BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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7:00 P.M. MARCH 23, 2021

AGENDA

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NEW BUSINESS

- A) Petition of **Rita Abelson & Briana Spechuilli, Owners**, for property located at **80 Sapphire Street** whereas relief is needed from the Zoning Ordinance for a second floor addition on existing single family dwelling which includes the following: 1) Variances from Section 10.521 to allow: a) a 5 foot right side yard where 10 feet is required; and b) a 14 foot front yard where 30 feet 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 220 Lot 43 and lies within the Single Residence B (SRB) District.
- B) Petition of the **Hoerman Family Revocable Trust of 2019, Owners**, for property located at **56 Dennett Street** whereas relief is needed from the Zoning Ordinance to install a condenser unit which requires the following: 1) A Variance from Section 10.515.14 to allow a 5 foot side setback where 10 feet is required. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 140 Lot 13 and lies within the General Residence A (GRA) District.
- C) Petition of the Laura G. Koulet Revocable Trust of 2019, Owner, for property located at 45 Gardner Street whereas relief is needed from the Zoning Ordinance to install two mechanical units which requires the following: 1) A Variance from Section 10.515.14 to allow: a) a 6 foot rear yard setback; and b) an 8 foot side yard setback where 10 feet is required for

both. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 103 Lot 21 and lies within the General Residence B (GRB) District.

- D) Petition of Cornwall Properties, LLC, Owner, for property located at 50 Cornwall Street whereas relief is needed from the Zoning Ordinance for partial demolition of existing structure and construction of new two-story rear addition to convert into two-family dwelling which requires the following: 1) Variances from Section 10.521 to allow a) a 1 foot right side yard where 10 feet is required; b) to allow 36.5% building coverage where 35% is the maximum allowed; and c) to allow a lot area per dwelling unit of 2,000 square feet where 3,500 per dwelling 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 144 Lot 2 and lies within the General Residence C (GRC) District.
- E) Petition of **64 Vaughan Mall, LLC, Owner,** for property located at **64 Vaughan Street** whereas relief is needed from the Zoning Ordinance for the addition of a fourth story as part of redevelopment of the existing structure which requires the following: 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. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 126 Lot 1 and lies within the Character District 5 (CD5) District.
- F) Petition of **SAI Builders, Owners**, for property located at **84 Rockland Street** whereas relief is needed from the Zoning Ordinance for partial demolition of existing home to allow the addition of dormers and a two-story garage addition which requires the following: 1) Variances from Section 10.521 to allow: a) a 4 foot secondary front yard where 15 feet is required; b) an 8 foot primary front yard where 15 feet is required; and c) 27% building coverage where 25% is the maximum allowed. 2) A Variance from Section 10.321 to allow a non-conforming building or structure to be extended, reconstructed or enlarged without conforming to the requirements of the Ordinance. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 113 Lot 26 and lies within the General Residence A (GRA) District.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. ADJOURNMENT

TO: Zoning Board of Adjustment

FROM: Peter Stith, AICP, Planning Department

DATE: March 17, 2021

RE: Zoning Board of Adjustment March 23, 2021 Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. 80 Sapphire Street
- 2. 56 Dennett Street
- 3. 45 Gardner Street
- 4. 50 Cornwall Street
- 5. 64 Vaughan Street
- 6. 84 Rockland Street

NEW BUSINESS

1.

Petition of **Rita Abelson & Briana Spechuilli, Owners**, for property located at **80 Sapphire Street** whereas relief is needed from the Zoning Ordinance for a second floor addition on existing single family dwelling which includes the following: 1) Variances from Section 10.521 to allow: a) a 5 foot right side yard where 10 feet is required; and b) a 14 foot front yard where 30 feet 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 220 Lot 43 and lies within the Single Residence B (SRB) District.

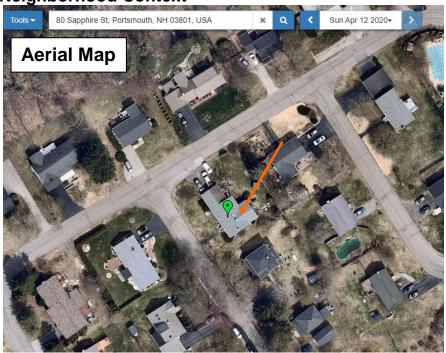
Existing & Proposed Conditions

	Existing	Proposed	Permitted / Required	
Land Use:	Single family	Add second story addition	Primarily residential uses	
Lot area (sq. ft.):	10,018	10,018	15,000	min.
Lot Area per Dwelling Unit (sq. ft.):	10,018	10,018	15,000	min.
Street Frontage (ft.):	189	189	100	min.
Lot depth (ft.):	100	100	100	min.
Front Yard (ft.):	20	14	30	min.
Right Yard (ft.):	5	5	10	min.
Rear Yard (ft.):	35	35	30	min.
Height (ft.):	<35	<35	35	max.
Building Coverage (%):	20	20	20	max.
Open Space Coverage (%):	>40	>40	40	min.
Parking	2	2	2	
Estimated Age of Structure:	1959	Variance reques	t(s) shown in red.	

Other Permits/Approvals Required

None

Neighborhood Context





Previous Board of Adjustment Actions

No BOA history found.

Planning Department Comments

The applicant is proposing to add a second story addition to the right side of the existing dwelling. The house is currently nonconforming with respect of the right side yard and front yard. A new portico over the existing front steps is what is creating the need for the addition front yard encroachment.

Review Criteria

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

- Granting the variance would not be contrary to the public interest.
 Planning Department Comments 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.

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Petition of the **Hoerman Family Revocable Trust of 2019, Owners**, for property located at **56 Dennett Street** whereas relief is needed from the Zoning Ordinance to install a condenser unit which requires the following: 1) A Variance from Section 10.515.14 to allow a 5 foot side setback where 10 feet is required. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 140 Lot 13 and lies within the General Residence A (GRA) District.

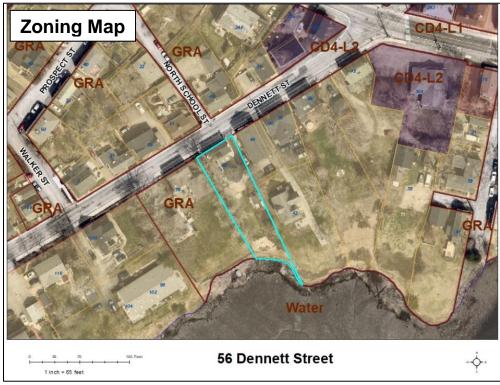
Existing & Proposed Conditions

	Existing	Proposed	Permitted / Required	
Land Use:	two family	Condenser unit	Primarily residential uses	
Lot area (sq. ft.):	9,147	9,147	7,500	min.
Lot Area per Dwelling Unit (sq. ft.):	9,147	9,147	7,500	min.
Street Frontage (ft.):	59	59	100	min.
Lot depth (ft.):	197	197	70	min.
Front Yard (ft.):	1	1	15	min.
Right Yard (ft.):	6	5	10	min.
Left Yard (ft.):	10	10	10	min.
Rear Yard (ft.):	140	140	20	min.
Height (ft.):	<35	<35	35	max.
Building Coverage (%):	23	23	25	max.
Open Space Coverage (%):	>30	>30	30	min.
Estimated Age of Structure:	1730	Variance request	(s) shown in red.	

Other Permits/Approvals Required

HDC





Previous Board of Adjustment Actions

No prior BOA history found.

Planning Department Comments

The applicant is proposing to add condenser unit within the 10 foot required setback for such units. The lot exceeds the minimum requirement for lot area in the GRA, however the location of the dwelling is on the front lot line, where the lot width is only 59 feet and the existing house is 36 feet wide with the driveway located on the left side. This arrangement leaves little space to accommodate a mechanical unit without encroaching into the required setback.

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3.

Petition of the Laura G. Koulet Revocable Trust of 2019, Owner, for property located at 45 Gardner Street whereas relief is needed from the Zoning Ordinance to install two mechanical units which requires the following: 1) A Variance from Section 10.515.14 to allow: a) a 6 foot rear yard setback; and b) an 8 foot side yard setback where 10 feet is required for both. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 103 Lot 21 and lies within the General Residence B (GRB) District.

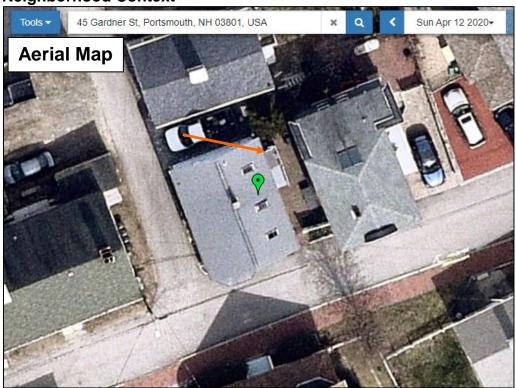
Existing & Proposed Conditions

	Existing	Proposed	Permitted / Required	
Land Use:	Single family	Add two	Primarily	
	4.040	mechanical units	residential uses	
Lot area (sq. ft.):	1,219	1,219	5,000	min.
Lot Area per Dwelling	1,219	1,219	5,000	min.
Unit (sq. ft.):				
Street Frontage (ft.):	65	65	80	min.
Lot depth (ft.):	32	32	60	min.
Front Yard (ft.):	1	1	5	min.
Right Yard (ft.):		8	10	min.
Secondary Front Yard	1.1*	1.1*	10	min.
<u>(ft.):</u>				
Rear Yard (ft.):	0	6	20 (10 AC unit)	min.
Height (ft.):	<35	<35	35	max.
Building Coverage (%):	54*	54*	30	max.
Open Space Coverage	23*	23*	25	min.
<u>(%):</u>				
Estimated Age of	1900	Variance request(s) shown in red.	
Structure:		*Prior variances gran	ted	

Other Permits/Approvals Required

HDC

Neighborhood Context





Previous Board of Adjustment Actions

May 16, 2006 – the Board **granted** the following variance:

Article III, Section 10-302(A) to allow a lot line revision between Lots 21 and 22 resulting in Lot 22 having the following: a) 1,346 square feet of lot area where 5,000 square feet is the minimum required, b) 34.15 feet of street frontage where 80 feet is the minimum required, c) a 1.1 foot left side yard where 10 feet is the minimum required, d) 23% open space where 25% is the minimum required, and, e) 54% building coverage where 30% is the maximum allowed.

July 21, 2009 – the Board **granted** the following variances:

Article III, Section 10.302(A) and Article IV, Section 10-401(A)(2)(c) to allow the
expansion of a nonconforming structure by creating a deck and steps with a side
yard setback of 8 feet where a 10 foot side yard setback is required and a rear
yard setback of 4 feet where a 25 foot rear yard setback is required.

Planning Department Comments

The applicant is proposing to add two condenser units under the existing porch. The history shows the prior variances granted for the deck and steps in 2009. Administrative Approval was granted by the HDC on February 3rd with the stipulation that BOA approval is required and that a screen must be added to the mini-split if no fencing exists along the property line.

Review Criteria

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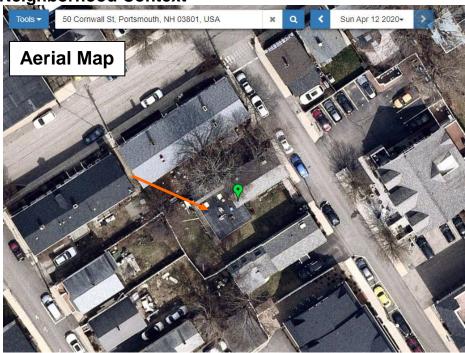
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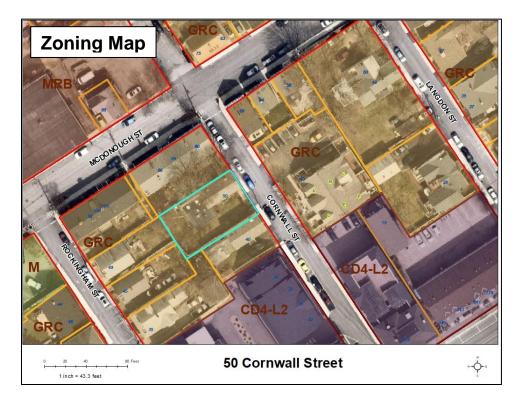
Existing & Proposed Conditions

	Existing	Proposed	Permitted / Required	
Land Use:	Single family	New 2 story rear addition/convert to 2 family	Primarily residential uses	
Lot area (sq. ft.):	4,000	4,000	3,500	min.
Lot Area per Dwelling Unit (sq. ft.):	4,000	2,000	3,500	min.
Street Frontage (ft.):	50	50	70	min.
Lot depth (ft.):	80	80	50	min.
Front Yard (ft.):	2	2	5	min.
Right Yard (ft.):	1	1	10	min.
Left Yard (ft.):	15	15	10	min.
Rear Yard (ft.):	22	22	20	min.
Height (ft.):	28	32	35	max.
Building Coverage (%):	36.3	36.5	35	max.
Open Space Coverage (%):	57	40	20	min.
<u>Parking</u>	0	3	3	
Estimated Age of Structure:	1820	Variance request((s) shown in red.	

Other Permits/Approvals Required None.

Neighborhood Context





Previous Board of Adjustment Actions

No BOA history found.

Planning Department Comments

The applicant is proposing to demolish the 1980s rear addition and construct a twostory rear addition and convert the structure into a two-family dwelling. The proposal maintains the existing right yard alignment of 1 foot and slightly increases the already nonconforming building coverage. In addition, converting to a two family on a 4,000 square foot lot requires a variance for lot area per dwelling, where 3,500 square feet per dwelling is the minimum.

Review Criteria

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 Planning Department Comments 2. Granting the variance would observe the spirit of the Ordinance.
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5.

Petition of **64 Vaughan Mall, LLC, Owner**, for property located at **64 Vaughan Street** whereas relief is needed from the Zoning Ordinance for the addition of a fourth story as part of redevelopment of the existing structure which requires the following: 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. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 126 Lot 1 and lies within the Character District 5 (CD5) District.

Existing & Proposed Conditions

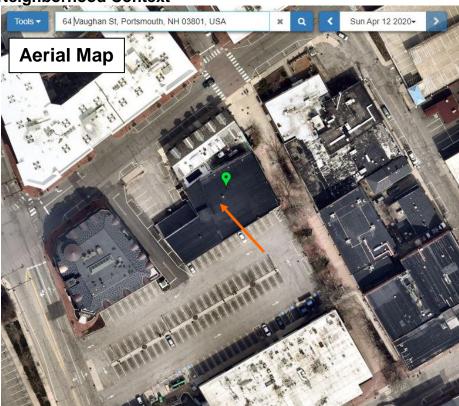
	Existing	Proposed	Permitted /	
			<u>Required</u>	
Land Use:	Vacant	mixed use	Primarily mixed	
			uses	
Lot area (sq. ft.):	14,097	14,097	NR	min.
Front Lot Line Buildout	100	100	80%	min.
<u>(%)</u> :				
Front Yard (ft.):	4.3	4.3	5	max.
Right Yard (ft.):	0	0	NR	min.
Secondary Front Yard	58.1	50.2	5	max.
<u>(ft.):</u>				
Height (ft.):	40' and 3	52.5 and 4	3 Stories or 40 [°]	max.
	stories	stories		
Building Coverage (%):	70	75.7	95	max.
Open Space Coverage	0	13.9	5	min.
<u>(%):</u>				
<u>Parking</u>	7	20	14	
Estimated Age of	1870	Variance request	(s) shown in red.	
Structure:		·		

Other Permits/Approvals Required

HDC

Planning Board/TAC - Site Review

Neighborhood Context





Previous Board of Adjustment Actions

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.

Planning Department Comments

The applicant isproposing to renovate and convert the existing structure into a mixed use building which includes adding small addition on the front, a recessed fourth story and underground parking in the existing basement. The maximum height for this area is 3 stories or 40' and the applicant is proposing a fourth story and a building height of 52.5 feet. The front addition will not comply with the maximum front yard in this zone, thus relief is needed for that requirement. If the variances are denied, the applicant has a design that complies with zoning and has indicated they would pursue.

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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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.

6.

Petition of **SAI Builders, Owners**, for property located at **84 Rockland Street** whereas relief is needed from the Zoning Ordinance for partial demolition of existing home to allow the addition of dormers and a two-story garage addition which requires the following: 1) Variances from Section 10.521 to allow: a) a 4 foot secondary front yard where 15 feet is required; b) an 8 foot primary front yard where 15 feet is required; and c) 27% building coverage where 25% is the maximum allowed. 2) A Variance from Section 10.321 to allow a non-conforming building or structure to be extended, reconstructed or enlarged without conforming to the requirements of the Ordinance. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 113 Lot 26 and lies within the General Residence A (GRA) District.

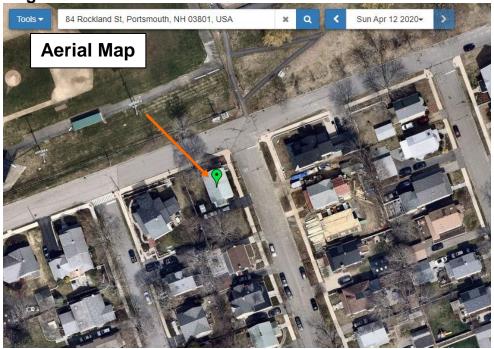
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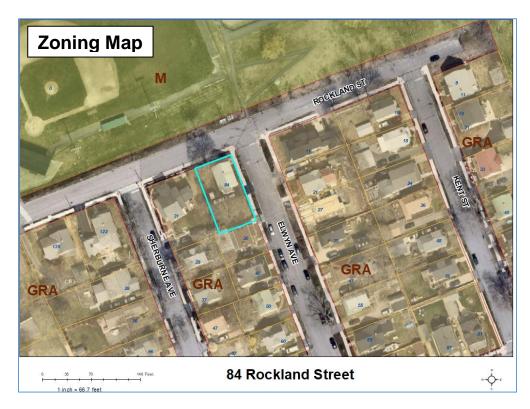
	Existing	<u>Proposed</u>	Permitted / Required	
Land Use:	Single-	Partial Demo	Primarily Single-	
	family	/construct new	family Uses	
		garage	,	
		addition		
Lot area (sq. ft.):	5,492	5,492	7,500	min.
Lot Area per Dwelling Unit	5,492	5,492	7,500	min.
(sq. ft.):				
Street Frontage (ft.):	154	154	100	min.
Lot depth (ft.):	100	100	70	min.
Primary Front Yard (ft.):	8	8	15	min.
Secondary Front Yard (ft.):	3	4	10	min.
Right Yard (ft.):	25	20	10	min.
Rear Yard (ft.):	48	33	20	min.
Height (ft.):	<35	<35	35	max.
Building Coverage (%):	20	27	25	max.
Open Space Coverage	70	68	30	min.
<u>(%):</u>				
Parking:	2	1	2	
Estimated Age of	1920	Variance reques	st shown in red.	
Structure:				

Other Permits/Approvals Required

CUP for parking (if 2 spaces are not provided)

Neighborhood Context





Previous Board of Adjustment Actions

No prior BOA history found.

Planning Department Comments

The applicant is proposing to demolish the existing front porch and rear addition and construct a new rear two-story addition with one car garage and add dormers to the existing main structure. In addition, a new front porch and one-story addition will be added on the Rockland Street side of the house. The applicant has determined the average front yard is 8.75 feet for dwellings within 200 feet of the subject house, however the proposed front secondary front yard is 4 feet, so Section 10.516.10 does not help the applicant in this instance. The proposed renovation will result in 26.7% building coverage per the application, however the legal notice indicated 27% to allow a plus/minus to account for any discrepancies with the project. Similarly, the two front yard requests in the application are 4.3 and 8.1 feet and the legal notice indicated 4 feet and 8 feet, which again, if granted approval, would allow for a plus/minus to account for any discrepancies.

