

**STATE OF INDIANA
BEFORE THE FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING
SAFETY COMMISSION**

IN RE:)
) ADMINISTRATIVE CAUSE NO.
) 14-16
 STEWART FURNITURE)
 BUILDING)
)

NOTICE OF NON-FINAL ORDER

On February 19, 2015, the parties submitted the attached Agreed Order to the ALJ. The ALJ finds that the Agreed Order is consistent with Indiana law and fully addresses the merits of the issues underlying this administrative appeal.

Accordingly, the Administrative Law Judge now enters this Agreed Order as the Non-Final Order for this matter. Its affirmation as a final order will bind both parties to its terms. The ultimate authority in this matter is the Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission. Indiana Code § 4-21.5-3-29(d) requires any party seeking to preserve an objection to this order for judicial review to file a written objection that

1. identifies the basis of the objection with reasonable particularity; and
2. is filed with the Commission within fifteen days (or any longer period set by statute) ~~after this order is served.~~

In the absence of an objection from a party or notice from the Commission of its intent to review any issue related to this order, the Commission shall affirm this order in accordance with Indiana Code § 4-21.5-3-29(c). **This order will be considered by the Commission on April 7, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. (EST), in Conference Center Room B, Indiana Government Center South, 302 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.**

Date: February 20, 2015



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AGREED ORDER

Respondent, by counsel, and Petitioner, file the following Findings of Fact and Agreed Order. The parties agree to the following:

I. FINDINGS OF STIPULATED FACTS

1. The Petitioner is the City of Dunkirk.
2. The Respondent is the Indiana Department of Homeland Security ("IDHS"), a department of the State of Indiana established under Indiana Code ("IC") 10-19-2-1.
3. Petitioner owns and has control over a property located at 304 S. Main Street, Dunkirk, Indiana ("Stewart Furniture Building").
4. Petitioner performed structural work to the Stewart Furniture Building during the 2014 calendar year.
5. 675 IAC 12-6-3(a) states that no construction shall be done on a Class 1 structure until a design release has been issued by the division unless the construction is of a type specifically exempted from the design release requirements by 675 IAC 12-6-4.

6. Work performed on the Stewart Furniture Building consisted of work that would qualify for a design release under 675 IAC 12-63(a).
7. Petitioner has not filed any plans with IDHS.
8. On August 27, 2014, IDHS inspector, Kevin Whitesel visited the Stewart Furniture Building.
9. As a result of his inspection, Mr. Whitesel issued an order dated August 27, 2014 which stated that Petitioner had violated 675 IAC 12-6-3(a) by not filing plans prior to performing construction.
10. In response to the order issued by Mr. Whitesel, Daniel Watson, Mayor of Dunkirk filed a Petition for Review on behalf of the City of Dunkirk.
11. Ind. Code § 22-12-1-4 defines a "Class 1 structure" as a building or structure that is intended or otherwise used in any part by the public, three (3) or more tenants, one (1) or more persons who act as the employees of another.

12. The Stewart Furniture Building is currently closed to public access, is not occupied by tenants, and is not used by any employees of the Petitioner.
13. Petitioner has secured the Stewart Furniture Building to prevent unauthorized individuals from entering the building.

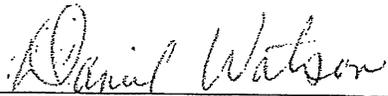
14. The Stewart Furniture Building does not currently qualify as a Class 1 structure since no part of the building is being used by the public, tenants, or the Petitioner's employees.

II. AGREED ORDER

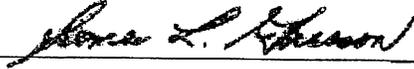
1. This Agreed Order shall be effective upon affirmation of the non-final order by the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission.

2. Petitioner agrees to secure the Stewart Furniture Building to prevent the public, Petitioner's employees, tenants and unauthorized individuals from using the Stewart Furniture Building.
3. If the Petitioner intends to allow or allows members of the public, tenants, unauthorized individuals or the Petitioner's employees to use any part of the Stewart Furniture Building, Petitioner agrees to make application for a design release on any completed construction and all future construction with IDHS's Division of Fire and Building Safety.
4. Respondent will revoke the August 27, 2014 order.
5. In the event that any of the terms and conditions contained herein are violated by the Petitioner, the Respondent may take any action it deems appropriate up to and including issuing an emergency order to close the building.
6. In the event that any terms of this Agreed Order are found to be invalid, the remaining terms shall remain in full force and effect and shall be construed and enforced as if this Agreed Order did not contain the invalid terms.
7. This Agreed Order does not release the Petitioner from the obligation to file a construction design release for the Stewart Furniture Building should the building be classified as a Class 1 structure.
8. This Agreed Order does not relieve Petitioner of its obligation to comply with the requirements of any applicable Federal or State law or regulation.
9. Nothing in this Agreed Order shall prevent or limit the IDHS's right to obtain penalties or injunctive relief under any applicable Federal or State law or regulation.

10. This Agreed Order will remain in effect until the Petitioner files for a construction design release for the construction which has already been completed or the Petitioner violates the terms of this Agreed Order.

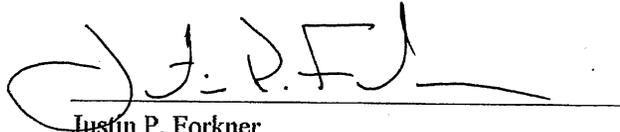


Mayor Daniel Watson



Indiana Department of Homeland Security

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