

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, November 20, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Pearson, Preiss, Walker, Jackson, Jasparro, Richard, and Blackburn. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini. The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #050156B: Ms. Karliee Dahl, for the property located at 4115 Old Post Road, Charlestown. DSFM Dennis McGarty appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Preiss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn, to grant the applicant a time variance of 45 days from the date that the State Fire Marshal's Office approves the Applicant's fire alarm plans to have the fire alarm system installed and operational. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #070481: Mr. Jack Evans, for the property located at 10 Sunset Avenue, West Warwick. ADSFM David Pastore appeared for the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant a variance in order to allow the use of an off-centered handrail. The Board further granted a variance from the provisions of section 7.2.1.2.4 to allow the Applicant to maintain the width of the cited double doors, provided the applicant changes the hardware on the doors to allow them to operate properly. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #070479: Mr. Michael DiMascio, for the property located at 2000 Post Road, Warwick. DSFM Wade Palazini appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Priess, to grant the applicant a variance for the headroom on the ramp which is located in the baggage claim area. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #070536: Mr. Timothy LaRose, for the property located at 85 Slater Street, Pawtucket. ADSFM Jeffrey Johnson appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the applicant a variance to design an automatic sprinkler system utilizing a single "zone" in lieu of a zone per floor. The motion passed with Commissioner Blackburn recusing himself from the vote.

ADSFM Francis Dunton of the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office requested the definition of a remote shutoff switch and a determination as to whether a remote shutoff switch is required for both oil and gas fired furnaces and boilers. The determination of the Board, on a motion made by Commissioner Filippi and seconded by Commissioner Jackson, was that a remote shutoff switch will be installed outside the unit's compartment for both oil and gas fired furnaces and boilers. The motion was unanimous.

DSFM David Cionfolo of the State Fire Marshal's Office, requested an interpretation of carbon monoxide detection requirements in an assisted living facility. This facility's sleeping areas are heated with electricity, and the rooms have no cooking appliances. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to use the national standard of NFPA 720, which would not require carbon monoxide detection in the above situation. The motion was unanimous.