With the addition of the garage, it appears only one conforming off-street parking space will be proivede, where 2 currently exist. If this is the case, a parking CUP will be required if the applicant cannot provide 2 off-street parking spaces. At the writing of this staff report, it was undetermined if that was the case.

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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.

Our home is located at 80 Sapphire Street in Portsmouth NH. We currently have 3 small bedrooms and one full bath. We have 3 children and one dog. We are seeking a variance today for an expansion of a non conforming structure. Our house is currently 1,356 sq. ft. We are seeking to add 3 bedrooms, one full bathroom, and a common area on a second floor addition.

One of the 3 current bedrooms would turn into a staircase, and one of the other bedrooms would turn into a master bath. The current full bath would turn into a ½ bath. Our lot size is 10,018 sq. ft. The land use is a corner unit and residential only.

The setbacks are not changing. The current setbacks from the front to the road are 40 feet. The left side where the driveway is is 35 feet. The back of the house to the fence is 34 feet and the right side to the fence is 12 feet.

Our proposed builder is Brendan King, 603-833-1191. He will be doing the roof removal, framing, new roof and shell. Brian Spechuilli, owner, will be completing the insulation, dry wall, windows, siding, finish wood, and will be working alongside a plumber and electrician not yet hired. Brian by trade owns his own handyman/construction business. The architect is Walter Rous 603-397-7690 and plans are provided.

The building footprint isn't going to be changed, what we are proposing is to add 28x42' on top of existing footprint. Building a second floor should not be contrary to the public as many homes in our neighborhood are already two stories. Financancing is already approved and the builder is set up to begin once approved. Our home will only blend in more and raise the value of our neighborhood. There are no changes to parking spaces being made.

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

The variance to build up on the existing structure will not be contrary to the public interest. It will not interfere with any other home owner or our neighborhood. We are not expanding the footprint of the home.

10.233.22 The spirit of the Ordinance will be observed;

The light and air of our home or other existing neighbors will not be affected by granting the variance. We are building straight up on the existing footprint and are seeking a variance because our house is non conforming to the lot.

10.233.23 Substantial justice will be done;

Granting this variance to us would not outweigh the hardship to others in the neighborhood. Denying us this variance would not outweigh the benefit to others. Increasing the value of our home will only increase the value of our neighbors and the neighborhood.

10.233.24 The values of surrounding properties will not be diminished;

The value of our home and our neighbors would increase if this variance is approved. We are adding another bedroom and 1 1/32 baths to this addition. It will only make our home and neighborhood more attractive to buy in.

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

The hardship we are facing is that our home was placed on a non conforming lot. We are 5 feet from the neighbors property line and anything we would like to do to this home causes us to seek a variance. This is a corner lot which is unique. The home is currently non conforming in the setbacks but we will only be building straight up so this should be a very reasonable variance to seek and approve.

Thank you for your consideration. Brian and Briana Spechuilli



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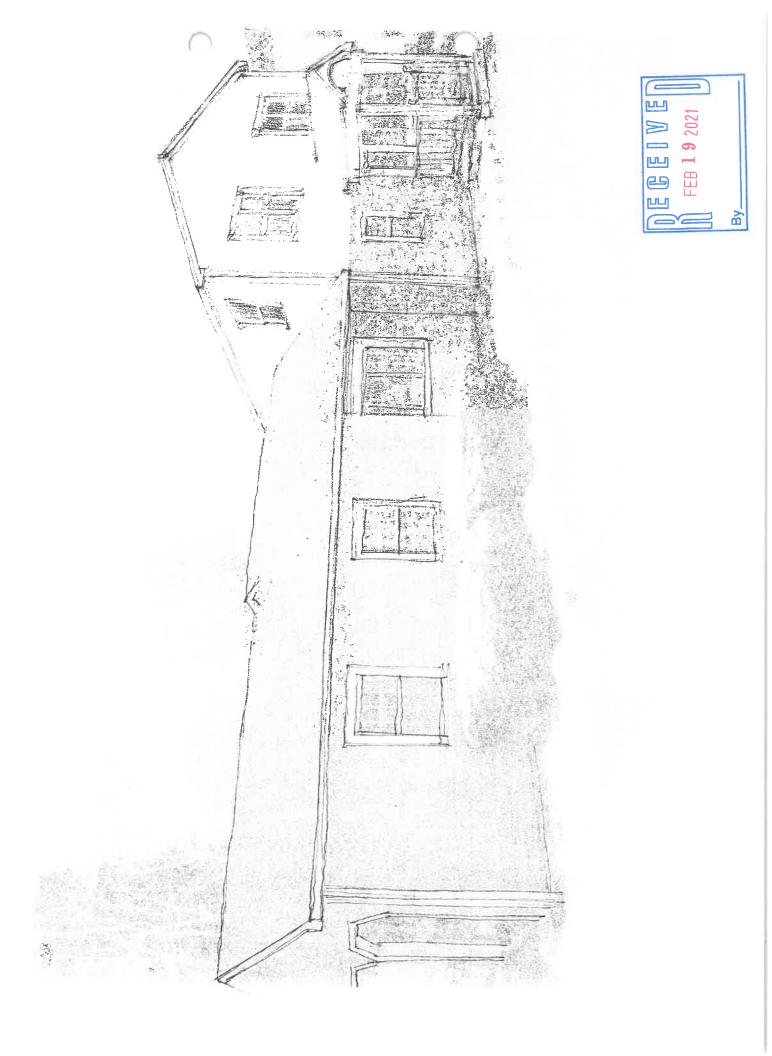


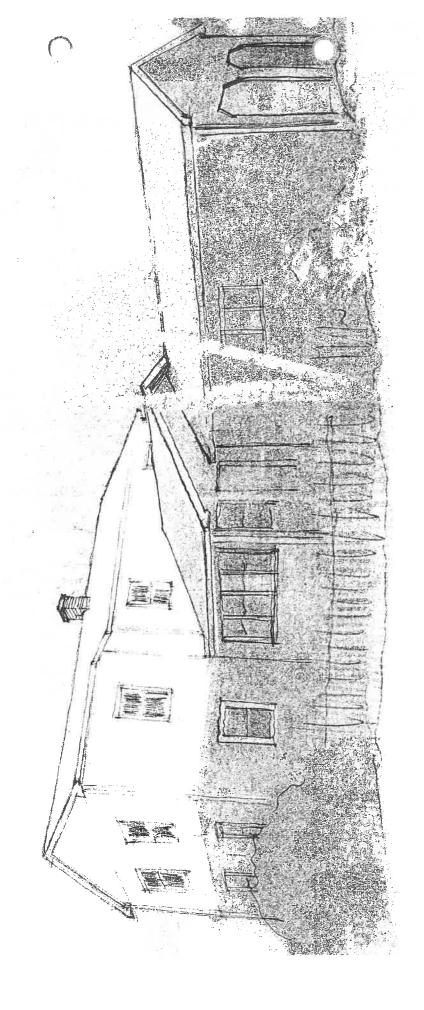


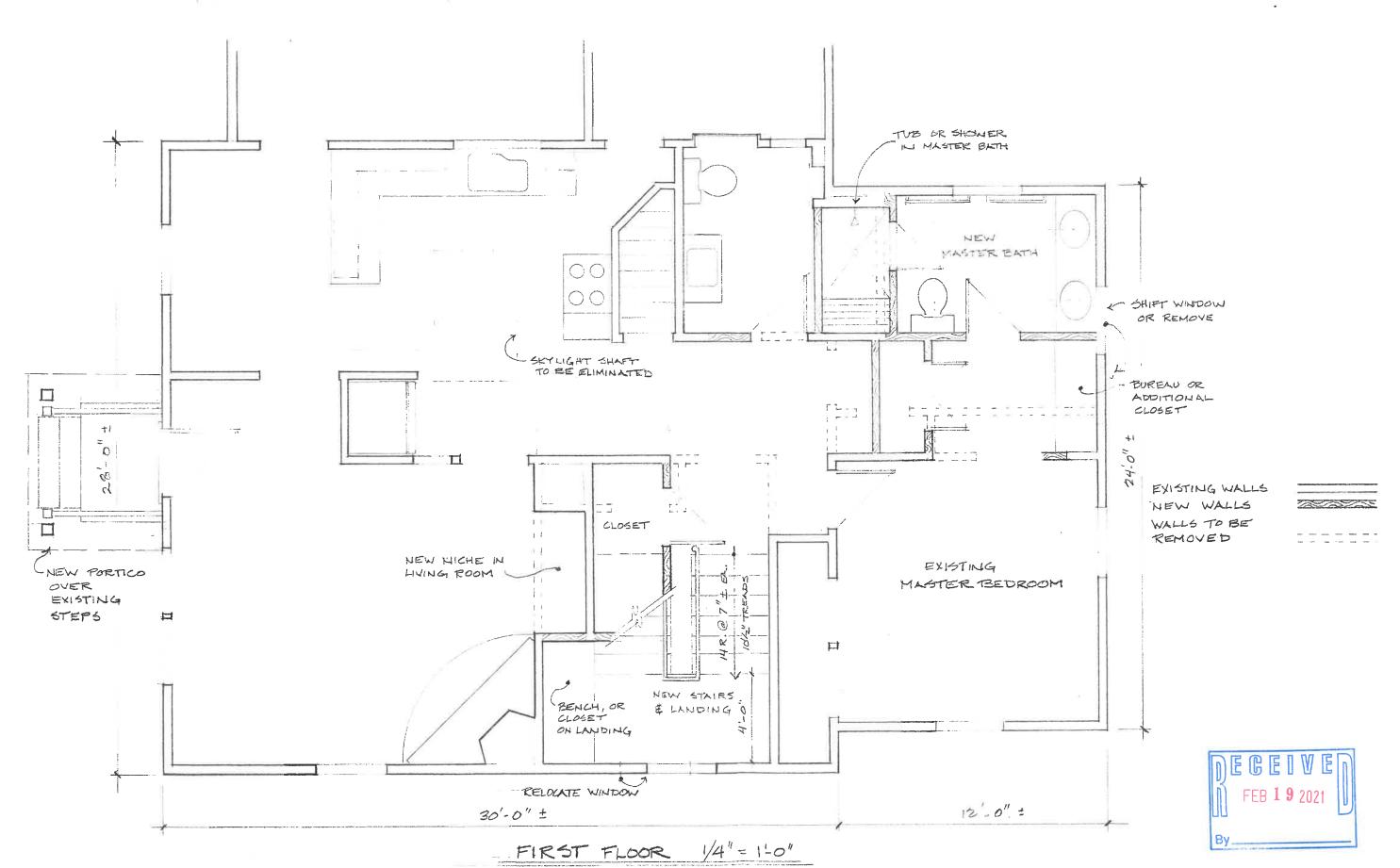












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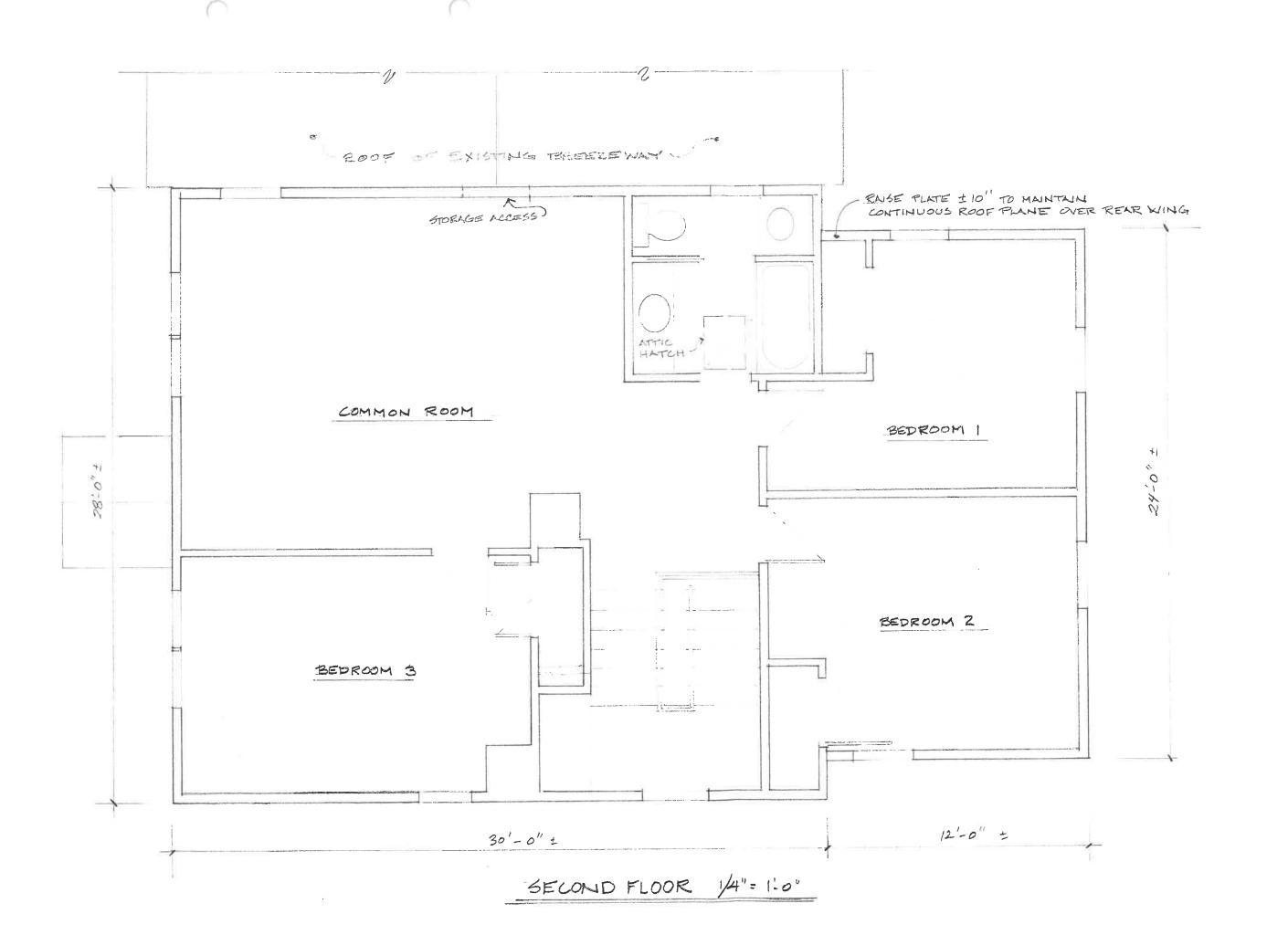
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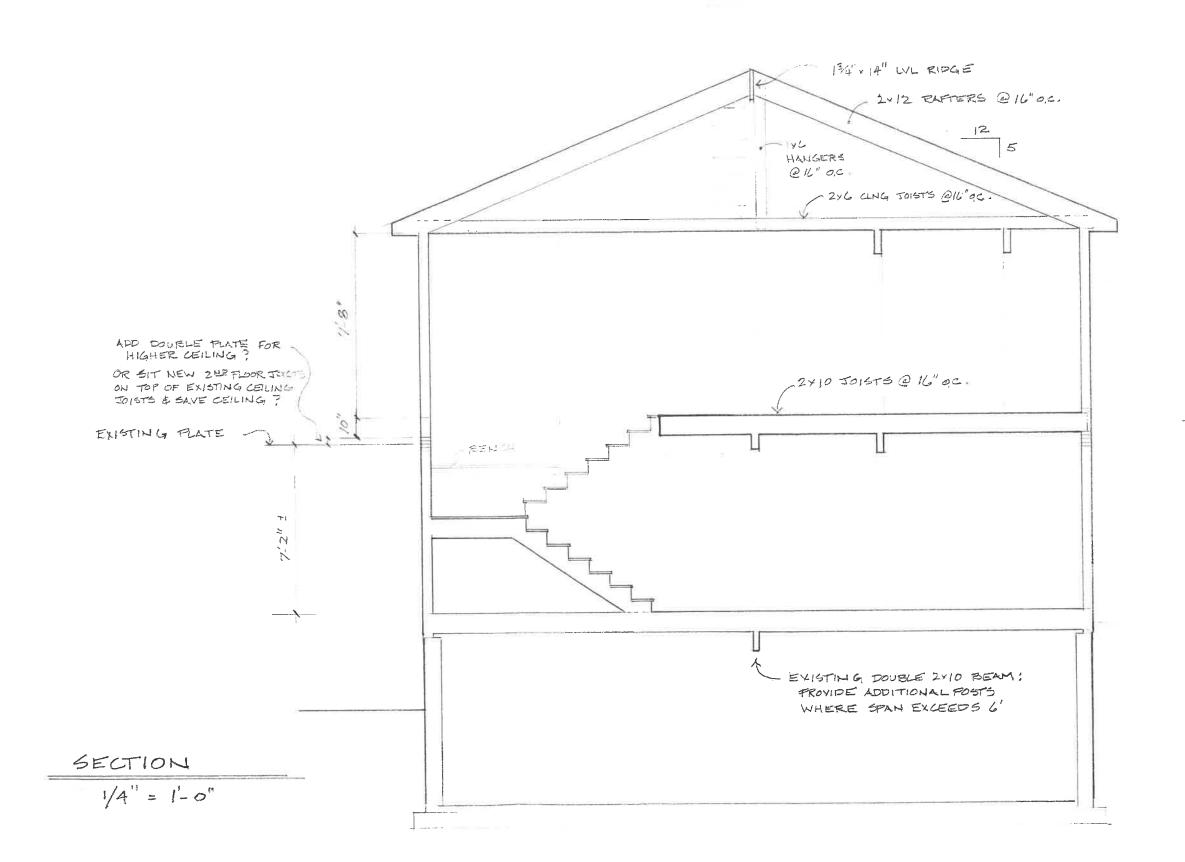
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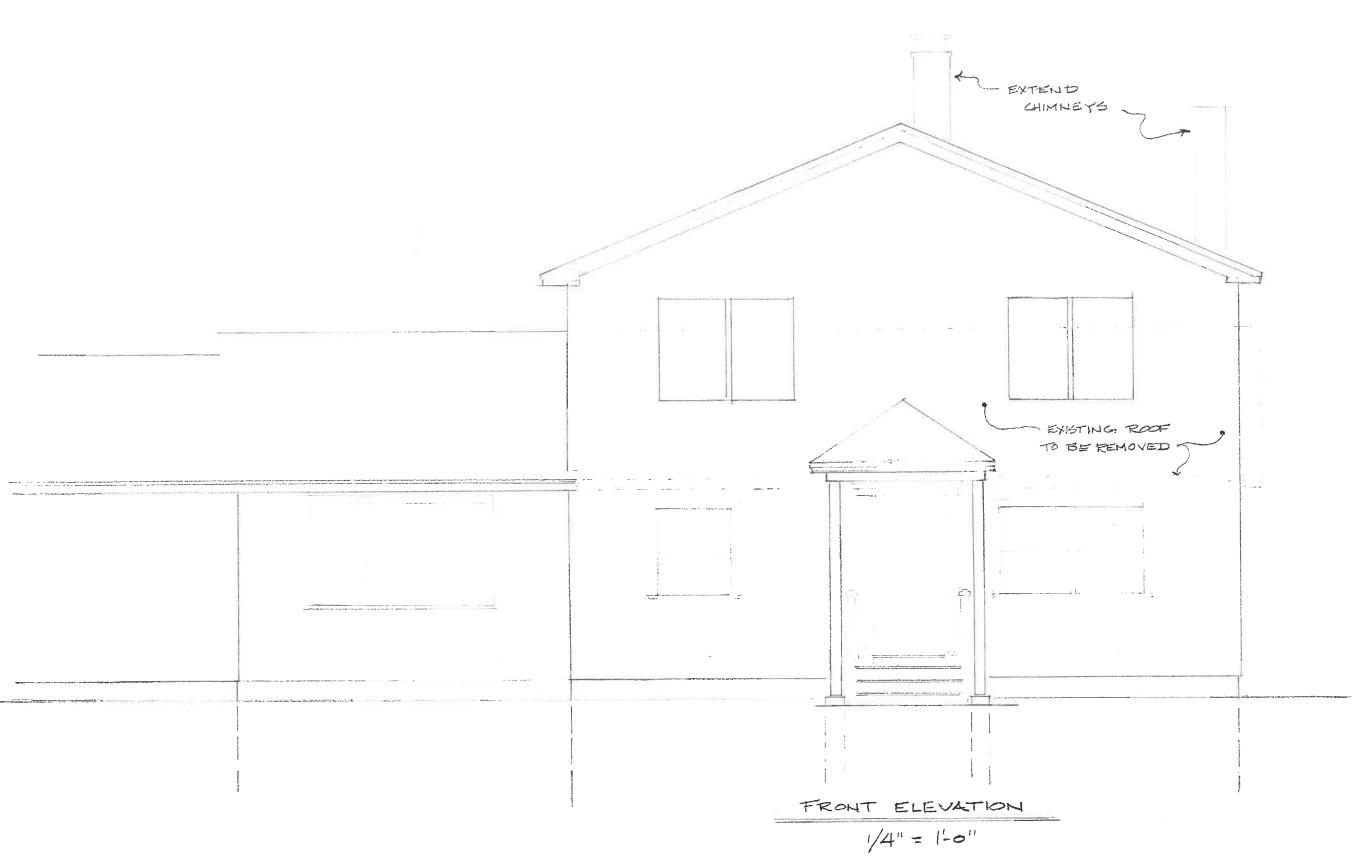


