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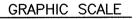
PROPOSED BUILDING: 8,297 S.F. FOOTPRINT 52 RESIDENTIAL UNITS OFFICE SPACE 1 LEVEL OF PARKING

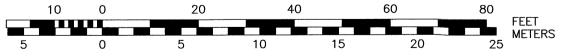
ZONING	G DEVEL	OPMEN	T STAN	DARD	
CD4: CHARACTER DISTRICT	⁻ 4				
BUILDING PLACEMENT (PRIN	ICIPAL):			····	
		93 PLEAS	ANT STREET	TBD COU	RT STREET
	REQUIRED	EXISTING	PROPOSED	EXISTING	PROPOSED
MAX. PRINCIPLE FRONT YARD:	10 FEET	19.2'	NC	NA	NA
MAX. SECONDARY FRONT YARD:	15 FEET	9.0'	_		29.1'
MIN. SIDE YARD:	NR	0.6'	NC		
MIN. REAR YARD:	5 FEET	158.8'	_		9.8'
FRONT LOT LINE BUILDOUT:	50% MIN	85%	85%		
BUILDING TYPES:					
ALLOWED BUILDING TYPES: APARTI PROHIBITED: HOUSE & DUPLEX	MENT, LIVE/WORK	•			
ALLOWED FACADE TYPE: STOOP, S AND DOORYARD. PROHIBITED: PORCH & FORECOUR		, OFFICEFRONT	, RECESSED-EN	NTRY, TERRACE	WITH STEP
BUILDING FORM:					·
	REQUIRED	EXISTING	PROPOSED	EXISTING	PROPOSED
MAX STRUCTURE HEIGHT:	35 FEET	35'-9"	NC	-	32'-5"
MAX. FINISHED FLOOR SURFACE OF GROUND FLOOR ABOVE SIDEWALK GRADE:	36 INCHES	54"	NC	_	VARIES BETWEEN 24" TO 60" AT UPPER GROUND LEVEL. LOWER GROUND LEVEL IS 60" BELOW GRADE.
MIN. GROUND STORY HEIGHT:	12 FEET	11'—6"	NC	_	10'-8"
MIN. SECOND STORY HEIGHT:	10 FEET	10'-8"	NC	_	10'-8"
FACADE GLAZING (WINDOW/PERIMETER):	70% SHOP 20-50% OTHER	_	NC		20.1%
ROOF TYPE ALLOWED: FLAT, GABL	E, HIP		A	Anna (1997)	
LOT OCCUPATION:					

	REQUIRED	EXISTING	PROPOSED	EXISTING	PROPOSED
MAX BUILDING BLOCK:	200 FEET	65'	-	_	199'—6"
MAX FACADE MOD. LENGTH:	80 FEET	40'	NC		75'-4"
MIN. ENTRANCE SPACING:	50 FEET		_		95'-3"
MAX BUILDING COVERAGE:	90%	19%			66%
MAX BUILDING FOOTPRINT:	15,000 SF	2,625 S.F.	<u> </u>	_	*10,742 S.F.
MIN. LOT AREA:	NR	17,498 S.F.		_	NC
MIN. LOT AREA/DWELLING (LOT AREA/# OF UNITS):	NR		-		
MIN. OPEN SPACE :	10%	14%	-		27.2%

NC = NO CHANGENA = NOT APPLICABLE* WITH BASEMENT 12,211 S.F.

LEVEL	TOTAL GROSS AREA	GARAGE/ SUPPORT	OFFICE	RESIDENTIAL	# STUDIO UNITS	# 1BR UNITS	# TOTAL UNITS
3	9,933	818	0	9,115	13	3	16
2	10,814	814	0	10,000	13	8	21
1	10,156	884	2,635	6,997	15	0	15
В	12,211	9,595	2,616	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	43,474	12,111	5,251	26,112	41	11	52



