# REGULAR MEETING\* BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 1 JUNKINS AVENUE PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Members of the public also have the option to join the meeting over Zoom (See below for more details)\*

7:00 P.M. April 26, 2022

#### **AGENDA**

#### I. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The request of Amanda J. Telford Revocable Trust (Owner), for property located at 322 Lincoln Avenue whereas relief is needed to amend previously approved demolition of existing carriage house and construction of new accessory structure which requires the following: 1) Variances from Section 10.521 to allow a) 35% building coverage where 25% is the maximum allowed; b) a 3'6" side yard where 10' is required; and c) a 13' rear yard where 20' is required. 2) A Variance from Section 10.321 to allow a nonconforming building or structure to be extended, reconstructed or enlarged without conforming to the requirements of the Ordinance. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 130 Lot 26 and lies within the General Residence A (GRA) District. (LU-22-59)
- **B.** The request of **William S. and Karen C. Bartlett (Owners)**, for property located at **607** Colonial Drive whereas relief is needed to construct a 24' x 16' rear addition and 10'x 12' deck which requires the following: 1) A Variance from Section 10.521 to allow 25% building coverage where 20% is the maximum allowed. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 260 Lot 26 and lies within the Single Residence B (SRB) District. (LU-22-60)
- C. The request of HCA Health SVC of NH (Owner), for property located at 333

  Borthwick Avenue whereas relief is needed for building addition on the existing hospital which requires the following: 1) A Variance from Section 10.531 to allow a 40' front yard where 50' is required. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 240 Lot 2 and lies within the Office Research (OR) District. (LU-22-35)
- **D.** The request of **Mark Griffin (Owner)**, for property located at **728 State Street**, **Unit 1** whereas relief is needed to demolish existing garage and construct a new garage which requires the following: 1) Variances from Section 10.521 to allow 61.5% building coverage where 35% is the maximum allowed. 2) Variances from Section 10.573.20 to

allow a) a 1.5' side yard where 10' is required; b) a 0' front yard (Chatham St.) where 5' is required; and c) a 0.5' front yard (Winter St.) where 5' is required. 3) A Variance from Section 10.571 to allow an accessory structure in the front yard and closer to the street than the principal structure. 4) A Variance from Section 10.321 to allow a nonconforming structure to be extended, reconstructed or enlarged without conforming to the requirements of the Ordinance. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 137 Lot 10-1 and lies within the General Residence C (GRC) District. (LU-22-63)

- E. WITHDRAWN The request of Portsmouth Lumber and Hardware LLC (Owner), for property located at 105 Bartlett Street whereas relief is needed to remove two existing accessory structures and replace with one new shed which requires the following: 1) A Variance from Section 10.516.20 to allow a 6' setback where 15' is required from the railroad right of way. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 157 Lot 2 and lies within the Character District 4-W (CD4-W). WITHDRAWN (LU-22-58)
- **F.** The request of **Randi and Jeff Collins (Owners),** for property located at **77 Meredith Way** whereas relief is needed to construct a second free-standing dwelling which requires the following: 1) A Variance from Section 10.513 to allow a second principal structure on a lot. 2) A Variance from Section 10.1114.31 to allow 2 driveways on a lot where only 1 is allowed. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 162 Lot 16 and lies within the General Residence A (GRA) District. (LU-22-61)
- G. The request of 64 Vaughan Mall LLC (Owner), for property located at 64 Vaughan Street whereas relief is needed for the addition of a rooftop penthouse which requires the following: 1) A Variance from Section 10.5A43.30 and Map 10.5A21B to allow a building height of 51'6" where 42' is the maximum allowed for a penthouse. 2) A Variance from Section 10.1530 to allow a penthouse with a 9.5' setback from the edge of the roof where 15 feet is required. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 126 Lot 1 and lies within the Character District 5 (CD-5) and Downtown Overlay and Historic Districts. (LU-22-65)
- H. The request of William H. Schefer Jr. and Donna Schefer (Owner), for property located at 994 South Street, Unit 2 whereas relief is needed to install a mini-split system which requires the following: 1) A Variance from Section 10.515.14 to allow a 1.5' setback where 10' is required. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 150 Lot 9 and lies within the Single Residence B (SRB) District. (LU-22-54)

#### II. OTHER BUSINESS

#### III. ADJOURNMENT

Agenda, Board of Adjustment Meeting, April 26, 2022

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TO: Zoning Board of Adjustment

FROM: Peter Stith, AICP, Planning Department

DATE: April 18, 2022

RE: Zoning Board of Adjustment April 26, 2022

# **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. 322 Lincoln Avenue
- 2. 607 Colonial Drive
- 3. 333 Borthwick Avenue
- 4. 728 State Street, Unit 1
- 5. 77 Meredith Way
- 6. 64 Vaughan Street
- 7. 994 South Street
- 8. 105 Bartlett Street WITHDRWAN

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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# **Existing & Proposed Conditions**

	Existing	Proposed	Permitted / Required	
Land Use:	Single family	Demo accessory structure/construct new structure	Primarily residential	
Lot area (sq. ft.):	5,378	5,378	7,500	min.
Lot Area per Dwelling Unit (sq. ft.):	5,378	5,378	7,500	min.
Street Frontage (ft.):	48	48	100	min.
Lot depth (ft.):	119	119	70	min.
Primary Front Yard (ft.):	6'10"	6'10"	15	min.
Left Side Yard (ft.):	17	17	10	min.
Right Side Yard (ft.):	2.5'	3.5'	10	min.
Rear Yard (ft.):	13	13	20	min.
Height (ft.):	<35	<35	35	max.
Building Coverage (%):	35	35.5	25	max.
Open Space Coverage (%):	51	51	30	min.
Parking:	2	2	1.3	
Estimated Age of Accessory Structure:	100 years	Variance request sh	nown in red.	

# Other Permits/Approvals Required

None.







<u>September 17, 1996</u> – The Board **granted** variances to allow a deck with a 5' right side yard where 10' is required and a building coverage of 29.2% where 25% is the maximum allowed.

October 20, 2020 – The Board **granted** variances to demolish existing structure and construct new structure which requires the following: 1) Variances from Section 10.521 to allow a) 35.5% building coverage where 25% is the maximum allowed; b) a 3'6" right side yard where 10' is required; and c) a 13' rear yard where 20' is required. 2) A Variance from Section 10.321 to allow a nonconforming structure or building to be extended, reconstructed or enlarged without conforming to the requirements of the Ordinance.

## **Planning Department Comments**

The variances referenced in the history above were granted in 2020. The applicant has made some design changes which were not part of the original application in 2020. The applicant has provided images of what was approved in 2020 and what is now proposed. As stated below in Section 10.235 of the Ordinance, materials presented before the Board are deemed conditions of approval, thus the reason for this project coming back before the Board. The footprint will stay within the approvals that were granted, and actually will be slightly smaller than what was originally approved.

#### **Review Criteria**

This application must meet all five of the statutory tests for a **variance** (see Section 10.233 of the Zoning Ordinance):

- 1. Granting the variance would not be contrary to the public interest.
- 2. Granting the variance would observe the spirit of the Ordinance.
- 3. Granting the variance would do substantial justice.
- 4. Granting the variance would not diminish the values of surrounding properties.
- The "unnecessary hardship" test:
   (a)The property has <u>special conditions</u> that distinguish it from other properties in the area.
   AND
  - (b) Owing to these special conditions, a fair and substantial relationship does not exist between the general public purposes of the Ordinance provision and the specific application of that provision to the property; and the proposed use is a reasonable one.

    OR

Owing to these special conditions, the property cannot be reasonably used in strict conformance with the Ordinance, and a variance is therefore necessary to enable a reasonable use of it.

# 10.235 Certain Representations Deemed Conditions

Request of William S. and Karen C. Bartlett (Owners), for property located at 607 Colonial Drive whereas relief is needed to construct a 24' x 16' rear addition and 10'x 12' deck which requires the following: 1) A Variance from Section 10.521 to allow 25% building coverage where 20% is the maximum allowed. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 260 Lot 26 and lies within the Single Residence B (SRB) District.

# **Existing & Proposed Conditions**

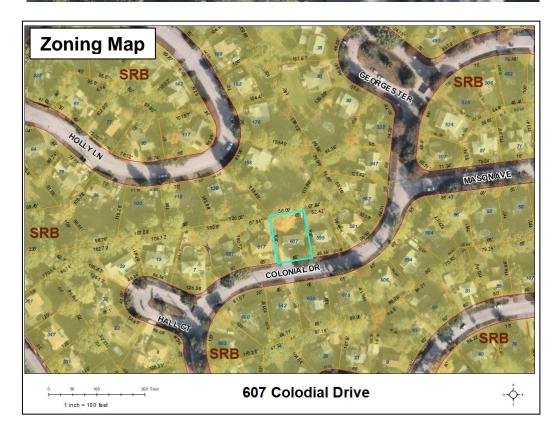
	Existing	Proposed	Permitted / Required	
Land Use:	Single family	Rear addition	Primarily single residence	
Lot area (sq. ft.):	6,500	6,500	15,000	min.
Lot area per dwelling	6,500	6,500	15,000	min.
(sq. ft.):				
Lot depth (ft):	100	100	100	min.
Street Frontage (ft.):	65	65	100	min.
Primary Front Yard	25	25	30	min.
<u>(ft.):</u>				
Left Yard (ft.):	13	13	10	min.
Right Yard (ft.):	10	10	10	
Rear Yard (ft.):	50	34	30	min.
Height (ft.):	<35	<35	35	max.
Building Coverage (%):	17	25	20	max.
Open Space Coverage	>40	>40	40	min.
<u>(%):</u>				
Parking:	2	2	2	
Estimated Age of	1942	Variance reques	st(s) shown in red.	·
Structure:				

# Other Permits/Approvals Required

None.







April 22, 1986 - The Board **granted** a variance from Article III, Section 10-302 requested to allow the construction of a 7' x 25' 1½ story addition to a single family dwelling with a front yard of 24'5" where a 30' front yard is required.

# **Planning Department Comments**

The applicant is seeking to add a rear addition and deck to the existing dwelling. The proposed addition and deck will conform to the side and rear yard requirements, however the additional square footage will result in 25% building coverage where 20% is the maximum allowed for the SRB zone. The lot size is 6,500 where 15,000 is the standard for the SRB.

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#### AND

(b) Owing to these special conditions, a fair and substantial relationship does not exist between the general public purposes of the Ordinance provision and the specific application of that provision to the property; and the proposed use is a reasonable one.

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Owing to these special conditions, the property cannot be reasonably used in strict conformance with the Ordinance, and a variance is therefore necessary to enable a reasonable use of it.

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Request of HCA Health Services of NH, Inc. dba Portsmouth Regional Hospital (Owner), for property located at 333 Borthwick Avenue whereas relief is needed for building addition on the existing hospital which requires the following: 1) A Variance from Section 10.531 to allow a 40' front yard where 50' is required. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 240 Lot 2 and lies within the Office Research (OR) District.

# **Existing & Proposed Conditions**

	Existing	Proposed	Permitted / Required	
Land Use:	Hospital	Front addition	Primarily Office	
Lot area (sq. ft.):	909,097	909,097	130,680	min.
Lot area per dwelling	NA	NA	NA	min.
(sq. ft.):				
Lot depth (ft):	1187	1187	300	min.
Street Frontage (ft.):	1232	1232	300	min.
Primary Front Yard	88	40	50	min.
<u>(ft.):</u>				
Left Yard (ft.):	79	79	75	min.
Right Yard (ft.):	71	71	75	
Rear Yard (ft.):	157	157	50	min.
Height (ft.):	65	15	60	max.
Building Coverage (%):	19	20	30	max.
Open Space Coverage	40	39	30	min.
<u>(%):</u>				
Parking:	783	1,303*	1,152	
Estimated Age of	1987	Variance request(s) shown in red.		
Structure:		*includes recently approved offsite parking area		

# Other Permits/Approvals Required

TAC/Planning Board – Amended Site Plan Conservation Commission/Planning Board – Wetland CUP





<u>June 20, 1989</u> – the Board **granted** a variance to allow the construction of an 88' high incinerator smoke stack

for waste disposal in a district which allows the maximum height of structures to be 60' with the **stipulation** that only waste material generated within the City's limits be allowed to be incinerated on the site; and, that the existing stack, as referenced in the Building Permit Application, be removed within 90 days of the new stack commencing operation. We also **stipulated** that approval from the NH DES be presented to the Building inspector prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

<u>February 17, 1998</u> – The Board **granted** a Special Exception to allow a 24'x70' temporary modular computer training classroom from March 7, 1998 to August 30, 1998.

<u>July 21, 1998</u> – The Board **granted** a Variance to allow the installation of panel antennae and related equipment on the roof of the Portsmouth Regional Hospital.

<u>July 18, 2000</u> – The Board **granted** a Variance to allow the installation of wireless communication antenna and associated cabinets on the roof of the existing hospital building

October 17, 2000 – The Board **granted** a Variance to allow the installation G Cellular panel antennas, flush with rooftop of hospital penthouse; and the addition of one microwave on north side of penthouse. No antennas will be higher than existing walls on hospital building.

<u>August 19, 2003</u> – The Board **granted** a Variance from Article II, Section 10-209 to allow the addition of PCS antennas and related base station equipment to the Portsmouth Hospital rooftop where such use is not allowed. The Board felt that this would not be contrary to public interest as we are becoming a "wireless" society and are becoming more dependent upon this technology.

<u>December 18, 2007</u> – The Board **granted** petition to allow the installation of six new antennas with three of the existing antennas being removed with the following stipulations

- Antenna shall not exceed the height of the penthouse façade
- The antennas shall be painted the same color as the penthouse
- The related equipment shall be painted to match the existing hospital façade
- The fence screening the equipment shall be extended to shield the additional equipment.

May 15, 2012 – The Board **granted** a Special Exception under Section 10.232, Section 10.440 to allow a heliport as accessory use incidental to a permitted principal use in the emergency room parking lot to the left of the building.

<u>July 22, 2014</u> – The Board **granted** a Special Exception under Section 10.440, Use #15.20 to allow a heliport as an accessory use incidental to a permitted principal use.

## **Planning Department Comments**

Portsmouth Regional Hospital is proposing to construct a front addition to accommodate a radiation unit. The proposed addition will encroach into the 50 foot front yard and will be setback 40' from the front lot line. Amended site plan approval and a wetland CUP are both required for the project for the addition and encroachment into the 100 foot wetland buffer.

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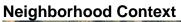
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## **Existing & Proposed Conditions**

	Existing	Proposed	Permitted / Required	
Land Use:	3 unit structure	Demo garage/construct new garage	Primarily residential	
Lot area (sq. ft.):	4,201	4,201	3,500	min.
Lot area per dwelling (sq. ft.):	1,400	1,400	3,500	min.
Lot depth (ft):	45	45	50	min.
Street Frontage (ft.):	78	78	70	min.
Primary Front Yard (ft.): State St	6	6	5	min.
Secondary Yard (ft.): Winter St.	0.2	0.5'	5	min.
Left Yard (ft.):	0.17	1.5'	10	min.
Secondary Front Yard (ft.): Chatham St	0'	0	5	min.
Height (ft.):			35	max.
Building Coverage (%):	61.6	61.5	35	max.
Open Space Coverage (%):	38	38	20	min.
Parking:	3	3	4	
Estimated Age of Structure:	1860 (house)	Variance request(	s) shown in red.	

# Other Permits/Approvals Required

None.







No prior BOA history found.

## **Planning Department Comments**

The applicant is seeking to demolish the existing garage and construct a new garage that is slightly more conforming, but due to the location on the lot and the lot size, will need several variances in order to proceed with the project. The lot has frontage on three sides, so any accessory structure would likely need relief from Section 10.571. Along State Street the lot is 45 feet and narrows to just 32 feet along Chatham where the new garage will be located. As shown in the applicant's submission, the proposed garage will be less volume than what exists today.

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# **Existing & Proposed Conditions**

	Existing	Proposed	Permitted / Required	
Land Use:	Single family d	Construct second principal dwelling	Primarily single residence	
Lot area (sq. ft.):	22,400	22,400	7,500	min.
Lot area per dwelling	22,400	11,200	7,500	min.
(sq. ft.):	454	454	70	
Lot depth (ft):	151	151	70	min.
Street Frontage (ft.):	37	37	100	min.
Primary Front Yard (ft.):	26	19	15	min.
Left Yard (ft.):	11.5		10	min.
Right Yard (ft.):	102	22	10	
Rear Yard (ft.):	86	77	20	min.
Height (ft.):	<35	<35	35	max.
Building Coverage (%):	3.5	11.5	25	max.
Open Space Coverage (%):	>30	>30	30	min.
Parking:	2	4	3	
Estimated Age of Structure:	1870	Variance reques	st(s) shown in red.	

# Other Permits/Approvals Required

None.

# **Neighborhood Context**





April 26, 2022 Meeting

June 16, 2020 The Zoning Board of Adjustment, at its regularly scheduled meeting of Tuesday, June 16, 2020, considered your request to withdraw the application to subdivide one lot into two lots which requires the following: A Variance from Section 10.521 to allow 0' of continuous street frontage for both lots where 100' is required for each. As a result of said consideration, the Board voted **to accept withdrawal** of the application.

## **Planning Department Comments**

The applicant is seeking to construct a second freestanding dwelling on the existing lot and add a second driveway, where only one is allowed per lot. The lot is 22,400 square feet, almost three times the minimum lot size for the district and could be subdivided into two conforming lots with the exception of street frontage and the owner would need to extend the road to service the second lot. As the applicant's representative pointed out, a two family could be built by-right.

The application shows a proposed building envelope and a house plan, however the narrative states the plans that have been provided are possible designs and that the location may change for both the house and driveway. The proposed building envelope, along with the existing dwelling, result in approximately 11.5% building coverage where 25% is the maximum allowed in the district. If the Board is willing to approve the requested variances with the possibility of a different design and or location of the house and driveway, the Board should add a stipulation(s) to that effect.

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# 10.235 Certain Representations Deemed Conditions

Request of **64 Vaughan Mall LLC (Owner)**, for property located at **64 Vaughan Street** whereas relief is needed for the addition of a rooftop penthouse which requires the following: 1) A Variance from Section 10.5A43.30 and Map 10.5A21B to allow a building height of 51'6" where 42' is the maximum allowed for a penthouse. 2) A Variance from Section 10.1530 to allow a penthouse with a 9.5' setback from the edge of the roof where 15 feet is required. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 126 Lot 1 and lies within the Character District 5 (CD-5) and Downtown Overlay and Historic Districts.

# **Existing & Proposed Conditions**

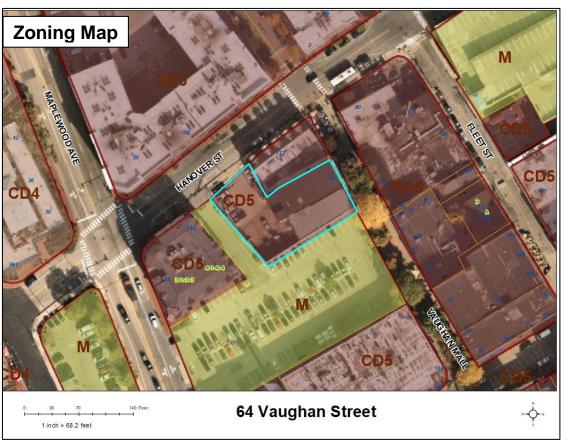
	Existing	Proposed	Permitted / Required	
Land Use:		Professional office	Primarily mixed use	
Lot area (sq. ft.):	13,964	13,964	NR	min.
Penthouse Setback	NA	9.5'	15' from edge	min.
<u>(ft.)</u> :				
Height (ft.):	40	51'6"	3 stories or 40'	max.
			Extra 2' for penthouse (42')	
Building Coverage (%):	70	89	95	max.
Open Space Coverage	0	5	5	min.
<u>(%):</u>				
Parking:	0	20	No requirement	
Estimated Age of	New	Variance request	(s) shown in red.	
Structure:	construction			

# Other Permits/Approvals Required

Historic District Commission
Planning Board/TAC – Amended Site Plan

# **Neighborhood Context**





October 4, 1977 – the Board granted the following:

To construct a storage and loading addition to existing building with a single story, where two stories are required for new construction in the Central Business District.

## March 23, 2021 – the Board **denied** the following:

Request for an addition of fourth story as part of redevelopment of the existing structure which requires 1) A Variance from Section 10.5A41.100 to allow a secondary front yard of 50.2 feet where 5 feet is the maximum. 2) A Variance from Section 10.5A41.100 to allow a building height of 52.5 feet and four stories where 40 feet and three stories is the maximum allowed.

# **Planning Department Comments**

The applicant was before the Board in March of 2021 seeking relief for a fourth story and building height of 52.5'. That request was denied and at that time the use of the building was going to be mixed use with 14 residential units. The new owner will use the building for professional office space only and is proposing a penthouse. Staff feels this is a significant enough change that would not evoke Fisher v. Dover, but the Board may want to consider whether Fisher vs. Dover is applicable before this application is considered.

"When a material change of circumstances affecting the merits of the applications has not occurred or the application is not for a use that materially differs in nature and degree from its predecessor, the board of adjustment may not lawfully reach the merits of the petition. If it were otherwise, there would be no finality to proceedings before the board of adjustment, the integrity of the zoning plan would be threatened, and an undue burden would be placed on property owners seeking to uphold the zoning plan." Fisher v. Dover, 120 N.H. 187, (1980).

The applicant is seeking to add a penthouse that would result in a height of 51'6" where 42 feet is the maximum allowed. The definition of a penthouse is below from Article 15.

#### **Penthouse**

A habitable space within the uppermost portion of a **building** above the **cornice** which is set back at least 15 feet from all edges of the roof and the total floor area of which does not exceed 50% of the area of the **story** below. For internal courtyards at least 40 feet from a **street** or vehicular right-of-way or easement, the **penthouse** shall be setback at least 8 feet from the edge of the roof of the **story** below.

There is a portion of the penthouse that does not meet the required 15 foot setback from the edge of the roof and the applicant is seeking relief to allow a penthouse that does not meet the required 15' setback from all edges of the roof. Since the project is still going through the Historic District Commission review, if the Board grants approval the following stipulation should be considered:

The design of the penthouse may change according to final review and approval by the HDC.

## **Review Criteria**

This application must meet all five of the statutory tests for a **variance** (see Section 10.233 of the Zoning Ordinance):

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   AND
  - (b) Owing to these special conditions, a fair and substantial relationship does not exist between the general public purposes of the Ordinance provision and the specific application of that provision to the property; and the proposed use is a reasonable one.
    OR

Owing to these special conditions, the property cannot be reasonably used in strict conformance with the Ordinance, and a variance is therefore necessary to enable a reasonable use of it.

# 10.235 Certain Representations Deemed Conditions

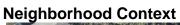
Request of William H. Schefer Jr. and Donna Schefer (Owners), for property located at 994 South Street, Unit 2 whereas relief is needed to install a mini-split system which requires the following: 1) A Variance from Section 10.515.14 to allow a 1.5' setback where 10' is required. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 150 Lot 9-2 and lies within the Single Residence B (SRB) District

# **Existing & Proposed Conditions**

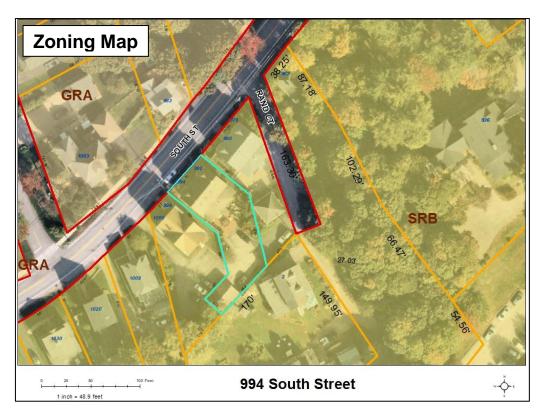
	Existing	Proposed	Permitted / Required	
Land Use:	Two-family	AC Unit	Primarily single residence	
Lot area (sq. ft.):	6,969	6,969	15,000	min.
Lot area per dwelling	3,484	3,484	15,000	min.
(sq. ft.):	·	·	,	
Lot depth (ft):	125	125	100	min.
Street Frontage (ft.):	51	51	100	min.
Primary Front Yard	10	10	30	min.
<u>(ft.):</u>				
Left Yard (ft.):	9.8'	9.8'	10	min.
Right Yard (ft.):	4	1.5'	10	
Rear Yard (ft.):	66	66	30	min.
Height (ft.):	<35	<35	35	max.
Building Coverage (%):	16	16	20	max.
Open Space Coverage	>40	>40	40	min.
<u>(%):</u>				
Parking:	4	4	3	
Estimated Age of	1920	Variance reque	st(s) shown in red.	
Structure:				

# Other Permits/Approvals Required

None.







No prior BOA history found.

## **Planning Department Comments**

The applicant is seeking to add an AC Unit on the right side of the house, which is nonconforming due to it being located in the right yard. With the unit off set from the house, the proposed setback is 1.5' where 10' is required.

#### **Review Criteria**

This application must meet all five of the statutory tests for a **variance** (see Section 10.233 of the Zoning Ordinance):

- 1. Granting the variance would not be contrary to the public interest.
- 2. Granting the variance would observe the spirit of the Ordinance.
- 3. Granting the variance would do substantial justice.
- 4. Granting the variance would not diminish the values of surrounding properties.
- The "unnecessary hardship" test:

   (a)The property has <u>special conditions</u> that distinguish it from other properties in the area.

   AND
  - (b) Owing to these special conditions, a fair and substantial relationship does not exist between the general public purposes of the Ordinance provision and the specific application of that provision to the property; and the proposed use is a reasonable one.

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Owing to these special conditions, the property cannot be reasonably used in strict conformance with the Ordinance, and a variance is therefore necessary to enable a reasonable use of it.

# 10.235 Certain Representations Deemed Conditions

#### VIA VIEWPOINT

City of Portsmouth Zoning Board of Adjustment Attn: Chairman Arthur Parrott 1 Junkins Avenue Portsmouth, NH 03801

RE: Variance Application of Amanda J. Telford, Trustee of the Amanda J. Telford Revokable Trust 322 Lincoln Avenue, Portsmouth

Dear Chairman Parrott,

Attached, please find the following materials for submission to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for consideration at its next regularly scheduled meeting:

- 1. Explanation of re-submission LU-20-188;
- 2. Narrative to Variance Application;
- 3. New design plan set;
- 4. Original Plan set (site plan, floor plans and Elevations) for LU-20-188; and
- 5. Photographs of the Property

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the enclosed application materials, do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Amanda Telford

Amanda J Telford Trustee of the Amanda J Telford Revocable Trust

## CITY OF PORTSMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION NARRATIVE

Amanda J. Telford, Trustee Amanda J. Telford Revocable Trust322 Lincoln Avenue Portsmouth, NH 03801 (Owner/Applicant)

## **Explanation of re-submission**

This application is being presented as re-submission to the approved variance application LU-20-188 due to a design change.

The location of the structure on the property has not changed from the original application. The design simplifies the main structure and reduces the footprint and size of the structure, maintaining the same height.

The variance criteria as well as reason for the variance needed also have not changed. The original design plan is included as well as the simplified design and it's required drawings.

#### **INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT**

Amanda Telford is the owner of the property located at 322 Lincoln Avenue, identified on Portsmouth Tax Map 130 as Lot 26 (the "Property"). The Property is zoned General Residence A ("GRA"). It is a 5,378 square foot lot with two structures on it - the Applicant's home and a small two-story outbuilding that most people refer to as a "carriage house" based on its design.

