ITALIA VILLA HOTEL

Issue: Vertical accessibility to the second floor of a historic building undergoing an alteration.

Analysis: The applicant is requesting a waiver from providing vertical accessibility to the portion of the building containing a second floor. The oldest portion of the structure was originally built in the early 1900's, with an addition in the 1930's and a second addition provided during the 1960's. The project is undergoing a \$750,000 alteration and documentation has been provided by the local historic preservation officer that it would be structurally infeasible to install an elevator and would damage the historic significance of the building if one were provided. There are 13 rooms in the hotel and all facilities available on the second floor are also provided on the accessible first floor. The alteration also includes installation of a sloped walkway to access the hotel entrance.

Project Progress:

The project is in plan review.

Items to be Waived:

Vertical accessibility to the second floor, as required by Section 553.509, Florida Statutes.

- 553.509 **Vertical accessibility**. Nothing in Sections 553.501-553.513 or the guidelines shall be construed to relieve the owner of any building, structure or facility governed by those sections from the duty to provide vertical accessibility to all levels above and below the occupiable grade level regardless of whether the guidelines require an elevator to be installed in such building, structure or facility, except for:
 - (1) Elevator pits, elevator penthouses, mechanical rooms, piping or equipment catwalks and automobile lubrication and maintenance pits and platforms;
 - (2) Unoccupiable spaces, such as rooms, enclosed spaces and storage spaces that are not designed for human occupancy, for public accommodations or for work areas; and
 - (3) Occupiable spaces and rooms that are not open to the public and that house no more than five persons, including, but not limited to equipment control rooms and projection booths.

Waiver Criteria: There is no specific guidance for a waiver of this requirement in the code. The Commission's current rule, authorized in Section 553.512, Florida Statutes, provides criteria for granting waivers and allows consideration of unnecessary or extreme hardship to the applicant if the specific requirements were imposed.

This application is available in alternate formats upon request.

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REQUEST FOR WAIVER FROM ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 553, PART V, FLORIDA STATUTES

Your application will be reviewed by the Accessibility Advisory Council and its recommendations will be presented to the Florida Building Commission. You will have the opportunity to answer questions and/or make a short presentation, not to exceed 15 minutes, at each meeting. The Commission will consider all information presented and the Council's recommendation before voting on the waiver request.

1. Name and address of project for which the waiver is requested.
Name: TALIA VILLA HOTEL
Address: 354 WASHINGTON AVE. MIAMI BEACH, FL
2. Name of Applicant. If other than the owner, please indicate relationship of applicant to owner and written authorization by owner in space provided:
Applicant's Name: PABLO CORAZZINI FOR VC ADCILITECTO
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Applicant's E-mail Address: PCORAZZINI @ VCMIANI COM
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Owner's Name: GREGORY GERASIMON FOR GG REALTY, INC.
SUITE 2501 SULLING AVE SUITE 2501 SULLING
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Owner's E-mail Address: GGERASIMONE acl. Com Signature of Owner:
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[] New construction.
[] Addition to a building or facility.
Alteration to an existing building or facility.
[] Historical preservation (addition).
[] Historical preservation (alteration).
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6. Project Status: Please check the phase of construction that best describes your project at the time of this application. Describe status.
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Members of the Florida Building Commission & Accessibility Council c/o Mary- Kathy Smith Office of Codes and Standards Florida Department of Community Affairs 2555 Shumard Oaks Boulevard Tallahasse, Florida 32399-2100

Re: The Italia Villa Hotel, 354 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach Via: FeDex

June 15, 2009

Dear Ms. Smith and members of the Commission and Council:

In the remodeling of this historical hotel we are implementing vertical accessibility from the street to the ground floor level of the buildings via a sloped path and an elevated exterior common deck area. We are also providing accessible rooms at the ground level to comply with the Florida Building Code (2004)

We are applying to waive the requirements for the Florida Building Code (2004) Chapter 11.1.3 to provide vertical accessibility to all levels above and below the occupiable grade level for the following

There are significant difficulties in providing an elevator to meet the vertical accessibilities for the second floor of the 1910's wood frame bungalow which would adversely alter the historical character of the building. Also, providing an elevator will require approximately 250 Square feet of space to accommodate an elevator shaft for the cabin, elevator machine room and the associated necessary circulation area . This would mean a reconfiguring the interior layout of the floor plan and probably losing one bedroom, which would significantly impact the feasibility of the project considering the small size of the hotel. Also, the cost of implementing the elevator would represent a significant financial burden on the project, although this is not the main issue for this waiver request. A cost Estimate for an elevator is \$50,000 as per Schindler Elevators preliminary quote. In addition, the construction estimate for the elevator hoist way including hoist beam and pit ladder is \$35,000.00 as per the project's Contractor's (Cuesta Construction) estimate.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions regarding this application.

