

Dear Neighbors

We are reaching out for your support in rebuilding our neighborhood Dairy Queen at 5605 SE Division St. Portland. As you may know the previous owners Don and Dorothy operated a Dairy Queen here for over 50 years - it is one of the first Dairy Queens in Oregon. Many in our community have fond memories of visiting after school or as their first job. The new owners are locals to the Portland area and are trying to keep this historical Dairy Queen at this location, as they had promised the previous owners when they retired.

It has taken a few years to get building permits from the City of Portland and to start the construction. Covid as well as heavily understaffed departments at the City of Portland led to a delay in the permits.

Building permits were completed in April 2025, then the construction bid and loan approval took another 4 to 5 months. Finally, construction started in September 2025. Construction stopped 10 days after it was started due these concerns:

- The City of Portland is now asking to develop a Dairy Queen without a drive-thru after previously approving it on the Building Plans in April 2025. There has been a Dairy Queen drive-thru here for over 60 years.
- Store plans were made after an extensive traffic study, with traffic pattern in mind, and many meetings with the city advisors. Originally, the drive-thru accommodated only 2 cars however after the study, plans were changed. The new plans will accommodate 9-10 cars in the drive-thru on the property. This should help traffic flow.
- The owners have already invested \$650K on this local Dairy Queen which includes permits fee (Over \$350K), traffic study, environment and soil testing, finding of city's water and sewer lines, architect fee and engineering etc.
- When we tore down the previous building, they hoped to have a new and improved Dairy Queen up soon. Unfortunately, without the drive-thru approval Dairy Queen would likely no longer be fit for this location. Options could be another branded restaurant or High-rise building. Which will create street parking congestion and will not be a solution for the traffic.
- Drive Thru window helps elderly, people with disability and all of us in rain/snow when we do not need to park and come out of the vehicle.
- By the way DQ store creates 25-30 jobs and keeps kids busy and off the street.
- DQ Store also generates lots of revenue for the city, County and the state.

Please reach out to the below contact at the City of Portland in support so we can have our local Dairy Queen with Drive Thru.

Please call or email with file reference number.

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**Thank you!**

*With any questions please reach out to dairyqueen5605@gmail.com*