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Members of the Florida Building Commission & Accessibility Advisory Council  
Office of Codes & Standards, Florida Department of Community Affairs  
1940 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100

**RE: 8118 Harding Avenue- Permt #B1501480**  
**WAMER#91-R0**

Dear Members of the Florida Building Commission & Accessibility Advisory Council,

This project consists of a structure that is designated as contributing to the National Historic District.

Pursuant to Florida Statutes 553.509 Vertical Accessibility and the Florida Building Code 2010, Accessibility - Section 201.1.1, vertical accessibility shall be provided to all levels above and below the occupiable grade level. In order to achieve compliance, the owner will incur disproportionate financial costs and the construction will affect the historic nature of the property. However, the proposed renovations will provide a lift in order to gain access to the lobby and ground floor units. In addition, an accessible guest room with all required mobility features as per FBC 2010, Accessibility - Table 224.2 and guestrooms with communication features as per Table 224.4 will also be provided on the ground floor only.

Based on the reasons stated above we recommend that the requested waiver be granted.

Sincerely,

Mariano V. Fernandez, P.E., BU 689  
Building Department Director / Building Official