The carriage house, which is located to the rear of the Applicant's residence, was constructed in the early part of the 20th century based on the age of the wood comprising the structure, which is over I 00 years old. The carriage house is structurally compromised. The wood sill is completely rotted and much of the foundation has caved in. This has created a convenient habitat for animals (i.e. racoons, skunks, etc.) which have taken up residence in the structure. The second floor of the structure has no structural support and as noted by the Applicant's architect in the design narrative submitted herewith, is "in imminent danger of catastrophic failure." Exhibit A

The Applicant currently uses the first floor of the carriage house to store personal belongings, including a motorcycle and yard equipment. The second floor is unused due to its condition.

It would be impractical and cost prohibitive for the Applicant to try to salvage the existing carriage house through a renovation. Because saving the structure is infeasible, the Applicant isproposing to demolish it and replace it with a new building that retains the carriage house style and has a similar, but improved appearance. The new carriage house would be slightly relocated to improve the existing right yard setback encroachment by I',

from 2'6" to 3'6", which will fall into line with the right side of the existing residence when viewed from Lincoln Street. The height of the new building will be the same as the former. The existing carriage house has an irregular footprint as a result of a "jog" in one comer of the building that the Applicant desires to square off with the replacement structure.

The Applicant intends to use the first floor of the new carriage house for storage of personal belongings, as she has always done. The second floor of the carriage house would contain a home office. The Applicant has worked remotely from her home for several years, which has been challenging for her having two children that reside with her and not having a dedicated office space. The current covid-19 crisis has further exacerbated her need for a workspace outside of her residence, particularly with two children attending school remotely from home.

## SUMMARY OF ZONING RELIEF

The Applicant seeks the following variance from the Zoning Ordinance:

- I. A variance from Section 10.521 (Table of Dimensional Requirements) to allow for 35% (+/-) building coverage where 35% exists and 25% is the maximum allowed;
- 2. A variance from Section 10.521 to allow a right yard setback of 3'6 where 2'6" exists and IO' is the minimum required;
- 3. A variance from Section 10.521 to allow a rear yard setback variance of 13' where 13' exists and 20' is the minimum required; and
- 4. To allow a variance from Section I 0.321 permitting a non-conforming structure tobe reconstructed and enlarged without complying with the terms of the Ordinance.

## **VARIANCE CRITERIA**

Granting the variances will not be contrary to the public interest and will observe the spirit of the Ordinance.

In the case of *Chester Rod & Gun Club, Inc. v. Town of Chester*, the Court observed that the requirements that a variance not be "contrary to the public interest" or "injure the public rights of others" are coextensive and are related to the requirement that the variance be consistent with the spirit of the ordinance. 152 N.H. 577 (2005). The Court noted that since the provisions of allordinances represent a declaration of public interest, any variance will, in some measure, be contrary to the ordinance, but to be contrary to the public interest or injurious to public rights ofothers, "the variance must 'unduly, and in a marked degree' conflict with the ordinance such that it violates the ordinance's 'basic zoning objectives." "Id. "There are two methods of ascertaining whether granting a variance would violate an ordinance's basic zoning objectives: (I) examining whether granting the variance would alter the essential character of the neighborhood or, in the alternative; and (2) examining whether granting the variance would threaten the public health, safety, or welfare." *Harborside Assoc v. Parade Residence Hotel*, 162 N.H. 508, 514 (2011).

The primary purpose behind boundary setback requirements is to maintain light, air and space between buildings on adjacent properties. The primary purpose of building coverage limitations is to prevent the overcrowding of land.

In the current instance, the right yard setback will be improved with the new carriage house, thus creating more light, air and space between it and the outbuilding on the abutting property over what exists. The carriage house will be relocated so that it falls in line with the Applicant's residence, which also encroaches into the right yard setback. The rear yard setback will remain the same. From a building density perspective, there will be no noticeable impact associated with the lot coverage. There are many examples of outbuildings on properties throughout the Applicant's neighborhood that encroach upon one or more of the boundary setbacks. Moreover, many of the properties exceed the maximum lot coverage requirement. These are common characteristics of the properties in the neighborhood. Accordingly, the essential character of the neighborhood will not be negatively impacted by granting the variance relief sought.

In addition, there will be no negative impact to the public health, safety or welfare by granting the variance relief. To the contrary, it is in the public's interest to see that the existing carriage house, which is structurally unsound, be tom down and replaced with a structure that complies with all current building and life safety codes and has greater separation from the outbuilding on the abutting property.

The impact of the proposed carriage house is mitigated by the fact that there is an outbuilding of similar size located in close proximity on the adjacent property at 332 Lincoln Avenue (Tax Map 130, Lot 27). That structure is located approximately I' from the right (west) boundary of the Applicant's property. Overall, the demolition of the existing carriage house andits reconstruction in the proposed location will represent an improvement to the property.

It is important to note that the most directly impacted abutters residing at 312 Lincoln Avenue (to the left), 332 Lincoln Avenue (to the right) and 29 Spring Street (to the rear) have all signed a letter of support, which is submitted herewith as Exhibit B.

## Substantial justice will be done by granting the variance relief:

Any loss to the individual that is not outweighed by a gain to the general public is an injustice. New Hampshire Office of State Planning, The Board of Adjustment in New Hampshire, A Handbook for Local Officials (1997); Ma/achy Glen Assocs., Inc. v. Town of Chichester, 155 N.H. 102 (2007).

There is no public benefit that would be realized by denying the variance. The carriage house has existed in its present location for over 100 years. It is unsafe in its current condition and represents a liability for Applicant. It is infeasible to salvage the existing structure, which serves as critical storage space for the Applicant. If the variance relief were denied, the Applicant would be unable to re-build the carriage house in-kind and would thus lose important storage space thatshe relies upon. In addition, she would be unable to create a home office on the Property apart from her residence. Finally, the carriage house is a unique and defining feature of the Property that gives it is current character. Losing this feature of the Property or forcing the Applicant to re-locate it or downsize it would create a hardship on the Applicant that is not outweighed by any corresponding benefit to the publi

The values of surrounding properties will not be diminished by granting the variance relief.

If the variances are approved, the proposed carriage house should only have a positive impact on surrounding property values. It will retain many characteristics of the existing carriage house design while improving upon its appearance and functionality and creating a code-compliant structure. This will positively impact the value of the Applicant's property, which should improve the values of those properties that surround it.

# Literal enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship.

The Property has special conditions that distinguish it from surrounding properties. The existing non-conforming carriage house on the Property pre-dates the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance. The Property is narrower and deeper than most of the surrounding properties. The narrowness of the Property makes it difficult, if not impossible, to build any new or replacementstructure on the Property without violating the setback regulations. Moreover, the existing residence itself has a building footprint of approximately 1,335 square feet, which is only 9.5 square feet shy of reaching the building coverage limitation (25%). Outside of the existing residence, there is no room to expand upon the home or create a reasonably sized outbuilding without having to apply for setback and lot coverage relief under the Ordinance. Given the special conditions of the Property, there is no fair and substantial relationship between the general purposes of the Ordinance provisions and their application to the Property.

Finally, the proposed use of the Property is also reasonable. The use of the Property willremain unchanged if the variance relief is granted. The existing carriage house has always been primarily used as storage space. The Applicant's residence provides minimal storage space and lacks a dedicated home office, which are critical to her daily life. The re-constructed carriage house will fulfill these needs while improving the right yard setback by 1' and maintaining the limited back yard space that the Applicant currently has and enjoys.

#### **CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, the Applicant has demonstrated that her application meets the five (5) criteria for granting the variance and respectfully requests that the Board approve his application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Telford

Amanda Telford

Dated: March 27, 2022

### Placework

September 16, 2020 RE: 322 Lincoln Avenue

Dear Portsmouth Board of Adjustment Members:

I am writing to describe why we believe it is necessary to replace the the existing outbuilding on the 322 Lincoln Avenue lot, rather than repair it. The building was likely constructed in the early part of the 20th century; the existing wood structure and wood siding is likely over 100 years old. As such, the wood sill has rotted away around much of the foundation has caved in, crating large areas inhabited by neighborhood animals beneath the first floor. The structure has been altered several times on the interior of the building, to the point where beams meant to carry the second story are not longer bearing on anything below. Although the first floor is viable for storage, the second story is unsafe and the whole structure is rotted, listing, and in imminent danger of catastrophic failure.

Because merely repairing the structure is not technically feasible at this point, the owner wishes to replace the structure with a similar building in its place. The current building is used for storage and a motorcycle garage on the first floor; the second floor is not feasible for use even as storage due to the state of the structure. The building is colloquially referred to as a "carriage house", although the function of the original building is debatable. It has likely always been used as some form of lawn and garden storage. The proposed replacement building retains the footprint of the original, although straightens out a "bite" out of one corner for the sake of creating a more regular structure. The new building retains the original New England carriage house style, including a replication of the existing cupola, at the existing height. The eave height is raised in order to allow for a new home office within the building. The original dormer has been eliminated and additional windows added on the third floor to make it a more pleasant space to work during the day. (Note that the owner has worked from home for several years; the need for a home office is not purely tied to the Covid crisis, but is exacerbated by the need for a home-school area within the main house).

The design is consistent with other carriage house style buildings in the wider neighborhood, although it is also characteristic of these buildings to have unique features based on their site. Because this building is sited very close to a neighbor's garage, also within two feet of the property line, the owner has chosen to both move the structure one foot away from the west property line and to eliminate any windows on the west side. The windows on the south side of the building are also minimized, although they face a blank wall on the neighbor's property. The existing open space and yard is maintained between the south property line and the existing house, and only slightly diminished on the east side. The cupola is a characteristic feature that is appreciated by neighbors and this neighborhood landmark will be recreated atop the new building.

Sincerely

Alyssa Manypenny Murphy

Septem	ber	11	2020
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To whom it may concern:

We understand that Amanda Telford is requesting a variance in order to rebuild the carriage house on her property. As an abutter, we support the removal and rebuilding of the structure and do not oppose the request for the variance.

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312 Lincoln Arc	Portsmouth
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Vani Loves	Dani Rasner

29 Spring St. Portsmouth

Address

Signature

**Printed Name** 

**Printed Name** 

29 SPRING ST. PORTSMOUTH

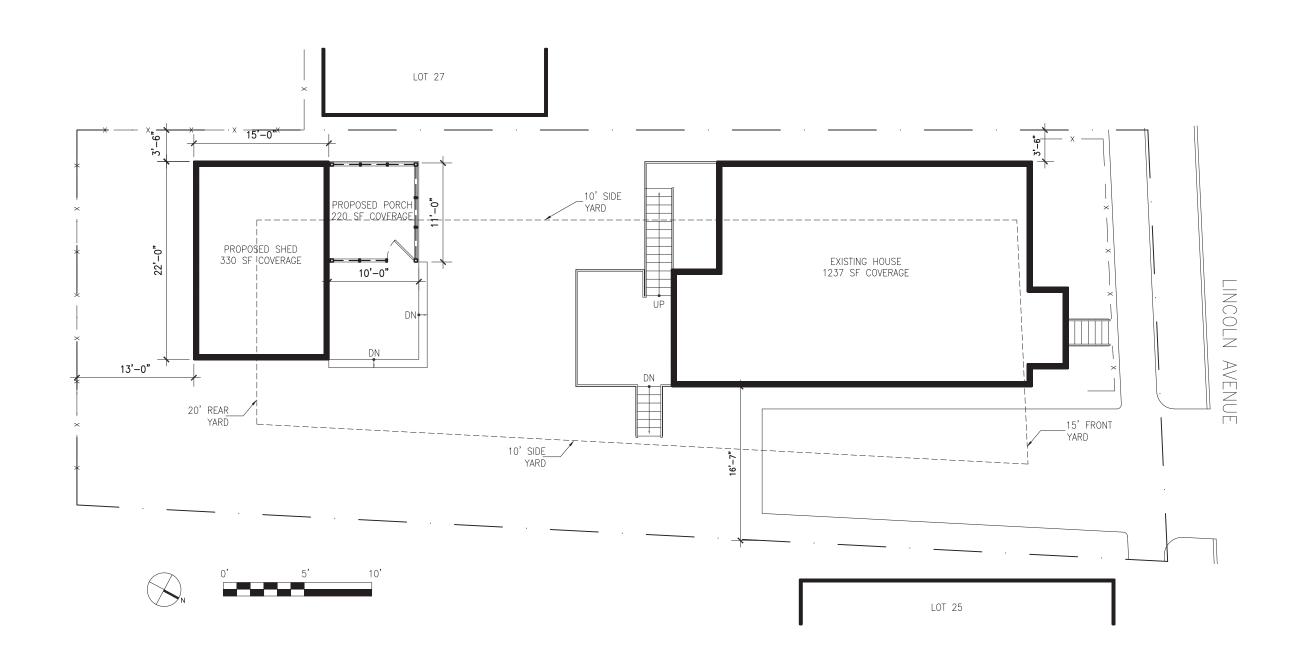
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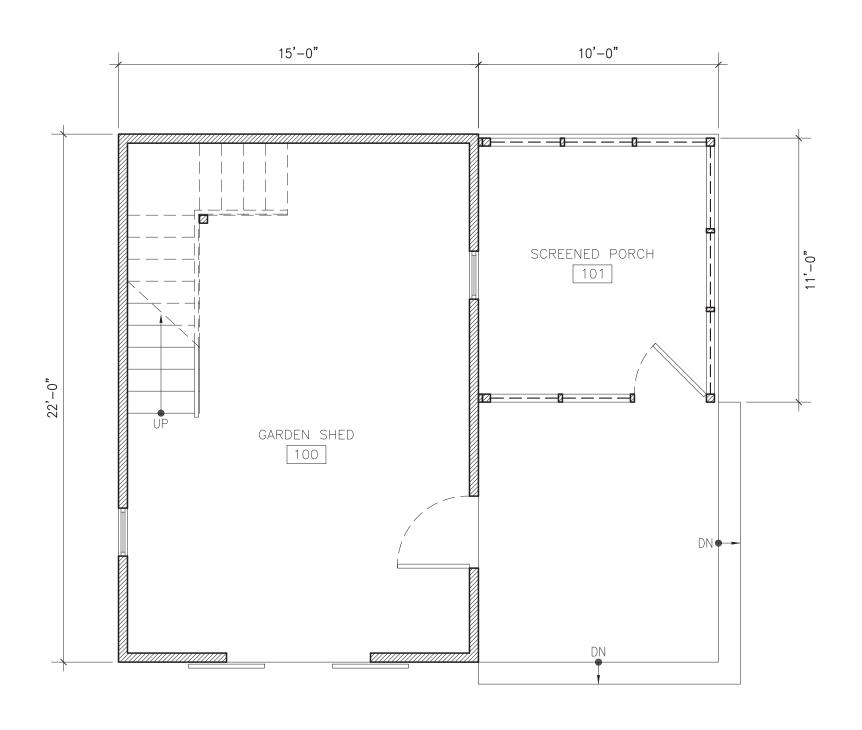
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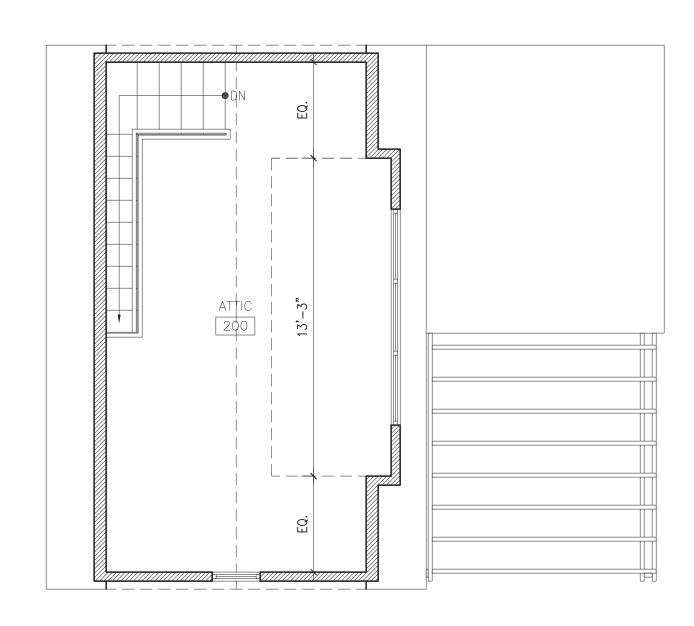


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	SETBACK
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EXISTING OPEN SPACE: SITE: HOUSE: CARRIAGE HOUSE WALKWAY: DRIVE: TOTAL:	5,378 -1,237 -652 -135 <u>-575</u> 2,779
PROPOSED LOT COVERAGE: HOUSE: SHED: PORCH: TOTAL:	1,237 330 <u>220</u> 1,787
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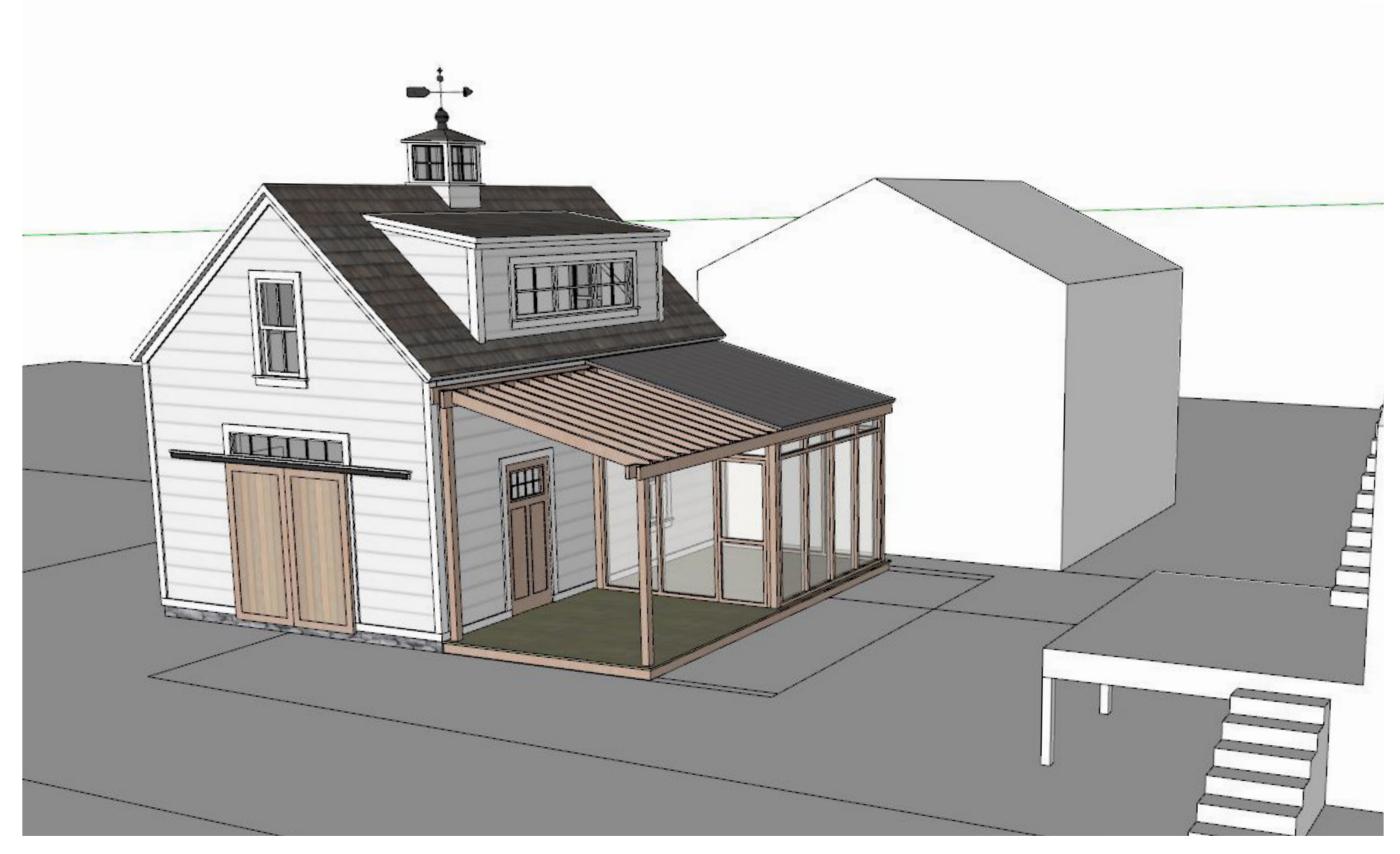
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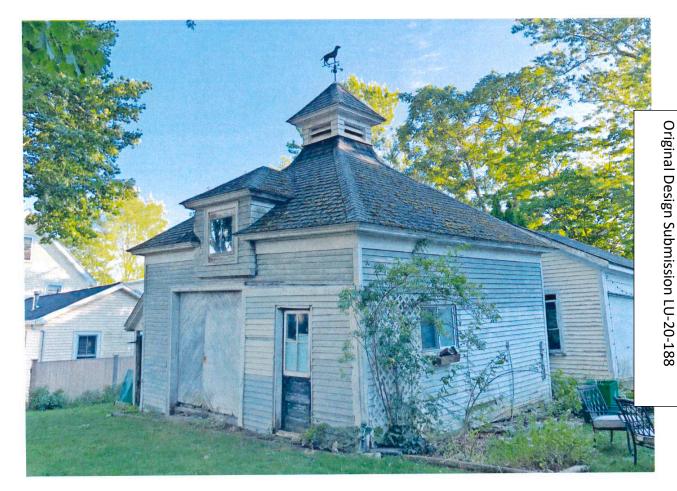


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#### NOTES FOR VARIANCE REQUEST

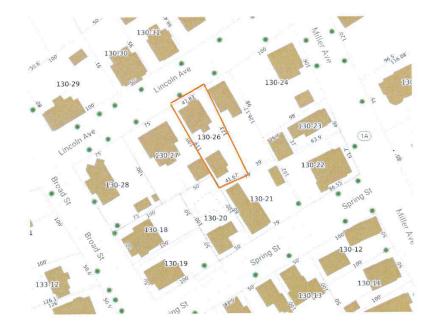
1. Site plan by Placework Architecture based on City of Portsmouth Tax map and site observations.

2. Project parcel: Tax Map 130 Lot 26; +/-5,378 sf

3. Zone: GRA - General Residence A

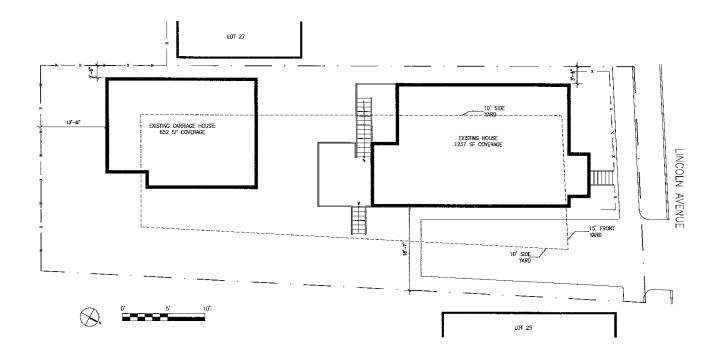
4. Dimensional requirements:

	Required	Existing	Proposed	Notes
Minimum lot area:	7.500	5,378	N/A	Conforming
Lot area/dwelling unit:	7,500	5.378	N/A	Conforming
Min street frontage:	100'	48'	N/A	Existing non-conforming
Min lot depth:	70'	119'	N/A	Conforming
Front yard:	15'	6'-10"	No change	Existing non-conforming
Left (East) yard: 10'	10'-0	" (Carriage House) No Cha	inge Conf	forming
Right (West) yard:	10'	2'-6" (Carriage House)	3'-6" to new construction	Increase conformance
ingit (ivest) juice		16'-7" (House)	No Change	Conforming
Rear yard:	20'	13'-0" (Carriage House)	No change	Conforming
near year	77.700	55'-6" (House)	No change	Conforming
Max. building height:	35'	+/- 26'	No Change	Conforming
Max. building coverage	: 25%	35.0%	35.3%	Increase to Existing Non-Conforming
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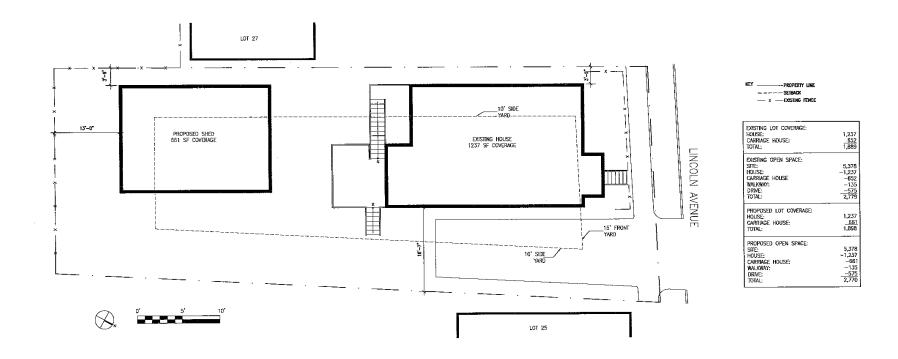
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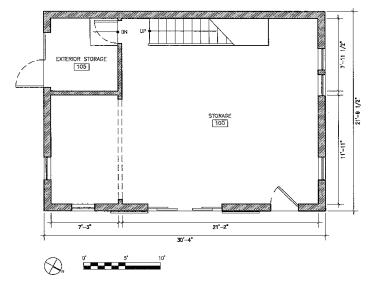
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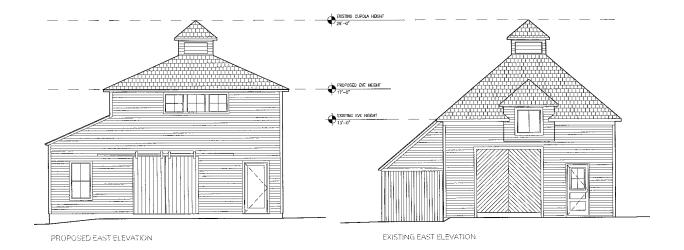
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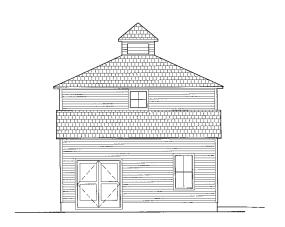
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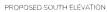


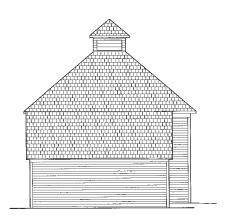
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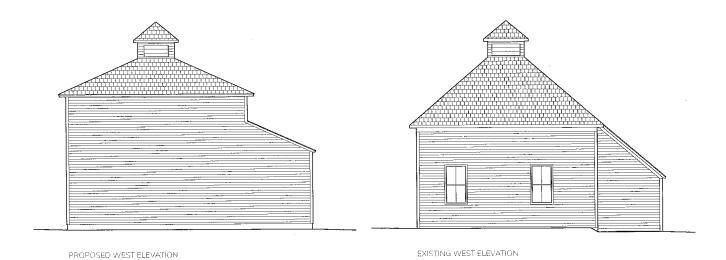
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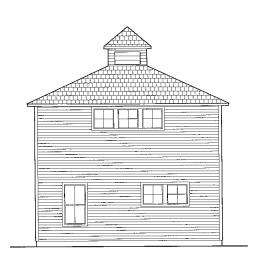
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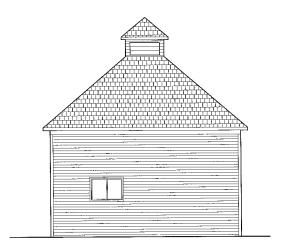
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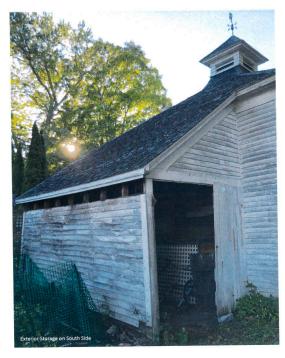
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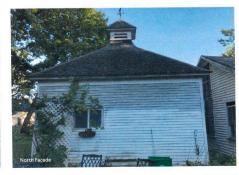
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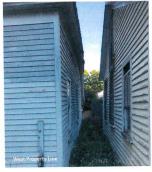
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322 LINCOLN AVENUE













Land Use Application for Dimensional Relief For Property at 607 Colonial Drive in Portsmouth Submitted March 30<sup>th</sup> 2022

#### Summary of Existing Conditions and Request for Dimensional Relief

The property at 607 Colonial Drive was built in 1942 and was purchased by the current property owner and resident in 1975. The single-family Cape Code style home is located in the SRB residential district.

