



# 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/](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)

18-06-06

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

Name of applicant <b>Roger Ash</b>	Title <b>Pastor</b>
Name of organization <b>First Church of God</b>	Telephone number <b>(219) 362-7433</b>
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) <b>2020 E. Lincolnway, LaPorte, IN 46350</b>	

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

Name of applicant <b>Douglas G. Buell</b>	Title <b>Architect</b>
Name of organization <b>Cattail Design</b>	Telephone number <b>(219) 363-3753</b>
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) <b>1540 Weller Avenue, LaPorte, IN 46350</b>	

### 3. DESIGN PROFESSIONAL OF RECORD (If applicable)

Name of design professional <b>Douglas G. Buell</b>	License number <b>AR00034058</b>
Name of organization <b>Cattail Design</b>	Telephone number <b>(219) 363-3753</b>
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) <b>1540 Weller Avenue, LaPorte, IN 46350</b>	

### 4. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Name of project <b>Chancel Area Development and Mezzanine</b>	State project number <b>398709</b>	County <b>LaPorte</b>
Address of site (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) <b>2020 E. Lincolnway, LaPorte, IN 46350</b>		
Type of project <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Addition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alteration <input 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

**7. DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED VARIANCE**

Name of code or standard and edition involved <b>Internation Building Code 2012 Edition</b>	Specific code section <b>1009 Stairs</b>
Nature of non-compliance <i>(Include a description of spaces, equipment, etc. involved as necessary.)</i> <b>The drawn stair on the east end of the mezzanine contains 4 winder stairs and the risers are 7 3/4"</b>	

**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:  
This stair is a second means of egress for an area with an occupant load of 60 based on use by youth primarily close to the requirements of the code. The entire sanctuary area is fire sprinkled. The stair is wider than required by code at 48" as opposed to 42" that is required.

**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.

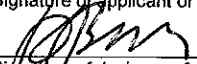

Imposition of the rule would result in an undue hardship *(unusual difficulty)* because of excessive costs of additional or altered construction elements.

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:  
Meeting the requirement of the maximum riser height of 7" and eliminating the 4 winder stair would require that the stair run will be increased by 5 treads or approximately 5'-0". The existing steel structure would need to be drastically modified to construct a stair that size. Also, a 4" sprinkler main in the ceiling of the first floor would need to be re-routed to construct the stair per code. There is not good way to do this according to the sprinkler contractor. This change also be very costly due to the extent of the existing structure modifications. This would be a hardship on an already tight budget.


**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 <b>Douglas G. Buell</b>	Date of signature <i>(month, day, year)</i> <b>May 9, 2018</b>
Signature of design professional <i>(if applicable)</i> 	Please print name <b>Douglas G. Buell</b>	Date of signature <i>(month, day, year)</i> <b>May 9, 2018</b>

**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 <b>Roger Ash</b>	Date of signature <i>(month, day, year)</i> <b>May 9, 2018</b>
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