

To Whom it May Concern,

The project is a 2 story stick-frame structure in a City of Jacksonville Historic District, originally built for a residential use. The Owner is filing for a change-of-use permit to house a new business. Due to setback requirements and an existing drive aisle, the only viable potential location for a new elevator to the second floor would be in the front yard. This location, however, would destroy the historic character of the structure. In consultation with the City of Jacksonville Historic Commission, the owner seeks a waiver of the vertical accessibility provisions of . All other accessibility barriers on the properties are being addressed as a part of the scope of work proposed in the current building permit application. These conclusions are based on the provisions of the following section of the Title III Technical Assistance Manual (with 1994 supplement):

- **III-6.4000 Alterations:** *Historic preservation. Alterations to historic properties must comply with the historic property provisions of ADAAG, to the maximum extent feasible. Under those provisions, alterations should be done in full compliance with the alterations standards for other types of buildings. However, if following the usual standards would threaten or destroy the historic significance of a feature of the building, alternative standards may be used. The decision to use alternative standards for that feature must be made in consultation with the appropriate advisory board designated in ADAAG, and interested persons should be invited to participate in the decision-making process.*

It is for this reason that the Owner respectfully requests you consider this application for waiver of the vertical accessibility requirements of 553.509, Florida Statutes.

Sincerely,



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