

## **Fire Safety Code Board**

### **Of Appeal & Review**

#### **Minutes of October 20, 2009 hearing**

**The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met at their headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Coutu, Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Dias, Filippi, Walker, Jasparro, Preiss, Blackburn and Richard. Commissioners Pearson and Jackson were absent from the hearing. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Deputy Director Carol Marsella. The following cases were heard.**

**APPEAL #070036: Ms. Marie McGovern, for the property located at 9 George Street in Cranston. DSFM Christopher Moore appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newbrook, to grant a variance from the provisions of section 17.6.2.4.3. There was no objection by the State Fire Marshal's office, and the motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #090259: Meshanticut Vista Associates, for the property located at 225 New London Avenue in Cranston. ADSFM Glen Bathgate appeared for the Cranston Fire Marshal's office. Attorney Kelly Morris informed the Board members that the engineer's report was not yet completed, so this case was continued to November 17, 2009.**

**APPEAL #070488: Mr. Robert Pritchard, for the property located at 150 Nashua Street in Providence. DSFM Christine Kent appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newbrook, to grant the Applicant the following relief. Since the applicant indicated to the Board that he needed to put this project out to bid, the Applicant is granted a time variance as follows: thirty (30) days to initiate the bid process, a second thirty (30) days to have the plans submitted to and approved by the State Fire Marshal's office, and a further 120 days in which to correct any outstanding deficiencies in this facility, including, but not limited to, the upgrade of the fire alarm system, smoke detection, CO detection, any sprinkler upgrades if required and removal of obstructions in the hallway. The State Fire Marshal's office is granted the authority to extend any of the above time lines for good faith efforts being made by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #070197: Mr. Paul Doughty, for the property located at 150 Nashua Street in Providence. DSFM Octavio Vieira appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office and ADSFM Richard Silva appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Richard and Jasparro, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty days in which to submit his plans for the correction of any outstanding deficiencies to the State Fire Marshal's office and an additional 120 days in which to implement those plans. The State Fire Marshal's office is authorized**

**to extend any of the above time lines for good faith efforts being made by the Applicant. The Applicant is granted a variance, based on structural hardship, for the height of the risers in the basement stairway, and is granted a variance to allow the window located near the fire escape stair to remain in its current configuration. The Applicant is granted a variance, based on security hardship, to allow the lowest rung of the fire escape ladder to be located eight (8) inches from the ground. The Applicant is granted a variance to allow him the option of installing detecto-wire in lieu of heat detection devices above the suspended ceiling. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #090293: Mr. Chris Ladds, for the property located at 9 Greenhouse Road in Kingston. DSFM Wade Palazini appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Preiss made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newbrook, to allow the Applicant to exempt the pump from the elevator sump, provided there is approved detection in the sump. The motion was unanimous.**

**Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to approve the subcommittee recommendations from the 10-15-09 meeting. The motion was unanimous.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Marsella**