

## **Fire Safety Code**

### **Board of Appeal & Review**

#### **Minutes of 8-16-05 meeting**

**The Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met in the Conference Room located adjacent to 55 Cedar Street, Providence, RI on Tuesday, August 16, 2005 at 1:00 PM. Present were Acting Chairman Coutu and Commissioners Blackburn, Preiss, Newbrook, O'Connell, Pearson, Burlingame and Filippi. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey, Esq. and Assistant Administrative Officer Carol Marsella. The following appeals were considered.**

**Appeal # 050532: Mr. Steve Kyle for the Donald W. Wyatt Detention Facility in Central Falls. ADSFM John Garvey appeared for the Central Falls Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Preiss, to give the Central Falls Fire Marshal's office the authority to issue a temporary certificate of occupancy once the fire/life safety systems come on line. The motion was unanimous.**

**Appeal #050169: Mr. Bill Gaudette and Mr. Tim Larose for the property located at 123 Waterman Street in Providence. Deputy George Calise appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioners Burlingame and Blackburn recused themselves from**

consideration of this case. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to grant the following relief. Variances were granted from the provisions of 7.1.5.1 and 7.1.5.1.1 on the basis of structural hardship. A variance was also granted from the provisions of 8.7.4.1.2.2 with regard to the existing piping. There was no objection from the Providence Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.

**Appeal #050556:** Mr. Robert Vierra for the property located at 50 Fillmore Street in Providence. Lt. Richard Silva and Fire Alarm Inspector Frank Mills appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Burlingame made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn, to give the Providence Fire Marshal's office the authority to issue a temporary certificate of occupancy for this facility. Testimony was given that the sprinkler system and fire alarm system will be functional prior to the issuance of that temporary certificate of occupancy. The motion was unanimous.

**Appeal #050048:** Ms. Joanne Hoops for the property located at 95 Church Street in Newport. Deputy State Fire Marshal Christine Kent and Chief of Inspections William Howe appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Burlingame abstained from consideration of this case. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell, to grant the following relief. Approval of the Applicant's plan of action for this facility was granted for the outside egress stair from the second floor. A time variance

**was granted for the installation of the sprinkler system in the gym and into the historical stairwell, such work to be done at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's office. All other major systems in this facility either have been or will be corrected, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.**

**Appeal #040271: Ms. June Clement, for the property located at 178-182 Sayles Avenue in Pawtucket. Also appearing for this building was John Reynolds, Pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church. Captain McConaghy appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Filippi made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, to grant the following relief. A time variance will be granted, until the end of the year, in order to allow the Applicant to continue to operate in this facility. The building owner will be responsible for addressing any outstanding deficiencies in this facility. The motion was unanimous.**

**Appeal #050362: Mr. Ramzi Loqa and Mr. George Cardoza, for the property located at 2009 Elmwood Avenue in Warwick. ADSFM Arthur Lowe appeared for the Warwick Fire Marshal's office. A motion was made by Commissioner Newbrook and seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to approve the Applicant's plan of action for achieving one-hour separation. There was no objection by the Warwick Fire Marshal's office and the motion was unanimous.**

**Appeal #200312 and #200313: Alexander Walsh, Esq. for the property located on America's Cup Avenue and on Ocean Avenue in Newport (Castle Hill Inn and Resort), requesting reaffirmation of previously granted variances. Chief McCarthy and Captain Carney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's office and DSFM Vincent Quinterno appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, that the Board reinstate the variances previously granted to this facility, provided that the Applicant complies with any directive of the AHJ, including, but not limited to, notifying the AHJ of any and all events to be held at the subject facilities well prior to the date of the event. The motion was unanimous.**

**Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, that the Board issue a blanket variance (05-23) to allow the Newport Fire Marshal's office to grant waivers on time limits allowed for tents on a case by case basis. The motion was unanimous.**

**Commissioner Burlingame made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Preiss, to amend formal interpretation 04-10 to state that while dormitory suite doors to corridors must have self-closing devices, bedroom doors into the suite itself are not required to have self-closing devices. The motion was unanimous.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Carol Marsella**