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Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 3:07 PM
To: Mac Megie
Subject: FW: Request for Formal Building Code Interpretation and Interagency Review

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FYI Mac.

Please see PBCFR guidance below and kindly assist/coordinate with Ryan. Thanks.

My best regards,



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Subject: Re: Request for Formal Building Code Interpretation and Interagency Review

Melvin,

This office does not issue formal interpretations on the Florida Fire Prevention Code (FFPC). It does, however, use a commonsense approach and past practice for situations outside of the code compliance.

Stair lifts are allowed under the following conditions.

- Plans must be submitted and reviewed by both the Building Department and CRRD.
- The stair lift must stow at the base of the stairwell without impediment.
- The Chair must service one tenant at the top of the stairwell. If two tenants utilize the stairwell a signed letter from the non-lift user must be received at time of plan review agreeing with the use.
- A signed letter from the HOA/POA must be received at time of plan review allowing such use.

If I can be of any assistance, please reach out to me.

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Re: Request for Formal Building Code Interpretation and Interagency Review

Dear Mr. Corredor:

I respectfully request a formal interpretation and review by the Palm Beach County Building Division regarding the proposed installation of a residential stair chair lift serving our second-floor condominium located in an existing two-story condominium building constructed in 1985–1986 in unincorporated Palm Beach County.

Because this matter involves both the application of the Florida Building Code and life-safety considerations affecting a requested disability-related modification, we respectfully request that the Building Division consult with the Palm Beach County Fire Marshal if your office believes such consultation would assist in reaching a complete and informed determination.

My husband, **Ron Palmer**, is an honorably discharged United States Army veteran who suffers from significant mobility impairments that make climbing the stairs to and from our home extremely difficult, painful, and hazardous. The requested stair chair lift is intended solely to provide him with safe access to and from our residence.

The proposed installation involves an existing common stairway that serves only two second-floor condominium units. The stairway is approximately **43 inches wide**, and the proposed **KB Mobility** stair chair lift projects approximately **15 inches into the stairway when the seat, armrests, and footrest are folded and parked**. The lift would be used only by Mr. Palmer and would remain folded when not in use.

Importantly, the owner of the only adjoining condominium, who shares the common stairway and both landings, has reviewed the proposal and has provided written approval for the installation. No other residents use this stairway to access their homes.

Our condominium association denied our request, citing concerns regarding building code compliance and means of egress. To the best of our knowledge, however, no formal determination or interpretation has been requested from the Palm Beach County Building Division or the Fire Marshal concerning this specific installation.

Because this request involves an existing building constructed nearly forty years ago, and because it concerns a disabled veteran seeking safe access to his home, we respectfully request your assistance in determining how the Florida Building Code and the Florida Existing Building Code apply to these circumstances.

Specifically, we respectfully request your written interpretation regarding the following:

1. Whether the proposed installation may be approved under the Florida Building Code and the Florida Existing Building Code applicable to an existing condominium building constructed in 1985–1986.
2. Whether the proposed installation would comply with the applicable means of egress and life-safety requirements.
3. Whether any conditions, modifications, or operational requirements could permit approval while maintaining compliance with applicable codes.
4. Whether review or concurrence by the Palm Beach County Fire Marshal is recommended or required.

We are not requesting that the Building Division advocate for either party. Rather, we seek an objective interpretation of the applicable code provisions so that this matter may be evaluated based upon the governing building and life-safety requirements instead of assumptions or differing interpretations.

We would be pleased to provide any additional information that would assist in your review, including:

- Photographs of the existing stairway and landings;
- Measured dimensions of the stairway;
- Manufacturer's specifications and installation drawings for the KB Mobility stair chair lift;
- Written consent from the adjoining condominium owner;
- Medical documentation supporting Mr. Palmer's need for the stair lift; and
- Any other information your office considers helpful.

If an on-site inspection would assist in evaluating this request, we would welcome the opportunity to coordinate a mutually convenient time.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your service to the residents of Palm Beach County. We appreciate your time and look forward to your written guidance.

Respectfully,

Linda Palmer

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