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Rules and Requirements for Variance to Scheduled Maintenance Requirement for Grease Separation Device

Food Service Establishments (FSE's) may submit to the city a request in writing for variance (exception) to the scheduled maintenance requirement of the City of Waco's Fats, Oils, and Grease Control Ordinance (Chapter 26 Div. 4 Sec. 26-273). This document defines what information is required in the request as well as the city's determination methods and requirements to maintain the variance once approved. All other requirements of the City of Waco's FOG Control Ordinance, and any other requirements remain in effect.

In order to obtain all information needed in a consistent form, an application has been developed for this type of variance request. We encourage the use of this application. However, if you choose not to use this application, be advised that failure to address each issue as required will result in automatic denial of your request.

- Business Name and physical address
- Description of current maintenance frequency
- Name of company evacuating or transporting grease waste from separation device
- Fixture inventory indicating which, if any, of the following devices are installed and/or in use at this establishment
- Mop Sink, 3 Compartment Sink, Hand Sink, Dishwasher, Garbage Disposal, Floor Drains
- Explanation as to why a variance is needed
- Signed statement that this document was read and understood

Completed applications may be mailed to:

City of Waco Water Utilities
Attn: FOG Program
PO BOX 2570
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Facilities that desire the use of biological or chemical treatment shall provide the City of Waco all information supplied by the manufacturer regarding type, solution makeup, dosing schedule and service agreements. All facilities using biological or chemical treatment shall be required to maintain a grease separation device service schedule set by the City of Waco FOG Control Ordinance or City of Waco variance study procedures described in this document.

All food service establishments requesting variance to the FOG Control Ordinance shall conform to the following conditions and schedule. Applicants shall conform to the pumping requirements set by the City of Waco during the variance study. Failure to follow pumping requirements will result in variance study discontinuation and denial of request.

- All previous violations must be remedied before variance study begins.
- The next interceptor cleaning must occur within 30 days from the date on the request for variance. Applicants must contact and coordinate with the City of Waco for an agreed upon date and time for interceptor cleaning. Failure to provide the City of Waco with a specified date and time not less than two working days prior to the separation device cleaning will result in denial of variance request.
- Once the grease interceptor has been cleaned to initiate the variance procedure the pumping or cleaning of the grease interceptor must not be done until the City of Waco has completed its evaluation and notified me in writing of the appropriate pumping frequency.
- During the variance study all limits and conditions of the FOG Control Ordinance apply. All violations of the FOG Control Ordinance will be addressed during and after the variance study.
- The City of Waco will not be responsible for any FOG discharges, odor or blockages during or after the variance study.
- Facilities that violate any part of the variance procedure will result in a revocation of the approved variance for a period of one calendar year from the time of noted violation date.
- The interceptor(s) will be evaluated throughout the variance study period by the City of Waco's FOG Inspector.
- Wastewater discharges that exceed 194.5mg/l, contain excessive oil grease or solids or otherwise violate Ordinance (Chapter 26 Div. 4, Sec 26-273 (3 a, b) and (4)), will not be approved for a variance.
- Solids accumulation is greater than 25% of the total water depth measured from the grease separation device's interior floor to the static or working level, at any point within the grease separation device approval for the variance requested will not be granted.
- A determination will be made within 30 (thirty) days of end of variance study as to approval or denial of request. Written notification will immediately follow.

If the following occurs, at any time after a variance is granted, the facility shall revert back to requirements set forth by the City of Waco FOG Control Ordinance.

- Grease separation device FOG concentration exceeds limits (194.5 mg/l) set by the City of Waco FOG Control Ordinance.
- Grease separation device discharge adversely affects the sewer collections system and treatment works
- Solids accumulation is greater than 25% of the total water depth measured from the grease separation device's interior floor to the static or working level, at any point within the grease separation device.
- FOG accumulation is greater than or equal to three (3) inches at any point within the grease separation device.
- Facility significantly increases food service production or seating capacity.
- Facility employs the use of a garbage disposal or food pulper that is connected to the grease separation device, in conjunction with the (IPC 2003 Chapter 10 Sec. 1003 part1003.3.2).
- Facility causes or contributes to a sanitary sewer blockage or overflow.
- Once the alternate frequency has been established, failure to provide complete cleaning of the grease interceptor at the required time frequency will result in a revocation of the approved variance for a period of one calendar year from the time of noted violations date.