<u>APPLICATION OF 404 ISLINGTON STREET</u> <u>404 Islington Street, Portsmouth, New Hampshire</u> <u>Map 145, Lot 33</u>

APPLICANT'S NARRATIVE

404 Islington Street, LLC seeks a special exception to convert the existing Martin Hill Inn, comprising seven guest units and a caretaker apartment, at the above location into an inn with ten guest units. The property's present, long-standing use as an inn is a nonconforming, grandfathered use. Other than the increase in the number of guest rooms, there are no significant changes to the property proposed beyond the installation of an ADA compliant wheelchair ramp, for which the applicant has already received approval from the Historic District Commission.

The property lies in the CD4-L2 zone, the purpose of which is "to promote the development of walkable, mixed-use, human-scaled places by providing standards for building form and placement and related elements of development." §10.410. The proposed inn use is permitted only by special exception. §10.440.10.30.

The applicant believes the proposal easily meets the criteria for the necessary special exception. Those criteria are set forth in the ordinance at §10.232.20.

First, the use proposed here, "inn," is permitted within this district by special exception, see §10.440 Table of Uses, no. 10.30. §10.232.10.

Second, the proposed use will pose no hazard to the public or adjacent properties on account of potential fire, explosion or release of toxic materials. §10.232.22. No explosives, toxic materials or unusual accelerants will be stored on site.

Third, there will be no detriment to property values in the vicinity or change in the essential characteristics of any area including residential neighborhoods or business and industrial districts on account of the location or scale of buildings and other structures, parking areas, accessways, odor, smoke, gas, dust, or other pollutant, noise, glare, heat, vibration, or unsightly outdoor storage of equipment, vehicles or other materials. §10.232.23. The proposed is entirely consistent with the property's longstanding use as an inn. The building already exists and no new construction, with the minor exception of an ADA compliant wheelchair ramp, is contemplated.

Fourth, there will be no creation of a traffic safety hazard or a substantial increase in the level of traffic congestion in the vicinity. §10.232.23. The existing use is comprised of a seven unit inn with caretaker apartment and has functioned within the vicinity without issue for over thirty years. The applicant has 10 parking spaces where 13 are required, and will seek an appropriate conditional use permit from the Planning Board.

Fifth, there will be no excessive demand on municipal services, including, but not limited to, water, sewer, waste disposal, police and fire protection and schools. §10.232.24. None of these services will be implicated by this proposal.

Finally, the project will result in no significant increase of stormwater runoff onto adjacent property or streets. §10.232.25. There will be no change to the existing building footprint, with the exception of the proposed addition of an ADA compliant wheelchair ramp, which will require HDC approval.

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

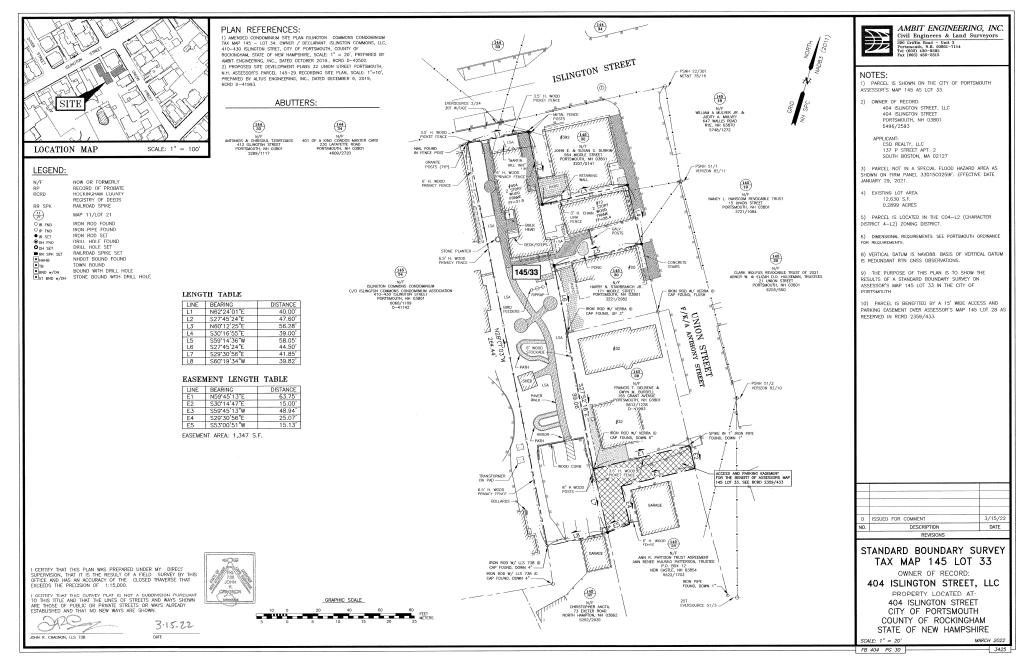
Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 6-14-2022

