

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, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 2:30 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Stillings, Richard, Blackburn, Pimental, Pearson and Turner. Vice Chairman Nash and Commissioners Preiss and Jackson were absent. Also present were Executive Secretary Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #R130002: Mr. Eric Army, AIA, for the property located at 100 Weybosset Street, 92 and 98 Dorrance Street, Providence. ADSFM Timothy Lutz and ADSFM Christopher Dillon appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Building Official Tony Carvalho appeared for the Providence Building Official's Office. Commissioner Pimental made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to accept the applicant's plan of action, with the stipulation that the occupancy load of 292 people must be posted at all times. The Applicant cannot make any changes to the posted occupancy without notifying the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #R130003: Highlander Charter School, for the property located 65 Atlantic Street, Providence. ADSFM Susan Hawksley appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Building Official

Tony Carvalho appeared for the Providence Building Official's Office. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Stillings, to grant the Applicant a variance to maintain the existing fire escape to be used as a second means of egress with the stipulation from the Providence Fire Marshal's Office that the Applicant's engineer is to certify in writing that the existing fire escape is in good repair and can handle the weight of persons escaping. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance to use this facility on a temporary basis with a limited occupancy of ten (10) people in this facility at one time and to correct any other outstanding deficiencies in this facility deemed necessary by the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #R130004: Patterson Realty Group, for the property located at 63-73 Patterson Avenue, Pawtucket. ADSFM Robert Thurber appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office. Building Official John Hanley appeared for the Pawtucket Building Official's Office. Chairman Newbrook recused himself from consideration of this case. The Board was advised that the Applicant plans to provide this facility with three (3) upgraded separation walls in order to eliminate the requirement for sprinkler coverage. The Applicant is returning on May 21, 2013 to address additional issues. Commissioner Pearson made motion, seconded by Commissioner Pimental to accept the Applicant's plan of action. The motion passed.

APPEAL #120004A: Mr. Ben Cerilli, for the property located at 126

Washington Street, Providence. ADSFM Timothy Lutz and ADSFM Richard Vespia appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Building Official Tony Carvalho appeared for the Providence Building Official's Office. Commissioner Pimental made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant's request for variances based on structural hardship. The Providence Fire Marshal's Office had no objection to the above variances based on structural hardship, and notes that the building has additional safeguards of sprinkler and municipal fire alarm system coverage in this facility. The motion passed with Commissioner Blackburn recusing himself from this case.

Respectfully submitted

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