

## **Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review**

**Subcommittee Meeting held on March 30, 2010**

**A Subcommittee of the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at their headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, Cranston, RI on March 30, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. Subcommittee members present were Vice Chairman Newbrook, Commissioner Jasparro and Commissioner Richard. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.**

**The subcommittee recommendations will be reported back to the full board for its consideration at its April 6, 2010 meeting.**

**APPEAL #090395: Mr. Mario Cimarelli, for the property located at 27 Mill Street, Johnston. ADSFM Matarese appeared for the Johnston Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Jasparro made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a variance on the basis of structural hardship for the means of egress width requirements throughout the building. The applicant was granted a time variance of thirty (30) days to bring the following issues into compliance. Item #2 all combustible materials must be removed from building's means of egress. Item #3 the applicant must correct the non-rated doors in the means of egress by installing the proper hardware and by correcting the swing of the doors. Item #5 the Applicant must install the proper illumination in the means of**

egress throughout the building. Item #6 the Applicant must correct the inadequate emergency lighting throughout the building. Item #10 the Applicant must provide the interior walls and ceilings with a flame retardant spread. The Applicant shall ensure that the heating equipment in the jewelry shop on the second floor has the proper ventilation, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Johnston Fire Marshal's Office. Item #9 the Board granted the Applicant a time variance of fifteen (15) days to remove all storage from the electrical and boiler rooms. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to design a plan for the fire alarm system for approval by the Johnston Fire Marshal's Office and 120 days in which to install the fire alarm and also to correct any other deficiencies deemed necessary by the Johnston Fire Marshal's Office. The Johnston Fire Marshal's Office had no objection. The Johnston Fire Marshal's Office is authorized to extend any of the above deadlines for good faith efforts being made by the applicant. The motion was unanimous.

**Appeal #070276:** Ms. Karen Day, for the property located at 138 East Main Road, Middletown. DSFM Eric Kiernan appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office and ADSFM Thomas Karpovitz appeared for the Middletown Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to accept the plan for compliance presented by the parties, which would allow this facility to be brought into compliance in a multi-phase process. The motion was unanimous.

**Appeal #070116: Mr. Viegphet Phiuphonphan, for the property located at 45 Ross Street, Woonsocket. ADSFM Francis Dunton appeared for Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. The Woonsocket Fire Marshal requested that the Board reschedule this hearing due to the absence of the applicant's interpreter. No action was taken at this time. The hearing will be rescheduled.**

**Appeal #070381: Mr. Mark Mayewski, for the property located at 723-729 Bernon Street, Woonsocket. ADSFM Francis Dunton appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Jsparro made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to provide the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office with a plan of action the for correction of all outstanding deficiencies and an additional 120 days in which to bring this facility into full compliance. The Woonsocket Fire Marshal had no objection. The Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office is authorized to extend the above deadlines for good faith efforts being shown by the applicant. The motion was unanimous.**

**Appeal #0700386: Mr. Frank King, for the property located at 56 Hazel Street, Woonsocket. ADSFM Francis Dunton appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jsparro, to grant the Applicant a time variance of sixty (60) days in which to bring this facility into full compliance at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Woonsocket**

**Fire Marshal's Office. The motion was unanimous.**

**Appeal #070387: Mr. Frank King, for the property located at 640 Social Street, Woonsocket. ADSFM Francis Dunton appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to grant the Applicant a time variance of sixty (60) days to bring this facility into full compliance at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. The motion was unanimous.**

**Old Business:**

**Appeal #060742: Chief of Inspections Jonathan DePault of the Department of Administration, for the property located at 2 Capitol Hill, Providence. Chief of Inspections Scott Caron and Chief Plan Reviewer Wade Palazini appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. The parties have returned to the Board to request clarification of relief granted in a previous decision. The Applicant and State Fire Marshal's Office presented plan of action to address the following deficiencies. First, the elevator will be rendered as inoperable from the basement to the first, second and third levels. The Applicant is required to seal off the elevator shaft from inside of the shaft with one (1) hour construction. Second: Capitol Police presence will be maintained in the main lobby at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's Office. Third: the Board granted relief from the continuity of existing construction on the floor and ceiling**

**assemblies in the stairwell towers. Fourth: the Applicant must maintain the existing fire rating of the corridors. Any type of penetration will be sealed off. The existing historical doors will be maintained. Finally the Board granted relief to have the downstairs lobby enclosed with glass to create smoke barriers.**