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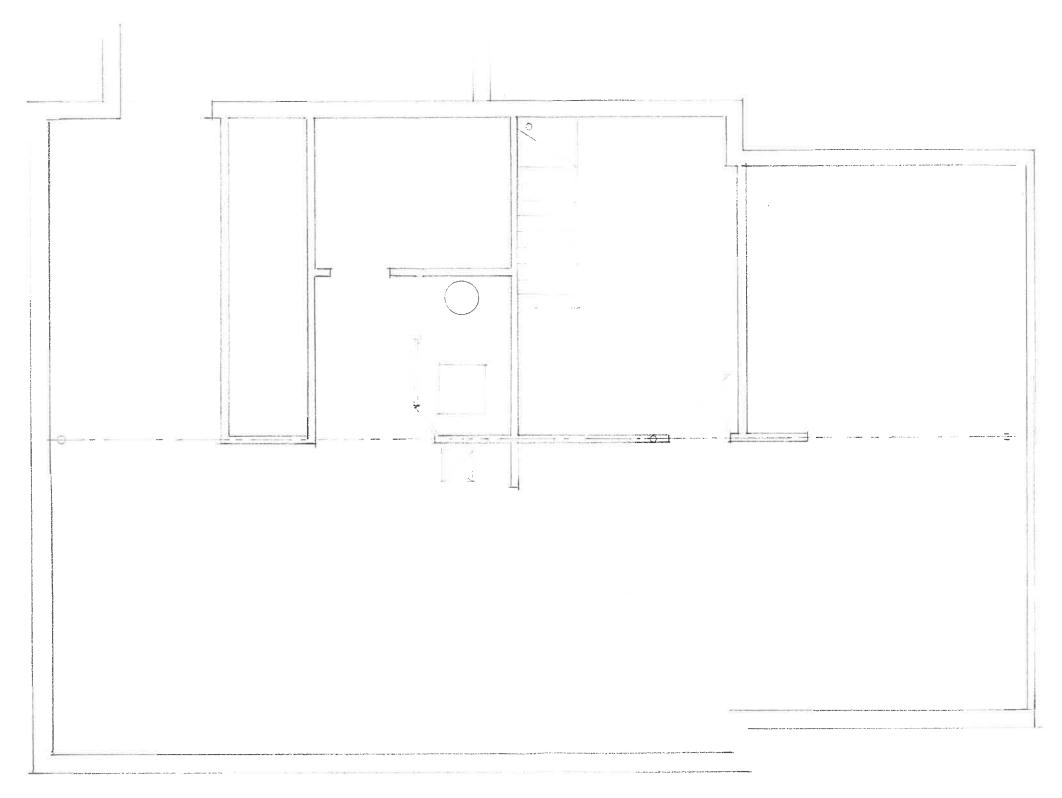
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EXISTING FOUNDATION

1/4" = 1-0"

To: Portsmouth Board of Adjustment

From: Walter and Mary Ellen Hoerman (owners)

56 Dennett Street Portsmouth, NH

Re: Variance for placement of a small condenser less than 10 feet from the property line.

We, Walter and Mary Ellen Hoerman, the owners of 56 Dennett Street, are seeking a variance to place a small condenser next to our house. Due to the fact that our house sits 6 feet from the property line, it is impossible to comply with the ordinance asking it to be placed 10 feet from the property line.

This is part of a larger project that is approximately 75% completed, which included replacing windows and rotted siding, as well as enclosing an existing second floor porch. All of this has been submitted and approved by Planning and the Historic District Commission. This project has all been within the existing footprint of the house.

Upon further design/analyzing of the addition, it became apparent that there was no way our current forced hot air system could be ducted to adequately heat the new room. A mini-split was added to the design, which includes a small 1 x 2ft condenser be placed on the ground.

The only place that the condenser can be placed is on the side of the house where the side yard is only 6 foot wide. The front of the house is flush with the street, the other side of the house is completely driveway only 12 feet wide, and the rear of the house is too far away (greater than the 50 foot range of the mini-split plumbing) and quickly encroaches on the tidal buffer of North Mill Pond. Therefore the only option is the 6 foot wide side yard.

The placement of this small unit is the first part of the project outside the footprint of the existing 1730 house, therefore the first, and only thing needing a variance.

On recommendation of Peter Stith, I will outline this based on the 5 criteria needed for the variance:

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

This is a 1 x 2 foot small unit placed on ground level next to pre-existing equipment that will be fully screened from the street and neighbors. The screening is more than 50 feet from the street behind a street-level fence as well. The abutting house has no windows on that side. It is not visible from the other two sides.

There will be no change to the essential character of the neighborhood, and there are no threats to the public health, safety or welfare, or any otherwise injury to public rights. The unit will be not visible behind screening (which has been previously approved by the Historic District Commission), and has no appreciable noise or emissions. It is in a fenced area with no public access or right of way.

10.233.22 The spirit of the Ordinance will be observed;

The spirit of the ordinance is to keep an adequate buffer to avoid encroachment on the neighbors. The decision to make this side yard only 6 feet wide happened sometime in the 1800s when the lot was subdivided. A small unit, screened with minimal noise, will not particular encroach on the abutter, whose side yard has no windows and is brush filled and used for storage.

10.233.23 Substantial justice will be done;

Substantial justice entails benefit to the applicant should not be outweighed by the harm to the general public.

It is hard to define any harm to the general public of a small unit with minimal noise screened from view, more than 50 feet from the street. The screened area is there either way, whether this unit is there or not.

The benefit to the applicant is heat to make a part of our house livable.

10.233.24 The values of surrounding properties will not be diminished;

As stated previously, the screened area where this unit will be will be there even if this unit is not approved. There is no significant change to the neighborhood. Surrounding property values will be completely unchanged.

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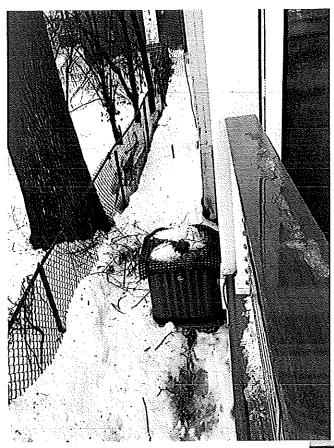
10.233.25 Literal enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship.

This unit is necessary to add heat to the new room that is already constructed. A room without heat is unusable and unsafe in New Hampshire. There is no other viable option for heat to this room.

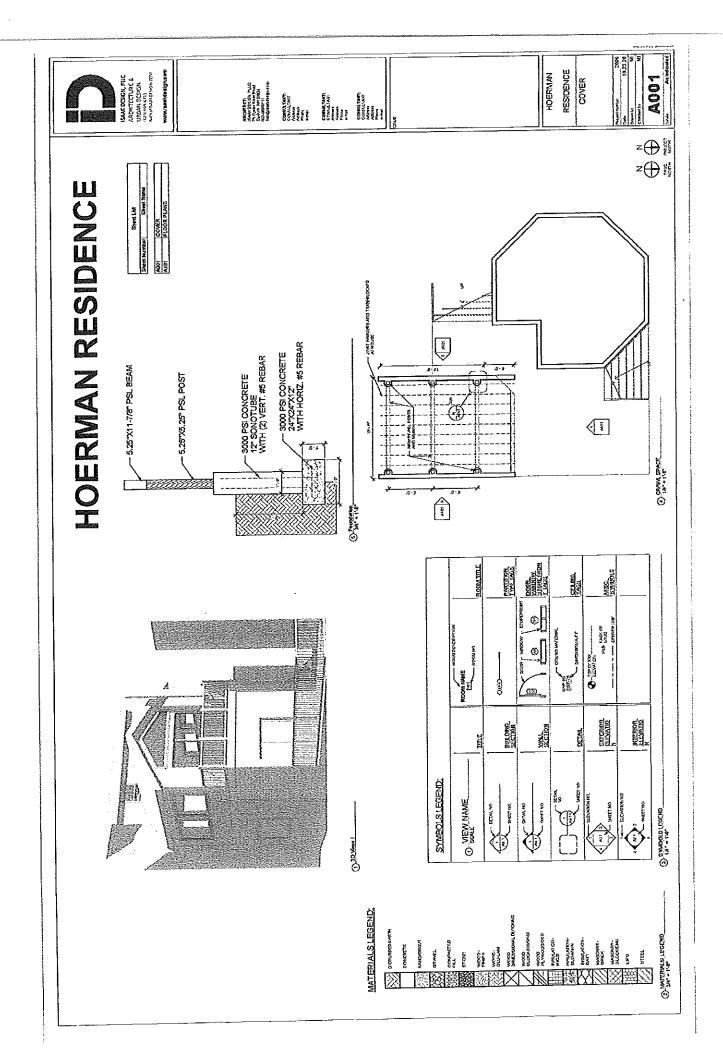
The unit cannot be placed anywhere but within this 6 foot side yard. Any other place is further than safe for the piping for the unit. The only other yard with any room is the rear yard, which is much more visible, is too far away, and within the tidal buffer on North Mill Pond.

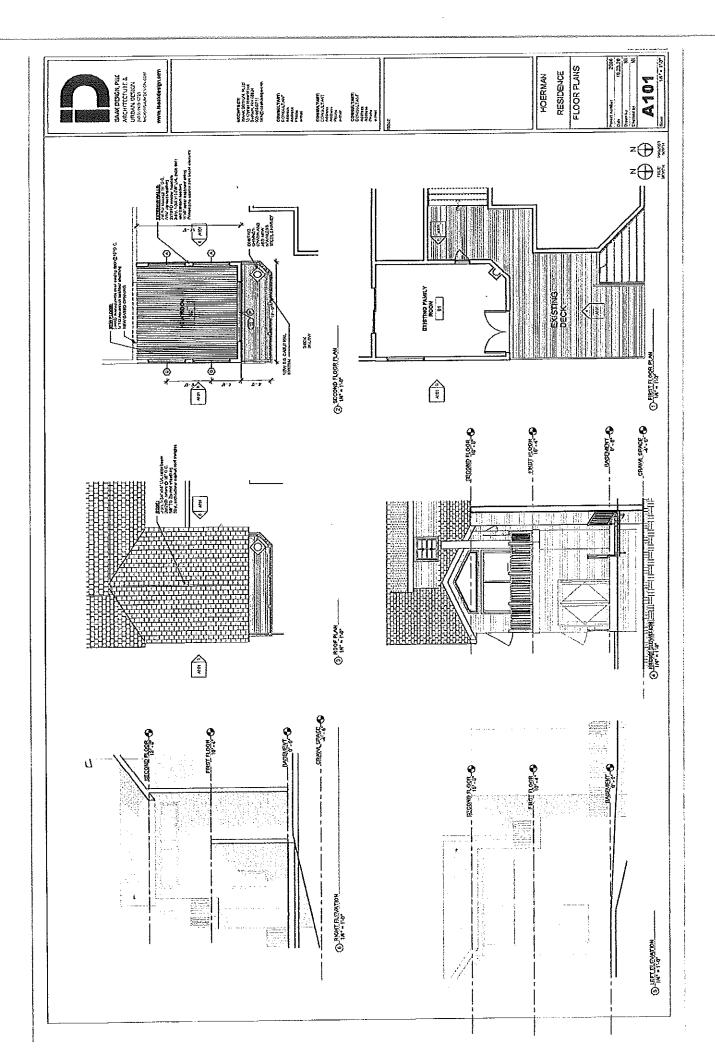
Enclosed are the details of the condenser as well as a sketch of the placement. If you need any further information, please contact me.

Walter & Mary Ellen Hoerman 56 Dennett Street Portsmouth, NH 03801 603-828-2688 whoerman@gmail.com









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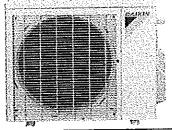
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FTX12NMVJU / RXL12QMVJU

1-Ton Wall Mounted Heat Pump System







Complete warranty details available from your local dealer or at www.daikincomfort.com. To receive the 12-Year Parts Limited Warranty, online registration must be completed within 60 days of installation. Online registration is not required in California or Quebec. If product is installed in a commercial application, limited warranty period is 5 years.

Indoor Specifications

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	Cooling		Heating	
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Airflow Rate (cfm)	434	311	413	321
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	247	-145	258	219
Sound (dBA) H / M / L / SL	45 / 37	/30/19	45/37	/30/26
Dimensions (H × W × D) (in)		11-1/4 ×	30-5/16×	8-3/4
Weight (Lbs) 18		······		

Compressor		Hermetically Sealed Swing Type			Ing Type
Refrigerant	R-410A		R-410A		
Refrigerant Oll		PVE (FVC50K)			
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Sound Power Level (dB.	A)		CONTRACTOR TO	50	<u> </u>
Dimensions (H × W × D) (in)		21-5/8 × 26-9/16 × 11-3/16		1-3/16	
Weight (Lbs)		70		70	

Efficiency					
Cooling Heating					
SEER 20.0	HSPF 12.0				
EER - 12.5	COP 3.90				

Performance

Coaling	(Btu/hr)
Rated (Min/Max)	10,900 (4,400 / 13,300)
Sensible @ AHRI	9,100
Moisture Removal gal/h	.45
Operating Range	50'F-115'F

Rated Cooling Conditions:

Indoor: 80°F DB/67°F WB Outdoor: 95°F DB/75°F WB

Heating	(Btu/hr)
1:@ 47° Rated (Min/Max)	13,600 (4,400 / 18,800)
2: @ 17° Rated	8,800
3: @ 5° Max	14,330
Operating Range	-13°F 60°F

1: Rated Heating Conditions:

Indoor: 70'F DB/60'F WB Outdoor: 47'F DB/43'F WB

2: Rated Heating Conditions:

Indoor: 70°F DB/60°F WB Outdoor: 17°F DB/15°F WB

3: Rated Heating Conditions:

Indoor: 70°F DB/60°F WB Outdoor: 5°F DB/5°F WB

Electrical

208/60/1 230/60/				
System MCA	13.0	13.0		
System MFA	15	15		
Compressor RLA	12.0	12.0		
Outdoor fan motor FLA	.17	.17		
Outdoor fan motor W	20	20		
Indoor fan motor FLA	,23	,23		
Indoor fan motor W	28	28		

MFA: Max. fuse amps MCA: Min. circuit amps (A) FLA: Full load amps (A)
RLA: Rated load amps (A) W: Fan motor rated output (W)

Piping

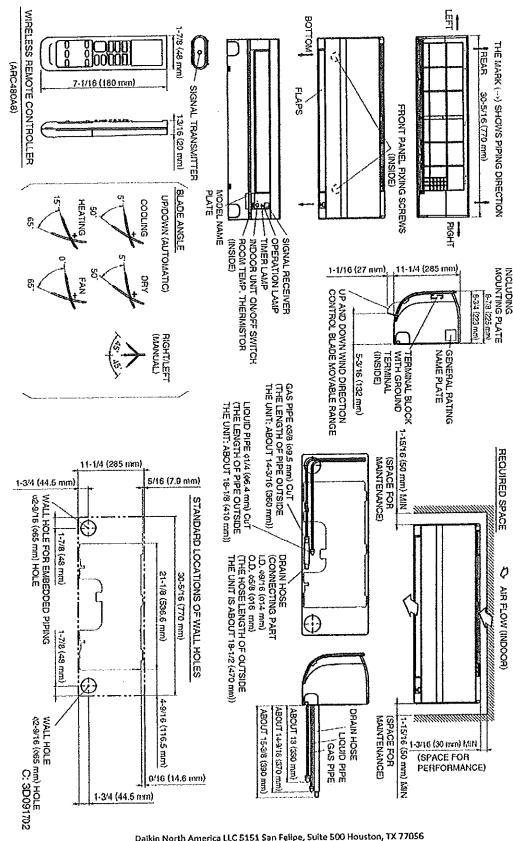
Piping	
Liquid (in)	1/4
Gas (in)	3/8
Drain (in)	5/8
Max. Interunit Piping Length (ft)	65.625
Max. Interunit Height Difference (ft)	49.25
Chargeless (ft)	32.8
Additional Charge of Refrigerant (oz/ft)	.21

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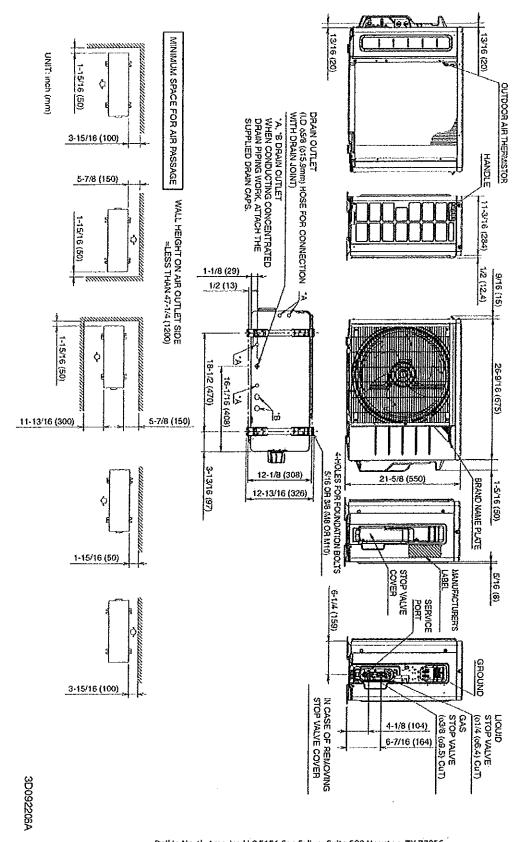


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RXL12QMVJU Dimensional Data





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Certificate of Product Ratings

AHRI Certified Reference Number: 8849458

Date: 12-24-2020

Model Status: Production Stopped

AHRI Type: HRCU-A-CB-O (Mini-Split Heat Pump, with Remote Outdoor Unit Air-Source, Free Delivery)

Outdoor Unit Brand Name: DAIKIN

Outdoor Unit Model Number: RXL12QMVJU

Indoor Type: Mini-Splits (Non-Ducted) Indoor Model Number(s): FTX12NMVJU

Rated as follows in accordance with the latest edition of AHRI 210/240 with Addendum 1, Performance Rating of Unitary

Air-Conditioning & Air-Source Heat Pump Equipment and subject to rating accuracy by AHRI-sponsored, independent, third party testing:

Cooling Capacity (95F): 10900

EER (95F): 12.50

SEER: 20.00

High Heat (47F): 13600

Low Heat (17F): 8800

HSPF: 12.00

Sold in? : USA

†*Active* Model Status are those that an AHRI Certification Program Participant is currently producing AND selling or offering for sale; OR new models that are being marketed but are not yet being produced. Production Stopped Model Status are those that an AHRI Certification Program Participant is no longer producing BUT is still selling or offering for sale.

