# INDIANA FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING SAFETY COMMISSION

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

## **Meeting Details**

**Date:** May 4, 2022 **Time:** 9:00 AM

Location: Conference Room F, Government Center South and Microsoft Teams

#### **Member Attendance**

Name	Present		Means of Participation
	Yes	No	
Harold Davidson	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Greg Furnish	×		In Person
Jim Greeson	×		In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite	×		In Person
Wes Jordan			NA
Jim Murua	$\boxtimes$		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Michael Popich	×		In Person
John Watson	$\boxtimes$		In Person

#### **Notes**

Meeting materials for this meeting can be accessed here: <u>Commission Meeting Materials</u>. Variance applications, attachments, and action letters can be accessed here: <u>Variance Files</u>.

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Review and Action on March and April 2022 Meeting Minutes Commissioners Popich and Heinsman recused themselves from 22-03-31. Commission voted to approve the March meeting minutes by a vote of

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Harold Davidson	⊠		In Person
Greg Furnish	×		In Person
Jim Greeson	×		In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person

Todd Hite	×	In Person
Wes Jordan		NA
Jim Murua	⊠	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	$\boxtimes$	In Person
Michael Popich	×	In Person
John Watson	×	In Person

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Jim Greeson			In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite	×		In Person
Wes Jordan			NA
Jim Murua	⊠		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Michael Popich	×		In Person
John Watson	⊠		In Person

- 1. IDHS Reports and Updates
  - 0. Ethics Refresher with Kristi Shute
  - 1. Interpretation of the State Building Commissioner CEB-2022-08-2014 IBC-1210.2.2
  - 2. IDHS Variance Determinations Report as required by 675 IAC 12-5-6.2(f) Denise Fitzpatrick.
- 2. Rulemaking Update(s)
- a. Indiana Elevator Code Committee
- i. Next Meeting: TBA.

Public notice and virtual/electronic meeting access details will be provided on the

## Committee's web page in advance of the meeting.

- 1. Indiana Electrical Code Update Committee Michael Popich, Chairman
- 2. Other Committee Updates
- 6. Variances
- a. Tabled
  - i. 21-10-27 (c) IU Collins Center Renovation, Bloomington

Ed Rensink presented on behalf of proponent. Variance is for renovation of dorm buildings at IU Bloomington. Mr. Rensink indicates that he has had a chance to talk to design team and engineer. Outside air is introduced mechanically into student rooms, and building is sprinklered throughout. Smoke detectors in sleeping rooms and corridors are programmed to shut down ventilation in the event of fire. It's an energy code violation to pump in raw air from outside without conditioning, and structure does not have sufficient space for the infrastructure needed. Commission approved vote 10-0.

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Greg Furnish	×		In Person
Jim Greeson	×		In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite	×		In Person
Wes Jordan			NA
Jim Murua	$\boxtimes$		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	⊠		In Person
Michael Popich	×		In Person
John Watson	⊠		In Person

## ii. 21-12-24 (a) Square Cat Vinyl, Indianapolis

Ed Rensink spoke on behalf of proponent. Square Cat Vinyl has occupied 1054 Virginia Avenue for several years. The building was converted to an A2 occupancy with an occupant load of 83 as calculated. Owner is requesting to increase occupant load up to 225 to support small concerts with live music in spaces with lots of standing room. Owner has offered to shutdown sound system via early detection and shunt pulls with manual relays. Maximum travel distance to exterior exits is 85 feet. Second story tenant space is typically not occupied during night time concerts. Water line is across the street under Virginia trail, which would present a considerable cost to install a sprinkler system (approximately \$150,000). Commission asked if they have written rules with their performers concerning pyrotechnics. Mr. Rensink expressed no objection should that be presented as a condition. Margie Bovard expressed concern that alcohol and food would be served, contributing to a fire hazard. Mr. Rensink indicated that they do have a type I hood with required fire suppression, and that buildings are separated by a masonry wall from other buildings by solid masonry walls. Margie indicated that a similar variance from Noble Romans was denied. Commission expressed concern that the aisle setup nature of the vinyl displays could create a choke point that could create a hazard while exiting in the case of fire, and that the third exit is not readily available. Margie asked what the basement was used for. Mr. Rensink indicated that he believed it was primarily mechanical but could also be some storage. Commission indicated that they would like to see a lower number than 225. Commission moved to table the variance while awaiting further information by a vote of 10-0.