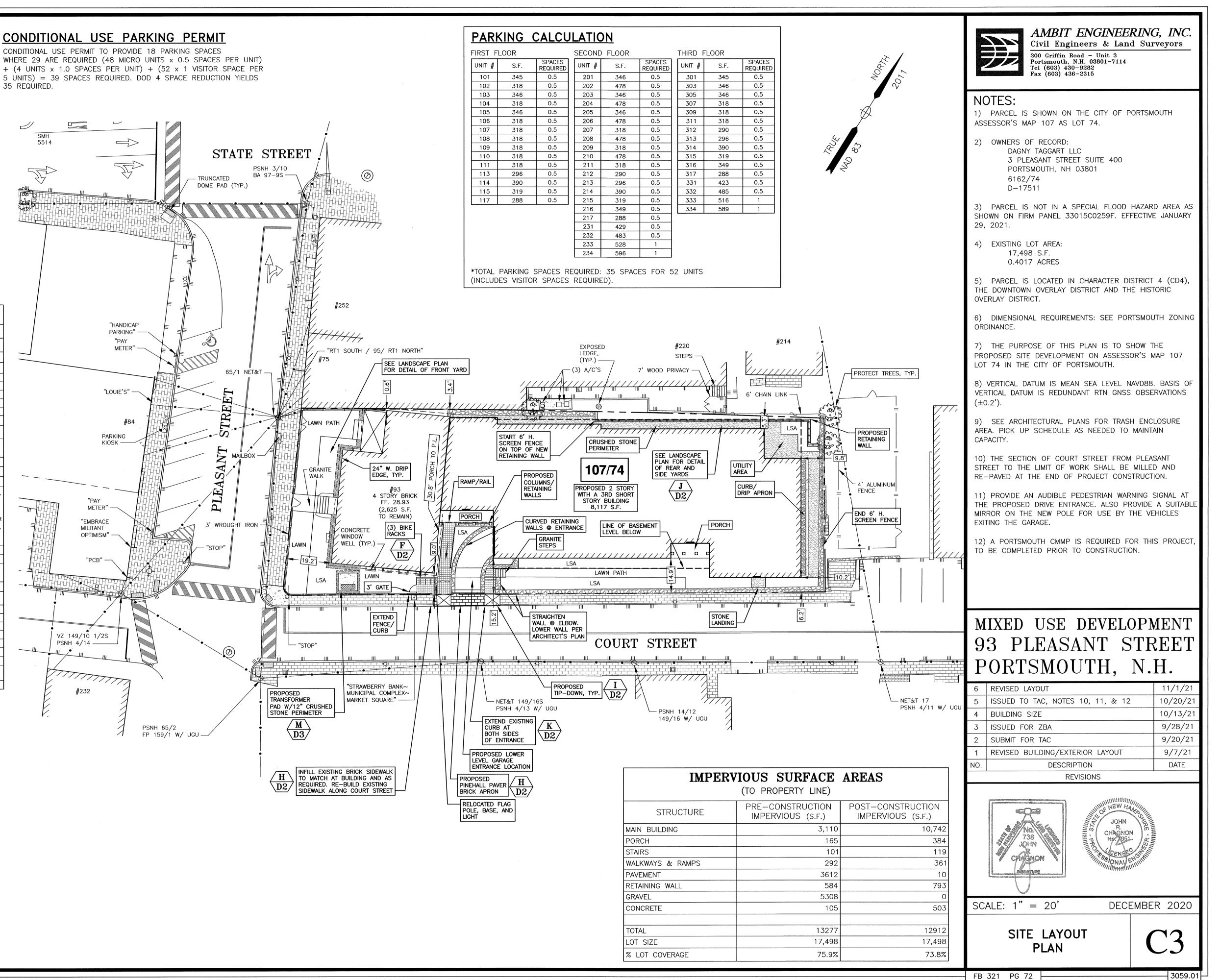


PORTSMOUTH APPROVAL CONDITIONS NOTE: ALL CONDITIONS ON THIS PLAN SET SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT IN PERPETUITY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH SITE PLAN REVIEW REGULATIONS.

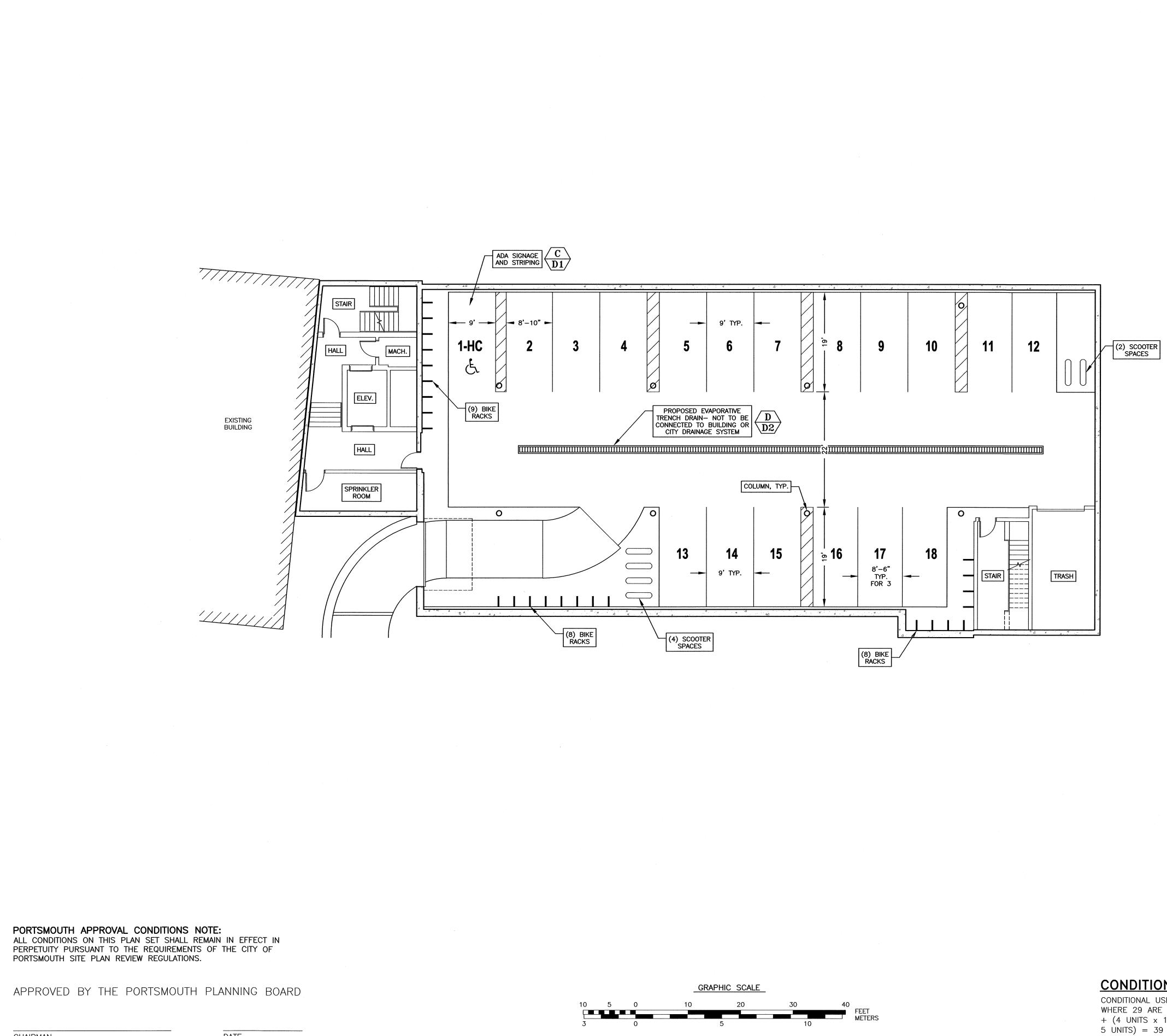
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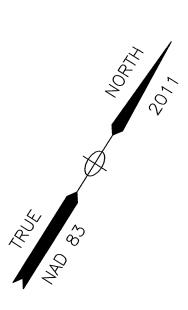