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Table of abbreviations

Term	Description
Air Flow Rate	Air Flow Rate
Bse Refr	Standard factory refrigerant charge (16.4ft actual piping length) excluding extra refrigerant charge. For calculation of extra refrigerant charge refer to the databook
CC	Available cooling capacity
COP 47°C	COP value at nominal condition and at ambient temperature of 47°F
COP 17°C	COP value at nominal condition and at ambient temperature of 17°F
IEER	IEER value at nominal condition
Ex Refr	Extra refrigerant charge
FCU	Device model name
HC	Available heating capacity (integrated heating capacity)
HSPF	HSPF Rating
Max HC	Available heating capacity
Max SC	Available sensible cooling capacity
Max TC	Available total cooling capacity
MCA	Minimum Circuit Amps
Model	Device model name
МОР	Maximum Overcurrent Protection
Name	Logical name of the device
Piping	Lergest distance from indoor unit to outdoor unit
PS	Power supply (voltage and phases)
Rq CC	Required cooling capacity
Rq HC	Required heating capacity
Rq SC	Required sensible cooling capacity
Rq TC	Required total cooling capacity
RunAmps	Running Amps
SEER	SEER Rating
Sound	Sound pressure level low and high
St curr	Starting current
Tmp C	Outdoor conditions in cooling
Tmp C	Indoor conditions in cooling
Tmp H	Indoor temperature in heating



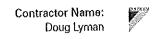


Table of abbreviations

Term	Description
Tmp H	Outdoor conditions in heating (dry bulb temp. / RH)
WxHxD	WidthxHeightxDepth
Weight	Weight of the device

Application Version 1.0.2

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Portsmouth, NH 03801°

Sales Consultant:

Job#:

122420-JDowling

Date: 12/24/2020

Heat Pump (Average Load Procedure)

Design Conditions

Location: Portsmouth Pease International Tradeport,

Elevation: 102 ft

Daily Range: Medium

Input Data:

Outdoor Dry Bulb

Indoor Dry Bulb

Latitude: 43° N

Design Grains: 26

Summer:

95

72

Heated Area 189 Sq.Ft.

Winter:

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Cooled Area

189 Sq.Ft.

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Windows	115.5	4375	6381	0
Doors	0	0	0	0
Cellings	189	387	185	0
Skylights	0	0	0	0
Floors	0	0	0	0
Room Internal Loads		0	1143	400
Blower Load			0	0
Hot Water Piping Load		0	0	0
Winter Humidification Load		417	0	0
Infiltration		1417	255	178
Ventilation	The state of the s	0	0	0
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Subtotal		6596	7964	678



Approved ACCA MJ8 Calculations

Btuh **Total Heating** 6596 8542 Btuh **Total Cooling**

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Relative Humidity: 50%

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Summer Outdoor Design:

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Heating Equipment

Mfg:

Altitude Correction Factor: 0

Model:

Heating Input (btuh):

AHRI Ref#:

Heating Output (btuh): 13600

Efficiency (AFUE):

Calculated HeatPump 13819

Output @ Design (btuh):

Cooling Equipment

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Coll: FTX12NMVJU

Sensible Cooling (btuh): 9592

Furnace:

Latent Cooling (btuh): 1308

AHRI Ref#: 8849458

SEER - EER@95: 20 - 12.5

Heat Pump HSPF: 12

Summary

MJ8 Calc	<u>ulations</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Capacities</u>
Sensible Gain (btuh):	7964	Sufficient	Sensible Capacity (btuh):	9592
Latent Gain (btuh):	578	Sufficient	Latent Capacity (btuh):	1308
Total Heat Gain (btuh):	8542	Sufficient	Total Capacity (btuh):	10900
Heat Loss (btuh):	6596	Sufficient	Heating Capacity (btuh):	13819

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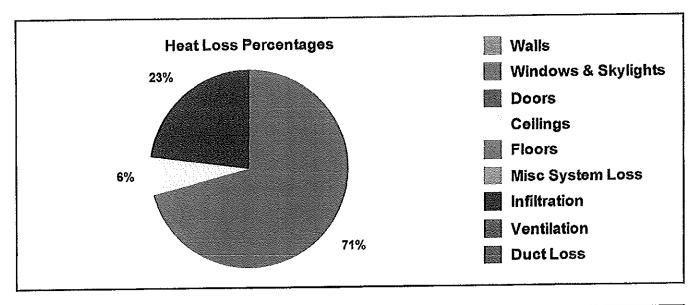
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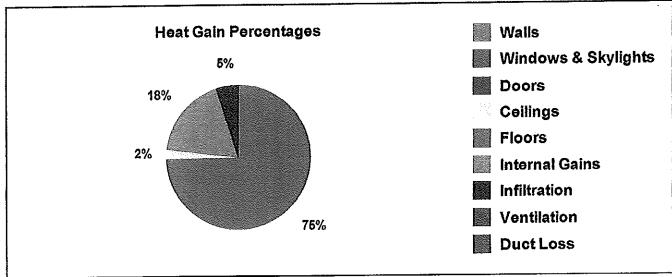
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New Room Load Chart





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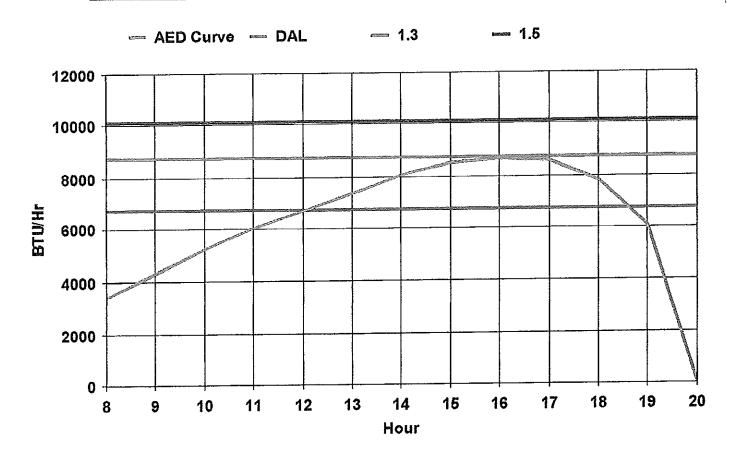
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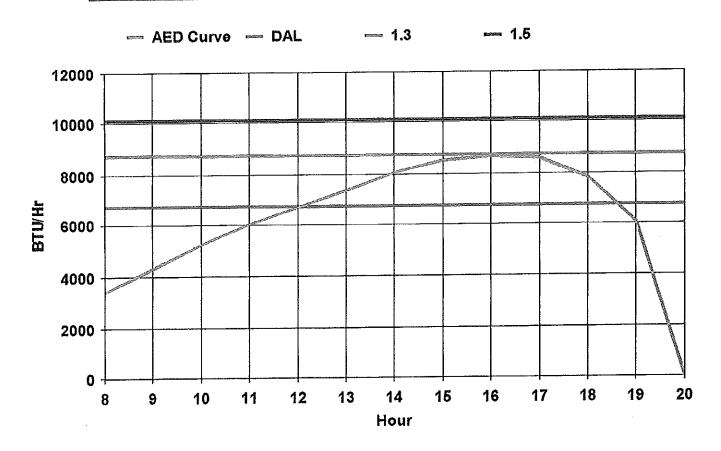
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January 6th, 2021

City of Portsmouth, NH

Attn: Board of Adjustment

We would like to add heating and cooling to the 3rd floor of the house and add air conditioning to the first and second floors. This would require the addition of two outdoor HVAC units that will be placed beneath the existing deck off the side of the house. The units will consist of one Trane condenser (40"w x 36" h x 14"d) and one Mitsubishi heat pump (32"w x 22"h x 12"d).

There is not currently a heat source on the 3rd floor of the house which serves as a bedroom, closet, and bathroom. A variance is required given there is no location on the property that does not encroach within 10 ft of the property line. The location under the deck is the only feasible location on the property. The proposed location will place the units 6 ft and 8 ft from the rear and side property lines. In other words, the units will encroach into the setback limits by 4 ft and 2 ft respectively.

We believe this request complies with the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance as provided in Article 2 (Section 10.233.20):

10.233.21 The variance will not be contrary to the public interest and 10.233.22 The spirit of the Ordinance will be observed

The placement of the units will not be visible from any adjacent property since the deck will be screened in vertical lattice. The units therefore will not diminish the character of the neighborhood. The units are relatively quiet and will be below a 50 dB noise at 4 ft from the property line. We are making our best effort to keep the units as far from the property line as we can, while concealing them under the existing deck.

10.233.23 Substantial justice will be done

The 3rd floor is the primary sleeping bedroom for the homeowners so the addition of heat and A/C will make their living space much more comfortable and enjoyable. The first and second floors will also benefit from having A/C which will make the entire living space more comfortable.

10.233.24 The values of surrounding properties will not be diminished

The addition of the two units will not diminish the value to the nearby or adjacent properties. Since the units will be hidden from view, they will not be a detriment to any property's value / an unsightly view or negatively affect the neighborhood's essential characteristics.

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

Literal enforcement of the Ordinance would inhibit the homeowners from having a heat supply on the 3rd floor since there is currently no available heating source for the 3rd floor bedroom/living area.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you have any questions,

Chris Atwood

We are requesting your approval for the following improvements that we are making to our residence at 45 Gardner St.



No changes to front facing Gardner St.



No changes facing Walton Alley.

3. Condensers - 2 added and hidden by deck

a. A condenser for heating and cooling system for the 3rd floor to be added as currently no heat is available on the 3rd floor, the primary bedroom. The current cooling is available on the third floor is the wall unit external air conditioner, and 21therefore the replacement unit would be a Mitsubishi heat pump. As this condenser would be required, we will also replace our furnace system that is aging out with a full furnace and air conditioner unit. This will also utilize the condenser. The condenser will be placed in the side patio, with no view from the street, under the deck.



Side yard hidden by fence.

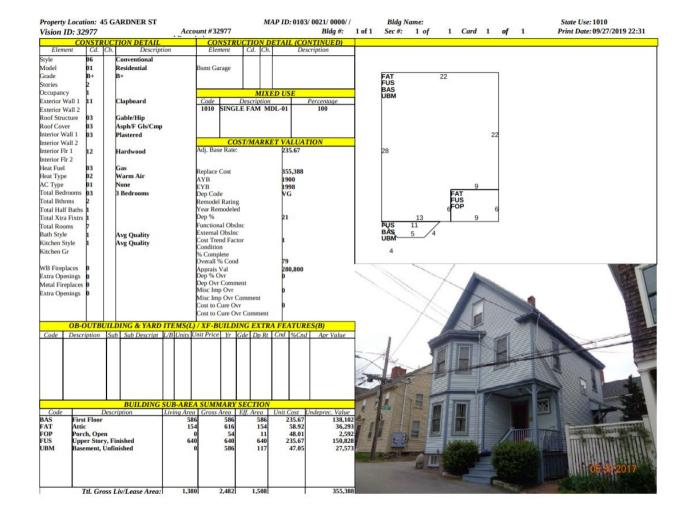


Condensers hidden by fence, and again by deck.



SitePlan: 17.98 1.59 72.6' <u>16</u> 0.076 34.90 ac 45 **21** 0.028 51 35 ac 34 **Condenser and Heat Pump** Location (8' from right-hand **GARDNER ST** property line; 5' from rear property line) -71





Responses to Variance Criteria Charles and Laurie Moreno, 50 Cornwall Street

INTRODUCTION

We have owned 50 Cornwall St. for ten years, and hope to renovate and improve the property with the intent of moving there and becoming part of the vibrant Portsmouth community. The proposed architectural plans improve the house by removing a poorly designed flat-roof addition and replacing it with a traditional colonial design, in keeping with the historical character of the original home and the surrounding neighborhood.

There are two parts to our project. First, we would like to renovate the older structure, an 1828 colonial. Second, we would like to rebuild the substandard addition which was added to the back of the house, mostly in 1980. This section is poorly constructed and is incompatible with the rest of the house. The proposed design makes the structure more cohesive and aesthetically pleasing.

This is a family project; we are not developers. We plan to live at 50 Cornwall and be a part of the neighborhood and community. We bought the house ten years ago with this goal in mind, but need the accessory dwelling to make it all feasible. We care about not affecting the neighborhood, and kept this in mind when designing the project and in reaching out to our neighbors.

50 Cornwall Street is located within a fairly densely populated neighborhood which is anchored by Goodwin Park, Rock Street Park, and North Mill Pond, which provide natural open space areas.

The attached density maps indicate that our proposal is consistent with the neighborhood build-out over the years, including recent residential construction. Our house is in the GRC zone which allows multi-family dwellings. The proposed end use as a two-family home will not increase neighborhood traffic or population density, and provides off-street parking.

We are requesting four variances: 1) Altering an existing non-conforming building; 2) Sideyard setback; 3) Building coverage; and 4) Density variance. The first three variances are for pre-existing conditions and we are not expanding or altering them. The end use of the fourth variance--the density variance--does not impact the neighborhood in the sense that it will not increase the number of people using the house. It will in fact decrease on-street parking.

Speaking to the five variance criteria, with #1 and 2 taken together:

1 & 2. Variance is not contrary to the public interest. The spirit of the Ordinance is observed.

- Although a density variance is being requested, the use of the property will not intensify from its long-standing present use. **The house has 6 bedrooms presently and will have 6 bedrooms in the future**.
 - Currently, the home has 6 bedrooms. The proposed two-family plan maintains the same number of bedrooms and will be owner-occupied, with fewer full-time residents. As such, it does not threaten public health, safety, or welfare, or otherwise injure public rights.
- The proposed project is a vertical expansion of part of the house. This expansion does not alter the building's footprint. The sideyard setback and building coverage variance request does not increase non-compliance.
 - The house was built circa 1828 and falls within the modern property line setback. House renovations will remain consistent with the original footprint. As such, it does not threaten public health, safety, or welfare, or otherwise injure public rights.
 - The existing building coverage of the property is 1% over the maximum 35% requirement. The proposed house design does not alter or increase the percentage of the building coverage. In this regard, it observes the spirit of the ordinance and is not contrary to the public interest, nor does it threaten public health, safety, or welfare, or other otherwise injure public rights.
- The project does not alter the essential character of the neighborhood; instead, it restores the home's compatibility to align with the neighborhood's historic architecture. The house design does not threaten public health, safety, or welfare, or other otherwise injure public rights.
- Conditions that may appear incongruous with the neighborhood, such as the proximity of the house to the sideline or a density of 6 or more persons living on the property, have existed for a long time. Furthermore, these conditions already exist throughout the neighborhood, as exhibited on the attached Map A6.
- This project does not conflict with the explicit or implicit purpose of the ordinance.
- The project observes the spirit of the Ordinance by not increasing neighborhood crowding, and by greatly improving the quality and appearance of the subject property.

3. Substantial justice is done.

- The existing footprint of the building and intensity of property use will remain the same.
- We will benefit the neighborhood by adding 3 off-street parking spaces on pervious surfaces.
 - The new parking spaces allow for additional traffic flow, reduced density, and improved safety and access in the neighborhood.
- We will be constructing a modernized, energy-efficient, fire-safe structure, meeting current building and fire codes.
- The property will be renovated and upgraded in a pleasing design, which benefits the neighborhood.
- The rear addition will have a vertical expansion, and we designed this expansion to have little or no effect on the abutters.
- The house renovation will not perceptibly alter air movement, privacy, access, or light in the neighborhood. (Please reference the attached shadow study, A7 and A8.)
- The house renovation project does not harm the general public or other individuals.

4. The values of surrounding properties are not diminished.

- The 1980 addition predates current zoning standards and architectural aesthetic, and is incongruous with the original historical structure.
 - The proposed design will rebuild the 1980 flat-roof addition to mirror the existing colonial.
 - It's important to us that we honor the historic significance of the home, in keeping with the surrounding neighborhood.
- The proposed house renovations will be aesthetically-pleasing and greatly improve the look of the property, therefore increasing property values of the surrounding homes.
 - In Portsmouth, in recent years, even modest renovation to a residence has consistently resulted in an increase of surrounding property values.
- In our proposal, the property's green space will be maintained and preserved.

5. Literal enforcement of the Ordinance would result in unnecessary hardship.

- One hardship is that with 6 bedrooms, the house is too large for two people.
- A second hardship is the awkward layout of the addition with physical deficiencies. The existing addition was poorly conceived and cannot be adequately renovated.
- A third hardship is that the existing addition does not meet standard building codes and is a safety liability.
 - The pre-existing design flaws of the addition include the lack of a foundation under part of the addition, a shallow 2' crawl space, and a flat-roofed section. These conditions present safety concerns and difficulties for maintenance, access, and drainage.
 - The existing flat roof is a major issue--any changes to correct the roof requires a variance.
 - We would like to resolve these issues, make the house habitable to us, and marry the two structures.
- The sideyard setback is a fourth hardship--The property is a narrow lot to begin with. The original owners located the house to one side so that they could have a yard. We cannot feasibly move the house to the center of the property to make it conforming--so this is a hardship.
- A fifth hardship is that the existing location and configuration of the house and the surrounding buildings make it challenging to renovate the house in any other way than proposed.
- Literal enforcement of the Ordinance does not resolve 50 Cornwall Street's special conditions as outlined above and intrinsically results in unnecessary hardship.

CONCLUSIONS

- We are not increasing the house's footprint; we are not increasing non-conformity.
- We will maintain the existing green space.
- The house design is aesthetically-pleasing and fits the historic nature of the neighborhood.
- The renovations greatly improve the appearance of the house and property, and consequently, increase the value of surrounding properties.
- The sizes of the two dwelling units are modest, not maxed out.
- The structure is in keeping with the density of single-family and multi-unit buildings in the surrounding neighborhood. We are not requesting a different end use than what has been done with the many apartments, condominiums, and townhouses around us.
- We will be taking 3 cars off of the street.

RENOVATION TO THE RESIDENCE AT 50 CORNWALL STREET

Zoning Board of Adjustment - March 2021, Portsmouth, New Hampshire

GENERAL PROJECT DISCRIPTION: GENERAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT C

PROPOSED WORK:

- REBUILDING OF THE REAR EXISTING ADDITION WITH A NEW ADDITION IN THE EXACT FOOTPRINT OF THE REMOVED PORTION REQUIRING A SETBACK RELIEF OF 1' 0" +/- FROM THE RIGHT SIDE YARD.
- CONVERSION OF THE EXISTING SIX BEDROOM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE TO A TWO FAMILY RESIDENCE WITH THREE BEDROOMS IN EACH RESIDENCE REQUIRING A DENSITY RELIEF OF 2,000 +/- SF PER DWELLING UNIT.
- INTERIOR RENOVATIONS IN THE EXISTING HOME.

