



INCOME WATER VARIANCE APPLICATION

In limited situations, Austin Water may grant a variance from water restrictions ([City of Austin Code 6-4, Article 30](#)). All variances are issued on a case-by-case basis, and a request for a variance must be submitted using Austin Water's checklist and application. After the approved variance expires, applicants must follow the [current watering schedule](#).

Austin Water's **Income Variance** is for businesses whose primary source of income depends on using water outside of the watering schedule.

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a customer of Austin Water or [qualifying water provider](#)
- Must not [waste water](#)
 - no broken/missing sprinkler heads, leaking/broken pipes, or leaking faucet
 - no water running, flowing or streaming into street, parking lot, or other surface

POWER/PRESSURE WASH MUST:

- use equipment fitted with a water recycling unit and a spray nozzle using no more than 3.5 gallons of water per minute (gpm);
- have a working trigger shut-off with a protective weep mechanism.

CAR/VEHICLE WASH IS:

- a permanently-located business that washes cars, trucks, trailers, boats, airplanes, motorcycles or other mobile equipment or vehicles with water or water-based products. This includes self-service car washes, full service car washes, bay-style car washes, and facilities managing vehicle fleets or inventory.

CHECKLIST

- Meet all eligibility requirements above
- Provide variance explanation
- Post variance in the windshield of the vehicle used for this variance or in a location on the property that is visible to the public until the variance expires
- Submit the application and send it to:
 - mail:** Austin Water Conservation, Attn: Variances, PO Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767
 - email:** watercon@austintexas.gov
 - fax:** 512-974-3504

INCOME - VARIANCE APPLICATION**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Austin Water Account #: _____ Name of Account Holder: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Business/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address
(if different than above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

VARIANCE EXPLANATION

Explain why you are requesting this variance:

VARIANCE AGREEMENT

I certify that all statements and representations contained in this application are true, correct and complete. I have read and understand the variance eligibility. I have completed each of the required items on the checklist and submitted all required items. I understand that incomplete applications will not be processed and irrigation pursuant to this variance does not exempt me (or my organization, if applicable) from complying with Austin Code, Chapter 6-4, Water Conservation.

Signature_____
Date**CITY OF AUSTIN USE ONLY** Approved Denied

Site Inspection Date: _____

Staff: _____