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	Yes	No	
Harold Davidson	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Greg Furnish	×		In Person
Jim Greeson	×		In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite	×		In Person
Wes Jordan			NA
Jim Murua	$\boxtimes$		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Michael Popich	×		In Person
John Watson	$\boxtimes$		In Person

## iii. 22-02-17 Camp Livingston, Bennington

Architect for the project indicated that he was instructed to get quotes for a 13-D system. First contractor indicated that they would not provide a quote, as a 13-D is for a residential system. Second contractor indicated that they would not provide a quote, as it is a non-standard system that is slightly outside of their range. Third contractor indicated that they did not know if it would be feasible, but with an electrical pump and a heated room with a 500 gallon tank, it might be sufficient to power a 13-D system. Contractors have so far proven hesitatant to take the project, and Architect indicated that they have already taken additional steps above and beyond already. Proponent offered to rate all walls that the Commission thought necessary and provide additional exterior exits in lieu of sprinkler system. Commissioner Heinsman asked if there was an alarm system in the buildings. Proponent indicated that smoke detectors are required, but would be amenable to installing an alarm system as an alternative. Commission asked about using interconnected alarm system. Proponent clarified that dormitories often have much lower occupant load that maximum calculated load. Chairman Greeson asked what the ages of the children in attendance are. Proponent indicated that he believed it was 8-13, and that children would not be staying in the dorm. Commission **approved** the variance with conditions by a vote of 9-0. Commissioner Furnish abstained.

Condition: Additional exterior door to the nurse room and sick room number one and an interconnected fire alarm system with pull stations in common spaces.

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Greg Furnish			NA
Jim Greeson	×		In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person

David Henson		In Person
Todd Hite	×	In Person
Wes Jordan		NA
Jim Murua	$\boxtimes$	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	$\boxtimes$	In Person
Michael Popich	×	In Person
John Watson	$\boxtimes$	In Person

- iv. 22-02-19 and 22-02-21, Point Biopharma, Indianapolis Variances withdrawn.
- v. 22-03-33(a)(b) Fire Door Removal, Scottsburg

No proponent available for third meeting. Chairman Greeson indicated that he will table the variance again, but if no proponent is available for a fourth meeting the Commission will hear the variance on its own merits. Chairman Heinsman indicated that he would prefer by the third meeting. Commission **moved to table** the motion by a vote of 10-0.

Name	Pres	ent	Means of Participation
	Yes	No	
Harold Davidson			In Person
Greg Furnish	×		In Person
Jim Greeson	×		In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite	×		In Person
Wes Jordan			NA
Jim Murua	$\boxtimes$		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Michael Popich	×		In Person
John Watson	$\boxtimes$		In Person

Scott county sherriff later came onto the call. Commission voted to untable variance by a vote of 9-0.

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	Yes	No	
Harold Davidson			In Person
Greg Furnish			NA
Jim Greeson	×		In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite	×		In Person
Wes Jordan			NA
Jim Murua	$\boxtimes$		Electronic Means (MS Teams)

Scott Pannicke	$\boxtimes$	In Person
Michael Popich	×	In Person
John Watson	⊠	In Person

Jail commander indicated that local fire department is not opposed to variance. Fire extinguisher is hanging next to each of the fire hoses that have never been used and have not been tested in over a decade. Standpipes would remain for fire department use. Fire doors have also not been tested. Sherriff indicated that fire door is being replaced, and so no variance is required. Variance B is withdrawn. Commission approved variance a 9-0.

