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To: Fire Prevention & Bldg Safety Commis - From: Jeni Jacob

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Phone Number: 317 232 2222 Date: _____

RE: Appeal CC: _____

Urgent For Review Please Comment Please Reply

Comments: _____



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Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission

302west Washington Street, RM .W246

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Appeal for Variance

Sir/ Mm,

We had been inspected by the local Muncie Fire Department Inspector, Mr. Brad Riddle and have been sited on 3 different violations as listed in the inspection paper attached report. He has used citation based on state Codes 2003.

We have 9 hotels in Indiana and none of the hotels have been subjected to this type of inspection. I do also believe that not all the hotels in Muncie have the monitoring system which means that is discriminating to some hotels alone. The rectification of the violation would amount to almost \$4000, unexpected amount being spent from the budget. Not meeting budget for the quarter would also mean employees not getting their bonuses, which is really unfair to them.

I did talk to the Muncie inspector's office and he suggested the appeal was the right way to go about it and if the state grants the variance they were fine with this. He also said that the law book was so thick that they can come in every year and find at least 10 variances which they did not site last year. They would site things of importance only. If this 2003 code is so important to be fixed within 1 month of the citation, why it was not cited on the day we opened and 8 years of regular yearly state inspection.

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I have already taken care of the

1. Combustible items like the hard plastic cupboards and replaced them with \$800 dollar metal cupboard in our mechanical room.
2. Knox Box (\$450) outside the building even though we have 2 people all the time in the building which is open throughout the year

As the inspector supervisor said they definitely can find some code in the code book which has been violated, I really find it discrimination to our hotel alone when I know there are plenty of hotels apart from ours which this code has not been enforced. I am not trying to ridicule the code or the inspectors enforcing the same, but just appealing to be fair to the small business operators and give a variance on the dates to enforce the codes instead of causing financial burden which they have not accounted for in their budgets.

I would appreciate if you could grant variance for the monitoring system till December when our budget for the next budget is set up. I shall try to take care of this before that if we are over in our budget any of the months before that.

In anticipation of fair response,

Sincerely,

Jim Jacob GM /Partner

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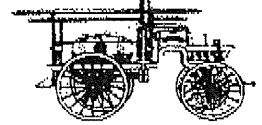


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An inspection of your facility on
 revealed the violations listed below.

Tuesday July 21, 2015

ORDER TO COMPLY: Since these conditions are contrary to law, you must correct them upon receipt of this notice. An inspection to determine compliance with this Notice will be conducted on or after: **Monday August 24, 2015.**

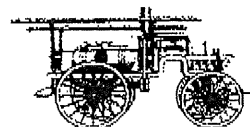
Failure to remedy the violation(s) within the time period set forth above will result in the initiation of legal proceedings to restrain, correct or abate the violation(s). Such proceedings will require your appearance in court for a hearing on the matter. If a violation is found at that time, a fine of up to \$1000 will be imposed. The imposition of a penalty for a violation shall not excuse the violation nor permit it to continue. Each day a violation exists is considered a separate violation.

Violation Code	Article	Division	Page	Count
315.3.3 Equipment rooms. Combustible material shall not be stored in boiler rooms, mechanical rooms or electrical equipment rooms.	675 IAC 22-2.5	IFC 2014	0	1
Footnote: Remove combustibles from mechanical rooms as discussed.				
506.1 When required. Whenever the servicing fire department has instituted a key box emergency access system, a key box compatible with that system shall be installed in an accessible location if: (1) The building is protected with an automatic sprinkler system equipped with a local or transmitted water-flow alarm, or (2) The building is provided with any fire alarm system equipped with an outside audible/visual signaling device, or (3) The building is provided with any fire alarm system where the alarm is transmitted to an off-site location, or to the fire alarm center for the servicing fire department.	675 IAC 22-2.5-6	IFC 2014	0	1
Footnote: Knox box required for this facility. See 506.2. Application left with General Manager (Jim Jacob).				



