

Hotchkiss Variance - VA-18-001

Formal Extension Request for Commercial Well Permitting

I am making a formal request to extend the 120 day requirement for obtaining a commercial well permit per the Variance Condition Item 4. At this time, we have submitted the application and are still awaiting the new well use permit from the Division of Water Resources. They indicated a minimum of six weeks for approval, but estimated it may take longer due to the volume of requests.

Form GWS-57 must be submitted in conjunction with the GWS-45 form for our use change, and that form is supposed to reflect the actual water use of the building design. We had postponed the submission of these forms as we are now on our second designer, and most likely our second general contractor. The first designer would not work within the parameters of our variance design features, and so had to find a new one to work with.

Our current designer, John Davis Design Group, has worked extensively with commercial building and has been trying to finalize our design and the accompanying estimated water usage for that design. Mr. Davis has yet to produce those figures for us, and so with the pending 120 day deadline upon us we were forced to enter figures to the DWR that may not be 100% accurate. He thinks it will be okay if we enter the absolute maximum for employees/patrons in our calculations, so that is what we finally submitted this month. The design was changed from the original for ADA compliance purposes. The design we had proposed did not leave the room needed for hallway passage, elevator access, and entry and exit access. Mr. Davis is well versed in ADA compliance and so is modifying our design to meet those standards.

We are asking for a 6-8 week extension for Condition Item 4 of the Variance as we are now waiting on the Division of Water Resources timeline. If the agency has application modifications or further questions, it may take longer, but am confident it will be within our estimated window. Below is a timeline of events and we have email verification of each event if requested.

Timeline of events:

03/21/18: Contacted construction contractor Marv Goebel to begin construction planning. He referred us to his designer Bobby Hill Designs to begin finalizing our design.

04/03/18: Contacted and met with Bobby Hill Designs to finalize designs for general contractor.

04/10/18: Variance Approval Letter posted.

05/08/18: Were referred to John Davis Design Group and began working with Mr. Davis towards a traditional, compliant building design.

05/31/18: Was forced to fire Mr. Hill as he wanted a more modern design if his name was to be attached to the project, rather than our more traditional home design.

07/08/18: Finalized our design and floor plan with Mr. Davis, and now are awaiting engineered drawings, to include water use calculations. We are also starting our bid process for construction with both Goebel Construction and Merritt Construction.

07/14/18: Submitted necessary forms to the Division of Water Resources for changing usage of well from Domestic to Commercial.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Hotchkiss', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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