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CONDITIONAL USE PARKING PERMIT

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO PROVIDE 18 PARKING SPACES WHERE 29 ARE REQUIRED (48 MICRO UNITS x 0.5 SPACES PER UNIT) + (4 UNITS x 1.0 SPACES PER UNIT) + (52 x 1 VISITOR SPACE PER 5 UNITS) = 39 SPACES REQUIRED. DOD 4 SPACE REDUCTION YIELDS 35 REQÚIRED.





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NOTES: 1) PARCEL IS SHOWN ON THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH ASSESSOR'S MAP 107 AS LOT 74.

2) OWNERS OF RECORD: DAGNY TAGGART LLC 3 PLEASANT STREET SUITE 400 PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801 6162/74 D-17511

3) THE PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN IS TO SHOW THE PARKING FOR THE PROPOSED SITE DEVELOPMENT ON ASSESSOR'S MAP 107 LOT 74 IN THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH.

MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT 93 PLEASANT STREET PORTSMOUTH, N.H. 5 REVISED LAYOUT 11/1/21 4 BIKES AND SCOOTERS 10/20/21

3	BUILDING FOOTPRINT	10/13/21				
2	ISSUED TO TAC	9/20/21				
1	REVISED BUILDING LAYOUT	9/7/21				
0	ISSUED FOR COMMENT	4/2/21				
NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE				
	REVISIONS					

SCALE: 1" = 10'

DECEMBER 2020

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PARKING LEVEL PLAN

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OF COUNSEL JAMES H. SCHULTE

November 2, 2021

VIA HAND DELIVERY

David Rheaume, Chair City of Portsmouth Zoning Board of Adjustment 1 Junkins Avenue Portsmouth, NH 03801

RE: Application for Variances Owner/Applicant: Dagny Taggart, LLC Property: 93 Pleasant Street, Portsmouth, NH Tax Map 221, Lot 16 Zoning District: GRA

Dear Mr. Rheaume:

Enclosed please find a revised Project Narrative associated with the Applicant's existing request for Variances. Please note that subsequent to the initial submission, a design change was made, moving the entrance of the parking garage closer to Pleasant Street, in order to address the concerns of an abutter. As a result, the fifth Request for Variance, applies to 4 parking spaces, rather than 1 parking space, as further set forth within the revised Project Narrative. No other changes have been made to the Applicant's prior submission.

Please note that the project being proposed by the Applicant has previously been submitted to the City under other Planning Department applications and, as such, the Applicant has not submitted a new application for the variances being requested herein, as these requests are associated with the proposed project.

We look forward to discussion this application at the November 16, 2021 ZBA meeting.

Should there be any questions regarding this application, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Francis X. Bruton, III, Esquire E-mail: <u>fx@brutonlaw.com</u>

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Enclosures cc: Dagny Taggart, LLC Ambit Engineering, Inc. JSA, Inc.

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The HDC recommendations and the sloping boundary line along Court Street have produced a number of design constraints which have caused the need for certain variances as set forth herein.

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4. Relief from Figure 10.5A41.10C which requires an entrance spacing every 50'.

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5. Relief from Figure 10.5A.44.35 which requires the above-ground portion of a parking structure or garage shall have a liner building at least the height of the ground floor along the entire width of any front yard except for driveways and pedestrian entrances.

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C. The granting of the requested relief will do substantial justice.

In *Malachy Glen Associates v. Town of Chester*, 155 N.H. 102, 109 (2002), the New Hampshire Supreme Court held that, "the only guiding rule [in determining whether the requirement for substantial justice is satisfied] is that any loss to the individual that is not outweighed by a gain to the general public is an injustice." The Court also noted that it would look at whether a proposed development was consistent with the area's present use. In this instance, the grant of the variances would result in substantial justice as that would allow the addition of residential units that would directly benefit the Portsmouth general public, as they represent more affordable units given their size. The location of the additional structure fits within the residential nature of Court Street within this location and the use works given the slope of the property and the need to retain the granite wall, whereas a commercial use would not. There is no negative aspect that the public will suffer. Conversely, the public will be permitted to use the more accessible rental units. Thus, denial of the variances would result in a loss to the Applicant that is not outweighed by any gain to the general public. As such, granting of the requested relief would result in substantial justice.

