



NOVEMBER 14th, 2023

THIS MILESTONE PHASE 1 INSPECTION REPORT WAS PRODUCED FOR THE 10-STORY BUILDING OF TOWN SHORES OF GULFPORT NO. 212, INC. DIPLOMAT CONDOMINIUM LOCATED AT 5980 SHORE BLVD. S., GULFPORT, FL 33707.

DIPLOMAT HOUSE

MILESTONE PHASE 1 INSPECTION SURVEY



November 14th, 2023

Ms. Pati Lytle
Town Shores of Gulfport, No. 212, Inc.
3210 59th St. S.,
Gulfport, FL 33707

Re: Milestone Phase 1 Inspection Survey
Town Shores of Gulfport, No. 212, Inc. (Diplomat House Condominiums) 5980
Shore Blvd. S.,
Gulfport, FL 33707

Dear Ms. Lytle,

In accordance with your request, we tasked engineer Andrew Schrader with performing a Phase 1 structural inspection of the building, including an inspection of load-bearing walls, primary structural members and primary structural systems. We visited the site on 10/06/2023.

PROJECT BACKGROUND ON PHASE 1 INSPECTIONS

Recon Response Engineering LLC ("RRE") prepared this report to provide the Association with a Phase 1 Milestone Inspection in accordance with Florida Statute 553.899. The purpose is to attest to the life safety and adequacy of the structural components of the building and, to the extent reasonably possible, determine the general structural condition of the building as it affects its safety. This includes a determination of any necessary maintenance, repair or replacement of any structural component of the building. This does not include making a determination if the condition of the building is in compliance with the Florida Building Code or the fire safety code.

This inspection requires a visual examination of habitable and non-habitable areas of the building, including its major structural components. It is a qualitative (non-quantitative) assessment of the building's structural condition, with a key goal to determine if substantial structural deterioration exists.

"Substantial structural deterioration" is defined in 553.889 as substantial structural distress that negatively affects a building's general structural condition and integrity. The term does not include surface imperfections such as cracks, distortion, sagging, deflections, misalignment, signs of leakage, or peeling of finishes unless the inspector determines that such surface imperfections are a sign of substantial structural deterioration.



As stated in 553.889, if we find no signs of substantial structural deterioration to the building components under visual examination, then a Phase 2 inspection is not required. If, however, any substantial deterioration is identified during the Phase 1 inspection, then a Phase 2 inspection must be performed.

PROJECT BACKGROUND ON PHASE 2 INSPECTIONS

The purpose of a Phase 2 inspection, if required, is to fully assess areas of structural distress in order to confirm that the building is structurally sound and safe for its intended use. Additionally, a Phase 2 inspection requires the inspector to recommend a program for fully assessing and repairing distressed and damaged portions of the building.

A Phase 2 inspection may involve destructive or non-destructive testing, and may be as extensive or as limited as necessary to fully assess areas of structural distress. When determining testing locations, the inspector must give preference to locations that are the least disruptive and most easily repairable while still being representative of the structure.

ONCE THE INSPECTION IS COMPLETED

Following both the Phase 1 and Phase 2 inspection, the inspector must submit a sealed copy of the inspection report with a separate summary of, at a minimum, its material findings and recommendations. This information must be furnished by the inspector to both the condominium association and to the building official of the local government which has jurisdiction. This signed and sealed inspection report must meet all of the following criteria:

- 1) Indicate the manner and type of inspection forming the basis for the inspection report.
- 2) Identify any substantial structural deterioration, within a reasonable professional probability based on the scope of the inspection.
- 3) Describe the extent of such deterioration, and identify any recommended repairs for the observed deterioration.
- 4) State whether unsafe or dangerous conditions*, as those terms are defined in the Florida Building Code, were observed.
- 5) Recommend any remedial or preventive repair for any items that are damaged but are not substantial structural deterioration.
- 6) Identify and describe any items requiring further inspection.



APPLICABLE DEFINITIONS FROM THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE

“Unsafe” is defined in the 2020 Florida Building Code, 7th Edition, as follows:

Buildings, structures or equipment that are unsanitary, or that are deficient due to inadequate means of egress facilities, inadequate light and ventilation, or that constitute a fire hazard, or in which the structure or individual structural members meet the definition of “Dangerous,” or that are otherwise dangerous to human life or the public welfare, or that involve illegal or improper occupancy or inadequate maintenance shall be deemed unsafe. A vacant structure that is not secured against entry shall be deemed unsafe.

“Dangerous” is defined in the 2020 Florida Building Code, 7th Edition, as follows:

Any building, structure or portion thereof that meets any of the conditions described below shall be deemed dangerous:

1. The building or structure has collapsed, has partially collapsed, has moved off its foundation, or lacks the necessary support of the ground.
2. There exists a significant risk of collapse, detachment or dislodgement of any portion, member, appurtenance or ornamentation of the building or structure under service loads.

Note that the Florida Building Code has a specific definition for “substantial structural damage” which is separate and distinct from the definition of “substantial structural deterioration” as used in SB4. Since this report is predicated on the specific requirements of SB4, the criterion for substantial structural deterioration is used in this report as defined in SB4.

