

**Fire Safety Code Board  
Of Appeal and Review  
Hearing Minutes for January 5, 2010**

**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, January 5, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Coutu, Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Filippi, Pearson, Jasparro, Preiss, Dias and Walker. Commissioners Jackson, Blackburn and Richard were absent. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey and Deputy Director Carol Marsella. The following cases were heard.**

**APPEAL #090392: Mr. Jeffrey Hodess, for the property located at 604 Park Avenue in Cranston. ADSFM Glenn Bathgate appeared for the Cranston Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to grant the Applicant's request for a variance from the provisions of section 5.7.3.2.4(b)(2) due to the varying pocket dimensions in the cited beam pockets. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #090382: Terrapin Properties, for the property located at 3415 Mendon Road in Cumberland. ADSFM Claude LaFlamme appeared for the Cumberland Hill Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to grant the Applicant a variance from the provisions of**

**section 30.2.4.1, allowing egress through the enclosed stairway. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #070391: Sakonnet Point Club, for the property located at 60 Bluff Head Avenue, Little Compton. ADSFM Donald Medeiros and ADSFM Randy Watt appeared for the Little Compton Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Preiss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to grant a variance to allow the cited fire pump installation to remain in its current configuration, and to require that the system be certified by a Rhode Island registered engineer that the system has been installed according to the manufacturer's specifications. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #090341: Mr. William Connerton, for the property located at 21-23 Brinley Street in Newport. ADSFM Ray Gomes appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newbrook, to grant the following relief. The Applicant is granted a time variance of thirty days in which to submit plans to the Newport Fire Marshal's office for the installation of a smoke curtain on the cited exit stairwell. The Applicant is granted an additional 120 days in which to implement that plan of action. The applicant is granted a variance to maintain the cited paneled doors and a variance on the remoteness of exit stairwells. The Applicant is granted a variance, based on structural hardship, for items 4, 12, 13 and 15.**

**The Applicant is directed to remove the deadbolts and change the**

**locking system on the front doors. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #080308: Mr. Noel Sanchez, for the property located at 445-447 Broadway in Providence. ADSFM Chris Dillon and ADSFM Ray Pacheco appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson and Vice Chairman Newbrook to grant the Applicant a variance to allow him to install a domestically supplied sprinkler system protecting the means of egress of this facility. The Applicant is granted a time variance of thirty days in which to submit plans for the above system to the Providence Fire Marshal's office and an additional 120 days in which to implement those plans. The Providence Fire Marshal's Office is granted the authority to extend the above deadline for good faith efforts on the part of the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #090351: The Center for Individualized Training and Education, for the property located at 15 Bough Street in Providence. ADSFM Lisa Krapf and ADSFM Christopher Dillon appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Jasparro made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty days to prepare and present a plan of action to the Providence Fire Marshal's office for the correction of all outstanding deficiencies and an additional 120 days in which to implement those plans. The Providence Fire Marshal's Office is granted the authority to extend the above deadline for good faith**

efforts on the part of the Applicant. The Applicant is granted a variance to be allowed to have the kitchen hood filters only once per year unless the Providence Fire Marshal determines otherwise. The Applicant is granted a variance to maintain the janitor's closet on the second floor provided there is no storage in the closet. The Applicant is granted a variance based on structural hardship for the corridor that does not meet the minimum width and for the undetermined fire resistance rating of the corridor. The motion was unanimous.

**APPEAL #090397:** Providence Place Cinemas, for the property located at 10 Providence Place Mall, Providence. DSFM David Cionfalo appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office and ADSFM Timothy Lutz appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to approve the Applicant's plan of action for paid firefighter details at the facility, said plan to be reviewed by the parties in three months. The motion was unanimous.

**APPEAL #070161:** Mr. Michael D. Bannon, for the property located at 140 Ten Rod Road in North Kingstown. ADSFM Gordon Walsh appeared for the North Kingstown Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newbrook, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty days in which to submit plans to the North Kingstown Fire Marshal's office for the correction of all outstanding deficiencies in this facility, with an additional 120 days in which to make those corrections. The motion was unanimous.

**APPEAL #080031: Habanero Properties LLC, for the property located at 95, 99, 105 Frenchtown Road in North Kingstown. ADSFM Gordon Walsh appeared for the North Kingstown Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Dias and Filippi to grant the Applicant a time variance of fifteen days in which to install the required fire extinguishers in this facility. The Applicant is granted a time variance of thirty days in which to submit plans to the North Kingstown Fire Marshal for the correction of all other outstanding deficiencies in this facility and an additional 120 days in which to implement those plans. The North Kingstown Fire Marshal is authorized to extend any of the above deadlines for good faith efforts being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Carol Marsella**