By: John K. Bosen

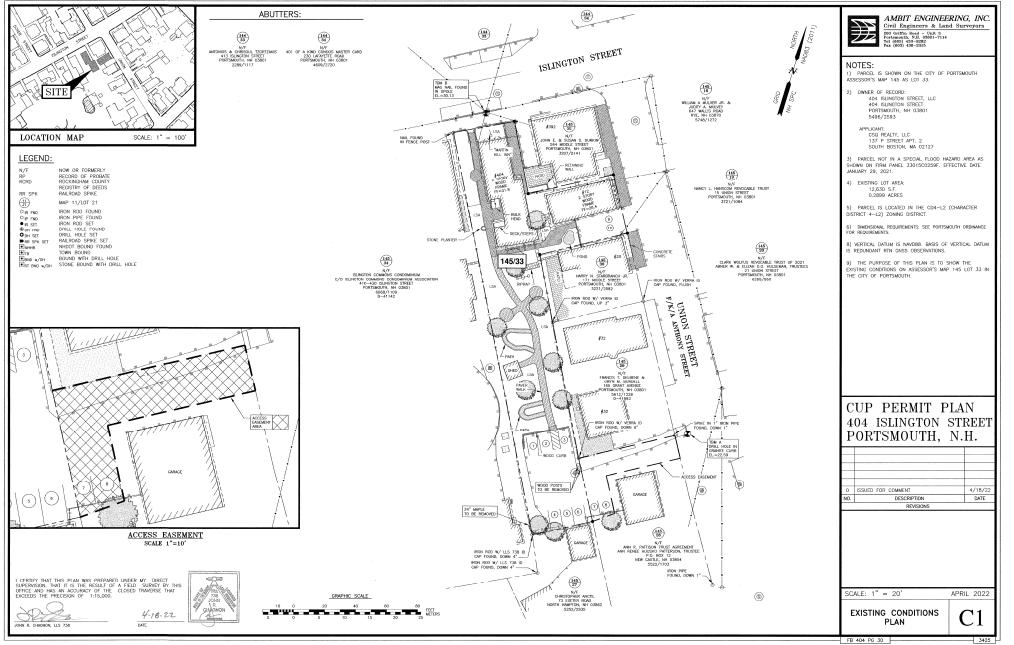
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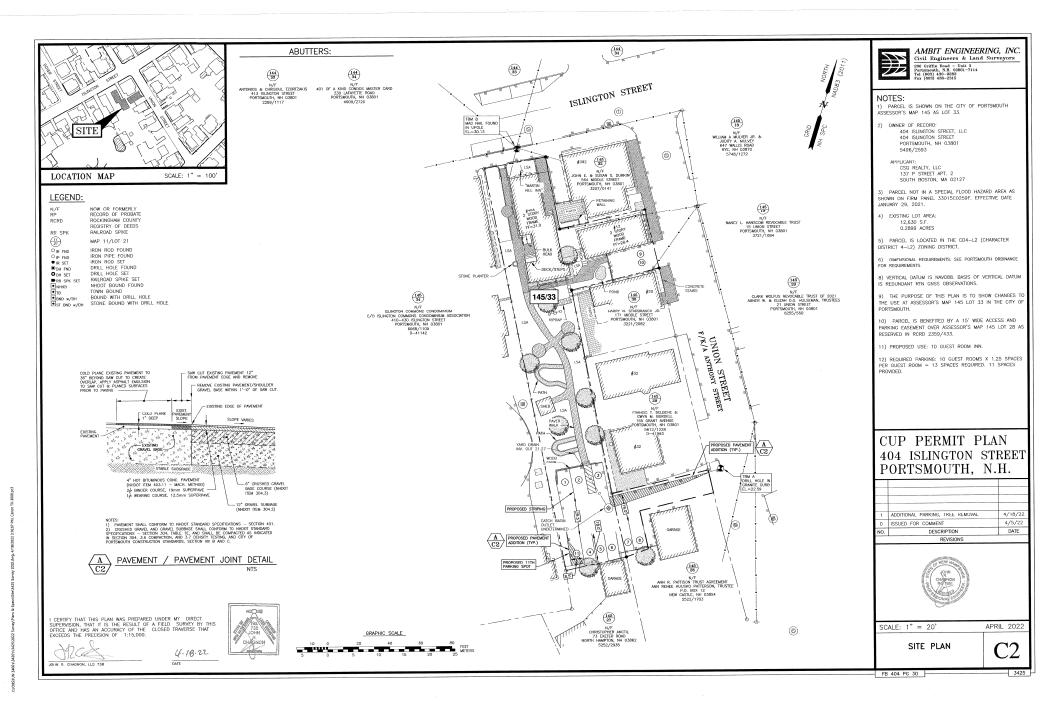




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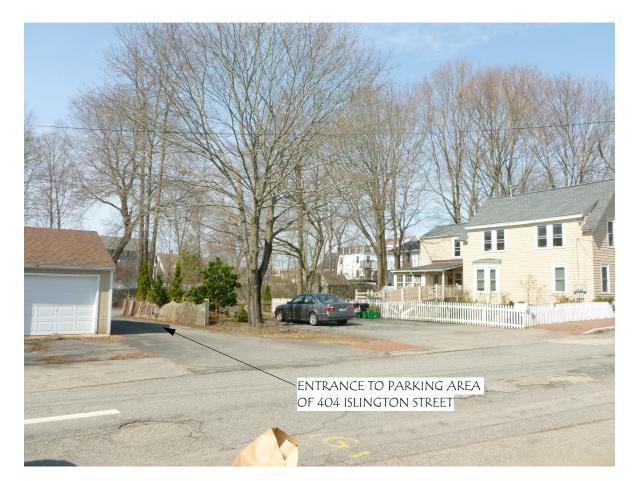
GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION:



ZONING SUMMARY:

ZONING DISTRICT: CD4-L2 LOT SIZE: 12,630 SF **REQUIRED LOT AREA PER DWELLING UNIT:** BVILDING HEIGHT: 35'-O" ALLOWED GROUND FLOOR ABOVE SIDEWALK: 11'-O" MIN MIN GROUND STORY HEIGHT: ~8'-6" EXISTING





