

**Department of Community Affairs
FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION
2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100**

NOTICE TO WAIVER APPLICANTS

Please make certain you comply with the following:

- The person submitting the waiver request application as the Applicant **MUST** sign the application. Should you fail to do so, your application will be returned.
- If a licensed design professional (architect or engineer) has designed the project, his or her comments **MUST** be included as a part of this application.
- Be as explicit as possible. The more information provided to the Florida Building Commission, the more informed its decisions can be. If you are claiming financial hardship, please specify why and to what degree.
- If at all possible, **PLAN TO ATTEND the Accessibility Advisory Council and the Florida Building Commission meetings**. Sometimes pertinent facts are inadvertently omitted, or information provided/presented in the Request for Waiver application is not clear. Your attendance at the meetings to answer questions will enhance the possibility of the waiver being approved, since the Council and the Commission will receive the most complete information – from you. When we receive the completed application, we will send you a notice of the time, date, and place for both the Council and the Commission meetings.

Enclosed is a **List of Required Information** and the **Request for Waiver** application.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please call the Codes and Standards Section at (850) 487-1824.

Please mail this application to the Department of Community Affairs at the address above. As well as a hard copy, please include a copy of the application and drawings or plans on a CD in PDF format. **NOTE: Please do not send CAD files, but rather scan the CAD files and save as a pdf. Must be in Microsoft Compatible format.**

NOTE: Failure to submit electronically will not have any bearing on whether your petition is heard by the Commission, however, electronic filing will facilitate the Commission's movement toward utilizing CD technology to display the waiver application and attached floor plans to the Counsel and Commission.

This application is available in alternate formats upon request.

LIST OF REQUIRED INFORMATION:

1. X Drawings that will clearly present your project and that identify the issue(s) that relate to the waiver you are requesting. As a minimum, the following drawings must be submitted:
 - a. Project site plan
 - b. 24" x 36" minimum size drawings
 - c. Building/project sections (if necessary to assist in understanding the waiver request)
 - d. Enlarged floor plan(s) of the area in question
2. X One set of reduced scale (11" x 17") versions of the drawings submitted in item one above.
3. X One set of overhead transparencies (8 ½" x 11") of the drawings submitted in item one above. When numerous features are shown on the drawings, please designate the location of the waiver items by highlighting or outlining in color the affected areas.
4. NA When substantial financial cost of compliance is alleged, supporting cost estimates with quotes from at least two vendors or contractors and catalog information.
5. NA If you feel photographs and/or renderings are necessary for your presentation, provide 40 legible color photocopies of the photographs and/or renderings. If color photocopies of photographs are provided, use a minimum size of 4" x 6" photographs with a maximum of two photographs per photocopied page.
6. X Please submit a hard copy of this application to the Department of Community Affairs. PLEASE NOTE: Although not required by Rule 9B-7, F.A.C., in addition to the hard copy please include a copy of the application and drawings or plans on a CD in PDF format.

General Information:

- a. **Equipment:** A CD projector is provided at the Accessibility Advisory Council and Florida Building Commission meetings. Any other equipment necessary for your presentation, such as an overhead projector, TV/VCR, slide or LCD projectors, etc., is the responsibility of the applicant.
- b. **Verbal Descriptions:** Presentations may be to sight or hearing impaired persons; visual presentations should consider adequate verbal and text descriptions of charts and pictures.

Your application will be reviewed by the Accessibility Advisory Council. You will have the opportunity to answer questions and/or make a short presentation **not to exceed 15 minutes**. The Council will provide recommendations to the Florida Building Commission. The Commission will review the application. You will have another opportunity to answer questions and /or give a short presentation **not to exceed 15 minutes**. The Commission will consider all information and the Council's recommendation before voting on the waiver.

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**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: Engineering Building II

Address: 3820 USF Alumni Drive, Tampa, FL 33620

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: Williamson Dacar Associates, Inc.

Applicant's Address: 15500 Lightwave Drive, Suite 106, Clearwater, FL 33760

Applicant's Telephone: 727-725-0951 FAX: 727-725-9894

Applicant's E-mail Address: gtharin@williamsondacar.biz

Relationship to Owner: Architect

Owner's Name: University of South Florida

Owner's Address: 4202 East Fowler Ave., FPC 110, Tampa, FL 33620

Owner's Telephone: 813-974-0864 FAX 813-974-3542

Owner's E-mail Address: rgonzale@admin.usf.edu

Signature of Owner: 

Contact Person: Tony Lourenco

Contact Person's Telephone: (813) 974-9331 E-mail Address: ALourenc@admin.usf.edu

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3. Please check one of the following:

☐ New construction.

☐ Addition to a building or facility.

☒ 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 existing building is a 5-story instructional building for the College of Engineering. The building houses laboratories, classrooms, lecture spaces as well as faculty offices. The building consists of approximately 117,800 s.f.

5. Project Construction Cost (Provide cost for new construction, the addition or the alteration):

The project construction cost is \$890,000.00 dollars.

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*

☐ In Plan Review ☐ Completed*

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

The College of Engineering funded the project in May and requested the Lecture Hall to be operational for the start of Fall classes. The College of Engineering has a need for the enlarged Lecture Hall and space is not available around the campus.

7. Requirements requested to be waived. Please reference the applicable section of Florida law. Only Florida-specific accessibility requirements may be waived.

Issue

1: Florida Statute Section 553.509: Vertical Accessibility

Issue

2: _____

Issue

3: _____

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.

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

The existing room is a stepped lecture hall going down 42" from the 1st floor level.

The lecture room is surrounded by corridors on all four sides. There is not space outside the lecture room to provide 42 lineal feet of ramp access to the lower portion of the room. The room is 1,710 s.f. in size and the available seating area would be reduced considerably by adding a ramp within the existing lecture hall. The stepped lecture hall provides good sightlines from the back row to the front lecture platform. To provide a lift to the lecture platform would reduce the area for teaching space.

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

[] 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.

Not applicable

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.

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.

The existing stepped lecture hall provides good sightlines for demonstrations and instructions from the seating area. The existing corridor that surrounds the space restricts the addition of a ramp outside the classroom and providing a ramp on the interior would considerably reduce the seating. The handicapped seats are provided with a companion seat.


Signature

Ted J. Williamson, P.E.
Printed Name

Phone number 727-725-0951

(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 28 day of June, 2011


Signature

Ted J. Williamson, P.E., President – Williamson Dacar Associates, Inc.
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.

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION BY LOCAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Please state why the issue is being referred to the Florida Building Commission as well as a recommendation for disposition. The Building Official or his or her designee should review the application and indicate that to the best of his or her knowledge, all information stipulated herein is true and accurate. Further, if this project is complete, explain why it is being referred to the Commission. The Building Official or his or her designee should sign a copy of the plans accompanying this application as certification that such plans are the same as those submitted for building department review. Please reference the applicable section of the Accessibility Code.

a. This issue is being referred to the Florida Building commission for waiver consideration of Vertical accessibility to all levels of seating (FBC sec 11-4.1.3) for tiered type seating within the Engineering (ENB) Building Room #0118 renovation.

Has there been any permitted construction activity on this building during the past three years? If so, what was the cost of construction?

☐ Yes ☒ No Cost of Construction _____

Comments/Recommendation: Granting of the requested waiver. Existing platform is not being changed and is not accessible.

Jurisdiction University of South Florida

Building Official or Designee _____

Signature

Roy Clark, BCA

Printed Name

BU1281

Certification Number

813-974-0893

Telephone/FAX

Address: University of South Florida, 4202 E. Fowler Ave. FPC110 Tampa, FL 33620

