

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, June 17, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Coutu and Commissioners 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 #R080010: Mr. Joseph Dalomba, for the property located at 275 Thayer Street in Providence. ADSFM Timothy Lutz appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, to grant the following relief. The Applicant's request for variance is granted, provided he sprinkles the basement and the egress system, reconstructs the single exit from the basement, and limits the occupancy of the basement, where there will be not assembly occupancy. All corrections will be made at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Providence Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #R080011: Ms. Anne D. Holst for the property located at 4157 Post Road, Warwick. ADSFM George Potter appeared for the Warwick Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the following relief. Regarding the cited existing plaster and wood finishes, they

are considered to be of equivalent construction, and no variance is needed. Regarding the doors within the stair hall, the situation may be maintained provided closers are installed on the cited doors. A variance is granted for the openings into the cited existing vertical shaft enclosures. A variance is granted to allow the current separation between occupancies. A variance is granted to allow the Applicant not to provide the guards in the 2nd floor landings in both existing stairhalls, structural hardship. Regarding accessibility requirements, the Applicant is granted a time variance in which to install permanent accessibility features in this facility, and a variance to maintain temporary access features as considered appropriate and allowable by the building official. The AHJ is authorized to allow the extension of this variance for good faith efforts shown. The applicant is granted a variance allowing her the ability to maintain the existing means of egress, there being no objection by the Warwick Fire Marshal's office. A variance is granted from the provisions of sections 904.6, 904.7.1, 904.8 and 904.8.2, there being no objection from the AHJ. The Applicant is allowed to eliminate the horn strobes in the museum bedrooms. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #R080009: Mr. ZaeV Nirnberg, for the property located at 228 Main Street, Pawtucket. ADSFM Jeff Johnson appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's office. This matter was continued until the July 2008 hearing. No action was taken at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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