



**Austin Water
Reclaimed Water Mandatory Connection Exception/Variance**

INSTRUCTIONS

According to City Code, Chapter 6-4-11(E) new commercial developments or redevelopments located within 250 feet of a reclaimed water distribution line are required to obtain and utilize permitted connections to reclaimed water for irrigation, cooling, and other significant non-potable water uses. Exceptions to mandatory connection may be granted in accordance with City Code, Chapter 6-4-11(E) should the Austin Water Utility (AWU) Director determine that a site has a law enforcement, public health, or public safety use. A variance may be granted in accordance with City Code, Chapter 6-4-30(H) if the Director determines that compliance would present a significant financial hardship or health risk to the applicant or the public.

Please Note:

- **Compliance with the water use regulations contained in Austin City Code Chapter 6-4, is required until specific approval is granted by Austin Water.**
- **An application for an exception or variance does not guarantee that the request will be approved.**
- **All exceptions and variances are decided on a case-by-case basis.**
- **Significant financial hardship must have at least \$15,000 in additional construction costs and:**
 - **1) a payback period greater than 15 years, or**
 - **2) additional construction costs greater than 2% of total construction costs.**
- **Applicants requesting a variance based on significant financial hardship shall provide a construction cost estimate sealed by an Engineer, Architect, or Certified Public Accountant.**

Strict compliance with the ordinance is important to the City of Austin and Austin Water. Expansion of the reclaimed water system serves multiple purposes, chief among them is the need to conserve water in a drought-prone semiarid region to assure the long-term water supply of a growing community.

EXCEPTION/VARIANCE APPLICATION

Please provide the following information:

Project Name: _____

Project Street Address (or range): _____

TCAD Property ID: _____ or TCAD Geographic ID: _____

Owner Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Owner Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Contact: _____

Applicant Name (if applicable): _____ Phone #: _____

Applicant Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Contact: _____

Eng/Arch Name (if applicable): _____ Phone #: _____

Eng/Arch Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Contact: _____

Please check the box that best describes the exception/variance requested:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Site has a law enforcement use | <input type="checkbox"/> Connection presents a significant financial hardship** |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Site has a public health use | <input type="checkbox"/> Connection presents a health risk to applicant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Site has a public safety use | <input type="checkbox"/> Connection presents a health risk to the public |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not redevelopment/no additional water use | |

** Must provide cost estimate sealed by Engineer, Architect or CPA.

Provide justification for why an exception/variance is being requested. Attach more sheets as necessary:

OWNER/APPLICANT SIGNATURE:

By signing my name below, I acknowledge that the above information, along with any attachments, is true and correct. I further understand that any exception or variance granted does not exempt the applicant or the property owner/manager from complying with the provisions of Austin City Code, Chapter 6-4 Water Conservation.

Signature: _____ Title: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Upon completion, mail or email to:

Austin Water
Water Reclamation Program
P.O. Box 1088
Austin, TX 78767
waterusecompvar@austintexas.gov

You will be contacted within ten (10) business days of receipt of this application.

AWU Use Only

Approved Denied

Site Inspection Date: _____

Reason: _____

(AWU staff)

(Date)