

September 22, 2025

Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation  
2601 Blair Stone Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

**RE: Waiver#735-R0 Supporting letter**

To Whom It May Concern,

This project involves an existing ground-level tenant space with an existing mezzanine. The building does not have an elevator or lift to the mezzanine level but does provide the required means of egress. The mezzanine will be used solely as a storage area, accessory to the business occupancy below. It does not contain facilities and will remain unaltered under this permit.

**The scope of work proposed under this permit is limited to:**

- Reconstruction of HVAC ductwork
- General electrical repairs including lighting
- Modifications to an exterior door
- Addition of ADA-compliant handrails to the existing stairs
- Reconstruction of the ground-floor public restroom and drinking fountain to bring them into compliance with the 2023 Florida Accessibility Code

The total estimated cost of the permitted work is \$80,000 (see attached a cost breakdown). A vertical platform lift to serve the mezzanine has been quoted at \$45,000 & \$103,500 (estimates attached). These figures exceed the 20% disproportionality threshold established by the Florida Accessibility Code, Section 202.4.1.

Because the cost of a lift would be disproportionate to the overall project cost, and since the mezzanine is existing, will remain a storage area not open to the public, we respectfully request that the requirement for vertical accessibility be waived for this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

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