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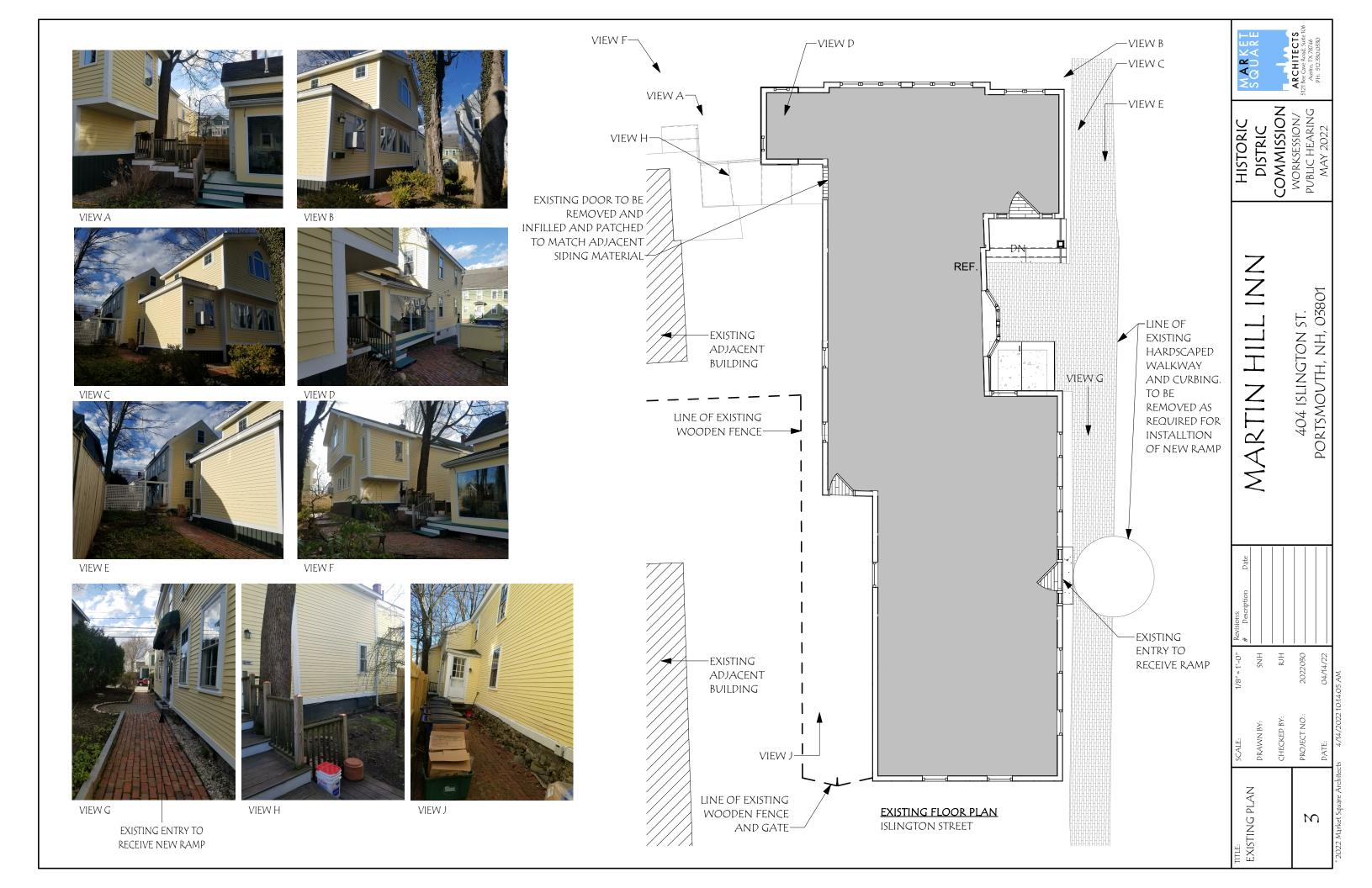


