



APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE

State Form 44400 (R7 / 10-13)
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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
CODE SERVICES SECTION
302 West Washington Street, Room W246
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2739
http://www.in.gov/dhs/fire/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)

17-03-08(a)

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

Name of applicant Rob Staley	Title Executive Director
Name of organization The Crossing National, Inc.	Telephone number (574) 226-0671
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 2930 S. Nappanee St., Elkhart, In. 46517	

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

Name of applicant Jennifer Hasbrook	Title Administrator
Name of organization The Crossing National, Inc.	Telephone number (574) 226-0671
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 2930 S. Nappanee St., Elkhart, In. 46517	

3. DESIGN PROFESSIONAL OF RECORD (If applicable)

Name of design professional n/a	License number
Name of organization	Telephone number ()
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)	

4. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Name of project Elkhart Training Center -ETC	State project number	County
Address of site (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 1824 Reliance Drive, Goshen, In. 46526		
Type of project <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Addition <input type="checkbox"/> Alteration <input type="checkbox"/> Change of occupancy <input checked="" 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

Name of code or standard and edition involved 2014 Edition IFC 675 IAC 22-2.5	Specific code section Sec. 313.1 (903.3.1.1)
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Nature of non-compliance (Include a description of spaces, equipment, etc. involved as necessary.)
 Fueled equipment including, but not limited to : motorcycles, mopeds, lawn-care equipment, portable generators and portable cooking equipment, shall not be stored, operated or repaired within the building. Exceptions 1.) Building or rooms constructed to such use in accordance with the international Building Code, 2.) Where allowed section 314.3, 3.) Storage of equipment or maintenance purposes is allowed in approved locations when the aggregate fuel capacity of the stored equipment does not exceed 10 gallons (38L) and the building is equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 Note: Remove fueled equipment and fuel cans from unprotected area in facility.

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 Crossing is asking for a variance from Sec 313.1 (903.3.1.1) . In additon, please add ages 14-24 years of age to existing approved variance, of which asked for ages 18-24 years of age. In addition, we are asking to allow an "indefinite" date for this variance, as we intend to stay in this facility. The variance would allow for our micro business to stay intact, of which is a major component of The Crossing School of Business and Entrepreneurship. Moreover, the nature of the training center allows for the students to run a successful tree and wood working business.

9. DEMONSTRATION OF UNDUE HARDSHIP OR HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT STRUCTURE

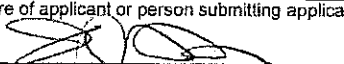
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Facts demonstrating that the above selected statement is true:
 A Sprinkler system installed in this facility will cause a financial hardship for The Crossing.

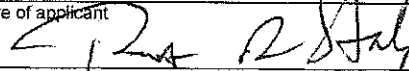
10. STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

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

Signature of applicant or person submitting application 	Please print name Jennifer Hasbrook	Date of signature (month, day, year) 2/13/17
Signature of design professional (if applicable)	Please print name	Date of signature (month, day, year)

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.

Signature of applicant 	Please print name Rob Staley	Date of signature (month, day, year) 2/17/2017
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2012 Edition IFC 675 IAC 22-2.5

Specific code section

903.2.4.1

Nature of non-compliance (Include a description of spaces, equipment, etc. involved as necessary.)

903.2.4.1 Woodworking Operations.

An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all Group F-1 occupancy fire areas that contain woodworking operations in excess of 2,500 square feet in area (232 m²) which generate finely divided combustible waste or which use finely divided combustible materials.

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Facts demonstrating that the above selected statement is true:

While the Crossing has not been cited officially for a violation of this code as of yet, Crossing staff met with the Goshen local building inspector and the Goshen local fire department inspector and during this meeting, the officials pointed out 903.2.4.1 regarding Woodworking Operations. The officials advised that, due to the nature of the woodworking operations going on inside the ETC as part of the Job Training Program, the ETC facility could be classified as both Code F (Factory Woodworking) and Code E (Education). It became clear that it would be reasonable for the Crossing to pursue a variance for this code in addition to the already on-file variance application (903.2.1.1) regarding Group E and that both could possibly be heard at the same State Variance Application hearing. The local officials stated that variances for both the Woodworking code and the general Group E code would be the most appropriate approach to protect the agency from violations regarding the lack of an automatic sprinkler system. The variance would allow the micro business and job training education to occur without issue. The micro business woodworking programming is a major component of The Crossing School of Business and Entrepreneurship.

