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STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
302 West Washington Street
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REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION
OF
UNTIMELY FILED VARIANCE APPLICATION

1. Name of Applicant: Jenny Knepp - Knepp's Fun Fest

2. Date of Filing: 08/30/18 - Variance Application 18808

3. Prejudice Claimed (mark all that apply)

a. Excessive loss of time: X

b. Unreasonable Cost: X

4. Evidence Supporting Claim of Prejudice (please attach copies of all supporting documentation)

The variance is needed in order to open the annual festival on September 21, 2018. The festival was under fire watch in 2017 after being advised the buildings were not in compliance with Fire and Building Safety rules. After the 2017 event closed we began the process of planning to bring the site into compliance. The architect was hired and plans developed, which were submitted in May (filing complete June 7, 2018). The CDR was issued on June 21, 2018 after which work on site began to bring the buildings into compliance. It was our understanding that the plans that were released showed compliance and that the changes had been made to comply. There was no condition on the CDR for sprinklers to be provided in any of the buildings. On August 27, the inspector advised that the filing and review with Plan Review had been incorrect and that the plans needed to be updated and re-submitted to Plan Review. The inspector advised fire alarm and/or sprinkler systems would be needed in one or more of the buildings (verbally he advised a fire wall could be provided to eliminate the requirement). RTM has reviewed the plans for Building 1 in particular and does not find a requirement for sprinklers or fire alarm system based upon the calculated occupant load, and that there is no code requirement to provide a fire wall based upon the area of the building.

Because of the time constraints with the festival scheduled to begin on September 21, we are requesting a late application for variance to be heard at the September 4 hearing. This will allow us time to make any changes deemed necessary by the Commission prior to the festival start date. Waiting for October hearing would jeopardize the festival and this small business running it. Many school field trips are planned around the scheduled event dates and require multiple weeks (if not months) in advance to plan. Waiting for October approval would result in cancellation of at least the first 2 ½ weeks of the festival,

and possibly the entire festival if physical changes are required to be made in order for the Commission to approve. The festival only runs through October. All resources of this small business have been put into attempting to bring the site into compliance and the business cannot afford to cancel this year's festival. Without this festival, there will be no profit to continue business given the overhead costs of running a business. This not only affects the business owners, but the community at large that participates in this annual festival, which also brings tourists to the area and stimulates the local economy.

By submitting this form, I swear that the information provide above is true and accurate.


Signature