

City of Portland Drought Management Plan

Variance Application Review and Approval Guidelines

As adopted by the Allocation and Review Committee on July 17, 2013

Variance Requested	Variance Guidelines	Approval Type	Duration	Documentation Required
Newly-planted Grass and Vegetation	This variance authorizes watering outside of the normal watering day for properties with newly-planted grass and vegetation.	Stage 2 Automatic Stage 3 Automatic Stage 4 Prohibited Stage 5 Prohibited	60 days	Building permit or photographic evidence of new plantings
Watering Day for Large Properties	This variance authorizes a supplementary watering day(s) for sections of a property that cannot be completely watered in the timeframe specified under the current drought stage.	Stage 2 Automatic Stage 3 Case-by-case Stage 4 Prohibited Stage 5 Prohibited	Expires with escalation of drought stages	Site plan depicting zones and watering days
Watering Day for Schedule Hardships	This variance authorizes a watering day differing than the assigned day. Examples of hardships include: work schedules, lawn maintenance schedules, vacations, etc.	Stage 2 Automatic Stage 3 Case-by-case Stage 4 Prohibited Stage 5 Prohibited	Expires with escalation of drought stage	Written justification for waiver
Watering for Municipal or Educational Facilities	This variance authorizes watering non-watering days for athletic fields, parks, playgrounds, or other recreational facilities enjoyed by the general public.	Stage 2 Automatic Stage 3 Automatic Stage 4 Case-by-case Stage 5 Prohibited	Expires with escalation of drought stage	Written justification for waiver with site plan depicting facilities that are covered
Special Financial Circumstances	This variance authorizes the reduction of restrictions if strict compliance with the code substantially threatens the applicant's primary source of income.	Stage 2 Case-by-case Stage 3 Case-by-case Stage 4 Case-by-case Stage 5 Case-by-case	Expires with escalation of drought stage	Written justification for waiver
Medical Hardship or Disability Waiver	This variance authorizes the reduction of restrictions if strict compliance with the code is prevented because of a documented medical hardship or disability.	Stage 2 Case-by-case Stage 3 Case-by-case Stage 4 Case-by-case Stage 5 Case-by-case	Expires with escalation of drought stage	Written justification for waiver
Health, Safety, Welfare Waiver	This variance authorizes waivers covering a documented threat to the health, safety, and welfare of a citizen or the structural integrity of a building.	Stage 2 Case-by-case Stage 3 Case-by-case Stage 4 Case-by-case Stage 5 Case-by-case	Expires with escalation of drought stage	Written justification for waiver
Surcharge Waiver	This variance authorizes an increase to the water allocation assigned to a property. This variance is allowed for residences with more than six occupants and the allocation will be increased by 500 gallons for each occupant over six.	Stage 3 Case-by-case Stage 4 Case-by-case Stage 5 Case-by-case	Expires with escalation of drought stage	Written justification for waiver