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RE: Project: *ADA Sec. 202.5 Exemption Waiver Review:*
407 East Palm Avenue, Tampa, Florida, 33602
County: Hillsborough
Type: Vertical Accessibility
Received by DHR: September 23rd, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

At your request we reviewed the above referenced property 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 Tampa Heights Historical District. The property is a residential house in a bungalow style with irregular form, in part due to previous alterations and additions. Recently, the first floor portion of this home underwent a change of occupancy status, which prompted the inquiry for this review. The first floor portion of the building is being turned into a home office/business. Access would be from the rear of the building and would require an ADA accessible ramp or platform lift to access the 4 foot step up from grade. Because of the small nature. However, the only people who will have access to this area are employees as, according to the applicant, this business does not interact physically with customers and will not have customers in the building. Due to this, the smaller size of the lot, and the precedent for this structure to continue to read as residential as opposed to commercial, it is the opinion of this office that the property **is eligible** for the exemption granted Qualified Historic Buildings and Facilities per Section 202.5 of the FACBC, 2020 as the considered measures to meet full compliance with the requirements for accessible routes or entrances would threaten or destroy the historic significance of the above referenced project.

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If you have any questions, please contact Kyra Lucas, Historic Preservationist, by email at kyra.lucas@dos.myflorida.com, or by telephone at 850.245.6339.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly L. Chase" with "For" written below it.

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& State Historic Preservation Officer