

September 9, 2016

Ron Pristera, Fire Chief  
Evans Fire Protection District  
1100 37<sup>th</sup> Street  
Evans, CO 80620

RE: Aboveground fuel storage tanks – 1310 40<sup>th</sup> Street, Evans

Chief Pristera,

As per your request please accept this letter as a request to appear before the City of Evans Zoning Board of appeals regarding the existence of two five hundred gallon fuel storage tanks at our facility, Hillside Rental, located at 1310 40<sup>th</sup> Street here in Evans.

As we indicated these aboveground fuel storage tanks have been at this location since our opening in May of 2006. As a point of interest our business was previously located at 2929 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue next to the Evans Cemetery, where aboveground fuel tanks were in use for approximately 20 years. When we relocated to our new facility at 1310 40<sup>th</sup> Street the tanks were moved to the subject site.

As previously stated there are two tanks currently in existence, each one having a five hundred gallon capacity with one containing diesel fuel and the other one containing gasoline. These fuels are only used for our various rental equipment (backhoes, tractors, excavators, mowers, rototillers, etc.) and is not accessible to the public. The tanks are located within a “spill” containment vessel that is approximately 5’ X 12’ by 30” high (approximately 1402 gallon capacity). This vessel is located on the south side of an open wash bay which is of noncombustible construction (steel frame and siding). Please refer to the attached site plan.

It is our understanding that such aboveground tanks must meet certain criteria of the City of Evans Code of Ordinances and the International Fire Code to be allowed. Therefore we submit the following:

- The electrical service for the pump(s) associated with these tanks must be installed in accordance with the International Fire Code and the National Electrical Code as adopted by the City of Evans (explosion proof wiring). *We are in the process of updated such wiring.*
- The hoses associated with the tanks cannot be so long that they can extend inside the building. *Hoses meet this requirement.*
- Such variance will not create an undue safety hazard and will not adversely affect the surrounding property. *The tanks and associated equipment are located near the center section of the site (see attached site plan) and will be used and maintained in a safe manner including proper training of persons using such equipment. In addition, our facility is located in an industrially zoned area.*
- Good cause exists in regard to the need of the subject tanks. *As a rental facility the necessity of having these tanks on site is paramount for our business to service and maintain our equipment.*
- The tanks and ancillary equipment is subject to the construction, location and other applicable standards as set forth in the latest adopted edition of the International Fire Code. *We understand that this facility must be operated in a safe and proper manner at all times and agree that it must be maintained in compliance with all applicable life safety codes.*

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We appreciate the Fire District and the City of Evans working with us on this matter and considering our request. If I can be of further assistance or if you have any questions please contact me by calling 970-353-9890 (office) or on my cell phone at 970-539-9159.

Respectfully,



Sam Engel, Shop Manager  
Hillside Rental

