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Patrick Wright,  
Director of Planning  
City of Key West  
1300 White Street  
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### **Request of the Florida Keys SPCA for Waiver to Art in Public Places (“AIPP”) Requirement**

Dear Patrick:

On behalf of the Florida Keys SPCA (“FKSPCA”), I am writing to respectfully request a waiver of the Art in Public Places (“AIPP”) requirement that applies to our new animal shelter facility currently under construction.

In support thereof, please be advised that we had been working with Vicki Boguszewski, former AIPP Administrator, in meeting the requirements of the AIPP ordinance, which requires us to install approximately \$64,000 in artwork at our site. We prepared a Request for Proposals to artists to supply the necessary artwork, posted the RFP on various websites for that purpose, and received a number of responses to the RFP. At the time we started this endeavor, we did not have the necessary funding to complete the AIPP project, but we had hoped that we could raise the funds in the interim during the RFP process. That unfortunately did not happen. As a matter of fact, we had to remove a number of items from our project in order to begin construction because we did not have the funds to pay for them at that time. We had anticipated adding them back into the project after further funds were raised, but the funds we did raise had to go to structural change orders in excess of \$300,000. While we would really like to install artwork at the site, we simply do not have the funds to do so.



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City Ordinance Division 8, Section 2.487(c)(1)(c) provides as follows:

“Non-profits whose projects qualify under provisions a or b of the above section may have their public art fund set aside requirement waived, all or in part by action of the city commission on a case by case basis upon a showing of a valid public purpose.” (Please see the highlighted portion of the ordinance on page 4 of the attached). The FKSPCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and we believe that our building project serves a valid public purpose in that the facility will house animal control services that will benefit both the City of Key West and Monroe County.

We understand that our request for the waiver is required to be approved by the city commission. Therefore, would you kindly arrange for our request to be placed on the agenda for the commission to consider at an upcoming meeting? We are happy to provide any further information that you may require and it would be helpful to know if we need to prepare a presentation at the city commission meeting, or just be available to answer questions. Thank you.

Yours in animal welfare,

Jane Dawkins

President

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