D. Granting the variance will not result in the diminution on value of the surrounding properties.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the surrounding properties have a value associated with them which is premised upon the existence of the existing buildings and uses located upon the applicant's property. In this instance, it is believed, and therefore averred, that the aesthetic and historic additions and upgrades of the property and considering the existing uses of the property, will not result in a diminution of surrounding property values.

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

An unnecessary hardship exists when, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other property, no fair and substantial relationship exists between the public purposes of the ordinance provisions and the specific application of those provisions to the property and the proposed use is a reasonable one. (Section 10.233.31 of Zoning Ordinance).

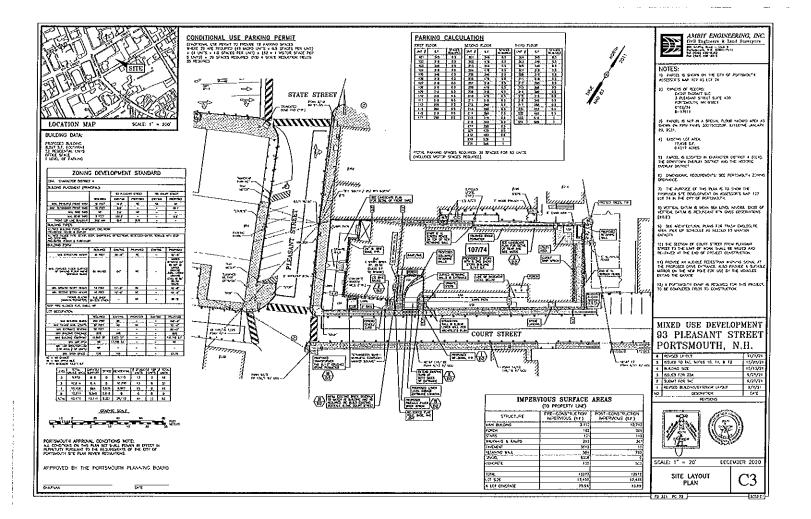
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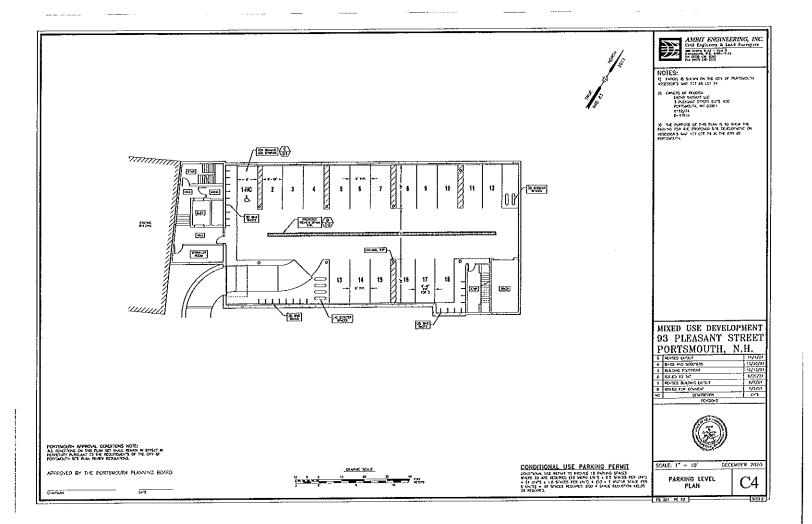
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For the specific reasons set forth above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the uses proposed are reasonable.

VI. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

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C. The granting of the requested relief will do substantial justice.

In *Malachy Glen Associates v. Town of Chester*, 155 N.H. 102, 109 (2002), the New Hampshire Supreme Court held that, "the only guiding rule [in determining whether the requirement for substantial justice is satisfied] is that any loss to the individual that is not outweighed by a gain to the general public is an injustice." The Court also noted that it would look at whether a proposed development was consistent with the area's present use. In this instance, the grant of the variances would result in substantial justice as that would allow the addition of residential units that would directly benefit the Portsmouth general public, as they represent more affordable units given their size. The location of the additional structure fits within the residential nature of Court Street within this location and the use works given the slope of the property and the need to retain the granite wall, whereas a commercial use would not. There is no negative aspect that the public will suffer. Conversely, the public will be permitted to use the more accessible rental units. Thus, denial of the variances would result in a loss to the Applicant that is not outweighed by any gain to the general public. As such, granting of the requested relief would result in substantial justice.

D. Granting the variance will not result in the diminution on value of the surrounding properties.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the surrounding properties have a value associated with them which is premised upon the existence of the existing buildings and uses located upon the applicant's property. In this instance, it is believed, and therefore averred, that the aesthetic and historic additions and upgrades of the property and considering the existing uses of the property, will not result in a diminution of surrounding property values.

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

An unnecessary hardship exists when, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other property, no fair and substantial relationship exists between the public purposes of the ordinance provisions and the specific application of those provisions to the property and the proposed use is a reasonable one. (Section 10.233.31 of Zoning Ordinance).