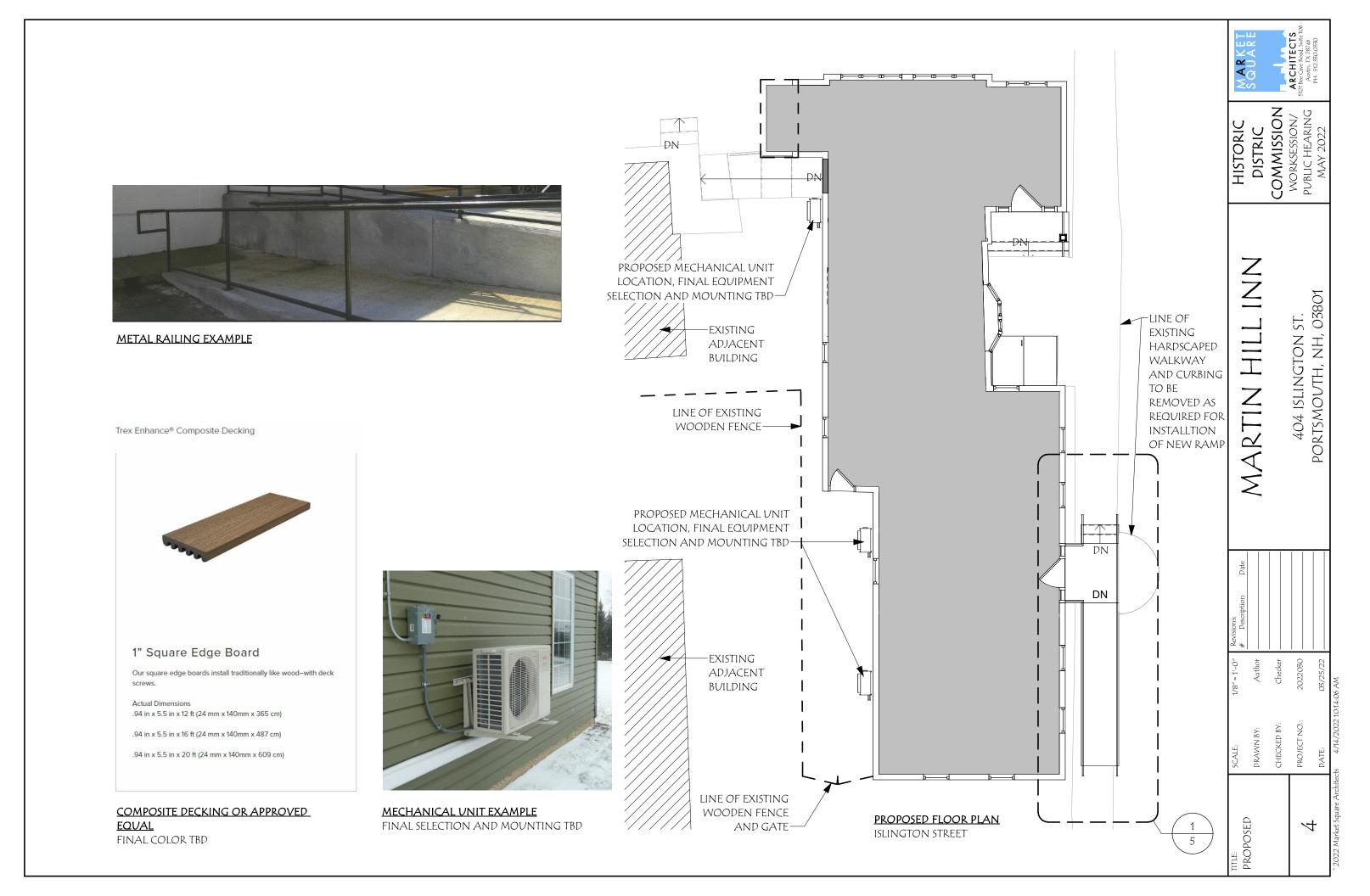
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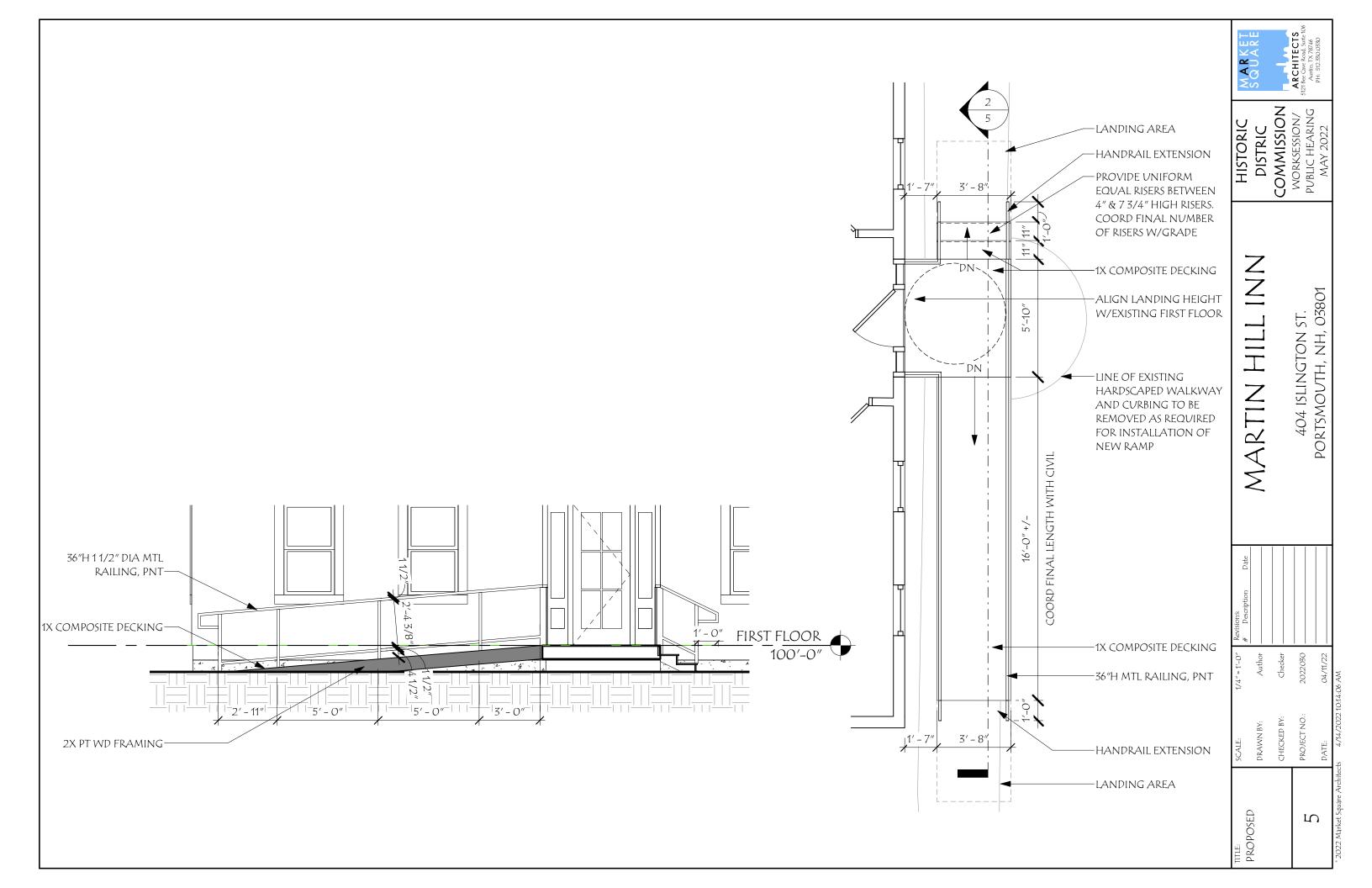
