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Project Information

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County UNION

Project Type New  Addition  Alteration  Existing  Change of Occupancy

Project Status  U F=Filed U or Null=Unfiled

IDHS Issued Correction order?  No Has Violation been Issued?  No

Violation Issued by: NA

Local Building Official

Phone:

Email:

Local Fire Official

Phone:

Email:



Variance Details

Code Name: Other Code (Not in the list provided)

2014 IBC Sec. 3401.1

Conditions: The project involves conversion of an existing Agricultural Building to a Class 1 Structure classified as A-2 Occupancy. The barn will be used for event space for weddings, banquets, etc. Section 3412 is not permitted to be used for conversion of a non-Class 1 building to an A Occupancy.

The building is 2 stories with approximately 2,472 sf on the 1st floor and 901 sf on the 2nd floor (loft). The building is classified as Type VB Construction.

DEMONSTRATION THAT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE ARE PROTECTED:

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2= Applicant will undertake alternative actions in lieu of compliance with the rule to ensure that granting of the variance will not be adverse to public health, safety, or welfare. Explain why alternative actions would be adequate (be specific).

Facts:

- 1. A structural evaluation is being conducted to confirm the existing structure's capability to support all load requirements per IBC.
- 2. The building will pass the Chapter 34 evaluation with installation of detection throughout.
- 3. Two exits will be provided with capacity greater than 500. Calculated occupant load is 153, anticipated maximum is 110.
- 4. Maximum travel distance is 77 feet. 200 feet is permitted by current code.
- 5. Temporary restrooms will be provided to comply with Chapter 29 fixture counts. Permanent facilities will be added in the future.
- 6. A shunt trip will be provided to shut off any sound system when the detection system is activated.
- 7. Decorative lighting will be commercial grade, UL listed, and will comply with the Indiana Electrical Code.
- 8. Decorative combustible materials will be fire retardant treated.

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Imposition of the rule would result in an undue hardship (unusual difficulty) because of excessive costs of additional or altered construction elements.

Imposition of the rule would prevent the preservation of an architecturally or a historically significant part of the building or structure

Facts:

Imposition of the rule would prevent the use of the structure for the proposed use.

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Code Name: Other Code (Not in the list provided)

2014 IBC Sec. 3401.3, 2902.1

Conditions: Section 3412 is being used to evaluate the building for the proposed use. Code requires a change of occupancy to include Group A to comply with Chapter 29 for fixture count. The request is to temporarily use portable restrooms to comply with the fixture count requirements.

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Facts:

1. Portable restrooms will be provided for events in compliance with Table 2902.1, including provisions for accessibility.
2. Permanent restroom facilities will be added within 1 year of opening.
3. Drinking water will be available for occupants during events.
4. Similar variances have been approved in the past.

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Facts:

The hardship is the cost and time needed to add permanent restroom facilities. The variance request is a temporary request to allow hosting of events while gathering funds and providing time for design and installation of new facilities that will comply with the code once completed.