



Austin Water
Special Circumstance Variance

Herbicide or Pesticide Application
Fire, Sanitation, Health Protection
Threat to Primary Source of Income

INSTRUCTIONS

Variances to watering restrictions may be granted in accordance with City Code, Chapter 6-4-81(A), whereby the Austin Water Utility (AWU) Executive Director determines that a special circumstance exists. This determination is made when compliance with this code adversely affects the health, sanitation, or fire protection of the public or applicant, when there is an adverse effect on the application of fertilizer or pesticide, or when compliance substantially threatens the applicant's primary source of income.

In situations where compliance with the Code substantially threatens the applicant's primary source of income, the applicant will be required to justify the necessity of the variance request.

Please Note:

1. Approval of this variance by AWU allows the applicant to irrigate between the *Start Date* and *Expiration Date* identified below.
2. Adherence to the standard watering schedule is required until specific approval is granted by the Water Conservation Division of Austin Water.
3. You will be contacted within five (5) business days of receipt of this application

Qualifications:

The irrigation system (if applicable) in use on the property, which is the subject of this variance application, must be operating in a manner that complies with City Code, Section 6-4 Article 2. Compliance with this article will be field-verified by AWU personnel before approval of a Special Circumstance Variance.

Compliance:

Throughout the life of the variance, the Water Service Account Holder/property manager/owner is responsible for compliance with all the provisions of the Chapter 6-4, Water Conservation. This will include but is not limited to the following:

A person may not fail to repair a controllable leak including

- a broken sprinkler head, leaking or broken pipes or a leaking faucet;

A person may not operate a permanently installed irrigation system with

- a broken head
- a head that is out of adjustment and the arc of the spray head is over a street or parking lot
- a head that is misting because of high water pressure; and

A person may not allow

- water to run off a property and form a stream of water in a street for a distance of 50 feet or greater
- water to pond in a street or parking lot to a depth greater than one-quarter of an inch.

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APPLICATION

The applicant shall keep a copy of the approved variance in a location on the subject property that is accessible and visible to the public.

Please complete the following:

Requested Start Date:

Expiration Date:

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Name:

Property Address: Street:

City: State: Zip:

City of Austin Utility Account Number:

Water Meter Number:

Name appearing on Utility Account:

Account Holder Address: Street:

City: State: Zip:

Primary Phone:

Email:

Property Name (if applicable):

Organization:

Property Manager/ Contact Person:

Phone #:

Explanation as to why this variance is being requested: (Please include examples of any steps taken to minimize water use)

Watering day that is being requested (other than designated watering day):

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***ATHLETIC FIELDS ONLY-** *In order to avoid delays in application processing, please submit all required information and sign in the space provided below.*

1. Submit a map of playing field(s) included in this variance request
2. Include a schedule for the field(s) that are used including days and time
3. Include watering schedule that is being requested in this variance to include days and times
4. Include a list of athletic field(s).

In applying for this variance I certify that field conditions adversely affect the health of the public or the applicant utilizing the field(s). In addition I certify that the additional irrigation days/times requested in the attached schedule is solely for the protection of the health of athletes utilizing the field(s).

(Signature) _____
(Affiliation)

(Date)

By signing my name below, I acknowledge that the above information is true and correct. I further understand the watering restrictions imposed by this variance and that irrigation pursuant to this variance does not exempt the applicant or the property owner/manager from complying with the provisions of Austin City Code, Chapter 6-4-63(D), Water Conservation.

Signature: _____ Title: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Please print this application and sign above. Upon completion, mail to:

AWU Water Conservation,
P.O. Box 1088
Austin, TX 78767
or FAX to (512) 974-6548 or Email to watercon@ci.austin.tx.us

AWU Use Only
Variance Approved: _____ Variance Denied: _____
(Austin Water, Conservation staff) (Austin Water, Conservation staff)
Date: _____ Initial Site Inspection Date _____