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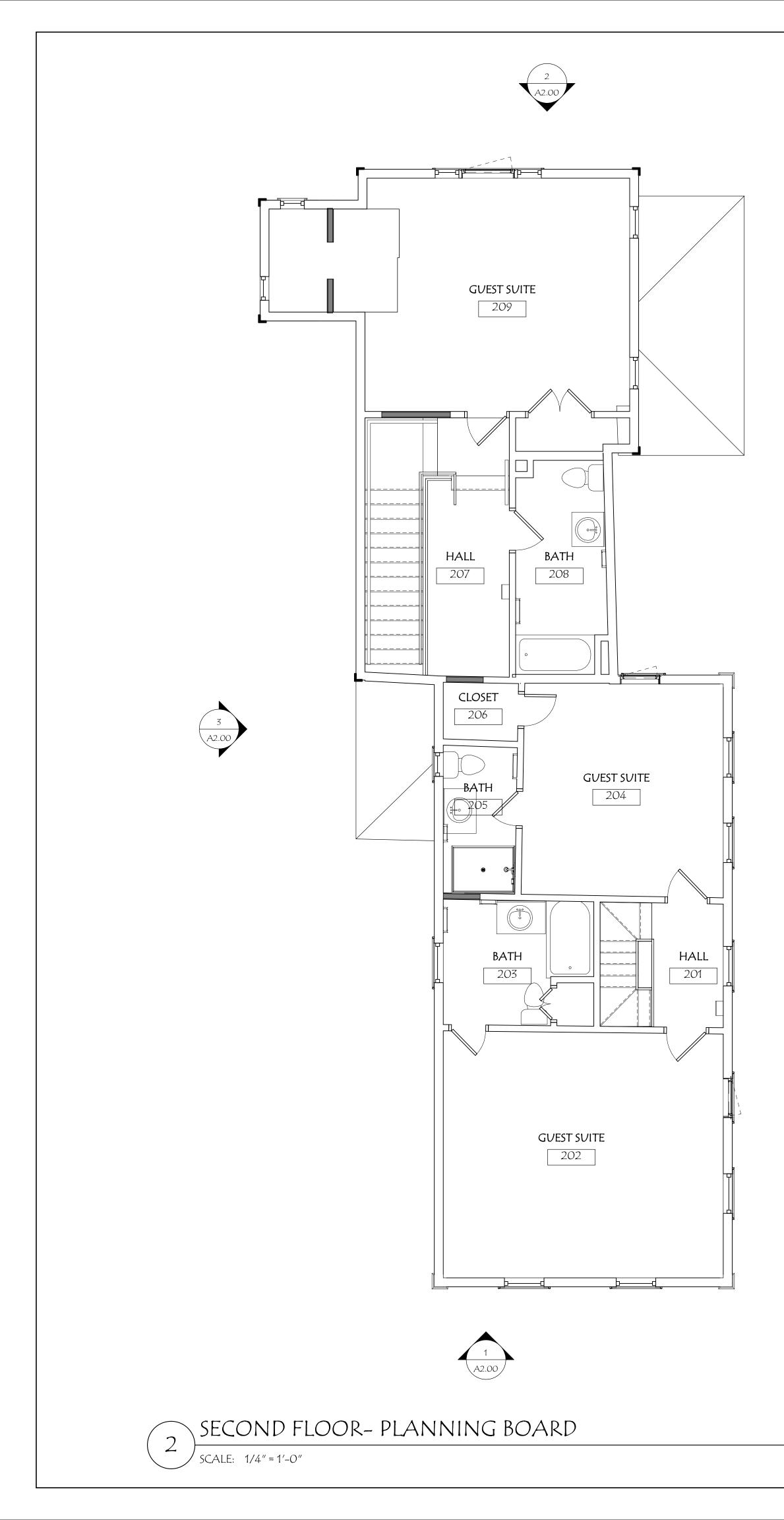