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NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT						
DIMENSIONAL CRITERIA						
GENERAL RESIDENCE DISTRICT C						
	REQUIRED	PROPOSED				
BUILDING COVERAGE	35%	36.3% +/-	36.3% +/-			
RIGHT SIDE YARD SETBACK	10' - 0"	1' - 0" +/-	1' - 0" +/-			
LEFT SIDE YARD SETBACK	10' - 0"	15' - 0"	15' - 0"			
REAR YARD SETBACK	20' - 0"	22' - 0"	22' - 0"			
FRONT YARD SETBACK	5' - 0"	2' - 0"	2' - 0"			
LOT SIZE	3,500 SF	4,000 SF	4,000 SF			
LOT AREA PER DWELLING UNIT	3,500 SF	4,000 SF	2,000 SF +/-			
LOT FRONTAGE	70' - 0"	50' - 0"	50' - 0"			
LOT DEPTH	50' - 0"	80' - 0"	80' - 0"			
BUILDING HEIGHT	35' -0"	28' - 0"	32' - 0" +/-			
PARKING SPACES	3 SPACES	0 SPACES	3 SPACES			
OPEN SPACE	20%	57%	40%			









VIEW FROM CORNWALL STREET

VIEW FROM LEFT SIDE YARD

VIEW FROM REAR YARD

EXISTING IMAGES

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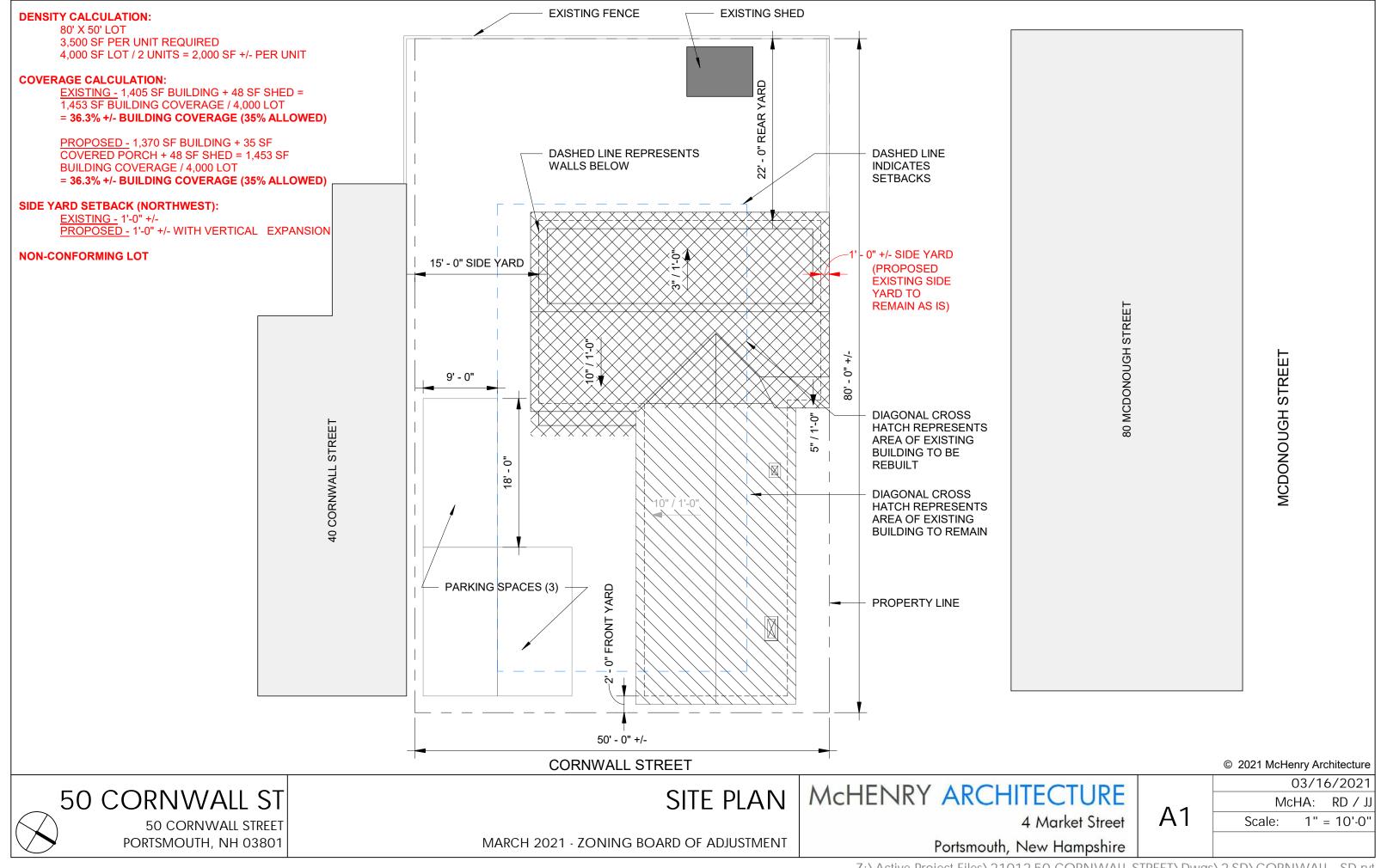
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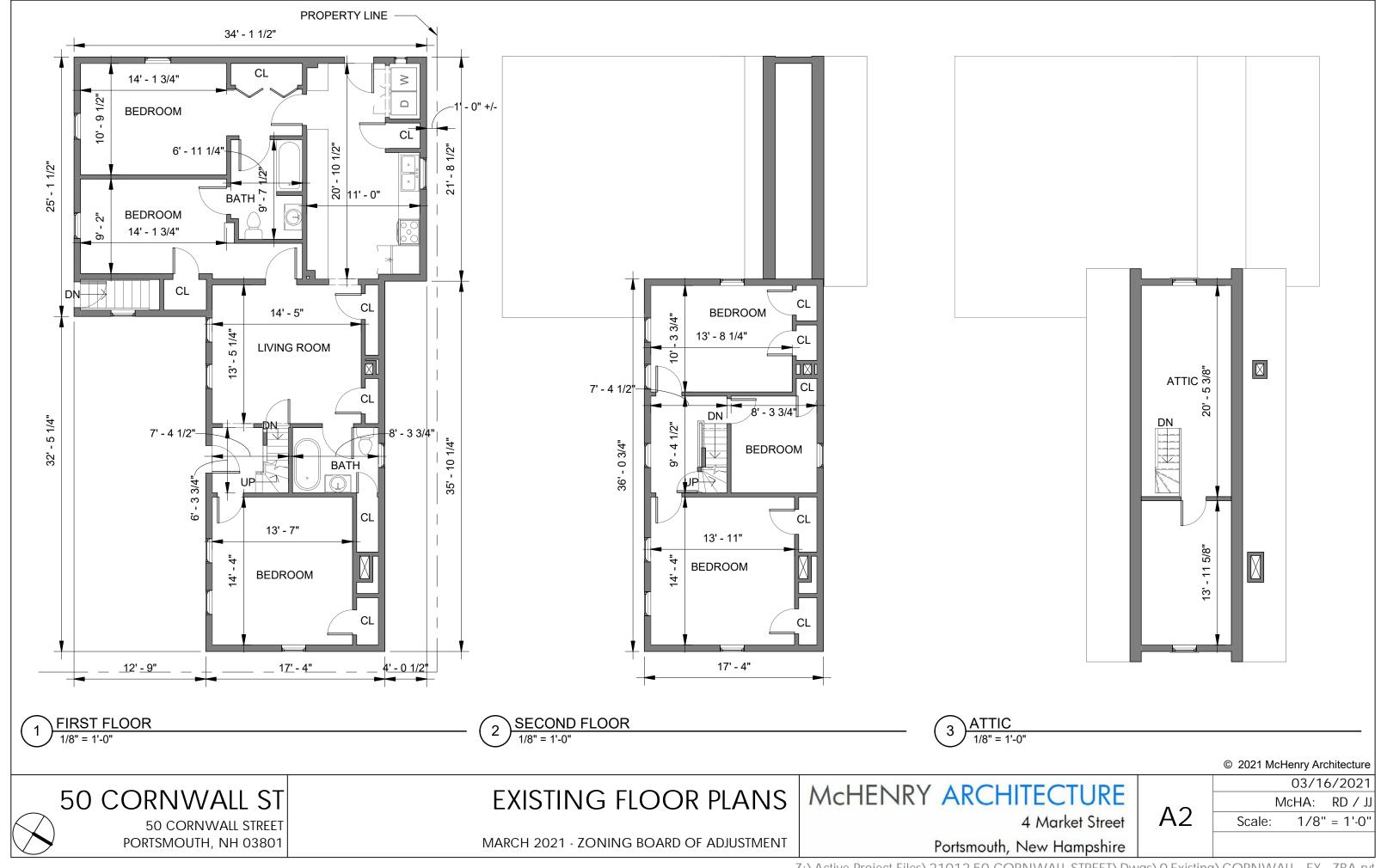
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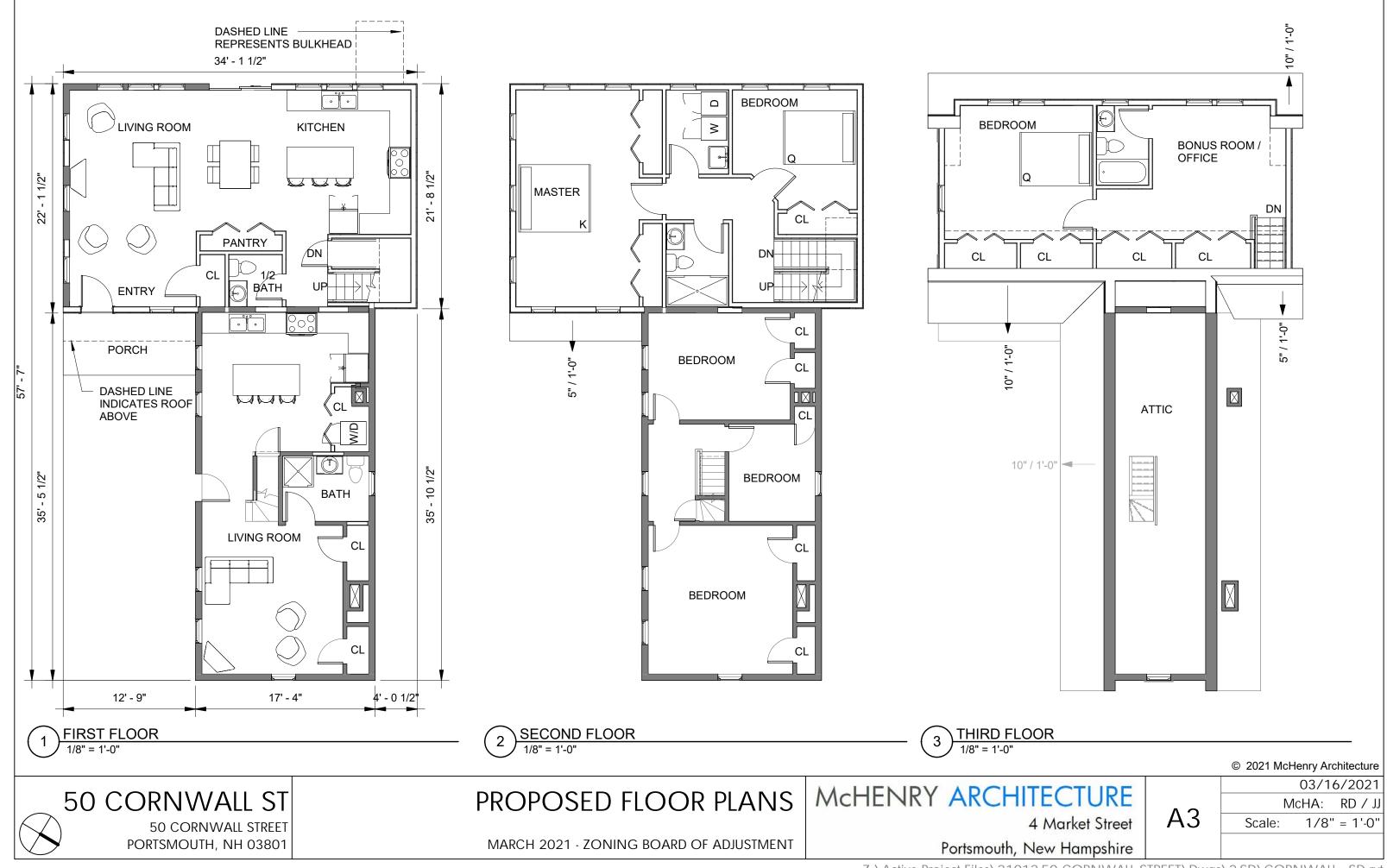
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VIEW FROM CORNWALL STREET



VIEW FROM CORNWALL STREET



VIEW FROM CORNWALL STREET LOOKING AT RIGHT SIDE YARD



VIEW FROM LEFT (SOUTHEAST) SIDE YARD LOOKING TOWARDS REAR YARD



VIEW FROM REAR YARD LOOKING AT RIGHT SIDE YARD



VIEW LOOKING AT RIGHT (NORTHWEST) SIDE YARD

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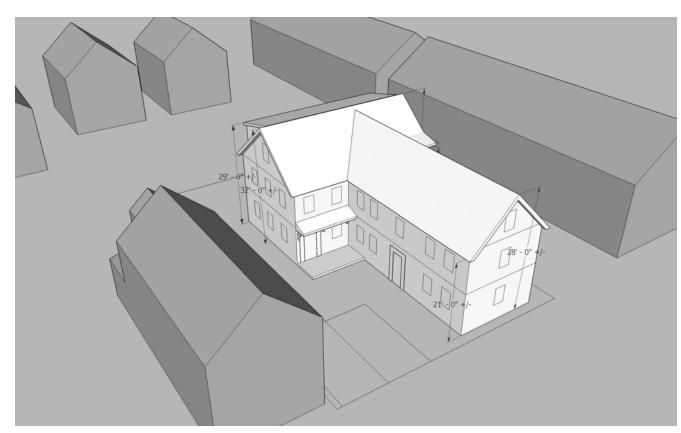
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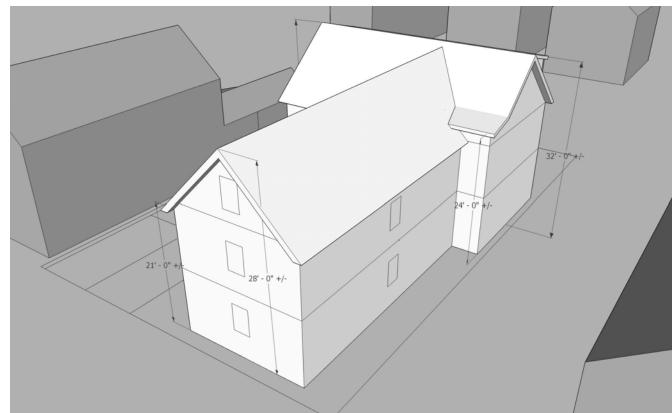
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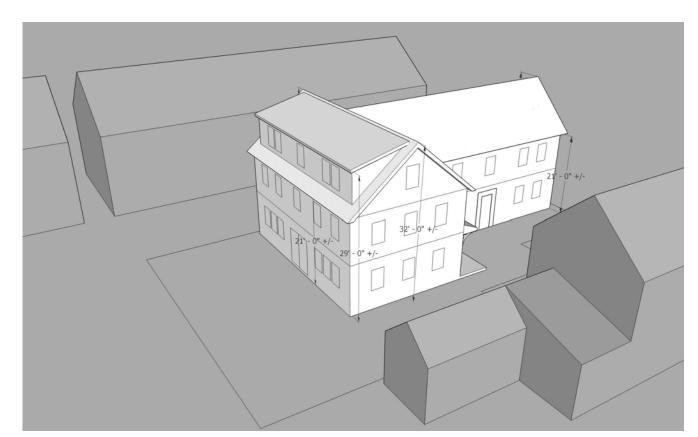
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AERIAL VIEW FROM LEFT SIDE / FRONT YARD



AERIAL VIEW FROM RIGHT SIDE / FRONT YARD



AERIAL VIEW FROM LEFT SIDE / REAR YARD



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50 CORNWALL ST

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PROPERTY DENSITY DATA						
KEYNOTE	ADDRESS	NUMBER OF UNITS	REQUIRED SQUARE FEET PER UNIT	SQUARE FEET PER UNIT	COMMENTS	
01	50 CORNWALL STREET	2	3,500 SF	2,000 SF		
02	40 CORNWALL STREET	1	3,500 SF	2,400 SF		
03	275 ISLINGTON STREET	14	3,000 SF	1,724.5 SF	CD4-L2	
04	35 ROCKINGHAM STREET	3	3,500 SF	1,386 SF		
05	45 ROCKINGHAM STREET	1	3,500 SF	2,835 SF		
06	49 ROCKINGHAM STREET	1	3,500 SF	2,430 SF		
07	98 McDONOUGH STREET	4	3,500 SF	925 SF		
08	80 McDONOUGH STREET	4	3,500 SF	795 SF		
09	40 ROCKINGHAM STREET	1	3,500 SF	3,500 SF		
10	44 ROCKINGHAM STREET	2	3,500 SF	1,524 SF		
11	89 McDONOUGH STREET	1	3,500 SF	1,306 SF		
12	63 McDONOUGH STREET	2	3,500 SF	1,306.5 SF		
13	57 McDONOUGH STREET	1	3,500 SF	1,742 SF		
14	51 McDONOUGH STREET	1	3,500 SF	1,306 SF		
15	72 LANGDON STREET	1	3,500 SF	1,306 SF		
16	68 McDONOUGH STREET	1	3,500 SF	1,306 SF		
17	64 McDONOUGH STREET	1	3,500 SF	1,306 SF		
18	58 McDONOUGH STREET	1	3,500 SF	1,306 SF		
19	48 LANGDON STREET #50	2	3,500 SF	4,791.5 SF		
20	28 LANGDON STREET	5	3,500 SF	1,306 SF		
21	239 ISLINGTON STREET	7	3,000 SF	1,804.5 SF	CD4-L2	
22	249 ISLINGTON STREET	11	3,000 SF	712 SF	CD4-L2	
23	43 CORNWALL STREET	6	3,500 SF	1,379 SF		
24	28 McDONOUGH STREET	8	3,500 SF	326 SF		
25	47 LANGDON STREET	1	3,500 SF	3,920 SF		
26	37 LANGDON STREET	2	3,500 SF	1,960 SF		
27	25 LANGDON STREET	1	3,500 SF	1,742 SF		
28	21-23 LANGDON STREET	2	3,500 SF	1,742 SF		

RED INDICATES VIOLATING DENSITY

GRAPHIC KEY

: 50 CORNWALL STREET GENERALL RESIDENCE DISTRICT C

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: UNDER 3,000 SF PER UNIT CD4-L2 DISTRICT

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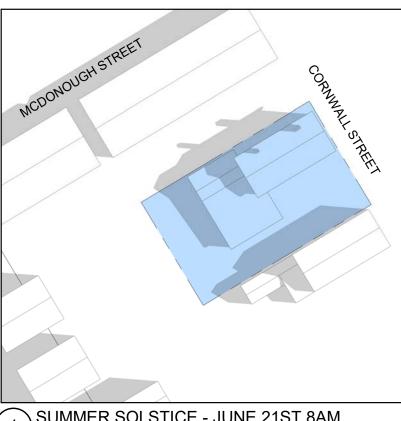