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Harold Davidson	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Greg Furnish			NA
Jim Greeson	×		In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite	×		In Person
Wes Jordan			NA
Jim Murua	$\boxtimes$		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Michael Popich	×		In Person
John Watson	$\boxtimes$		In Person

## vi. 22-03-43 Indy Marriott Place 10, Indianapolis

Jeff Evans, Life Safety Engineer, spoke on behalf of the variance. Mariott is requesting variance to exclude fire phones, as they are not used and there are alternatives used in more convenient and cost efficient ways. Fire Chief for Ohio Street Station 13 indicated that he would have no objections. Margie Bovard indicated that radios do not work at all times in the building, that the phones were required by code when the building was built, and that the cost of maintenance of fire department systems should be included in the cost to maintain the building. Responders are hesistant to use fire phones due to lack of testing and maintenance, as they are unreliable. Mr. Evans indicated that engineers report to location of fire and fire command center, and that engineering radios have been tested throughout the building and are available for fire fighter use. Estimated conservative cost was approximately one million dollars, in addition to loss of revenue from guest rooms while the rooms are being renovated. Mr. Evans indicated that only a few phones have static. Christina Collester indicated that fire phones are being phased out in the new code systems because of static issues even in newly installed phone systems. Ms. Collester indicated that 100% coverage for radios is almost impossible to achieve and are not required by the code. Commission motioned to table until Mariott could meet with IFD and do radio testing and training.

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	Yes	No	
Harold Davidson			In Person
Greg Furnish	×		In Person
Jim Greeson	×		In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite	×		In Person
Wes Jordan			NA
Jim Murua	$\boxtimes$		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	⊠		In Person
Michael Popich	×		In Person
John Watson	×		In Person

**Questions for Jonathan Whitham:** Commissioner Heinsman asked whether, after Kristi's presentation, it was necessary to leave the room when a Commissioner recuses themselves. Mr. Whitham indicated that in the event of a clear financial conflict of interest that it would be the best practice.

Commission asked about staffing updates and changes. Mr. Whitham gave an update about the plan to hire contractors to help with the Rulemaking committee process and the BRIC funding project.

Commission asked about new technology. Mr. Whitham gave an update about the new system that is ordered to replace the current Meeting Owl. Chairman Greeson and Vice Chair Popich asked about using an individual microphone system like the Department of Education. Mr. Whitham indicated that we have the technology to accommodate that setup but not the technical staff necessary to run the audio setup, and that the new conference speaker system might be a more ideal solution.

Commission asked about going to all in-person meetings. Mr. Whitham indicated that is certainly an option. and Commissioner Murua indicated he wished electronic meetings to continue.

Vice Chair Popich asked whether there was an alternative attorney available for the Commission, as Mr. Gordon isn't available. Mr. Whitham indicated that he was not sure whether any of the attendees were available from the AG's office. Mr. Popich asked to note in the meeting minutes that, at current time, Commission does not seem to be represented by counsel.

Commissioner Heinsman asked whether he would need to leave the room if he were recusing himself as the design professional on the project, in case the Commission had additional questions. Mr. Whitham indicated that it would be best practice to have another individual represent the project in that case, but that the Commissioners should not avoid bringing concerns to Ms. Shute, the ethics officer, or ask for a written opinion from the Inspector General or the Ethics Commission.

Mr. Whitham addressed concerns the Commission had about the meeting minutes and meeting recordings.

#### b. New

i. 22-04-16 Mary Bennett, 5058 Kingswood Dr., Carmel

No proponent available. Commission voted to table 10-0.