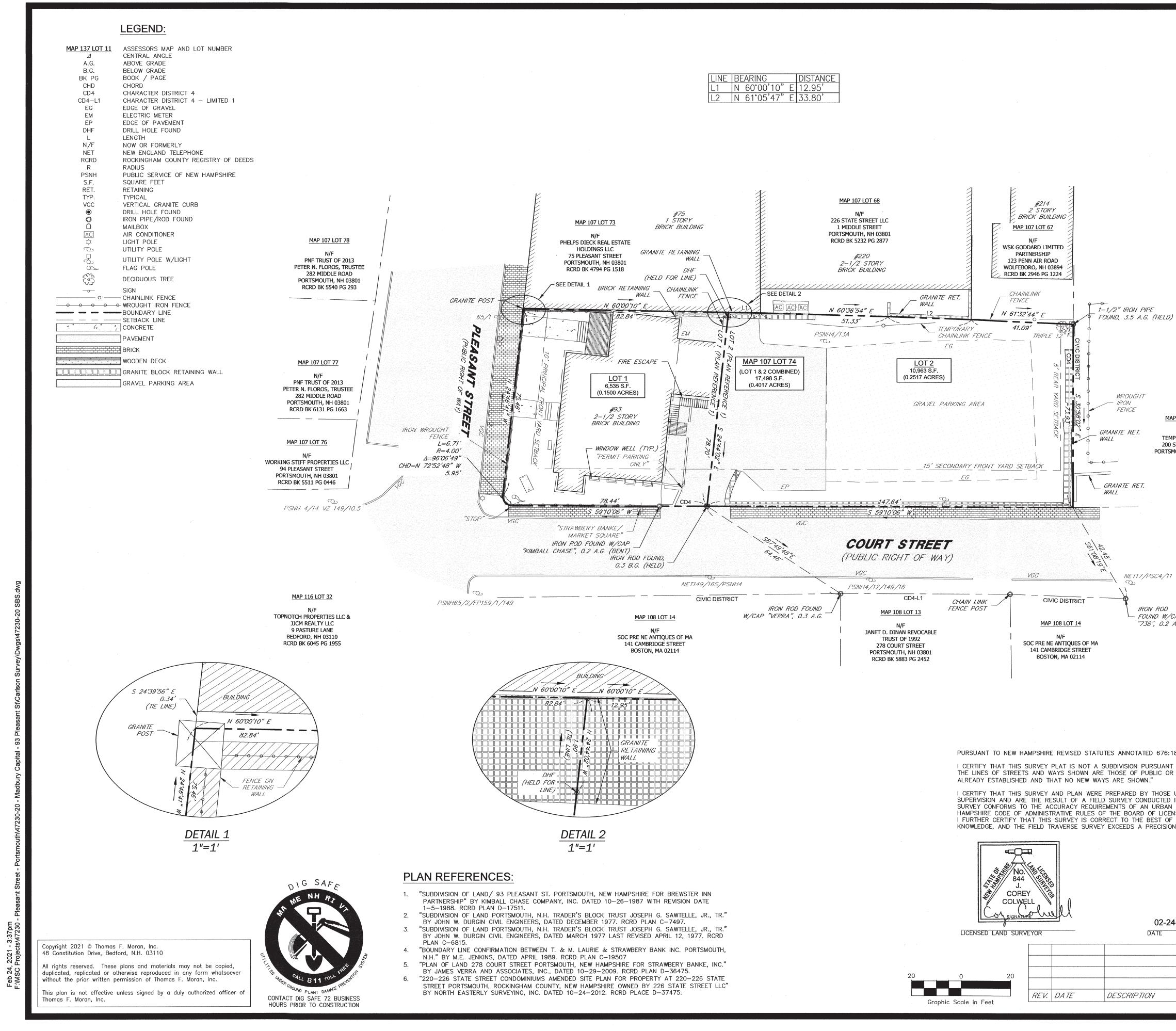
As set forth with the Introduction, the Lot is distinguished from other properties in the area given as the Lot itself is unique as the structure upon it is historic and the Lot is of significant size. In addition, the Lot is a corner lot and is bounded by mixed uses along Pleasant Street, but bounded by historic residential uses along Court Street. Also, and most significant the Lot is unique given its downtown urban location coupled with an unusually steep slope of the lot boundary and the need (and desire) to retain the existing and historic stone retaining wall from Pleasant Street along Court Street. The combination of this corner lot attribute, the location of residential uses along Court Street and the steep sloping boundary line creates unique characteristics of the Lot not shared by other similarly situated lots within the general vicinity.

The proposed structure will not pose a conflict with the public purpose of the ordinance as such additions will create a use that is consistent with and sensitive to the HDC regulations, as illustrated hereinabove, while providing much need housing which will be a more affordable option for those that require moderate space, and want to live within the heart of the downtown area, all the while maintaining commercial uses within the Lot resulting in a highly desirable mixed-use. The development proposed is also necessitated not only by the location with thin the Historic District, but also in light of the slope to the Lot, as illustrated, and the need to retain the granite stone wall. The designs reflect a reasonable and much needed use in a manner that respects the overall goals of the zoning ordinance. The lack of commercial uses along Court Street, in this interest is unnecessary in this specific instance. The Applicant respectfully submits, for all of the reasons set forth herein, the denial of the requested variances would frustrate the benefits the project stands to offer to the general public, and would result in an unnecessary hardship to the Applicant.

For the specific reasons set forth above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the uses proposed are reasonable.

