conditions.

EXPIRATION DATE: This permit is valid only when exercised by **March 21, 2020**. The effective period may be extended for an additional year subject to approval of an extension (form available from the Planning Division).

Additional extensions may not be granted if the regulations under which this decision was granted have changed since the original approval.

WARNING: A decision approving the proposal is for land use purposes only. Due to septic, well, and drainfield replacement areas, these parcels may not be able to support the proposal. To be sure the subject property can accommodate the proposed use the applicant should contact the Building Inspection Division, (503) 588-5147.

This decision does not include approval of a building permit.

CONDITIONS: The following conditions must be met before a building permit can be obtained or the approved use established:

1. The applicant shall obtain all required permits from the Marion County Building Inspection Division.
2. Incidental sales of milk and processed milk products shall not exceed 10% of the income generated from the property.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS: Once the approved use is established the following conditions must be continually satisfied:

3. The development shall significantly conform to the site plan submitted with the proposal. Minor variations are permitted upon review and approval of the Planning Director.
4. Failure to continuously comply with the conditions of approval may result in this approval being revoked. Any revocation could be appealed to the county hearings officer for a public hearing.

OTHER PERMITS, FEES, AND RESTRICTIONS: This approval does not remove or affect covenants or restrictions imposed on the subject property by deed or other instrument. The proposed use may require permits and/or fees from other local, State, or Federal agencies. This decision does not take the place of, or relieve the responsibility for, obtaining other permits or satisfying restrictions or conditions thereon. It is recommended that agencies mentioned in Finding #5 be contacted to identify restrictions or necessary permits. The applicant is advised of the following:

5. The applicants should contact the Aurora Fire District to obtain a copy of the District's Recommended Building Access and Premise Identification regulations and the Marion County Fire Code Applications Guide. Fire District access standards may be more restrictive than County standards.

APPEAL PROCEDURE: The Marion County Zone Code provides that certain applications be considered first by the County Planning Director. If there is any doubt that the application conforms with adopted land use policies and regula-

tions the Director must condition or deny the application. Anyone who disagrees with the Director's decision may request that the application be considered by a Marion County hearings officer after a public hearing. The applicant may also request reconsideration (one time only and a fee of \$200) on the basis of new information subject to signing an extension of the 150 day time limit for review of zoning applications.

A public hearing is held on appeals subject to the appellant paying a \$250.00 fee. Requests for reconsideration, or consideration by a hearings officer, must be in writing (form available from the Planning Division) and received in the Marion County Planning Division, 5155 Silverton Rd. NE, Salem, by 5:00 p.m. on **March 21, 2018**. If you have questions about this decision contact the Planning Division at (503) 588-5038 or at the office. This decision is effective **March 22, 2018** unless further consideration is requested.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS: Findings and conclusions on which the decision was based are noted below.

1. The subject property is designated Primary Agriculture in the Marion County Comprehensive Plan. The major purpose of this designation and the corresponding EFU (Exclusive Farm Use) zone is to promote the continuation of commercial agricultural and forestry operations.
2. The property is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Schultz Road NE and Arndt Road NE. The property contains numerous buildings related to an existing dairy operation on the property.
3. Surrounding properties in all directions are zoned EFU and in farm use. Property to the northeast and northwest are zoned AR (Acreage Residential) and developed with rural homesites.
4. The applicant is proposing to establish a dairy and milk processing facility as a commercial activity in conjunction with farm use. The facility will produce pasteurized milk, cheese and other dairy products.
5. Public Works Land Development and Engineering Permits commented on requirements that are not part of the land use decision and available for review in the planning file.

Marion County Building Inspection commented that a building permit is required for new construction or a change in occupancy.

Marion County On-Site Sewage commented that septic permits may be required.

6. In order to approve a commercial activity in conjunction with farm use, the applicant must demonstrate compliance with the specific criteria listed in Chapter 17.136.060(D) of the Marion County Code (MCC). These include:
 - (a) *The commercial activity must be primarily a customer or supplier of farm uses.*
 - (b) *The commercial activity must enhance the farming enterprises of the local agricultural community to which the land hosting that commercial activity relates.*
 - (c) *The agricultural and commercial activities must occur together in the local community to satisfy the statute.*
 - (d) *The products and services provided must be essential to the practice of agriculture.*
7. The applicants are proposing to operate a dairy and milk processing facility with at least 75% of the milk processed at the facility coming from dairies in the local area and across Oregon. Processing raw milk into pasteurized milk, cheese and other dairy products is essential to the practice of raising dairy cows. The commercial activity meets the criteria for operating in conjunction with farm use. The facility would also engage in incidental activities, such as facility tours and selling a limited amount of product to the public. These activities serve to educate the public on farming practices and generate support for the dairy operation, both activities essential to promoting agriculture in Oregon. Also, since the activities are incidental, they are anticipated to take place without causing any impacts on the operation of the facility.

8. In addition to the specific criteria above, the proposal must also satisfy the conditional use criteria in Marion County Code (MCC) 17.136.060(A). Those requirements are:
- (a) *The use will not force a significant change in, or significantly increase the cost of, accepted farm or forest practices on surrounding lands devoted to farm or forest use. Land devoted to farm or forest use does not include farm or forest use on lots or parcels upon which a non-farm or non-forest dwelling has been approved and established, in exception areas approved under ORS 197.732, or in an acknowledged urban growth boundary.*
 - (b) *Adequate fire protection and other rural services are, or will be, available when the use is established.*
 - (c) *The use will not have a significant adverse impact on watersheds, groundwater, fish and wildlife habitat, soil and slope stability, air and water quality.*
 - (d) *Any noise associated with the use will not have a significant adverse impact on nearby land uses.*
 - (e) *The use will not have a significant adverse impact on potential water impoundments identified in the Comprehensive Plan, and not create significant conflicts with operations included in the Comprehensive Plan inventory of significant mineral and aggregate sites.*
9. Since the use has been determined to be in conjunction with farm use, it is not expected to have a negative impact on nearby lands devoted to farm use. The proposal meets #8(a). The Aurora Fire District serves the parcel and all other needed services are currently available to the site. The proposal satisfies the criterion in #8(b). The property is not within a wildlife habitat area or geologically hazardous area. There is no evidence of significant odors or noxious matter emitted from the premises that would affect air or water quality. Noise generated by the proposed activity should be comparable to agricultural activities and is anticipated to be less than is currently on site due to upgrades by the applicant. The proposal meets #8(c) and (d). There are no potential water impoundments, identified wetlands, or significant mineral and aggregate sites identified by the Comprehensive Plan in the area. The criterion in #8(e) is met.
10. Based on the above findings it has been determined that the applicant's request meets all applicable criteria to establish a dairy and milk processing facility as a commercial activity in conjunction with farm use and is, therefore, **APPROVED**, subject to conditions.

Joe Fennimore
Planning Director

Date: March 6, 2018

If you have any questions regarding this decision contact Brandon Reich at (503) 588-5038

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