

From: [John Barrios](#)
To: [Victoria Brittain](#)
Cc: [John Franklin](#); [Dave Jennings](#)
Subject: RE: Water cooler and waiver recommendation
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:56:01 PM
Attachments: [Waiver Info.docx](#)
[VPL 945 E 11th Ave.pdf](#)
[ADA Compliance Water Cooler Quench.pdf](#)

Ms Brittain

I have no objection to the vertical accessibility waiver request or the use of a water cooler for the referenced project. I have copied the relevant staff so they are aware of this position. Thanks

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From: Victoria Brittain [<mailto:soar2000@hughes.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 2:47 PM
To: John Barrios
Subject: Water cooler and waiver recommendation

Dear Mr. Barrios: thank you for returning my call on 1/19/2017 to discuss the project at 945 E 11th Ave. The reason I had called you directly is because the waiver committee in Tallahassee instructed me to talk with the head building official. I thought that was Tom Snelling but he referred me to you.

During our meeting with plans review, John Franklin directed me to send you a note concerning the use of a water fountain or cooler. On the original plans that we submitted on December 13, we showed an ADA-compliant water cooler to be used in place of a water fountain. While it is not an ADA requirement to provide a water fountain, we have been told it is a FBC Plumbing requirement. Of course, if we supply a water cooler it must be ADA-compliant.

In the FBCE Section 1010, the new occupancy shall comply with the ***"intent"*** of the respective Florida Building Code, Plumbing Provisions.

Therefore, we respectfully request that you allow us to honor the intent of the Florida Plumbing Code by supplying an ADA-compliant water cooler to satisfy the water requirement such as the one attached. A new water fountain would require new plumbing and a water fountain fixture in the main first floor hallway would be a protrusion hazard as discussed in the ADA code. Also, the occupants of this office do not want access to City drinking water, but rather bottled spring water. The ADA water cooler could be placed in an accessible corner in the main hallway that would not protrude into the accessible path and not be a threat to blind or low vision persons.

A second issue involves the vertical accessibility waiver. The waiver submission asks for a Building Official Recommendation. Can you provide such a recommendation for this project? Attached shows the proposed VPL. It does not fit into the fit and fabric of the National Historic Landmark District and well exceeds the 20% disproportionality exception. The first draft of my waiver letter is attached.

Thank you, Victoria Brittain