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Project Information

Depauw University First Year Residence Hall Phase 1
East Olive Street and Locust Street

Greencastle IN 46135

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Project Type New ☒ Y Addition ☐ Alteration ☐ Existing ☐ Change of Occupancy ☐

Project Status ☒ F F=Filed U or Null=Unfiled

IDHS Issued Correction order? ☒ No Has Violation been Issued? ☒ No

Violation Issued by: NA

Local Building Official

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Local Fire Official

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Variance Details

Code Name: Other Code (Not in the list provided)

2014 IBC Section 1022.5

Conditions: Campus security has requested that CCTV cameras be installed in exit stairwells. University requests that a variance be issued to allow them to install cameras.

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: Document to be uploaded from local AHJ, below is an excerpt:
In addition, a review of the ICC code commentary reinforces that the code prohibits most penetrations through exit enclosures; only penetrations of items such as sprinkler piping, necessary ductwork for stair pressurization and electric conduit that serve the exit penetration are allowed.
The Greencastle Building Departments does not have the authority to approve an exception to the code and recommended to the builder, Messer Construction, to request a variance from the Commission. Our opinion in this instance is; properly protected penetrations that allow video cameras balance the requirement of life safety with the physical security of the students that reside within the facility and the request is suitable, feasible and acceptable. We recommend approval of the variance to the Commission.
Building Commissioner
We believe that the current security environment and concern for student safety may warrant an Indiana amendment to the next code set that would allow a permanent exception for the use of video camera and access systems with approved protection of penetrations in fire rated exit stairwells required for egress.

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 hardship is that the university will not be able to properly protect and keep safe it's students. Depauw's public safety department requested the cameras to be placed in the stairwells so they could monitor for and record any issues happening. They wish their students to both "be" and "feel" safe at all times. Without cameras in the stairwells it poses a danger as inappropriate activities could take place with little foot traffic around to stop it.