Name	Present		Means of Participation
	Yes	No	
Harold Davidson	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Greg Furnish	×		In Person
Jim Greeson	×		In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite	×		In Person
Wes Jordan			NA
Jim Murua	⊠		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	⊠		In Person
Michael Popich	×		In Person
John Watson	×		In Person

### ii. 22-04-17(a)(b) The Connection Center, DeMotte

Ed Rensink present on behalf of proponent. Community health and wellness center primarily devoted to indoor sports. Building exceeds allowable area and would like not to provide sprinklers. Building is in compliance with flame propagation requirements, will provide a fire alarm system including smoke detection in all spaces. Structure is block and steel construction. Calculated occupant load is over 600, but peak load will be 300 in a peak situation and closer to 100 on a day to day basis. Building will not support sprinkler piping. Volunteer Fire Department and has provided letter of support. Commission approved

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Greg Furnish			In Person
Jim Greeson	×		In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite	×		In Person

Wes Jordan		NA
Jim Murua	$\boxtimes$	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	$\boxtimes$	In Person
Michael Popich	×	In Person
John Watson	$\boxtimes$	In Person

## iii. 22-04-18 421 N. Penn, Indianapolis

No proponent. Commission moved to table. Ralph Gerdes presented for variance. New 13 story apartment building using proprietary metal framing system. Interior 1 hour walls and non-rated walls penetrate gypsum board ceiling. Code does not allow this with current requirements. Building will use megaboard top plate. Expert analysis suggests that concrete penetrating walls with metal framing complies with code. Commission clarified with local inspector that walls were capable of supporting concrete pressure. Megaboard is applied to interior non-bearing walls. Commission approved

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	Yes	No	
Harold Davidson	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Greg Furnish			NA
Jim Greeson	×		In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite	×		In Person
Wes Jordan			NA
Jim Murua	$\boxtimes$		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Michael Popich	×		In Person
John Watson	$\boxtimes$		In Person

## iv. 22-04-19(a)(b)(c) North Meridian Residential Package, Indianapolis

Ralph Gerdes presented. Existing high rise office building converted to apartments.

- (a) Apartments have bedroom closests, both are being sprinkled per NFPA 13. Indianapolis inspector has noted that sprinkler deflector is closer than 18 inches to top shelf. 18 inches is based on a sprinkler covering 225 square feet. Closets are smaller than that and would require 10 foot clearance to meet 18 inch clearance standard.
- (b) First floor has one stair that discharges through the first floor. Cannot see exit directly. Code requires that the exit be visible, but is an existing condition in the

building for over 50 years. Exit is easy to recognize due to glass box construction. A sheer wall exists between the doorway and the exit.

(c) Existing building has a manual fire alarm system. Current code says that pull station can't be more than 48 inches above the floor. Current code does not require a manual fire alarm system. Building has readily visible exit signage and does not require a long travel to see exit visibly.

Commission approved variances a through c.

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Harold Davidson	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Greg Furnish			NA
Jim Greeson	×		In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite	×		In Person
Wes Jordan			NA
Jim Murua	⊠		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	⊠		In Person
Michael Popich	×		In Person
John Watson	⊠		In Person

## v. 22-04-20 Catalent Building C Penthouse, Bloomington

Melissa Tupper from RTM consultants presented. Penthouse is being used by IT calibration and networking personnel, but code only allows for mechanical use. Penthouse cannot be classified as a third story under allowable area. Area requires shower and change of clothes before exit and re-entry into building A and B once you have entered building C. Approximately 5 individuals will be working in the penthouse at any given time. Penthouse is sprinklered and has a fire alarm. Building is secured and credentialed via badge access and card readers. Building is used for vaccine production. Commission approved the variance with conditions 8-1.

Conditions: Variance terminates 5/31/2024.

