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Board of Elevator Regulations
Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the provisions of G. L. c. 30A, §20, and Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Elevator Regulations will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. As this will be a hybrid meeting, the meeting will be conducted in-person at the location referenced below and can be accessed remotely via the links and dial-in information below:

**Meeting of the
Board of Elevator Regulations
January 6, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.**

**1 Federal Street, 6th Floor
Public Meeting Room 6026
Boston, MA. 02110-2012**

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It is anticipated that the following topics will be discussed at the aforementioned meeting:

1. Roll Call
2. VAR25-0075
800 Boylston Street Boston
New Installation
Code Reference: ASME A18.1-2014; Section 2.1.1.7



Petitioner: Paul Farnsworth

The petitioner is seeking relief from ASME A18.1-2014; Section 2.1.1.7 to allow the installation of the proposed Commercial Vertical Platform Lift (VPL), that does not fully comply with the current edition of Massachusetts Regulation 524 CMR 38.00, which references the ASME A18.1-2014.

The proposed Vertical Platform Lift is in full compliance with the ASME A18.1-2020, Safety Standard for Platform Lifts and Stairway Chairlifts, which has been approved as a "National Standard" by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

3. VAR25-0084

22 Larch Road Cambridge

New Installation

Code Reference: 524 CMR Section 35.00 - A17.1-2013 Section 5.3.1.10

Petitioner: Gary West

The petitioner is seeking relief from 524 CMR Section 35.00 - A17.1-2013 Section 5.3.1.10 for an electric overhead drum residential elevator with an inside net platform area exceeding the 15 ft² (1.4 m²) allowed by code. The new platform area will measure 28.1 ft². 2,100 lb capacity which exceeds code.

4. VAR25-0085 & VAR25-0086

40 Broadway Taunton

State IDs: 293-P-285 & 293-P-286

Code Reference: 524 CMR - A17.1 – 2013 Section 2.2.4.2

Petitioner: Thomas McCarthy

The petitioner is seeking a safety-equivalent variance from 524 CMR - A17.1 – 2013 Section 2.2.4.2 regarding the ladder installation for units 293-P-285 and 293-P-286.

5. VAR25-0087

280 Lincoln Street Hingham

State ID: 131-F-15

Code Reference: ASME 17.1 2013 Section 2.27.3

Petitioner: John M Powers

The petitioner is seeking relief from ASME 17.1 2013 Section 2.27.3 Firefighters' Emergency Operation as the code allows fire service to be eliminated if the travel is 80" or less. They have 95" of travel. The elevator is being modernized, and they are requesting that the fire service be removed due to the existing building fire system/panel not being able to accommodate additional fire devices. The total travel of the elevator is only 7'11".

6. Board Business:

- a. Review of comments/suggestions from October 1, 2025, BER Board of Regulations Public Hearing.

7. Administrative Business:

- a. Variance application for 74 Green Street, Brookline - VAR25-0014, which was placed on hold by the board with a deadline of December 22, 2025, was withdrawn at the request of the petitioner on December 15, 2025.

8. Discussion: Update on NFPA 88A Standard for Parking Structures as it relates to Parking Systems.

9. Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting.

10. Old business (The Board may or may not discuss):

a. VAR25-0079

74 Green Street Brookline

State ID: 46-P-706

Code Reference: 524 CMR 29.09(6) - Control Apparatus - Guide Rails

Petitioner: Christen Parsons

The petitioner was before the board November 4, 2025, and the board voted to place the item on a 90-day hold, which provided a deadline of February 2, 2026, for the applicant to either meet the code or explain what they will do to minimize the code violation.

The petitioner was seeking relief from 524 CMR 29.09(6) - Control Apparatus - Guide Rails as the electrician is unable to move the disconnect as requested and still meet the electrical code. Requesting a variance to leave the disconnect in the existing location.

b. VAR25-0004

57 Union Street Newton

State ID: 207-W-20484

Code Reference: ASME A18.1 2014 section 3.1.2.2

Petitioner: Galina Slezinger

The petitioner was back before the board on December 2, 2025, after being approved for an extension of time to attend a scheduled Architectural Access Board (AAB) meeting. The board granted a 60-day hold to provide, which will be a deadline of January 31, 2026, for the petitioner to provide documentation to support the low overhead including structural drawings and to present solutions to meet safety.

The petitioner was before board on August 26, 2025, June 3, 2025, and March 4, 2025, seeking a variance from ASME A18.1 2014 section 3.1.2.2 for overhead clearance to install new lift to replace the existing lift. The board had requested documentation to support the low overhead including structural drawings and to present a solution to meet safety.

c. VAR25-0080

25 Water Street Newburyport

New Install

Code Reference: 524 CMR 38 referencing ASME A18.1-2014, Section 3.1.2.1

Petitioner: Gregory Colling

The petitioner was before the board December 16, 2025, and the board voted to place the item on a 60-day hold, which provided a deadline of February 14, 2026, for the applicant to provide additional documentation.

The petitioner was seeking relief from 524 CMR 38 referencing ASME A18.1-2014, Section 3.1.2.1. They propose to install an inclined platform lift at the basement stair of the Newburyport Custom House Maritime Museum. Clear headroom (80") is not available due to the existing masonry barrel vault ceiling. The vault spring line is 53-1/2" above finish floor at the west wall, top stair landing. There will be 85-1/2" headroom above the centerline of the proposed platform lift at the top stair landing. The existing masonry barrel vault is integral to the supporting structure of the floor above. The 1835 building is a National Historic Landmark and an example of fireproof construction technology of the period.

d. VAR25-0082

9-13 Boyd Street Watertown

New Install

Code Reference: ASME A18.1-2014 Section 2.1.1.3

Petitioner: Michael DiMascio

The petitioner was before the board December 16, 2025, and the board voted to place the item on a 60-day hold, which provided a deadline of February 14, 2026, for the applicant to provide additional documentation.

The petitioner was seeking relief from ASME A18.1-2014 Section 2.1.1.3 as the code requires 79 inches clear height at the opening to the lift. The owner would like to use the existing historical door openings that provide only 77 inches of clear height. The lift is to be installed in an existing shaft that housed a service elevator. The shaft has been modified to accommodate the new lift.

If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in the meeting, please reach out to Cheryl Yebba at 617-701-8711. While the Board will do its best to accommodate you, certain accommodations may not be available if requested immediately before the meeting.

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