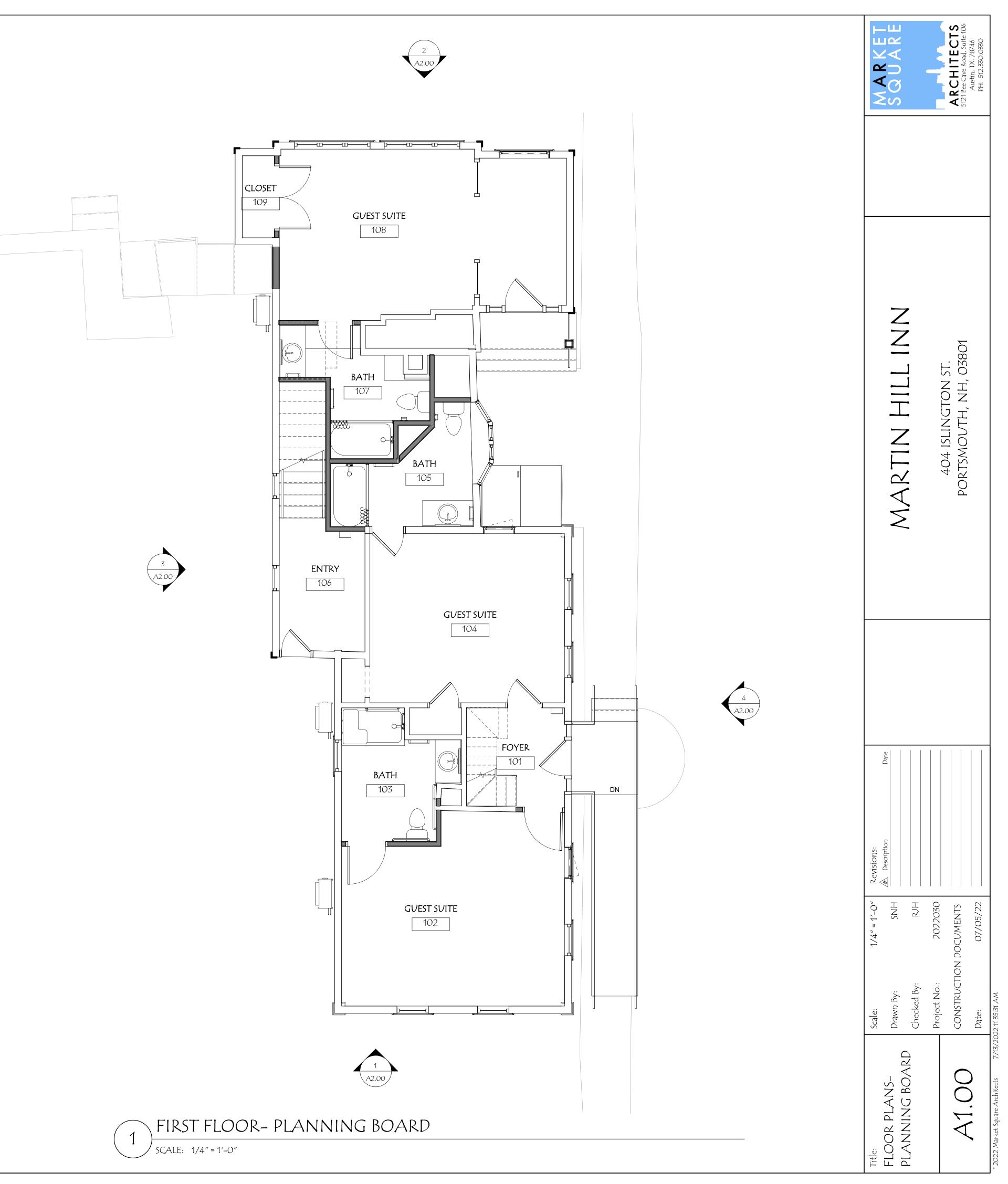
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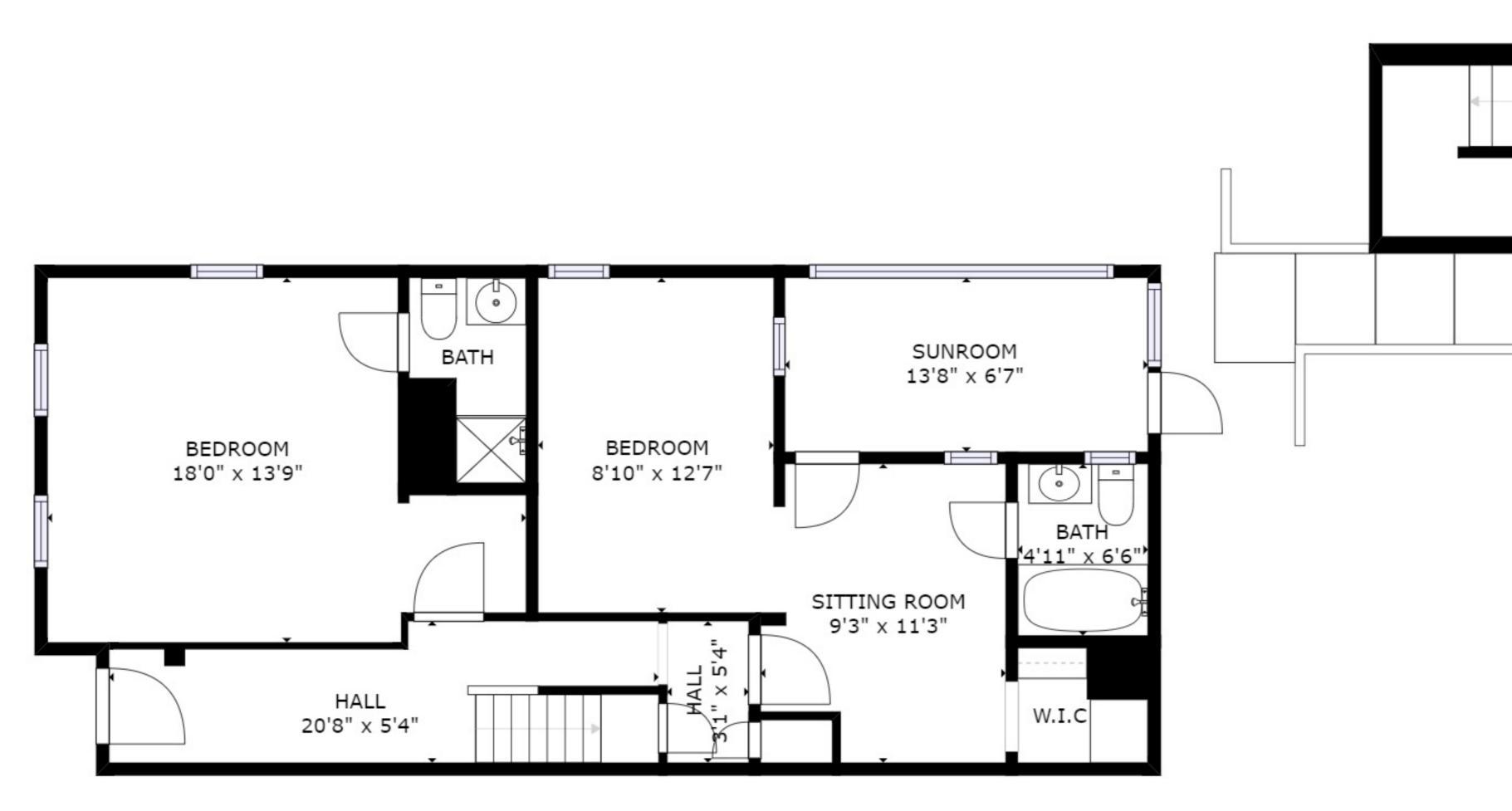






