

STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE (C&S)

Wednesday, June 10, 2020 – 1:00 PM (Teams-online)

[Instructions for attending the meeting can be found at the end of the agenda]

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ATTENDANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2020 MEETING

4. COMMUNICATIONS:

SUBJECT & DATE RECEIVED	FROM – TO	DESCRIPTION
a. Correspondence Received 03/10/20	Office of the State Fire Marshal C&S	A-19-19 Received Modification Worksheet. Decision: Acceptable (see item #i below for details) ACTION: _____ _____
b. Request for Appeal Received 06/03/20	Brad DeMotte, R.A. C&S	A-03-20 Request for Appeal RE: Universal Church, 261 Main Street, Danbury, CT – denial of Section 1004.1 of the 2015 IEBC, to not allow a change of occupancy as described, is based on the fact that the change of occupancy is to a higher hazard and the travel distance to the single exit is too great, creating a hazard for the occupants. ACTION: _____ _____

5) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Codes Amendment Subcommittee (CAS) (Free) –
- b) Ethics/Procedural Regulations Subcommittee (Harwood) –

6) OLD BUSINESS

7) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Staff Report
 - i) Joseph Cassidy, State Building Inspector –
 - ii) William Abbott, State Fire Marshal –
 - iii) Jenna Padula, Staff Counsel –
- b) Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Harwood & Sinsigalli) –

- c) **Training Councils**
 - i) **Building Code Training Council (Musco) –**
 - ii) **Fire Marshal Training Council (Harwood) –**
- d) **Report on Bills (Cassidy) –**

8) **APPEAL HEARINGS**

- a) **A-04-19** Request for Appeal received 3/14/19 from Bill Disiero, Centennial Real Estate RE: [1201 Boston Post Road, Milford, CT (M-69-19)]. Denial of Section 907, of the 2012 IBC portion of the 2016 SBC, which sets forth requirements for “*Emergency Voice/Alarm Communication Systems in malls*” in which proposed to not have the required alarm system within the mall to trip Dave & Busters Fire Alarm System. Panel assigned: Mike Sinsigalli, Panel Chair, Glenn Nielson, Panel, Lou Free, Panel, and Donald Harwood (alternate). Hearing scheduled, Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 11:00a.m.-2 North Conference Room B. Received Request for Continuance from Sara A. Sharp, Esq., Hurwitz Sagarin Slossberg & Knuff, LLC on 5/31/19. Panel Granted Continuance. Hearing rescheduled, Wednesday, 11/13/19 @ 9:00 a.m., 2N Room B. 10/28/19 Appellant requested a continuance of the hearing. Panel granted continuance. Hearing rescheduled Wednesday, 12/18/19 @ 10:00a.m., 13 North Room A. Panel continued hearing to Wednesday, 3/11/20 @ 10:00am, 2 NB Room B. Request for continuance on 3/2/20. Granted. Hearing continued to May 13, 2020. **Due to Covid-19 epidemic, hearing continued until further notice. Will rescheduled at next C&S Meeting. Hold on agenda.**
- b) **A-05-19** Request for Appeal received 5/15/19 from Raymond Pietrorazio, Representative, OXC Airport/Power Plant, Town of Middlebury - RE: [CPV Towantic LLC, 16 Woodruff Hill Road, Oxford, CT]. RE: CT Fire Safety Code Section(s) under appeal: NFPA-54 and NFPA-56. And CT Building Code Section(s) under appeal: Section, 104.1, 105.1, NFPA-54 and NFPA-56. Referred to State Fire Marshal. State Fire Marshal still actively working with Appellant. **State Fire Marshal contacted the State’s Attorney. Hold on agenda.**
- c) **A-09-19 Request for** Appeal received 6/21/19 from Robert W. Hall, Jr., Director of Facility Support Services, Gaylord Specialty Healthcare (Lyman Building): RE: 50 Gaylord Farm, Road, Wallingford CT. RE: Denial of relief from Part IV, Section 7.2.1.4.2(2) of the 2018 Connecticut State Fire Safety Code - to permit the door to the existing Exit Stair Enclosure STR-L101 (said to be used as a convenience stair between the Floor Levels 1, and 2) to swing opposing the direction of egress travel at Floor Level 1, within an existing Two Story Health Care Occupancy. Panel assigned: Keith Flood, (Chair); David McKinley (panel); Henry Miga (panel) and Carlton Smith (alternate). Hearing scheduled: Wednesday, 12/11/19 @ 11:00 a.m., 2N Room B. Hearing held. Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (3/11/20) **Decision was mailed out on 3/16/20.**
- d) **A-10-19 Request for Appeal received 6/27/19 from** 860 Main Street, LLC - Estate of John Gramegna, Managing Member: RE: 860 Main Street, East Hartford, CT RE: Connecticut Fire Safety Code(s). Referred to State Fire Marshal for investigation. State Fire Marshal unable to reach a resolution with Appellant. 11/29/19 received site visit and assessment report from OSFM. Panel assigned: Keith Flood (Chair); Mike Sinsigalli (panel); Don Harwood (panel); William Zoeller (alternate). Hearing scheduled: Wednesday, 12/18/18 @ 9:00a.m., 13 North Room A. 12/11/19 Appellant requested continuance of hearing. Panel granted hearing – continued to Thursday, 2/6/20 @ 10:00am, 13 NB

Room A. 2/3/20 Appellant requested a 60-Day Continuance: Panel Granted. **Due to Covid-19 epidemic, hearing continued until further notice. Will rescheduled at next C&S Meeting.**

