

February 22, 2019

Department of Business and Professional Regulation
Florida Building Commission
1940 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

To Whom It May Concern,

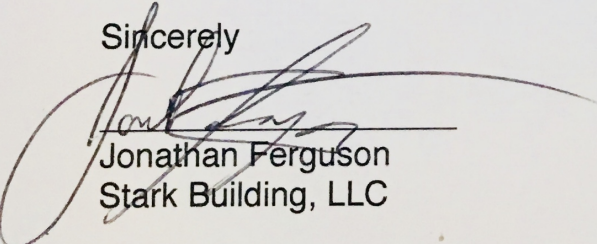
I purchased the historic Stark building located at 202 Centre Street, Fernandina Beach, Florida in 2013. In 2014, we began to restore the building to its original grandeur. The building is not only a contributing structure to the Fernandina Beach Historic District, it is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The 2014 renovation included the exterior and interior portions of the building and received a wavier from the vertical accessibility requirements of the Florida Americans with Disabilities Accessibility Implementation Act under VW 2014-208.

The property also has an outdoor space that I have leased to David Voorhees (President of PJD's Amelia, LLC) that operates as a small, 24 seat outdoor only beer and wine garden. Mr. Voorhees, with my permission, seeks to extend an existing exterior second floor deck to have additional seating for the beer and wine garden. No additional services will be provided on the second floor deck. It will be solely overflow seating with no service area.

We have been informed by the Fernandina Beach Building Department that the project will require an exterior elevator, lift or a wavier of the vertical accessibility requirements. Installation of an exterior elevator or lift will not only affect the historic character of the building, it is cost prohibitive for Mr. Voorhees. I am 100% supportive of Mr. Voorhees applying for, and hopefully receiving, the vertical access waiver for which he is applying.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (904) 432-7629. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely



Jonathan Ferguson
Stark Building, LLC