



**Pinellas County Utilities
Grease Management Program
Variance to Pumping Frequency Application**

1. Food Service Establishment (FSE) Name: _____
2. Permit #: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
3. Designated FSE Contact:
Name: _____
Title: _____
Telephone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____
4. Grease Hauler Company: _____
Grease Hauler Telephone Number: _____

Type of Grease Interceptor: _____ **Traditional Concrete** _____ **Trapzilla** _____ **Great Basin**

As part the variance evaluation process, I agree to and will abide by the following:

- It is the responsibility of the FSE to coordinate all activities with a permitted grease waste hauler.
- A Grease Program Inspector must be notified of the initial pump-out date to initiate the start of the Variance to Pumping Frequency Evaluation. It is the responsibility of the FSE to provide a specific date of the scheduled full pump-out.
- In the event that the grease interceptor design does not meet the requirements found in FAC 64E-6 (Department of Health), the Florida Plumbing code, and the Pinellas County Code, Chapter 126, Article VI, Section 126-612, the permittee will be given 30 days to bring the interceptor up to code. The evaluation process will then begin at that time, after initial pump-out.
- Once the grease interceptor has been pumped-out to initiate the variance procedure, pumping or cleaning of the grease interceptor shall not occur until the County has completed its evaluation and notified the applicant in writing of the approved pumping frequency.
- If 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 inspection fee of \$200.00 will be required to re-initiate the procedure.

An inspector from the Grease Management Program will inspect the grease interceptor until a pump-out frequency determination is reached. Pump-out and cleaning of the interceptor shall be required at least once

every 180 calendar days. Frequency determination is based on: the limit of a grease layer of less than six inches on top of the interceptor and a solids layer of less than eight inches on bottom of the interceptor (for traditional concrete interceptors); levels determined to be appropriate to the interceptor design; evidence of grease leaving the interceptor; and/or grease is found in a downstream manhole or cleanout.

****Once the alternate frequency has been established, failure to perform complete pump-out of the grease interceptor at the required time intervals may result in a revocation of the approved variance.****

I certify that I have read the conditions of this application and understand the responsibilities of the Food Service Establishment pertaining to the Variance to Pumping Frequency. I will comply with Article VI, Sec. 126 of the Pinellas County Code and have determined that monthly pumping of the grease interceptor is unnecessary in order to maintain compliance.

Name (print): _____

Title (print): _____

Signature

Date

Please submit this completed application to Pinellas County Utilities Grease Management Program:

Pinellas County Utilities
Grease Management Program
1620 Ridge Rd S, Bldg. A
Largo, Florida 33778

Once application is received, the Food Service Establishment (FSE) will receive an invoice for the \$200.00 variance inspection fee. A Grease Management Program inspector will contact the FSE upon payment of invoice in order to coordinate the time and date of the initial pump-out of the grease interceptor. It is advised that you make a copy of this completed application for your reference. Upon conclusion of the evaluation, the Grease Management Program will notify you in writing of the results of the variance assessment and indicate the months in which the grease interceptor will need to be pumped. Should you have any questions regarding this application, please do not hesitate to contact an inspector at (727) 582-2379.