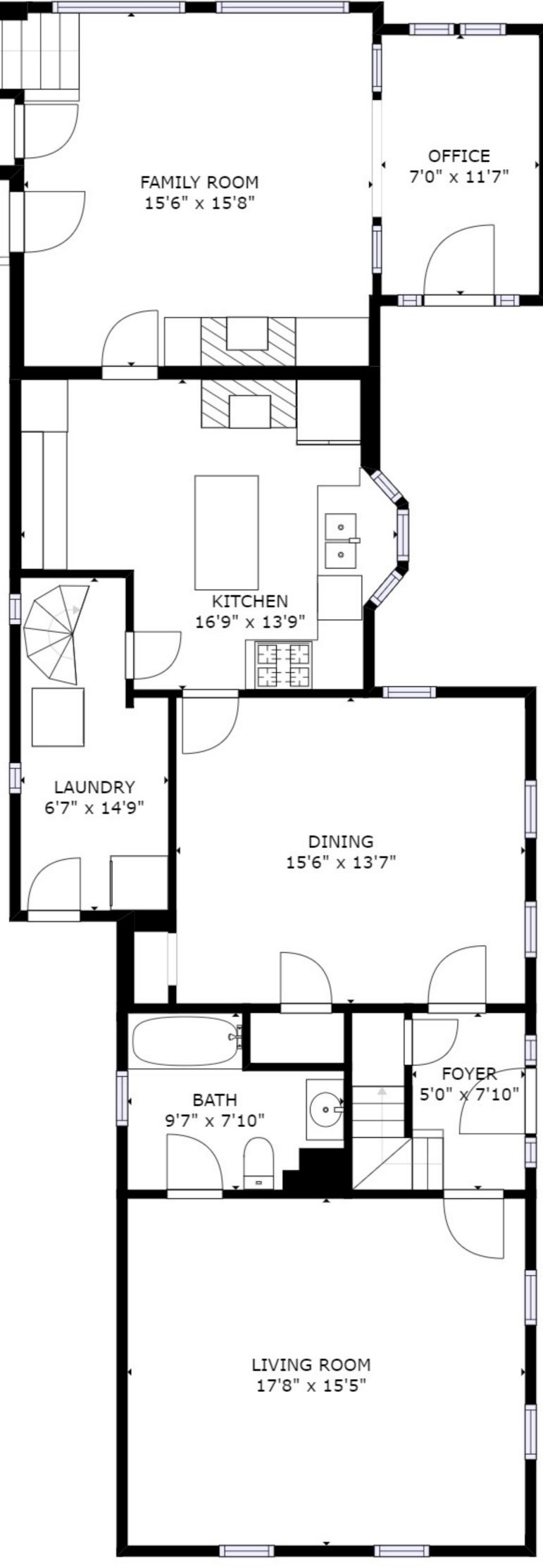


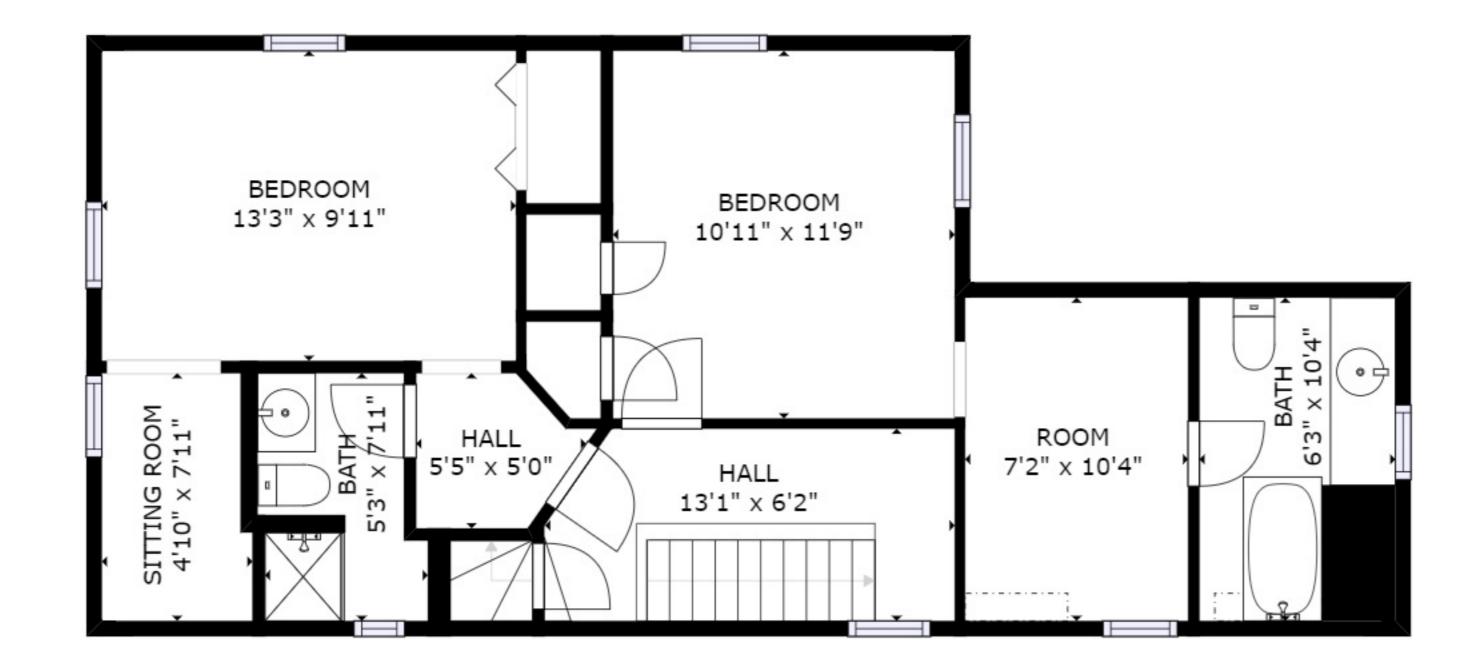
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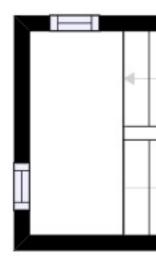


