VARIANCE PERMIT FROM THE BOARD OF WATER WELL CONTRACTORS

Section 36.21.680 ARM provides for a variance from water well construction standards, provided the Board issues a permit.

The completed application must be returned to this Board, and the permit issued and received before the drilling or abandonment operation can be started.

A fee of $100 must accompany this application. Please type or print:

APPLICANT’S NAME: ____________________________________________________________

MAILING ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________
                         (Street or box number)   (City)          (State)    (Zip)

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:  HOME ______________________                 OFFICE ______________________
                        CELL ______________________                        FAX ______________________

LICENSED DRILLER: __________________________________________ LIC #____________________
                         Phone number: __________________________

Use of well (circle all that apply): stock    domestic     irrigation     industrial

WELL LOCATION:
ADDRESS: _________________________________________________________________________________
                        _____ ¼ _____¼_____¼ of Section _____, Township _____, Range _____, County _______________________

GPS READING: Latitude__________________________                  Longitude___________________________

Horizontal Datum: NAD 27 □    NAD 83 □       WGS84 □

LANDOWNER (if different from applicant): ______________________________________________________
                         Address: _________________________________________________________________________________

Explain in detail the method to be used in constructing/abandoning the well. Identify the existing standard that can not be complied with. Use and attach additional sheets of paper to fully describe the proposed design.

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct. I will comply with the provisions of the issued permit, and Montana Water Well Construction Standards.

____________________________________________________________________________________

Signature                                  (Date)

Permit Application Approval (BWWC)                                      (Date)
--- VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION ---

REQUIRED WELL INFORMATION

1) Purpose of well construction/abandonment: ____________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________

2) Distance in feet to nearest well: ____________________________________________
Distance to septic tank, drainfield, or other hazardous wastes (surface or subsurface): ___
_______________________________________________________________________

3) The unusual condition(s) existing at the well site: _____________________________
_______________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________

4) The reason that compliance with the rules for minimum well standards cannot be followed:
_______________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________

5) The proposed changes that the water well contractor believes will be adequate for his
particular well: ___________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________

6) Attach a drawing with written explanation showing the pertinent features of the proposed well
design and construction:
Drawing attached       Yes_____       No_____

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36.21.680  VARIANCES

(1) When, due to special circumstances beyond the control of the contractor, compliance with these minimum construction standards is impossible or otherwise unreasonably difficult, a variance may be requested from the board of water well CONTRACTORS prior to beginning or continuing construction of the well. The request for a variance shall be in writing and shall include:

(a) the purpose of the well construction;
(b) the location of the well;
(c) name and address of the owner;
(d) distance to the nearest well, septic tank, drainfield, or other hazardous wastes--surface or subsurface;
(e) the unusual conditions existing at the well site;
(f) the reasons that compliance with the rules for minimum standards will not result in a satisfactory well;
(g) the proposed standards that the water well contractor believes will be adequate for his particular well; and
(h) a drawing with written explanation showing the pertinent features of the proposed well design and construction.

(2) If the board finds that special circumstances beyond the control of the contractor make compliance with existing standards impossible or otherwise unreasonably difficult, and finds that the proposed variance will adequately protect the public and the ground water RESOURCES, the board may approve the proposed construction by prescribing a variance for the particular well under consideration.

(3) The board shall act in writing on any requests for variances within 30 days after receipt of the request.