



APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE

State Form 44400 (R7 / 10-13)
Approved by State Board of Accounts, 2013

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)

18-1703

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

Name of applicant	Title
Verny Rev. Richard W. Eldred / Men's Warming Center	Pastor
Name of organization	Telephone number
St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church	(812) 275-6539
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)	
1723 I Street Bedford, IN 47421	

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

Name of applicant	Title
Father Rick Eldred	Pastor
Name of organization	Telephone number
St. Vincent de Paul Church	(812) 276-9685
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)	
1723 I Street, Bedford, IN, 47421	

3. DESIGN PROFESSIONAL OF RECORD (If applicable)

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

4. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Name of project	State project number	County
Bedford Men's Warming Center		Lawrence
Address of site (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)		
1629 K Street, Bedford, IN, 47421		
Type of project		
<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Addition <input 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
N/A



CITY OF BEDFORD

Department of Planning and Zoning
1102 16th Street
Bedford, Indiana 47421
812) 275-1631 (812) 275-1659 FAX

Shawna M. Girgis
Mayor

Dan Kirk
Planning/Zoning Director
Street Commissioner

To Whom It May Concern:

10/24/2018

The Bedford Men's Warming Center was established a few years ago to accommodate the homeless people in Bedford. This was established by some of our local church organizations to accommodate the homeless during very cold weather. The City of Bedford has shared in the concerns of our local churches and supported their endeavors in many facets. The Center has been located in different buildings and we have allowed them to open and care for these homeless during weather that was considered too cold, but only for a limited time as per 675 IAC 12-4-11(f) of the Indiana State GAR.

Last winter, they opened up the Bedford Men's Warming Center at the Old Salvation Building, which is located at 1629 K Street. They expressed concerns that the winter last longer than 30 days and wanted to make it accessible from November to April (Approximately 181 days), but only open when the weather was very cold, which likely be more than 30 days. Mayor Girgis, my Staff, along with Fire Official, met with the representatives including Father Rick Eldred, Bruce D. Ervin and Greg Stanley. The City of Bedford is in full support of their endeavor, but advised them that if they use that same building for longer than 30 days, they would need a variance from the State or a CDR for the redesign of the existing building (Which would be very expensive). This old Salvation Army building which was used last season for the Warming Center, which they leased, use volunteers to man it and the homeless are never left alone. The City supplied Fire Extinguishers, Smoke Detectors, Emergency Lighting, and Fire Officials designed and trained their people on an Emergency Evacuation Plan. The City of Bedford has three active Fire Stations, the closest being 5 blocks away from this facility. The Police Station is located in the same block as this facility.

They would eventually, like to build a new facility or find an existing building that might be easier and less expensive to redesign for their purpose. At the present time, they do not have the funds needed.

Mayor Girgis shares their concerns for the homeless and once again would like to extend the City of Bedford's full support and assistance in this matter.

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Jon H. Wagner
Fire Chief

City of Bedford
Fire Department

October 12, 2018

Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission Members,

The City of Bedford Fire Department is aware that Father Rick Eldridge of Saint Vincent de Paul is presently pursuing a variance for an extension beyond the maximum 30 day allowed in any calendar year as is cited in section 12-4-11(f) of 675 IAC 12. The building they are proposing to use for a warming/sleeping center for the homeless during extreme cold weather, as defined by their criteria, is a former church. This building meets all the following requirements as cited in this section and will undergo an inspection by the local fire and building inspector for compliance before the building will be occupied. The Bedford Fire Department will check in periodically with the volunteer staff to access their needs and any problems that might arise during this endeavor.

There is a need for these type of facilities in Bedford and the Bedford Fire Department does not see any adverse effect to public safety while this building is being used for this purpose.

Respectfully,

DeWayne Turpen

Battalion Chief- Local Fire Inspector



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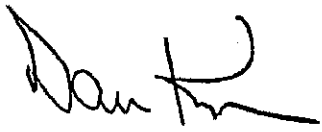
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Bedford, IN 47421-2197
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TO THE ORDER OF Indiana Department of Homeland Security

\$ **276.00

Two Hundred Seventy-Six and 00/100***** DOLLARS

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IN GOD WE TRUST

Donald A. Kenny
Richard E. Eldred MP

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