

The Florida Accessibility Advisory Council  
C/O/Mr. Chip Sellers  
Florida Building Codes and Standards  
2601 Blair Stone Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

August 12, 2020

Re: Requested Waiver of Vertical Accessibility for former residential structure located at 310 Bradford Road  
Tallahassee, Florida- Conversion of former Law Office to "Earth Remedies" Physical Rehabilitation Center

Dear Mr. Sellers and Members of the Florida Accessibility Council,

With this letter we authorize our Architect Mark A. Tarmey A.I.A., of 4M Design Group, Architects to represent Earth Remedies in our application for a Waiver of Vertical Accessibility for the structure located at 310 Bradford in Tallahassee. This request is generated in compliance with the City of Tallahassee Building Department for issuance of a permit to renovate the existing structure.

My name is David Goodson, and my wife Shelly are the owners of the property and the business Earth Remedies Physical Rehabilitation Center. We have shared our construction estimates and costs for installation of an elevator with the Chief Building Official for the City of Tallahassee. The Building Department has informed us that the Policy of the City of Tallahassee precludes them from 'endorsing' requests for a waiver. The Tallahassee Building Department has agreed that the financial hardship criteria has been met. As such, we include in this application, the contractors construction cost estimate and two (2) quotes from both Otis and Schindler Elevator Companies for equipment and installation services necessary to provide an exterior mounted elevator. The small square footage of the existing two story structure and the inability to provide an adequate foundation beneath the existing first floor level prevents installation of an elevator on the interior of the existing building, a former two story masonry and wood framed residential structure, constructed in 1939. For clarity we have also provided the schematic design proposal for an exterior mounted elevator. We have strategically designed the facility in a manner that will allow for all of the rehabilitative services to be available on both the first and second floor levels. We have designed the west wing of the building to specifically address accessibility with therapy rooms, appropriate corridor widths, an accessible restroom and steam shower as well as a private entrance so that any person with a disability can access the facility discreetly.

To summarize, we believe that that have met the threshold for a waiver based on financial hardship. Additionally we have provided specifically sensitive accommodations for persons with physical disabilities to have access to every service available at our facility. For these reasons we respectfully request that the Council give us due consideration of this request and look forward to your favorable ruling in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,



David Goodson, Proprietor  
Earth Remedies Therapeutic Center, Tallahassee, Florida