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506.2 Responsibility for key box. 675IAC22-2.5-6 IFC 2014 0 0

Key boxes are to be provided by the building owner and shall contain such keys necessary to access all protected areas of the building. Multi-tenant buildings may share an owner-provided box, and the building owner shall assume responsibility for insuring that keys are updated as appropriate. Tenant-provided boxes may not be shared with any other tenant, and the tenant assumes responsibility for key updates for the subject tenant space.

Exception: Key boxes for apartment houses are not required to contain keys to individual apartment dwelling units.

Footnote: Reference only.

604.3.2 Written record. 675IAC 22-2.5 IFC 2014 0 1

Written records of the inspection, testing and maintenance of emergency and standby power systems shall include the date of service, name of the servicing technician, a summary of conditions noted and a detailed description of any conditions requiring correction and what corrective action was taken. Such records shall be kept on the premises served by the emergency or standby power system and be available for inspection by the fire code official.

turn breaker off & make sure the light batteries

Footnote: Document annual emergency lighting tests (if done in house), providing information listed above.

604.5.2 Power test. 675 IAC 22-2.5 IFC 2014 0 1

For battery-powered emergency lighting, a power test of the emergency lighting equipment shall be completed annually. The power test shall operate the emergency lighting for a minimum of 90 minutes and shall remain sufficiently illuminated for the duration of the test.

Footnote: Annual 90 minute testing of exit and emergency lighting can be done by a fire protection service or performed in house as discussed. If performed in house testing shall be documented (see 604.3.2).

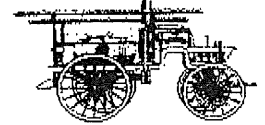
907.15 /2003 Monitoring. IFC 2003 0 1

Where required by this chapter or by local ordinance, an approved supervising station in accordance with NFPA 72 shall monitor fire alarm systems.



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Footnote: Required fire alarm system must be monitored as required by Indiana Fire Code when building was built (building completed in 2008). See attached sheet with copies of Indiana Fire Codes for fire alarm system monitoring.

NOTES COMMENTS

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Quarterly fire drill due, last done in February 2015.

RIDDLE, BRAD
Inspector

Occupant/Owner

1998 Indiana Fire Code

1007.3.3.6 Monitoring

1007.3.3.6.1 General. When required by the building code or local ordinance, fire alarm systems shall be monitored by an approved central, proprietary or remote station service or a local alarm which gives audible and visual signals at a constantly attended location.

2003 Indiana Fire Code

Section 907 Fire Alarm and Detection Systems

907.15 Monitoring. Where required by this chapter or by local ordinance, an approved supervising station in accordance with NFPA 72 shall monitor fire alarm systems. (Eff. May 17, 2003)

2008 Indiana Fire Code

Section 907 Fire Alarm and Detection Systems

907.15 Monitoring. Where required by this chapter or by local ordinance, an approved supervising station in accordance with NFPA 72 shall monitor fire alarm systems. (Eff. June 16, 2008)

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APPEAL RIGHTS

Please be advised that if you desire administrative review of this Order, you must file a written petition for review with the:

Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission
302 West Washington Street, Rm. W246
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Fire Marshal
317 233 0307

You must identify the violations for which you seek review no later than 18 calendar days from the date of this Order unless such date is a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday under state statute, or day that the Department of Homeland Security's offices are closed during regular business hours, in which case the deadline would be the first calendar day thereafter that is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday under state statute, or day that the Department of Homeland Security's office is closed during regular business hours. If you do so, your petition for review will be granted and an administrative proceeding will be conducted by an administrative law judge appointed by the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission. If you do not file a petition for review, this Order will be **FINAL** and you **MUST** comply with its requirements.

Please be further advised that you may request an opportunity to informally discuss this Order prior to filing a petition for review. Such informal discussion, or a request therefor, does not extend the deadline for filing a petition for review and, therefore, any request for an informal discussion should be made promptly, preferably by telephone (317 232-2222), upon receipt of this Order.

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