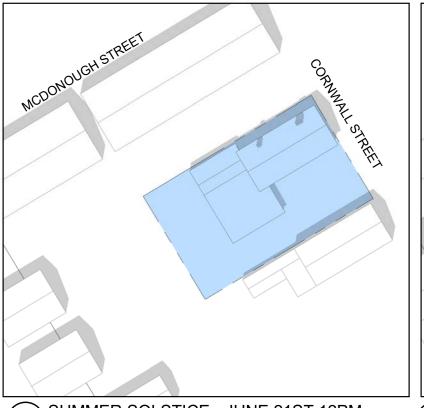
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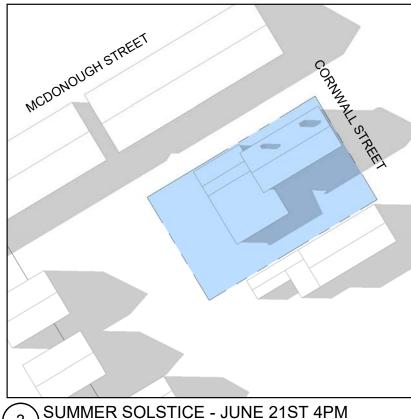
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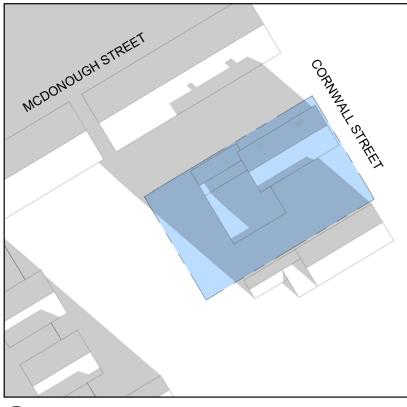




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WINTER SOLSTICE - DECEMBER 21ST 12PM

6 WINTER SOLSTICE - DECEMBER 21ST 3PM

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EXISTING SHADOW STUDY

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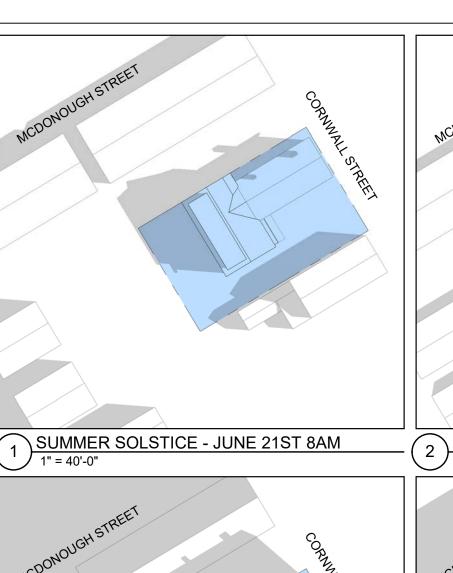
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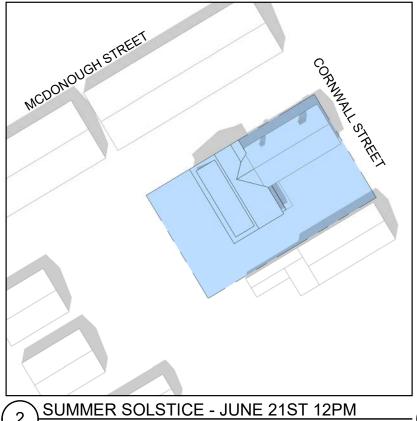
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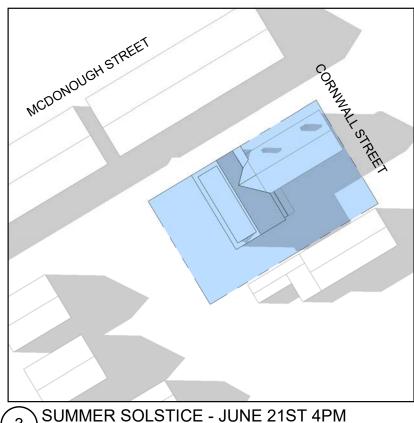
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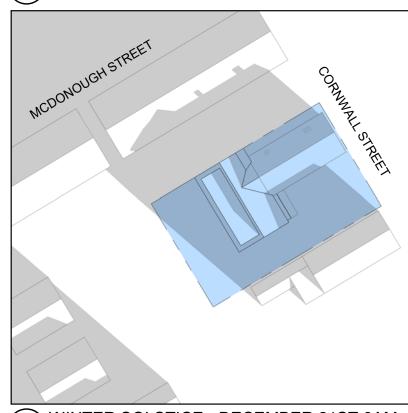
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IMAGE OF PROPERTIES NUMBERED 21 / 22



IMAGE OF PROPERTIES NUMBERED 03 / 22



IMAGE OF PROPERTY NUMBERED 03



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IMAGE OF PROPERTIES NUMBERED 03-07 / 09-10

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ATTN: Zoning Board of Adjustment

RE: March 16, 2021 Meeting

64 Vaughan Mall Restoration Portsmouth, NH 03801

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64 VAUGHAN STREET, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE Tax Map 126 Lot 1 64 VAUGHAN MALL, LLC

APPLICANT'S NARRATIVE

THE APPLICANT

The Applicant, 64 Vaughan Mall, LLC, acquired the property at 64 Vaughan Street, formerly the home of Cabot Furniture, in September, 2020. The Applicant's principal, Steven P. Wilson, and his development team at Hampshire Development Corp. have recently successfully redeveloped the Connie Bean Center on Daniel Street and the former Shaines/Coldwell Banker building at 25 Maplewood Avenue, which directly abuts this site. They bring a wealth of experience to the adaptive re-use and redevelopment of historic properties in downtown Portsmouth.

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 abuts the rear alley which connects Hanover street to the Worth Parking Lot. The existing structure dominates the site, and is built right up to or very close to its lot lines on the Vaughan Mall and the Worth Lot.

Built in the late 19th century as a 3 story brick and heavy timber structure with a flat roof and full basement, the 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 toward what is now the Worth Lot, with an addition constructed of essentially the same materials and form. A single story "modern" block addition with a shed roof was added mid-century toward the rear facing Hanover Street and was utilized as a loading dock for shipping and receiving for Cabot Furniture. Notably, 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, the mural has significantly degraded along with the facade of the building.

The only public access to the building is via the 75' of frontage on the Vaughan Mall, leaving long expanses of blank walls along the Worth Lot, the rear alley and the Hanover Street frontage with no entry or other focal points. This provides no pedestrian interface with the building on three sides. In fact, circumnavigating the building on foot requires walking in active vehicle

traffic lanes for an extended distance with no connectivity to the building or the Vaughan Mall from Maplewood Avenue, Hanover Street or the rest of downtown to the West, South and East.

The current condition of the building is substandard. The building is largely void of modern utility and mechanical systems with existing water, sewer, drainage, HVAC and fire protection all failing to meet modern standards and capacities.

The structure itself has not received any significant upgrades or improvements in over 70 years. The roof has failed in areas, allowing moisture penetration and threatening the integrity of the structure. Most of the original windows have been infilled and the brick facade has been painted on four sides with a product that has trapped moisture, causing extensive spalling of the masonry. The inside of the existing structure, although retaining some very worthwhile architectural features and wide open space with high ceilings, etc., is laden with asbestos and other environmental contaminants which must be removed and remediated. Finally, the shape and size of the structure presents a very monolithic and unappealing facade that does not enhance its surroundings, promote its history or engage the pedestrian at the street level.

THE PROPOSED PROJECT

In light of the building and site conditions, the Applicant seeks to rehabilitate and remediate the structure to convert the property into an attractive, mixed use project that will make a significant contribution to the vibrancy of the Vaughan Mall and its strategic location downtown. In order to successfully execute the necessary improvements, the Applicant needs to incorporate an additional 8,600 sq. ft. of building space.

The Applicant's specific plan for the property includes an additional, stepped-back, fourth story over the existing three story structure. Underground parking in the existing basement is provided via access from Hanover Street, and will more than replace the surface parking that will be removed to accommodate the proposed public pocket park. The ground floor would be developed as commercial space and would include the creation of a sidewalk, entries and storefronts along the Worth Lot façade, all of which will serve to activate the Vaughan Mall area. The limited vertical expansion of the existing building will moderate the monolithic, box-like form of the building by adding a third dimension to the building and a softening of its form. This will require a variance from the 40' existing elevation otherwise allowed in this zoning district.

Although existing zoning would allow a zero lot line expansion of approximately 8-10K square feet of new building volume at the existing parking area along Hanover Street, the Applicant is instead proposing to vertically expand the existing historic structure and replace the existing surface parking at the Hanover Street side with a new pocket park. If the Applicant does not receive the necessary variances, it is ready to proceed with this alternate design, plans for which are also included with this application. The Applicant believes this would be unfortunate, as the pocket park would represent the only true green space in the vicinity, and this tradeoff would benefit the neighborhood and surrounding properties far more than strict adherence to the height requirement would.

It should be noted that, as proposed, 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. Accordingly, the massing and scale of the proposed additions will not be out of place here.

The proposal contemplates a number of improvements to the Worth Lot: a minor reconfiguration of parking spaces, and the installation of curbing, brick sidewalks and landscaping. This will require City approval independent of the zoning relief here sought. This is necessitated by new façade proposed for the Worth Lot side of the building. The results and impacts, as illustrated by the attached site plan and elevations, will be profoundly positive for the Worth Lot and Vaughan Mall. The proposal will result in no net loss of parking, improvements in ADA compliance for pedestrians and handicap parking, the creation of significant green space annexed to the Vaughan Mall and the completion of the pedestrian connection from Hanover Street, Maplewood Avenue, and the Worth Lot to the Vaughan Mall and the adjacent businesses. It will balance the pedestrian and vehicular experience for this active area with no functional downside to either. Additionally, the Applicant proposes to reactivate the existing infilled windows with new windows and doors, eliminating the blank wall along the Worth Lot façade, with an emphasis on maintaining the historic value in form and function on all sides of the building. A 1:3 replica of the original 'Whaling Wall' will be commissioned by a local artist.

At the time of this submission, this project has undergone preliminary design review from the Planning Board and has been the subject of two TAC sessions, all of which have been overwhelmingly positive. It has been submitted to the HDC, where the Applicant is confident it will obtain final approval. The Applicant looks forward to incorporating the Commission's feedback into the ultimate design, however we do not anticipate the zoning relief requested from this Board will change. The project must complete full site review before the Planning Board, and obtain the necessary authorization(s) from the City Council regarding the improvements and modifications contemplated within the Worth Lot.

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

The project as proposed requires variances from Section 10.5A41.100 to permit the following:

- a secondary front yard (Hanover Street side) of 50.2 feet where 5 feet is the maximum allowed.
- building height of 54.5 feet at the peak, 52.5 feet to midpoint, and four stories where 40 feet and three stories is the maximum allowed.

In summary, the project will result in a significant net gain in on-site parking, the creation of much needed public green space, and a number of improvements to the Worth Lot that will enhance connectivity throughout the area.

VARIANCE CRITERIA

The Applicant believes that this project meets the criteria necessary for granting the 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 mixed commercial/residential development exists and is encouraged by our zoning. The health, safety and welfare of the public will be vastly improved given the proposed pedestrian improvements to the Worth Lot and the creation of a public pocket park where surface parking primarily exists today.

The essentially urban character of the neighborhood will not be altered in any fashion by this project, nor would 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 necessary reconfigurations to the Worth Lot with result in a marked enhancement of the area. The project must obtain further approval from the HDC and proceed through site plan approval at the Planning Board, in addition to approval from the City Council for changes to the Worth Lot, 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 here proposed. The secondary front yard on Hanover Street will be less non-conforming than it is today, and surface parking will be replaced by even more underground parking (20 spaces) with a well-designed and landscaped pocket park.

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 variances. The proposed uses are permitted in this zone by right. The surrounding properties and those in the vicinity have similar or taller heights as proposed here. The proposed additions will

also sit mostly within the footprint of the existing building. The addition of a pocket park and the improved access to the Vaughan mall will only enhance the values of surrounding properties. The Applicant will be spending millions of dollars to rehabilitate and redevelop this property.

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 property is currently non-conforming as to secondary front yard setback, and the proposal would bring it into slightly greater conformity, and will replace the existing surface parking with a much more appealing public pocket park. 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. The structure itself is a historic building in need of substantial remediation and redevelopment.

<u>The use is a reasonable use</u>. The proposed mixed residential/commercial use 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 Applicant is proposing to redevelop a historically significant building in the heart of downtown. The Hanover Street secondary front yard is already non-compliant and will become slightly less so. The purpose of minimum front yard setbacks in the Character Districts is to promote an active, vibrant street front and eliminate "missing tooth" properties. The proposed pocket park accomplishes these goals, while adding much needed public green space to the area. The additional height requested is necessary to obtain the developable square footage needed to justify the massive investment the Applicant must undertake to remediate this property and to activate and connect the Worth Lot façade to the Vaughan Mall. The building will not in any manner dominate or be out of scale with any of the neighboring properties. Strict compliance with the minimum secondary front yard and height requirements will come at the expense of the proposed public pocket park. There is no fair and substantial relationship between the purposes of these requirements and their application to this property.

I. Conclusion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

John K. Bosen, Esquire

DATE: February 24, 2021

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64 VAUGHAN MALL BUILDING RESTORATION

64 Vaughan Mall, Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Owner:64 Vaughan Mall LLC

Assessor's Parcel 126, Lot 1
ISSUED FOR PLANNING BOARD CONSULTATION

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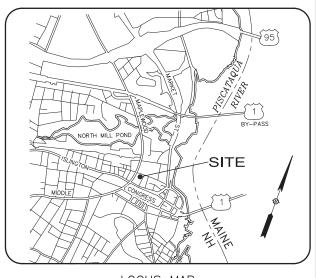
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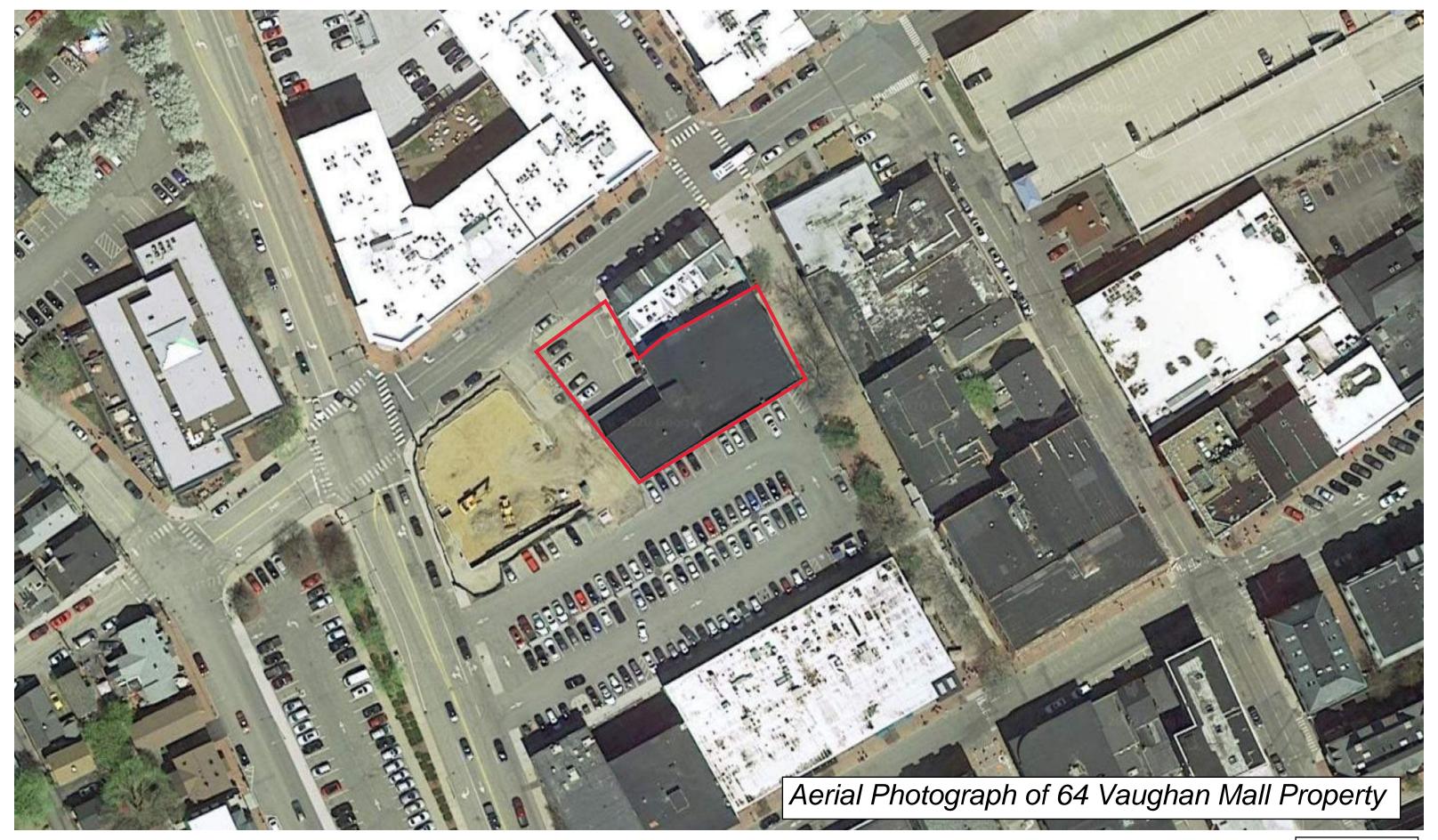
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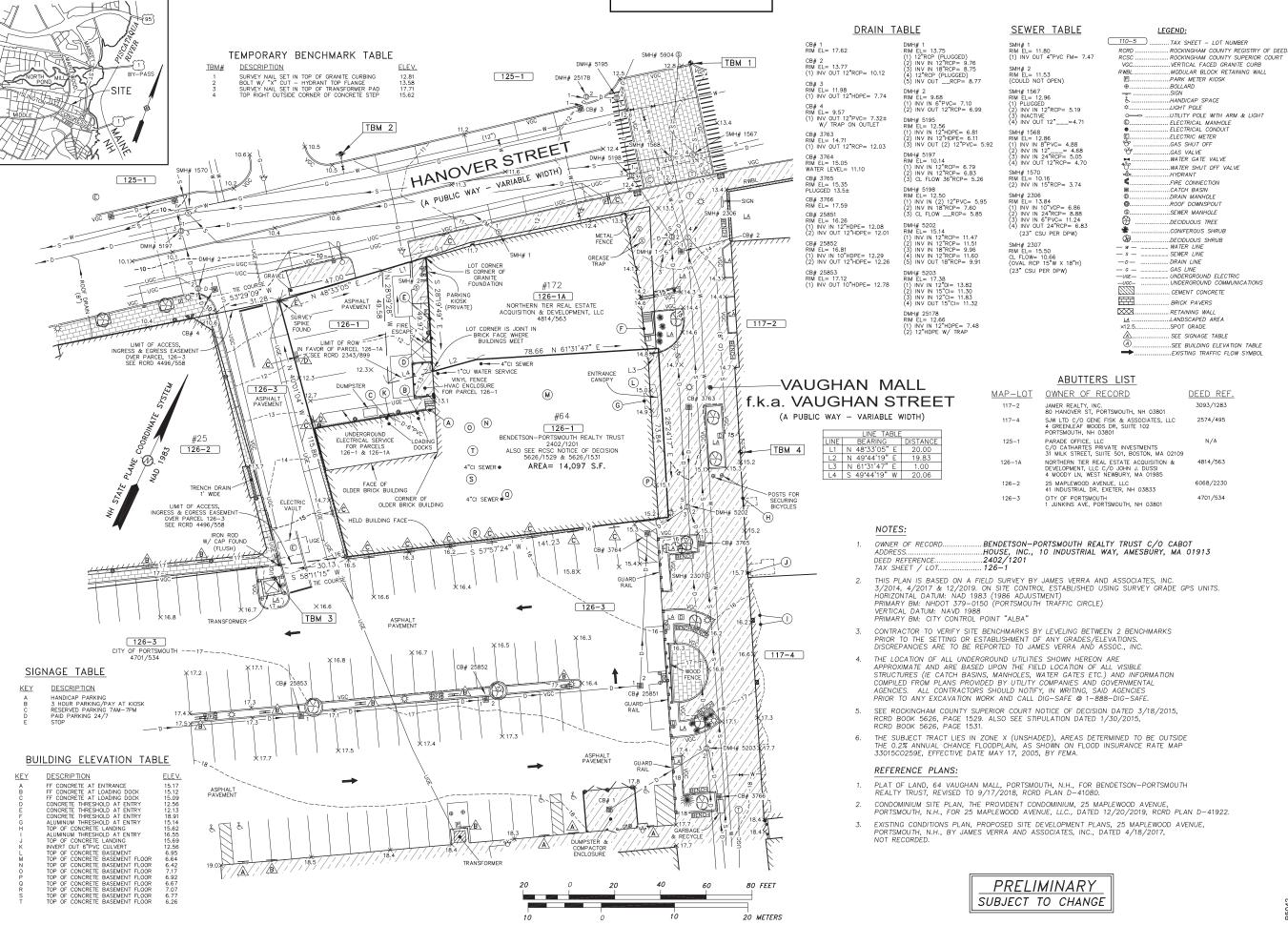






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OWNER:

BENDETSON-PORTSMOUTH REALTY TRUST C/O CABOT HOUSE, INC. 10 INDUSTRIAL WAY AMESBURY, MA 01913

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL 126-1

PROJECT:

PROPOSED SITE DEVELOPMENT PLANS

64 VAUGHAN MALL PORTSMOUTH, N.H.

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EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN

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DESIGN INTENT — THIS PLAN IS INTENDED TO DEPICT THE RETROFIT OF THE EXISTING BUILDING TO INCLUDE A ± 663 S.F. FOOTPRINT EXPANSION, A FOURTH FLOOR, UNDERGROUND PARKING GARAGE, RETAIL SPACE, 12 RESIDENTIAL UNITS. GREEN SPACE AND A SIDEWALK, MODIFIED PARKING SPACES AND GREEN 7 SPACE ON THE ABUTTING WORTH LOT.

