

SMART/EVAPOTRANSPIRATION SYSTEM VARIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Residential customers may apply for a variance for modified water restrictions under this subsection. To be considered for this variance, residential customers must meet all the requirements of this program including successfully installing a Smart/Evapotranspiration controller onto their irrigation system. Failure to comply with the requirements of this variance program, as determined by an Inspector and/or Code Compliance Officer, can lead to but is not limited to revocation of the permit.

- (1) Permit Fee: \$50.00
- (2) Sign Fee: No charge for an initial yard sign, and free replacement after five (5) years. If sign is destroyed or absent before the 5- year period expires, it will be replaced for a fee of \$25.00.
- (3) Variance Process:
 - (A) Obtain permit from the City of Murphy for installation of system;
 - (B) Have system installed;
 - (C) Once installed call City to schedule inspection of system; and
 - (D) Inspection performed and system must pass inspection:
 - (i) No charge for first failed inspection;
 - (ii) \$100 fee for second and each additional failed inspection
- (4) Sign stating variance is in place will be provided by the City:
 - (A) Sign is eligible for replacement every 5 years; and
 - (B) Sign must be visible from the street at all times.
- (5) Variance Details – during active water restrictions:
 - (A) Variance allows for watering outside of drought restrictions except from 10am – 6pm daily;
 - (B) Variance is valid during Stage 1 and Stage 2 drought restrictions; and
 - (C) Variance discontinues when City moves into Stage 3 and greater restrictions.

CONTROLLERS INSTALLED FOR SMART/ET IRRIGATION CONTROLLER VARIANCE SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING FEATURES:

- Connectivity to a weather station or local weather satellite either installed at the home or accessible via internet
- Ability to be programmed for the following items:
 - o Plant Type (turf, landscape bed, trees, etc.)
 - o Soil Type (clay, sand, etc)
 - o Slope of Yard
 - o Shade or Sun
- Copy of receipt for proof of purchase
- Submittal must contain the following information:
 - o Date of installation
 - o ET Controller brand and model
 - o Proof of weather data subscription (if applicable)
- The City of Murphy reserves the right to alter the details of this program at any time.