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Harold Davidson	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Greg Furnish			NA
Jim Greeson	×		In Person

Joe Heinsman			In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite	×		In Person
Wes Jordan			NA
Jim Murua	⊠		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	⊠		In Person
Michael Popich		$\boxtimes$	In Person
John Watson	$\boxtimes$		In Person

vi. 22-04-21(a)(b) Steel Benefit Serv Corporate Office Interior Renovation, Indianapolis

Michael Carter, Director of Architeture, and Donna S. presented on behalf of the variance. Building is a double split level building doing an interior renovation, cited for an improper sink type in kitchenette area. Kitchenette installed a 36-inch sink, does not have any employees with physical handicaps at this time. Closeby sinks meet code height requirements. Asking for variance for height requirements. Donna indicated that building was built in 1991, and that the building would require additional renovation to become completely accessible, but they have made every effort to make it as accessible as possible during renovation. Randy Gulley indicated that he did not have an objection to this variance as it stands as employees have the option to work at a remote site. Commission discussed potential accessibility options and the current conditions that prevent complete accessibility. Commission denied the variance by a vote of 6-4.

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Harold Davidson			In Person
Greg Furnish		$\boxtimes$	In Person
Jim Greeson		$\boxtimes$	In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite		×	In Person
Wes Jordan			NA
Jim Murua	⊠		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	⊠		In Person
Michael Popich	×		In Person
John Watson		×	In Person

vii. 22-04-22 Rao Swimming Pool Installation, Carmel

3:35 recording. Pool was installed to all installation guidelines save for deck height. Pool as an undertrack cover with a locking code that is more secure and can be walked on, as compared to an overtrack cover which cannot be locked and cannot be walked on. Having a two-inch step creates an additional hazard, but the new step would be fourteen and a half inches. Commission approved the variance by a vote of 9-1.

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Greg Furnish	×		In Person
Jim Greeson	×		In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite	×		In Person
Wes Jordan			NA
Jim Murua	$\boxtimes$		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Michael Popich		×	In Person
John Watson	$\boxtimes$		In Person

viii. 22-04-23(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)NotreDameNewMen'sResidenceHall,NotreDame

Ed Rensink and Chief Bruce Harrison spoke on behalf of the variance.

A, b, d, e are D-class variances. Commission moved to approve 10-0.

Name	Pres	ent	Means of Participation
	Yes	No	
Harold Davidson	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Greg Furnish	×		In Person
Jim Greeson	×		In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite	×		In Person
Wes Jordan			NA
Jim Murua	$\boxtimes$		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	×		In Person
Michael Popich	×		In Person
John Watson	×		In Person

Variance C: II-B building sprinklered throughout with systemwide detection throught the entire building. School is asking for door open/close devices to be

exempted, as it would be impossible to keep them in working condition in student environments. Campus fire official indicated that typical response time is 2.5 minutes with sprinkler activation, and have seen no poor outcomes. No cooking appliances are present in the dorm rooms. School has a fire response plan and mutual aid compact with South Bend and Clay fire. Commission moved to **approve** variance 10-0.

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	Yes	No	
Harold Davidson	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Greg Furnish	×		In Person
Jim Greeson			In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite	×		In Person
Wes Jordan			NA
Jim Murua	$\boxtimes$		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Michael Popich	×		In Person
John Watson	$\boxtimes$		In Person

## ix. 22-04-24 Lake County LBM, LLC, Cedar Lake

Dennis Bradshaw spoke on behalf of the variance. Project is an addition to an existing building. Built in 1993 according to archive plans. Type II, not sprinkled. Has area separation walls to divide the building up into three sections. Building is adding a firewall between new addition and existing building. New addition is S2 occupancy storage and was originally submitted to be sprinklered, but Ryan Fire Protection indicated that the existing water supply is not capable of supporting a sprinkler system. Existing space is 400 square feet over in each direction for the 12000 square foot area, and adding a water supply would require approximately a half million dollar cost. Tony Picay from Chester Incorporated indicated that he was telephonically present and able to answer any questions. Craig Burgess indicated that the code requires a total aggregate of 24,000 S1 quare feet maximum. Commission expressed concern about the height of the building and high pile storage. Total project cost is 1.8 million, original sprinkler estimate was approximately \$125,000. Proponent indicated they intend to sprinkle the building once the city ensures adequate water supply. Commission voted to approve the variance with conditions by a vote of 10-0.