2. THE BASE PLAN USED HERE WAS DEVELOPED FROM "EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN, 64 VAUGHAN MALL, PORTSMOUTH, NH" BY JAMES VERRA AND ASSOCIATES, INC., DATED FEBRUARY 3, 2020.

3. ZONE: CD5 (CHARACTER 5) M (MUNICIPAL) FOR OFFSITE IMPROVEMENTS ON WORTH LOT OVERLAY: DOWNTOWN OVERLAY DISTRICT HISTORIC OVERLAY DISTRICT

DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS: **EXISTING** PROPOSED FRONT YARD: 5' (VAUGHAN MALL) ±4.3' SAME SECONDARY FRONT YARD: 5' (HANOVER ST.) ±50.2 ±58.1 SIDE YARD: SAME SAME SAME REAR YARD: 5' (ALLEY) FRONT LOT LINE BUILDOUT: 80% WIDTH MIN. 100% MAX. BUILDING BLOCK: MAX FACADE MODULATION: 100' MAX. ENTRANCE SPACING: ±75.7% MAX. BUILDING COVERAGE: 95% ±70.0% MAX. BUILDING FOOTPRINT: 20,000 S.F. MIN. LOT AREA: NR +10 008 S.F. ±10,671 S.F MIN. LOT AREA: 14,097 S.F. MIN. LOT AREA/DWELLING: NR MIN. OPEN SPACE: +13.9% ±1,963 S.F. MAX. GND. FLR. GFA/USE: 15,000 S.F. >15,000 S.F. SAME 3 STORIES OR 40' MAX. BUILDING HEIGHT: ±40' ±53.75' PENTHOUSE HEIGHT: MAX. HFIGHT +2'

MAX. GROUND FLOOR FFE: SIDEWALK GRADE +3' MAX. GROUND FLOOR THE.
MIN. GND. FLR. STORY HT.: 12' MIN. FACADE GLAZING:

70% (SHOPFRONT) FLAT, GABLE, HIP, GAMBREL, MANSARD 6:12 TO 12:12 (GABLE)

PARKING REQUIREMENTS: DWELLING UNITS: 1.3 SPACES / DWELLING UNIT OVER 750 S.F. 12 UNITS x 1.3 = 15.6 SPACES REQUIRED

VISITOR PARKING: 1 SPACE / 5 DWELLING UNITS (FOR LOT w/OVER 4 UNITS) 12 UNITS / 5 = 2.4 SPACES REQUIRED NON-RESIDENTIAL USE: NR

6:12 TO 30:12 (MANSARD/GAMBREL)

DOWNTOWN OVERLAY: SUBTRACT 4 SPACES/LOT TOTAL PARKING REQUIRED: 14 SPACES

CONC. WALK

TOTAL PARKING PROVIDED: 20 SPACES (UNDERGROUND)

BASEMENT GARAGE PARKING LAYOUT

21. THIS DEVELOPMENT IS SUBJECT TO LICENSING AGREEMENTS W/ THE CITY

23. ALL SIDEWALKS TO BE CONSTRUCTED WITHIN PROJECT LIMITS SHALL BE BRICK. CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTACTING PORTSMOUTH DPW TO CONFIRM BRICK SPECIFICATIONS.

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22. RESTAURANTS SHALL NOT OCCUPY BUILDING WITHOUT THE INSTALLATION OF A GREASE TRAP MEETING CITY CODE.

24. STREET ADDRESSES FOR EACH USE SHALL BE DETERMINED BY PORTSMOUTH

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41 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE EXETER, NH 0383

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HAMPSHIRE DEVELOPMENT CORP.

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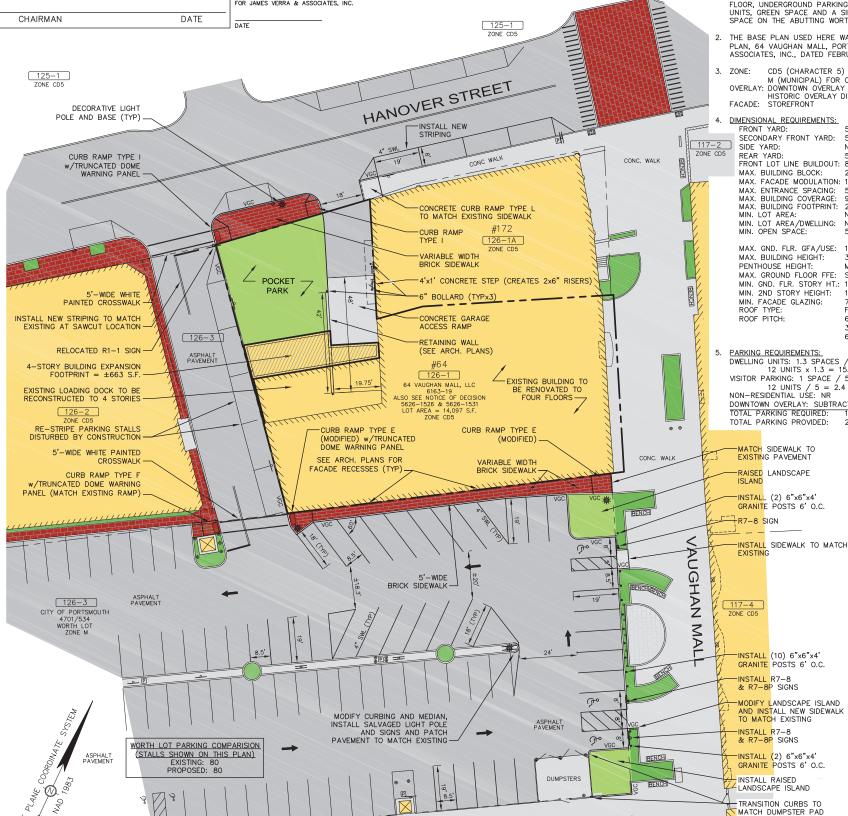
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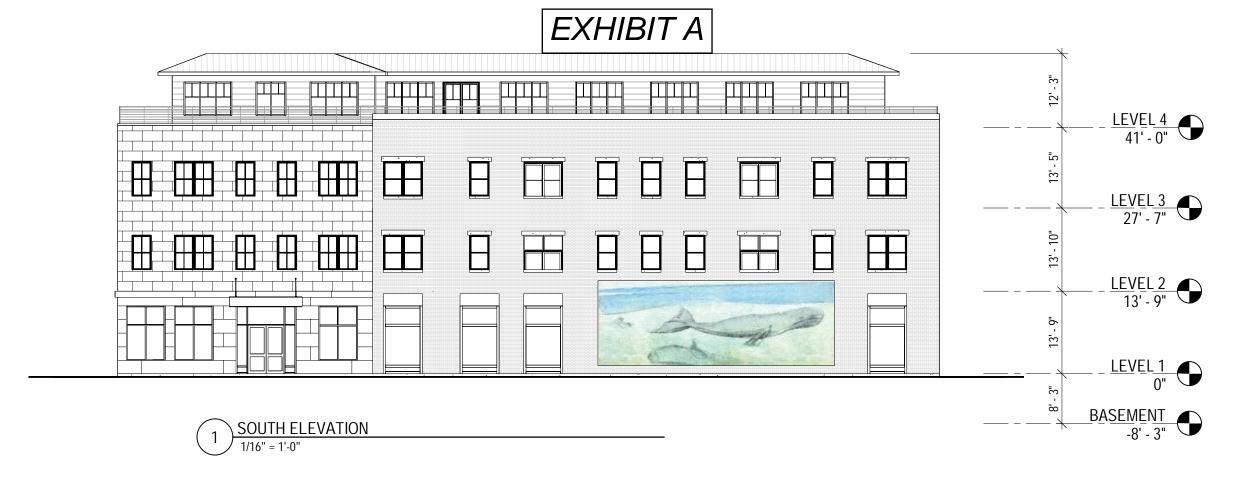
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FOR JAMES VERRA & ASSOCIATES, INC.

APPROVED BY THE PORTSMOUTH PLANNING BOARD

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EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS

64 Vaughan Mall SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0" 02/22/2021

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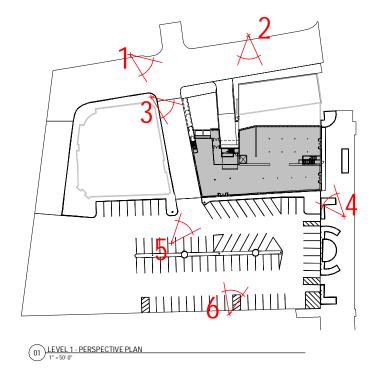


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64 Vaughan Mall

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Architectural Perspective - Proposed

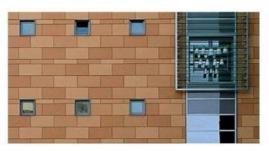
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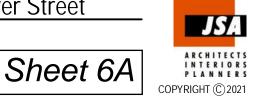


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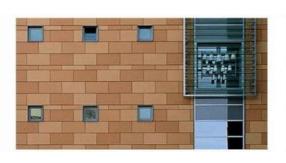
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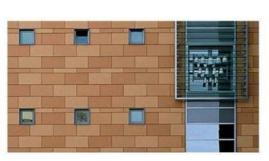
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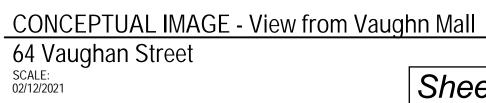














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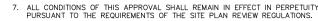
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- 20. TRASH AND RECYCLING SHALL BE STORED INSIDE BUILDING.
- 21. RESTAURANTS SHALL NOT OCCUPY BUILDING WITHOUT THE INSTALLATION OF A GREASE TRAP MEETING CITY CODE.
- 22. STREET ADDRESSES FOR EACH USE SHALL BE DETERMINED BY PORTSMOUTH
- 23. SNOW SHALL BE STORED AT THE EDGE OF PAVEMENT, IN AREAS SHOWN ON THE PLAN, OR TRUCKED OFF SITE



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OWNER:

64 VAUGHAN MALL, LLC

41 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE EXETER, NH 0383

APPLICANT:

HAMPSHIREDEVELOPMENT CORP.

41 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE EXETER, NH 03833

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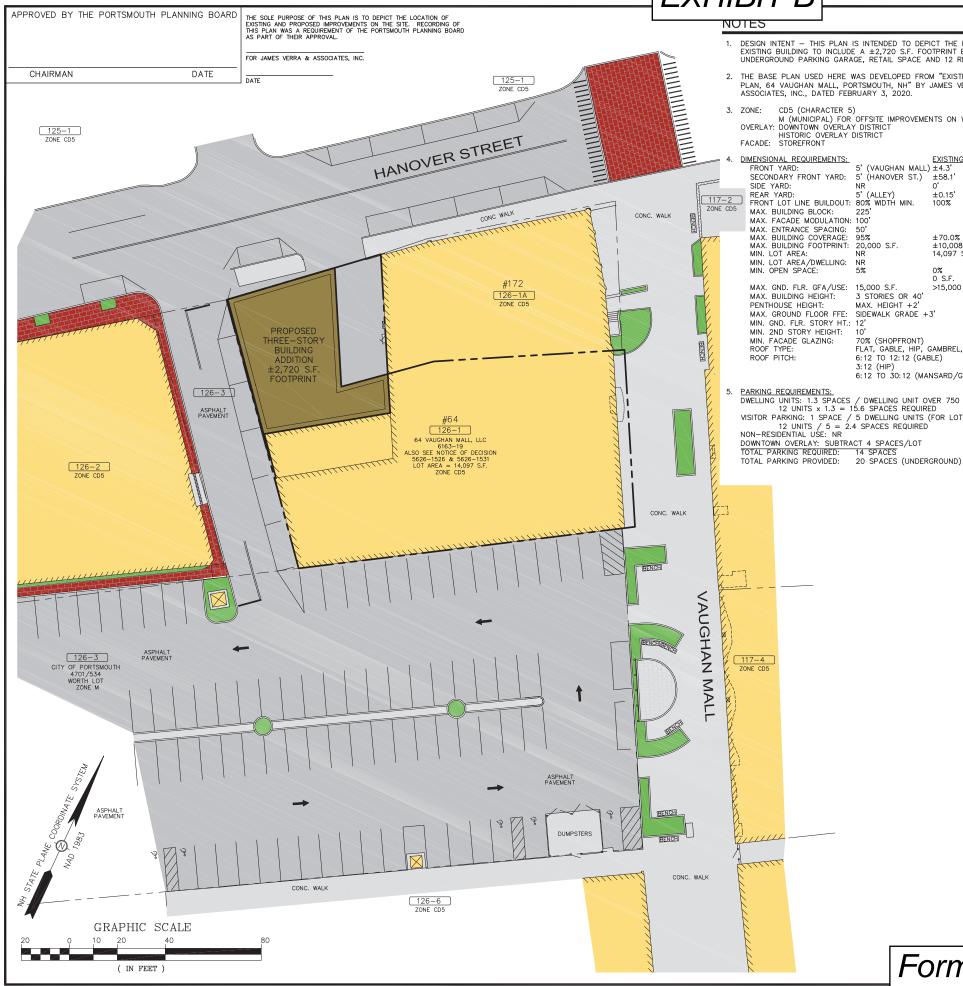
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Form Based Zoning - Site Plan



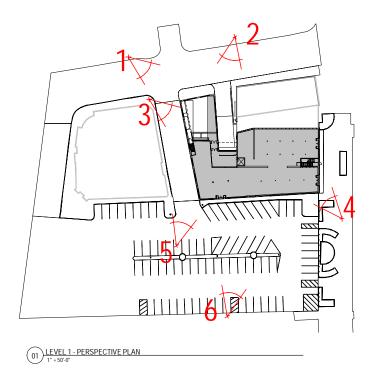






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PERSPECTIVE VIEWS - THREE STORY 64 Vaughan Street

Form Based Zoning - Architectural Perspective

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February 24, 2021

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

RE: Variance Application of SAI Builders LLC 84 Rockingham Street, Tax Map 113, Lot 26

Dear Chairman Rheaume,

Our Office represents SAI BUILDERS LLC. Enclosed herewith, please find the following materials for submission to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for consideration at its next regularly scheduled meeting:

- 1) Landowner Letter of Authorization;
- 2) Narrative to Variance Application;
- 3) Existing Conditions and Variance Site Plan Set;
- 4) Floor Plans and Elevations;
- 4) Photographs of the Property; and
- 5) Tax Map Image of the Property.

Twelve (12) copies of the application submission are being delivered to the City. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the enclosed application materials, do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Derek R. Durbin, Esq.

LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

SAI Builders LLC, of 12 Industrial Way, Salem, New Hampshire 03079, the owner of the property located at 84 Rockland Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801 (the "Property"), hereby authorizes Durbin Law Offices PLLC to act as his agent and representative in connection with any building, zoning, planning or other municipal permit applications filed with the City of Portsmouth for said Property. Said Letter of Authorization shall be valid until expressly revoked in writing.

Anton J Miller	February 24, 2021	
Printed Name: Anton J. Miller	Date	
Duly Authorized		

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION NARRATIVE

SAI Builders LLC (Owner/Applicant) Tax Map 113, Lot 26 84 Rockland Street Portsmouth, NH 03801

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

The Property

SAI Builders LLC (the "Applicant") is the owner of property located at 84 Rockland Street, identified on Portsmouth Tax Map 113, as Lot 26 (the "Property"). The Property is located within Portsmouth's General Residence A ("GRA") Zoning District. The Property is a corner lot with primary frontage on Rockland Street and secondary frontage on Elwyn Avenue. The City assessing records indicate that the single-family home on the Property was constructed in 1920.

The Property consists of 5,492 square feet of land, making it non-conforming with respect to lot area and lot area per dwelling unit. More than half of the home encroaches into the Rockland Street and Elywn Avenue front yard setbacks.

Proposed Renovation

The existing home needs updating and improvement. The Applicant desires to renovate and reconfigure the interior of the home so that it contains a modern floor plan and amenities. This will involve some demolition and reconstruction of certain sections of the home. In addition, the Applicant is proposing to add a garage to the rear of the home, thus expanding the building footprint. The architectural appearance of the home will remain consistent with surrounding properties, including those at 21 and 27 Elwyn Avenue which are also owned by and were designed and built-out by the Applicant. Because more than half of the existing home encroaches into the primary and secondary front yard setbacks, little can be done to improve it without requiring variance relief. The Applicant is not proposing any additional encroachment into the front yard setbacks beyond what exists.

SUMMARY OF VARIANCE RELIEF

The Applicant seeks the following variances:

<u>Section 10.320</u>: To allow a lawfully existing non-conforming structure to be enlarged or extended without achieving compliance with the Ordinance.

<u>Section 10.521</u>: To allow a 4.3' (+/-) secondary front yard setback (Elwyn Ave.) where 8.75' is required¹ (3' exists from stairs);

Section 10.521: To allow a 8.1' (+/-) primary front yard setback (Rockland St.) where 15' is required (8.1' exists)

<u>Section 10.521</u>: To allow 26.7% (+/-) building coverage where 25% is required by the Ordinance.

