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This letter is in response to Variance Number 16-01-01, this variance addresses the petitioner, Gregory Pardieck's request to occupy the second floor of his winery at 6361 N County Rd 760 E, which is within the city limits of Seymour. If approved the second floor, which is the loft of a barn, would be used for weddings and other events. The request asks for occupancy, with the omission of an automatic fire suppression system.

This same request was denied by the Commission on July 7, 2015. In a letter dated December 16, 2009, Mr. Pardieck stated that he would not utilize the second floor as a chapel.

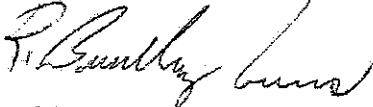
The current petition for variance states that there are other facilities in the state that allow second floors being used for weddings. I am not aware of the conditions at these facilities, nor has Mr. Pardieck cited any variances that have been approved to allow these facilities to do so.

As before, I am concerned as to how the existing exit can be reconstructed to allow an unimpeded flow from the loft. It currently is narrow, and has a couple of landings and turns to navigate. A second exit has not been provided at this time.

I cannot offer a favorable recommendation to the Commission for this variance for a couple of reasons. First and foremost, is the life safety of the occupants of the facility, and Seymour's Firefighters, and other Emergency Responders. Secondly I believe approval of this variance would be detrimental to my departments mission of promoting public safety, by setting a precedent of allowing the omission of a fire suppression system at this or any other facility in Seymour.

I remain diligent in my recommendation that Mr. Pardieck utilize the public water main that runs along the frontage of his property and install a suppression system at his facility.

Thank you for considering my concerns with your decision for this variance.


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