The current Minimum Lot Area in the SRB district per the Zoning Ordinance is 15,000 sf; however, the actual lot area for this plot is only 6,500 sf.

The dimensions for the existence residence are 42' x 25', for Total Gross Floor Area of 1,050 sf. The existing Area of Footprint (including entrance stairways) is 1,080 sf, which represents 16.6% Building Coverage.

The existing setbacks for the front, rear and left and right sides of the property are 25', 50' and 13' and 10', respectively. The existing setbacks are within the Minimum Yard Dimensions, except for the front setback, which had legally existed at the time the property was purchased and is in line with average front setbacks of the surrounding properties.

The proposed project includes renovations inside the home and 24x16 addition to the back of the house to update existing kitchen and bath, create a laundry room and master bath, expand doorways and open up floor plan to make the living areas more accessible for 72 year old resident. Also includes a 10x12 deck to back of house next to addition to create a sliding door entrance way.

The dimensions for the proposed addition to the back of the house are 24' x 16' of living area, plus 10' x 12' of the deck. The proposed Total Gross Floor Area is 1,434 sf and the Area of Footprint (including the deck, entrance stairways and bulkhead) is 1,613 sf, which represents 24.8% Building Coverage.

The proposed setbacks for the front, rear and left and right sides of the property would be 25', 34' and 13' and 10', respectively. The proposed setbacks would continue to be within the Minimum Yard Dimensions as outlined above.

The variance being requested for this proposed project is for the Building Coverage of 24.8%, which would be above the 20% Building Coverage per the Ordinance.

#### <u>Compliance</u> with Zoning Ordinance

The request for dimensional relief outlined above complies with the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance as provided in Article 2 (Section 10.233.20) as outlined below.

 10.233.21 The variance will not be contrary to the public interest: The variance for building coverage will not have any impact on public interest as the addition will be in the rear of the property, the minimum yard dimensions will be maintained, and the renovations will improve the curb appeal of the property.

- 10.233.22 The spirit of the Ordinance will be observed: The proposed renovations and addition will still be in compliance with the minimum yard dimensions. The only impact will be to the building coverage. This modest addition, including the increased floor area and deck/entranceways, will increase the building coverage to 24.8%. Though this coverage would be above the 20% minimum coverage noted in the Ordinance, there would still be substantial open space in the plot. [Note that if the lot area of the plot were at the current minimum of 15,000 sf for the SRB district per the Ordinance, then the building coverage of the proposed property would only be at 10.7%.]
- 10.233.23 Substantial justice will be done: The proposed renovations and addition to the rear of the
  property will be similar to other surrounding properties. Also, there will be no impact to the front
  dimensions of the property or the minimum yard dimensions.
- 10.233.24 The values of surrounding properties will not be diminished: The value of this property
  will be increased with the proposed renovations, which will improve the values of the surrounding
  properties as well.
- 10.233.25 Literal enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship: Given the size and age of the property, the various living spaces in the residence are condensed into the existing 1,050 sf gross floor area, and the laundry is located in the unfinished basement. The property owner and resident, who is 72 years old, currently has difficulty carrying anything up and down the stairs. As she needs further assistance with mobility in the future, she would have difficulty maneuvering around some cramped spaces and through doorways within the living area, as well as getting in/out of the bathtub in the existing sole bathroom. The request for this modest addition will allow us to create a laundry room and master bath with a walk-in shower on the main floor, and to expand doorways and open up the floor plan, and add sliding door access from the deck, to make the living areas more accessible for the owner going forward.



### **Land Use Application**

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**Karen Bartlett** <a href="mailto:karencb607@gmail.com">karen Bartlett <a href="mailto:karencb607@gmail.com">karen Bartlett <a href="mailto:karencb607@gmail.com">karen Bartlett <a href="mailto:karencb607@gmail.com">karen Bartlett <a href="mailto:karencb607@gmail.com">karencb607@gmail.com</a>
To: aebrownrigg@gmail.com

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 12:18 PM

I hereby authorize you, Amy Brownrigg (my daughter), to act as my property representative to submit a land use application with the City of Portsmouth, NH on my behalf, related to a proposed addition at my residence at 607 Colonial Drive.

Thank you, Karen Bartlett



#### GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: 607 Colonial Dr. Portsmouth, NH

OWNER:

Bartiett, Karen C

PARCEL INFO:

Map-Lot:

Parcel Area: Zone:

260-26 0.15 / 6,534 sf SRB

CONDITIONS:

Living Area: Existing:

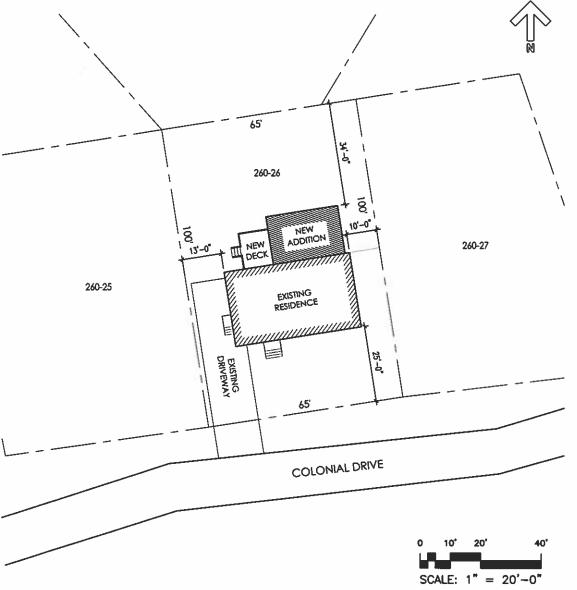
Proposed:

1,050 sf 1,434 sf

Decks:

Existing: Proposed:

None 120 sf



OWNER:

Karen Bartlett 607 Colonial Dr. Portsmouth, NH

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN:



BARTLETT RESIDENCE RENOVATIONS & ADDITION 607 Colonial Drive Portsmouth, NH

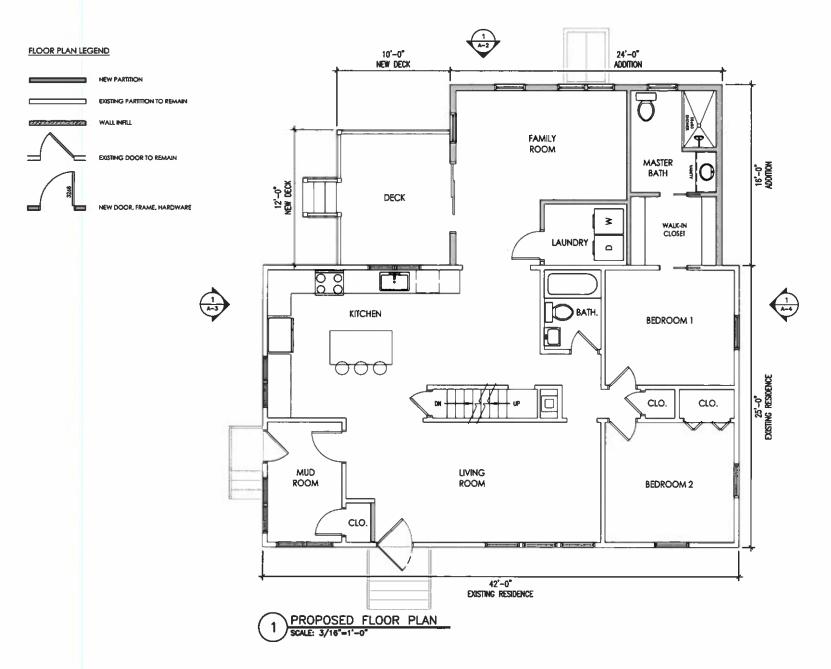
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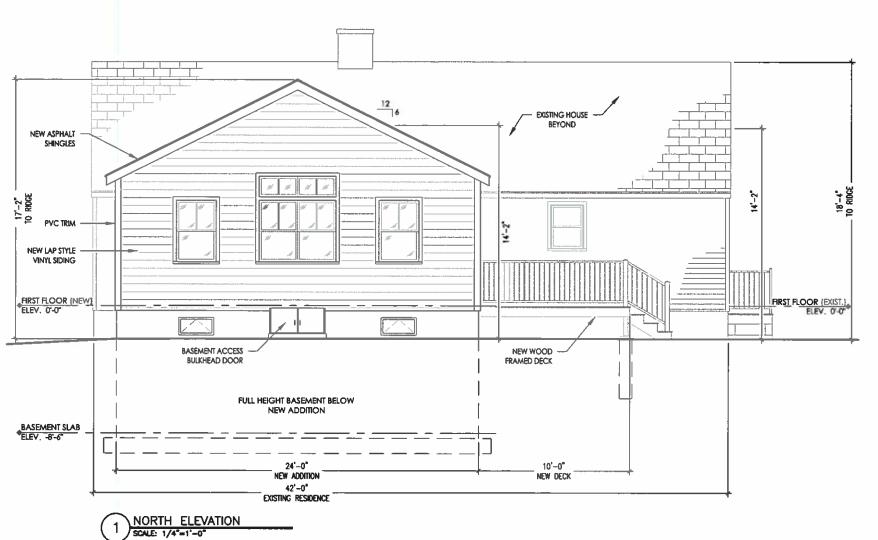
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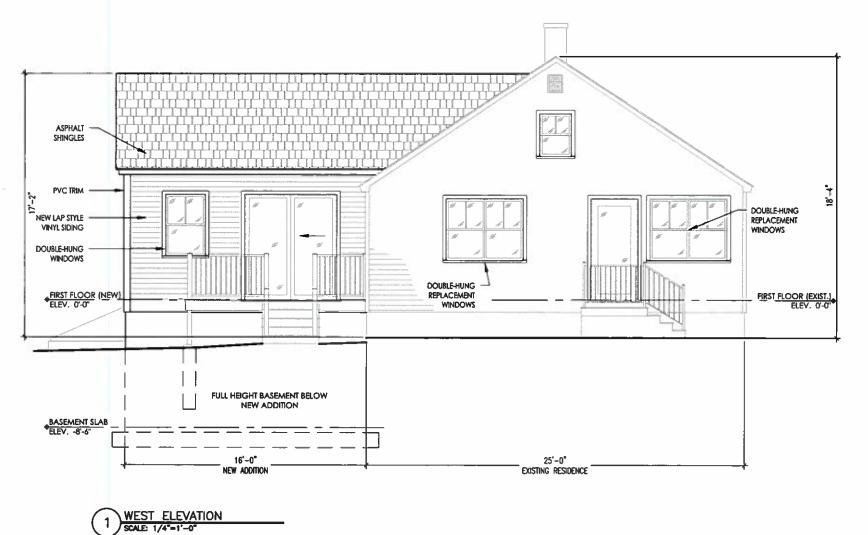
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EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS

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Left (West) Side



**Back of House** 

### <u>607 Colonial Drive</u>



Front of House



Right (East) Side



Backyard



### Transmittal

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Project Na	ame:						
To:							
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March 28, 2022

City of Portsmouth Board of Adjustment

RE: Portsmouth Regional Hospital - Radiation Oncology - Building Setback Variance Request

#### **Project Narrative**

The existing Portsmouth Regional Hospital is located at 333 Borthwick Ave, Portsmouth, NH 03801 (Map 240, Lot 2-1). The medical campus is located on the east side of Blue Star Turnpike (I-95), the west side of Borthwick Avenue, and can be accessed via multiple entrances from Borthwick Avenue.

The scope of the proposed Radiation Oncology project consists of internal renovations, and a 1-story building addition to provide the local community a new line of service for cancer treatment. The anticipated construction cost is \$10.76M.

The footprint of the proposed building addition is approximately ±8,715 square feet, and is located on the southeast corner of the existing hospital building to attempt to accommodate building setbacks and an existing 300' Eversource electrical easement that is located across the front of the hospital site.

The proposed sitework is anticipated to consist of asphalt, concrete, utility, landscape, and drive-under canopy demolition where the current patient discharge canopy and associated drive are located as well as removal of existing sidewalk and landscaping located along the south side of the existing hospital building. Site improvements are anticipated to consist of the new building addition, new drive-under canopy and associated drive, sidewalk connectivity, new granite curb, new mobile imaging pad, and associated new utilities/ utility relocations.

Working with the existing hospital building location, code requirements, internal building corridors, room sizes to accommodate the proposed radiology equipment and space for patient maneuverability, and the thickened concrete walls surrounding the radiology equipment for radiation shielding of others located outside the room, a small portion of the proposed building addition does encroach into the existing 50' front yard setback. Thus, a variance for dimensional relief to the front yard setback is being requested to be heard on the April 19, 2022 Board of Adjustment meeting.

This variance request should comply with Section 10.233.20 as the variance will not be contrary to the public interest as the hospital will provide a service to the local community that is nonexistent today; other than this variance, the spirit of the Zoning Ordinance will be observed; surrounding property values should not be diminished as the existing land use is medical and will continue to be medical; and due to existing site limitations (electrical easement), code requirements, specialized equipment and associated shielding listed above, the literal enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship.

A portion of the project scope is located adjacent to and partially within a previously man-made stormwater management area which is now delineated as a city jurisdictional wetland and has an associated 100-ft wetland buffer, in which a portion of the site improvements will occur. A small amount



of disturbance to the actual wetland is being proposed. A separate submittal to the Conservation Commission has been made for review and approval.

Please refer to the photos below, and attached supporting documentation. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to reach me by email (<a href="mailto:chris.akers@kimley-horn.com">chris.akers@kimley-horn.com</a>) or by phone at 615-476-4764.

Sincerely, Chris Akers, Project Manager



February 21, 2022

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. 10 Lea Avenue, Suite 400 Nashville, TN 37210

404 Wyman Street, Suite 385 Waltham, MA 02451

RE: Agent Authorization

To Whom It May Concern:

Be advised that I am the Chief Executive Officer of the Portsmouth Regional Hospital located at 333 Borthwick Ave, Portsmouth, NH 03801. I am an authorized agent to the owners of HCA Health Services of New Hampshire, Inc. dba Portsmouth Regional Hospital. As the authorized agent, I hereby authorize and empower:

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to act as agent/representative to communicate and submit required information as necessary in obtaining site-related approvals and permits for the proposed Radiation Oncology Addition project located at 333 Borthwick Ave, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

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Owner's Signature

Dean M. Carucci, CEO



## **Photographs** Observations Southern hospital portion campus from Borthwick Ave. Subject wetland in foreground. **Photographs** Observations East elevation of hospital building where Radiation Oncology addition is proposed. Construction activity from current ICU Med/ Surg Stepdown project.

### Kimley»Horn



Southeast elevation of hospital building where Radiation Oncology addition is proposed.

Construction activity from current ICU Med/ Surg Stepdown project.

### Photographs





Existing brick canopy at Patient Discharge to be removed.

Construction activity from current ICU Med/ Surg Stepdown project.

# Kimley»Horn



Brick emergency generator enclosure to remain.

#### **Details**

#### **Property**

Location 333 BORTHWICK AVE Map-Lot 0240-0002-0001

Vision Account Number 35555

#### Ownership

Owner HCA HEALTH SVC OF NH INC D/B/A PRH 32902 C/O DUCHARME

MCMILLEN & ASSOC

AddressPO BOX 80610, INDIANAPOLIS, IN

46280

#### Valuation

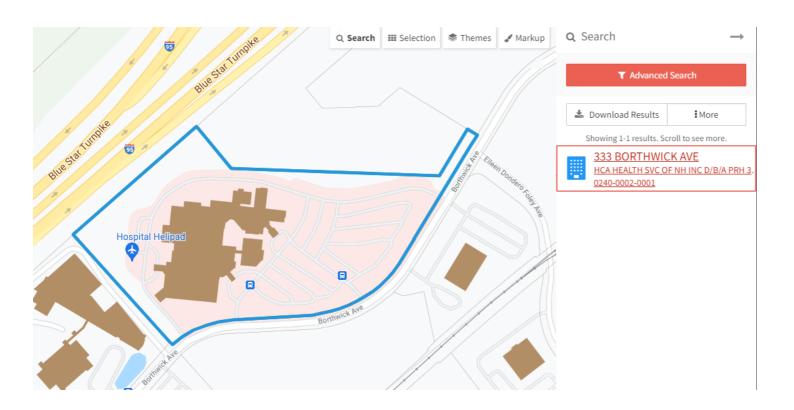
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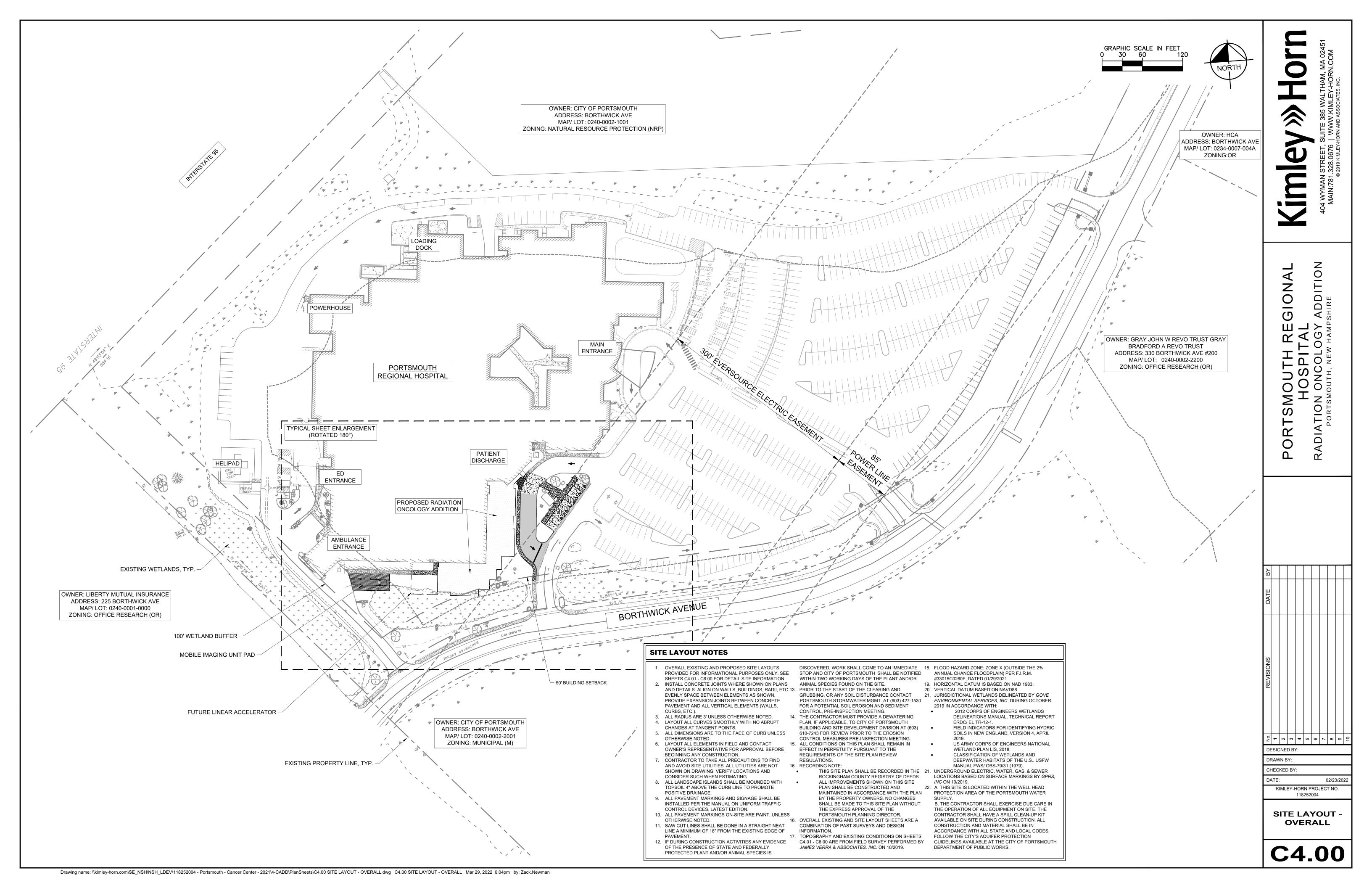
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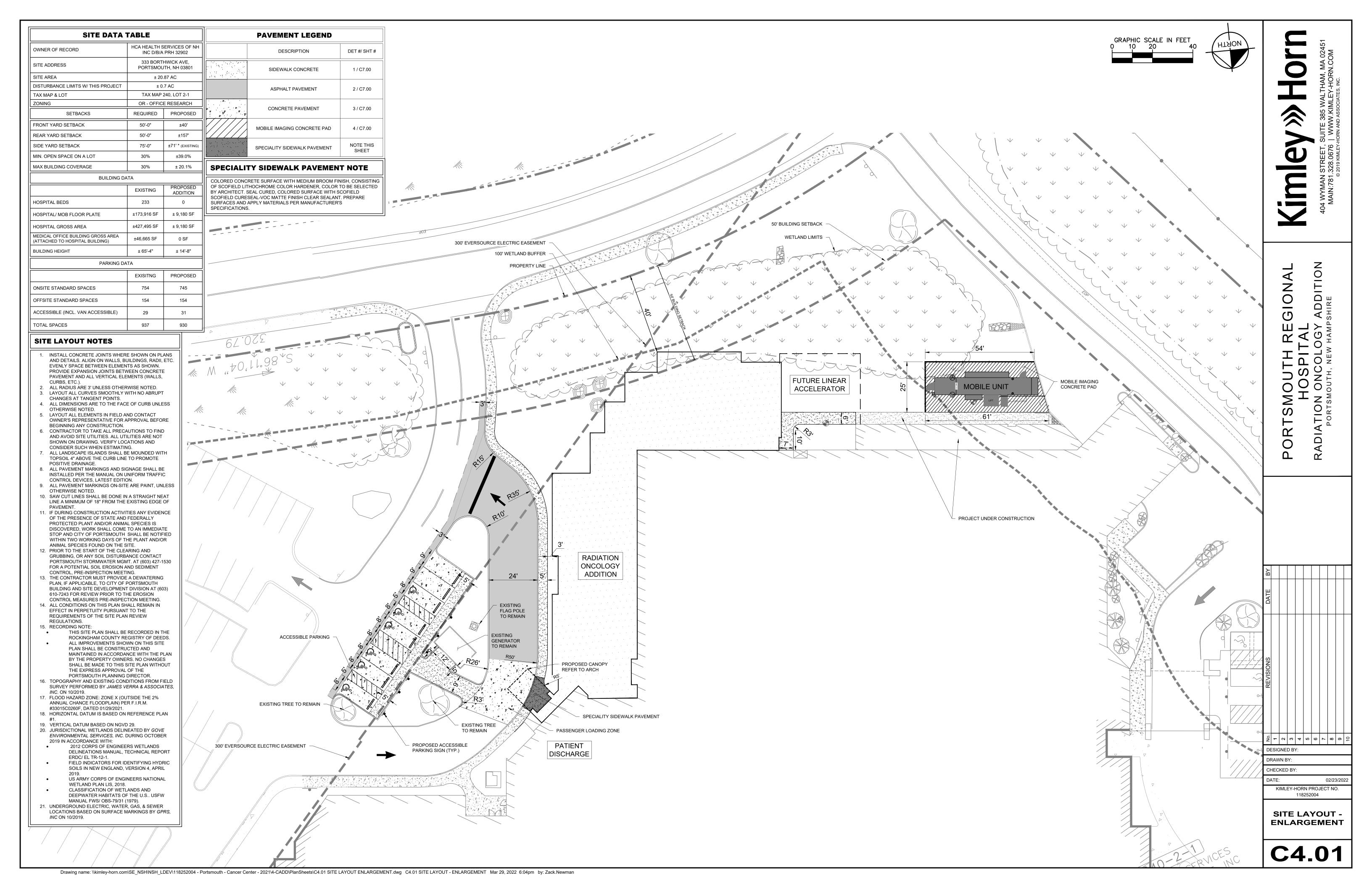
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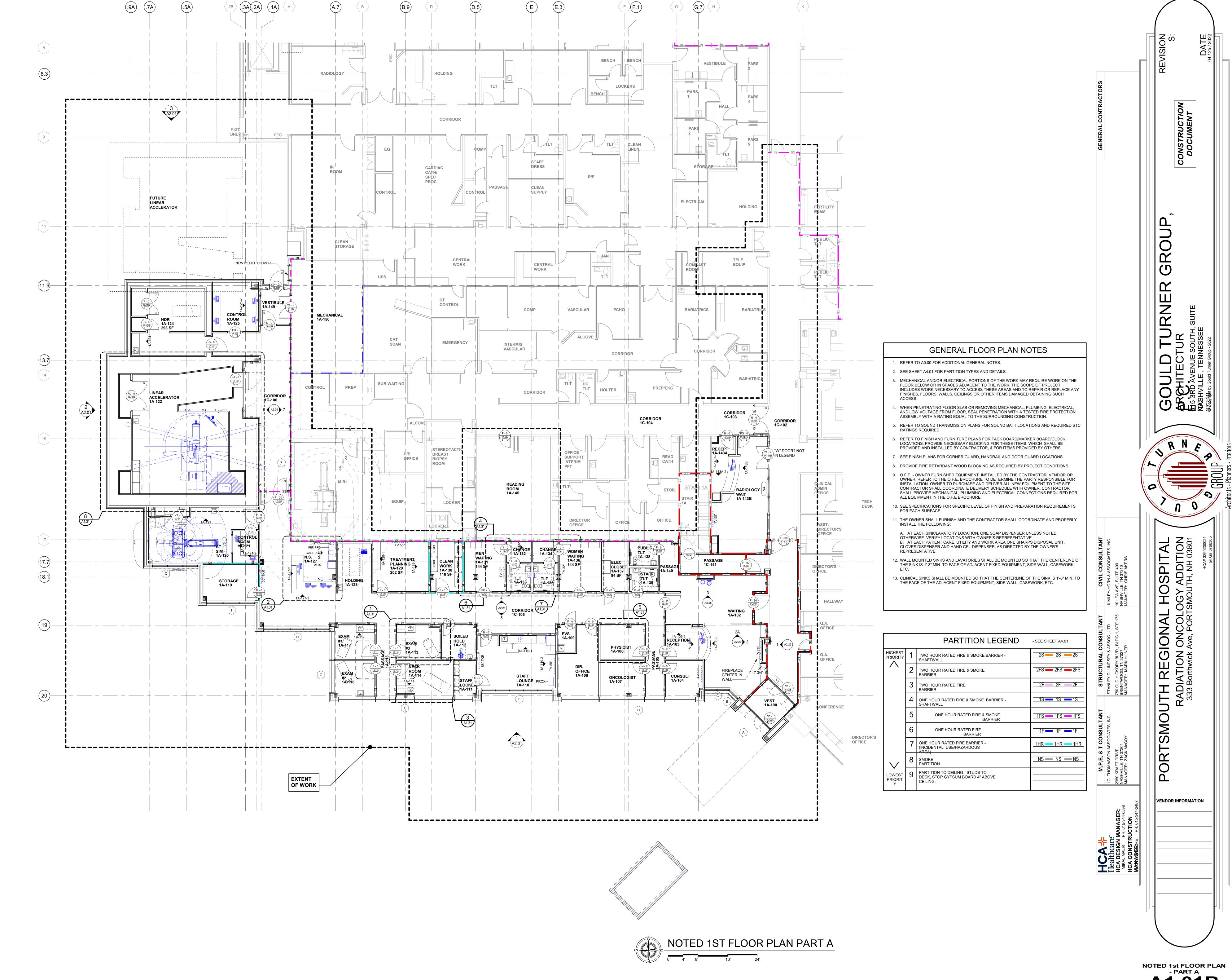
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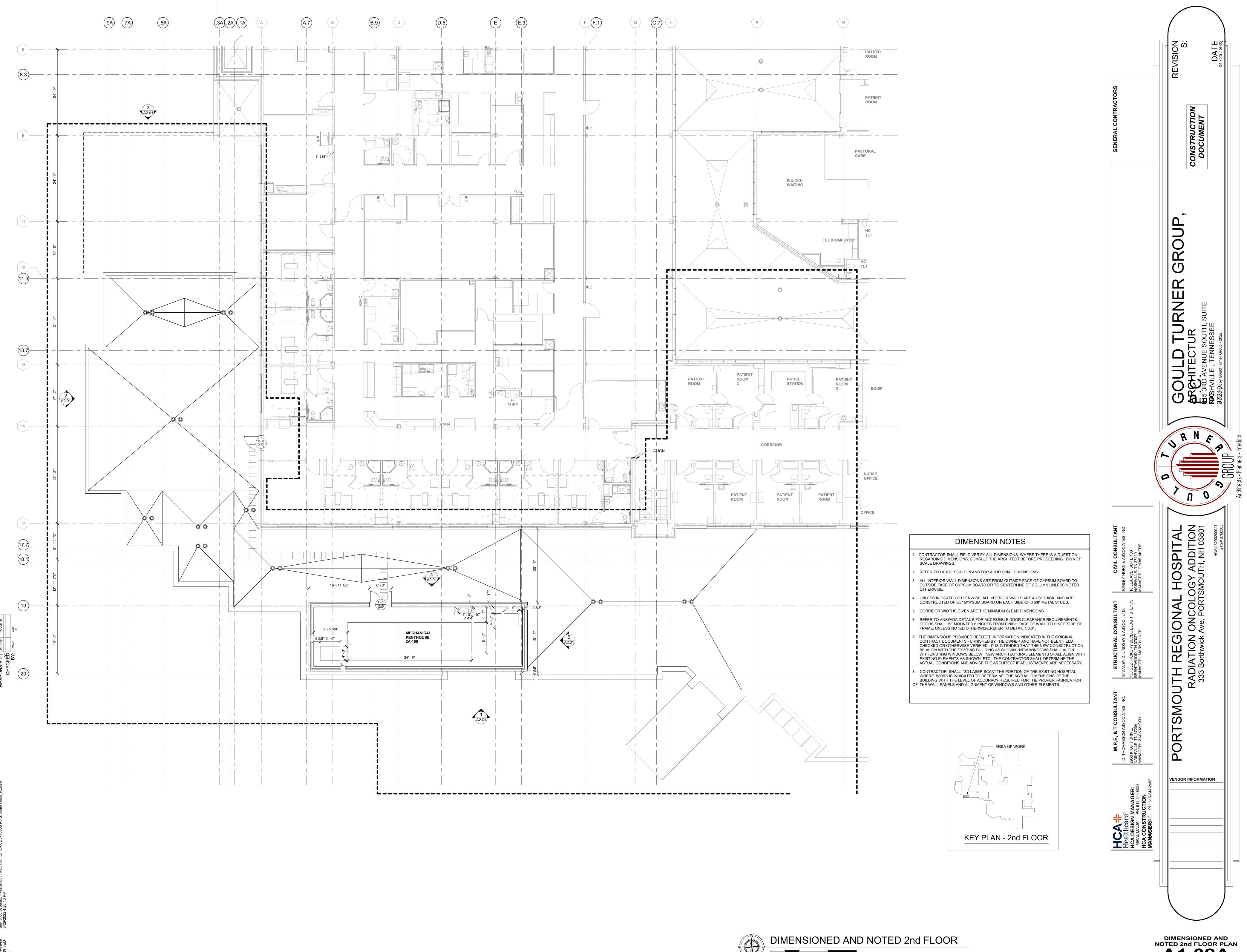


