

INDIANA FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING SAFETY COMMISSION

LSA Document #20-626 Variance Rule

PUBLIC HEARING RECORD

Overview

On February 24, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., Indianapolis (Eastern) time, the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission (Commission) held a public hearing on their proposed rule (LSA Document #20-626) to modify 675 IAC 12-3-4 and 675 IAC 12-5 (the rules establishing administrative procedures, the application fees, and general provisions for the exercise of the authority to grant variances to the rules adopted by the Commission). The hearing was conducted virtually, via Cisco Webex video conferencing, due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Members of the public were afforded the opportunity to access the meeting online or by telephone.

Staff Present

The public hearing was staffed by the following individuals:

1. Douglas Boyle, Director of the Commission and Hearing Chairperson;
2. Bryston Sprecher, Administrative Assistant of the Commission;
3. Philip Gordon, Deputy Attorney General, Commission Counsel; and
4. Justin Guedel, Deputy General Counsel, Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

Hearing Record

Douglas Boyle, Hearing Chairperson, called the hearing to order at 9:00 a.m., gave a brief overview of the proposed rule, explained the ground rules for the public hearing, provided direction for how to submit written comments, and informed all present that comments would be reviewed by the Commission at their March 2, 2021 meeting. Following this introduction, the floor was opened for public comment.

The following is a summary of all comments received:

Richelle Wakefield: Ms. Wakefield indicated that she would provide written comments following the public hearing.

Ron Ritchey: Mr. Ritchey indicated that he would not be commenting, however appreciated the opportunity to participate in the hearing.

Jacob German: Mr. German expressed his appreciation of the discussions that have been afforded throughout the process. One of the key areas that Mr. German wanted to stress was the transparency of the process.

Stephen Bartrom: Mr. Bartrom did not have any comments and was merely present to observe.

