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We are applying for a variance to obtain a building permit to increase the square footage of our home by adding a second floor to the existing one floor structure. Under Article 2, Administration and Enforcement, Section 10.233 we have been asked to expand upon the five criteria listed to meet the variance.

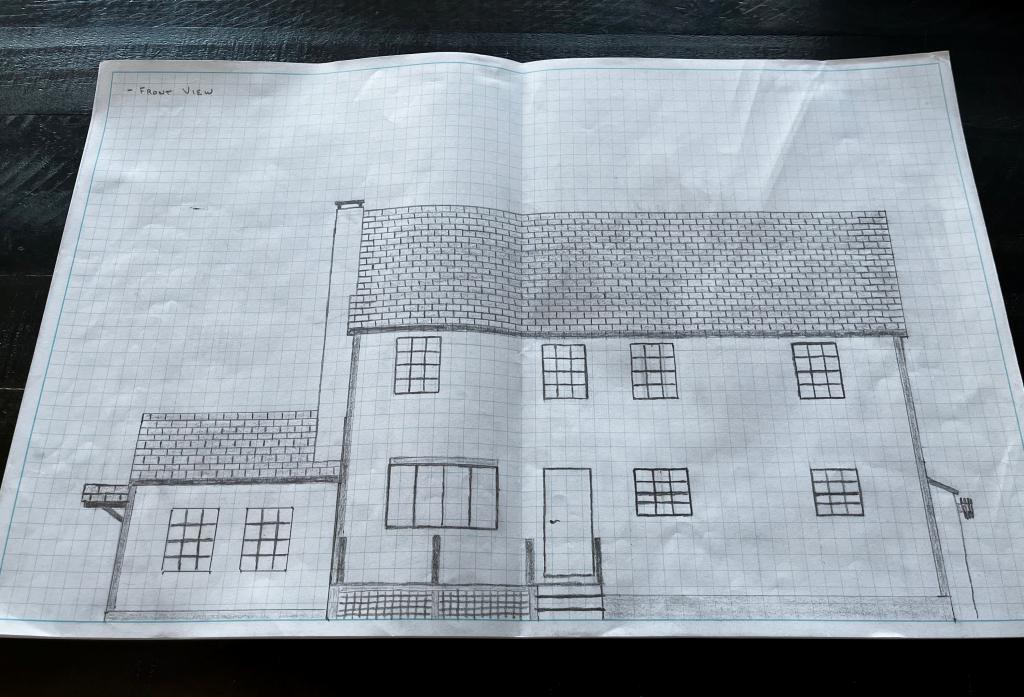
**10.233.21**: The variance will not be contrary to the public interest. We believe this to be true as the new structure will match other homes in the neighborhood and the existing foundation of our home will not be altered. There will be no threat to public health or private rights of others in the neighborhood.

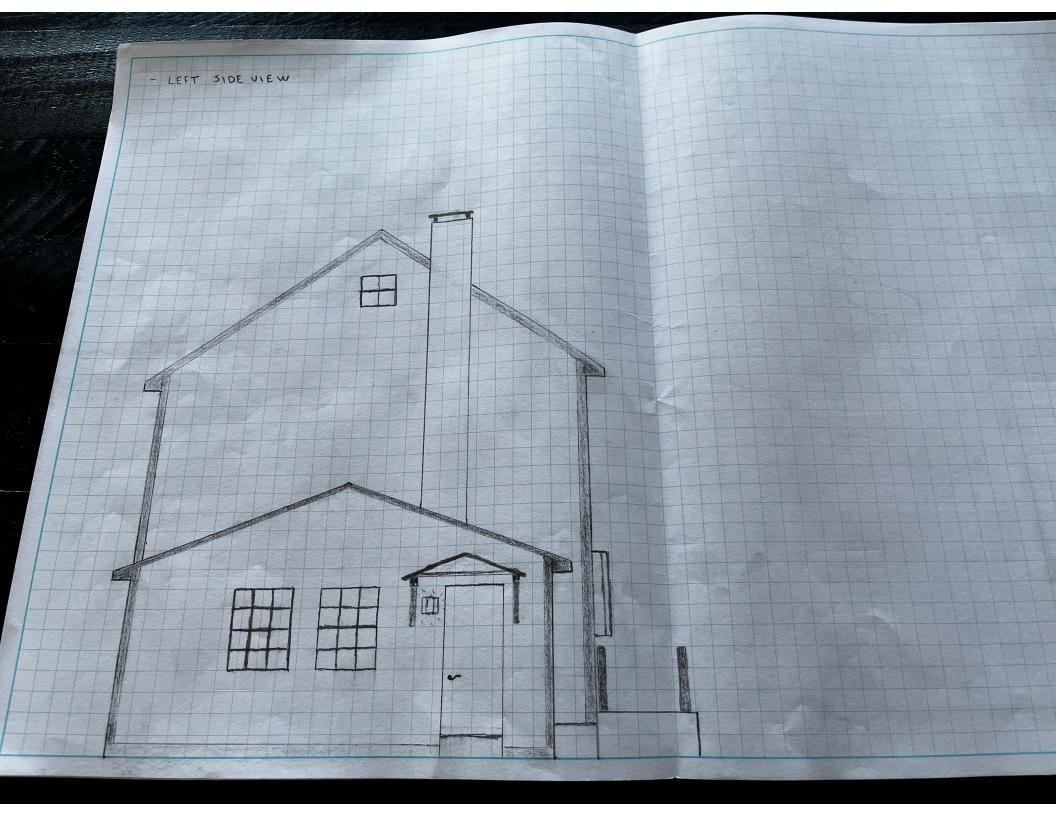
**10.233.22:** Should the variance be granted; the spirit of the ordinance will be observed because the existing foundation will not be altered, and the existing structure will be improved and well kept.