Pablo Corazzini

300 Aragon Avenue, Suite 330 Coral Gables, FL 33134 el: 305.567.0602 fax: 305.446.3197

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REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION BY LOCAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Please state why the issue is being referred to the Florida Building Commission as well as a recommendation for disposition. The Building Official or his or her designee should review the application and indicate that to the best of his or her knowledge, all information stipulated herein is true and accurate. Further, if this project is complete, explain why it is being referred to the Commission. The Building Official or his or her designee should sign a copy of the plans accompanying this application as certification that such plans are the same as those submitted for building department review. Please reference the applicable section of the Accessibility Code.

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT Tel: 305-673-7550, Fax: 305-673-7559

June 10, 2009

Members of the Florida Building Commission & Accessibility Advisory Council c/o Mary-Kathryn Smith
Office of Codes and Standards
Florida Department of Community Affairs
2555 Shumard Oaks Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100

Re: The Italia Villa, 354 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach: Application for waiver of accessibility requirements

Dear Ms. Smith and Members of the Commission and Council:

I am writing to you in support of the accessibility waiver application for the Italia Villa at 354 Washington Avenue, which consists of an existing two (2) story structure located in south Miami Beach, Florida. The subject structure is classified as a 'Contributing' building in the Miami Beach Historic Properties Database and is located within the Ocean Beach Local Historic District. The subject structure is a qualified historic building under the Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") regulations, 28 C.F.R. § 36.405, Section 4.1.7 of the ADA Accessibility Guidelines ("ADAAG"), and Section 11-4.1.7 of the Florida Building Code ("FBC").

Because it would take a significant reconfiguration of the interior and exterior of the structure to provide vertical accessibility to the second floor, we support the applicant's request that you waive the requirement to provide vertical accessibility to the second floor level.

If you should have any additional questions regarding the historic characteristics and attributes of the property, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

Thomas R. Mooney, AICP

Design & Preservation Manager

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Existing Front Elevation of Bungalow



Existing TV Room on Front Elevation Photo 2



Existing Elevation of 2 Story Hotel Photo 3



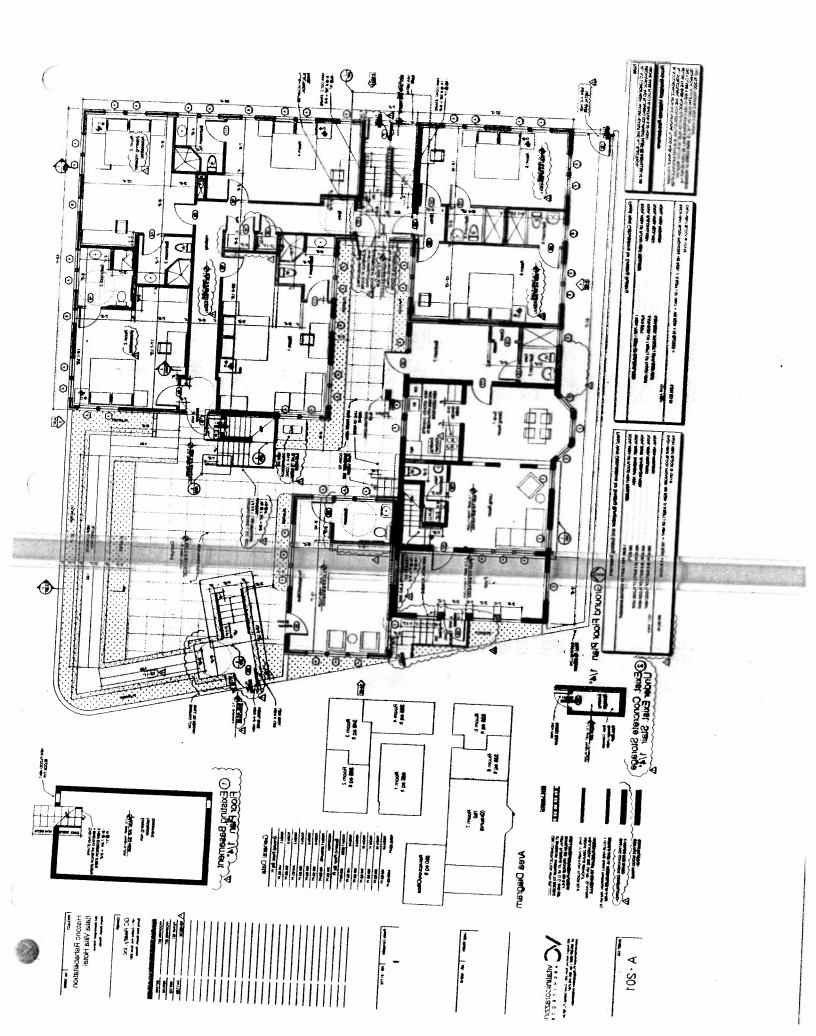
Corner Elevation of 4th Street and Washington Ave Photo 4

