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Department of Business and Professional Regulation
FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION
1940 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0772

To Whom It May Concern,

I have prepared the construction documents for the Beech Street Bar & Grill project, located at 801 Beech St., Fernandina Beach, FL. The tenant is building a bar, laying new tile, painting, refinishing the floors and stairwell, and updating the kitchen, electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems. The project is very limited in scope.


He is NOT doing anything on the second floor other than painting the walls. Furthermore, all food, beverages, and services of the business will be available to everyone on the first floor – nothing unique will be provided on the second floor.

Accessibility to the second floor would require one of three options: an elevator, which the City's Historic Commission has said they will not allow; a chairlift up the stairs, which the Fire Marshall will not allow due to the resulting limited egress; or a platform lift next to the stairwell, which would harm the building's historical integrity as well as cause a portion of the second floor to be cut away (further harming the building's historical structure).

I am supportive of the tenant, Tim Lawther (Oliver's Twist, Too, Inc. d/b/as Beech Street Bar & Grill), applying for, and receiving, a vertical accessibility waiver.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Gerard Vermeij
Architect