



PIKE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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8/01/2019

L. Jared Laub, III
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RE: Wabash Valley Power PIV Variance Request

Mr. Laub,

Thank you for your letter dated July 26th 2019 requesting a local variance from Section 591-406, Chapter 591 of the Indianapolis-Marion County Fire Prevention Code which adopts NFPA 24, 1995 Edition, Chapter 3, requiring that "Post indicator valves shall be located not less than 40 ft (12.2 m) from buildings".

Your request and justifications for a variance from the provisions of Chapter 591-406 is in compliance with the provision of Section 591-246, Chapter 591 of the Indianapolis-Marion County Fire Prevention Code which was passed by the City-County Council on April 29th, 2002 and signed by Bart Peterson on May 2, 2002, and approved by the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission on May 8, 2002.

Based on the items listed in your letter dated July 26th, 2019, a local variance to the above-mentioned Section is **granted** by the Pike Township Fire Department. You may locate the post indicator valve less than 40 ft (12.2 m) from the building, as there is no feasible alternate location.

This approval must be presented to the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission as per IC 22-13-2-7. "The Commission shall review variances granted by a political subdivision to the fire safety laws and building laws adopted in its ordinances". This variance is not effective until it is approved by the Commission. There is no fee associated with this; however, the item must be placed on the Commission's agenda. Please contact Douglas Boyle at the Indiana State Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission at 317-650-7720 or via email at DoBoyle@dhs.IN.gov to place this item on the next Commission meeting agenda.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 317-347-5860 ext 2105 or jkempler@pikefire.com

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July 26, 2019

Pike Township Fire Department

Fire Marshal Jonathan Kempler
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RE: Wabash Valley Power PIV Variance Request

Mr. Kempler,

During the final inspection at the new Wabash Valley Power Alliance corporate headquarters located at 6702 Intech Blvd., a violation was noted per the attached Inspection report dated 6/12/2019 that the PIV valve is located too close to the building per NFPA 24, 2010, Section 6.2.11.

Per this letter, we are requesting a local variance per NFPA 2010, Section 6.2.11 to allow the PIV valve to remain located as designed and built due to a hardship that the layout of the building on the site with respect to parking lots and sidewalks do not allow the PIV valve to be located more than 40 feet away from the building.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns at jlaub@compassccg.com or 317-716-3077.

Sincerely,

Compass Commercial Construction Group

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Jared Laub, III".

L. Jared Laub, III
Sr. Project Manager

Enclosure: Pike Township Fire Department Inspection Report dated 6/12/2019



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Prevention Services Division

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Inspection Report

Occupant Name: Wabash Valley Power Assoc.

Inspection Date: 6/12/2019

Address: 6702 Intech Boulevard

InspectionType: Construction

Suite: Indianapolis

Property Use Type: Business office

Inspected By: Sam Bruner
317-347-5860
sbb Bruner@pikefire.com

State:

Zip Code: 46268

Insp. Result	Location	Code Set	Code
Fail	Floor 1	NFPA 24 10 Chapter 6 Valves	6.2.11 - Excerpt: All connections to private fire service mains for fire... (see photo 1.1, 1.2, 1.3)
Inspector Comments: Need to file a local variance for PIV to close to building and too high. See attached photo.			
Fail	Floor 1	Indiana Fire Code 2014 CHAPTER 1 ADMINISTRATION	101.3 - Intent. (see photo 2.1, 2.2)
Inspector Comments: Need to install a second exit on each side of room divider as room is marked with an occ. load of 420.			

Inspector Comments:

Need to file a local variance to Fire Marshal Johnathan Kempler ASAP for location of PIV so it can be forward to State Building Commission for approval.

Inspector will return on or after 7/2/2019

An inspection has been conducted pursuant to the 2014 Indiana Fire Code 675 IAC 22-2.5 and/or the Marion County Fire Prevention Code Section 591. The above listed hazards and/or violations have been found to exist. Violations are subject to correction by the date listed above. You do have the right to appeal the violation notice. If you wish to appeal violations, first contact Pike Township Fire Department Fire Marshal for violation review at 317-347-5860 ext. 2105.

Appeals Process:

Please be advised that if you desire administrative review of this order, you must file a written petition for review at the address listed below with the State Fire Marshal identifying the reason for your request for such a review no later than 18 days from the date of this order, unless such date is a Saturday, Sunday, Legal Holiday under State Statute, or day that the Fire and Building Services Department's offices are closed during regular business hours, in which case the deadline would be the first day

1.1 -
6.2.11.



1.2 -
6.2.11.



1.3 -
6.2.11.

Local Variances - PIVs

The Indianapolis-Marion County Fire Prevention Code was passed by the City-County Council on April 19, 2002 and signed by Mayor Bart Peterson on May 2, 2002, and approved by the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission on May 8, 2002.

Section 591-406, Chapter 591 of the Indianapolis-Marion County Fire Prevention Code adopts NFPA 24, 1999 Edition, Section 3-3, requiring a post indicator valve for a fire service water supply line.

NFPA 24 – Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenances

NFPA 24, 1999 Section 3-3.1: Every connection from the private fire service main to a building shall be provided with a listed post indicator valve located so as to control all sources of water supply, except fire department connections, when arranged as specified in Section 2-6, Fire Department Connections.

NFPA 24, 1999, Section 3-3.2: Post indicator valves shall be located not less than 40 feet from buildings. Exception: When post indicator valves cannot be placed at this distance, they shall be permitted to be located closer, or wall post indicator valves used, provided they are set in locations by blank walls where the possibility of injury by falling walls is unlikely and from which people are not likely to be driven by smoke or heat. This is usually the case in zero lot line buildings and buildings in the downtown area. If the post indicator valve can be placed at a distance, such as in parking islands, landscaped areas or along apparatus access roads, a local variance will not be granted.

A local variance can be granted if the post indicator valve cannot be placed at a distance not less than 40 feet from buildings.

The Indiana Fire Code 2014 references NFPA 24, 2010 so a local variance can be based on NFPA 2010, Section 6.2.11.

NFPA 24, 2010, Section 6.2.11. All connections to private fire service mains for fire protection systems shall be arranged in accordance with one of the following so they can be isolated.

- (1) A post indicator valve installed not less than 40 feet from the building.
 - (a) For buildings less than 40 feet in height, a post indicator valve shall be permitted to be installed closer than 40 feet but at least as far from the building as the height of the wall facing the post indicator valve.
- (2) A wall post indicator valve
- (4) Control valves installed in a fire-rated room accessible from the exterior.

2.1 -
101.3.



2.2 -
101.3.



