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Project Information

St Stephen Orthodox Church Annex
708 Whitlock Avenue

Crawfordsville IN 47933

County MONTGOMERY

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)

Rule 13, Sec. 2(b)(1), GAR

Conditions:

<p>The variance request is to permit the area of the building excluding the basement to exceed the permitted 3,000 square feet - actual area is 3,057 sq ft excluding the partial basement.</p> <p>The conversion of the 1-story single-family residence to a classroom annex for the church will be evaluated per Rule 13, Conversion of Existing Buildings. The structure is located directly across the street from the church. The facility will include three (3) small Sunday School classrooms and a small meeting space.</p>
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DEMONSTRATION THAT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE ARE PROTECTED:

1=Non-compliance with the rule will not be adverse to the public health, safety or w

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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:

<p>1. Egress illumination will be provided, as required.</p> <p>2. The maximum travel distance from the most remote classroom to the front exit will be approximately 58 feet.</p> <p>3. The classrooms will be used for Sunday School use only, not full-time education.</p>

DEMONSTRATION OF UNDUE HARDSHIP OR HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT STRUCTURE:

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 Imposition of the rule would result in an undue hardship (unusual difficulty) because of physical limitations of the construction site or its utility services.

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 Imposition of the rule would result in an undue hardship (unusual difficulty) because of major operational problems in the use of the building or structure.

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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.

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

Facts:

<p>The parish does not currently have classroom space in their existing facility, with the exception of a single 61 sq ft classroom. Demolition of the Storage space alongside the garage was investigated in order to bring sq footage below 3,000 sq ft. However, in addition to the loss of valuable storage space, the wall between the Storage space and the existing garage is tied structurally to the Storage space, making demolition of the small Storage space impractical.</p>
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