

# PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF LOCAL ORDINANCES

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Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission

Report of local ordinance drafts submitted to Commission staff for preliminary review, pursuant to Indiana Code § 22-13-2-5.5(1).

Updated for Tuesday, August 3, 2021, Meeting

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**Note:**

This report has been prepared to provide comprehensive awareness and transparency of the ordinances containing building and/or fire safety laws that have been submitted to the Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission’s (Commission) staff, requesting preliminary review, as afforded by Indiana Code § 22-13-2-5.5(1). The Commission and its staff encourage local political subdivisions with authority to adopt ordinances to submit their unadopted, draft ordinances containing building and/or fire safety laws to the Commission’s staff for preliminary review prior to adoption by the adopting body. Indiana Code § 22-13-2-5.5(1) requires the Commission’s staff to furnish the results of a review to the requester within a **reasonable time**.

After receipt, the Commission’s staff will place draft ordinances submitted for preliminary review on the Commission’s meeting agenda and provide a copy of the draft ordinances with the Commission’s meeting materials for the Commission’s and interested stakeholders’ awareness, so that the members of the Commission and interested stakeholders may provide comments and concerns to the Commission’s staff. Indiana Code § 22-13-2-5 and Indiana Code § 22-13-2-5.5 do not require the Commission to take any formal actions on unadopted, draft ordinances submitted for preliminary review. Adopted ordinances that contain building and/or fire safety laws will still be placed on the Commission’s meeting agendas and processed in accordance with the requirements of Indiana Code § 22-13-2-5.5.

This report will be updated on a regular basis and will be provided to the Commission at its regularly scheduled meetings. Additional information regarding the Commission’s ordinance review program can be found on the Commission’s main web page (<https://www.in.gov/dhs/boards-and-commissions/fire-prevention-and-building-safety-commission/>), under “Ordinance Review.” Questions may be directed to the Commission’s staff at [buildingcommission@dhs.in.gov](mailto:buildingcommission@dhs.in.gov).

Date Ordinance Draft Received	Date Ordinance Draft Provided to Commission	Name of Local Jurisdiction	Ordinance Type	Status of Commission Staff’s Review
1/17/2020	2/4/2020	Town of Ellettsville	Building	Complete
1/29/2020	2/4/2020	City of Greenfield	Fire Prevention	Staff did not complete the preliminary review before the ordinance was adopted by the jurisdiction.
3/2/2020	4/7/2020	Town of Knightstown	Building	Complete
4/20/2020	5/6/2020	City of Westfield	Fire Prevention	Complete
4/20/2020	5/6/2020	City of Charlestown	Property Maintenance	Complete
5/14/2020	6/4/2020	City of Martinsville	Fire Prevention	Complete
5/27/2020	6/4/2020	City of Greensburg	Fire Prevention	Complete
7/22/2020	8/4/2020	Town of Porter	Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors	Staff contacted the representative of the jurisdiction with comments regarding the ordinance, but never received a response.
9/30/2020	10/6/2020	Blackford County	Building	Complete
10/20/2020	N/A	Harrison County	Building	Complete
10/21/2020	11/4/2020	City of Martinsville	Fire Prevention (Resubmittal)	Complete

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1/8/2021	2/2/2021	City of Columbus	Fire Prevention (Consumer Fireworks)	Complete
2/11/2021	3/2/2021	City of Westfield	Fire Prevention (Resubmittal)	Complete
2/18/2021	3/2/2021	City of Bloomington	Fire Prevention	Complete
3/22/2021	4/6/2021	City of Greensburg	Burn/Open Burning (Resubmittal)	Complete
3/23/2021	4/6/2021	City of Decatur	Fire Prevention	Pending
3/23/2021	4/6/2021	City of Valparaiso	Fire Prevention	Complete
4/7/2021	5/4/2021	City of Muncie	Fire Prevention	Complete
4/28/2021	5/4/2021	City of Martinsville	Fire Prevention (Resubmittal)	Complete
7/6/2021	8/3/2021	City of Columbus	Fire Prevention (Revisions & Additions)	Pending