



The Florida Accessibility Advisory Council  
C/O/Mr. Chip Sellers  
Florida Building Codes and Standards  
2601 Blair Stone Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

August 12, 2020

Re: Requested Waiver of Vertical Accessibility for former residential structure located at 310 Bradford Road Tallahassee, Florida- Conversion of former Law Office to "Earth Remedies" Physical Rehabilitation Center –City Of Tallahassee Building Department Acknowledgment

Dear Mr. Sellers and Members of the Florida Accessibility Council,

The Applicant has requested our local Building Department to provide an endorsement of this Application for Waiver for Vertical Accessibility based on two factors:

First, the financial burden of adding an elevator to the renovated building is estimated to be \$175,000. The entire renovation budget is estimated as \$194,000. This equates to nearly 90% or the proposed renovation costs. We include the Contractors estimate and two separate quotations of cost from Otis Elevator and Schindler Elevators as evidence on support of this hardship.

Secondly, the business owners, David and Shelly Goodson have gone to extraordinary measures to insure that all services provide in the Rehabilitative Facility are available on both floors. They have, in fact dedicated the first floor wing to accessible patients including a private entrance.

We have been provided guidance from the City Building Official that based on potential legal liabilities, the City of Tallahassee Building Department, as a matter of public policy, is precluded from providing an endorsement of this or any application for waiver. They do, however agree that the project meets the threshold for financial hardship.

It is our hope that the council will appreciate the City's position and without their endorsement, will act favorably on this request for waiver of vertical accessibility based on the financial hardship.

Sincerely,



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