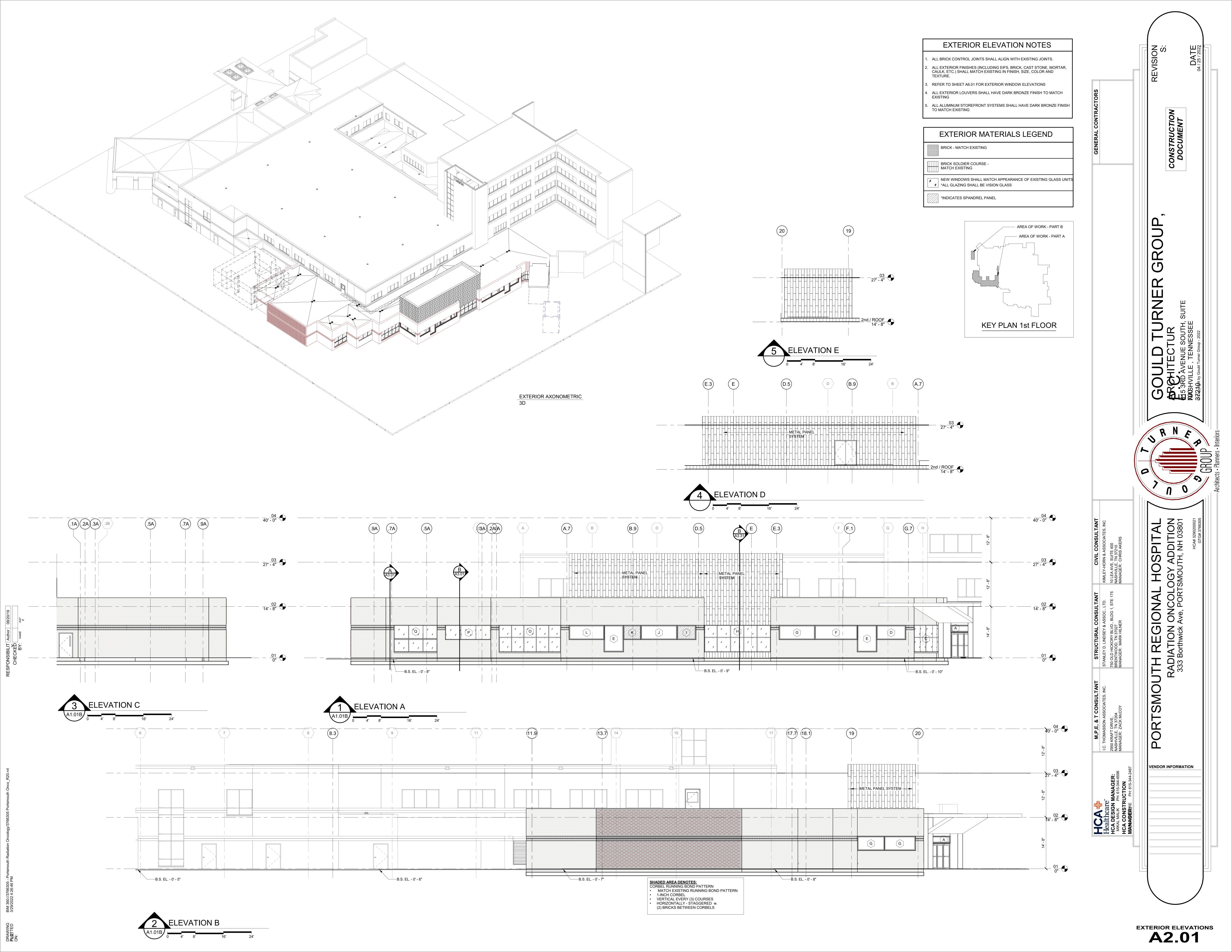






NOTED 1st FLOOR PLAN - PART A A 1.01B





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127 Parrott Avenue, P.O. Box 4480 | Portsmouth, NH, 03802-4480 Telephone: 603.436.0666 | Facsimile: 603.431.0879 | www.hpgrlaw.com

March 30, 2022

#### HAND DELIVERED

Peter Stith, Principal Planner Portsmouth City Hall 1 Junkins Avenue Portsmouth, NH 03801

Re:

Mark Griffin, Owner/Applicant

728 State Street Tax Map 137/Lot 10

General Residence C District

Dear Mr. Stith & Zoning Board Members:

On behalf of Mark Griffin ("Griffin"), enclosed please find the following in support of a request for zoning relief:

- Digital Application submitted via Viewpoint this morning.
- Owner's Authorization.
- 3/30/2022 Memorandum and exhibits in support of Variance Application

We look forward to presenting this application to the Zoning Board at its April 19, 2022 meeting.

Very truly yours,

R. Timothy Phoenix Stephanie J. Johnson

Encl.

cc:

Mark Griffin

Attar Engineering, Inc. Reflective Designworks

DANIEL C. HOEFLE
R. TIMOTHY PHOENIX

R. PETER TAYLOR

MONICA F. KIESER SAMUEL HARKINSON AMANDA M. FREDERICK

LAWRENCE B. GORMLEY

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OF COUNSEL: SAMUEL R. REID JOHN AHLGREN

STEPHEN H. ROBERTS

GREGORY D. ROBBINS

KIMBERLY J.H. MEMMESHEIMER

DUNCAN A. EDGAR

### **OWNER'S AUTHORIZATION**

I, Mark Griffin, Owner/Applicant of 728 State Street, Tax Map 137, Lot 10, hereby authorize law firm Hoefle, Phoenix, Gormley & Roberts, PLLC to represent me before the City of Portsmouth Zoning Board of Adjustment for permitting the project.

Respectfully submitted,

By:

Mark Griffin

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Portsmouth Zoning Board of Adjustment ("ZBA")

FROM:

R. Timothy Phoenix, Esquire

Stephanie J. Johnson, Esquire

DATE:

March 30, 2022

Re:

Mark Griffin, Owner/Applicant

Property Location: 728 State Street

Tax Map 137, Lot 10

Zoning District General Residence C ("GRC")

Dear Chairman Parrott and Zoning Board Members:

On behalf of Mark Griffin, Owner/Applicant ("Griffin"), we are pleased to submit this memorandum and attached exhibits in support of Zoning Relief to allow replacement of a non-conforming detached garage at 728 State Street, to be considered by the Portsmouth Zoning Board of Adjustment ("ZBA") at its April 19, 2022 meeting.

#### I. EXHIBITS

- A. Site Plan Set issued by Attar Engineering, Inc.
  - Existing Conditions Survey
  - Site Plan
  - Foundation/Framing Plan
- B. Architectural Plans issued by Reflective Designworks.
  - Perspective
  - Existing Elevations
  - Proposed Elevations
  - Sections
  - Volume Study
- C. Site Photographs.
- D. Tax Map 137.

#### II. PROPERTY/PROJECT

728 State Street is a 4,021 s.f. corner lot with frontage on three streets located in a thickly settled neighborhood. The lot contains 45.70 ft. of frontage on State Street (principal front) tapering to 32.80 ft. at Chatham Street. Upon the lot is a three-unit residential condominium occupying 1,585 s.f. as well as an 892 s.f. detached, three-stall, gabled-roof garage and workroom with a volume of 13,463 cu. ft. (the "Property"). The existing garage is over the Chatham Street lot line at the southeast corner and encroaches on the Winter and Chatham Street secondary front setback. It also is within 1.19' of the side lot line where 10 ft. is required.

Griffin plans to demolish the existing garage and rebuild a new, slightly smaller, 872 s.f. garage entirely on the lot with slightly improved setbacks (the "Project"). The design incorporates an eyebrow gable, which reduces volume to 11,938 cu. ft. Relief is required only because the proposed structure, while smaller in area and volume, does not conform to current setback and building coverage requirements. The new garage is nonetheless consistent with the neighborhood which includes several small lots with nonconforming accessory buildings.

(Exhibit C & D). Applicant's proposal is therefore reasonable and consistent with other properties in the surrounding area.

#### III. RELIEF REQUIRED

Variance Section	Required	Existing	Proposed
PZO §10.335 Reconstruction of Nonconforming Structure	Conform	Garage does not conform to yard requirements or building coverage	Replacement garage with smaller area, less volume as indicated below
PZO §10.571 Accessory Buildings, Structures, and Uses	Not in front yard Not closer than principal building	See below	See below
PZO §10.573.20 Setback for Accessory Structure <sup>1</sup>	5' secondary front	3.68' (Winter St.) 0.23' (Winter St.)	3.69' (Winter St.) 0.51' (Winter St.)
Structure		0.14' (Chatham St.) -0.06' (Chatham St.)	0.14' (Chatham St.) 0.04' (Chatham St.)
	10' side	1.38' 1.19'	1.56° 1.23°
PZO §10.521 Table of Dimensional Standards - Residential and Mixed Residential Districts	35% Building Coverage	61.60%	Slight decrease to 61.10%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> An accessory structure greater than 10 ft. in height must be set back the height of the structure or the applicable yard requirement, whichever is less.

#### IV. VARIANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 1. The variances will not be contrary to the public interest.
- 2. The spirit of the ordinance is observed.

The first step in the ZBA's analysis is to determine whether granting the variances are not contrary to the public interest and are consistent with the spirit and intent of the ordinance, considered together pursuant to Malachy Glen Associates, Inc. v. Town of Chichester, 155 N.H. 102 (2007) and its progeny. Upon examination, it must be determined whether granting the variances "would unduly and to a marked degree conflict with the ordinance such that it violates the ordinance's basic zoning objectives." Id. "Mere conflict with the zoning ordinance is not enough." Id.

Portsmouth Zoning Ordinance ("PZO") Section 10.121 identifies the general purposes and intent of the ordinance "to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of Portsmouth...in accordance with the...Master Plan" This is accomplished by regulating:

- 1. The use of land, buildings and structures for business, industrial, residential and other purposes The intended use of the property is and will remain residential. The requested relief will allow a slightly smaller garage in the same location as the present garage.
- 2. The intensity of land use, including lot sizes, building coverage, building height and bulk, yards and open space The lot is comparable in size to others in the area and the intensity of use will not change, as a smaller garage is proposed. The proposed garage is smaller in area and volume and will be moved entirely onto the lot. The replacement garage is less non-conforming, as it will reduce building coverage on the lot and create slightly more open space. The decreased volume will also improve access to air and light for abutting owners.
- 3. The design of facilities for vehicular access, circulation, parking and loading The location of the garage will remain nearly the same, ensuring a straight route to the street, eliminating the need for turning radius and additional impervious surfaces.
- 4. The impact on properties on of outdoor lighting, noise, vibration, stormwater runoff and flooding The proposal replaces an existing garage with one smaller in area and volume with slightly improved setbacks and slightly reduced building coverage. There will be no increase in noise or lighting and no change to existing stormwater management. The existing garage incorporates gutters to direct stormwater and the proposed garage will also utilize gutters so there will be no increase in stormwater over existing conditions.
- 5. The preservation and enhancement of the visual environment The replacement of the deteriorating garage with one smaller in volume will improve the visual environment over existing conditions.
- 6. The preservation of historic districts and building and structures of historic architectural interest The Property is not in the Historic Overlay District.

7. The protection of natural resources, including groundwater, surface water, wetlands, wildlife habitat and air quality – Granting the variances will not undermine these purposes of the Ordinance where no wetlands exist near the Project, building coverage does not increase and open space remains compliant at 38.90%.

The intent of the GRC Zone is to "provide areas for single-family, two family and multifamily dwellings, with appropriate accessory uses, at moderate to high densities (ranging from approximately 5 to 12 dwelling units per acre), together with appropriate accessory uses and limited services." PZO §10.410 (emphasis added). The Property, like many in the neighborhood, contains a home and accessory building which do not comply with front and side setbacks. (Exhibit C & D). The proposal meets the intent of the GRC Zone because it allows for reconstruction of the accessory structure with a slight decrease in area and volume, and does not change the intensity of the use. Given these factors, granting the requested variances will not conflict with the basic zoning objectives of the PZO.

In considering whether variances "in a marked degree conflict with the ordinance such that they violate the ordinance's basic zoning objectives," Malachy Glen, supra, also held:

One way to ascertain whether granting the variance would violate basic zoning objectives is to determine whether it would <u>alter the essential character of the locality...</u>. Another approach to [determine] whether granting the variance violates basic zoning objectives is to examine whether granting the variance would threaten the public health, safety or welfare. (emphasis added)

There are numerous other properties in the immediate area that are similarly sized and include an accessory structure encroaching on front, side, or rear setbacks. (Exhibits C & D). The garage will essentially remain in the same location, shifted entirely onto the lot with a lower volume design, thus improving over existing conditions. Given the number of accessory buildings within side or rear setbacks, the proposal is in keeping with the surrounding area. Granting the variances neither alters the essential character of the locality nor threatens the public health, safety, or welfare. Accordingly, granting the variances to allow replacement of an existing garage with a smaller, less non-conforming garage is not contrary to the public interest and observe the spirit of the ordinance.

### 3. Granting the variances will not diminish surrounding property values.

The Project removes a deteriorating garage and replaces it with a new garage containing 1,525 cubic ft. less volume than the existing structure, thus improving the value of the Property

and improving access to air and light for abutting properties. The use of the accessory structure and its impacts will be match existing conditions. Accordingly, the variances will not diminish surrounding property values.

# 4. Denial of the variances results in an unnecessary hardship.

a. Special conditions distinguish the property from others in the area.

The Property contains three condominium units and a garage for unit owners on a very small 4,021 s.f. lot. The lot's tapering shape results in a narrow section where the existing three-car garage is located. The home and garage do not conform to front and/or side yard requirements, yet d4rive the location of a proposed replacement garage. These circumstances combine to create special conditions

b. No fair and substantial relationship exists between the general public purposes of the ordinance and its specific application in this instance.

The purpose of setbacks and nonconforming expansions is to prevent overcrowding and overburdening of land, improve sightlines for pedestrians and motorists, ensure adequate light and air circulation, and provide sufficient area for stormwater treatment. The Project moves the new garage entirely onto the lot, The existing home and garage do not conform to front and/or side yard requirements. the existing landscaped area and avoids the construction of a driveway that would increase impervious surfaces. Reconstructing the garage will not increase or change existing stormwater management. The slightly smaller garage will improve yard setbacks and its lower volume design will improve abutters access to air and light over existing conditions. Accordingly, there is no fair and substantial relationship between the purposes of the ordinance and its application in this instance.

#### c. The proposed use is reasonable.

If the use is permitted, it is deemed reasonable. <u>Vigeant v. Hudson</u>, 151 N.H. 747 (2005). Residential use is permitted in the GRC Zone and includes accessory buildings incidental to the permitted use. The proposed garage is reasonably sized, smaller and less non-conforming than the previous structure, and results in a more functional space.

#### 5. Substantial justice will be done by granting the variances.

If "there is no benefit to the public that would outweigh the hardship to the applicant" this factor is satisfied. <u>Harborside Associates</u>, L.P. v. Parade Residence Hotel, LLC, 162 N.H. 508

(2011). That is, "any loss to the [applicant] that is not outweighed by a gain to the general public is an injustice." Malachy Glen, supra at 109.

Griffin is constitutionally entitled to the use of the lot as he sees fit; including the reconstruction of an existing garage, subject only to its effect of the reconstructed garage on the dimensional requirements. "The right to use and enjoy one's property is a fundamental right protected by both the State and Federal Constitutions." N.H. CONST. pt. I, arts. 2, 12; U.S. CONST. amends. V, XIV; Town of Chesterfield v. Brooks, 126 N.H. 64 (1985) at 68. Part I, Article 12 of the New Hampshire Constitution provides in part that "no part of a man's property shall be taken from him, or applied to public uses, without his own consent, or that of the representative body of the people." Thus, our State Constitutional protections limit the police power of the State and its municipalities in their regulation of the use of property. L. Grossman & Sons, Inc. v. Town of Gilford, 118 N.H. 480, 482 (1978). "Property" in the constitutional sense has been interpreted to mean not the tangible property itself, but rather the right to possess, use, enjoy and dispose of it. Burrows v. City of Keene, 121 N.H. 590, 597 (1981) (emphasis added).

The requested variances allow for a smaller, less non-conforming garage to be constructed than exists today. The Project retains the same use while slightly improving upon existing setbacks and building coverage, so there is no harm to the public in granting the variances. Conversely, Griffin will be greatly harmed by denial of any of the variances because he will be unable to have a more functional garage. Without question, substantial justice will be done by granting the variances.

#### VI. CONCLUSION

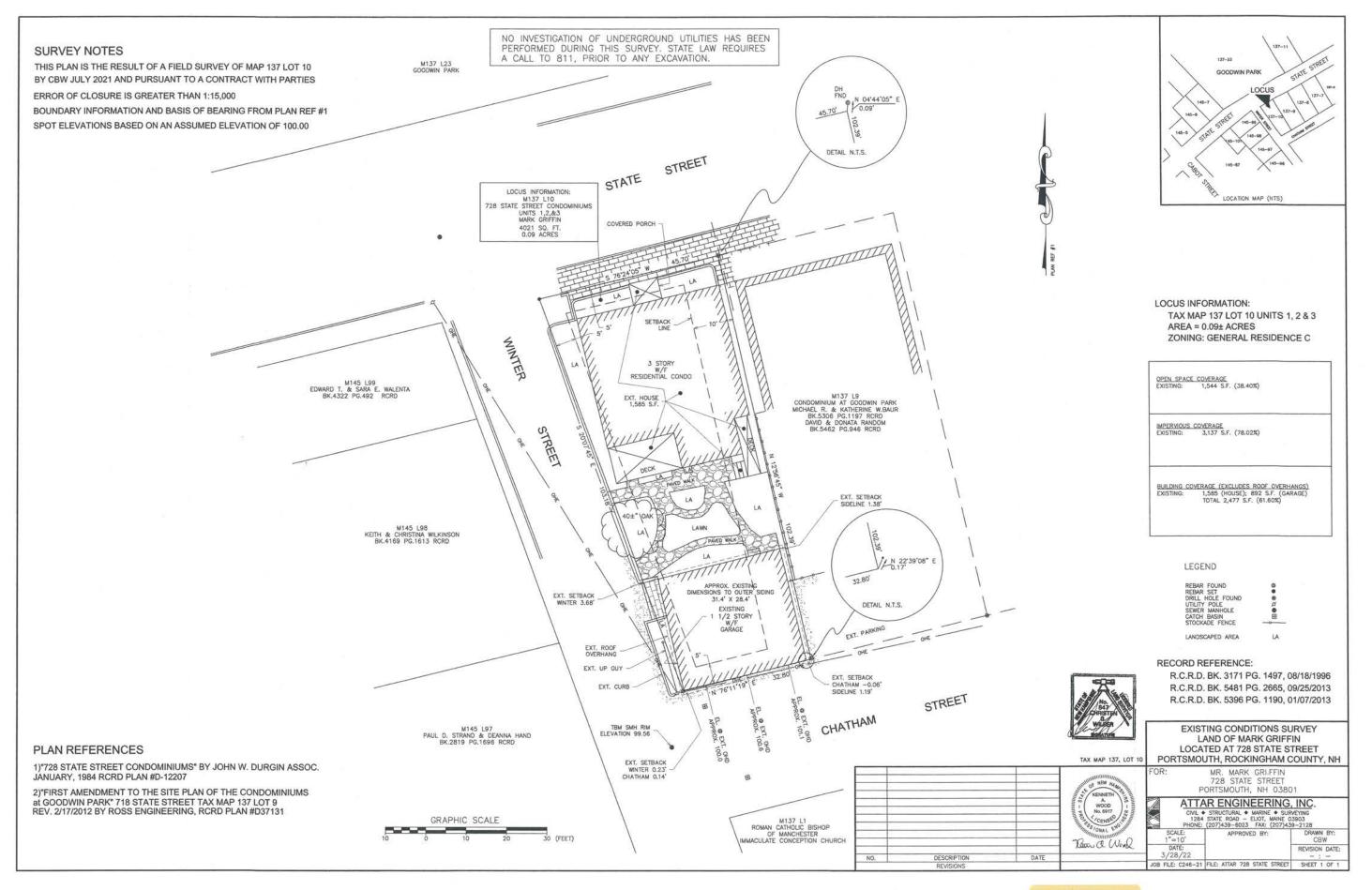
For all of the reasons stated, Mark Griffin respectfully requests that the Portsmouth Zoning Board of Adjustment grant the requested variances.

