



APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE
 State Form 44400 (R7 / 10-13)
 Approved by State Board of Accounts, 2013

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
 CODE SERVICES SECTION
 302 West Washington Street, Room W246
 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2739
http://www.in.gov/dns/fire/fp_bs_comm_code/



INSTRUCTIONS: Please refer to the attached four (4) page instructions.
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Variance number (Assigned by department)
 16-05-76 (E)

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (Person who would be in violation if variance is not granted; usually this is the owner)

Name of applicant Geralyn Humphrey	Title Owner
Name of organization Emerald Acres Wedding Barn	Telephone number (317) 628-0919
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 65 N 700 E, Whitestown, IN 46075	

2. PERSON SUBMITTING APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT (if not submitted by the applicant)

Name of applicant Dennis W Bradshaw	Title Senior Associate
Name of organization FP&C Consultants, LLC	Telephone number (317) 486-5188
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 1520 Main Street, Indianapolis, 46224	

3. DESIGN PROFESSIONAL OF RECORD (If applicable)

Name of design professional Jon Byrum, RA	License number
Name of organization Byrum Architects	Telephone number (317) 574-8808
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 11728 Arborhill Drive, Zionsville, IN 46077	

4. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Name of project Emerald Acres Wedding Barn	State project number Unfiled	County Boone
Address of site (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 65 N 700 E, Whitestown, IN 46075		
Type of project <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Addition <input type="checkbox"/> Alteration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change of occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Existing		

5. REQUIRED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following required information has been included with this application (check as applicable):

- A check made payable to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security for the appropriate amount. (see instructions)
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Violation issued by:
 Local Building Department State Fire and Building Code Enforcement Section Local Fire Department

7. DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED VARIANCE

Name of code or standard and edition involved Indiana Building Code 2014 Edition	Specific code section Section 1009.7.2
Nature of non-compliance (include a description of spaces, equipment, etc. involved as necessary.) The existing 100+ year old stairs were recently replaced by new stairs in the same location. Due to the limited floor openings bound by the existing heavy timber beams, the new stairs have a rise of approximately 7.8 inches and a run of approximately 9.25 inches. The code requires the stairs to have a maximum rise of 7 inches and a minimum run of 11 inches.	

8. DEMONSTRATION THAT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE WILL BE PROTECTED

Select one of the following statements:

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Facts demonstrating that the above selected statement is true:

1. The stairs will be modified to have enclosed risers. Code compliant guardrails will be provided. New handrails are being provide on both sides of the stairs to comply as much as possible with the code. Handrail height, grip and extensions at the top of the stairs will comply with the code.

2. Bottom handrail extensions will be reduced so they do not reduce the egress width of the bottom landings.

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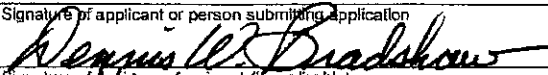

Imposition of the rule would result in an undue hardship (unusual difficulty) because of excessive costs of additional or altered construction elements.

Imposition of the rule would prevent the preservation of an architecturally or a historically significant part of the building or structure.

Facts demonstrating that the above selected statement is true:
The owner's hardship is the existing barn structure (columns and beams) do not allow enough space to construct code compliant stair risers and tread dimensions. Modifying the existing heavy timber structure to allow adequate space for a stair with a code compliant rise and run would be extremely difficult and cost prohibitive for this project.

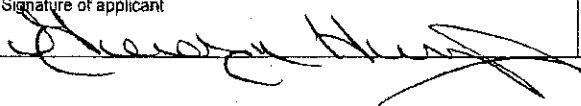
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Signature of applicant 	Please print name Geraldyn Humphrey	Date of signature (month, day, year) 6-3-16
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Name of code or standard and edition involved Indiana Building Code 2014 Edition	Specific code section Section 1012.6
Nature of non-compliance (Include a description of spaces, equipment, etc. involved as necessary.) Due to the limited space at the landing at the bottom of the stairs new handrails will be provided that will not have compliant extensions at the bottom of the stairs. The code requires the new handrails to extend the distance of one tread beyond the last tread.	

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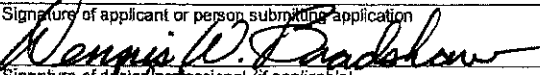

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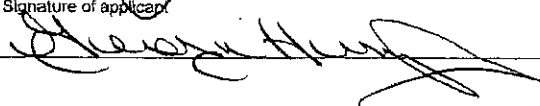
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 The existing 100+ year old stairs were recently replaced by new stairs in the same location. Due to the limited floor openings bound by the existing heavy timber beams, the new stairs have a bottom landing that will not be 44 inches in depth. The code requires the landing to have a depth in the direction of travel equal to the required width of the stair.

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3. If the stair landings were classified as existing the landing dimension would be exceptable under Section 3412, IBC.

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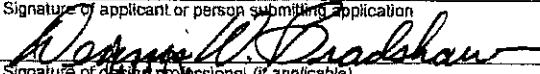

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MICHAEL R. PENCE, Governor
STATE OF INDIANA

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

DAVID W. KANE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Indiana Department of Homeland Security
Indiana Government Center South
302 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
317-232-3980

GERALYN HUMPHREY
EMERALD ACRES WEDDING BARN
65 N 700 E

August 3, 2016

WHITESTOWN, IN 46075

Dear GERALYN HUMPHREY,

This letter provides notice below of the action taken by the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission on your application(s) for a variance(s) from the Commission's rules under IC 22-13-2-11 and 675 IAC 12-5. The Commission considered the application with all alternatives offered, as a part of its published agenda, at its regular meeting on August 2, 2016.

Project Number	Project Name	Variance Number
0	EMERALD ACRES WEDDING BARN	16-05-76

Commission Conditions

A compliant exterior stair is to be added, provide code-compliant wiring, the occupant load shall be posted at 100 persons, the driveway shall be widened per fire department request, and the basement shall be closed off and not used.

Valid until August 2, 2018.

Edition	Code	Code Section	Commission Action & Date
	Other Code (Not in the list provided)	3412.6.11 and 1009.4, 2014 IBC	Approved with Commission condition(s) 08/02/2016
	Other Code (Not in the list provided)	3412.6.11, 2014 IBC	Approved with Commission condition(s) 08/02/2016
	Other Code (Not in the list provided)	3401.1, 2014 IBC	Approved as submitted 08/02/2016
	Other Code (Not in the list provided)	3401.3	Approved with Commission condition(s) 08/02/2016

You are advised that if you desire an administrative review of this action, you must file a written petition for review at the above address with the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission. Your petition must fully identify the matter for which you seek review no later than eighteen(18) calender days from

