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STATE REG. NO. AR0009350

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Department of Business and Professional Regulation Florida Building Commission
2601 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, FL
32399-0772

RE: Interior Alterations at 1820 SW 3rd Ave.

Grounds for Waiver

We respectfully submit this request for a waiver from providing vertical accessibility to the upper floor of the existing building, in accordance with **Section 202.4.1 Disproportionate Cost** of the Florida Accessibility Code. Our project involves significant alterations aimed at improving accessibility compliance within the primary function areas; however, the cost of incorporating vertical accessibility far exceeds the 20% threshold, making it a disproportionate financial burden.

The total cost of the planned alterations over the course of three years amounts to \$221,686. According to accessibility regulations, an alteration is considered disproportionate if the cost of providing an accessible path of travel exceeds 20% of the cost of the alteration to the primary function area.

- 20% of the total alteration cost = \$44,337.20
- Cost of providing vertical accessibility (elevator installation) = \$122,318
- Conclusion: The cost of vertical accessibility alone is nearly three times the 20% threshold, making compliance financially unfeasible.

Given this significant financial burden, we respectfully request a waiver from providing vertical accessibility to the second floor.

We appreciate your time and consideration in reviewing our request. Please let us know if further documentation or clarification is needed.

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