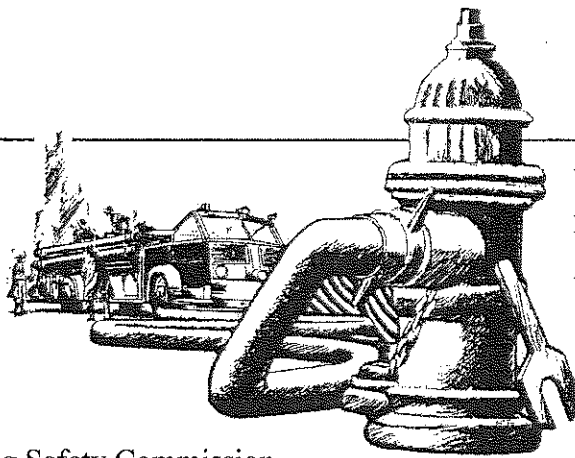


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FIRE DEPT.

Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission
302 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

Chairman Hawkins,

The Lafayette Fire Department has been made aware of a variance request for Double Tree by Hilton 4343 South Street, Lafayette (Variance 17-02-23) scheduled to be presented March 7, 2017.

It is the understanding of the Lafayette Fire Department that this is currently a non-sprinklered, non-combustible concrete hotel tower. The hotel is in the process of being remodeled and updated. Under this remodel the existing hotel will be to a NFPA 13 fire sprinkler system throughout.

The sprinkler contractor has informed the Lafayette Fire Department that he has ran into an issue of running the sprinkler line from the south stairwell to the north stairwell with regards to the existing concrete and limited space above the corridor ceiling and floor assembly. The sprinkler contractor has proposed to install one wet standpipe in the south stairwell as required by code, however, in place of the wet standpipe in the north stairwell, the proposal is to install a dry standpipe in the north stairwell with a Fire Department Connection (FDC) on the outside of the building.

The Lafayette Fire Department does not oppose this alternative proposal with the condition that a sign be placed near the Fire Department Connection (FDC) indicating the FDC is for the standpipe. As stated this remodel is adding a NFPA 13 fire sprinkler system to an existing non-sprinklered hotel.

The Lafayette Fire Department respectfully asks the commission take these items into consideration upon reviewing this variance request.

Respectfully,

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