

INDIANA FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING SAFETY COMMISSION

Friday, August 20, 2021
By Electronic Mail

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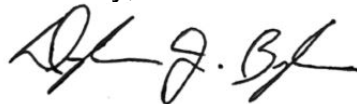
**Re: Petition for Administrative Review – IDHS Sanctions Order No. 1997-2237 –
First United Methodist Church of LaPorte**

Dear Mr. Ludlow:

The Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission (Commission) is in receipt of your electronically-filed petition for administrative review of Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) Sanctions Order No. 1997-2237 – First United Methodist Church of LaPorte, submitted on Friday, August 20, 2021. Pursuant to the requirements of Indiana Code § 4-21.5-3-7, your petition for administrative review is hereby granted by the Commission.

Your petition will now be forwarded to the Indiana Office on Administrative Law Proceedings (OALP) to be assigned to the Commission's administrative law judge. OALP or the judge will contact you directly to make arrangements for further proceedings. Should you have any questions, you may contact the Indiana Department of Homeland Security's deputy general counsel assigned to this matter, Justin Guedel, at jguedel@dhs.in.gov or (317) 234-9515.

Sincerely,



Douglas J. Boyle, Director
Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission
Indiana Department of Homeland Security
Indiana Government Center South, Room E-208
302 W. Washington Street
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Enclosure

cc: Justin K. Guedel, Indiana Department of Homeland Security Deputy General Counsel – Legal Counsel for the Respondent (by electronic mail)

Bryston Sprecher, Administrative Assistant of the Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission (by electronic mail)

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Business Name: :	LaPorte First United Methodist Church
Phone Number:	(219) 362-2443
Email Address:	reception@laportefumc.org
Mailing Address:	1225 Michigan Ave LaPorte, IN 46350
Are you represented by an attorney?:	No
Attorney Name:	
Firm:	
Phone Number:	

Email Address:	
Mailing Address:	
Order Number:	1
Facility Device Boiler ID:	LD46176C
Date Order Received:	Aug 17, 2021
How did you receive the Order? :	Email
Entity Issuing Order:	Indiana Department of Homeland Security
Entity Name:	
Upload Order:	View File
Was this order specifically directed to you?:	Yes
Explain:	It was something that we just received and was unaware that the inspection had been done. It has since been corrected so we are filing for a review.
Explain:	
Have you been aggrieved or adversely affected by the order?:	No
Explain:	
Explain:	We were unaware that the inspection was completed in February. We have since gotten it taken care of and would like it reviewed.
If the order was not specifically directed to you and you have	

not been aggrieved or adversely affected by the order, are you entitled to review under some other law? :

What law?:

I request review of the entire order described above: Yes

If you are not requesting review of the entire order, what is the scope of your request?:

I request a stay of effectiveness: Yes

What is the basis of your challenge? :

We received an email stating we had been inspected 2/28/21 and were unaware it had been done. We were being fined for the sanctions, but we fixed them as soon as we received the email stating what needed to be done. We would like it to be reviewed as we now know that there was an issue and have fixed it.

What is your desired outcome? :

We would like to get back on track keeping it updated and not have to pay the fines as we were unaware of the situation.

Additional information in support of my request:

Additional Attachments:

Additional Attachments:

Additional

Attachments:

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**Report of inspection**

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 Phone: 317-232-2222

Permit Number	Sanction Number
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Date 08/17/2021 **Type** Sanctions
Results Sanctions

Location **Owner**
 Name FIRST UMC OF LAPORTE Name FIRST UMC OF LAPORTE
 Street 1225 Michigan Ave Street 1225 MICHIGAN AVE
 City La Porte City LA PORTE
 Zip 46350 Zip 46350

Inspector **Permit**
 Name Joshua Williams State Number LD46176C
 Email JoWilliams@dhs.IN.gov Type Lift/Elevator
 Phone 317-232-2670

Notice of Violations

#	Code	Description	Order	Correct By	Fee
	8.6.1.6.5 (General Requirements) Fire Extinguishers	Class "ABC" 10 lbs fire extinguishers shall be provided in elevator electrical machine rooms, control rooms, and control spaces outside the hoistway intended for full bodily entry, and walk-in machinery and control rooms for escalators and moving walks; and they shall be located convenient to the access door.		02/28/2021	\$50.00
	8.6.11.1 (Special Provisions) Firefighters Emergency Operation	Fire service test and records, All elevators provided with firefighters emergency operation shall be subjected monthly to Phase I recall by use of the key switch and a minimum of one-floor operation on Phase II. A record of findings shall be available to elevator personnel and the authority having jurisdiction.		02/28/2021	\$50.00



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If you are receiving this document, property that you own or have control over, has been, or was attempted to be, inspected by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (Department). Depending on the outcome of this inspection, one of five different RESULTS was notated. See the first page for the RESULT of this inspection. The following describes what each RESULT means:

1. INSPECTION NOT POSSIBLE

This report is to notify you that the Department attempted to perform an inspection of your property, but was unable to for some reason. If you have not already spoken with your inspector regarding this, please contact him or her immediately.

2. NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

This report is to notify you that the Department performed an inspection of your property, and no violations were found to exist. However, please be aware that obtaining a RESULT of "no violations found" does not mean that no violations exist on your property or may be found during a later inspection.

3. EMERGENCY OR TEMPORARY ORDER

This report is to notify you that the Department has determined that conduct or a condition of property:

- (1) presents a clear and immediate hazard of death or serious bodily injury to any person other than a trespasser;
- (2) is prohibited without a permit, registration, certification, release, authorization, variance, exemption, or other license and the license has not been issued; or
- (3) will conceal a violation of law.

This order must immediately be complied with, up to and until such time that: (1) it expires; (2) an order is issued by an administrative law judge voiding, terminating, modifying, or staying its effectiveness; or (3) the Department terminates its effectiveness. If you desire administrative review of this order, you must submit your request by one of the methods provided for in the administrative review section mentioned below.

4. NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS

This report is to notify you that violations are believed to exist on your property. However, if you enter into a corrective plan and correct these violations by the correction date provided in this report, no enforcement actions or sanctions will commence. If you fail to enter into a corrective plan, the Department will move forward with enforcement of this order and the imposition of sanctions.

If you would like to enter into a corrective plan, you must notify your inspector, in writing, within five (5) days of receiving this report.

Terms of corrective plan:

1. I agree to correct the violations contained on this report by the date provided.
2. I understand my failure to correct these violations by the correction date will result in the enforcement of this report and sanctions, including, but not limited to, a fine of \$250 per day per violation.
3. I understand no extensions of time are permitted unless they are granted in writing by the Department.
4. I understand that entering into this corrective plan is not an admission that a violation has occurred.
5. I agree to protect the safety and property of other persons as outlined by the Department while corrections are underway.
6. I agree to notify the Department, by the compliance date, that all violations have been corrected, and I am aware that my failure to do so may result in sanctions being ordered.
7. I understand that in order for the Department to determine compliance, an additional inspection may be performed and the Department must notify me of the determination of my compliance within thirty (30) days following the earlier of: (a) the correction date contained in this report; or (b) the date the Department is provided notice that the violations have been corrected.

If you do not enter into a corrective plan or receive a determination modifying or reversing this report, the requirements of this report are effective fifteen (15) days after service and must be complied with until such time that: (1) this order is overturned on review; (2) an administrative law judge issues a stay of enforcement; or (3) the Department consents to the request for a stay in writing. To request an informal review or administrative review of this report, you must comply with the information provided below.



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5. SANCTIONS

This report is to notify you that sanctions are being imposed due to violation(s) of the law. If a civil penalty is imposed, you will be prohibited from renewing any permit, license, registration, certification, or other similar authorization related to the device, equipment, or structure, which is the subject of the civil penalty, until the debt has been satisfied. For information on how to request an informal review or administrative review, see below.

INFORMAL REVIEW

To request an informal review of your order by the Department, complete the informal review form located at <https://www.in.gov/dhs/4149.htm>. Following receipt of this form, the Department will review your request and may modify or reverse the report, and will attempt to respond to your request within five (5) business days, however, a request for an informal review does not extend the deadline for filing a petition for administrative review which must be filed to initiate formal administrative proceedings under IC 4-21.5.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

If you desire administrative review of this order by the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission, you must comply with the requirements of Indiana Code § 4-21.5-3-7 and file a written petition for review within fifteen (15) days after receiving notice of these violations. Your petition for review must state facts demonstrating that you are: (1) a person to whom the order is specifically directed; (2) aggrieved or adversely affected by the order; or (3) entitled to review under any law. You must submit your petition by one of the following methods:

U.S. MAIL OR PERSONAL SERVICE

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ONLINE

By completing the form at
<https://www.in.gov/dhs/4148.htm>

If your petition qualifies for review, it will be assigned to an administrative law judge who will initiate proceedings under IC 4-21.5. For additional information about the administrative review process and other options that may be available to you, visit the following link <https://www.in.gov/dhs/appeals.htm>.