VARIANCE CRITERIA

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

"There are two methods of ascertaining whether granting a variance would violate an ordinance's basic zoning objectives: (1) 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 goal of GRA Zoning is "to provide areas for **single-family**, **two family** and **multifamily dwellings**, with appropriate **accessory uses**, at moderate to high densities...[.]"

The proposed improvements to the home on the Property will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood. The neighborhood is characterized by "New Englander" style homes with gabled facades that were built in the late 1800s and early 1900s and later improved with dormers, garages and other modern space-creating features to keep up with the evolving needs of homebuyers. The neighborhood can be characterized as moderately dense.

Many of the surrounding properties have homes and outbuildings that encroach into the required setbacks and exceed the minimum building coverage requirement. Almost all of the properties between Rockland Street and Lincoln Avenue to the rear of the Property exceed allowable building coverage. Several of these properties have above 40% building coverage. The increase in building coverage proposed by the Applicant is primarily associated with the 1-stall garage addition to the rear of the home. This addition to the home will not result in an overcrowding of the land or give the Property an overly dense appearance when viewed in the

¹ 8.75' front yard requirement for Elwyn Avenue is based on average alignment provisions contained in Section 10.516 of the Ordinance.

context of the neighborhood. The Property will continue to exceed the Ordinance's open space requirement.

The appearance of the home will only be improved by the proposed renovations and will remain consistent in character to other homes within the neighborhood. As a point of comparison, as improved, the home will be similar in appearance to the homes at 21 and 27 Elwyn Avenue, both of which were designed and built-out by the Applicant.

The proposed renovations to the home will not result in any increase in the existing setback encroachments. In fact, the front yard setback from Elwyn Avenue will be improved with the removal of the stairs to northeastern side of the house. Thus, there will be no additional impact upon the light, air and space of abutting properties beyond what exists. There is only a city park located across from the home on Rockland Street. The homes of the only potentially impacted abutters on Elwyn Avenue are located a considerable distance away from the proposed improvements. One of these homes is presently owned by the Applicant. The other home is owned by the Shone family, who have indicated that they support the requests for relief.

The public health safety and welfare will not be negatively impacted by granting the variances requested. To the contrary, the improvements to the home will help ensure that the public safety, health and welfare is protected. The existing home was constructed in 1920. Any renovations performed on the home will be required to meet current building codes, which is a public benefit.

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); *Malachy Glen Assocs., Inc. v. Town of Chichester,* 155 N.H. 102 (2007).

The application involves relatively minor requests for dimensional relief. There would be no conceivable gain to the public by denying the variances sought.

Like other properties in this area of Portsmouth, the Property is a substandard lot that contains a modest sized home that was constructed well before modern zoning was adopted. More than half of the home is situated within the required front yard setbacks from Rockland Street and Elwyn Avenue. Anything done to improve or expand upon those sections of the home requires variance relief.

The proposed improvements to the home are designed to improve its functionality and appearance. If any of the variances are denied, the Applicant will lose some level of functionality associated with the proposed improvements to the home, which are only designed to benefit it and the values of surrounding properties. Ultimately, granting the variances achieve a better result than denying them. The loss the Applicant in denying the variances clearly outweighs any potential gain to the public.

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

The proposed improvements to the Property will be in keeping with the character of the neighborhood and will give the home a fresh, attractive appearance. This can only serve to benefit the value of surrounding properties.

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

The Property is a corner lot, which makes it inherently unique. In addition, more than half of the home on the Property was constructed within the required front yard setbacks, which means that there are very few ways to improve upon it without having to obtaining variance relief. As existing and proposed, the Property has less building coverage than many of the surrounding properties and more open space. A vast majority of the properties directly to the rear of the Property are more densely developed and exceed allowable building coverage and contain less open space. Taken together, these are special conditions that distinguish the Property from those that surround it.

Owing to these special conditions there is no fair and substantial relationship between the general purposes of the Ordinance provisions and their application to the Property. If the setback variances were denied, the existing encroachments would remain. Moreover, the proposed increase in building coverage makes the Property more consistent with surrounding properties while keeping with the density goals of the GRA Zoning District.

The proposed use is reasonable.

The Property will continue to contain a single-family residence, a use which is permitted by right by GRA Zoning. Granting the variances associated with the improvements is reasonable when you consider that the home was built in its present location long before modern zoning existed in Portsmouth.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the Applicant has demonstrated that it meets the five (5) criteria for granting each of the variances requested. Accordingly, it respectfully requests that the Board approve its Variance Application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dated: February 24, 2021 (as revised on 3/1/2021)

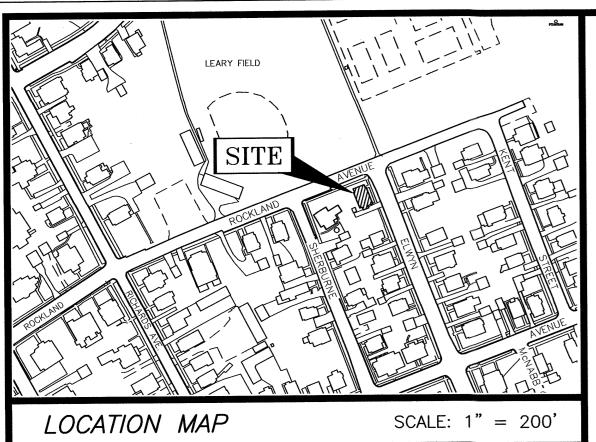
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LEGEND:

$\binom{11}{21}$	MAP 11 / LOT 21
	BOUNDARY SETBACK
•	OVERHEAD ELECTRIC/WIRES
	EDGE OF PAVEMENT (EP)
Ø Ø—•	UTILITY POLE (w/ GUY)
\$\omega \omega \	GAS SHUT OFF
450	WATER SHUT OFF/CURB STOP
GV ————	GATE VALVE
+ HYD + ○+	HYDRANT
	CATCH BASIN
(S)	SEWER MANHOLE
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EL.	ELEVATION
EP	EDGE OF PAVEMENT
F.F.	FINISHED FLOOR
1R	IRON ROD/PIPE

LANDSCAPED AREA

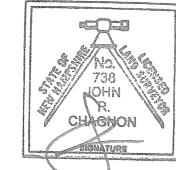
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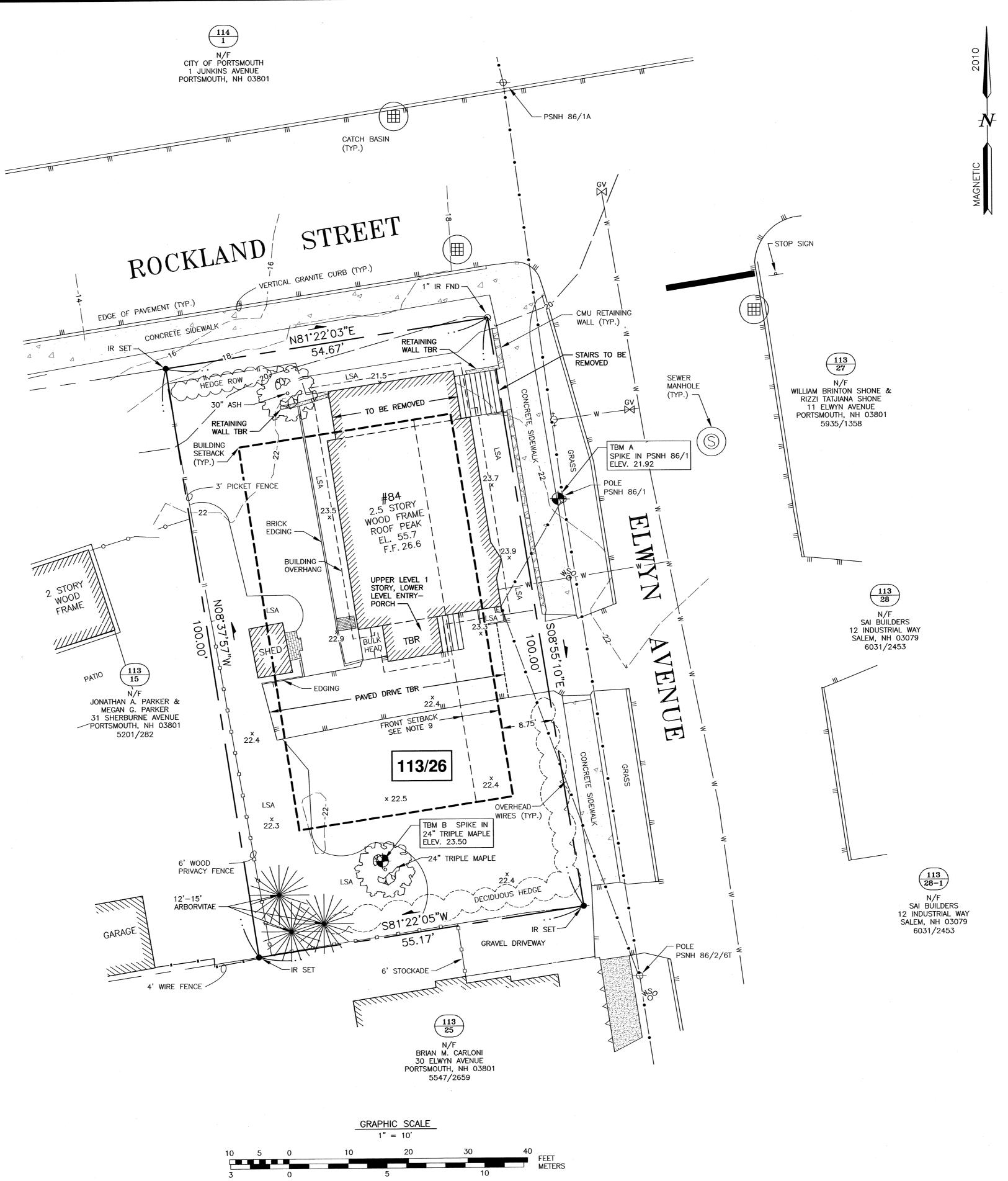
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NOTE

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 SAI BUILDERS

 12 INDUSTRIAL WAY

 SALEM, N.H. 03079

 5201/0282
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 SIDE: 10 FEET
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 MAXIMUM STRUCTURE HEIGHT: 35 FEET
 ROOF APPURTENANCE HEIGHT: 8 FT

MINIMUM OPEN SPACE: 30%

7) THE PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN IS TO SHOW THE EXISTING CONDITIONS ON THE PARCEL SHOWN AS MAP 113 LOT 26 ON THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH TAX MAPS.

MAXIMUM STRUCTURE COVERAGE: 25%

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- 9) PORTSMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 10.516.10 ALLOWS FRONT YARD SETBACKS TO AVERAGE ADJACENT LOTS WITHIN 200 FEET. ON ELWYN AVENUE THE FRONT SETBACK UNDER THIS SECTION IS 8.75 FEET.

PROPOSED ADDITION 84 ROCKLAND STREET PORTSMOUTH, NH

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2	FLOOD HAZARD NOTE, DEMO	2/17/21
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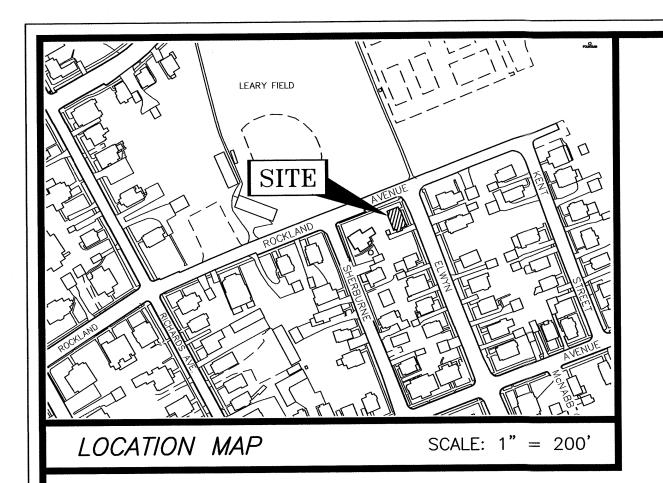
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EXISTING CONDITIONS & DEMOLITION PLAN

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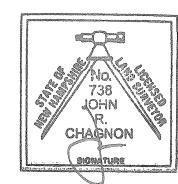
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STRUCTURE	PRE-CONSTRUCTION IMPERVIOUS (S.F.)	POST-CONSTRUCTION IMPERVIOUS (S.F.)			
MAIN STRUCTURE	956	1,252			
SHED	49	49			
PORCH	57	82			
PAVED DRIVEWAY	502	129			
BULKHEAD	21	0			
STAIRS	71	82			
PATIO	16	130			
RETAINING WALL	8	0			
CONCRETE AC PAD	0	28			
TOTAL	1,680	1752			
LOT SIZE	5,492	5,492			
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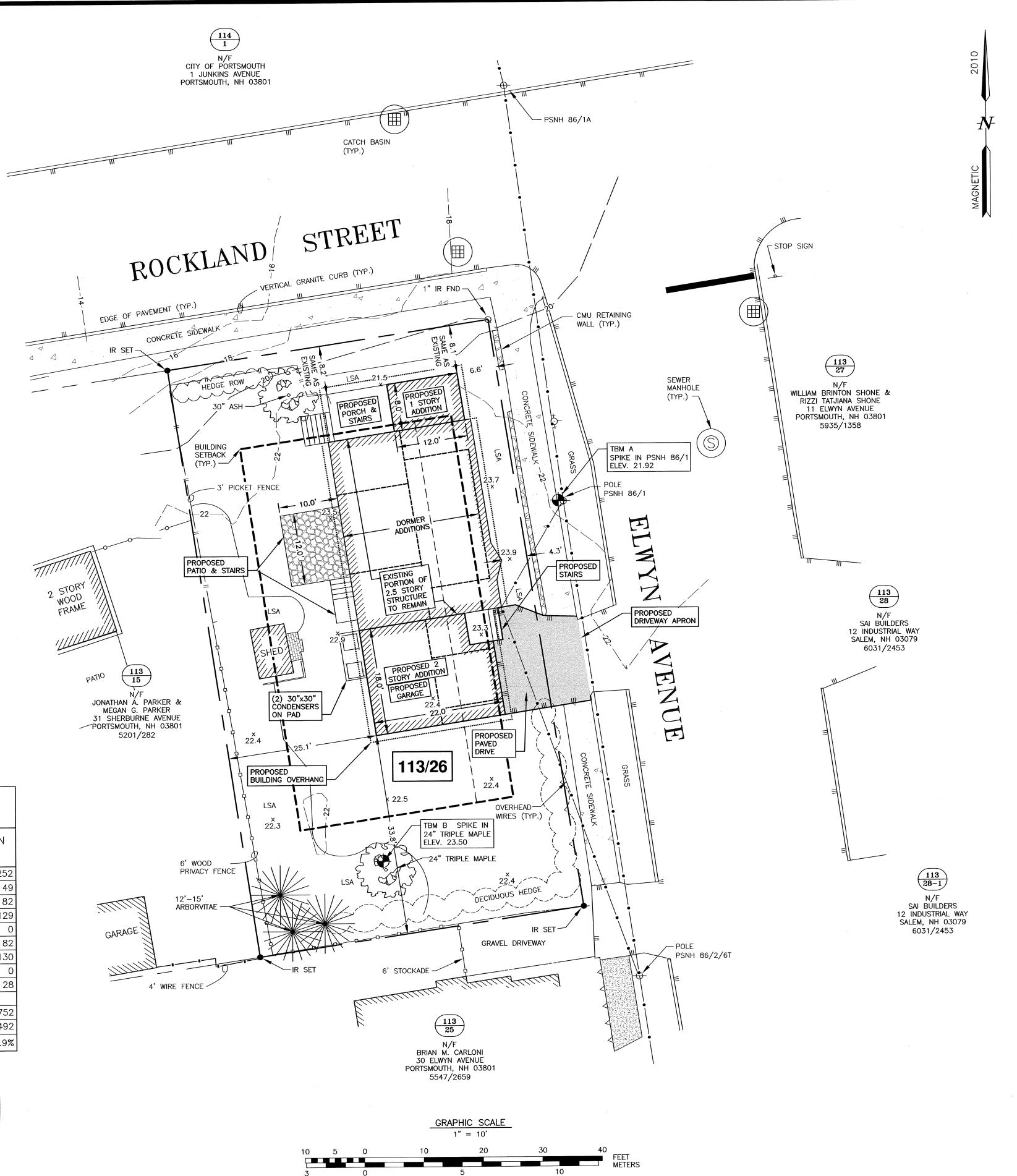
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- 10) PROPOSED STRUCTURE COVERAGE:
 MAIN STRUCTURE: 1,252 S.F.
 SHED: 49 S.F.
 PORCH: 82 S.F.
 STAIRS: 82 S.F.

TOTAL COVERAGE: 1,465 S.F. / 26.7%

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Proposed Rear Elevation

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Proposed Right Elevation

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Proposed Front Elevation

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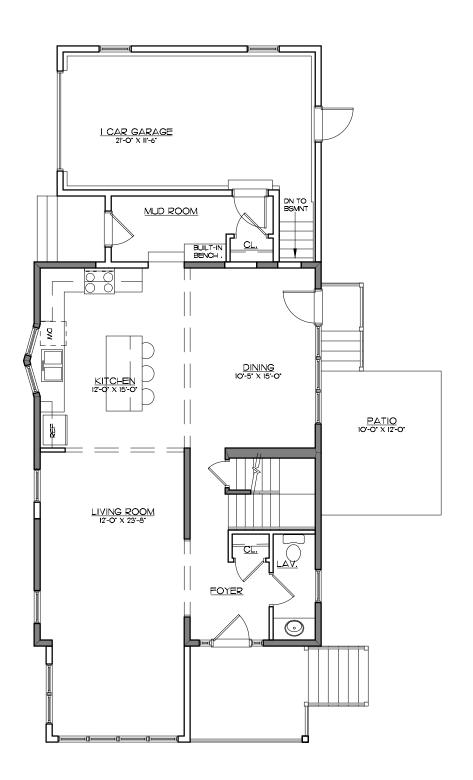
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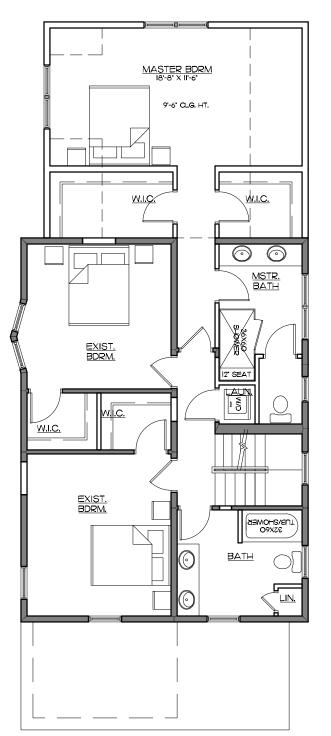
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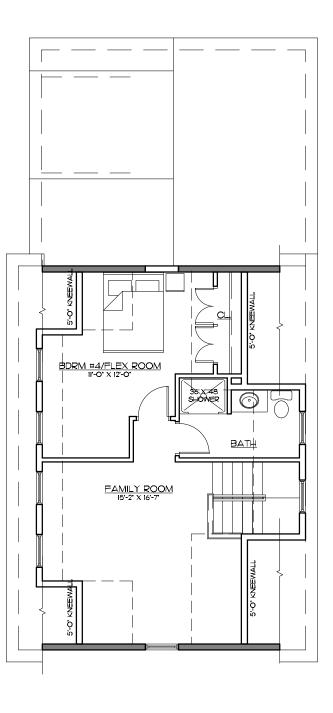
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Proposed First Floor Plan

Proposed Second Floor Plan

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Proposed Third Floor Plan

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