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TO: REVIEW STAFF/INSPECTION STAFF

FROM: HENRY C. REED, SR. ARCHITECT SUPERVISOR

RE: ADA-AG EXEMPTION

DATE: MARCH 6, 1997

MEMORANDUM

Effective immediately, churches and private clubs are exempt from this office's requirements to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act - Accessibility Guidelines. LRS 40:1732 definitions, Paragraph (9) (a) redefined a public facility as a commercial facility or place of public accommodation as defined in the ADA-AG. The state law refers to the ADA-AG and by reference the Federal Statute for the definition of public facilities. This definition clearly exempts churches and private clubs from the requirements to comply with the Federal Law and ADA-AG. Since the state law refers to the definitions found within the Federal Guidelines, churches and private clubs would therefore, be exempt from state regulations.

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cc: Jerry W. Jones Henry C. Reed, Sr. Ken Vince

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