KIDS INC. DAYCARE FACILITY

Issue: Vertical accessibility between two levels in a day care facility.

Analysis: The facility is a church with the sanctuary located above a lower level with classrooms in two adjacent buildings connected by breezeways and open air stairs. The church has arranged for a non-profit agency, unaffiliated with the church, to operate a day care center for low income children up to three years of age. The center will be located on the lowest levels of the two education buildings and the lowest level of the sanctuary building, for a total of 8,805 square feet. Each of the levels is accessible at grade, but not vertically accessible internally. The project will cost $180,435 and $23,903 will be spent on improvements to provide accessibility, including accessible parking with sidewalks and ramps to the building, toilet room improvements, accessible door hardware and providing a new high/low drinking fountain. A platform lift would cost an additional $27,500, raising accessibility costs to 32.7% of the budget.

Project Progress:

The project is in plan review.

Items to be Waived:

Vertical accessibility to all levels, 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.
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: Kid's INC. DAYCARE FACILITY
Address: 1410 EAST INDIANHEAD DR., TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301

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: PARKWAY BAPTIST CHURCH HOLDING COMPANY
Applicant's Address: 1410 E. INDIANHEAD AVE, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Applicant's Telephone: (850) 567-4649  FAX: (850) 878-8784
Applicant's E-mail Address: donmclaughlin@mac.com
Relationship to Owner: COMPANY RUN BY OWNER
Owner's Name: DON MCLAUGHLIN
Owner's Address: 1410 E. INDIANHEAD DR. TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Owner's Telephone: (850) 567-4649  FAX (850) 878-8784
Owner's E-mail Address: donmclaughlin@mac.com
Signature of Owner: 
Contact Person: DONALD SWABY - CONN & ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS INC.
Contact Person's Telephone: (850) 878-8784  E-mail Address: dswaby@connandassociates.com
This application is available in alternate formats upon request.
Form No. 2001-01
3. Please check one of the following:

[ ] New construction.

[ ] Addition to a building or facility.

[X] Alteration to an existing building or facility.

[ ] Historical preservation (addition).

[ ] Historical preservation (alteration).

4. Type of facility. Please describe the building (square footage, number of floors). Define the use of the building (i.e., restaurant, office, retail, recreation, hotel/motel, etc.)

The subject facility is a church with the worship space located above a lower level area with Sunday School classrooms. Additional Sunday School classrooms are located in two adjacent three-story buildings. The three buildings are connected by breezeways and open-air stairs. As a part of its mission, the church has arranged for a non-profit agency (not affiliated with the church) to operate a daycare center within its facility, for children up to 3 years of age from low-income families. The daycare center will be located on the lowest levels of the two education buildings, and the lowest level of the sanctuary building, with a total enclosed area of 8,805 gross square feet.

5. Project Construction Cost (Provide cost for new construction, the addition or the alteration): $180,435 – including costs of accessibility improvements, with the exception of vertical accessibility between different levels.

6. Project Status: Please check the phase of construction that best describes your project at the time of this application. Describe status.

[ ] Under Design [ ] Under Construction*

[X] In Plan Review [ ] Completed*

* Briefly explain why the request has now been referred to the Commission.

The three areas of this project are situated on two different levels, separated by a vertical distance of 56". Each of the two levels is individually accessible from grade, but they are not directly vertically accessible to each other. Because the non-profit agency which will operate the daycare is not otherwise affiliated with the church, it has been determined that the daycare does not qualify for exemption from providing vertical accessibility between the levels it will use.
7. **Requirements requested to be waived.** Please reference the applicable section of Florida law. Only Florida-specific accessibility requirements may be waived.

**Issue**

*Florida Building Code-Building, section 11-4.1.6(1)(f), which states, in part “…Nothing in this section shall be construed to relieve the owner of any building, structure or facility from the duty to provide vertical accessibility to all levels above and below occupiable grade level…”*

8. **Reason(s) for Waiver Request:** The Florida Building Commission may grant waivers of Florida-specific accessibility requirements upon a determination of unnecessary, unreasonable or extreme hardship. Please describe how this project meets the following hardship criteria. Explain all that would apply for consideration of granting the waiver.

[ ] The hardship is caused by a condition or set of conditions affecting the owner which does not affect owners in general.

[ ] Substantial financial costs will be incurred by the owner if the waiver is denied.

