



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)

17-03-09

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

Name of applicant	Title
Rob Staley	Executive Director
Name of organization	Telephone number
The Crossing National, Inc.	(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	Title
Jennifer Hasbrook	Real Estate Manager
Name of organization	Telephone number
The Crossing National, Inc.	(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	License number
n/a	
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
Berne Crossing		
Address of site (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)		
169 W. Main St., Berne, Indiana 46711		
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 IBC, 501.2.2014

Specific code section

675 IAC 22.2.5

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

[F] 907.2.3 Group E. A manual fire alarm system shall be installed in Group E occupancies. When automatic sprinkler systems or smoke detectors are installed, such systems or detectors shall be connected to the building fire alarm system.

Exceptions:

1. Group E occupancies with an occupant load of less than 50.
2. Manual fire alarm boxes are not required in Group E occupancies where the following apply:
 - 2.1 Interior corridors are protected by smoke detectors with alarm verification.
 - 2.2 Auditoriums, cafeterias, gymnasiums and the like are protected by heat detectors or other approved detection devices.
 - 2.3 Shops and laboratories involving dusts or vapors are protected by heat detectors or other listed detection.
 - 2.4 Off premise monitoring is provided.
 - 2.5 The capability to activate the evacuation signal from a central point is provided.
 - 2.6 In buildings where normally occupied spaces are provided with a two-way communication system between such spaces and a constantly attended receiving station from where a general evacuation alarm can be sounded.
3. Manual fire alarm boxes shall not be required in Group E occupancies where the building is equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system, the notification appliances will activate on sprinkler water flow and manual activation provided from a normally occupied location.

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:

Variance to be classified to Group E. The Crossing is temporarily planning to stay in the building "169 W. Main St., Berne, IN. 46711" We are asking for an option to stay and have the variance granted for up to 2 years, or until June 30, 2019. The extra time will allow for The Crossing to locate another building.

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:

The Variance or changing the building to Code E would allow for The Crossing to operate and serve the students in the community. The additional time granted would allow for The Crossing to locate an additional building suitable to accommodate our students..

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

Date of signature (month, day, year)

Jennifer Hasbrook

2/13/17

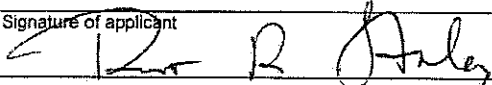
Signature of design professional (if applicable)

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) 2/14/2017
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FIRE AND BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT INSPECTION

169 W. Main St.
 Berne, IN 46711

Identification Number	Name of the inspector	County
SCB009-14	KEVIN WHITESEI	CROSSINGS ADAMS
Address of Property		
RULE OR INDIAN CODE SECTION VIOLATED No change in the character or use of any building or structure shall be permitted Name of the Contact 169 W MAIN ST BERNE IN 46711 AMANDA GOOTJES, CAMPUS ADMIN gootjes@crossingsadams.in.gov		
		Inspection Date
		01/24/2017
SCHOOL	ANNUAL	Phone: 3174178116 Email: dhs.in.gov

Violations

	675 IAC 12-4-11(b)	Sec 501.2 2014 Edition IFC 675 IAC 22-2.5	
		<u>an "E" occupancy. File plans and preform work to bring it into compliance with an "E" occupancy and all other requirements as needed.</u>	
		<u>Install address as described above or meeting local ordinance if one is effective</u>	

Facility Id	SCB009-14	Amanda Gootjes 1/24/17
Received By Name Amanda Gootjes		Signature and Date Amanda Gootjes 1/24/17

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later than 15 calendar days from the hand delivery date of this Order unless such date is a Saturday, Sunday,
legal holiday under state statute, or day that the Department of Homeland Security's offices are closed during regular h

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petition for review and, therefore, any request for an informal discussion should be made promptly, preferably by
telephone, upon receipt of this Order.

Fire Safety plan requirements "E" occupancy

401.7 Unplanned evacuation. Evacuations made necessary by the unplanned activation of a fire alarm system or by any other emergency shall not be substituted for a required evacuation drill.

404.2 Where required. An *approved* fire safety and evacuation plan shall be prepared and maintained for the following occupancies and buildings.

1. Group A, other than Group A occupancies used exclusively for purposes of religious worship that have an *occupant load* less than 2,000.
2. Group B buildings having an *occupant load* of 500 or more persons or more than 100 persons above or below the lowest *level of exit discharge*.
3. Group E.
4. Group F buildings having an *occupant load* of 500 or more persons or more than 100 persons above or below the lowest *level of exit discharge*.
5. Group H.
6. Group L
7. Group R-1.
8. Group R-2 college and university buildings.
9. Group R-4.
10. High-rise buildings.
11. Group M buildings having an *occupant load* of 500 or more persons or more than 100 persons above or below the lowest *level of exit discharge*.
12. Covered malls exceeding 50,000 square feet (4645 m²) in aggregate floor area.
13. Open mall buildings exceeding 50,000 square feet (4645 m²) in aggregate area within perimeter line.
14. Underground buildings.
15. Buildings with an atrium and having an occupancy in Group A, E or M.

404.3.1 Fire evacuation plans. Fire evacuation plans shall include the following:

1. Emergency egress or escape routes and whether evacuation of the building is to be complete or, where *approved*, by selected floors or areas only.
2. Procedures for employees who must remain to operate critical equipment before evacuating.
3. Procedures for assisted rescue for persons unable to use the general *means of egress* unassisted.
4. Procedures for accounting for employees and occupants after evacuation has been completed.
5. Identification and assignment of personnel responsible for rescue or emergency medical aid.
6. The preferred and any alternative means of notifying occupants of a fire or emergency.
7. The preferred and any alternative means of reporting fires and other emergencies to the fire department or designated emergency response organization.
8. Identification and assignment of personnel who can be contacted for further information or explanation of duties under the plan.
9. A description of the emergency voice/alarm communication system alert tone and preprogrammed voice messages, where provided.

