



# City of Fernandina Beach

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

February 16, 2015

Tim Lawther  
c/o Nassau Trust LLC  
801 Beech Street  
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Dear Mr. Lawther,

Please accept this letter as confirmation of your property's contributing status. 801 Beech Street, the Bell house, is a contributing structure to the Fernandina Beach Historic District, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This status was confirmed by the City's most recent historic resources survey conducted in 2007. This property is recorded as Site #8NA00110 on the Florida Master Site File. The structure was also listed as contributing in the City's 1985 historic resources survey. The building is a c.1889 frame vernacular structure.

I am supportive of any efforts to maintain the proper preservation of this structure, including the owner's intent to seek a state waiver from ADA requirements to access the second floor. Adding an elevator shaft to any elevation of the structure would seriously comprise the historic integrity of the building and undermine any character-defining features. Even a platform lift on the interior would impact the historic staircase, which the owner is seeking to preserve. The staircase has finials and banisters original to the house, which are connected to the Bell legacy of shipbuilding. I would encourage the state to grant the waiver in order to best protect the historic Bell home, which is a significant historic building in our Downtown Historic District.

If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Adrienne Burke, Esq., MSAS, LEED AP+  
Community Development Director