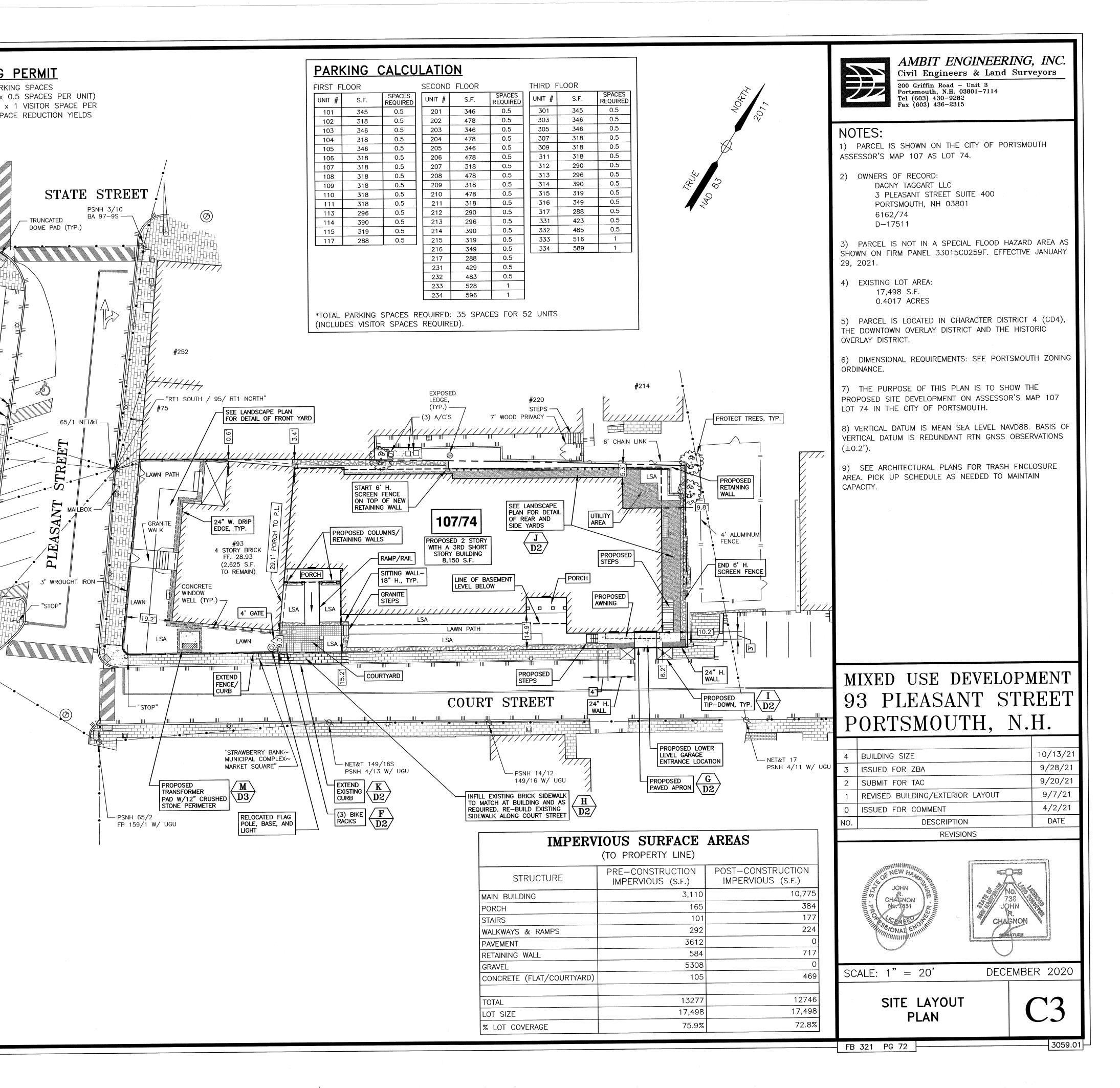
VI. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

For all of the reasons set forth above Dagny Taggart, LLC respectfully requests that the relief request herein be granted.



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MIN. ENTRANCE SPACING: MAX BUILDING COVERAGE:	50 FEET 90%	- 19%			95'-3" 66%	VZ 149 PSNH 4	1/10 1/2S
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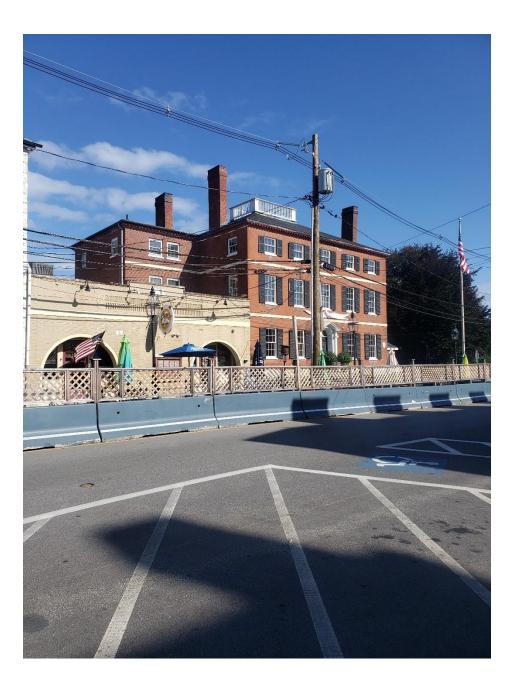
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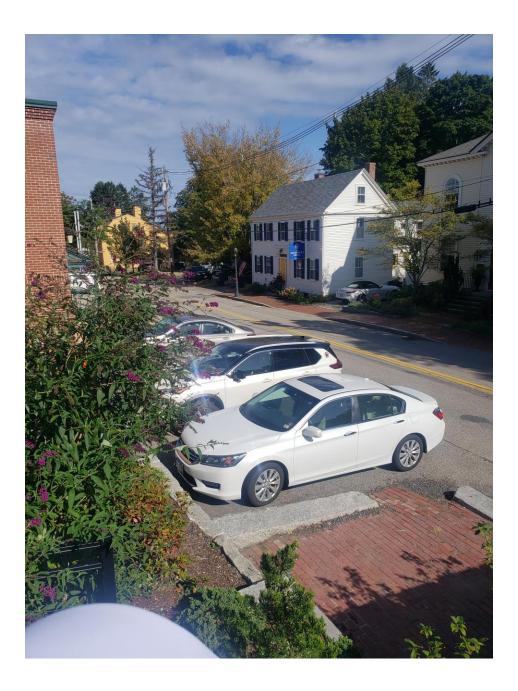


