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RE: ADDENDUM

DHR Project File No.: 202204652, Received by DHR: June 17th, 2022

Project: ADA Sec. 202.5 Exemption Waiver Review:

-2063 Oak Street, Jacksonville, Florida, 32204

County: Duval

To Whom It May Concern:

At your request we reviewed the above referenced properties pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 202.5 – *Alterations to Qualified Historic Buildings and Facilities*, 2020 Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction, 7th Edition, codified in 28 CFR Part 36 and equivalent procedures implementing Sections 553.503 of the Florida Statutes.

The above referenced property is listed in the *National Register of Historic Places* as a contributing resource to the Riverside Avondale Historic District. Therefore, the property is eligible for the exemption granted Qualified Historic Buildings and Facilities per Section 202.5 of the FACBC, 2020. It is the opinion of this office that the above referenced property should be granted an ADA exemption waiver for vertical accessibility based on the following establishing factors:

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This is a two story building that was originally a home but now acts as an office building. The applicant has requested a vertical accessibility exemption for the entire building. Currently, there are multiple ADA accessible bathrooms in the building but no physical ADA access to the building due to all of the entrances being atop stairs. The most important factor that informed the opinion of this office is the fact that this building has covenant restrictions placed on it through its historical easement. These restrictions include no alterations to any façade visible from street. As a corner lot with no close neighboring buildings, all of the facades are visible from the street and as such, none of the entrances can be changed to accommodate mobility issues or wheelchairs. As such, any discussion of the vertical accessibility within the private offices inside the building are moot. However, in order to still provide services for ADA clients, the historic garage and adjacent new construction building have been adapted to be accessible.



The opinions of this office outlined above are intended for a vertical accessibility waiver only and does not include a review of other ADA exemptions such as restroom facilities. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Kyra Lucas, Historic Preservationist, by email at *kyra.lucas@dos.myflorida.com*, or by telephone at 850.245.6339.

Sincerely,

Timothy A Parsons, Ph.D.

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& State Historic Preservation Officer