

Fire Safety Code Board

Of Appeal and Review

March 6, 2012

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday March 6, 2012. Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Dias, Pearson, Jasparro, Jackson, Sylvester, Burlingame, Blackburn and Richard. Commissioner Walker was absent. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

The following cases were heard:

APPEAL # 090117A: Mr. Albert Conti, for the property located at 410 Gooseberry Road, South Kingstown. ADSFM Christopher Hiener appeared for the Union Fire District Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to grant the Applicant a time variance until May of 2012 to install a hood suppression system over his fry-o-laters and to provide this facility with type (K) fire extinguishers. The Union Fire District Fire Marshal's Office has the authority to extend the above deadline if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #080127C: Renova Lighting Systems, Inc., for the property located at 15 Wellstown Road, Ashaway. ADSFM John Woodward appeared for the Ashaway Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Jackson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to accept the Applicant's plan of action to bring this facility into full compliance with the fire code. The motion passed with Commissioners Blackburn, Burlingame, Pearson and Dias opposing the vote and Commissioner Richard abstaining.

APPEAL #090281: Ms. Melissa Tourgee, for the property located at 680 Newport Avenue, Pawtucket. DSFM Cynthia Dehler appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a variance to maintain the twenty-minute rated door between the church and the church business offices. The motion passed with Commissioner Burlingame opposing the vote and Commissioner Blackburn abstaining.

APPEAL #120017: O'Hearne Associates, for the property located at Davisville Road and Romano Way, North Kingstown. DSFM Wade Palazini appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to grant the Applicant a variance to limit the occupancy load to 720 people for this facility. The motion passed with Commissioner Burlingame opposing the vote and Commissioner Pearson abstaining.

APPEAL # 120013: Mr. Gary Grimmer, for the property located at 805 Alton Carolina Road, Charlestown. DSFM Kaitlyn Foley appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the State Fire Marshal's Office for the correction of all outstanding deficiencies in this facility and an additional 150 days to implement that plan. The State Fire Marshal's Office has the authority to extend the above deadlines if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion passed with Commissioner Burlingame and Commissioner Blackburn opposing the vote.

APPEAL #110206: Mr. Frank DiBiase, Jr., for the property located at 51 Spring Street, New Shoreham, (Main Building). Deputy State Fire Marshals Cynthia Dehler and Kaitlyn Foley appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairperson Filippi recused herself from consideration of this case. The Board was advised by the State Fire Marshal's Office that this facility was in compliance. A motion was made by Commissioner Dias, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to close this file. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL 110207: Mr. Frank DiBiase, Jr., for the property located at 51 Spring Street, New Shoreham, (Barn). Deputy State Fire Marshals Cynthia Dehler and Kaitlyn Foley appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairperson Filippi recused herself from

consideration of this case. Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, that this facility must remain vacant until it is brought into full compliance with the fire code. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #090030: Ms. Sandra Greco, for the property located at 240 Central Avenue, Pawtucket. DSFM Albert Heroux appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard and Vice Chairperson Filippi, to grant the Applicant a variance on the basis of structural hardship on the width and the headroom issues on the third floor stairs and the second floor rear stairs within this facility. The Board granted the Applicant a variance on the basis of structural hardship on the winders on the second floor rear stairs of this facility. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of sixty (60) days to paint the wood paneling in the basement of this facility with a Class A or B rated finish. The Board granted the Applicant a variance for the basement's second means of egress due to the limited use of this area. The Board also granted the Applicant a variance in the attic space due to the limited storage in this area. The motion passed with Commissioner Burlingame opposing the vote.

APPEAL #090369: Parkview Associates, for the property located at 31 Parade Street, Providence. DSFM Albert Heroux appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to grant the Applicant a

variance to maintain its construction type with a limited number of wheelchair patients on each floor of this facility. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action for the installation of a kitchen hood and duct system and an additional 150 days to implement that plan, with the State Fire Marshal's Office having the authority to extend the above deadlines if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The Board granted the Applicant a variance to maintain the fire escape in this facility. The motion passed with Commissioner Jackson abstaining from the vote

Correspondence:

APPEAL #080343: Scott J. Parrington, Esq., requesting an extension from a previous decision for the property located at 427 Wood Avenue, Woonsocket. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant's request for a time extension of thirty (30) days from the previous decision. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

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