**Conditions:** Fire barrier will be constructed, variance expires 5-31-2024, add required exiting, and no storage above 12 feet, smoke and/or heat detection.

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	Yes	No	
Harold Davidson			In Person

Greg Furnish	×	In Person
Jim Greeson	×	In Person
Joe Heinsman	×	In Person
David Henson	×	In Person
Todd Hite	×	In Person
Wes Jordan		NA
Jim Murua	$\boxtimes$	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	$\boxtimes$	In Person
Michael Popich	×	In Person
John Watson	$\boxtimes$	In Person

## x. 22-04-25 Lenox Building, Elkhart

Gary Frank spoke on behalf of the variance. Building was originally a post office and was converted to PNC Bank. New owner wants to change it to an event center for weddings and dinners. Building is in historical neighborhood and has historical significance. Maximum distance between fire extinguishers is 50 feet. Emergency lighting in entire building. Open balcony that goes to first floor on second floor. Masonry construction except for wood balcony. Commission wanted to know if building had been evaluated under Chapter 34. Building was not evaluated under Chapter 34 existing building. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor balcony/mezzanine was evaluated by structural engineer, who calculated occupancy limit of 100. Commission had some concerns about the occupancy being three and a half times the limit of what would normally be allowed. Sprinkler system would cost \$200-250,000 dollars. Commission wanted to know if the building will be operated as an event center or for daily occupancy. No kitchenette, only catering. Building has a bar on the second floor. Commission moved to table the variance 9-0.

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Harold Davidson	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Greg Furnish			NA
Jim Greeson	×		In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite	×		In Person
Wes Jordan			NA
Jim Murua	⊠		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	⊠		In Person
Michael Popich	×		In Person
John Watson	$\boxtimes$		In Person

xi. 22-04-27 Only Alpha Pool Products Office Addition, Fort Wayne

Speaker did not give his name. IDHS staff wanted to make sure that local fire official knew they were approving close-spaced sprinklers on an addition, the building could be added onto with future additions under unlimited area. Commissioner Murua noted that he and the local building commissioner do not oppose the plan as it currently is submitted with the understanding that additional additions would need to be approved. Variance is approved 9-0.

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	Yes	No	
Harold Davidson	⊠		In Person
Greg Furnish			NA
Jim Greeson	×		In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite	×		In Person
Wes Jordan			NA
Jim Murua	⊠		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Michael Popich	×		In Person
John Watson	⊠		In Person

#### xii. 22-04-28 CJC Adult Detention Center, Indianapolis

Commissioner Popich notes that he is recused and left the room. Christina Collester presented. Marion County Jail, technically four story with a mezzanine which puts it into high rise category. Jail is fully sprinklered. Inmates tampered with sprinkler devices. Facility spent approximately \$56,000 to replace sprinkler heads with Raven tamperresistant sprinkler. Inmates found a way to tamper with sprinkler system, which pumps water at approximately 120 gallors of water a minute. With the water off, it's impossible to know how many sprinkler heads have been damaged, and equipment was seriously damaged. Main security battery room was almost damaged, which would have compromised facility security. Building is under fire watch while sprinklers are under manual fire activation. Most materials in the jail are non-combustible. To replace the other sprinkler heads would cost over \$400,000. Sprinkler heads are ineffective and can be fashioned into weapons. Sprinkler isolation for each unit would cost 10-15 million, which would only limit the action to a single cell block. Jail has 12 stairways, each of which has a standpipe. Jail is requesting permission to remove sprinkler heads until a better solution can be found. Water shutoffs are located in stairwells, not in command center area.

Jail captain notes that a lot of the facility is technology based, and outlets and technology solutions have sustained significant water damage.

Commission asked if there was an estimated time that the sprinkler system would be disengaged. Water has been off for sixty days. Watch guards do rounds at fifteen minutes, thirty minutes, and one hour and look for tampering, but are not trained on what to look for specifically. Are currently doing training with IFD.

