

**The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met at their headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, Cranston, RI on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Filippi, O'Connell, Jasparro, Jackson, Richard, Preiss and Blackburn. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey and Assistant Administrative Officer Carol Marsella.**

**APPEAL # 050143A : Dr. Joseph L. Rower, for the property located at 148 Social Street, Woonsocket. ADSFM David Beaubien and Fire Alarm Superintendent Albert Blais appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Preiss, to grant the Applicant's requested relief. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #070452: USAA Realty Company, for the property located at 10 Memorial Blvd., Providence. Providence Fire Marshal Anthony DiGiulio appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to approve a one-time change of use for the tenth floor of the G-Tech building for an event which will take place on October 20, 2007 and to approve an additional increase in occupancy from 80 to 150 people for the cocktail reception, with any additional requirements deemed necessary by the Providence Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #070297: Tri City Elks Lodge #14, for the property located at 1915 West Shore Road, Warwick. ADSFM George Potter appeared for the Warwick Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro to grant the Applicant a time variance of 120 days in which to prepare and implement a plan of action to correct the cited deficiency, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Warwick Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #050872: Evelyn's Villa, for the property located at 272 Cowesett Avenue, West Warwick. ADSFM David Pastore appeared for the West Warwick Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Filippi made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance of 120 days in which to correct the cited deficiencies. A variance was granted to maintain the cited tiles, walls, dividers and the vinyl wall at their current rating. A variance was granted to allow the Applicant to maintain the exit from the Valencia room through an egress shared with the kitchen. A variance was granted to allow the basement to maintain one means of egress. A variance was granted to allow the Applicant to maintain the ramp leading from the restaurant into the kitchen pursuant to the installation of non-skid strips and one hand rail. A variance was granted to allow the Applicant to maintain a sprinkler riser in the basement at its current height. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #060159: Ms. Anne Ramsey Cuvelier, for the property**

located at 72 Washington Street, Newport. ADSFM Brad Cronin appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's office. It was determined that the Applicant will return on November 6, 2007 with a plan of action for the correction of the outstanding deficiencies.

**APPEAL #070427:** Ms. Lynn Bannon, for the property located at 5426 Post Road, East Greenwich. ADSFM Susan Hawksley appeared for the East Greenwich Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Preiss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to reinstate a previous variance which allowed this facility not to be sprinklered provided that the third floor of this facility remain vacant and locked at all times. The Applicant is directed to work with the East Greenwich Fire Marshal to establish a plan of action, which may include signage stating the door to the third floor shall be locked at all times, and which may also include the installation of a key box on the door to the third floor. Non-compliance with the directive to keep the third floor vacant and the door locked at all times will void the variance and require the facility to be sprinklered. The motion was unanimous.

**APPEAL #070418:** Jennifer Sapochetti, P.E., for the property located at 172 Meeting Street, Providence. ADSFM George Calise appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant's requested relief based on structural hardship. The motion was unanimous.

**APPEAL #070471: Mr. Michael Wolfson, for the property located at 40 Leander Street, Providence. ADSFM George Calise appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. A motion was made by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to require all new work in this facility to comply with the current codes for new construction. It was determined that the bathroom ducts are not specifically identified in the 15 point plan, and therefore do not fall under the provisions of the 15 point plan. Finally, it was noted that the 15 point plan is structural, not operational and the Applicant is obliged to abide with the provisions of RILSC 31.7. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #050880B: David Golden, Esq. for the property located at 125-129 Canal Street and 5-9 Steeple Street in Providence. ADSFMs Vespia, Fournier and Silva appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Jasparro and Jackson, to grant the following relief. First, the Board approves the immediate opening of the restaurant "New Rivers" which is located within this facility. The previous time variance, November 1, 2007, is upheld for the installation of a sprinkler system and the set-up of a sprinkler system inspection by the Providence Fire Department. A deadline of December 1, 2007 is established for the completion of the inspection of the sprinkler system by the Providence Fire Department. If the sprinkler system is not accepted by the Providence Fire Department on December 1,**

**2007, the third and fourth floor residential units of this facility will be vacated. These two floors may then be re-occupied when the municipal connection is completed. The motion was unanimous.**

**Commissioner Jaspardo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the State of RI relief from plans review fees on seven projects as follows: The State-owned vocational school code renovations, the new RI Training School youth facilities, the new State Police headquarters and E911 facility, the Cranston Street Armory renovations, the Eastman House Group Home replacement, the expansion of the RI State Veteran's Cemetery and the new State Fire Training Academy . The motion was unanimous.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Carol Marsella**

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