

Variance Request of Specific Life Safety Code Provisions

Name of Facility:

Contact Name:

City/State:

Phone Number:

Inspection Date:

KIDS Occupancy #:

Justification

How correction of the deficiency poses a hardship to the facility:

Additional safety measures to be implemented to compensate for the deficiency:

Failure to follow the plan may result in variance revocation and enforcement actions

Facility Representative (<i>Signature</i>)	Title	Date
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Variance Request Instructions

Introduction

If correcting a deficiency will cause unnecessary hardship, or you wish to take advantage of new methods or equipment of recognized adequacy which conforms to fundamental safety standards, you may request an exemption, or variance, from a specific safety requirement. A variance from a specific fire code requirement may only be granted by the State Fire Marshal.

Note: All variance requests should be submitted along with your initial plan of correction response.

Submitting your variance request

Please complete the entire variance request form. Any incomplete forms will be returned. The following must be documented on the variance request form:

- Why correcting the violation causes a hardship to the facility. Please be specific; include any documentation and/or photographs that support your claim. You may add additional pages.
- Additional safety measures that will be implemented to compensate for not complying with the specific fire code requirement.

Additional Safety Measures

The facility must implement additional safety measures to compensate for not complying with a specific fire code requirement. The following is a list of safety measures that have been approved. This list is not all inclusive; a facility may come up with its own additional safety measures. Consider the combination of additional safety measures that is best for your facility.

- Additional single-station smoke detection
- Additional fire extinguishers
- Safety rounds (dedicated person, all areas of the facility inspected for fire safety issues)
- Infrared inspection of motors and electrical panels
- Additional inspections or maintenance
- Local fire department completes monthly or quarterly inspections
- Local fire department completes a review of emergency plans
- Modified fire watch
- HVAC shut down tied to the fire alarm system
- Install a complete sprinkler system
- Hire a structural/fire protection engineering firm to develop a plan of action
- Install a horizontal exit
- Additional training in emergency procedures
- Hands-on fire extinguisher training
- Practical and/or competency skills testing
- Additional fire drills or performance issues
- Request OSFM presentation during staff in-service

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