

Fire Safety Code Board

Of Appeal and Review

June 18, 2013

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 June 18, 2013 at 1:00 pm. Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Booth, Jackson, Thornton, Sylvester, Blackburn, Burlingmae and Richard. Commissioners Walker and Pearson were absent. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Deputy Director Carol Marsella.

The following cases were heard:

APPEAL #130072: Atlas Pallet Corp., for the property located at 50 Old Mill Street, Harrisville. ADSFM Mainville appeared for the Harrisville Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Booth recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to grant the Applicant a variance to not install a door on the second floor landing, based upon structural hardship, and pursuant to any safeguards deemed necessary by the Harrisville Fire Marshal's Office. The Board grants the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to prepare and submit a plan of action for the correction of any outstanding

deficiencies within this facility, and an additional 150 days to implement that plan. The Harrisville Fire Marshal may extend the above timelines for good faith efforts being demonstrated by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130048: Ms. Nancy Kim, for the property located at 42 River Avenue, Providence. ADSFM Keith Maine appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to present the required plans to the Providence Building Official's Office and to prepare and submit a plan of action to the Providence Fire Marshal's Office for the correction of deficiencies 1 through 5 of the March 4, 2013 inspection report. The Applicant is further granted an additional 150 days in which to implement that plan, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. The Providence Fire Marshal may extend the time granted for the correction of the fire code deficiencies for good faith efforts being demonstrated by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130057: Sophia Academy, for the property located at 582 Elmwood Avenue, Providence. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals Richard Vespia and Timothy Lutz appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to approve the Applicant's requested variances, including, but not limited to, the location of the cited

handicapped lift, with certain requirements and restrictions, including the re-swing of a cited door, a two-hour shaft wall, rated construction and the installation of a natural gas detector in a closet within the basement enclosure of Stair S-2. The motion passed over the objections of Commissioner Richard and Vice Chairperson Filippi. This file is to remain open.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Marsella