

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, November 5, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Booth, Pearson, Thornton, Jackson, Richard, Blackburn, Burlingame and Sylvester. Chairman Newbrook and Commissioner Walker were absent from the hearing. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #130159: Mr. Charles Frizado, Jr., for the property located at 549 Metacom Avenue, Bristol. Chief of Inspections Scott Caron appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Chief Robert Martin and ADSFM Frank Sousa appeared for the Bristol Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Jackson and Booth, to grant the Applicant a variance from the provisions of NFPA 1 section 50.6, provided the Applicant relocates the wood smoker away from the facility. The motion passed with Commissioner Burlingame opposing the vote.

APPEAL #130161: Mr. Glenn Dumas, for the property located at 1016 Mineral Spring Avenue, North Providence. DSFM Cynthia Dehler appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard 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 installation of a fire alarm system and the correction of any other deficiencies deemed necessary to bring this facility into compliance with the fire code and an additional 150 days to implement that plan. The Board granted the State Fire Marshal's Office the authority to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The Board directed the Applicant to immediately remove the air conditioner installed in the window leading to the fire escape. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130178: Mr. Mario Mancebo, for the property located at 938-940 Chalkstone Avenue, Providence. ASDFM Carmine Vita and ADSFM Keith Maine appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to grant the Applicant a variance from installing emergency forces notification, due the limited business occupancy of the first floor and with no commercial cooking on the first floor. The Applicant must maintain the existing local fire alarm in this facility. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #100058A: Saint Michael's County Day School, for the property located at 180 Rhode Island Avenue, Newport (Mason House). ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to grant the Applicant a variance based on structural hardship on the first floor north corridor width that doesn't

meet the requirement of the fire code. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of ninety (90) days to bring this facility into full compliance with the fire code. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #100066A: Saint Michael's County Day School, for the property located at 180 Rhode Island Avenue, Newport (Hill House). ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn, to grant the Newport Fire Marshal's Office the authority to work out a plan of action and timetable with the Applicant to remove the storage(tables, chairs and other items) blocking the main entrance of this facility. The motion was unanimous.

Correspondence:

Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton to accept the amendment to the Board's 7-17-13 decision for the property located at 659 Bellevue Avenue in Newport (File#130114).

Respectfully submitted

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