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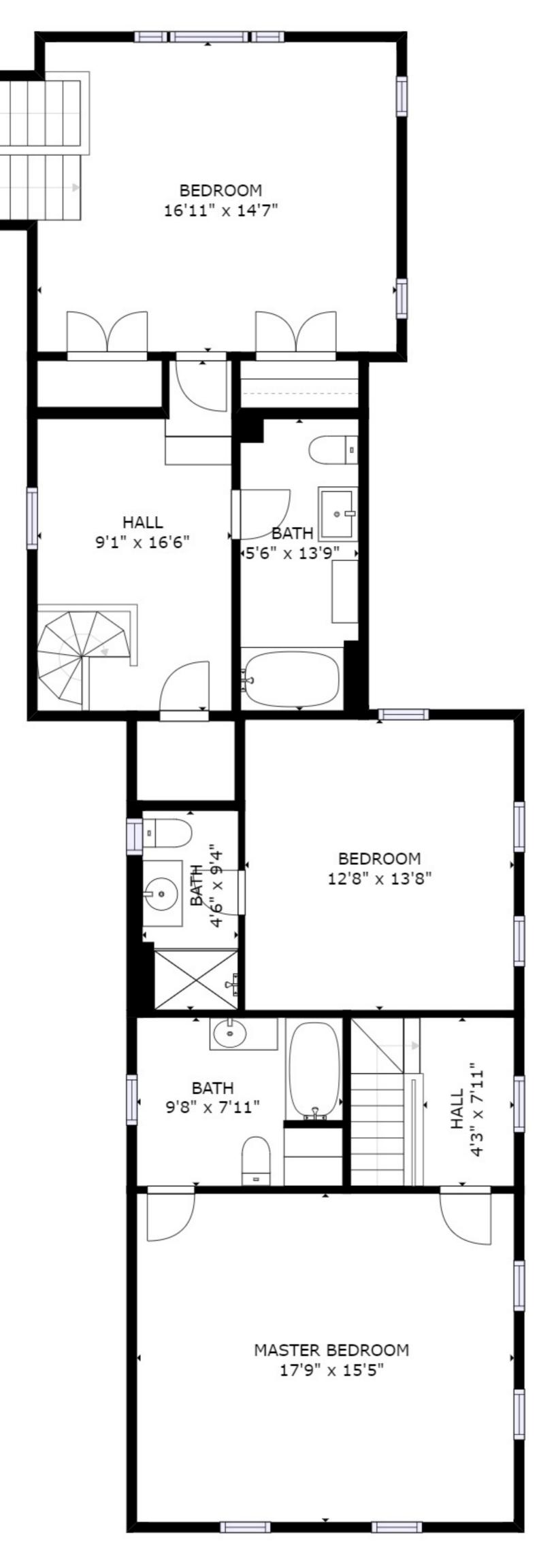




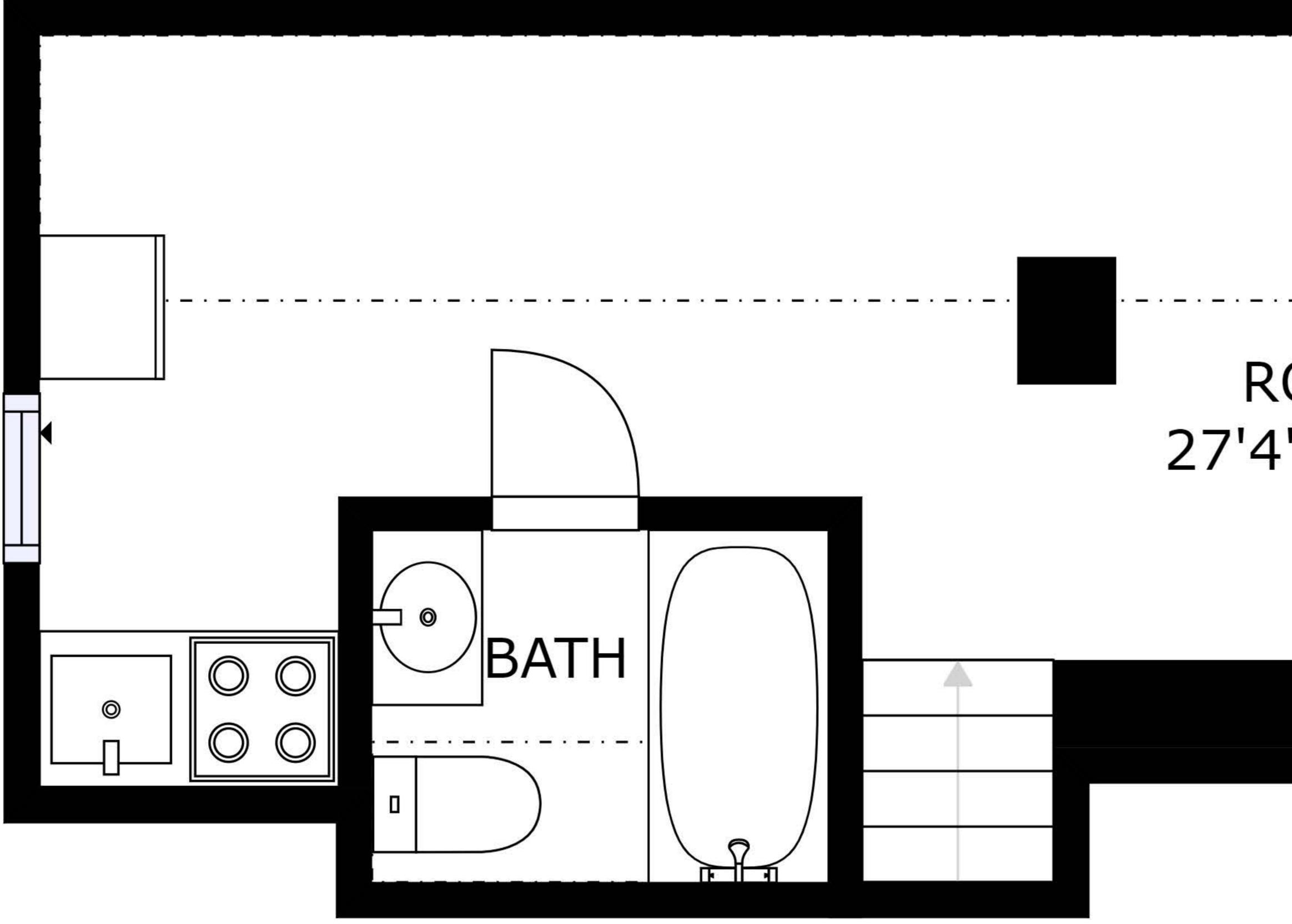




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ROOM 27'4" x 9'9"