The cost of providing vertical accessibility by means of a wheelchair lift between the two levels of the daycare facility would raise the total cost of accessibility improvements above 20% of the total project construction cost. The project contractor has determined that $23,903 of the $180,435 construction cost is to be spent on improvements to provide accessibility, including modifications for accessible parking, with sidewalks and ramps to the building; improvements to four bathrooms, two entries from the building exterior, conversion of door operating hardware to lever-handled units and provision of a new high-low type drinking fountain. These costs constitute 13.2% of the construction budget. The minimum cost for addition of an inclined platform lift is $27,500, based on the quotes available. This would raise accessibility improvements to a total of 32.7% of the construction cost, which is regarded as disproportional.

[ ] The owner has made a **diligent investigation** into the costs of compliance with the code, but cannot find an efficient mode of compliance. Provide detailed cost estimates and, where appropriate, photographs. Cost estimates must include bids and quotes.
9. **Provide documented cost estimates for each portion of the waiver request and identify any additional supporting data which may affect the cost estimates.** For example, for vertical accessibility, the lowest documented cost of an elevator, ramp, lift or other method of providing vertical accessibility should be provided, documented by quotations or bids from at least two vendors or contractors.

a. **Price quote for a Garaventa folding inclined platform lift of $21,500 by Accessibility Lifts, Inc. of Wildwood, Florida.** Price quoted does not include electrical power supply for lift, and associated lighting.

b. **Price quote for inclined platform lift of $24,980 by Abacus Elevator of Clermont, Florida.** Price quoted does not include electrical power supply for lift, and associated lighting.

c. **Price quote from Walsh Consulting & Electrical Services, LLC of Tallahassee, Florida for $6,000, for providing electrical power service and associated lighting for installation of inclined platform lift.**

10. **Licensed Design Professional:** Where a licensed design professional has designed the project, his or her comments **MUST** be included and certified by signature and affixing of his or her professional seal. The comments must include the reason(s) why the waiver is necessary.

This project will provide a needed service to the community, with Kids Inc., a well-respected social service agency, providing daycare for young children. In our current economy, like many non-profit social service agencies, Kids Inc. has its budget stretched thin. It does not have additional funding available to spend greater than 20% of the construction cost on accessibility improvements by adding an inclined lift to this project.

Signature  
Printed Name  

Phone number 850-878-8784  
(SEAL)
CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT:

I hereby swear or affirm that the applicable documents in support of this Request for Waiver are attached for review by the Florida Building Commission and that all statements made in this application are to the best of my knowledge true and correct.

Dated this 13th day of May, 2010

Signature

Printed Name

By signing this application, the applicant represents that the information in it is true, accurate and complete. If the applicant misrepresents or omits any material information, the Commission may revoke any order and will notify the building official of the permitting jurisdiction. Providing false information to the Commission is punishable as a misdemeanor under Section 775.083, Florida Statutes.
Donald Swaby

From: Bill Oliver [boliver@oliverrenovation.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 6:07 PM
To: Donald Swaby
Subject: RE: Need e-mail address?
Attachments: DOC100512.pdf

Don,

See attached cost estimates for an incline lift and electrical run to it. We have two quotes for the lift and one from our electrician we are under contract with.

Here is my summary of construction and ADA improvements.

Total Construction Cost (including ADA improvements): $180,435

ADA improvements included:
1. ADA parking and sidewalks (see attached quote) $9,563
2. ADA improvements to 4 bathrooms: $7,240
3. Provide 2 ADA compliant exterior doors and landings: $3,250
4. Provide lever hardware throughout $2,600
5. Convert existing drink fountain to high/low
   Cost of ADA improvements $1,250
   $23,903

This represents 15.2% of construction cost.

Now if we add the lift and electrical: $27,500
This represents 17.5% more.
That would be a total cost percentage of 32.7%.

Hope this helps Don. This should be a slam dunk I hope. There is no monies left in this non-profit organization for the lift.
Please let me know if you need any further documents.
Thanks,
Bill
ACCESSIBILITY LIFTS, INC.

REVISED PROPOSAL & SALES AGREEMENT
(Based on photo sent for a lift from lower to middle level)

DATE: 5/10/10
ATTN: Bill Oliver
RE: Kids, Inc. Inclined Lift

Accessibility Lifts, Inc. respectfully submits the following proposal to furnish and install:

One Garaventa brand, Xpress II model for straight stairways, folding inclined platform lift, w/integrated handrail, fold down seat, wrap around arms, tower mounted, indoor package, straight park and fold at lower landing, straight load.

PRICE: $21,500 Includes material, shipping, installation, permitting by and inspection by the Bureau of Elevator Safety

WORK BY OTHERS: 208V single phase power at top of stairs, ½” conduit from source to call sends, min. 5 ft. candle lighting for stairway with emergency lighting back up. Modifications to accommodate engineering drawings that will be provided by manufacturer.

