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Project Information

South Decatur Elementary School Door Closers
9302 South County Road 420 W

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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? ☒ yes

Violation Issued by: SFM

Local Building Official

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Local Fire Official

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Variance Details

Code Name: 12-4-9 Maintenance of Existing Buildings and Structures
Rule 4, Section 9(a), GAR

Conditions:

The existing closing devices for 20-minute rated corridor doors have been replace with a closing device that permits the doors to be held open between class periods. The new closing devices (see attached data sheet and specs) technically do not maintain the required fire rating of the corridor doors, based upon the hold-open function. Existing building features are required to be maintained in accordance with the applicable codes of record. Codes in effect for the 1976 original building (Official Regulation #7) and the 1992 addition (1989 Indiana Building Code) required fire-rated corridor doors with self-closing devices.

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:

1. The School Corporation¿s policy for classroom doors is for the doors to remain closed and locked (from the corridor side) during each and every class period for security. The doors will also remain closed when unoccupied.
2. The closers provide the required self-closing function at all times other than during the time between class periods to facilitate student movement into and out of classrooms without using the conventional methods of door stops and similar methods that work around the self-closing function of door closers.

DEMONSTRATION OF UNDUE HARDSHIP OR HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT STRUCTURE:

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.

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:

The closers were installed as part of the school corporation¿s effort to increase safety and security for students and staff at their four (4) school facilities. The closers provide an efficient method for staff to open and close classroom doors without using the conventional methods of door stops and similar methods that work around the self-closing function of door closers.