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Mayor John Koniar
Foley City Council Members
P.O. Box 1750
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RE: Board of Adjustments and Appeals Fees
Building Permit Fees

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing this letter to request you consider waiving the captioned fees for our building renovations.

As the city has grown so have the needs of our social service agency. The building which was purchased and renovated in 2000 needs to be expanded to meet these growing needs. For the last several years we have used a donated, off-site storage building to sort and store surplus food. While grateful for this, we have reached a point where having additional square footage for the pantry would be more efficient. Moving food around is time consuming...and hard!

Our agency has always been receptive to allowing other non-profits use our office space when it benefits South Baldwin residents. Currently, Legal Aid meets clients in our office twice a week. The request for approximately 100 square feet of additional office space will allow us to better use the space we have and meet the needs of the community we serve.

We discovered when the plans were filed with the city, that a variance would be needed. With the new building code we are 4 feet closer to the street than is acceptable. In spite of the fact that we are not building out further, just trying to square off both ends of the building a variance is required. For this reason, please waive the fees required to get this accomplished.

In addition our contractor will be filing for the appropriate building fees to start the part of the project which has been approved, and I am requesting that you also consider waiving this fee.

As always I am grateful for your help and consideration. Should you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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