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302 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204



September 12, 2017

By U.S. Mail

Mike Perdue
Woodlawn Hospital
1400 E. 9th Street
Rochester, IN 46975

Re: Petition for Review - Woodlawn Hospital (HO323)

Dear Mr. Perdue,

The Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission is in receipt of your Petition for Review of the Inspection Report Order dated 08/15/2017. The Petition for Review will be discussed at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission - currently scheduled to begin at 9:00AM on October 3, 2017. The Commission will make a determination as to whether the petition was timely filed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Sutor".

Beth Sutor
Secretary
Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission



Date: 08/31/2017

Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission
302 West Washington Street, Rm. W 246
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RE: Petition for Review

During the August 15th, 2017 Fire and Building Code Inspection, the hospital was cited for a code violation. Specifically, the Obstetrics department doors were identified as being non-compliant as they allegedly required more than one action to open.

First, the allegation is incorrect. The door to this Unit requires only a single action to unlatch, whether by action of a button located at the nursing station immediately adjacent to the locked door or via a "Request to Exit" button placed within five feet of the door. Either of these buttons (not both) may be engaged to unlock the door.

The Life Safety Code permits maternity units to have locked doors. We respectfully call the inspector attention to Chapter 18 of the 2012 Edition of the LSC, which permits door locking arrangements in New Occupancy where patient special needs require specialized protective measures of their safety. Maternity units are identified as examples of areas where patient special needs may justify door locking. Chapter 19 applies to Existing Occupancy identifies that certain doors may be locked, provided that only one locking device is used (absent other approval). Again, only a single lock is used for the door at issue. Such locks are commonplace throughout hospital offering obstetric services. Ensuring the safety and security of infants is an essential responsibility for facilities which deliver and care for newborns.

In summary Woodlawn is permitted to have a locked door where patients have special needs justifying such measure, and the door at issue requires only one, not two, steps to be unlocked. We trust this clarification is sufficient to resolve the alleged code violation. Please advise if additional information is needed.



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Identification Number HO323	Name of the facility WOODLAWN HOSPITAL	County FULTON
Address of Property 1400 E 9TH ST ROCHESTER IN 46975	Name of the Contact MIKE PERDUE	Telephone Number (574) 223-3141
Email mperdue@woodlawnhospital.com	Inspection Date 08/15/2017	
Inspection Category HEALTHCARE FACILITY	Inspection Type ANNUAL	Inspection Status: VIOLATION
Name of the inspector ES SORENSEN	Phone: 3175174524	
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Violations

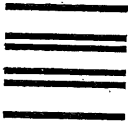
VIO-LATION NUMBER	RULE OR INDIANA CODE SECTION VIOLATED	DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION	DATE BY WHICH VIOLATION MUST BE CORRECTED
1	Sec. 1008.1.9.5 2014 Edition IFC 675 IAC 22-2.5	<p>The unlatching of any door or leaf shall not require more than one operation.</p> <p>Exceptions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Places of detention or restraint. 2. Where manually operated bolt locks are permitted by Section 1008.1.9.4. 3. Doors with automatic flush bolts as permitted by Section 1008.1.9.3, Exception 3. 4. Doors from individual dwelling units and sleeping units of Group R occupancies as permitted by Section 1008.1.9.3, Exception 4. <p><u>1) Exit doors for courtyards need to be openable with one operation. Found court door that require two operations using push button and pull handle. This applies to all other court exit doors.</u></p> <p><u>2) Found interior spaces with exit doors that require two operations to open using a push button and a push or pull on the door. These all need to be openable with one operation.</u></p>	09/15/2017

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