



# CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA

## Fats, Oils, and Grease Management Program

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### Grease Interceptor Pumping Variance Application

Article VIII of Chapter 20 of the Code of Ordinance for the City of Tarpon Springs, Section 20—100(d)(2) provides that:

*"Each food service establishment shall determine an additional or reduced frequency at which its grease interceptor(s) shall be pumped according to the performance standards outlined in the City's guidance document entitled Performance Criteria for Grease Traps, Grease Interceptors, and Oil/water Separators."*

Article VIII further provides that:

*"A FSE applying for a variance from the monthly pumping requirements outlined in the City's guidance document entitled Performance Criteria for Grease Traps, Grease Interceptors, and Oil/water Separators shall submit an application fee in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) along with the completed application. An application for variance shall not be considered until the variance fee has been paid in full."*

A grease interceptor pumping variance shall be issued at the sole discretion of the City of Tarpon Springs. **Please do not leave any section of this application blank; use "N/A" or "Not Applicable" for sections that do not apply to your facility.** Incomplete applications will be returned and not be considered received until complete.

Please mail or deliver this completed application, along with the two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250.00) variance application fee, to:

City of Tarpon Springs Wastewater Treatment Facility  
Attn: FOG Management Program  
201 East Pine Street  
Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689

If you have any question or require assistance with the completion of the grease interceptor pumping variance application, please contact the City of Tarpon Springs FOG Management Program at (727) 942-5616.

## **Instructions for Completing the Grease Interceptor Pumping Variance Application**

All application questions must be answered. Please do not leave any section of the application blank; use "N/A" or "Not Applicable" for sections that do not apply to your establishment. Incomplete applications will be returned and not considered received until complete.

### **Section I. - Establishment Information**

**Name.** Enter the legal or official name of the establishment. Do not use a colloquial name.

**Address.** Provide the physical location of the establishment that is applying for a grease interceptor pumping variance. Include the telephone number and facsimile number, if applicable.

### **Section II. - Designated Establishment Contact.**

Provide the name and telephone number of a person who is thoroughly familiar with the operation of the establishment (i.e., a manager) and who can be contacted by the Grease Management Program. This is the person who will receive correspondence from the FOG Management Program.

### **Section III. - Grease Waste Hauler Information**

Provide the name and telephone number of the grease waste hauler that is to perform the pumping-out and cleaning of the grease waste interceptor

**Section IV. –** Provide the next date and time the interceptor will be pumped-out and cleaned.

### **Section V. - Authorized Signatory**

Carefully read the certification statements and sign and date the application form. Be sure to include the title of the authorized signatory and a telephone number.

Date of variance application: \_\_\_\_\_

Section I. - Establishment Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Section II. - Designated Establishment Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Section III. - Grease Waste Hauler Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Section IV. - Next date and time the interceptor will be pumped-out and cleaned: \_\_\_\_\_

**The next grease interceptor pump-out must occur within thirty (30) calendar days from the application date on this form. A Grease Management Program inspector will inspect the interceptor on the specified date and time or shortly after the pump-out procedure. Failure to provide a specific date and time may result in the need for an additional pump-out to ensure that City staff can be present to verify that the grease interceptor is in good working condition.**

Section V. - Authorized Signature:

I certify that I have received and read Article VIII of Chapter 20 of the City Code of Ordinances and the City's guidance document entitled "*Performance Criteria for Grease Traps, Grease Interceptors, and Oil/water Separators*" and have determined that the monthly pumping frequency of the grease interceptor indicated in this application is unnecessary to maintain compliance with City code. I am submitting a request for a grease interceptor pumping variance along with a two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250.00) application fee.

I fully understand that:

- Once the grease interceptor has been pumped-out and cleaned and the variance procedure initiated, further pumping-out or cleaning of the grease interceptor will not be permitted until the City of Tarpon Springs has completed the variance evaluation and has notified me in writing of the appropriate grease interceptor pumping frequency; and
- If, at any time, there is any evidence that the grease interceptor has been tampered with or pumped-out during the variance procedure, the procedure will be declared null and void and a new

variance application fee will be required to re-start the procedure; and

- The inspector(s) from the City's Grease Management Program will inspect the grease interceptor thirty (30) days after the initial pump-out and once every fourteen (14) calendar days, at a minimum, thereafter until a new pumping frequency has been determined; and
- In no case shall pump-out and cleaning of the grease interceptor exceed ninety (90) days with no return of gray water to the interceptor; and
- Once the alternate frequency has been established, failure to provide complete pump-out of the grease interceptor at the required time intervals may result in a revocation of the approved variance; and
- The determined variance, if granted, shall be in force until there is either a change in ownership of the food service establishment or extensive remodeling of the kitchen occurs, which requires a City plumbing permit to be issued; and
- If, at any time, the City determines in any inspections conducted subsequent to the food service establishment being granted a variance in the pumping frequency, that the performance criteria are not met by the alternate pumping frequency, the City shall nullify the alternate frequency and the establishment shall be required to meet the pumping frequency of once every calendar month.
- Failure to provide complete pump-out of the interceptor at the required intervals granted in a variance may result in the revocation of the approved variance.

A copy of this application must be retained on file and available for review.

Name	Title	
Signature	Date	Phone

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**For City use only**

Application complete?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Application returned to applicant for completion?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Date returned to applicant:		
Variance Granted?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Alternate pumping schedule	_____ Days	_____ Weeks _____ Months