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The James Black Gallery is in a house from 1889 which is quite dilapidated. We are currently in progress of applications to help with accessibility and some maintenance of the space (F/W 2020).

Scent

The JBG has the scent of an old building, has a kitchen, kiln, and a variety of studio practices. It is not a scent-free space, but we do our best to minimize.

Bathrooms

There are no bathrooms on the main floor gallery nor basement.

There's one 5'x 7' sized bathroom located on the upper floor. This means 14 stairs up to the landing and then turning right 4 stairs for a total of 18 stairs. At the top turn left, right then left, straight down the hall is the bathroom. The main bathroom has a tub, shower, sink, and toilet with a 32 in door frame.

There is an additional water closet sized bathroom that is quite small, but available when the other one is occupied. It's door is only about 28 in wide.

House Entrances

There are three different entrances to the house. The front has stairs to the property then stairs with railing to the main floor. The west entrance has two stairs down and a railing to the basement floor. The south west backdoor entrance has 5 stairs up, but no steps onto the property via the back alley.

Stairs only to enter the building and go up and down floors, no ramps. We are planning on creating a ramp for the back door to the main floor as it will allow a no-stairs access point for shows.

No braille on the key box or doors available at this time. For all gallery events the front door is easily pushed or pulled without needing to twist a knob.

Stairs

There are stairs only to enter the building and go up and down floors, no ramps. All stairs have railing except the north front entrance to the property from the sidewalk. The stairs to the top floor has the railing that gets lower on the last four steps.

Front North Entrance

The stairs from the front north sidewalk is 5 stair steps + 9 walking steps on flat concrete through the yard to 11.5 stairs (.5 is the concrete half step at bottom) then another 6 steps to glass front door that swings inwards. Inside there is a coat rack on left behind the door that does not move. There is railing on both sides of the 11.5 stairs but not the stairs to the property.

Side West Entrance

Two steps down with a door that swings inwards to the basement floor. Ceilings are on average only 6 feet high with the back storage room being less than 6 feet. There is railing on both sides stepping down.

Back Entrance

Back steps at south west entrance of back of house is 5 stairs onto platform and 4 steps to door on left, key box does not have braille, is uses a number lock and is located to the east (or right) on the railing. There is railing on the eastern side.

Stairs to the Top Floor

There are 14 stairs up to the landing and then turning right 4 stairs for a total of 18 stairs. There is railing on the western side of these stairs and it goes lower on the last four steps.

Stairs to the Bottom floor from Main Floor

Down the hallway from the front entrance there is a door to the left. From the back entrance the hallway door is to the right. The basement has 11 stairs to the bottom and turn left at 2nd to last stair. There is railing on the western side of these stairs.

Doorways

Most doorways are 32 inches wide with the door to the basement and the smaller bathroom being smaller closer to 28.

Ceiling Height

The basement has heights of 6 feet and below while all other floors are 8-10 feet or tall. The exception is an overhang on the way to the top floor which is about 6 ft as well for clearance.

Main and Secondary Gallery

Main 15' w x 18' l x 9.5' h

Secondary Approx 15' w x 10.5' l x 9.5' h