

**The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met in Conference Room 109 located at 260 West Exchange Street, Providence RI on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Coutu and Commissioners Blackburn, Preiss, Pearson, Richard, Filippi and O'Connell. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey and Assistant Administrative Officer Carol Marsella. The following cases were heard.**

**APPEAL # 070206: Rev. Roger Houle, for the property located at 144 Danielson Pike, North Scituate. ADSFM Carl Petsching appeared for the North Scituate Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Richard and Blackburn, to approve the Applicant's plan of action for this facility, which includes maintaining the current fire alarm system during construction. The Applicant agrees to limit the use of the meeting room to 160 people, or to submit a plan of action to the AHJ if the occupancy is expected to exceed 160 people. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #050208: Mr. Joseph Occhi, for the property located at 2221 West Main Road, Portsmouth. Chief Jeffrey Lynch appeared for the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's office. Commissioners Richard and Filippi made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell, to grant the following relief. The Applicant is granted a variance from the provisions of section 13.3.3.3. The Applicant is granted a time variance of 30 days in which to submit to the Portsmouth Fire**

**Marshal's office the plans for a compliant fire alarm system, and 120 days from the date of approval in which to install the system. The Applicant is also granted a time variance of 120 days in which to install a fire escape or a second means of escape from the second floor, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #050285: Mr. Len Silvia, for the property located at 35 Power Street, Portsmouth. Chief Jeffrey Lynch appeared for the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to grant the Applicant's requested relief from the provisions of section 13.3.5.1.1. The Applicant agrees to submit a plan of action to the AHJ, to include the use of a firefighter detail, if the occupancy for a particular event is expected to exceed 300 people. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #050438: Mr. Dale Wood, for the property located at 3390 East Main Road, Portsmouth. Chief Jeffrey Lynch appeared for the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty days to submit plans to the AHJ for a compliant fire alarm system, and an additional 120 days in which to install said system. The Applicant will also correct within the above time period any deficiencies which remain, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #050146, 070158 and 070159: Mr. Harrison Bilodeau, for the properties located at 65 New Road, East Providence. (Buildings A, B, and C.) ADSFM Michael Carey and Fire Alarm Superintendent Powell appeared for the East Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn, to grant the following relief. The Applicant is directed to immediately remove the washer and dryer units located in the stairwell of each building. The Applicant is further granted a time variance of ninety days in which to upgrade the fire alarm systems in each of the three buildings, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the East Providence Fire Marshal's office. The AHJ may extend the ninety day time variance for good faith shown. The Applicant is further directed to install a compliant door in the boiler room of each building. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #060016: Mr. David R. Chappell, for the property located at 422 Main Street in Wakefield. ADSFM Christopher Heiner appeared for the Union Fire District Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell, to grant the Applicant's requested variances from the provisions of sections 7.2.2.2 and 37.2 on the basis of structural hardship. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #060017: Mr. David R. Chappell, for the property located at 422 Main Street in Wakefield. ADSFM Christopher Heiner appeared**

for the Union Fire District Fire Marshal's office. Marshal Heiner advised the Board that the facility is in compliance and the file was closed.

**APPEAL #060740:** Mr. Charles Cunha, for the property located at 446 Tiogue Avenue, Coventry. DSFM Arthur DaCosta appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to grant the following relief. The Applicant is granted a time variance of thirty days in which to present plans for a compliant fire alarm system to the AHJ, and an additional 120 days from the date of approval for the fire alarm system to be installed. The Applicant is granted a variance until February 28, 2008 in which to install a compliant suppression system over the commercial gas stove. The Applicant is granted a time variance of 120 days in which to install a domestically supplied sprinkler head over the boiler in the basement and to install panic hardware on the cited door(s). The Applicant is granted a variance, based on structural hardship, for the basement stairwell headroom, but will install a caution marker at that location.. The motion was unanimous.

**APPEAL #070145:** Mr. Cezar Ferreira, for the property located at 70 West Street, Barrington. Chief Gerald Bessette appeared for the Barrington Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn, to approve the Applicant's plan of action as agreed to by the AHJ, and grants the Applicant a time variance of thirty days in which to submit all

**necessary plans for approval and an additional 120 days in which to implement this plan. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #070205: Mr. Aaron Glasberg, for the property located at 131 Airport Road in Warwick. ADSFM Peter Marietti appeared for the Warwick Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell, to grant the following relief. The Applicant shall correct any outstanding deficiencies at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Warwick Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Carol Marsella**

**Assistant Administrative Officer**