

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 12, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Dias, Walker, Pearson, Blackburn and Sylvester. Commissioners Burlingame, Jackson, Jasparro and Richard were absent. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #130018: Pastor Steven Gomes, for the property located at 639-641 Cranston Street, Providence. ADSFM Susan Hawksley appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to grant the Applicant a variance to allow a sleeping area on the second floor of this facility. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130010: Raven Realty LLC, for the property located at 396 Gibbs Avenue, Newport. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to grant the applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Newport Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a house meter for the fire alarm system and to paint both side of the egress door with a Class A flame spread paint and an additional (150) days to implement

that plan, with the Newport Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130017: Kirby-Perkins Construction, for the property located at 24 Memorial Boulevard, Newport. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioner Pearson to table item # 1 which will allow the Applicant time to work out a plan of action with the Newport Fire Marshal's Office to address the exterior walls of the wood frame addition with suitable separation for the assembly area on the second floor of this facility. The Board granted a variance which will allow the Applicant to install a smoke curtain with detection on one side of the smoke curtain within the stairway opening of the second floor. The motion passed with Commissioners Blackburn and Sylvester opposing the vote.

APPEAL #130011: Mr. Patrick Smith, for the property located at 7 Continental Street, Narragansett. ADSFM James Given appeared for the Narragansett Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to grant the Applicant a time variance of fourteen (14) days from the date of this hearing to install battery operated smoke alarms in all the apartment units of this facility. The Board also granted the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the

Narragansett Fire Marshal's Office to bring this facility into full compliance with the fire code and an additional (150) days to implement that plan. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #120006A: 56 Associates, for the property located at 5 Hill Street, Pawtucket. DSFM Paul Manning appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to grant the Applicant a variance for structural hardship based on the Applicant's engineer's review of the parking garage and the business floor ceiling assembly and the roof on the first and second floor. The Board reaffirms a time variance from a previous decision of sixty (60) days to submit a plan of action to the State Fire Marshal's Office that will allow the Applicant to address the sprinkler design to ensure that it is appropriate for the current level of hazard pursuant to review by the Applicant's engineer and an additional (150) days to implement that plan, also allowing the State Fire Marshal's Office the authority to extend above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

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