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Project Information

Manchester University Cordier Hall
604 East College Avenue

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County WABASH

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

Conditions:

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| Panic hardware has been removed from the 10 sets of double-doors leading from the auditorium to the U-shaped lobby/corridor surrounding 3 sides of the auditorium. Removal of the hardware results in loss of latching for the doors, which are 45-minute rated fire doors as required per Official Regulation #7 for the original 1976 construction of the building. Fire doors are required to be positive latching. The GAR requires maintenance of existing features required by the building's code of record. Cordier Hall is an auditorium with seating for approximately 1,175. |
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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:

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| 1. The doors are not equipped with any additional locking devices. Consequently, there is no violation of egress requirements due to lack of panic hardware on the doors. The doors function effectively as push/pull. 2. The doors are equipped with closers, maintaining the required self-closing function of the fire doors. 3. There are no other spaces of any significance |
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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:

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| Panic hardware was removed due to the noise created by people entering and leaving the auditorium during events. Re-installation at this point would cost \$28,000+. |
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