

Accessibility Exceptions for Historic Buildings

Both federal and state regulations which implement the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Florida Building Code (FBC) provide for a consultation process with the State Historic Preservation Officer when an entity undertaking alterations to a qualified historic building or facility believes that the accessibility requirements of ADA would "threaten or destroy" the significance of the building or facility. If the State Historic Preservation Officer agrees with the entity undertaking alterations, then alternative minimum requirements specified in ADA and FBC or, in rare cases, alternative methods of access may be used.

Accessibility Exception Links:

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