404.3.2 Fire safety plans. Fire safety plans shall include the following:

1. The procedure for reporting a fire or other emergency.
2. The life safety strategy and procedures for notifying, relocating or evacuating occupants, including occupants who need assistance.
3. Site plans indicating the following:
 - 3.1. The occupancy assembly point.
 - 3.2. The locations of fire hydrants.
 - 3.3. The normal routes of fire department vehicle access.
4. Floor plans identifying the locations of the following:
 - 4.1. Exits.
 - 4.2. Primary evacuation routes.
 - 4.3. Secondary evacuation routes.
 - 4.4. Accessible egress routes.
 - 4.5. Areas of refuge.
 - 4.6. Exterior areas for assisted rescue.
 - 4.7. Manual fire alarm boxes.
 - 4.8. Portable fire extinguishers.
 - 4.9. Occupant-use hose stations.
 - 4.10. Fire alarm annunciators and controls.
5. A list of major fire hazards associated with the normal use and occupancy of the premises, including maintenance and housekeeping procedures.
6. Identification and assignment of personnel responsible for maintenance of systems and equipment installed to prevent or control fires.
7. Identification and assignment of personnel responsible for maintenance, housekeeping and controlling fuel hazard sources.

404.4 Maintenance. Fire safety and evacuation plans shall be reviewed or updated annually or as necessitated by changes in staff assignments, occupancy or the physical arrangement of the building.

404.5 Availability. Fire safety and evacuation plans shall be available in the workplace for reference and review by employees, and copies shall be furnished to *the fire code official* for review upon request.

405.1 General. Emergency evacuation drills complying with the provisions of this section shall be conducted at least annually in the occupancies listed in Section 404.2. Drills shall be designed in cooperation with the local authorities.

405.2 Frequency. Required emergency evacuation drills shall be held at the intervals specified in Table 405.2 or more frequently where necessary to familiarize all occupants with the drill procedure.
Your facility is considered an "E" occupancy and drills shall be done monthly.

405.3 Leadership. Responsibility for the planning and conduct of drills shall be assigned to competent persons designated to exercise leadership.

405.4 Time. Drills shall be held at unexpected times and under varying conditions to simulate the unusual conditions that occur in case of fire.

405.5 Record keeping. 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.

405.6 Notification. Prior notification of emergency evacuation drills shall be given to the *fire code official*.

405.7 Initiation. Where a fire alarm system is provided, emergency evacuation drills shall be initiated by activating the fire alarm system.

405.8 Accountability. As building occupants arrive at the assembly point, efforts shall be made to determine if all occupants have been successfully evacuated or have been accounted for.

405.9 Recall and reentry. An electrically or mechanically operated signal used to recall occupants after an evacuation shall be separate and distinct from the signal used to initiate the evacuation. The recall signal initiation means shall be manually operated and under the control of the person in charge of the premises or the official in charge of the incident. No one shall reenter the premises until authorized to do so by the official in charge.

406.2 Frequency. Employees shall receive training in the contents of fire safety and evacuation plans and their duties as part of new employee orientation and at least annually thereafter. Records shall be kept and made available to the *fire code official* upon request.

406.3 Employee training program. Employees shall be trained in fire prevention, evacuation and fire safety in accordance with Sections 406.3.1 through 406.3.4.

406.3.1 Fire prevention training. Employees shall be apprised of the fire hazards of the materials and processes to which they are exposed. Each employee shall be instructed in the proper procedures for preventing fires in the conduct of their assigned duties.

406.3.2 Evacuation training. Employees shall be familiarized with the fire alarm and evacuation signals, their assigned duties in the event of an alarm or emergency, evacuation routes, areas of refuge, exterior assembly areas and procedures for evacuation.

406.3.4 Fire safety training. Employees assigned firefighting duties shall be trained to know the locations and proper use of portable fire extinguishers or other manual fire-fighting equipment and the protective clothing or equipment required for its safe and proper use.

5003.9.1 Personnel training and written procedures. Persons responsible for the operation of areas in which hazardous materials are stored, dispensed, handled or used shall be familiar with the chemical nature of the materials and the appropriate mitigating actions necessary in the event of fire, leak or spill.

408.3 Group E occupancies and Group R-2 college and university buildings. Group E occupancies shall comply with the requirements of Sections 408.3.1 through 408.3.4 and Sections 401 through 406. Group R-2 college and university buildings shall comply with the requirements of Sections 408.3.1 and 408.3.3 and Sections 401 through 406.

408.3.1 First emergency evacuation drill. The first emergency evacuation drill of each school year shall be conducted within 10 days of the beginning of classes.

408.3.2 Emergency evacuation drill deferral. In severe climates, the *fire code official* shall have the authority to modify the emergency evacuation drill frequency specified in Section 405.2.

408.3.3 Time of day. Emergency evacuation drills shall be conducted at different hours of the day or evening, during the changing of classes, when the school is at assembly, during the recess or gymnastic periods, or during other times to avoid distinction between drills and actual fires. In Group R-2 college and university buildings, one required drill shall be held during hours after sunset or before sunrise.

408.3.4 Assembly points. Outdoor assembly areas shall be designated and shall be located a safe distance from the building being evacuated so as to avoid interference with fire department operations. The assembly areas shall be arranged to keep each class separate to provide accountability of all individuals.