Relevant Portions of Indiana Property Tax Laws

Indiana Code Title 6. Taxation § 6-1.1-11-4

(Chapter 11 deals with exemption procedures. This is from Chapter 11-4))

Section 4:

- (d) The exemption application referred to in section 3 or 3.5 of this chapter is not required if:
- (1) the exempt property is:
- (A) tangible property used for religious purposes described in IC 6-1.1-10-21;
- (B) tangible property owned by a church or religious society used for educational purposes described in IC 6-1.1-10-16;
- (2) the exemption application referred to in section 3 or 3.5 of this chapter was filed properly at least once for a religious use under IC 6-1.1-10-21, an educational, literary, scientific, religious, or charitable use under IC 6-1.1-10-16, or use by a fraternity or sorority under IC 6-1.1-10-24; and (3) the property continues to meet the requirements for an exemption under IC 6-1.1-10-16, IC 6-1.1-10-21, or IC 6-1.1-10-24.

Indiana Code Title 6. Taxation § 6-1.1-10-21

Sec. 21. (a) The following tangible property is exempt from property taxation if it is owned by, or held in trust for the use of, a church or religious society:

- (1) A building that is used for religious worship.
- (2) The pews and furniture contained within a building that is used for religious worship.
- (3) The tract of land upon which a building that is used for religious worship is situated.
- (b) The following tangible property is exempt from property taxation if it is owned by, or held in trust for the use of, a church or religious society:
- (1) A building that is used as a parsonage.
- (2) The tract of land, not exceeding fifteen (15) acres, upon which a building that is used as a parsonage is situated.
- (c) To obtain an exemption for parsonages, a church or religious society must provide the county assessor with an affidavit at the time the church or religious society applies for the exemptions. The affidavit must state that:
- (1) all parsonages are being used to house one (1) of the church's or religious society's rabbis, priests, preachers, ministers, or pastors; and
- (2) none of the parsonages are being used to make a profit.

The affidavit shall be signed under oath by the church's or religious society's head rabbi, priest, preacher, minister, or pastor.

(d) Property referred to in this section shall be assessed to the extent required under IC 6-1.1-11-9.

Indiana Code Title 6. Taxation § 6-1.1-10-16

- (a) All or part of a building is exempt from property taxation if it is owned, occupied, and used by a person for educational, literary, scientific, religious, or charitable purposes.
- (b) A building is exempt from property taxation if it is owned, occupied, and used by a town, city, township, or county for educational, literary, scientific, fraternal, or charitable purposes.

•••

(e) Personal property is exempt from property taxation if it is owned and used in such a manner that it would be exempt under subsection (a) or (b) if it were a building.