

Fire Safety Code Board

Of Appeal and Review

Hearing Minutes for the meeting of March 23, 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, March 23, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Coutu, Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Pearson, Preiss, Filippi, Richard, Jasparro, Walker and Dias. Commissioners Jackson and Blackburn were absent. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini. The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #100049: Mr. Steven Kile, for the property located at 485 Angell Street, Providence. ADSFM Timothy Lutz appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to grant the applicant a variance in order to be allowed to maintain a single means of egress from the basement of this facility. There was no objection from the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #100014: Mr. Steven Kile for the property located at 670 North Main Street, Providence. DSFM Paul Manning appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office and ADSFM Brian Kreizinger appeared for

the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to accept the Applicant's plan of action as presented to the board. There was no objection from the Providence Fire Marshal's Office or the State Fire Marshal's Office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #100057: Mr. Gary Beaune, for the property located at 60 School Street, North Smithfield. ADSFM Brian Gartland appeared for the North Smithfield Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioner Pearson, to grant a variance for the dimensions of the rescue windows on the basis of structural hardship. The North Smithfield Fire Marshal's Office had no objection. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #100035, 070190, 070191, 100036, 100037, 100038, 100039: Mr. Eric Cote, for the property located at 24 Salt Pond Road, Wakefield for buildings A, B, C, D, E, F and H. ADSFM Christopher Hiener appeared for the Union Fire District Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Preiss, to grant the applicant a time variance until March 30, 2012 in which to bring the fire alarm and sprinkler systems into full compliance. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance until March 30, 2010 to correct the emergency lighting and exit signage in these facilities. The Applicant is directed to ensure that all fire extinguishers installed within the units are maintained. The applicant

will ensure that all exits doors with dead bolts will be unlocked when buildings are occupied. The Board advised the Applicant that the key access box must be installed by April 30, 2010. The Union Fire District Fire Marshal's Office had no objection. The Union Fire District Fire Marshal's Office is authorized to extend any of the above deadlines for good faith efforts shown by the applicant. The motion passed with Commissioner Dias opposing the vote.

Formal Interpretation of the Fire Code:

Narragansett Fire Marshal's Office requested an interpretation regarding a small enclosed elevated room accessed by a stairwell. The Narragansett Fire Marshal's Office indicated that if it is considered a "story" the applicant will be required by code to add a sprinkler system to this facility. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Walker and Richard, to grant a variance allowing the "widow's walk" not to be defined as a "story". The motion was unanimous.

**Respectfully submitted,
Desiree Campanini**