NOTE: All commercial accessibility lifts require installation by a registered elevator company and an inspection by the Bureau of Elevator Safety. Ask for copy of license, CC card, and insurance.

AT THIS DATE, lead time 60 days for Bureau of Elevator Safety permitting process, concurrent with 6-8 weeks production/installation/inspection of product, AFTER APPROVED DRAWINGS.

All materials are warranted to be as specified above. All work shall be completed in a workmanlike manner according to local industry standards and shall comply with all applicable building codes. Any alteration or deviation from the above specifications and/or “work by others” which requires or involves additional labor or materials must be requested in writing by the purchaser and will be performed by the Seller as an extra. The Purchaser agrees to pay the charges for such extras and such charges shall be in addition to the above contract price. Storage charges that may be incurred by A.L.I. due to delay of site readiness, as scheduled by the G.C. will be backcharged. Additional installation time required by A.L.I. due to lack of site readiness may be back charged as well as site condition.

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QUOTES VALID FOR 60 DAYS: After acceptance, price remains valid only if goods are shipped within 180 days from acceptance. Any changes may affect the original quoted price.

TERMS:
- 50% deposit before release for production of this custom equipment,
- 40% material delivery/installation, before State inspection
- 10% at completion of successful State Elevator Department inspection/turnover.
- 10% cancellation fee after signed proposal received, 75% after material is released.
Custom equipment – deposit required at production release, final payment due at turnover.

WARRANTY: One (1) year manufacturers warranty on parts. Installation labor warranted 90 days after installation.

OPTIONAL EXTENDED PARTS WARRANTY: Preventive Maintenance Agreement with Accessibility Lifts, Inc. required for free parts warranty extension by manufacturer, includes:
- *2 P.M. visits per year
- *extends parts warranty from the manufacturer for 5 years for free.
- *waives the requirement for annual State Elevator Inspections
- *provides a reduced service rate for call between P.M.’s.
So there are free parts, reduced service rates, 2 preventive maintenance visits, and no additional cost of state inspection for 5 years. Price: $500 per year, total $2500.

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL
The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Purchaser: ____________________________ Date: ______________________

Submitted by: Accessibility Lifts, Inc. rep: Jeanne Martin

Thanks for the opportunity. You’re in good hands.
Check out our website for background about the company and other good information.

www.accessibilitylifts.com
5-11-10
Attn: Bill Oliver, Oliver Renovations
Re: Kids, Inc. Inclined Platform Lift Quote

Abacus Elevator submits a quote for a code compliant inclined platform lift based on the photos submitted for a straight run model with a fold down seat, fold up platform at lower level, tower mounted, wrap around arms and integrated handrail.

PRICE: $24,980 (Includes material, installation & state inspection)

Electrician shall provide 208V single phase power at the top of the stairs, 1/2" conduit from source to call send controls and emergency back up lighting to address codes.

If site evaluation dictates a unit other than a straight run, a revised quote will be initiated.

Terms: 50% deposit before material released to production.
        40% when material is at site and installed.
        10% at time of successful state inspection.

Warranty: One year manufacturers warranty on parts, labor for 90 days from installer. Extended warranty optional.

Paul Sherman, Owner
Abacus Elevator

Please sign and return accepted proposal.

Purchaser: ___________________________ Date: ___________________
Contractor: Oliver Construction
Owner: N/A
Project: Electrical Wiring for ADA Stairway lift at Parkway Church for Kids, Inc.
Date: 5/12/10

[Proposal is based on Information Given By Oliver Construction]

Base Price: $6,000.00

Alternates: (Not included in Base Price)

SCOPE:
1.) Base electrical price above is based on Install dedicated 208v single phase circuit for lift and providing 5 foot-candle of lighting along with battery back-up emergency lighting, also providing a conduit system for all control wiring (by others)
2.) Base Price includes all requirements for Davis-Bacon Wage ACT and Buy American ACT

This proposal is valid for a period of 10 days.

Sincerely;
Henry Walsh
President
April, 07 2010

Tom Kimmel
Oliver Renovations
3163-1 Eliza Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

RE: Kid’s Inc

Bid Proposal

Kimmel Development Services, Inc. offers the following proposal for the Lump Sum amount of $9,563.00
This price includes labor and equipment only. Included items are as follows:

Grading for ADA parking and sidewalk   $2,800.00
Seed and mulch allowance                $1,250.00
ADA Signage & Striping                  $900.00
ADA Sidewalks                           $4,613.00

Total Proposal                          $9,563.00