## ASTRONAUT HIGH SCHOOL

Analysis: The applicant is requesting a waiver from providing vertical accessibility to all rows of bleachers in a new, $\$ 29,000$ bleacher and pressbox facility. Access will be provided to the pressbox by means of a chair lift. The project design provides wheelchair and companion seating on the first level of the 3,000 seat home area and 1,000 seat visitors' area. According to the applicant it would be impracticable to provide seating at all levels because of the limited amount of land available for the project.

## Project Progress:

The project is under construction.

## Items to be Waived:

553.509 Vertical a ccessibility. Nothing in Sections 553.501-553.513 or the guidelines shall be construed to relieve the owner of any building, structure or facility governed by those sections from the duty to provide vertical accessibility to all levels above and below the occupiable grade level regardless of whether the guidelines require an elevator to be installed in such building, structure or facility, except for:
(1) Elevator pits, elevator penthouses, mechanical rooms, piping or equipment catwalks and automobile lubrication and maintenance pits and platforms;
(2) Unoccupiable spaces, such as rooms, enclosed spaces and storage spaces that are not designed for human occupancy, for public accommodations or for work areas; and
(3) Occupiable spaces and rooms that are not open to the public and that house no more than five persons, including, but not limited to equipment control rooms and projection booths.

Waiver Criteria: There is no specific guidance for a waiver of this requirement in the code. The Commission's current rule, authorized in Section 553.512, Florida Statutes, provides criteria for granting waivers and allows consideration of unnecessary or extreme hardship to the applicant if the specific requirements were imposed. Vertical accessibility to all rows of bleacher seating, as required by Section 553.509 , Florida Statutes.
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.
This application is available in alternate formats upon request.

## 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: $\quad$ Astronaut High School

Address: 800 War Eagle Blvd.,
Titusville, Florida 32796-2396
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: James W. Bush, A.I.A.
Applicant's Address: The Haskell Company, 111 Riverside Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32202
Applicant's Telephone: $\quad \underline{904.791 .4550}$ FAX: $9 \underline{904.791 .4697}$
Applicant's
E-mail
Address:
jim.bush@thehaskellco.com
Relationship to $\quad$ Owner:
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Owner's Name: School Board of Brevard County
Owner's Address: 2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida 32940-6699
Owner's Telephone: $\quad \underline{321.633 .1000}$ FAX: $\underline{\underline{321.633 .4646}}$

# Owner's E-mail Address: GeiserG@brevard.k12.fl.us 

Signature of Owner: $\qquad$
Contact Person: Gary Geiser

Contact Person's Telephone: $\mathbf{3 2 1 . 6 3 3 . 1 0 0 0}$
E-mail Address: GeiserG@,brevard.k12.fl.us

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3. Please check one of the following:
[ X] 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 facility consists of new bleachers and pressbox being constructed for the new football field at the above referenced project. 3000 seats for the home team and 1000 seats for the visiting team.
5. Project Construction Cost (Provide cost for new construction, the addition or the alteration): Total project cost $\$ 29,000,000$
6. Project Status: Please check the phase of construction that best describes your project at the time of this application. Describe status.
[ ] Under Design [X ] Under Construction*
[ ] In Plan Review [] Completed*

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

The school board Building Official has requested that the project be reviewed for an accessibility waiver regarding vertical accessibilty to all levels (rows) of the football
7. Requirements requested to be waived. Please reference the applicable section of Florida law. Only Florida-specific accessibility requirements may be waived.

## Issue

## 1: FCB 2004 11-4.1.2 Accessible site and exterior facilities: new construction.

Vertical accessibilty to all levels of the bleacher structure. Issue

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

The project under consideration is the construction of bleachers and pressbox for football spectators. Provision has been made for vertical accessibility to the pressbox by means of a chair lift that runs through the center of the bleachers. The waiver requested is the requirement for wheelchair accessibility to all levels (rows) of the bleacher structure. Provision has been made for wheelchair accessible spaces and companion spaces at the first level of the bleacher structure which is accessed
by a code compliant ramp. To construct bleachers with accessible spaces dispersed throughout the structure would impractible from a constructability standpoint and would require more space than is available on the limited site area.
[ ] Substantial financial costs will be incurred by the owner if the waiver is denied.
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[ ] 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.
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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.
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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 reasons) why the waiver is necessary.

The comments above in item 8 are from the licensed design professional
James W. Bush, A.I.A.

(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.


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.
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Has there been any permitted construction activity on this building during the past three years? If so, what was the cost of construction?
[ ] Yes [V No Cost of Construction
Comments/Recommendation Approval y Waiusre

Jurisdiction School Board of Brevard County, Florida
Building Official or Designee


David Sterphone
Printed Name
BU 518
Certification Number




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