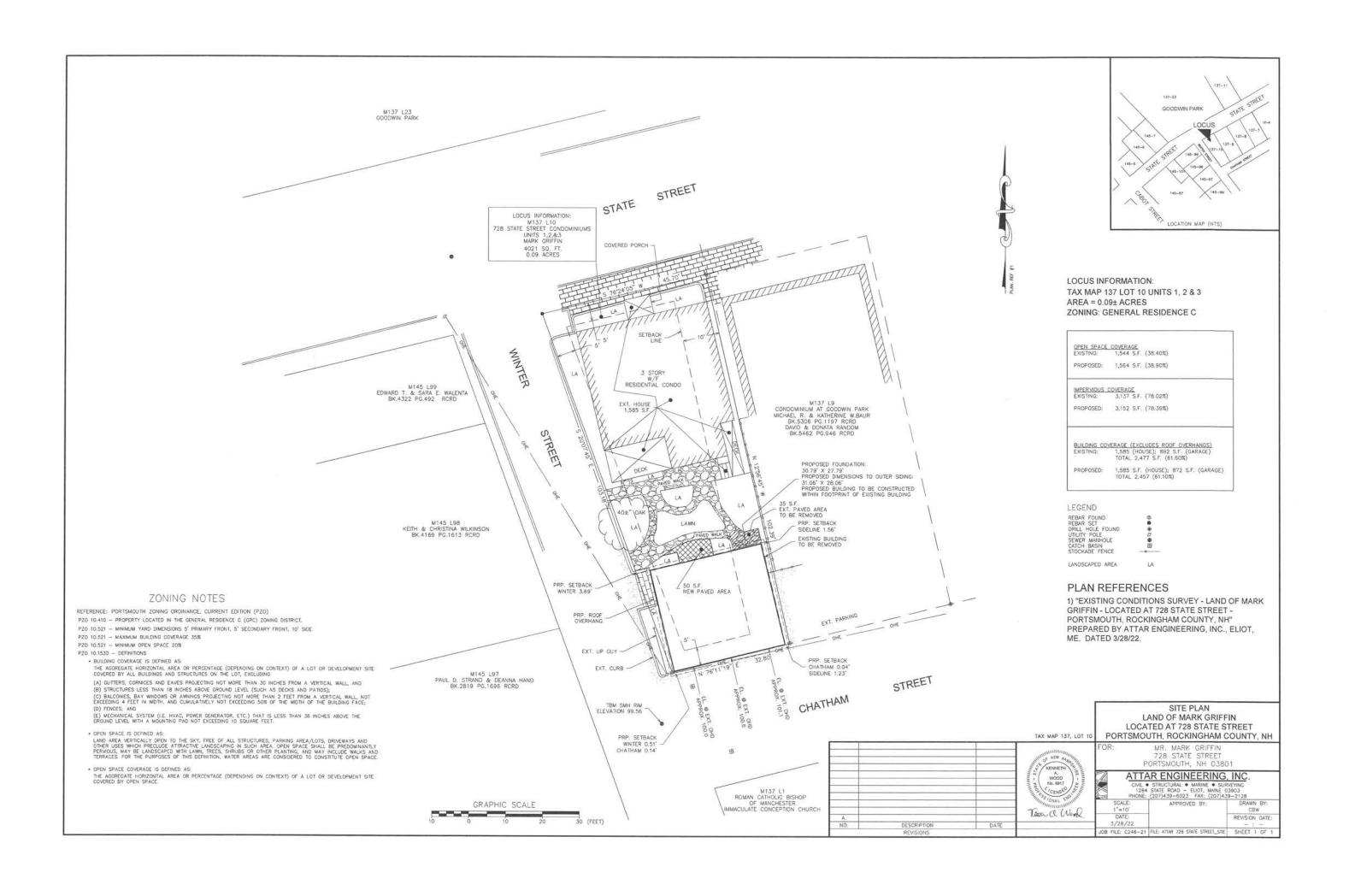
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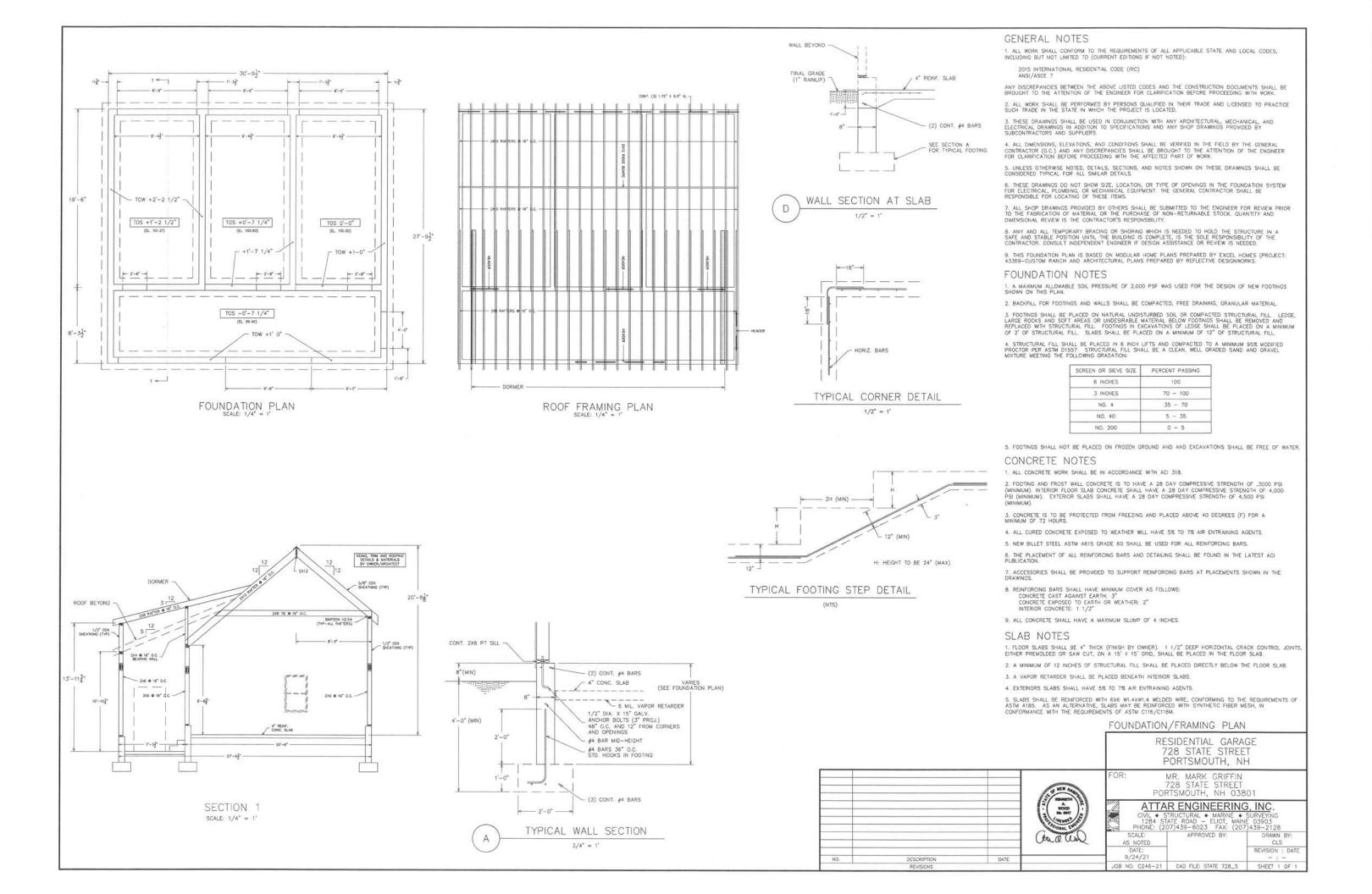
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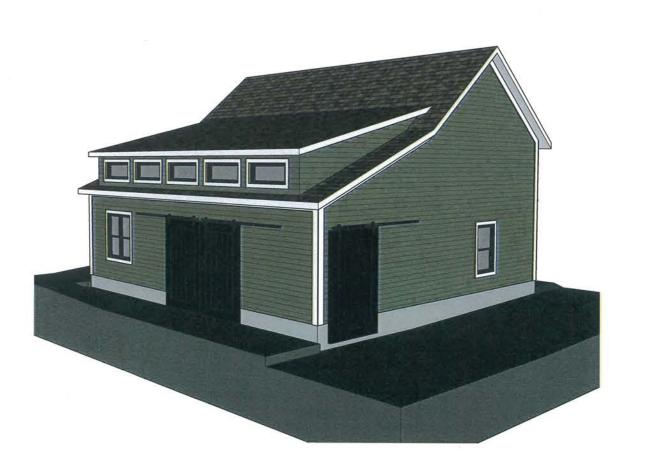


Perspective

By: Chris Kiper 21 OCT 2021











View from main house on State Street



**View from Chatham Street** 





**View from Winter Street** 



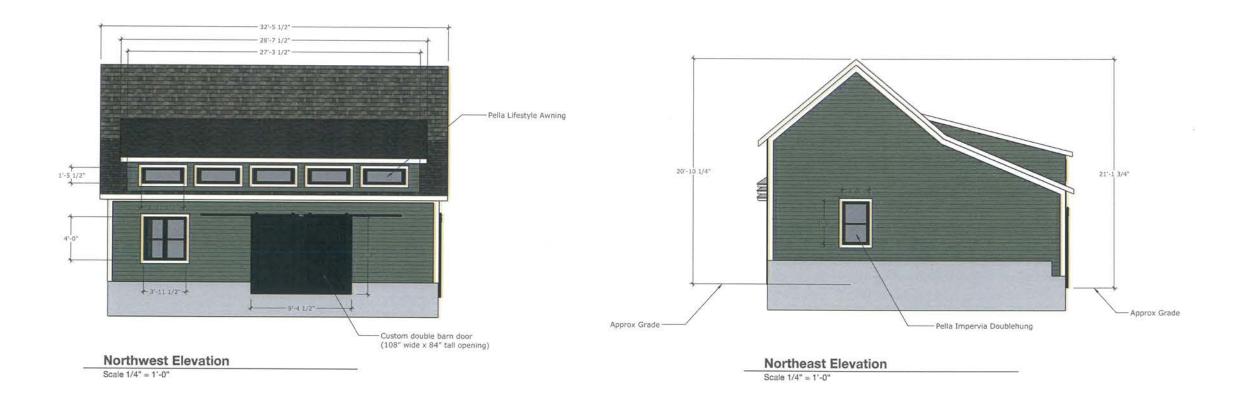
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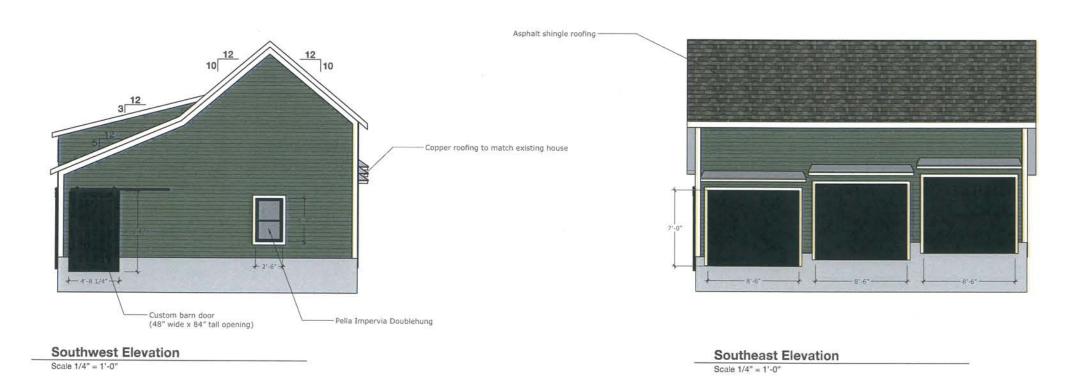
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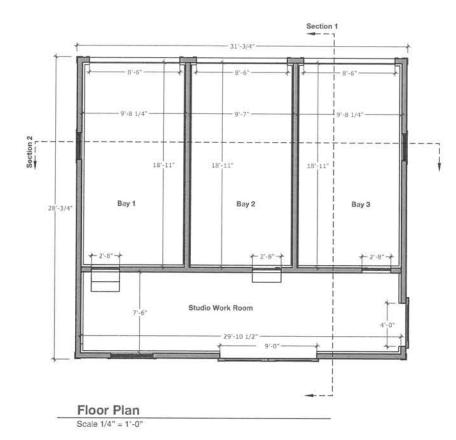
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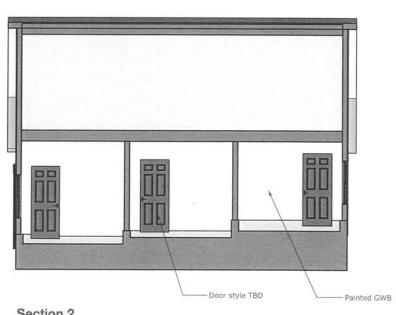


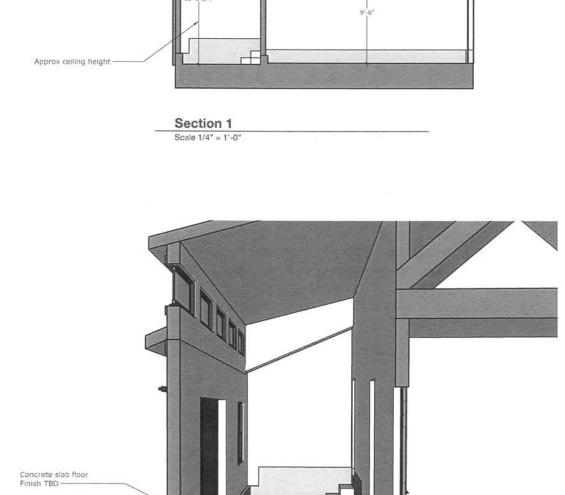


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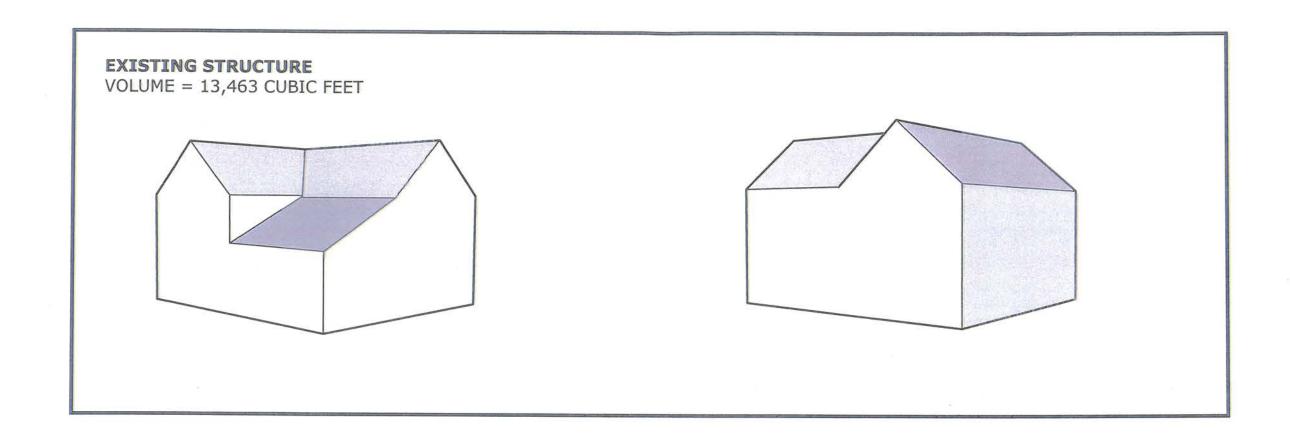


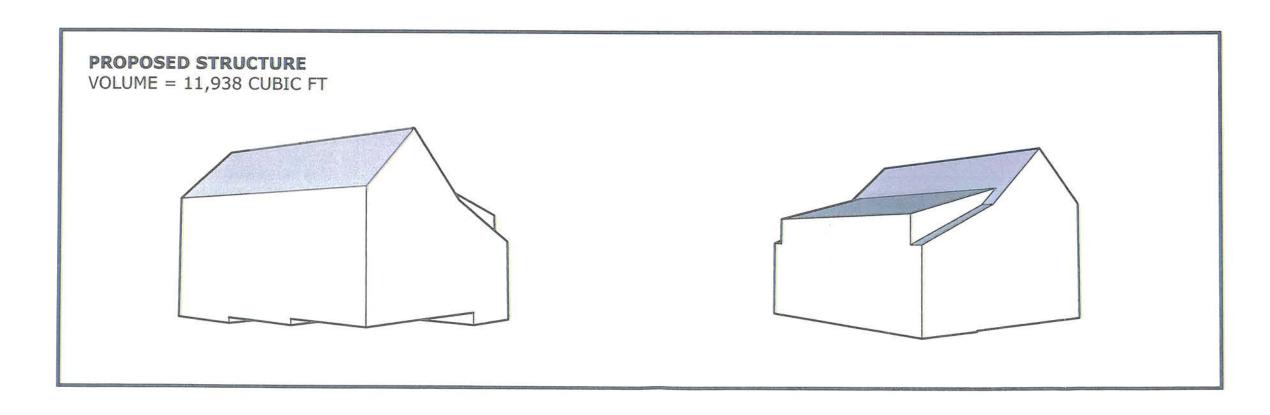
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Interior Perspective "Studio/Work Room"

# 728 STATE STREET VOLUME STUDY





Google Maps 728 State Street



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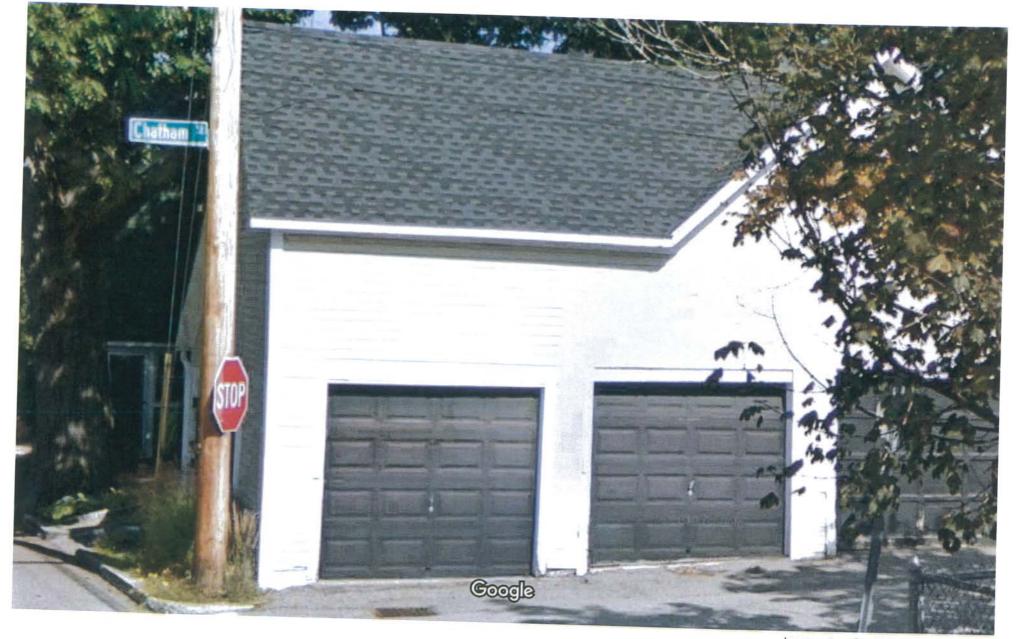


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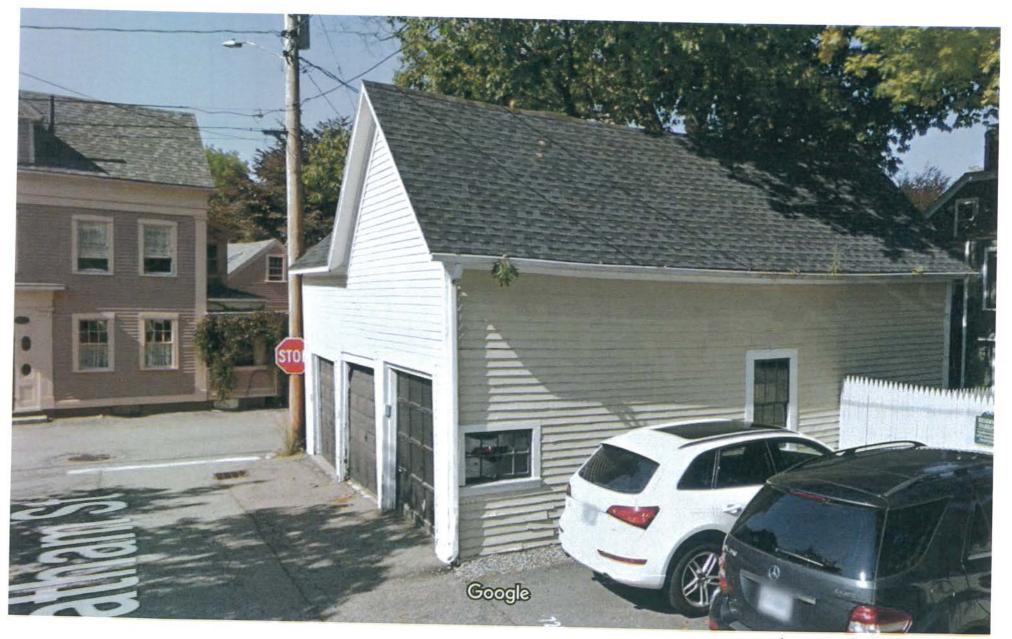


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# APPLICATION OF RANDI and JEFFREY COLLINS 77 Meredith Way, Portsmouth Map 162, Lot 16

#### **APPLICANT'S NARRATIVE**

#### I. **THE PROPERTY**:

The applicants, Randi and Jeffrey Collins, seek a variance from Section 10.513 to permit the construction of a second, single family residential dwelling on an existing lot of record and from Section 10.1114.31 to permit a second driveway to access the dwelling.

The existing dwelling on the lot, built in 1870 according to city tax records, is grossly substandard and unsuitable for the applicants' needs. For example, the half story second floor has slanted ceilings with only six feet of head room at the highest point, and the stairway is at a very steep, non-code compliant pitch. The home is simply inadequate for an older couple like the Collins. Their objective is to take advantage of the unusually large lot to construct a second, modern dwelling for themselves.

The property is within the General Residence A Zone and is depicted as Lots 55, 56, and 57 on the 1856 subdivision plan submitted herewith, and as Lot 16 on current tax map 162 submitted herewith.<sup>1</sup>

Meredith Way has never been completed as it was originally laid out. Because Meredith Way as it exists on the ground does not extend significantly beyond applicant's driveway, it is the Planning Department's position that the property does not have the required 100 feet of continuous street frontage and, therefore, the lot is nonconforming within the meaning of Section 10.311. The property both as it exists now and if this project is approved otherwise complies with all other dimensional requirements as to lot area, lot area per dwelling, depth, setbacks, building height, open space and building coverage.<sup>2</sup> As shown on the submitted site plans, the property's lot area is 22,400 square feet. Given that a portion of Meredith Way abutting the property has never been built, title to one-half (½) of the unbuilt way where it abuts the lot actually increases the lot area from that depicted on the site plan. Accordingly, the property has more than three times the required minimum lot area and lot area per dwelling unit (7,500 square feet). It is abutted to the southeast by a city park, so there is practically no concern that a second dwelling will present any kind of overcrowding at all. If approved, this would be just the third dwelling with road access from Meredith Way.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The applicants' request to the City Council to restore the lots to their pre-merger status pursuant to RSA RSA674:39-aa has been withdrawn without prejudice. This variance application, if granted, would render that request moot.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The shed depicted in the northwest corner of the property is less than ten feet in height and less than 100 square feet in area, so it qualifies for the five foot setback under 10.573.10. It is currently 4.9 feet from the left side lot line. The applicants are willing to relocate the shed to bring this into full compliance, if necessary.

It should be noted that the applicants are entitled by right in the GRA zone to construct a two-family dwelling on the lot with building coverage that greatly exceeds what is proposed here. There is enough lot area that a town house or three family dwelling would be permitted by special exception. Accordingly, the increase in residential density by a single household will not exceed what is already allowed in this location, and there should be no related concerns regarding increases in traffic, noise, overcrowding, etc. In fact, what is proposed here - a second, stand-alone single family dwelling oriented on the property in a manner similar to the existing homes on the block - is more consistent with the neighborhood and is far preferable to these other alternatives.

The applicant has submitted herewith a site plan and building plans which demonstrate *possible* building design elements. The applicants anticipate that the final design will at a minimum incorporate an attached garage, for example. The exact location and dimensions of the driveway access would need to be finalized in connection with the Inspection Department and Public Works. Final decisions as to the exact location of the proposed new dwelling have not been made, but the applicants will stipulate that the proposed building envelope for the new home shown in the site plan, towards the "front" or southeast corner of the property, will not change. However, the proposed dwelling will meet all applicable setback, height and lot coverage requirements. The dwelling footprint will be within the 25% building coverage requirement. The dwelling will have a height no greater than 35 feet. The dwelling will require no relief from the setback, height and lot coverage requirements. The property is abutted to the southeast by a city park which cannot be developed, so there is practically no concern that a second dwelling will present any kind of overcrowding or other externalities at all.

It is understood that, should the variance requested here be granted, the Inspection Department will need to review and approve all construction drawings and sketches prior to issuing a building permit to the applicants.

#### II. CRITERIA:

The applicant believes the within Application meets the criteria necessary for the Board to grant the requested variances.

Granting the requested variance will not be contrary to the spirit and intent of the ordinance nor will it be contrary to the public interest. The "public interest" and "spirit and intent" requirements are considered together pursuant to Malachy Glen Associates v. Chichester, 152 NH 102 (2007). The test for whether or not granting a variance would be contrary to the public interest or contrary to the spirit and intent of the ordinance is whether or not the variance being granted would substantially alter the characteristics of the neighborhood or threaten the health, safety and welfare of the public.

In this case, were the variances to be granted, there would be no change in the essential characteristics of the neighborhood, nor would any public health, safety or welfare be threatened. A second dwelling on this property is entirely appropriate and consistent with the existing residential subdivision in which it sits and does not increase the amount of residential density beyond what is permitted by right. Thus, the essentially residential character of the neighborhood will not be altered and the health, safety and welfare of the public will not be threatened.

Substantial justice would be done by granting the variance. Whether or not substantial justice will be done by granting a variance requires the Board to conduct a balancing test. If the hardship upon the owner/applicant outweighs any benefit to the general public in denying the variance, then substantial justice would be done by granting the variance. It is substantially just to allow a property owner the reasonable use of his or her property. The applicants are entitled by right to build a two family structure with far more lot coverage than what is here proposed. A second, stand-alone dwelling is far more in keeping with the established neighborhood.

In this case, there is no benefit to the public in denying the variances that is not outweighed by the hardship upon the owner.

The values of surrounding properties will not be diminished by granting the variance. A newly constructed, fully code-compliant home with appropriate landscaping, vegetation and screening will increase property values in the neighborhood. The values of the surrounding properties will not be negatively affected in any way by the relief requested. To the contrary, values would be enhanced if this project were to be approved, especially given the available alternatives.

There are special conditions associated with the property which prevent the proper enjoyment of the property under the strict terms of the zoning ordinance and thus constitute unnecessary hardship. The property in question is located at the terminus of a dead end and on a partially unbuilt paper street and abuts a substantial amount of undevelopable park land. It has more than three times the required lot area per dwelling for the GRA zone. These are special conditions that distinguish it from others in the area.

<u>The use is a reasonable use</u>. Residential use is permitted in this zone and is identical in character and consistent with the existing use of the adjacent and abutting properties.

There is no fair and substantial relationship between the purpose of the ordinance as it is applied to this particular property. The purpose of the prohibition of more than a single, free-standing dwelling on a lot within the GRA zone is presumably to protect from overcrowding and overburdening lots and maintaining appropriate residential densities. Given the size of this lot, its location at the terminus of a dead end, its proximity to undevelopable park land and the uses available by right, none of these

purposes are frustrated by this project. Thus, there is no fair and substantial relationship between the purpose of the restriction and its application to this property.

## III. Conclusion.

For the foregoing reasons, the applicant respectfully requests the Board grant the variances as requested and advertised.

