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TO: Troy Crews
Building Official

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RE: C.A. Boone Construction Office Building

375 SW Sisters Welcome Road (formerly 970 SW Arlington Boulevard)

Lake City, Florida 32025

Permit Application #50469

Architect Response regarding ADA Accessibility

Mr. Troy Crews,

The following is intended to serve as a response to questions regarding provisions for ADA accessibility to/for a second floor Employee Work Area, per Section 203.9 of the ADA compliance standards, in the new C.A. Boone Construction Office Building located at 375 SW Sisters Welcome Road (formerly 970 SW Arlington Boulevard), Lake City, Florida, and assigned a building permit number, #50469.

The <u>Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)</u> law requires an elevator to be installed in newly constructed facilities in order to provide vertical egress if the building has **three or more stories**, or if each floor of the building **exceeds 3,000 square feet**. Therefore, commercial buildings smaller than this are generally exempt, unless the space is one of the following:

- Medical office or doctor's clinic
- Bus station, rail station or other public transportation facility
- Terminal building in an airport (including smaller private airports)
- Large retail space, such as a shopping mall

These public spaces are typically required to install elevators regardless of size.

As designed and permitted, the C.A. Boone Construction Office Building is a two-story, private office structure with approx. 2,550.0 sq.ft. per floor. Because the design criteria as set forth is not exceeded, ADA accessibility to the second floor is not required therefore the employee work area would be exempt from meeting accessibility requirements as stated in Section 203.9- Employee Work Areas. However, all areas on the first-floor level have been designed for ADA compatibility and accessibility.

Thank you.

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