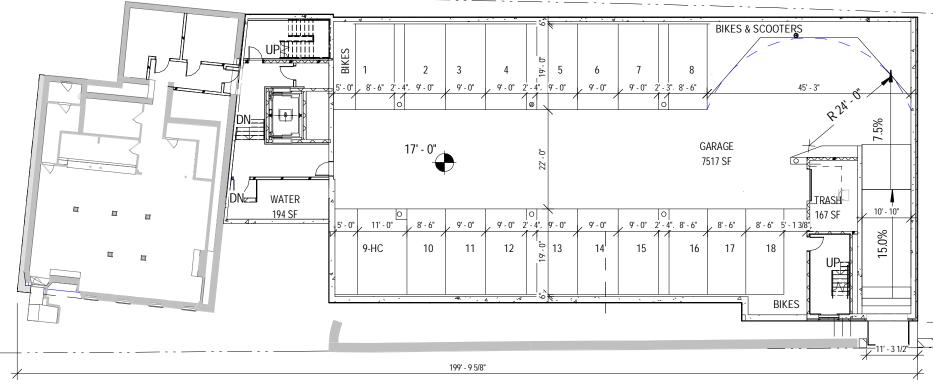
East View From Existing Parking Lot (East View)

View From West Side



View of Residential Abutters on Court Street



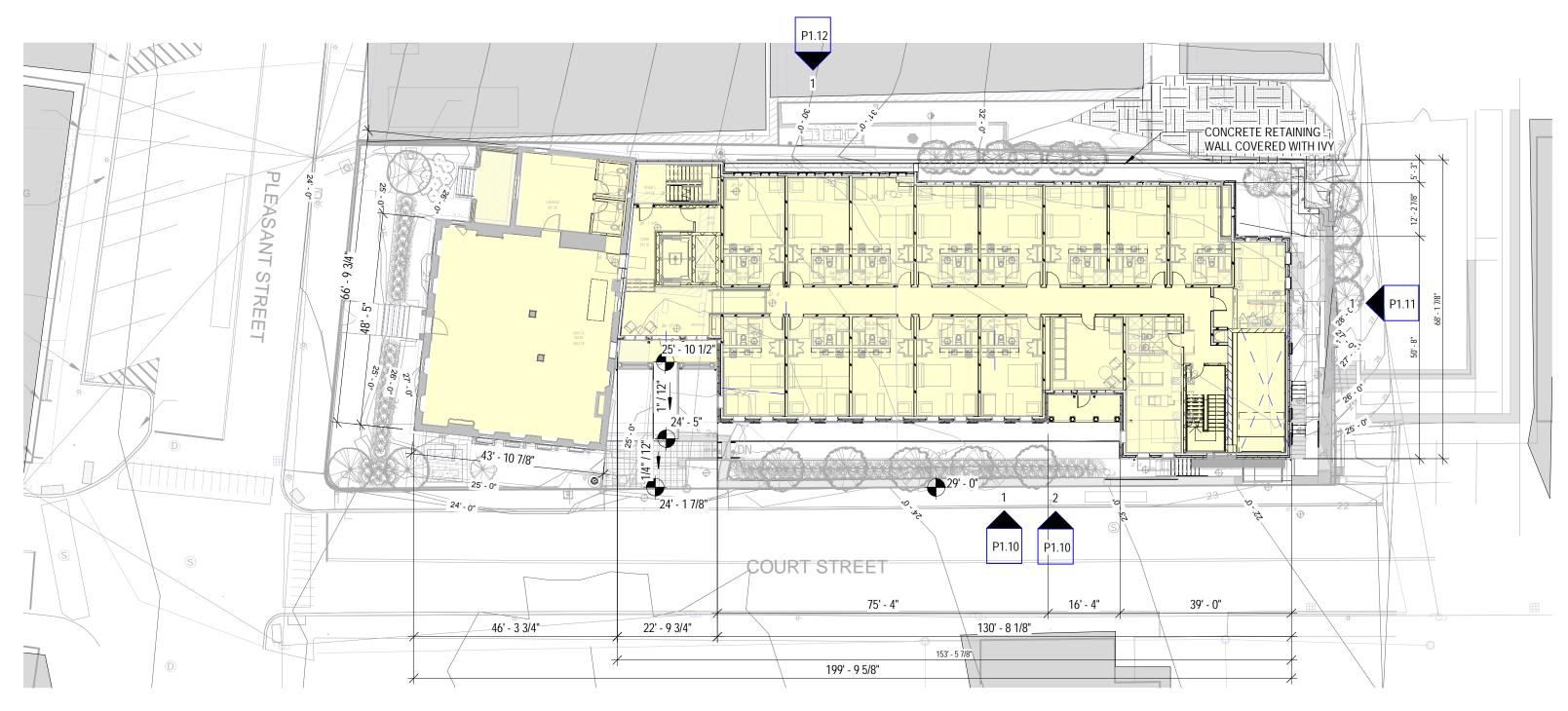


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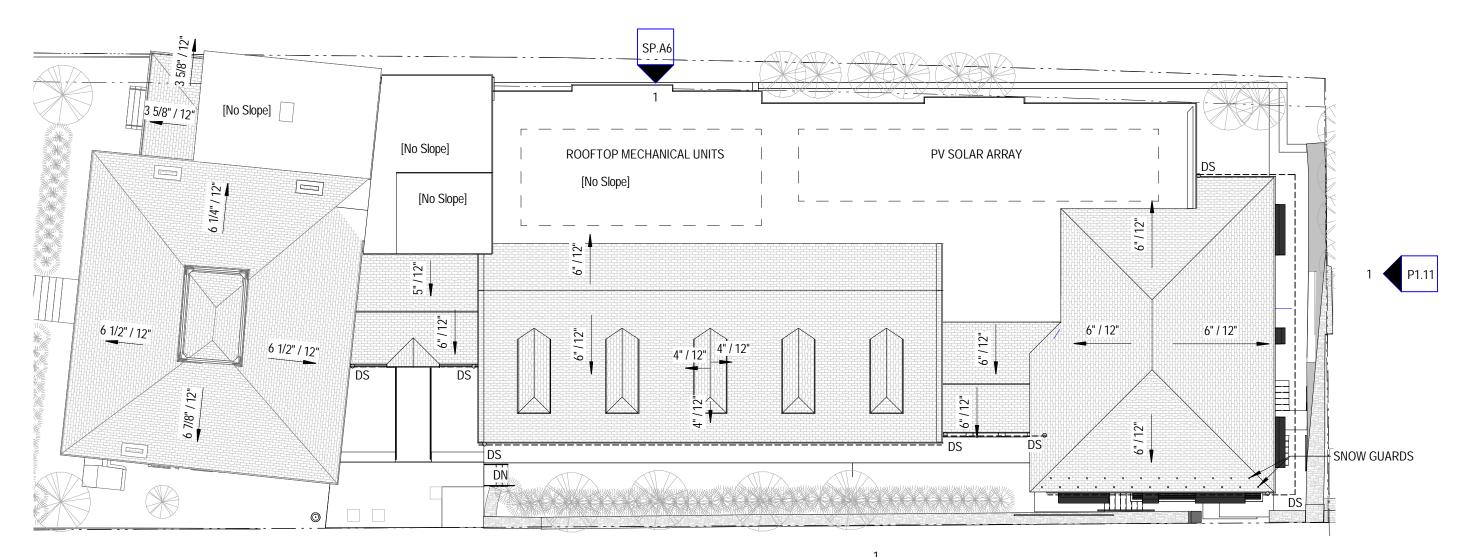


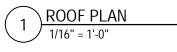
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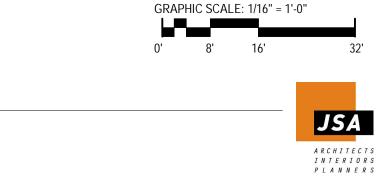






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Portsmouth HDC Design Review Regulation

ADDITIONS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS

Historically, the need for increased space was often addressed by constructing additions to existing buildings. Additions to existing historic buildings can provide increased space while maintaining the historic character of the original building and streetscape.

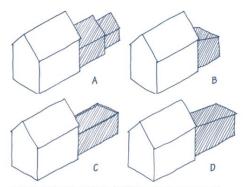
Consistent with *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*, an addition to a historic building should be subordinate to the historic building and read as an addition. The subordinate appearance of an addition can be achieved through its placement, form, size, massing, materials and details. Traditional or contemporary design and additions to existing properties should not obscure, damage or destroy significant architectural material, and should be compatible with the design of the property and the neighborhood. Whenever possible, additions should be constructed in a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic building would be unimpaired.

It is Generally Appropriate to:

- Locate additions at rear or side elevations that are subordinate to the historic building and consistent or compatible with the design of the property and surrounding neighborhood wherever possible
- Construct additions so that the historic building fabric is not radically changed, obscured, damaged, or destroyed
- Review Guidelines to better understand the historic context and appropriate design and materials



The addition to the left has lower floor-to-floor heights and smaller and more closely spaced windows than the historic house. The addition at the center has a scale, proportion, overall form and window pattern similar to the existing building. The addition to the right is significantly larger than the existing building and is visually overwhelming and inappropriate.



Example A: The two gable roof additions with decreasing roof heights and widths represent an appropriate composition with regard to form, mass and proportions to the original gable roof building. Additions with decreasing geometry similar to these are typical of historic construction.

Example B: The small shed roof addition is appropriate in some locations.

Examples C and D: The flat roofed addition and long shed roof addition are inappropriate for the original gable roof building. The length of the single mass competes visually with the original building.

Setback

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