Ms. Collester indicated that they are looking into alternative technologies, but the next best option is currently not in production. She is unsure of when they will be available. Commission approved the variance with conditions 8-0.

Conditions: Variance experies 5-31-2023.

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	Yes	No	
Harold Davidson	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Greg Furnish			NA
Jim Greeson	×		In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite	×		In Person
Wes Jordan			NA
Jim Murua	$\boxtimes$		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Michael Popich			NA
John Watson	$\boxtimes$		In Person

## xiii. 22-04-30 Herr Winery Production and Tasting Room, Warren

Ed Rensink spoke on behalf of the variance. Conversion of one story former agricultural building for tasting room and small events. F2 due to alcohol content being less than sixty percent. Has a fire alarm and protection system. Restrooms are available, egress travel distance is 86 feet, shunt trips to shut off sound system, decorative materials flame retardant, decorative lighting commercial grade. Building is heated. Commission was concerned that despite having a Warren address the building might be located in Wells county jurisdiction. Mr. Rensink requested that be **tabled**.

Name	Pres	ent	Means of Participation
	Yes	No	
Harold Davidson	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Greg Furnish			NA
Jim Greeson	×		In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite	×		In Person
Wes Jordan			NA

Jim Murua	$\boxtimes$	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	$\boxtimes$	In Person
Michael Popich	×	In Person
John Watson	$\boxtimes$	In Person

Name	Pres	ent	Means of Participation
	Yes	No	
Harold Davidson	⊠		In Person
Greg Furnish			NA
Jim Greeson	×		In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite	×		In Person
Wes Jordan			NA
Jim Murua	⊠		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	⊠		In Person
Michael Popich	×		In Person
John Watson			In Person

## c. Approval of Local Variances

- i.
- 1121 E 46<sup>th</sup> St Amenities Building, Indianapolis 1121 E 46<sup>th</sup> Street North Apartment 1, Indianapolis 1121 E 46<sup>th</sup> Street South Apartment 1, Indianapolis ii.
- iii.
- Union at Fountain Square, Indianapolis İ۷.

Name	Present		Means of Participation
	Yes	No	
Harold Davidson	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Greg Furnish			NA
Jim Greeson	×		In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite	×		In Person
Wes Jordan			NA
Jim Murua	⊠		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	☒		In Person

Michael Popich	×	In Person
John Watson	⊠	In Person

- 7. Report on Administrative Review
- a. Maniac Mac's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommended Order

Name	Present		Means of Participation
	Yes	No	
Harold Davidson	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Greg Furnish			NA
Jim Greeson	×		In Person
Joe Heinsman	×		In Person
David Henson	×		In Person
Todd Hite	×		In Person
Wes Jordan			NA
Jim Murua	$\boxtimes$		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Scott Pannicke	$\boxtimes$		In Person
Michael Popich	×		In Person
John Watson	⊠		In Person

- 8. Commission Review of Local Ordinances
  - 1. Preliminary (Pre-Adoption) Review
    - Building Code Ordinance of Putnam County
    - i. Town of Edinburgh Fire Prevention Ordinance
    - ii. City of Danville Fire Prevention Ordinance
    - iii. City of Muncie Fire Code Ordinance
    - iv. City of Greensburg Fire Prevention Ordinance
    - v. Town of Corydon and Harrison Township Fire Prevention Ordinance
  - 2. Adopted Ordinances
- i. City of Columbus Fire Prevention Ordinance
- 9. Final Comments/Closing Remarks Chairman Greeson. Claim voucher per diem voucher. Next meeting
- 10.Next Meeting June 7, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time in Conference Room F, Indiana Government Center South Conference Center, 302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Virtual meeting details TBA.

11. Adjournment

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_ June 7, 2022

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Commission main web page in advance of the meeting date.