



March 03, 2020

Elliott Kampert
OKALOOSA COUNTY
Department of Growth Management
1804 Lewis Turner Blvd, Suite 200
Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32547

**RE: WAIVER REQUEST - ELEVATOR REQUIREMENT
Okaloosa County Sheriff Training Center**

Mr. Kampert:

Our firm is contracted with the County to design a two story training facility to be located on existing County property in conjunction with the currently operating Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Shooting Range. During initial design and program discussions, the Sheriff's office delineated the need for a facility to train sworn officers and offer a gun safety class to the public. The specific intent was and still is to keep the public areas separated from the private. We designed a two story building due to property constraints and access to other areas of the site. The public area is to be located on the first floor and fully ADA accessible to the public. The second floor is secured under key card with access to only sworn deputies, who will train on the second floor.

As you will see in a letter from the Sheriff's Office, sworn deputies have a physical fitness requirement and must be able to meet certain thresholds. In other words, one cannot be a sworn Deputy who has a physical disability. There will never be a need for a disabled person to access the second floor of this project.

We are requesting to waive the elevator requirement for Accessibility to the second floor of this project. Please keep in mind the way this building is going to be used while reviewing this request.

If questions or clarifications remain, don't hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JDF'.

Jason D. Floyd, AIA

