



Request for Reduced Grit Trap Cleaning Frequency (ASE)

Applicants seeking approval from the City to reduce the grit trap cleaning frequency requirement from once every 180 days to another frequency must be in compliance with all discharge and maintenance requirements of the Temple Code of Ordinances. Additionally, applicants must be able to show that they are currently:

1. Cleaning the grit trap the earlier of:
 - a. Once every 180 days; or
 - b. When 25% or more of the wetted height of the grit trap, as measured on the effluent side from the bottom to the invert of the outlet pipe, contains grit and solids; and
2. Disposing of the waste removed from the grit trap according to applicable local, state, and federal regulations.

Furthermore, applicants must meet the following conditions:

1. The grit trap must be structurally sound, installed, and maintained in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.
2. The amount of grit and solids after a six month period may not exceed 25% of the wetted height of the trap.
3. There can be no verifiable history of grit/grease related wastewater line maintenance problems either caused by the discharge from the applicant's site or in conjunction with the discharges from other users.
4. There is no historical data indicating that the applicant has exceeded the city's oil and grease limit with the current treatment equipment installed.
5. There have been no environmental compliance investigations within the last two years that found alleged Temple Code of Ordinance violations.

Application Requirements and Process

In order for the City of Temple to review a request for reduced grit trap cleaning frequency, the application must include all of the following information. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

1. Complete the attached application. Please complete the entire form. If any question does not pertain to your business, mark N/A for that question.

2. Submit the last two pumping manifests with the application and include a signed statement from the liquid waste transporter detailing that less than 25% of the wetted height of the trap contained floating materials and sediment. This measurement must be done using an approved measuring device such as a Sludge Judge or Dip Stick Pro during the last two consecutive pumping events.

Submit the completed application and supporting documentation to the following address:

City of Temple
Environmental Programs
3210 E. Avenue H, Bldg A #117
Temple, TX 76501

Or via Email: FightFOG@templetx.gov

After receiving an application, City of Temple Environmental Programs staff will review the application. Once the application is determined to be complete, staff will also review all records related to the location; including past sampling data; environmental complaint investigations; and collection system grit problems. You will be contacted within forty-five (45) days to let you know if you are still eligible for consideration.

If you are eligible for consideration, an inspection may be necessary prior to approval of a reduced cleaning frequency. The inspection may be scheduled or unscheduled, and you may be required to arrange a grit trap cleaning by a permitted hauler so that an inspection can be conducted when the grit trap is emptied. During the inspection, staff may collect samples of your facility's discharge in order to assess compliance with discharge limits. If you are not eligible for consideration, you will be provided the reason(s) that the application was declined, and if there are any steps you can take in the future to possibly qualify.

You will receive written notice if the authorization for reduced cleaning frequency is granted. However, the authorization may be revoked if the reduced cleaning frequency contributes to or causes a violation of the Temple Code of Ordinances Chapter 38, Article V or Article VII.