



Mercy Housing and Shelter Corporation

Elevator and Electrical Upgrade Planned for Phase II

St. Elizabeth House currently operates with a State Building Department time-limited waiver to meet elevator requirements for a four story building. The elevator built in the 1920s, which became inoperable in 2008, is too small to meet current Uniform Building Code requirements to accommodate an ambulance type stretcher. The proximity of the existing elevator shaft to the property line on the north side of the building requires relocating to the south side of the building.

Plans call for a new masonry elevator tower and Otis car, located adjacent to the main entrance of the building, on the south side of the residence. The elevator will access all floors, including the currently inaccessible health clinic and clothing storage on the building's ground floor. The monitor station at the entrance to the facility will be relocated to allow for control of both the main entrance and use of the elevator.

The new elevator requires an upgrade to the electrical service. A new service will be brought in underground from Charter Oak Place, on the building's western side. Plans are being reviewed by municipal officials.

Funding for this phase will be from the CT Department of Economic and Community Development and donors to Mercy's Capital Renovation Fund efforts. Plans call for construction to begin this summer and to be completed by Christmas.