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November 1, 2006

William J. Baumbach II, Building Committee Chairman
Acacia Lodge No. 16
2380 Mountain Road
Haymarket, Virginia 20169

Subject: Acacia Lodge No. 16
7135 Main Street
Clifton, Virginia 20124

Code Reference: ASME A18.1 - 1999, with A18.1a - 2001 Addenda,
Safety Standard for Platform Lifts and Stairway Chairlifts

File Reference: 061031.0AD

Dear Mr. Baumbach:

This is in response to your request for a modification of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.

You have asked for a modification of Section 2.7, *Capacity, Speed, and Travel*, of the referenced code standard. This section limits the travel of platform lifts to a maximum of 12 feet. You have asked to be allowed to install a National Wheel-O-Vator Vertical Platform Lift Model BC at the subject location, with a travel distance of 14 feet. You note that a future edition of the referenced code (ASME A18.1 – 2005) permits travel distances up to 14 feet.

After due consideration, your request is approved subject to the following conditions:

- Your installation must comply with all pertinent portions of ASME A18.1 – 2005.
- All fixed location electrical wiring and electro-mechanical controls must be located above the design flood elevation.
- A permanently affixed sign stating “When not in use, this lift is to be parked at its uppermost landing” (or words to this effect) must be located within the platform enclosure.

Please attach a copy of this letter to each set of elevator installation design documents you submit with your permit application for this planned installation.

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You have the right to appeal this decision to the Board of Building Code Appeals within ninety (90) days from the date you receive this letter. You may obtain information on this process by calling Ms. Carla Bird, Secretary to the Board of Building Code Appeals, at 703-324-1980.

Should you have any questions or need more information on this matter, please call me at 703-324-1910.

Sincerely,



Ray Pylant
Building Official

cc: Ray Pylant, Director Commercial Inspections Division
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