To ensure that granting the variance will not be adverse to public health, safety, or welfare, the ETC offers the following plan:

- Monthly fire drills that include special circumstances (student left behind, blocked exit, etc.).
- Every room will have a working smoke detector and that detector will be checked monthly.
- Every room will have a working fire extinguisher.
- The campus will designate staff members to do a mandatory walk-through of the facility no less than four (4) times per day with the specific goal of looking for safety hazards, signs of fire, etc.
- Staff will monitor and ensure that all areas will be kept free of debris and items that could become potential fire hazards.
- Students will empty containers and fueled-equipment of any fuel prior to bringing them into the building for maintenance.
- Students will bring containers and fueled-equipment into the facility only with the presence of a staff member at all times.
- No fueled-equipment will be left unattended inside the facility at any time.
- When brought into the building, fueled-equipment will not be placed near any heaters or items that could potentially cause combustion.

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Facts demonstrating that the above selected statement is true:

The Crossing School of Business and Entrepreneurship is a not-for-profit education program that offers last-chance education options for struggling high school students and drop-outs. The Crossing offers academic, job training, and character/leadership training. The ETC located in Goshen is a site where extensive job training occurs. Because the Crossing is a not-for-profit agency, all funding is utilized for and dedicated to hands-on student services. This leaves very little left over to address major construction issues such as the installation of an automated sprinkler system. If the ETC cannot achieve a waiver to allow for operations without the installation of an automated sprinkler system, then the Crossing may be forced to close down the facility due to a lack of funds to perform the installation. Should that occur, hundreds of local students will be unable to receive the vital job training programming and micro business operation education that is currently conducted at the ETC.

10. STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

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



Date: 3/29/17

As a designated local fire official, I have received a copy of two (2) variance applications filed for the GOSHEN, INDIANA Crossing campus.

Myron Giese - Building Official

Printed Name and Title of Building Official

Myron Giese

Signature of Building Official



FIRE AND BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT INSPECTION REPORT ORDER

DIVISION OF FIRE AND BUILDING SAFETY
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
302 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, RM E241
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204
TELEPHONE: 317-232-2222
WEB ADDRESS: WWW.IN.GOV/DHS

Identification Number SCB009-5	Name of the facility CROSSING EDUCATIONAL CENTER	County ELKHART
Address of Property 1202 W PIKE ST GOSHEN 48526 <i>1824 Reliance Drive</i>	Name of the Contact NATE JUDD	Telephone Number (574) 361-9080
Email mbailey@crossingcec.com		Inspection Date 11/16/2016
Inspection Category SCHOOL	Inspection Type ANNUAL	Inspection Status: VIOLATION
Name of the inspector CHAD SHARP		Phone: 3172733864
Email: csharp@dhs.in.gov		

Violations

VIOLATION NUMBER	RULE OR INDIANA CODE SECTION VIOLATED	DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION	DATE BY WHICH VIOLATION MUST BE CORRECTED
1	Sec. 405.5 2014 Edition IFC 675 IAC 22-2.5	Records shall be maintained of required emergency evacuation drills and include the following information: 1. Identity of the person conducting the drill. 2. Date and time of the drill. 3. Notification method used. 4. Staff members on duty and participating. 5. Number of occupants evacuated. 6. Special conditions simulated. 7. Problems encountered. 8. Weather conditions when occupants were evacuated. 9. Time required to accomplish complete evacuation. <u>Maintain proper emergency evacuation drills. (documentation provided)</u>	12/16/2016
2	Sec. 906.2 2014 Edition IFC 675 IAC 22-2.5	Portable fire extinguishers shall be selected, installed and maintained in accordance with this section and NFPA 10. Exceptions: 1. The travel distance to reach an extinguisher shall not apply to the spectator seating portions of Group A-5 occupancies. 2. Thirty-day inspections shall not be required and maintenance shall be allowed to be once every three years for dry-chemical or halogenated agent portable fire extinguishers that are supervised by a listed and approved electronic monitoring device, provided that all of the following conditions are met: 2.1. Electronic monitoring shall confirm that extinguishers are properly positioned, properly charged and unobstructed. 2.2. Loss of power or circuit continuity to the electronic monitoring device shall initiate a trouble signal. 2.3. The extinguishers shall be installed inside of a building or cabinet in a noncorrosive environment. 2.4. Electronic monitoring devices and supervisory circuits shall be tested every three years when extinguisher maintenance is performed. 2.5. A written log of required hydrostatic test dates for extinguishers shall be maintained by the owner to verify that hydrostatic tests are conducted at the frequency required by NFPA 10.	12/16/2016

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