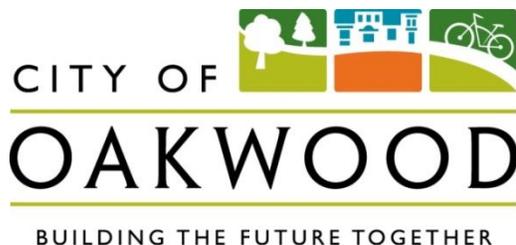


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Oakwood City Council vote clears way for new distribution center

Performance Food Services has 'exhausted our current footprint'

Oakwood City Council approved a setback change Monday night that paves the way for Performance Foodservice Milton's to build a 521,135-square-foot warehouse and distribution center off Old Oakwood Road.

The building is needed for future growth, said Bill Watson, the company's vice president of operations, after the vote.

"We have exhausted our current footprint," which is 230,000 square feet, he said.

At issue was the company's need to reduce residential buffers, which are set at 75 feet, to varied widths around the property.

"They're in good shape (in some areas), but ... in order to get the driveway in, it tightens up," City Manager Stan Brown said.

The Oakwood site is one of many locations nationwide operated by Richmond, Va.-based Performance Foodservice.

The company delivers more than 125,000 food and food-related products to 85,000 customer stops daily, according to its website.

"One thing this (expansion) does is allows us to get more parking onto facility grounds," Watson told the council.

"Since we are a 24/7 operation, we get a lot of tractors and trailers in. We send out about 100-120 trailers a day to be delivered all over the state ... and the Southeast. We also bring in tractors from all around the country.

"And we don't have the space right now to get them in on the property. So, what's happening is ... they stack up in Oakwood," Watson said.

The new site will "give us the trailer parking where we can get them off the street, so they're not having to park wherever they can find a place to park," he said.