Respectfully submitted,

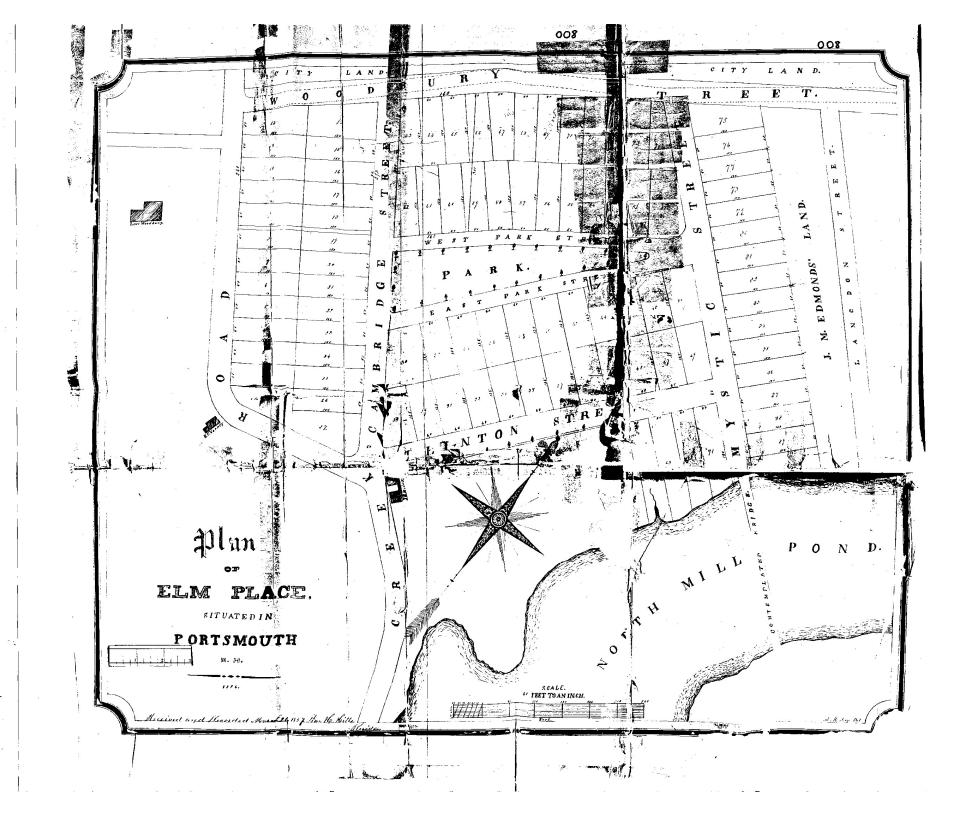
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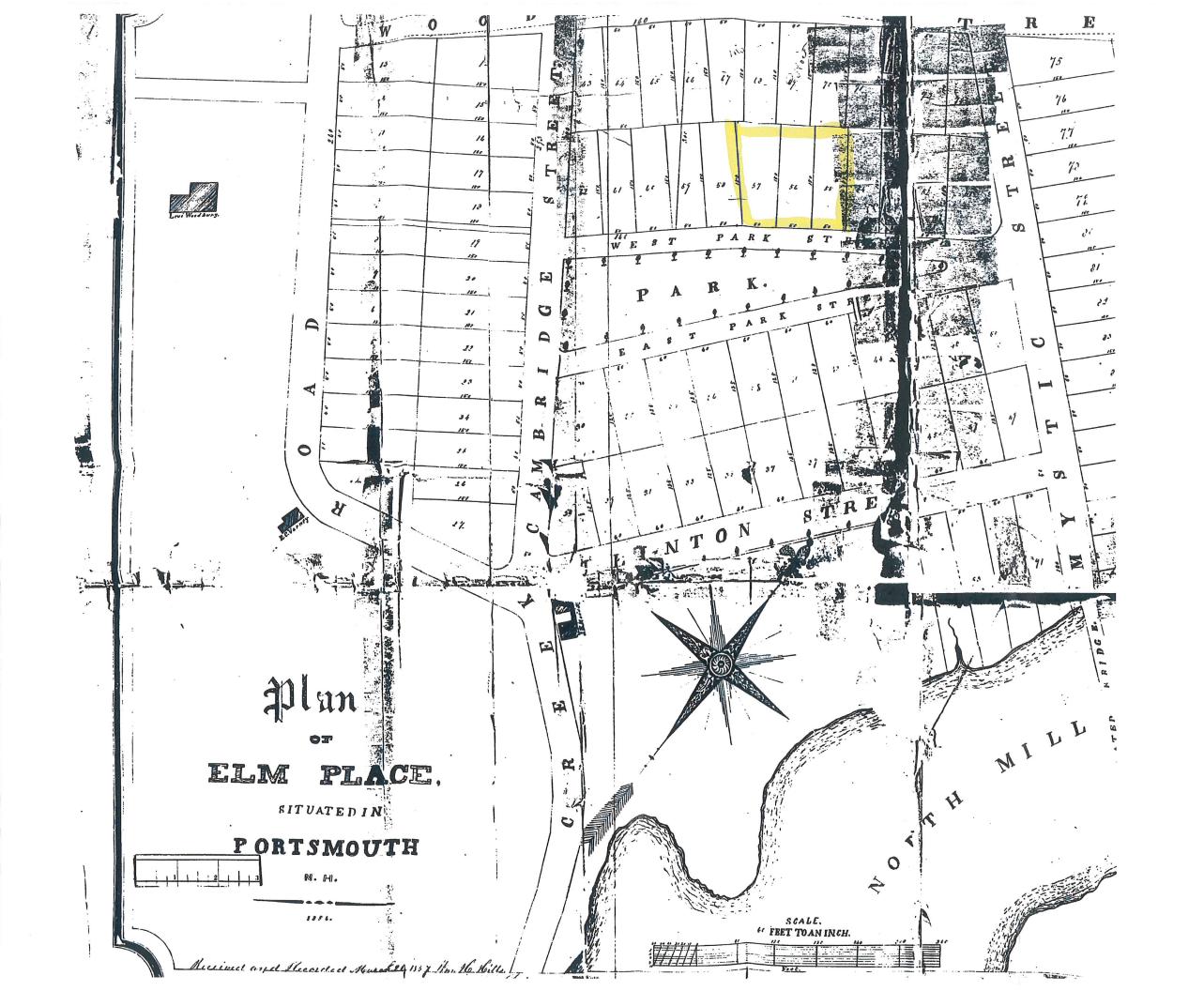
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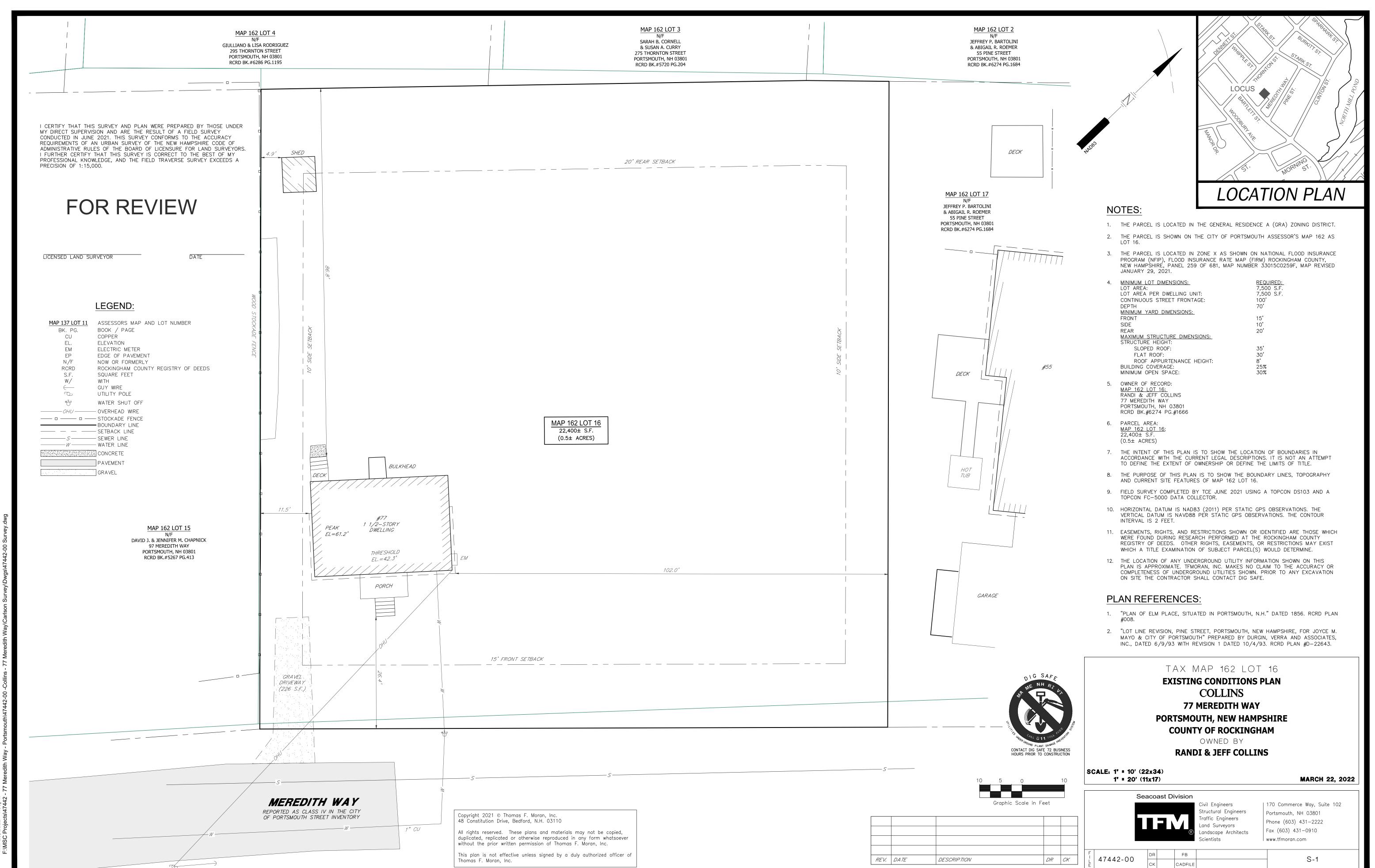




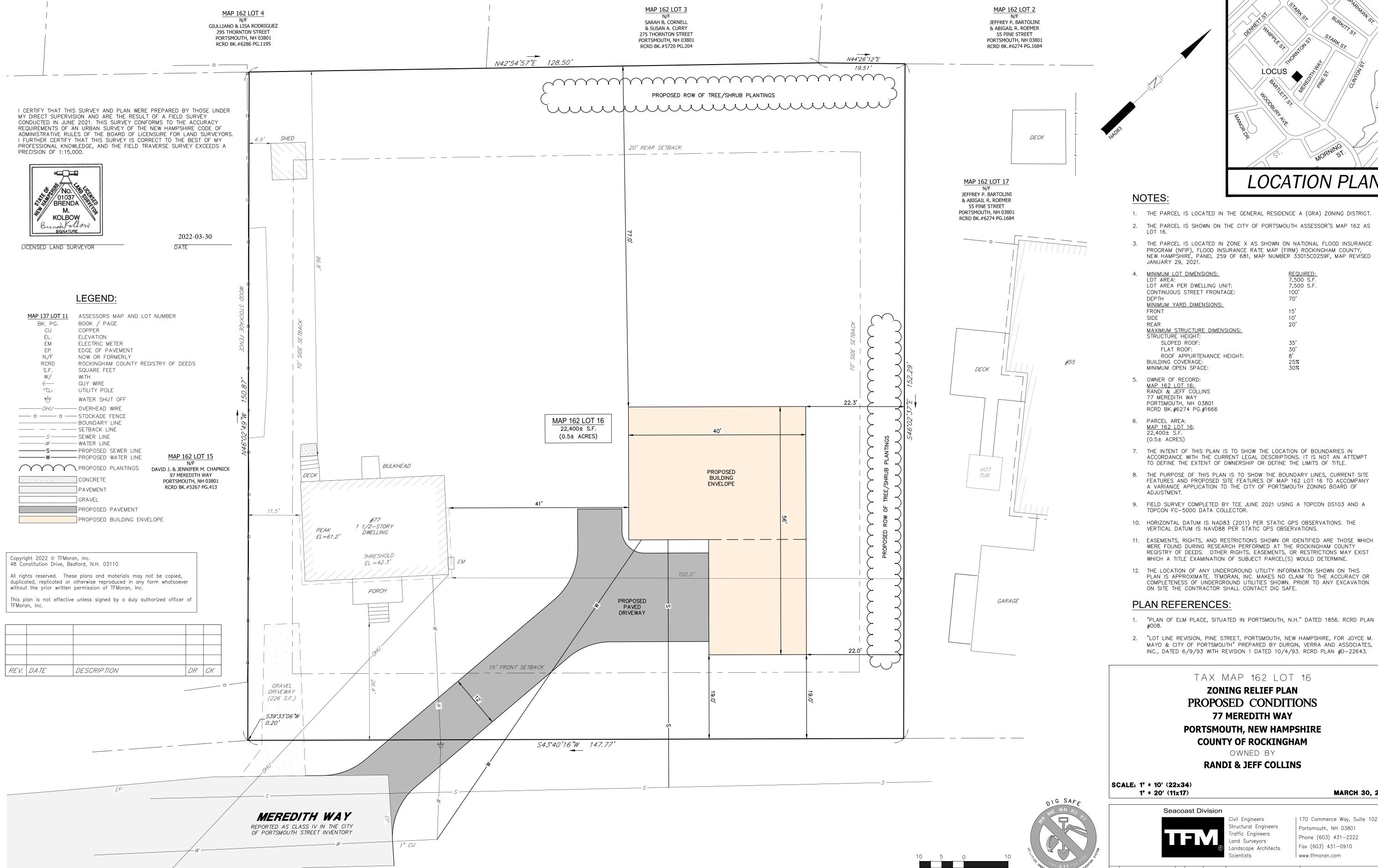








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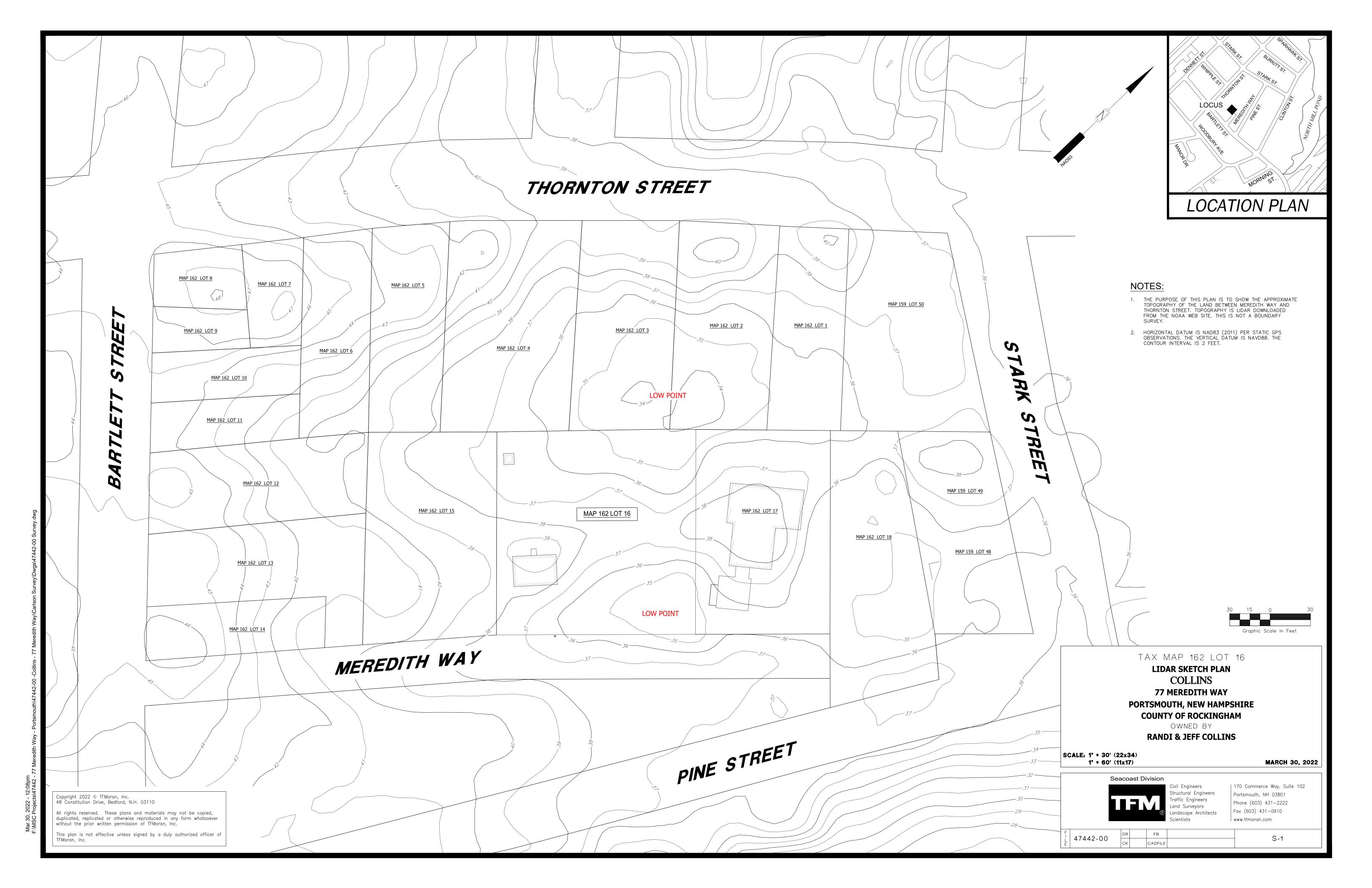
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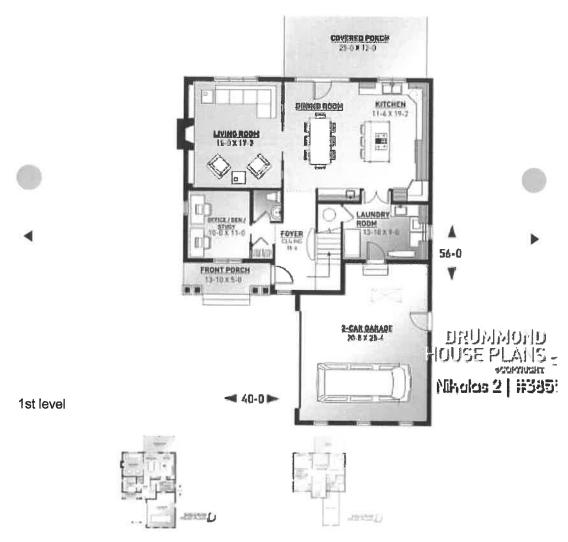
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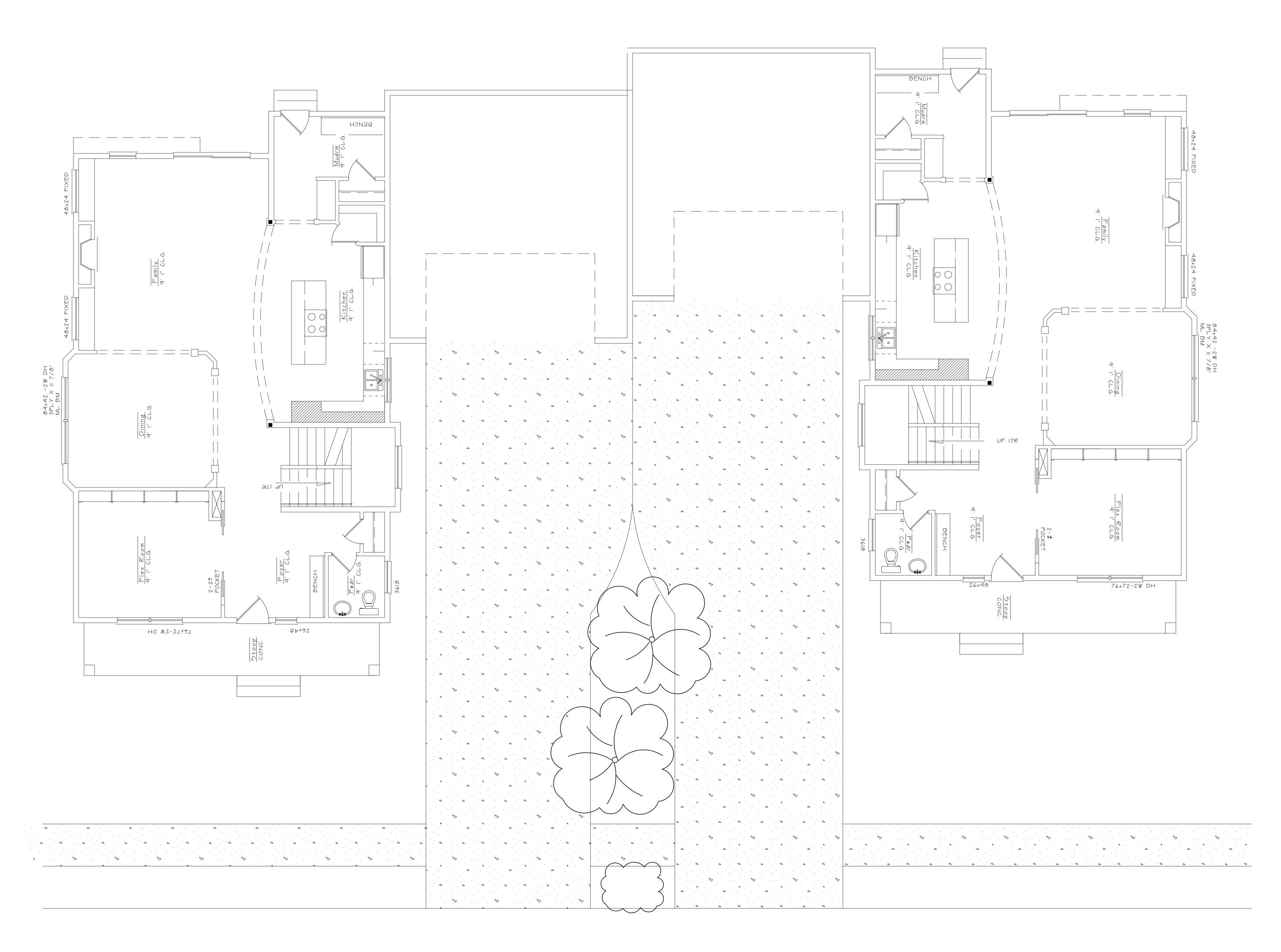
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# CITY OF PORTSMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

# 64 VAUGHAN STREET, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE Tax Map 126 Lot 1 NOVOCURE, INC.

### **APPLICANT'S NARRATIVE**

### THE APPLICANT

The Applicant, Novocure Inc., acquired the property at 64 Vaughan Street, formerly the home of Cabot Furniture, in December, 2021. Novocure is a global oncology company focused on treating some of the most aggressive cancers. Novocure has begun renovations of the historic property to house its North American Flagship operations. Novocure intends to occupy the entire building which will be used for executive offices and a training and development center where doctors and other health care professionals will be introduced to Novocure's products and technologies. Novocure expects 200 to 250 employees to be based at this facility.

### THE PROPERTY

The lot is irregularly shaped, with approximately 75' of frontage on the pedestrian Vaughan Mall and 68' of frontage on Hanover Street and it abuts the rear alley connecting Hanover Street to the Worth Parking Lot. The existing structure dominates the site and is built up to or very close to the lot lines on Vaughan Mall and the Worth Lot. The property was previously approved for a mixed-use renovation including the addition of approximately 2,480 square feet of building footprint in 2021. The building addition brings the structure forward to approximately 5 feet from its Hanover Street frontage. The exterior design has been fully approved by the Historic District Commission.

Built in the late 19th century as a 3-story brick and heavy timber structure with a flat roof and full basement, the main building was originally owned and occupied by the Margeson Bros. Furniture Co. Early in the 20th century, the building was more than doubled in size with an addition constructed of essentially the same materials and form on the Worth Lot side. A single story "modern" block addition with a shed roof was added mid-century toward the rear facing Hanover Street which was used as a loading dock for shipping and receiving. In 1993, artist Robert Wyland received the owner's permission to install a mural on the side of the building facing the Worth Lot, which became a landmark of sorts referred to as the "Whaling Wall." Unfortunately, through inappropriate preparation and application of paints, over time the mural has significantly degraded along with the facade of the building.

The previously approved redevelopment of the property ameliorates several adverse conditions on the site. Substandard utility and mechanical systems including water, sewer, drainage, HVAC and fire protection all will be upgraded to meet modern standards. Pedestrian connectivity around the building to Vaughan Mall from Maplewood Avenue, Hanover Street or the rest of downtown to the West, South and East will be enhanced via improvements to the building façade and to the Worth Lot. Underground parking will be constructed, where none exists and none is required for this office use in the Downtown Overlay District. The redevelopment revives and restores this historic structure and integrates it into the surrounding community. As noted, the design was enthusiastically approved by the Historic District Commission.

### THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Novocure's acquisition of the property and it's intended use changes the mixed-use aspect of the development as now no residential, retail or restaurants will be incorporated into the site. The intended use will be professional office, which use is permitted by right. The building will host a daily influx of professionals that may at times exceed 300 people, including employees and visitors. Given Novocure's unique mission and its intention to convene visiting medical professionals, scientists and other partners for training, seminars and conferences, it desires to construct dedicated assembly space to accommodate such use. The convening space will not be dedicated to any type of permanent office space for Novocure employees. The convening space will provide employees and guests access to outdoor space where there is no other such space available on or near the property.

The existing flat rubber membrane roof on top the main, historic structure is the logical location to locate such a convening space with outdoor access. Accordingly, we are proposing to add an additional 11 feet, 6 ¼" of height to that portion of the building to accommodate the recessed, semi-transparent penthouse shown on the submitted plans. The penthouse will provide approximately 2,500 square feet of functional space, along with an outdoor patio and seating also shown on the plans. The proposed structure is designed to shield the necessary rooftop mechanical units.

It should be noted that, even with the additional proposed height, the building will be shorter than many of its recently renovated or constructed neighbors. The buildings across Hanover Street are 5-6 stories and 45'-70' tall. The neighboring mixed-use building at 25 Maplewood has a tower, skylight and mechanical appurtenances all of which are higher than what is proposed. Jimmy's Jazz Club across the Worth Lot is higher. Rooftop appurtenances on the building itself are permitted to a height of ten feet. Accordingly, the massing and scale of the proposed addition will not be out of place and will not in any manner dominate its surroundings. In fact, due to the siting of the proposed addition recessed from the building's edge, there are few ground-level locations where it will be visible at all. In any event, the project, if approved by this Board, will also require approval from the HDC.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please note that the site plan submitted herewith represents the plan previously approved by the Planning Board for a mixed-use development. The final amount of underground parking to be provided with this project has yet to be determined. No off street parking at all is required for this use. 10.1115.21.

In addition to the Historic District, the property is in the CD-5 zone and the Downtown Overlay District.

The project as proposed requires a variance from Section 10.5A43.30 and Map 10.5A21.B to permit the following:

- building height of 54' at the peak, 51' 6 1/8" to midpoint where 40 feet plus 2 feet for penthouse level is the maximum allowed.

Due to the unique shape of the lot and building, at the edge of the chamfered parapet the exterior face of the penthouse is 9'-9 3/4" from the parapet edge of the roof, thus a variance from section 10.1530 is also required, to permit a penthouse with a setback from the roof edge of 9'-9 3/4" where 15 feet is required.

### **VARIANCE CRITERIA**

The Applicant believes that this project meets the criteria necessary for granting the requested variances.

Granting the requested variances will not be contrary to the spirit and intent of the ordinance nor will it be contrary to the public interest. The "public interest" and "spirit and intent" requirements are considered together pursuant to Malachy Glen Associates v. Chichester, 152 NH 102 (2007). The test for whether or not granting a variance would be contrary to the public interest or contrary to the spirit and intent of the ordinance is whether or not the variance being granted would substantially alter the characteristics of the neighborhood or threaten the health, safety and welfare of the public.

In this case, were the variances to be granted, there would be no change in the essential characteristics of the neighborhood, nor would any public health, safety or welfare be threatened. The property is a very visible "cornerstone" of downtown where similar heights are not uncommon. The health, safety and welfare of the public will not be negatively impacted in any fashion, as the introduction of the proposed penthouse will eliminate the existing, environmentally deleterious flat, membrane roof and replace it with activated space that will allow Novocure's employees and guests an outdoor space in which to congregate, each lunch, etc.

The essentially urban character of the neighborhood will not be altered in any fashion by this project, nor will the health, safety or welfare of the public be threatened by granting the relief requested, as what is proposed is entirely consistent with the mass and scale of neighboring buildings. The project must obtain further approval from the HDC so the interest of the public will be more than adequately protected.

<u>Substantial justice would be done by granting the variances</u>. Whether or not substantial justice will be done by granting a variance requires the Board to conduct a balancing test. If the

hardship upon the owner/applicant outweighs any benefit to the general public in denying the variance, then substantial justice would be done by granting the variance. It is substantially just to allow a property owner the reasonable use of his or her property. The proposed added height will in no way detract from any neighboring properties, many of which are taller than what is proposed. The proposed penthouse adds functionality to the space where otherwise an unattractive flat roof would exist. It shields the rooftop mechanicals and provides the building's occupants with access to outdoor space that is not available anywhere else on or near the site.