- e) **A-12-19 Request for Appeal received 9/3/19** from Richard Leighton, R.E. Leighton & Associates, RE: Appeal of the Local Fire Marshal Ivoryton (Essex), Connecticut. RE: Ivory Key, LLC, [158 Main Street, Ivoryton (Essex), CT]. Referred to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Communications are ongoing with State Fire Marshal and Appellant. State Fire Marshal is currently working on the report for the Committee. 12/13/19 received OSFM site visit and assessment report. Panel assigned: Keith Flood, Chair; Mike Sinsigalli, Panel; Fred Wajcs, Panel; Henry Miga, Alternate. Hearing scheduled Thursday, February 6, 2020 @ 11:00a.m. 13 North Room A. **Hearing continued and referred to the Office of the State Building Inspector. Hold on agenda.**
- f) **A-14-19 Request for Appeal received 9/20/19** from Anthony P. Strazza, III RE: [194 South Ave, New Canaan, CT] denial w/o prejudice, of Section 404.2.3.2 (Swinging Doors), of ICC A117.1-2009 portion of the 2018 SBC; that proposed to allow a 4 inch clearance on the push side of the door in lieu of the required 18 inch clearance for a manual swinging door. Panel assigned: David McKinley (Chair); Don Doeg (panel); Henry Miga (panel); George Iskra (alternate). Hearing scheduled Wednesday, 01/08/20 @ 11:00 a.m., 2N Room B. Hearing held and continued for 30 days. **Chair ordered status letter to Appellant for follow-up. Admin emailed/mailed status letter on 3/5/20 requesting Appellant to respond by 3/19/20. Hold on agenda.**
- g) **A-15-19 Request for Appeal received 9/27/19** from Bruce J. Spiewak RE: [Saint Thomas More – 23 Lynwood Place, New Haven, CT] Section 1011.3, of the 2015 IBC portion of the 2018 IBC: Modification approved in part: approved a headroom of 6 feet, 5 inches, but denied a headroom of 5 feet, 9 inches at a stairway leading from a new dwelling unit located on the third floor of an existing building undergoing a change of use. Panel assigned: Glenn Neilson (Chair); Lou Free (panel); Tom DiBlasi (panel); Paul Costello (alternate). 01/15/19 received Summary of Rational from Knight Architecture LLC. Hearing scheduled Wednesday, 01/08/20 @ 10:00 a.m., 2N Room B. Hearing held and continued for 30 days. **Due to Covid-19 epidemic, hearing continued until further notice. Will rescheduled at next C&S Meeting.**
- h) **A-16-19 Request for Appeal received 10/23/19 from Rachita Shan RE:** [338 South Quaker Lane, West Hartford, CT] Section R311.7.2, of the 2015 IRC *denial* that proposed a headroom of 6 feet, at the top of a stairway that serves a newly created habitable attic within a single family dwelling. Panel assigned: Glen Neilson (Chair); Tom DiBlasi (panel); Lou Free (panel); Johnny Carrier (alternate). Hearing Scheduled Wednesday, 2/5/20 @ 11:00am PLAZA LEVEL, ROOM B. Hearing held. Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (5/5/20). **Decision was mailed on 5/18/2020.**
- i) **A-19-19 Request for Appeal received 11/15/19** from Attorney Pat Labbadia. RE: Abatement order of Fire/Life Safety Hazards – Section 31.3.4.1.1 [45 Jefferson Road / West Main, Branford, CT]. Referred to Office of the State Fire Marshal. OSFM currently working on this – assigned to Inspector Mike Kellett. **Received Office of the State Fire Marshal Report on 3/10/20. Decision: Acceptable.**
- j) **A-21-19 Request for Appeal received 12/6/19** from Mr. Carlos Pla, Greenwich, CT. RE: [107 East Elm Street, Greenwich, CT] Section R305.1(4), 2015 IRC – denial of 6 feet, under a beam within an existing basement being converted to habitable space. Panel assigned: Glenn Neilson, Chair; Lou Free (panel); Tom DiBlasio (panel); Carlton Smith (alternate). Hearing scheduled: Wednesday, 4/8/20 @ 11:00 a.m., 2 NB Room B. **Due to Covid-19 epidemic, hearing continued until further notice. Will rescheduled at next C&S Meeting.**

- k) **A-02-20** Request for Appeal received 3/4/20 from Philip R. Sherman, P.E., RE: Request for Appeal [RE: [15 Oakwood Avenue, Norwalk, CT] - denial of Section 2902.1 of the 2015 IBC - that proposed to provide plumbing fixtures for approximately 100 occupants in lieu of providing fixtures for 455 occupants within a proposed building. Panel assigned: Eric Shutt, Chair; Anthony Bruno (panel); Carlton Smith (panel); Don Doeg (alternate). Hearing scheduled 4/8/20 10:00 a.m., 2 NB Room B. **Due to Covid-19 epidemic, hearing continued until further notice. Will rescheduled at next C&S Meeting.**

9) **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

There is no C&S Meeting held in the month of July. The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is set for **Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 1:00 p.m.** Meeting format (on-line or in person) will be determined prior to the meeting.

10) **ADJOURNMENT**



Online Meetings
Codes and Standards Committee
Codes Amendment Subcommittee

Overview

Due to the COVID-19 situation and pursuant to Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7B issued on March 14, 2020, the regularly scheduled meetings of the Codes and Standards Committee and the Codes Amendment Subcommittee will be held online using Microsoft Teams.

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