WHAT THE ASSOCIATION MUST DO WITH THIS INFORMATION

- 1) The Association must distribute a copy of the inspector-prepared summary of the inspection report to each condominium unit owner or cooperative unit owner, regardless of the findings or recommendations in this report, by United States mail or personal delivery and by electronic transmission to unit owners who previously consented to receiving notice by electronic transmission.
- 2) The Association must post a copy of the inspector-prepared summary of the inspection report in a conspicuous place on the condominium or cooperative property.
- 3) The Association must publish the full report and inspector-prepared summary on the Association’s website, if the association is required to have a website.
- 4) We also recommend consultation with the Association’s legal counsel to determine what other actions (if any) should be taken.



DOCUMENTS REVIEWED

- 1) Building and Roofing Oral History as provided by Association Board of Directors
- 2) Pinellas County Property Appraiser Records

BUILDING INFORMATION

- ◆ The structure located at Diplomat House Condominiums consists of 120 units total.
- ◆ The building is ten (10) stories tall, and the structural components consist of reinforced concrete beams, slabs and columns with infill Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) block walls.
- ◆ The main roof system is a low-slope “flat” membrane.
- ◆ The structure was built in 1972 according to Pinellas County Property Appraiser records.

Photos showing the layout of the building are provided on the following pages.



Plan view (overhead) image of the Diplomat House building at Town Shores of Gulfport.

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**Diplomat House building at Town Shores of Gulfport.
Typical Roof & elevation captured 11/18/2022.**

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Exterior Elevation View (North)

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Exterior Elevation View (East)

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Exterior Elevation View (South)

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Exterior Elevation View (West)



INSPECTOR CREDENTIALS

Andrew Schrader is a Florida-licensed Professional Engineer (PE) and Certified General Contractor (CGC).

He is also board-qualified as a Special Inspector of Threshold Buildings (SI) by the Florida Board of Professional Engineers.

In addition, Mr. Schrader holds the following credentials:

- ◆ **International Code Council (ICC)**
 - Special Inspector, Soils
 - Special Inspector, Structural Steel and Bolting
 - Special Inspector, Structural Masonry
 - Residential Mechanical Inspector
 - Residential Electrical Inspector
 - Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector
 - ADA Accessibility and Plans Review
- ◆ **American Concrete Institute (ACI)**
 - Special Inspector, Concrete Construction
 - Concrete Field Testing Technician - Grade I
- ◆ **Association for Materials Protection and Performance (AMPP) / National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE)**
 - Basic Coatings Inspector / CIP Level 1
- ◆ **State of Florida**
 - Licensed Asbestos Consultant
 - Certified Continuing Education Instructor, Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR)
 - Certified Continuing Education Instructor, Florida Division of State Fire Marshal
- ◆ **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**
 - Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Structures Specialist (StS-1)
- ◆ **U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)**
 - Commercial Pilot (Instrument-Rated)
 - Remote Pilot (Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems)



MILESTONE PHASE 1 INSPECTION RESULTS: DIPLOMAT HOUSE AT TOWNSHORES OF GULFPORT

Required Item 1 of 6: *Indicate the manner and type of inspection forming the basis for the inspection report.*

This Phase 1 milestone inspection was performed using visual observation of accessible locations. We walked the property on foot including the ground-floor perimeter, walkways, stairs, flat roof and approximately 25% of the balconies and unit interiors.

Required Item 2 of 6: *Identify any substantial structural deterioration, within a reasonable professional probability based on the scope of the inspection.*

No substantial structural deterioration was observed.

Attached to this report is a photo index record of permitted structural repair work which was completed within the last six months, under the direction of Recon Response Engineering. The permit number for this work was #BLDC2023-00817, permitted under City of Gulfport.

Required Item 3 of 6: *Describe the extent of such deterioration and identify any recommended repairs for the observed deterioration.*

Not applicable—no structural deterioration observed.



Required Item 4 of 6: *State whether unsafe or dangerous conditions, as those terms are defined in the Florida Building Code, were observed.*

No unsafe or dangerous conditions were observed.

Required Item 5 of 6: *Recommend any remedial or preventive repair for any items that are damaged but are not substantial structural deterioration*

- 1) Continue exterior repainting of the building on a 7-year paint cycle, in order to provide optimal protective coverage for the exterior envelope of the building.
- 2) Due to the age and saltwater exposure of the building, we recommend re-inspection by an engineer within five (5) years of the date of this report. The intent would be a visual Existing Condition Survey to check for signs of corrosion-induced concrete deterioration on the building.

Required Item 6 of 6: *Identify and describe any items requiring further inspection.*

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SIGNATURE PAGE

Milestone Phase 1 Survey
Town Shores of Gulfport No. 212, Inc.
Diplomat Condominium
5980 Shore Blvd. S.,
Gulfport, FL 33707

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Schrader".

Andrew Schrader, PE
Florida License #72231

Certificate of Authorization #31955
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Limitations:

This report makes no warranties or guarantees, expressed or implied, in regards to building construction at the site. The property was not inspected for hidden conditions.

Our opinions noted within this report are based on the findings as well as our professional experience. We accept no responsibility for interpretations or actions based on this report made by others.

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