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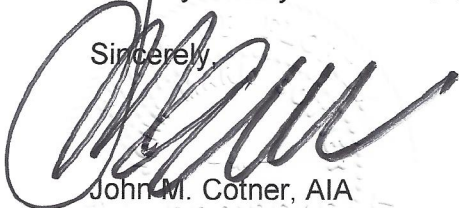
Re: Dotterer-Reese Building, 118 Centre Street, Fernandina Beach, FL – Request for waiver

As a Florida licensed architect having been involved in the renovation and alteration of the 1878 historic Dotterer building in Fernandina Beach on two occasions (currently and mid 1980's prior to FBC), I can attest that consideration is warranted regarding a waiver based on the following:

- a) The historic integrity of the structure (see attached)
- b) Economic burden – due to building geometry and historic nature, full accessibility compliance becomes economically punitive. Per quotes from two Florida licensed contractors (attached) one can ascertain the economic severity. Taking the low estimate of \$208,700.00 and given the current taxable building value of \$191,339.00 (attached) one can quickly see the impracticality of full upper level compliance. Street level tenant improvements however are proposed to be accessible.
- c) Building geometry – (See attached plan alternatives and photos) You'll note in observing the plan alternatives we've provided, 1) existing conditions, 2) proposed plan, 3) fully accessible plan that the geometry of the structure creates difficult challenges therefore cost in providing accessibility to the upper level tenant areas. Thus we've recommended to our client that they pursue the proposed plan alternate requiring a waiver from your commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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