## Business food waste recycling requirements

# Variance application

Instructions

* Please answer all questions. If the question does not apply to you, respond with “N/A”.
* Hennepin County will acknowledge your pending application with a written response when a complete application has been submitted.
* Please send completed form and applicable attachments to:

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| Emailbusinessrecycling@hennepin.us Variance applications must have “Commercial Organics Variance Application” in the subject line. Otherwise they may not be accepted.  | MailHennepin County Environment and Energy c/o Food waste recycling701 Fourth Avenue South, Suite 700Minneapolis, MN 55415 |

Upon approval of this variance it can be revoked if one or more factors justifying the exemption no longer exist. It is effective for three years from the day it is approved by Hennepin County.

Variances are non-transferable.

## Why are you requesting this variance?

[ ]  Lack of adequate storage space for indoor bins and/or hauler collection containers. Applicant must include:

* photos of solid waste collection and storage areas; and
* documentation of denial of service from two waste haulers and a food-to-livestock service provider

[ ]  Generation of food waste has been eliminated or substantially minimized. Applicant must include:

* a description of the methods used to achieve reduction; and
* a statement that quantifies remaining food waste (in lbs./week), including a description of how the quantity was determined

[ ]  *Determination by a local health authority that collection of food waste would cause a conflict with MN Rules 4626 (Food Code) or other applicable state or federal food regulations.* Applicant must include:

* an inspection report with notice of violation provided by the local health authority

Part 1. Application Information

Name of individual applying for variance on behalf of business (Last Name, First Name)

Telephone Click or tap here to enter text. E-mail Click or tap here to enter text.

Minnesota registered business name Click or tap here to enter text.

Mailing address Click or tap here to enter text.

What is your food service establishment’s 9-digit IRS Tax Identification Number (EIN)? Click or tap here to enter text.

What is your food service establishment’s Permit Record Number issued by the Department of Health? Click or tap here to enter text.

Part 2. Business Operating Information

Name of on-site manager at business location Click or tap here to enter text.

Physical address (if different from mailing address above) Click or tap here to enter text.

Business hours of operation Click or tap here to enter text.

Does your business operate under any other name(s) other than the registered business name or corporate name? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

 If you answered YES, please list the other name(s) Click or tap here to enter text.

Does your business rent or own the building? [ ]  Own [ ]  Rent

If you did not answer own, does your business manage its own waste hauling services:

[ ]  Yes, we manage trash, recycling, and organics recycling

[ ]  No, the property manager/owner manages hauling services

Part 3. Application Certification of Food Service Establishment

Application certification

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the information contained herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, accurate and descriptive of the business requesting a variance. I further understand that Hennepin County may request additional documentation from me for the purpose of clarifying information which I have furnished in this variance application. I acknowledge that my intentional misstatements or misleading information contained herein could be cause for rejection of this application or revocation of a variance. I also understand the submission of this application does not guarantee approval of a variance.

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Type or print name Click or tap here to enter text.

Date Click or tap to enter a date.

This application does not guarantee a variance approval. Hennepin County reserves the right to inspect/audit facilities for confirmation that the above information is correct and valid.

The applicant will be notified in writing of Hennepin County’s decision within 30 days of receipt of a complete application. If the variance application is denied, the written notification will include the reasons for the denial. The denial of an application for a variance or the revocation of a variance may be appealed to the Director of Environment and Energy, whose decision shall be final.