In this case, there is no benefit to the public in denying the variances that is not outweighed by the hardship upon the owner.

<u>The values of surrounding properties will not be diminished by granting the variances</u>. The proposed penthouse addition is not visible from most ground level locations near the site. The surrounding properties and those in the vicinity have similar or taller heights than proposed here. The penthouse will sit entirely within the footprint of the existing building.

The values of the surrounding properties will not be negatively affected in any way.

There are special conditions associated with the property which prevent the proper enjoyment of the property under the strict terms of the zoning ordinance and thus constitute unnecessary hardship. The main building is an historic structure dating back to the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. The property has frontage on two rights of way, Vaughan Mall and Hanover Street, and borders the Worth Lot which does not meet the definition of a "street" under the ordinance, but has many of the same characteristics of one – i.e., regular vehicular circulation throughout the site. There is no open, outdoor space on site in which the applicant's employees and guests can congregate, eat lunch, etc. The building's use as entirely office with no ground floor retail or other use is unusual in this vicinity. This is an irregular, L-shaped lot with a similar L-shaped building.

<u>The use is a reasonable use</u>. The proposed use is accessory to the office use which is permitted in this zone.

There is no fair and substantial relationship between the purpose of the ordinance as it is applied to this particular property. The additional height requested is necessary to create functional space that adds to the environment. The additional height will not in any manner dominate or be out of scale with any of the neighboring properties. There is no fair and substantial relationship between the purposes of the height requirements and their application to this property.

The requested penthouse setback relief is driven by the irregular L-shaped lot and building. The purpose of the 15-foot penthouse setback presumably is to limit its visibility. As noted above, the proposed penthouse is not visible from almost all ground level locations, and certainly not in the area where relief is necessary.

### I. Conclusion.

For the foregoing reasons, the applicant respectfully requests the Board grant the variances as requested and advertised.

Respectfully submitted,

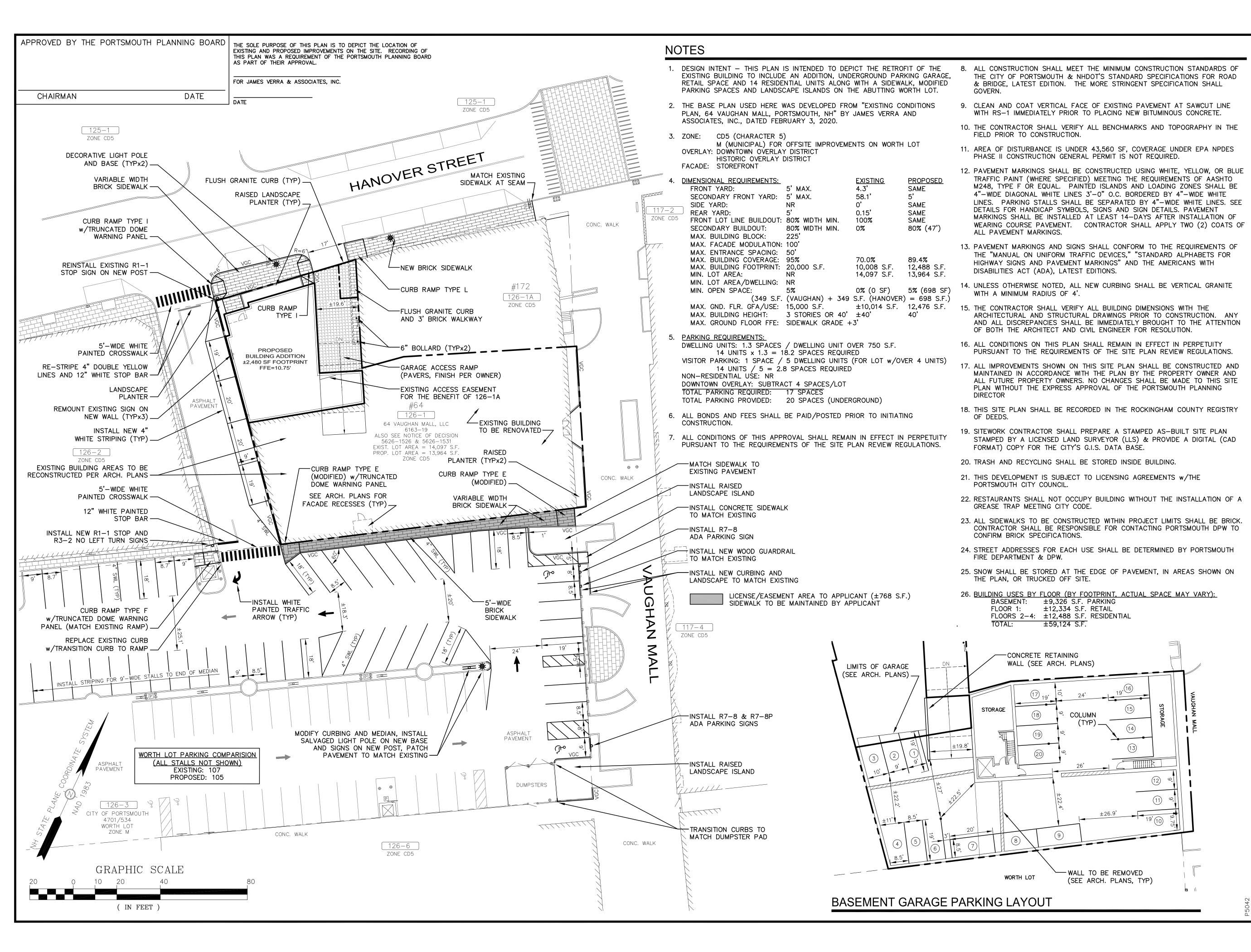
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### AUTHORIZATION 64 VAUGHAN STREET, PORTSMOUTH Map 126, Lot 1

Novocure Inc., owner of the above-referenced property in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, hereby authorizes representatives of Bosen & Associates, PLLC and JSA Architects, Inc. to represent its interests before the Portsmouth land use boards and to submit any and all applications and materials related thereto on our behalf.

	Novocure Inc.	
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OWNER:

64 VAUGHAN MALL, LLC

41 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE EXETER, NH 03833

APPLICANT:

HAMPSHIRE DEVELOPMENT CORP.

41 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE EXETER, NH 03833

PROJECT:

64 VAUGHAN MALL BUILDING RESTORATION

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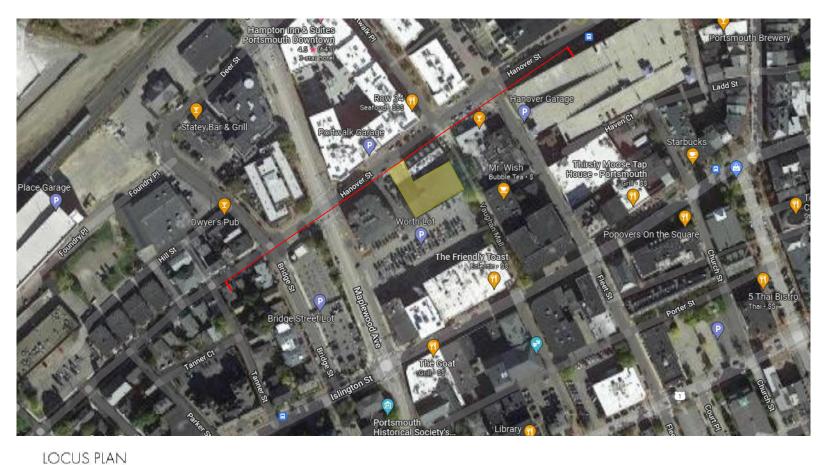
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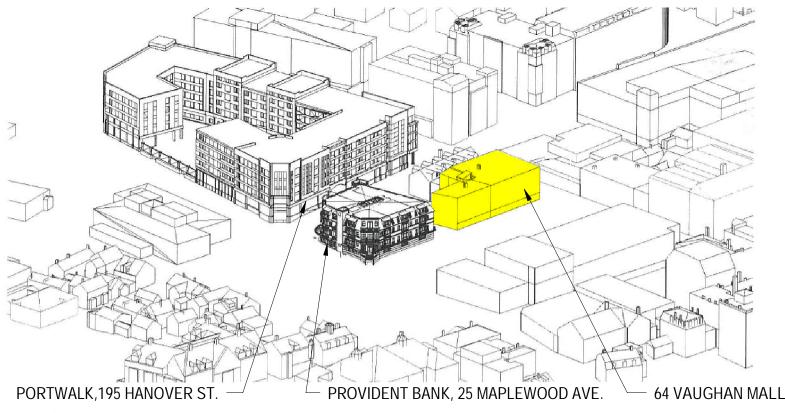
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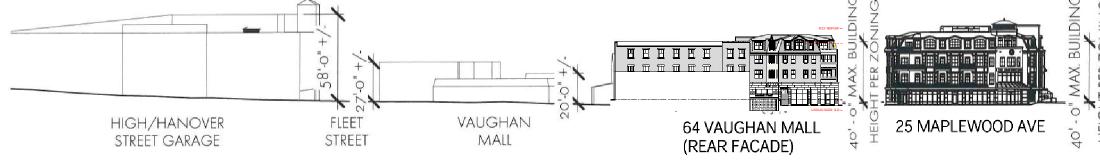
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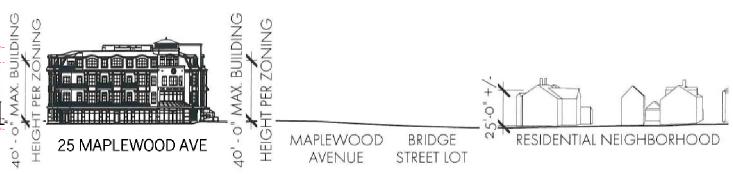
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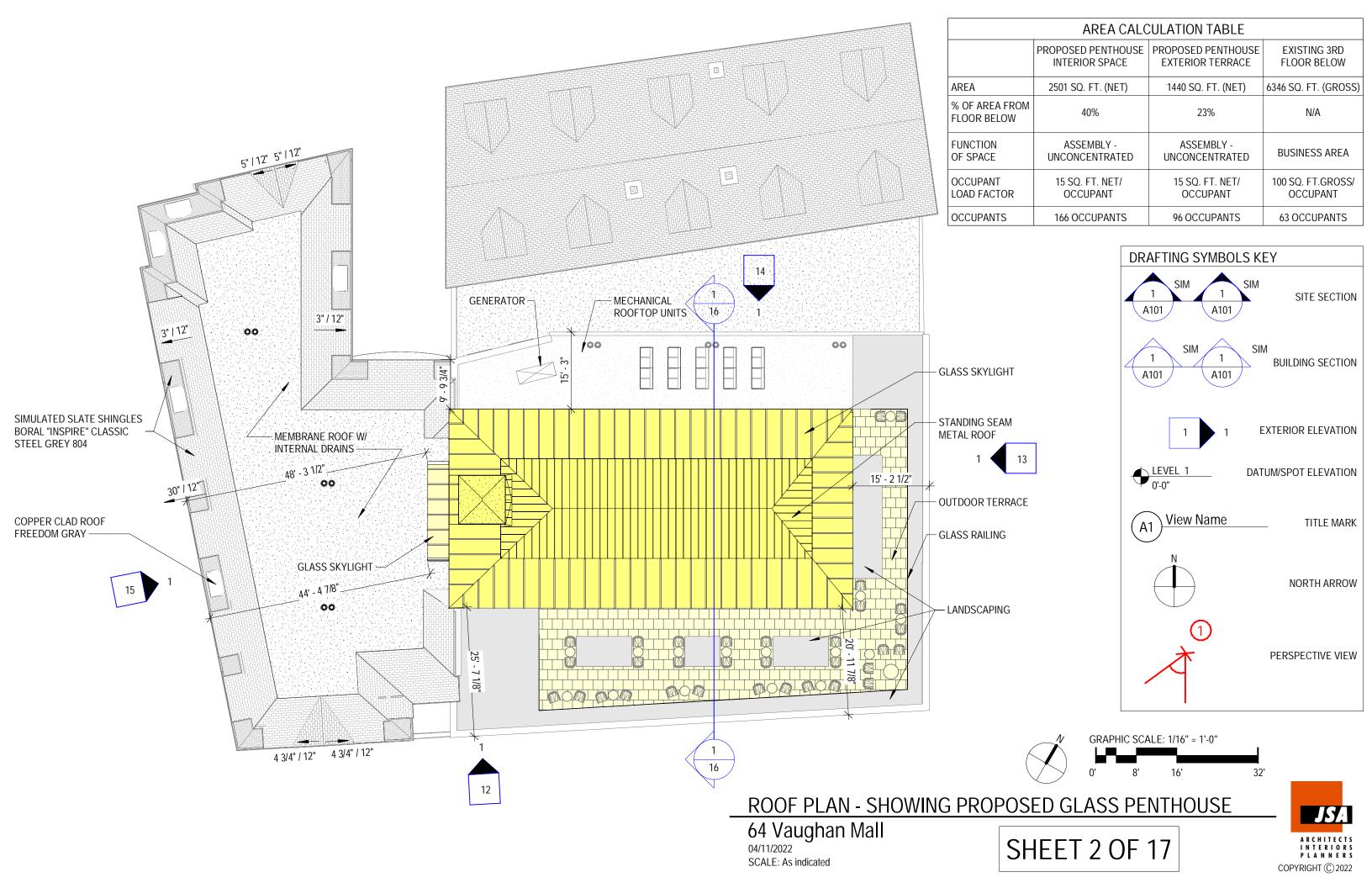
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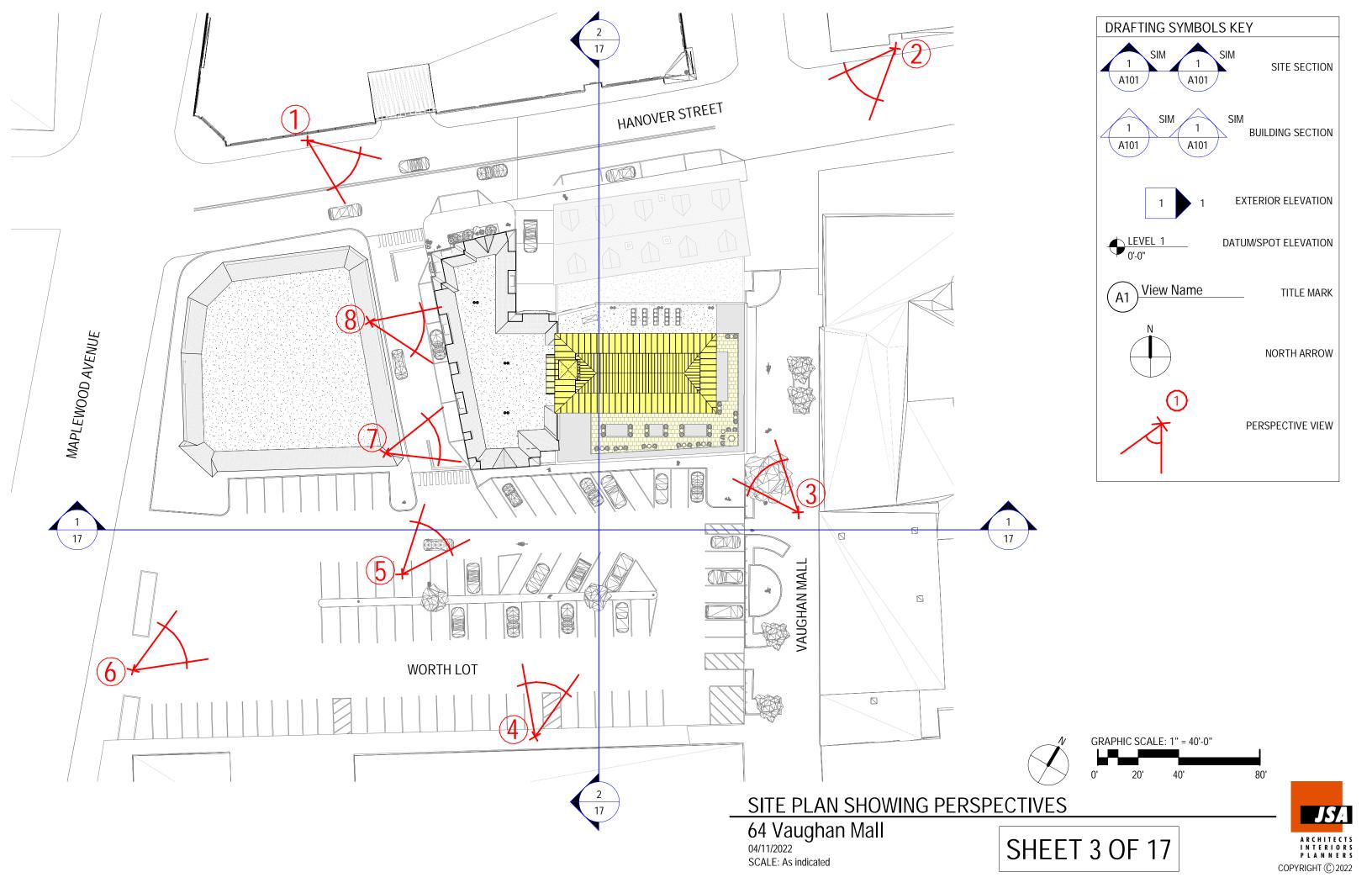
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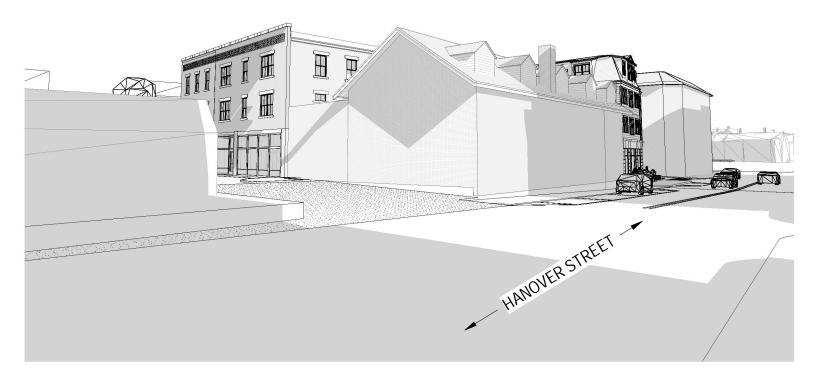








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HANOVER STREET VIEW 02





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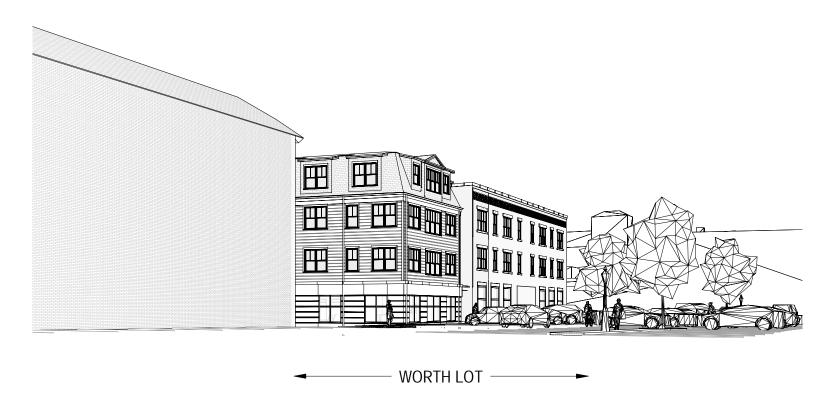
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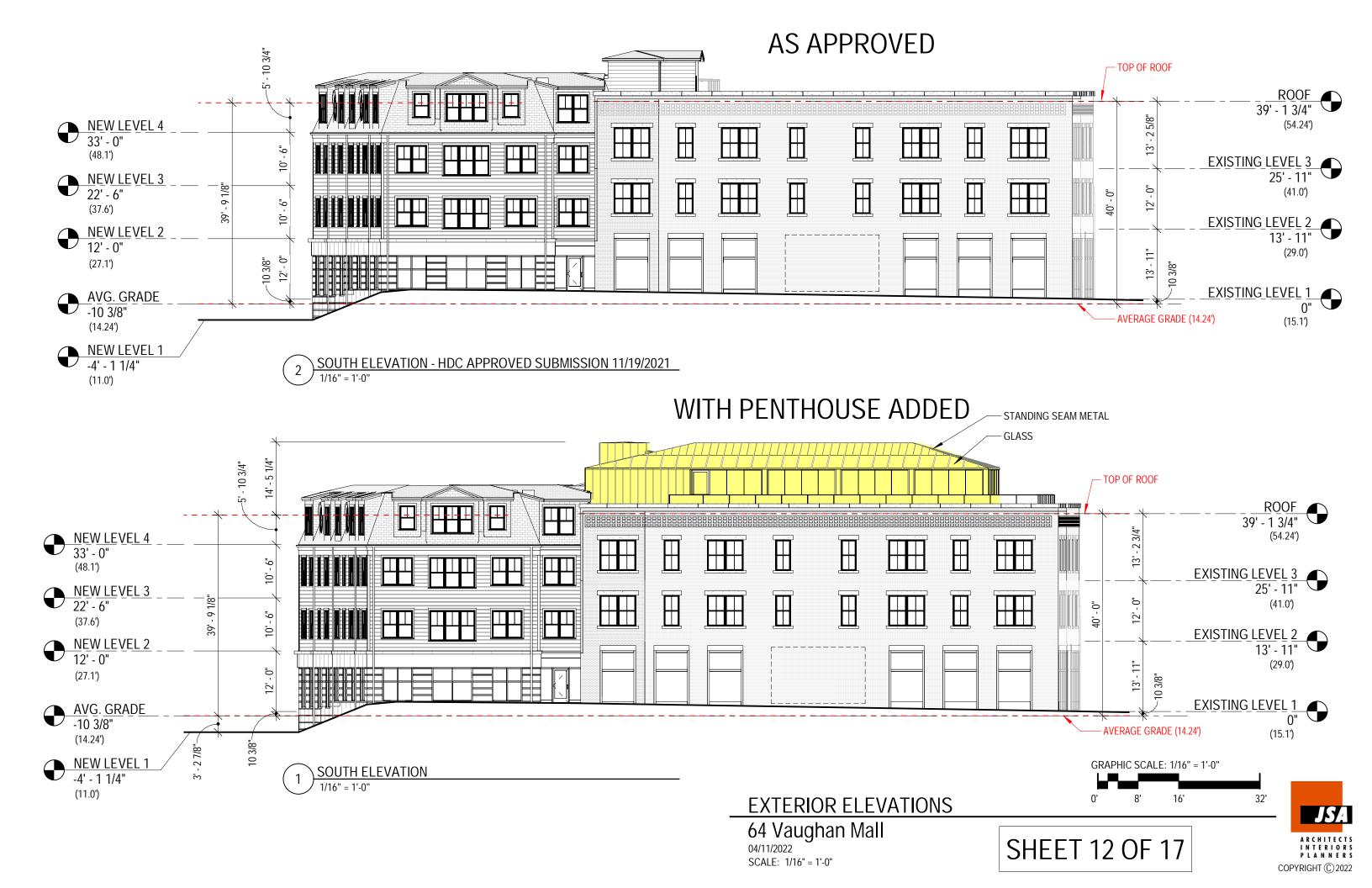