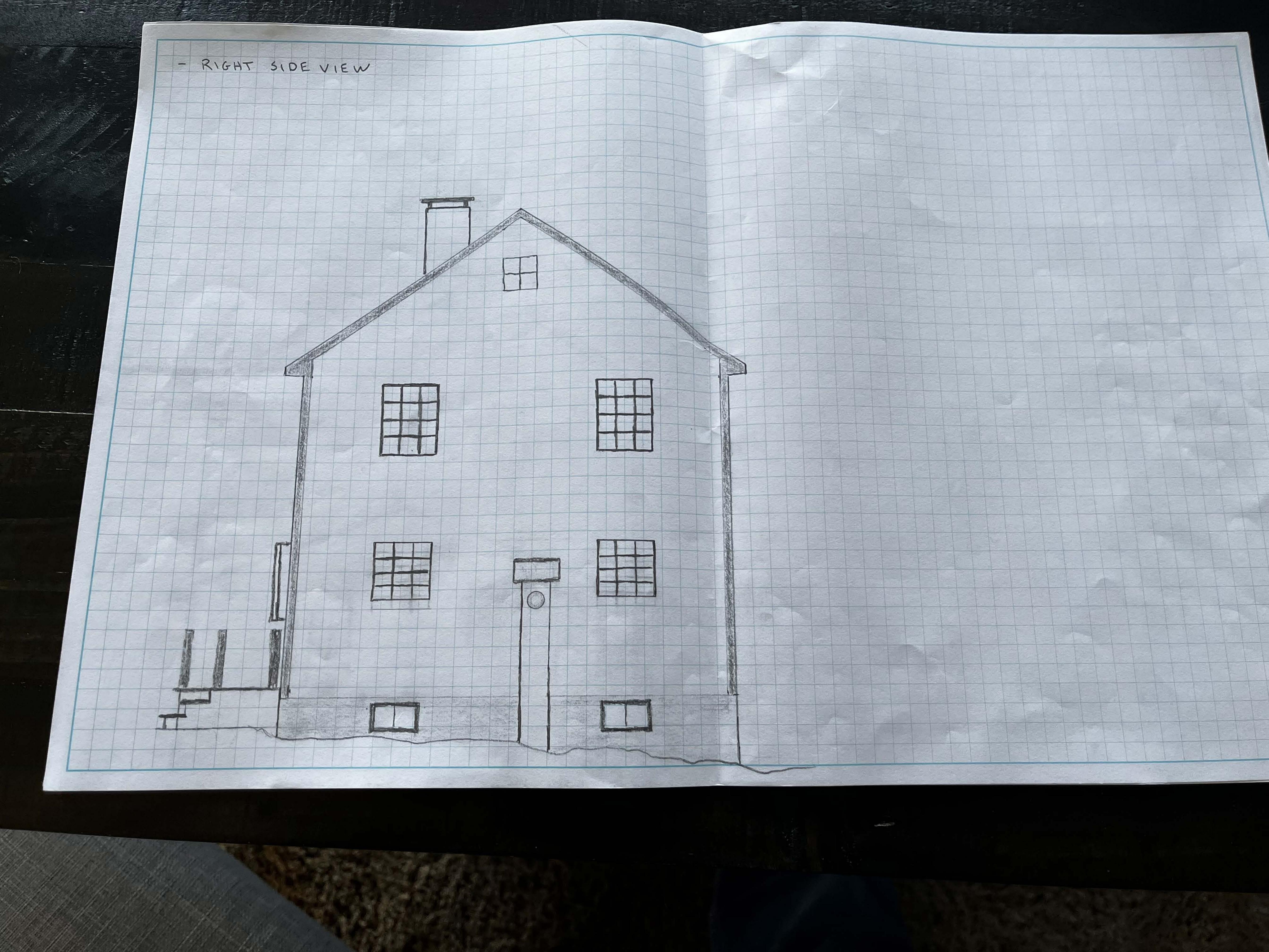
**10.233.23:** Granting the variance would do substantial justice because if not, our family will suffer hardship living in a home inadequate in size for our family of four.