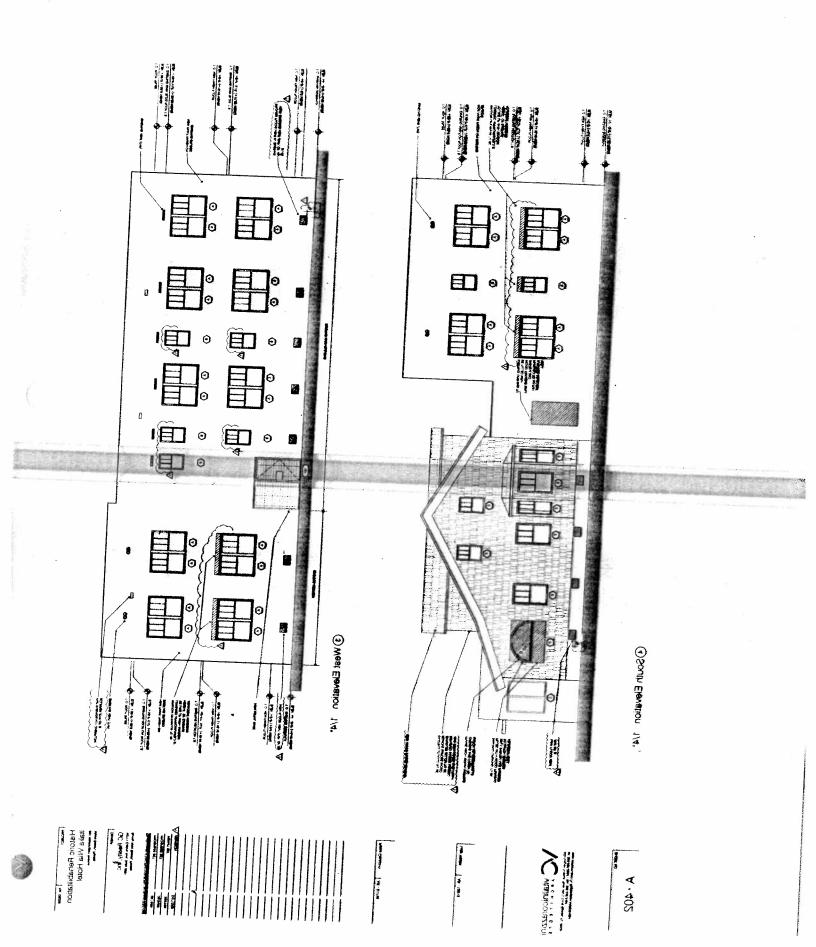


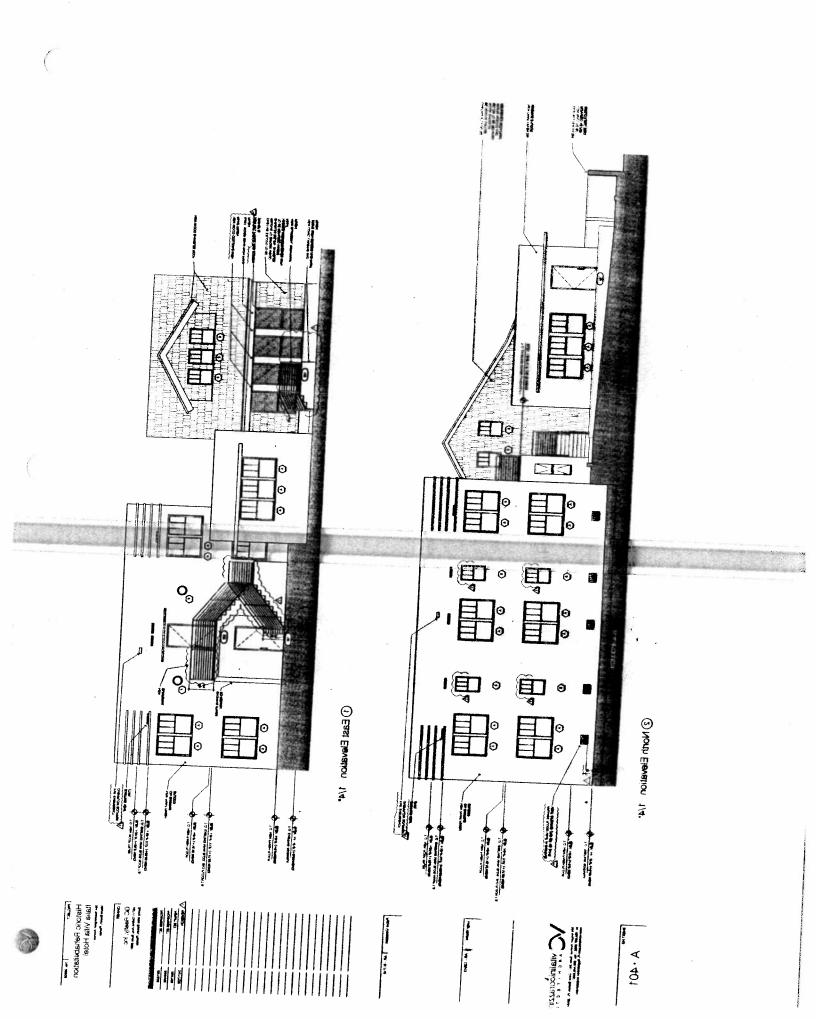
Façade on 4th Street Photo 5

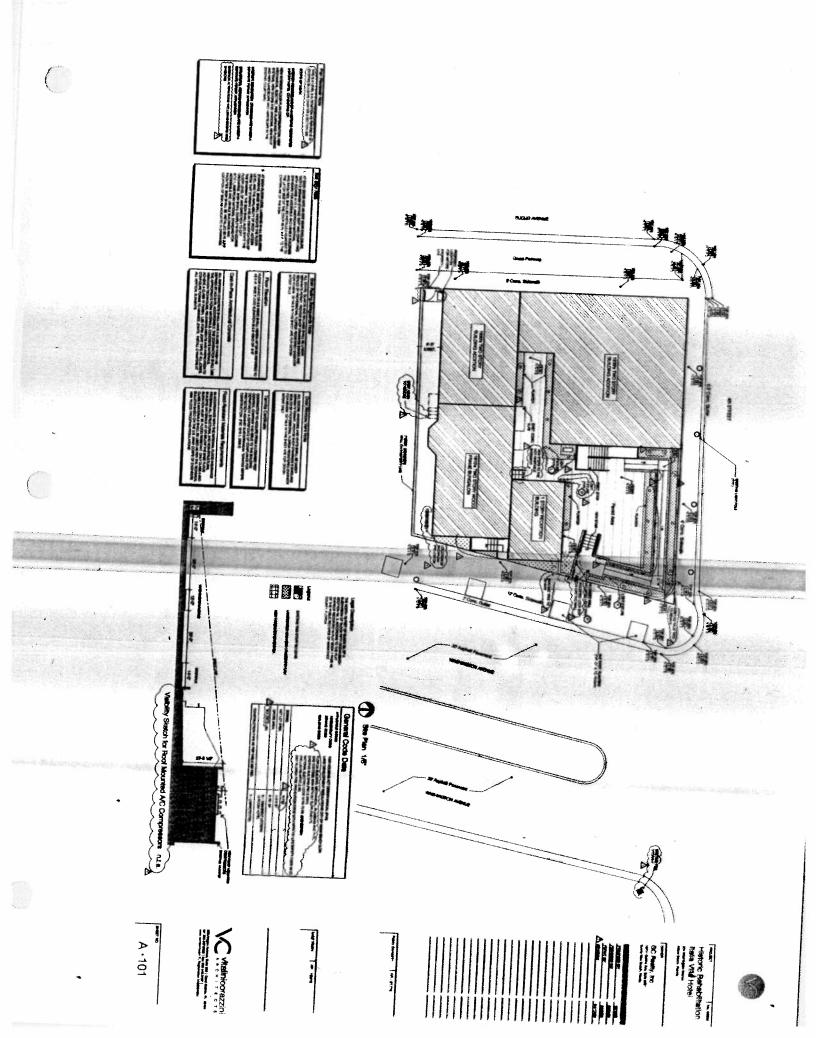


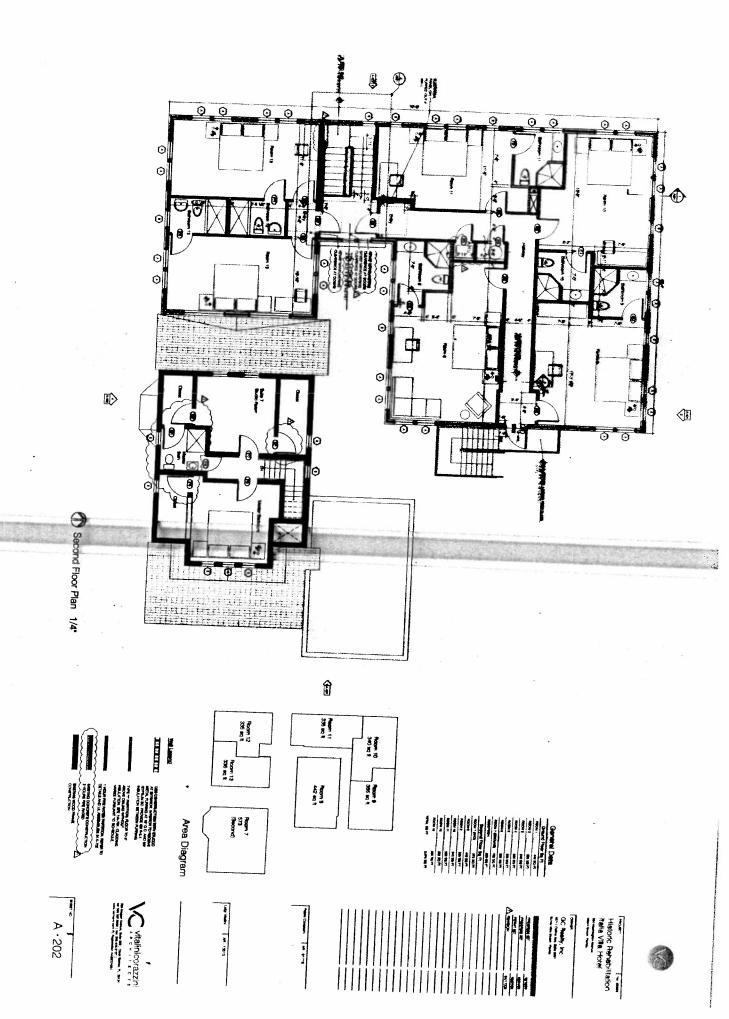
Rear Façade on Euclid Ave Photo 6











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T R A N S M I T T A L L E T T E R

Date:	06-18-09
Re:	Italia Villa Hotel vertical Accessibility Waiver application
Job Number:	08006
From:	Pablo Corazzini
То:	Members of the Florida Building Commission & Accessibility Council c/o Mary- Kathy Smith
Phone:	
Sent Via:	FeDex

We deliver herewith the following:

- 1 Waiver Application with color copies
- (1) 24"x36" Set of Drawings
- (1) 11"x17" reduced set of drawings
- (1) 8-1/2"x11" reduced set of Transparencies

Comments:

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