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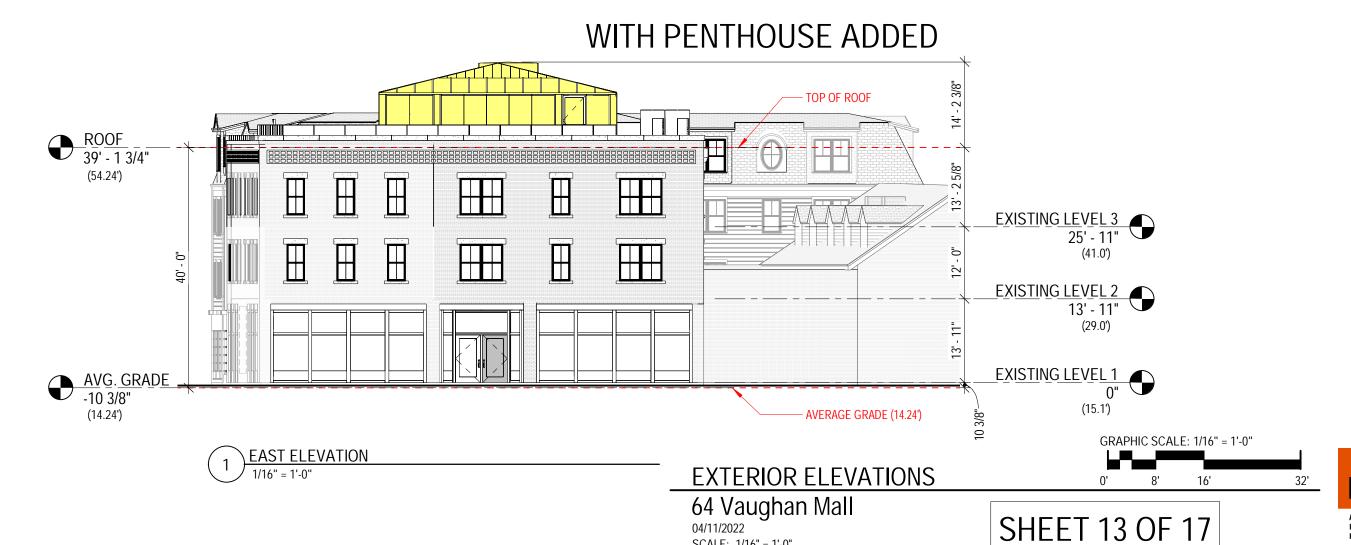
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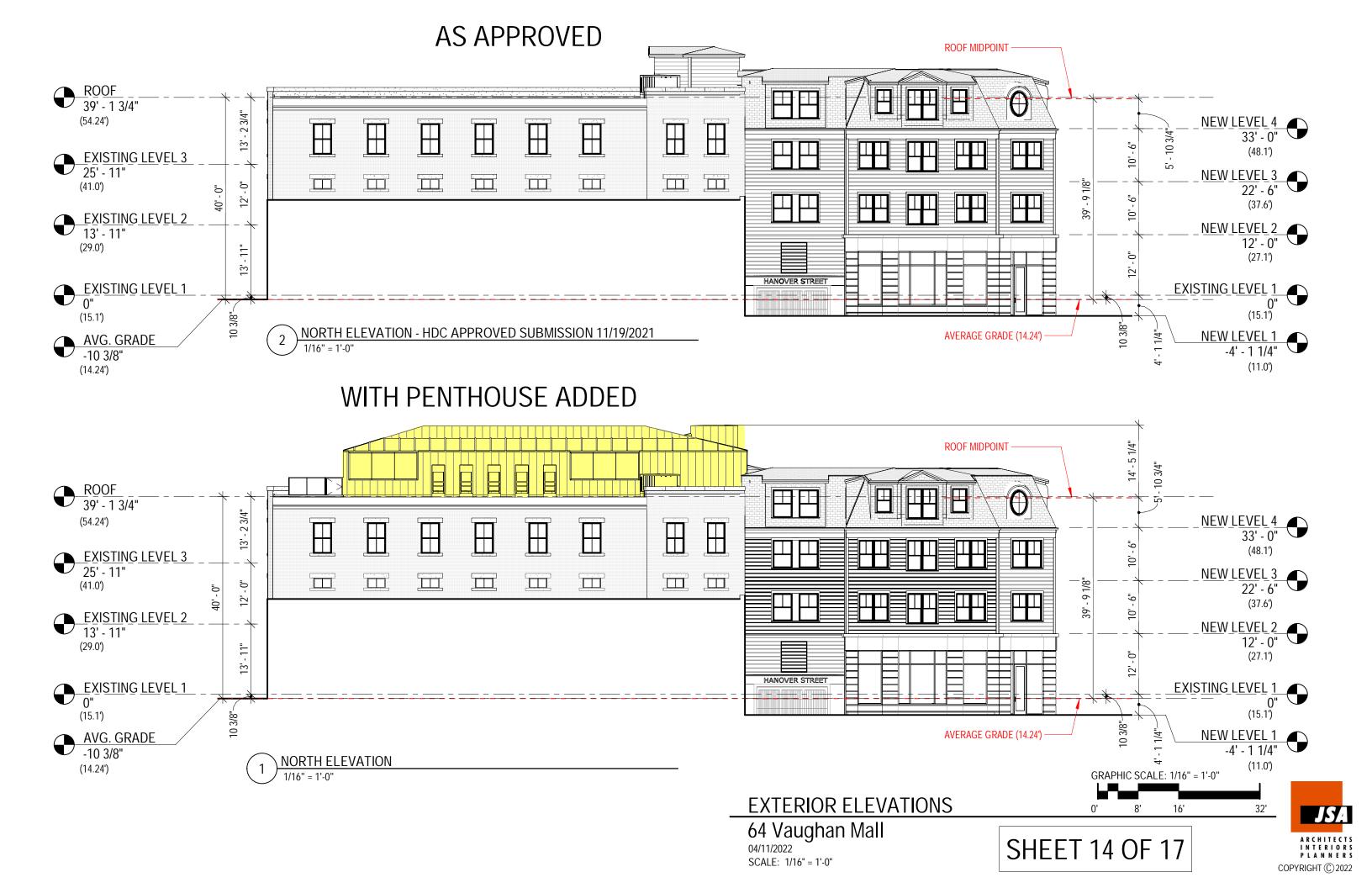
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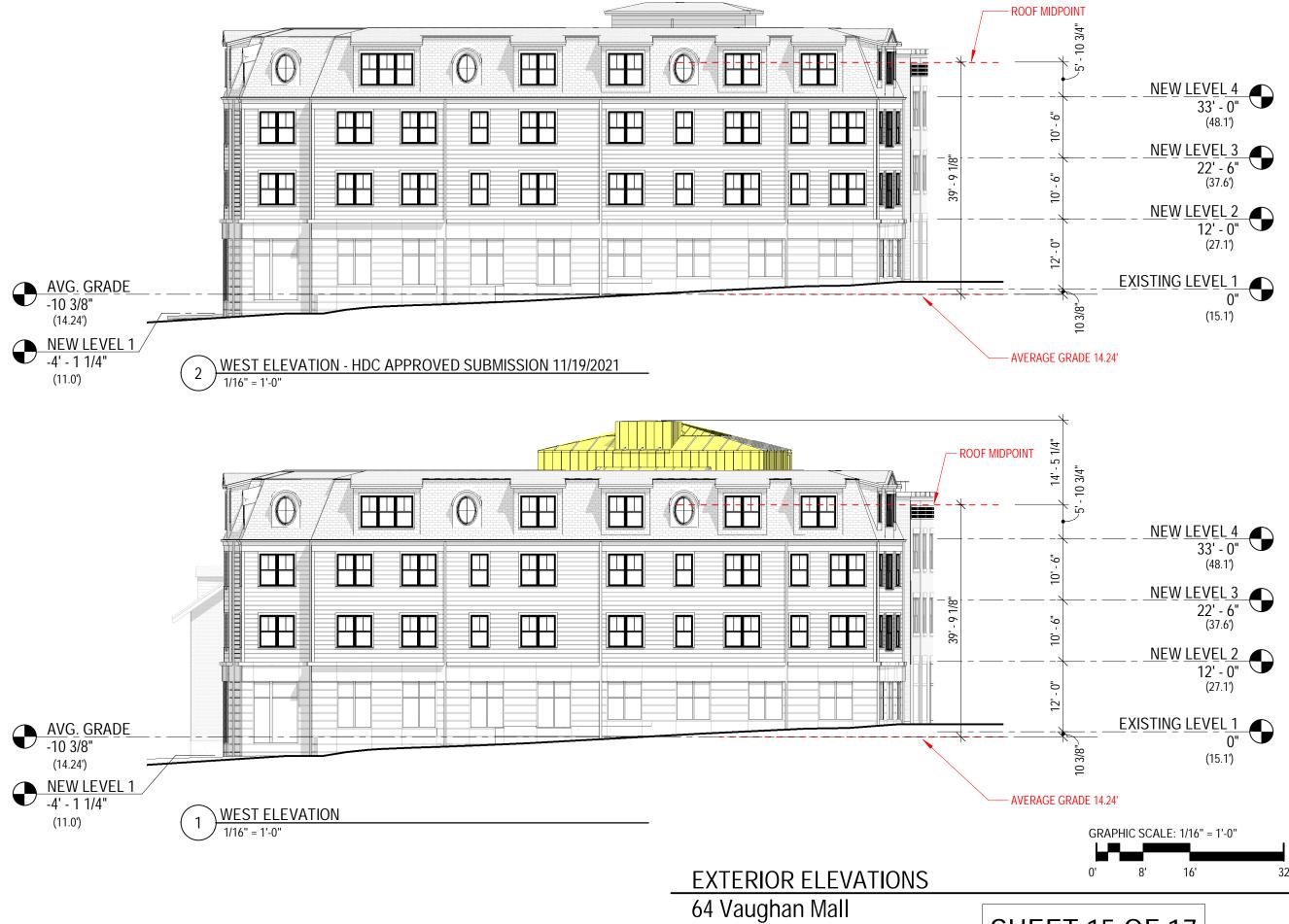
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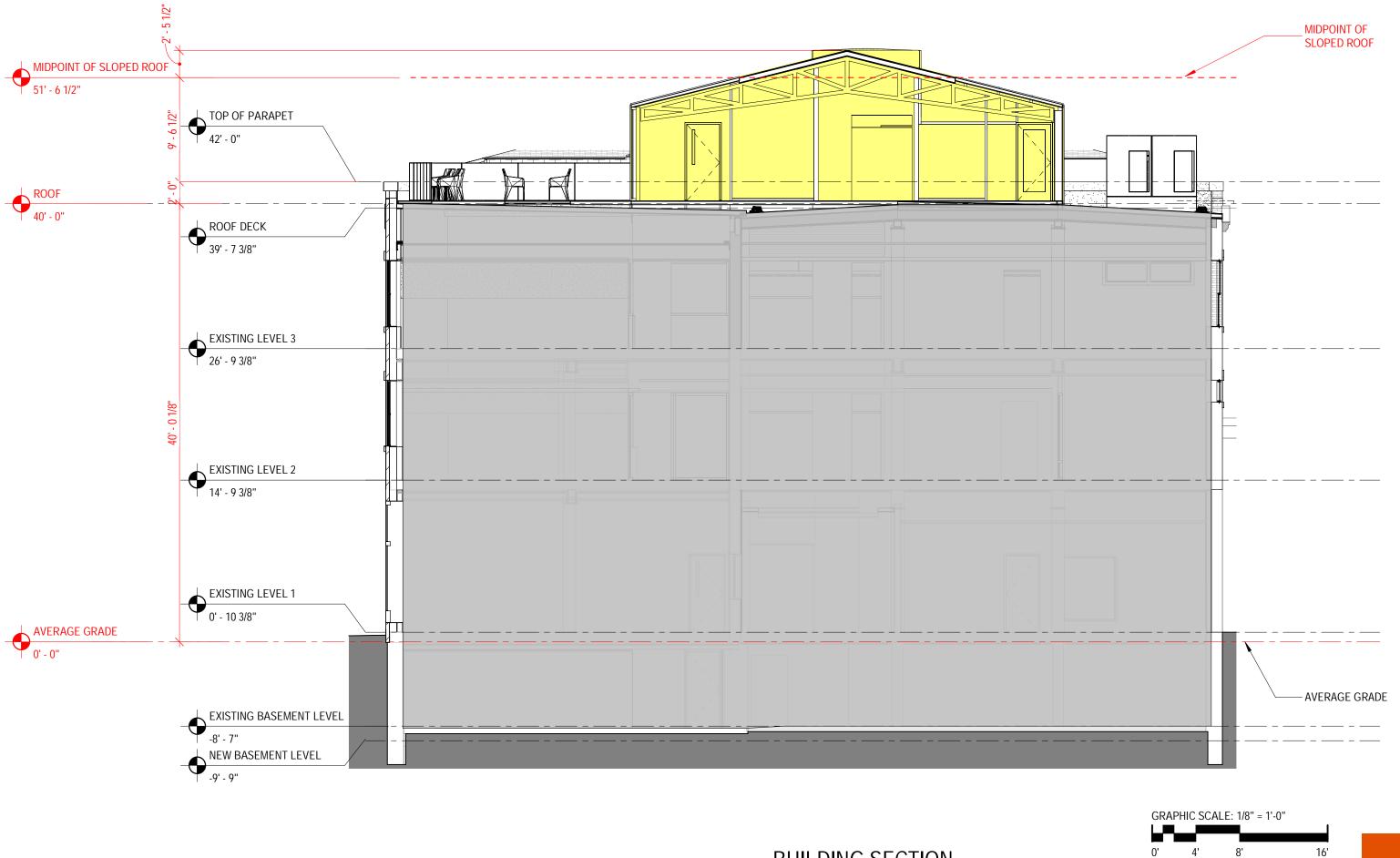
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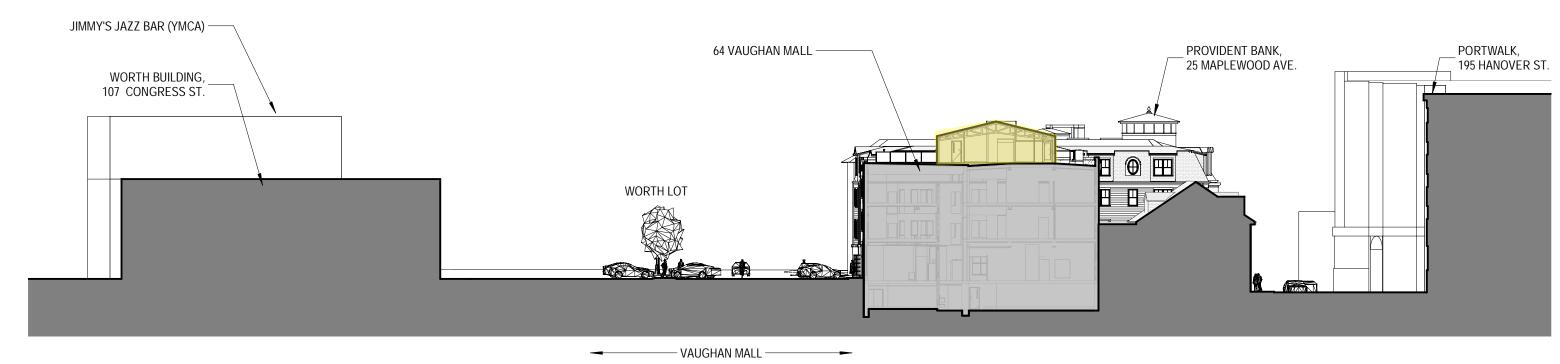


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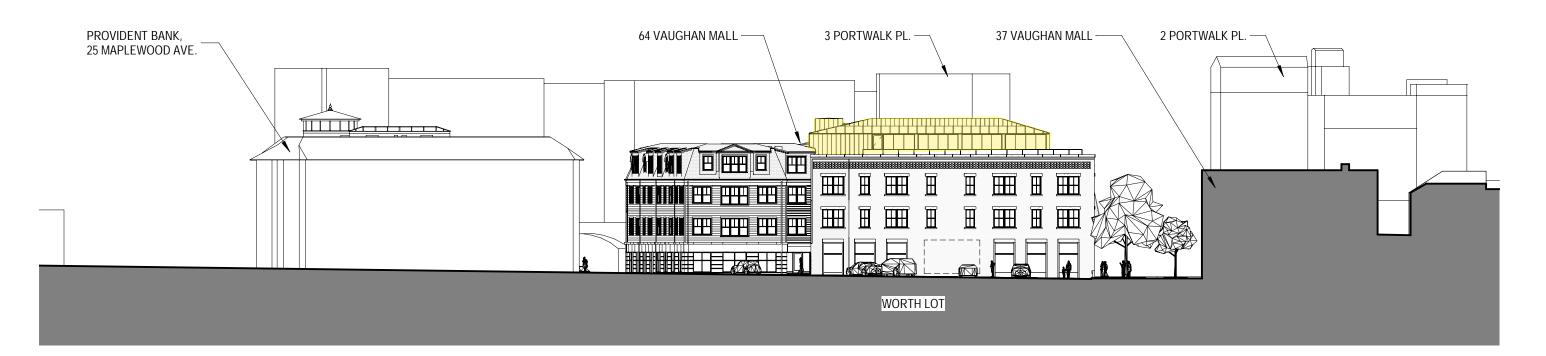
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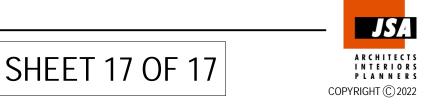


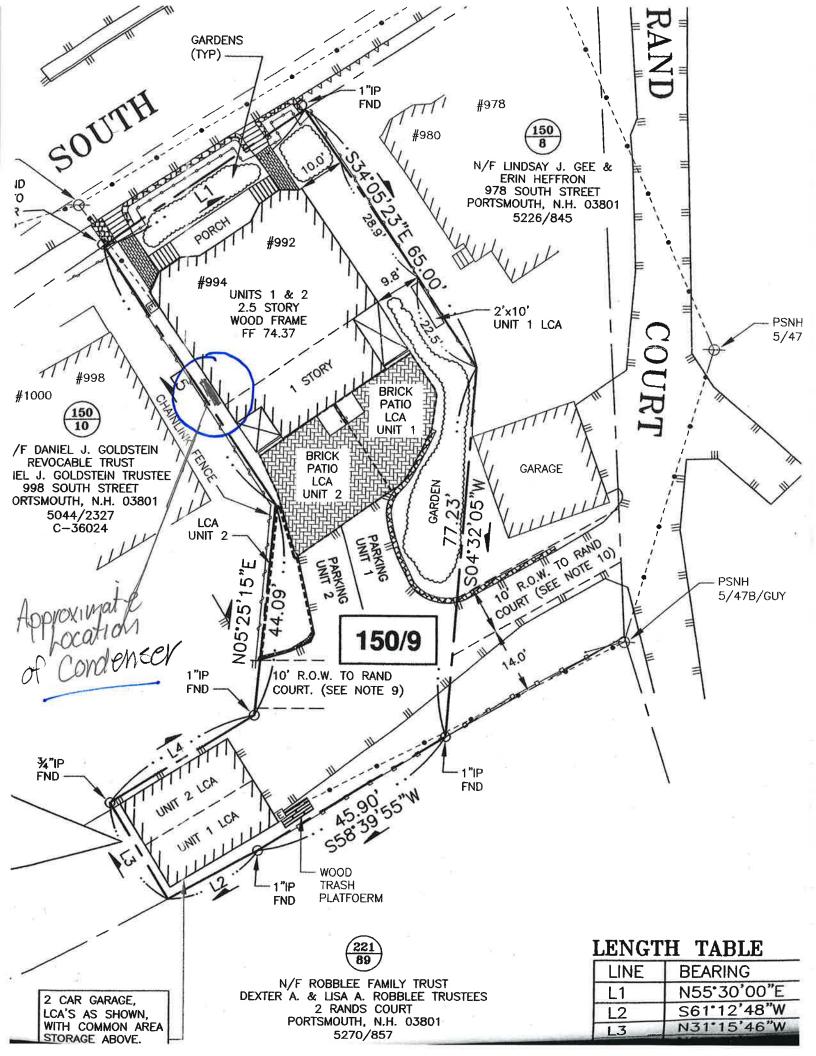
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### M-Series

### SUBMITTAL DATA: WXZ-3C4ZNAZ **MULTI-INDOOR INVERTER HEAT-PUMP SYSTEM**



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System Reference:

Date:



### **ACCESSORIES**

- □ 3/8" x 1/2" Port Adapter (MAC-A454JP-E)
- ☐ 1/2" x 3/8" Port Adapter (MAC-A455JP-E)
- ☐ 1/2" x 5/8" Port Adapter (MAC-A456JP-E)
- ☐ 1/4" x 3/8" Port Adapter (PAC-493PI)
- □ 3/8" x 5/8" Port Adapter (PAC-SG76RJ-E)
- ☐ M-NET Adapter (PAC-IF01MNT-E)
- ☐ Base Heater (PAC-645BH-E)

Outdoor Unit: MXZ-5C42NA2

(For data on specific indoor units, see the MXZ-C Technical and Service Manual.)

Specifications		Model Name	
	Unit Type		MXZ-5C42NA2
	Rated Capacity	Btu/h	40,500 / 37,400
Cooling* (Non-ducted / Ducted)	Capacity Range	Btu/h	12,600 - 43,000
	Rated Total Input	W	4,403 / 4,112
Heating at 47°F* (Non-ducted / Ducted)	Rated Capacity	Btu/h	45,000 / 41,000
	Capacity Range	Btu/h	11,400 - 53,600
	Rated Total Input	W	3,575 / 3,463
Heating at 17°F*	Rated Capacity	Btu/h	24,400 / 23,000
(Non-ducted/Ducted)	Rated Total Input	W	2,943 / 2,869
Connectable Capacity		Btu/h	12,000 - 51,000
	Power Supply	Voltage, Phase, Hertz	208 / 230V, 1-Phase, 60 Hz
Electrical Requirements	Recommended Fuse/Breaker Size	A	40
	MCA	A	32.5
/oltage	Indoor - Outdoor S1-S2	V V	AC 208 / 230
Voltage	Indoor - Outdoor S2-S3	V	DC ±24
Compressor			INVERTER-driven Scroll Hermetic
Fan Motor (ECM)		F.L.A.	2.43
Sound Pressure Level	Cooling	dB(A)	56
Sound Flessure Level	Heating	dB(A)	58
External Dimensions (H x W x D)		In mm	41-9/32 x 37-13/32 x 13 (1048 x 950 x 330)
Net Weight		Lbs / kg	189 (86)
External Finish			Munsell No. 3Y 7.8/11
Refrigerant Pipe Size O.D.	Liquid (High Pressure)	In / mm	1/4 (6.35)
Temgerant Pipe Size O.D.	Gas (Low Pressure)	In / mm	A:1/2 (12.7) ; B,C,D,E: 3/8 (9.52)
Max. Refrigerant Line Length		Ft/m	262 (80)
fax. Piping Length for Each Ind	oor Unit	Ft/m	82 (25)
lax. Refrigerant Pipe Height	If IDU is Above ODU	Ft/m	49 (15)
rifference	If IDU is Below ODU	Ft/m	49 (15)
Connection Method			Flared/Flared
Refrigerant			R410A

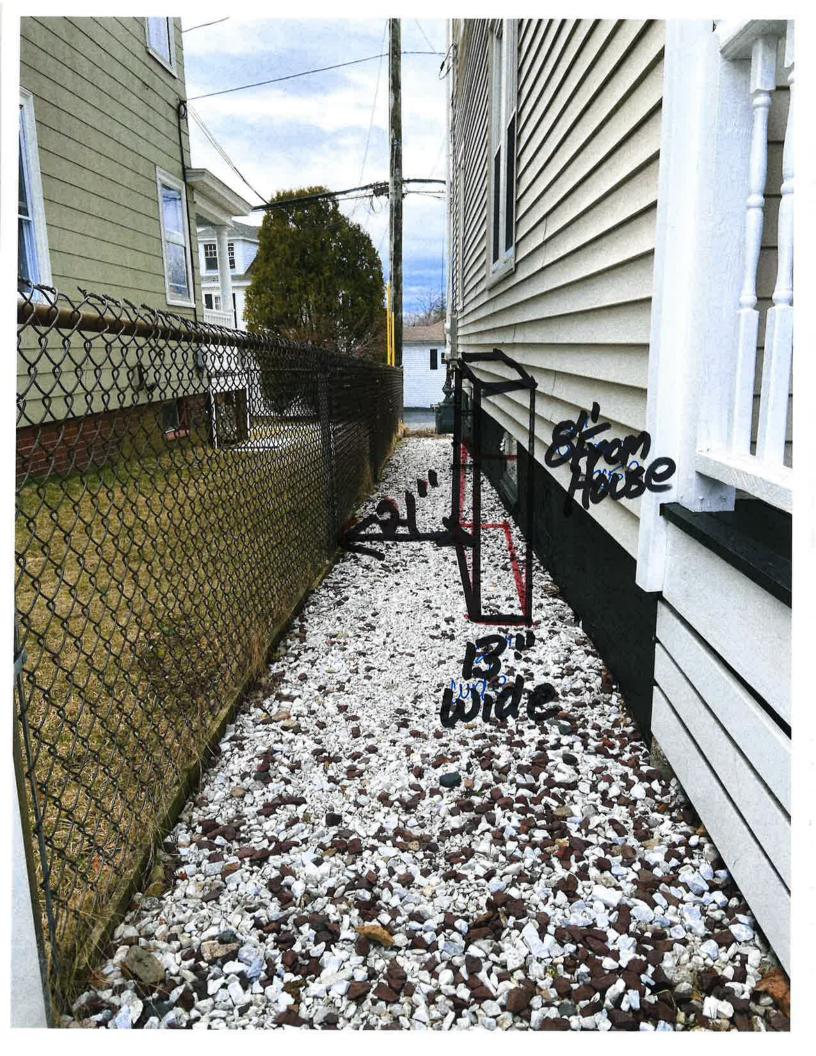
\* Rating Conditions per AHRI Standard: Cooling | Indoor: 80° F (27° C) DB / 67° F (19° C) WB Cooling | Outdoor: 95° F (35° C) DB / 23.9° C (75° F) WB

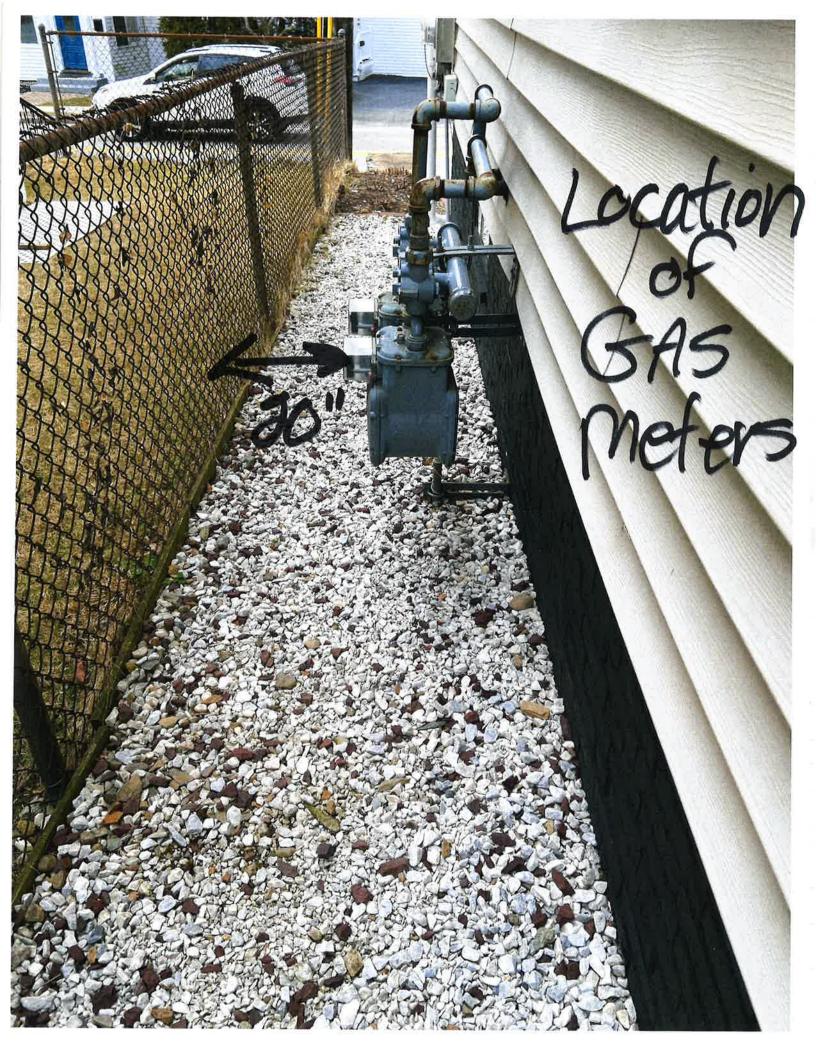
Heating at 47°F | Indoor: 70° F (21° C) DB / 60° F (16° C) WB Heating at 17° F | Indoor: 70° F (21° C) DB Heating at 47°F | Outdoor: 47° F (8° C) DB / 43° F (6° C) WB Heating at 17° F | Outdoor: 17° F (-8° C) DB / 15° F (-9° C) WB











### Variance Criteria Justification

10.233.21 The variance will not be contrary to the public interest;

The purpose of the mini-split system is to air condition and heat my house in the most efficient manner available to us. Rather than multiple, inefficient air conditioners hanging out a variety of windows (and eventually ending up at the dump), the mini-split would seem to have the least impact on the public interest and more directly, my immediate neighbors. The proposed location is in an area so small as to be rendered inconsequential for landscaping or any use other than access to the property,

10.233.22 The spirit of the Ordinance will be observed;

The area described is well under the standard setbacks. It is an older property that does not conform to other zoning regulations as currently exist. The addition of the split system does not make an area that has no real use any less useful, Several years ago the gas company moved the gas meters to this side of the house rendering this access even more restricted than its original configuration. A further impediment should not be a greater problem.

10.233.23 Substantial justice will be done;

Until 2 years ago my wife and I rarely used air conditioning. Recently, whether due to age or climate change, summers seem to have become hotter and more humid. A mini-split allows for separate spaces to be cooled as opposed to central air which would be extremely costly to retrofit in an old house. It can also be used as a supplemental and more efficient heating system. We have always worked on renovations to the house that make it more efficient to heat and cool. It is our belief that this will lower our impact on the environment and use of fossil fuels.

10.233.24 The values of surrounding properties will not be diminished;

While I would not call a condenser unit pleasing to the eye, it is less of an eyesore than 4 or 5 window units hanging out the side of my unit. The condenser is as quiet as 1 unit so it will have a lower impact on the noise level

near my adjacent neighbor. Because we will be able to run the refrigeration lines in through a basement window, no visual impact will be on the outside of the building other than the condenser unit. The visual impact will be entirely on the side next to us and not from any other area of the street or other neighbors. I cannot imagine how this could negatively affect anyone else's property values but rather serve as an example of what can be done in an older home to improve efficiency and comfort.

10.233.25 Literal enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship.

I have had 3 separate installers come to the property and make estimates. All agreed that this is the only spot that makes sense from a practical and aesthetic standpoint, Because I live in a condo it cannot go on any common area property. There is a porch in the front of the house but it cannot go under that. The proposed location offers the easiest and most direct route into the house while impacting my neighbors the very least. Without this variance, there is no way to install the mini-split system. While not having efficient and less noisy air conditioning system may not seem like a hardship, I feel that the need for this system will only grow every year.