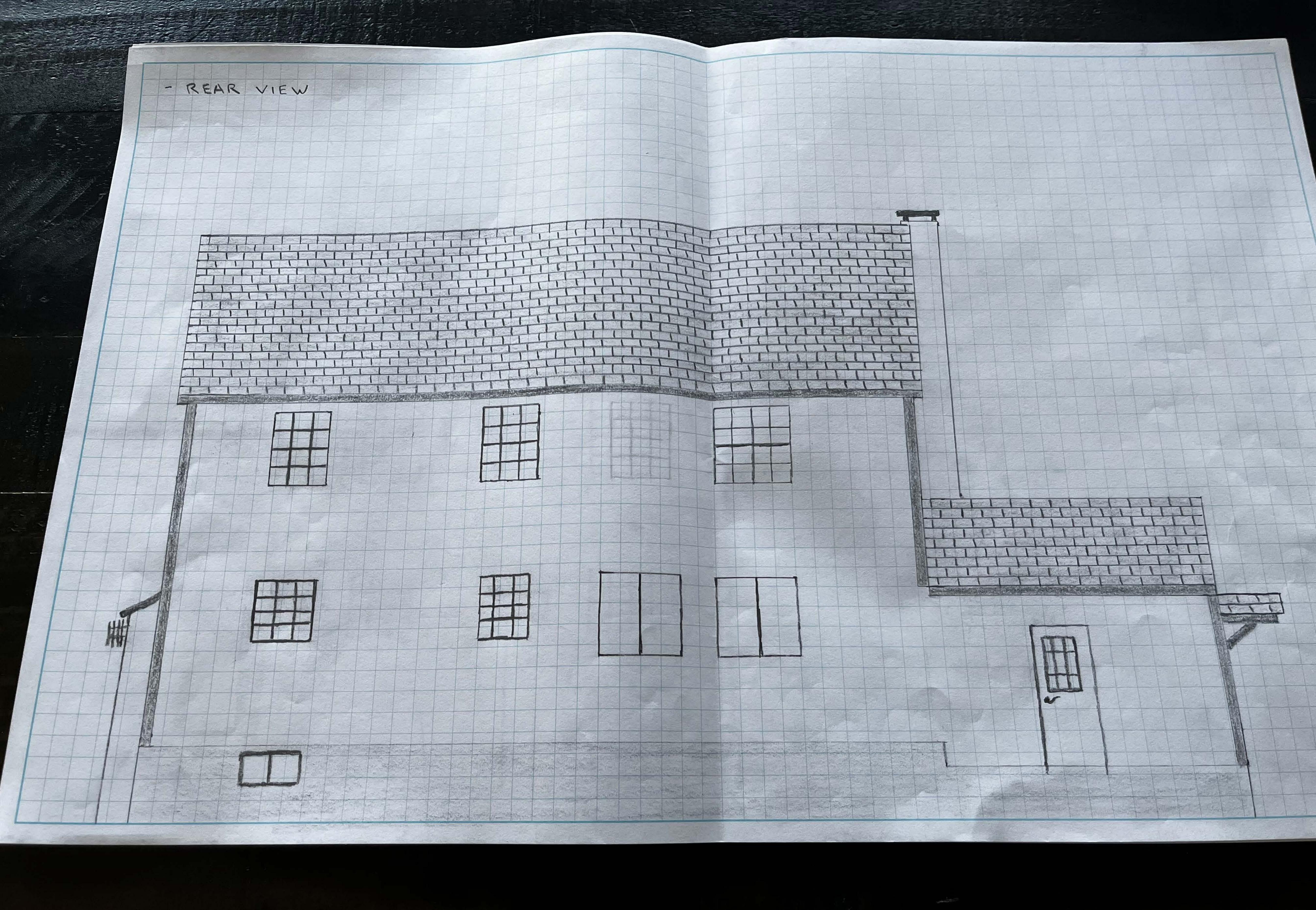
**10.233.24:** The values of surrounding properties will not be diminished because the improvements to the home will only drive-up value in the neighborhood with the beauty of the addition.

**10.233.25:** Literal enforcement of the provision of the ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship because the current home is unsuited for our family size. As a family of four, we have a two-bedroom home, forcing our children to share a small bedroom, and our family room to be forced into our basement. Adding a second floor will allow all sleeping quarters to be safely on the second floor together and allow room for an additional bathroom.









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