

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, April 30, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Dias, Pearson, Jasparro, Sylvester, Blackburn and Richard. Commissioners Walker, Burlingame and Jackson were absent. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #130035: Ms. Dawn Vandal, for the property located at 100 Wampanoag Trail, East Providence. DSFM Thomas Dettore appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to grant the Applicant a variance to allow the Applicant to be permitted to maintain the use of the dead-end corridor. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #120039A: Mr. Kenneth Johnson, Sr., for the property located at 10 Boswell Trail, Foster. DSFM Michael Macaruso and DSFM Christine Kent appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Jasparro made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to grant the Applicant a variance to shut down his fire alarm system due to seasonal occupancy. The Board advised the Applicant prior to the re-opening of his business he must have a fire alarm company test the fire alarm system to ensure it is 100% operational.

Prior to closing for the season the Applicant must follow the same procedure as the re-opening of this facility. The Board advised the Applicant they must have their fire alarm company forward fire alarm test reports to the State Fire Marshal's Office for their records. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130034: Ocean House Hotel Partners, for the property located at 40 First Street, Westerly. DSFM Christine Kent appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to grant the Applicant a variance to maintain the current configuration of the pull station in this facility. The Board also granted the Applicant a variance to maintain the local fire alarm system in this facility, with the conditions that only the employees are allowed to occupy the Ocean House Hotel. The State Fire Marshal's Office objected to the granting of this variance. The Board advised the Applicant there will be no grills on any of the decks of this facility. The motion passed with Commissioners Pearson, Jasparro and Richard opposing the vote.

APPEAL #130036: Newport Hangers LLC, for the property located at 311 Oliphant Lane Middletown. DSFM Wade Palazini appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to grant the Applicant's request for a variance from constructing a two (2) hour fire resistance rated barrier in the storage area of this facility. The motion passed with Commissioners Blackburn and Richard opposing the vote.

APPEAL #130037: Mr. Edwin Pacheco, for the property located at 35 Swiss Street, Providence. ADSFM Timothy Lutz and ADSFM Richard Vespia appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester to accept the Applicant's plan of action that has been approved by the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. The Board also granted the Applicant a time variance of three (3) years to install a sprinkler system in this facility, with the Providence Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

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