

On Dec 12, 2019, at 10:26 AM, COMPLIANT VENUE OWNER wrote:

Ha! I got this a week or two ago from another venue that is close to a lot of these barns listed. He had to follow code but they didn't... they hit him up for membership and sent the same email. Sort of seems like they are admitting fault by being part of this group? Just enforce the law that has existed for years and we can all enjoy the benefits. If they aren't following the codes and charging \$10,000 for a Saturday and NOT making money... something is wrong. Weird that a law needs to be passed to enforce a law that already exists. If they would require the rural venues to follow HALF the codes we had to follow they'd really be upset 😊.

From: {NON-COMPLIANT VENUE OWNER}
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2019 7:51 AM
To: {COMPLIANT VENUE OWNER}
Subject: Group

Hi,

I take it you have not been asked to join. 😊

I have not talked to many but there seems to be a fear of overkill. I spoke with our local Fire Marshall and he spoke of attending a wedding at a very unsafe wood barn. This will thin out many venues and perhaps rightfully so.

Driving through to St Michael for an Oral Surgeon appointment and on the road from 9 AM to 12 PM if you have more questions

From: Michael Bushilla <michael@hopeglenfarm.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 5:09 PM
To: {NON-COMPLIANT VENUE OWNER}
Subject: Re: test

Dear,

Thank you for taking my call. I am attaching an email/paper trail of what has transpired since 2017 up to the newly proposed legislation. This is a lot of information, but please take the time to read through it as it is vital to our businesses moving forward. MNREVA is representing members at the state level and will have a seat at the table for the new legislation being introduced in February. It is important that we as rural venue owners have a voice in these issues that directly impact the future of our businesses. After looking through all of the information, please let us know if you would like to become a member of MNREVA to help us advocate for and support our unique industry. If you have any questions or would like to discuss more, please let me know!

Thank you,

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1)

The 2017 Omnibus Jobs Bill included a provision (text pasted below) that adds places of public accommodation to the State Building Code. It includes special event center in the definition of a place of public accommodation, and requires the State Fire Marshal to review plans and inspect facilities. That bill became law.

<<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2017/0/Session+Law/Chapter/94/>>

"2017 Laws of Minnesota, Chapter 94, Article 2, Section 4.

[326B.108] PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION SUBJECT TO CODE.

Subdivision 1.

Definition.

For purposes of this section, "place of public accommodation" means a publicly or privately owned facility that is designed for occupancy by 200 or more people and includes a sports or entertainment arena, stadium, theater, community or convention hall, special event center, indoor amusement facility or water park, or swimming pool.

Subd. 2.

Application.

Construction, additions, and alterations to a place of public accommodation must be designed and constructed to comply with the State Building Code.

Subd. 3.

Enforcement.

In a municipality that has not adopted the code by ordinance under section 326B.121, subdivision 2, the commissioner shall enforce this section in accordance with section 326B.107, subdivision 1.

Subd. 4.

Fire protection systems.

If fire protection systems regulated by chapter 299M are required in a place of public accommodation, then those plan reviews and inspections shall be conducted by the state fire marshal."

2) In 2017 many venues received "FACT SHEET: Wedding Barns and the Building Code" via mail.

Please see attachment titled "fs_wedding-barns"

3) NEW BILL INTRODUCED IN 2018

It was heard in the House Public Safety Committee. A clone bill was heard in the House Jobs Committee. Neither of those bills became law and died when the Legislature adjourned in 2018.

<<https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/SessionDaily/Story/13182>>

4)

Representative Howe was elected to the Senate in 2018 and introduced a bill, SF1839, earlier this year that is related to fire protection systems. This bill would give the State Fire Marshal authority to enforce the fire protection systems components of the Labor and Industry building codes and redirects the associated portion of the permit fee to the Fire Marshal's office.

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=SF1839&version=latest&session=ls91&session_year=2019&session_number=0>

5) In July, 2018 many venues received a mailing from MN Dept of Public Safety. Please see attachment titled "letter-1".

6) In October of 2019, many venues received a survey via mail from the MN Dept of Public Safety. Please see attachment titled "October Cover Letter and Survey-1". A list of venues to contact was given to the state of MN by other venue owners. Please see attachment titled "Event Center Address Mailing List." The list is not complete and will include many that are missing.

7) PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Below is a link to the draft of the upcoming legislation that will impact all rural event venues.

https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=SF2514&version=latest&session=ls91&session_year=2019&session_number=0<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=SF2514&version=latest&session=ls91&session_year=2019&session_number=0>

8) A group of rural venues (e.g., Bloom Lake Barn, Redeemed Farm, Erickson Farmstead, Hope Glen Farm, Round Barn Farm) have teamed up to start MNREVA in order for us to have a unified voice on legislation and issues that directly impact our businesses and overall industry. Please see attachment titled "MNREVA_Purpose_Mission_Vision." We are seeking additional member venues to partner with to help support our mission.

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Legal Representation at the State Level: Please see attachments titled "Screen Shot 2019-11-11"

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A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon. Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. Psalm 127:1