

The Joint Committee on the Rehabilitation Building and Fire Code for Existing Buildings and Structures met at their headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, Cranston, RI on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Coutu, Vice Chairman Turner and Commissioners Gagnon, Newbrook, Jackson, Preiss, Blackburn and Richard. Also present were Executive Secretary Thomas Coffey and Assistant Administrative Officer Carol Marsella. The following appeals were considered.

APPEAL #R080002: Mr. Mark Stenning, for the property located at 194 Bellevue Avenue in Newport. The Newport Fire Marshal's office did not attend, but by letter dated March 4, 2008, ADSFM Bradford Cronin indicated that his office did not object to the issuance of a time variance for the installation of a sprinkler system in this facility. Vice Chairman Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, to approve the Applicant's plan of action for Phases 1, 2 and 3 for the installation of a fire suppression system at the west end of the building complex with no occupancy limit for the Theater Building, the an occupancy limit of less than 300 until the sprinkler coverage in the Curt Tennis Building is complete and occupancy of no more than as required for service or maintenance until a sprinkler system is installed in the Theater Building. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #R0800045: Brown University, for the property located at 69 Brown Street, Providence. ADSFM Timothy Lutz appeared for the

Providence Fire Marshal's office and Building Inspector David Rodio appeared for the Providence Building Official's office. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to approve the Applicant's requested variance, pursuant to the plan of action presented to the Board. There was no objection by the Providence Fire Marshal's office nor the Providence Building's office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #R080003: Ms. Marie Deschenes, for the property located at 68 South Main Street in Woonsocket (Building B). ADSFM David Beaubien appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Gagnon abstained from voting on this matter. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, to approve the Applicant's plan of action for the third floor of this building. The Applicant was granted 180 days in which to upgrade the fire alarm and sprinkler systems in building 2, and grants the AHJ the authority to issue a temporary certificate of occupancy for the third floor when the means of egress is in place to the AHJ's satisfaction. The Applicant is further directed to block off the cited window in Building B. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #R080001: Mr. Jeffrey Lykins, for the property located at 54 Custom House Street in Providence. The Providence Fire Marshal's office indicated that they were not prepared to present any testimony at this hearing, and asked for a postponement until the next

scheduled Rehab Board hearing. The Applicant is directed to return to the Rehab Board on April 8, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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