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Project Information

First Baptist Church Vestibule Addition
209 West Washington Street

Greensburg IN 47240

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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? ☒ No

Violation Issued by: NA

Local Building Official

Phone: Email:

Local Fire Official

Phone: Email:

Variance Details

Code Name: 12-4-12 Existing Buildings; Additions or Alterations
Rule 4, Section 12(f), GAR

Conditions: The proposed vestibule addition of 289 sf plus existing building will exceed allowable building area (10,500 sf versus 23,966 sf actual) and allowable nonsprinklered fire area (7,000 sf versus 38,454 sf actual) for A-3 Occupancy per current code.

The building is classified as Type VB Construction, though it is predominantly of noncombustible construction. The First Baptist Church facility construction dates to the 1930's, with additions in 1957, 1967, and 1986.

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 vestibule will increase building area by 1.2% and fire area by 0.8%.

2. The vestibule will be of entirely noncombustible construction, and will be used for pedestrian access to the existing foyer/narthex adjoining the existing worship space.

3. The addition will not increase the occupant load of the building.

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.

☒ Y 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 vestibule addition will replace an existing set of seven (7) risers leading to the existing front entry to the church, and providing ramp access. The vestibule will also provide a weather buffer on the existing north side of the building. Imposition of the rule would require the construction of a structurally independent fire wall.