



APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE

State Form 44400 (R7 / 10-13)
Approved by State Board of Accounts, 201

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
CODE SERVICES SECTION
302 West Washington Street, Room W246
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2739
http://www.in.gov/dhs/fire/fp_bs_comm_code/



INSTRUCTIONS: Please refer to the attached four (4) page instructions.
Attach additional pages as needed to complete this application.

Variance number (Assigned by department)
15-04-5

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (Person who would be in violation if variance is not granted; usually this is the owner)

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| Name of applicant Nelson Miller | Title committee Chairperson |
| Name of organization Blessed Beginning Care Center | Telephone number (574) 354-9311 |
| Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 2521 E. Market St., Nappanee, IN 46550 | |

2. PERSON SUBMITTING APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT (If not submitted by the applicant)

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| Name of applicant Rob Martin | Title Project Mgr. |
| Name of organization Barr Design Group LLC | Telephone number (574) 534-6531 |
| Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 502 S. Main St., Goshen, IN 46526 | |

3. DESIGN PROFESSIONAL OF RECORD (If applicable)

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| Name of design professional Douglas L. Graham | License number PE60014305 |
| Name of organization Barr Design Group LLC | Telephone number (574) 534-6531 |
| Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 502 S. Main St., Goshen, IN 46526 | |

4. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

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| Name of project Bldg. Remodel for Blessed Beginning Care Center | State project number | County Elkhart |
| Address of site (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 2521 E. Market St., Nappanee, IN 46550 | | |
| Type of project <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Addition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alteration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change of occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Existing | | |

5. REQUIRED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following required information has been included with this application (check as applicable):

- A check made payable to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security for the appropriate amount. (see instructions)
- One (1) set of plans or drawings and supporting data that describe the area affected by the requested variance and any proposed alternatives.
- Written documentation showing that the local fire official has received a copy of the variance application.
- Written documentation showing that the local building official has received a copy of the variance application.

6. VIOLATION INFORMATION

Has the Plan Review Section of the Division of Fire and Building Safety issued a Correction Order?
 Yes (If yes, attach a copy of the Correction Order.) No

Has a violation been issued?
 Yes (If yes, attach a copy of the Violation and answer the following.) No

Violation issued by:
 Local Building Department
 State Fire and Building Code Enforcement Section
 Local Fire Department

7. DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED VARIANCE

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| Name of code or standard and edition involved 2014 Indiana Building Code | Specific code section Table 503 |
| Nature of non-compliance (Include a description of spaces, equipment, etc. involved as necessary.) This existing building was a V-B, non-spk, "B" Occupancy. Proposed use will change the occupancy to an I-2. Proposed new occupancy will require an automatic fire suppression system, which will be designed & installed per code. Per table 503, V-B construction is not permitted, rather only V-A construction. We would like to remain as V-B construction. | |

8. DEMONSTRATION THAT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE WILL BE PROTECTED

Select one of the following statements:

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

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 demonstrating that the above selected statement is true:
The entire I-2 area of the proposed remodel will be protected with an automatic fire suppression system. All exits of the building are at the level of exit discharge. Current floor plan exceeds the number of required exits by 200% (2 required, 4 provided). Additionally, egress windows are being provided in each of the 8 birthing suites. Finally, at no time shall the newborn infant be out of the direct care of the mother, father and or staff.

9. DEMONSTRATION OF UNDUE HARDSHIP OR HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT STRUCTURE

Select at least one of the following statements:

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.

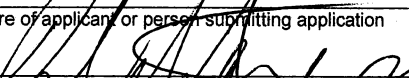
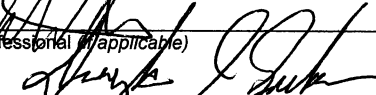
Imposition of the rule would result in an undue hardship (unusual difficulty) because of excessive costs of additional or altered construction elements.

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

Facts demonstrating that the above selected statement is true:
Undue hardship in this case is in relation to the V-A requirement, more specifically the 1 hour rated ceiling / roof assembly. Building is currently finished with a suspended ceiling with many mechanical & electrical runs up into the attic. Adherence to the V-A construction type would require countless fire dampers as well as the extra drywall. The additional costs associated with this modification combined with the expense of the automatic fire suppression system (50K) will be fiscally restrictive to the entire project.

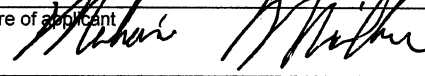
10. STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

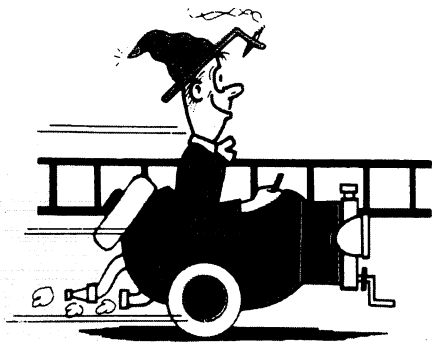
I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this application is accurate.

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| Signature of applicant or person submitting application  | Please print name Rob Martin | Date of signature (month, day, year) 2-26-15 |
| Signature of design professional (if applicable)  | Please print name Douglas L. Graham | Date of signature (month, day, year) 2/26/15 |

11. STATEMENT OF AWARENESS (If the application is submitted on the applicant's behalf, the applicant must sign the following statement.)

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I am aware of this request for variance and that this application is being submitted on my behalf.

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| Signature of applicant  | Please print name Nelson Miller | Date of signature (month, day, year) 2-12-2015 |
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NAPPANEE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Providing Fire Protection & Emergency Services in the Nappanee Community Since 1892

2/20/15

Indiana Department of Homeland Security
c/o Barr Design Group, LLC
502 S. Main St.
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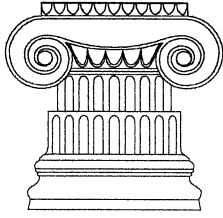
RE: Application for Variance to allow an I-2 occupancy, equipped with an automatic fire suppression system, to be of type V-B Construction for Blessed Beginning Care center located at 2521 E. Market St., Nappanee, IN 46550

The Nappanee Fire Department, which will service the building for Blessed Beginning Care Center located at 2521 E. Market St., Nappanee, IN, has received a copy of the application as well as plans for the variance filed by Barr Design Group, LLC with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to allow an I-2 occupancy, equipped with an automatic fire suppression system, to be of type V-B Construction.

Don Lehman, Fire Chief

Nappanee Fire Department

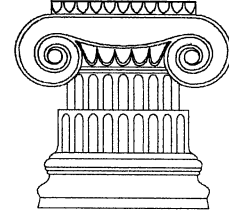




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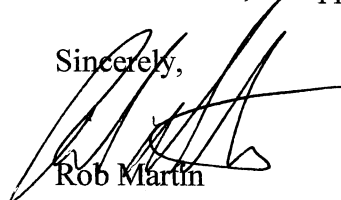
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed Application for Variance to allow an I-2 occupancy, equipped with an automatic fire suppression system, to be of type V-B Construction for Blessed Beginning Care Center located at 2521 E. Market St., Nappanee, IN 46550. Also enclosed is a check for \$276.00, Letter from the local fire official, Don Lehman who also serves the City of Nappanee as the Local Building Official, and two (2) copies of the support Drawings.

Please contact us if you should require any additional information, or if you should have any questions or input. Thank you for your time and efforts, we appreciate them.

Sincerely,



Rob Martin

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cc: Blessed Beginning Care Center