

To Whom it May Concern :

I am writing on behalf of Liquid Environmental Solutions regarding the facility located at 1307 Galway Street in Knoxville. We respectfully request approval for the facility to be rezoned as Heavy Industrial. This request is administrative in nature and does not involve any change to our operations, materials accepted, processing methods, hours of operation, or truck traffic. Our operations will remain exactly as they are today.

The rezoning request is to align our process with heavy industrial, to allow our existing tank farm to remain outside, and not construct enclosures for these tanks. These enclosures would not reduce odor or improve environmental performance, as the facility already operates with odor control systems, strict cleanliness standards, and environmental safeguards in place. The rezoning would simply allow us to continue operating safely and efficiently without incurring unnecessary construction that provides no benefit to the community.

It is important to understand that this facility provides an essential public service for the Knoxville community. Grease disposal facilities are a critical part of protecting city sewer systems, preventing sewer overflows, and protecting local waterways from contamination caused by fats, oils, and grease entering the sewer system. Restaurants, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and food service facilities all rely on grease trap service and disposal in order to remain compliant with utility district regulations and environmental requirements.

Liquid Environmental Solutions operates under strict environmental and operational standards. Cleanliness, environmental protection, and safety are core values of our company. Our facility is cleaned and maintained daily, odor control systems are in place, and our team works diligently to operate responsibly and respectfully within the community. Our goal is not only to operate a facility, but to operate it in a way that protects the environment, supports local businesses, and keeps the city's infrastructure functioning properly.

We understand that some residents have concerns regarding odor or increased activity. We want to be very clear that this rezoning will not increase disposal volumes, truck traffic, operating hours, or the type of material accepted at the facility. Nothing about the day-to-day operation will change. The rezoning simply aligns the zoning classification with the actual type of facility already operating at this location so that unnecessary construction requirements can be avoided.

This facility is an important part of Knoxville's environmental infrastructure, and we are committed to continuing to operate responsibly, cleanly, and safely for many years to come. We respectfully ask for your support in approving the rezoning request so that we can continue providing this essential service to the Knoxville community.

Thomas Duke
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