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Project Information

LP Pads TEMPORARY Homeless Shelter
802 Indiana Ave

La Porte 46350

County LAPORTE

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: LBD

Local Building Official

Phone: Email:

Local Fire Official

Phone: Email:

Variance Details

Code Name: 1985 Indiana Fire Prevention Code (675 IAC 22-2)

Conditions: So we are housing a shelter in a block built church from the 1800. We have no sprinkler system and need occupancy for more than 30 days. This is only until April 15 and we are only letting 10 guests in per night. We have volunteers each night that stay at all times to watch

over the guests. we have many exit doors. we have exit plan. we have smoke detectors and carbon detectors. The church is lending us the area to house our guests so that they are not out in the cold. We do not have the funding to put a sprinkler system in and this is only temporary for this season as we are looking at a more permanent building for next season. We were given a verbal that we needed to contact the state for a temporary variance for the sprinkler and the more than 30 days occupancy. Shelter open from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. then the guests are out for the day.

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

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

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:

We are only allowing 10 guests per night.

We have the smoke detectors and carbon detectors and the city fire department came in and added a few more for us. We have an emergency exit plan posted and have many doors to exit through.

We have volunteers at all times in the building walking around to keep the guests safe.

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.

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.

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

Facts:

We could never cover the cost of the sprinkler system. We do not have the funds to purchase a building until this spring. This is temporary and is from January 3 to April 15.

We would have to put the visitors back out onto the street and the elements.

We have had over 25 come in and we have gotten them into rehab, housing, jobs and apartments or back home to family. As quick as they come in our caseworkers are working to get them to the next step which is out of the shelter into some sort of housing.

Working with the Center Township Trustee who is helping them get housing, jobs or back with family members until we can get housing for them.

Our shelter is not a flop house and we are getting them to the next step towards housing.