

The Joint Committee on the Rehabilitation Building and Fire Code for Existing Buildings and Structures met in Conference Room 109 located at 260 West Exchange Street, Providence, RI on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at 2:30 PM. Present were Vice Chairman William Howe, and Commissioners Coutu, Preiss, Burlingame, Blackburn and Gagnon. Also present were Executive Secretary Thomas Coffey, Esq. and Assistant Administrative Officer Carol Marsella. The following appeals were considered.

Appeal #R050004A: Mr. Jeffrey Caplin for the property located at 200 Allens Avenue, Providence. ADSFM George Calise appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office and Mr. Peter Casali for the Providence Building Commissioner's office. Commissioner Preiss recused himself from consideration of this case. On the issue of 3B construction, Commissioner Gagnon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn, to recognize the building as 3B construction. The motion carried. On the second issue, Commissioner Burlingame made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Coutu, to grant the Applicant a variance to allow a restaurant to operate on the fourth floor of this building, provided that there is protection of the structural steel. The motion carried. On the third issue, Commissioner Gagnon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn, to grant a variance for headroom in the storage mezzanine. The motion carried. On the fourth issue, Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gagnon, to approve the head room issue for the cited

new door, pending the relocation of the vent pipe and the installation of appropriate signage, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Providence Fire Marshal's office. The motion carried. On the last issue, Commissioner Gagnon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn, to allow the cited book storage on the 5th story, provided there is installed a compliant spiral stair. The motion carried.

Appeal #R060011: Hughes Associates, for the property located at 144 Thayer Street, Providence. ADSFM George Calise appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioners Blackburn and Burlingame recused themselves from consideration of this case. Commissioner Coutu made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gagnon, to grant the Applicant's requested variances, provided that the building's sprinkler system is deemed as a required system and that the Applicant provides a telephone in the elevator vestibule with direct contact to Brown University security on a 24 hour basis. The motion carried.

Appeal #R060010: Hughes Associates, for the property located at 71-73 Charlesfield Street, Providence. ADSFM George Calise appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioners Blackburn and Burlingame recused themselves from consideration of this case. It was determined that the Applicant will return to the Board on May 9, 2006 with an alternative plan of action.

Respectfully submitted,

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