

To streamline the billing process, Colorado Springs Utilities (Utilities) offers a High Use Sports Field (HUSF) designation for customers who require flexibility in meeting the days per week watering requirements of the Water Shortage Ordinance (WSO), Chapter 12, Article 4, Part 1304, 1306 and 1307 of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs. A HUSF designation will provide a characteristic to the water account(s) identified in the HUSF designation request form. By submitting a HUSF designation request form, the water customer agrees to follow the terms and conditions set forth in this document.

Terms & Conditions

- **HUSF Definition:** In the Water Shortage Ordinance (WSO) Section 12.4.1303, a high use sports field is defined as: A playing field where sporting events take place on a regular basis, that is available for use by the public or club, school or professional sports teams including but not limited to fields, sports complexes and stadiums designed for baseball, football, soccer, track and golf where adequately watered turf grass is necessary to maintain the safety of participants and the public. Practice fields and neighborhood parks are not considered high use sports fields.
- **Expiration:** This designation shall expire after 5 years from the date of issuance. At that time, the customer will be required to submit a new HUSF designation form.
- **Multiple Premises:** A commercial customer may provide one HUSF designation request for several premises provided all necessary details, including: applicable account numbers, addresses and corresponding maps identifying actively irrigated areas are provided.
- **Notice of Permit:** A yard sign identifying the existence of an HUSF, provided by Utilities, shall be displayed on the premises and be visible from a public street at all times during the term of the HUSF designation.
- **Establishment Permit Consideration:** If a customer with an HUSF designation is considering overseeding the sports field area(s), they should apply for an Establishment Permit (EP) to provide exemption from the time-of-day rule.
- **Consumption:** Consumption will not be monitored for these sites, however, good irrigation practices should be followed to ensure the most beneficial use of outdoor water.
- **Water Rates:** HUSF designations do not excuse customers from paying any applicable rates for water service, including rates under an approved water shortage tariff.
- **Exempted areas:** Only the areas essential to the playing fields are exempt. All other areas shall follow the applicable provisions of the WSO.
- **Stage III Shortage:** Watering of a HUSF must be approved during a Stage III Shortage as permitted by section 12.4.1308(B).

Disclaimers

Utilities does not warrant the security of third-party email providers. Email may not be a secure means to send private information, and customers accept any security liabilities while information is in transit. Upon receipt, Utilities will secure all personal information in accordance with internal policies and applicable laws.

Colorado Public (Open) Records Act (CORA): Utilities is an enterprise of the City of Colorado Springs; therefore, Utilities' records are public records open for inspection by any person at reasonable times, except as provided by the Colorado Public (Open) Records Act (CORA) or other laws. The CORA permits the denial of inspection of any records that contain personal and financial information of past or present users of public utilities.