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Please review the information presented below and the enclosed request for variance letter. We would like to be placed on the next Commission meeting for approval.

Warmest regards,  
Dik Hoover



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March 18, 2020

RE: Local Variance  
Superior Oil  
400 West Regent Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Thank you for your letter dated March 17, 2020 requesting a local variance from Section 591-406, Chapter 591 of the Indianapolis-Marion County Fire Prevention Code which adopts NFPA 24, 1995 Edition, Section 3, requiring a post indicator valve for a fire service water supply line.

Your request and justifications for a variance from the provisions of Chapter 591-406 is in compliance with the provision of Section 591-246, Chapter 591 of the Indianapolis-Marion County Fire Prevention Code which was passed by the City-Council on April 29, 2002 and signed by Bart Peterson on May 2, 2002, and approved by the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission on May 8, 2002.

Based on the items listed in your letter dated March 17, 2020, a local variance to the above mentioned Section is granted by the Indianapolis Fire Department. In accordance with the exception to NFPA 24, Section 3-3.2, a post Indicator valve will not be located 40' away from the building due to site restrictions. A PIV will be placed at the existing gate valve approximately 25' from the corner of the office portion of the building and 34' from the warehouse portion of the building. This approval must be presented to the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission as per IC 22-13-2-7. "The Commission shall review variances granted by a political subdivision to the fire safety laws and building laws adopted in its ordinances". This variance is not effective until it is approved by the Commission. There is no fee but the item must be placed on the Commission's agenda. Please contact Denise Fitzpatrick at the Indiana State Fire Prevention and Building Safety Office 317-232-6213 to place this item on the next Commission meeting agenda.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 317-327-5529 or [margie.bovard@indy.gov](mailto:margie.bovard@indy.gov)

Respectfully  
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Senior Fire Cod Plans Examiner  
Indianapolis Fire Department.

March 17, 2020

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RE: Superior Oil  
400 West Regent Street

Ms. Bovard,

Schneider Geomatics is requesting a variance to the Marion County Code Section 591-406 that requires a post indicator valve on the private fire main for the proposed Superior Oil Warehouse located at 400 West Regent Street in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The requirement for a post indicator valve more than 40 feet away from the building creates difficulties for this project. An alternate location for the Post Indicator Valve will be placed at the existing location of a gate valve approximately 25' from the corner of the office portion of the building and 34' from the warehouse portion of the building.

We would like to apply for a variance from the 40' distance requirement for the PIV based upon the following:

1. Based upon the flows for this site, the fire service was increased from a 10" line to a 12" line. The additional lengths and 90-degree bends will reduce the flows.
2. Citizens was approached, and we were told they would not allow a backside tap from one of their mains. They discovered the main was privately-owned, and technically, they could not deny a backside tap.
3. The water main is 35' to 36' from the building.
4. The height of the building at the warehouse space is 24', and the PIV would be outside the fall zone of the building.
5. The height of the building at the office space is 16', and the PIV would be outside the fall zone of the building.

This location provides the necessary access, is located out of the way, and does not obstruct the fire lane. For these reasons, we are requesting a Local Variance as proposed.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Richard R. Hoover, P.E.