

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL 831 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 617 349-6100

BZA APPLICATION FORM

Plan No:

BZA-017219-2019

GENERAL INFORMATION

The under	signed hereby peti	tions the Boa	rd of Zoning Ap _l	peal for the	following:	
Special Pe	ermit :		Variance :		A	Appeal:
PETITION	ER: Central	Square Re	development	LLC - C/	O Clifford Scho	orer
PETITION	ER'S ADDRESS :	10 Tur	npike Road S	outhboro	ugh, MA 01772	
LOCATION	OF PROPERTY:	544 Mas	sachusetts A	ve Cambr	idge, MA	
TYPE OF (OCCUPANCY:	Assembly, Residentia	Merchantile,	, zc	NING DISTRICT :	Business B Zone/CSQ Overlay
REASON F	OR PETITION:					
	Othe	r: Lot are	ea per dwell:	ing unit	variance	
DESCRIPT	ION OF PETITIONS	ER'S PROPOS	SAL:			
Applicar	nt seeks to bu:	ild 29 mic	ro-Studio ap	artments	where 20 units	of any size are
permitte	ed by right.	Infill loc	ation with s	mall bui	lding footprint	and existing
retailer	s create a har	rdship for	renovating	building	into larger sp	eaces.
SECTIONS	S OF ZONING ORDI	NANCE CITE	D:			
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					Clifford Schore	Petitioner(s) / Owner)
						(Print Name)
			Ac	ddress :	10 Turnpike R	oad, Southborough, MA 01772
			Те	ıl. No. :	(508)726-5445	
			E-	Mail Addres	ss: cschorer@	gmail.com
Date :	November 26, 20	019				

BZA APPLICATION FORM - OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

To be completed by OWNER, signed before a notary and returned to The Secretary of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

I/We Central Square Rodevelopment (OWNER)
(OWNER)
Address: 10 TURNPEKE RD. SOUTHBEROUGH MA
State that I/We own the property located at 544-550 MHSS AUE.,
which is the subject of this zoning application.
The record title of this property is in the name of CCIITRAL Square,
*Pursuant to a deed of duly recorded in the date, Middlesex South
County Registry of Deeds at Book, Page; or
Middlesex Registry District of Land Court, Certificate No
BookPage
(to 1) / - (- ()
SIGNATURE BY LAND OWNER OR AUTHORIZED TRUSTEE, OFFICER OR AGENT*
*Written evidence of Agent's standing to represent petitioner may be requested
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, County of
The above-name Clifford J. Schorer III personally appeared before me,
this 14th of Unvember, 2014, and made oath that the above statement is true
My commission expires LATARSHIA R. ELLISON Notary Public (Notary Seal).

 If ownership is not shown in recorded deed, e.g. if by court order, recent deed, or inheritance, please include documentation.

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DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Cliff Schorer PRESENT USE/OCCUPANCY: Retail, Office

LOCATION: 544 Massachusetts Ave Cambridge, MA ZONE: Business B Zone/CSQ Overlay

PHONE: REQUESTED USE/OCCUPANCY: Retail, Residential

		EXISTING CONDITIONS	REQUESTED CONDITIONS	ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS	ı
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AR	EA:	7,879	17,436	20,550	(max.)
LOT AREA:		4,391	4,391	None	(min.)
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR TO LOT AREA: 2	AREA	1.79	3.97	4.0 (SP)	(max.)
LOT AREA FOR EACH DW	ELLING UNIT:	N/A	151sf	300sf	(min.)
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	49.98'	N/C	None	(min.)
	DEPTH	89'	N/C	None	
SETBACKS IN FEET:	FRONT	0'	N/C	None	(min.)
	REAR	0'	N/C	None	(min.)
	LEFT SIDE	5' & 8'	N/C	None	(min.)
	RIGHT SIDE	0'	N/C	None	(min.)
SIZE OF BLDG.:	HEIGHT	42'	69'6"	80' (SP)	(max.)
	LENGTH	92'	92'	None	
	WIDTH	44'	49'	None	
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN TO LOT AREA:	SPACE	0	1,400	0	(min.)
NO. OF DWELLING UNIT	<u>s:</u>	0	29	20	(max.)
NO. OF PARKING SPACE	<u>s:</u>	0	0	.5/du	(min./max)
NO. OF LOADING AREAS	<u>:</u>	0	0	None	(min.)
DISTANCE TO NEAREST ON SAME LOT:	BLDG.	N/A	N/C	N/A	(min.)

Describe where applicable, other occupancies on same lot, the size of adjacent buildings on same lot, and type of construction proposed, e.g.; wood frame, concrete, brick, steel, etc. N/A

^{1.} SEE CAMBRIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 5.000, SECTION 5.30 (DISTRICT OF DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS).

^{2.} TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA (INCLUDING BASEMENT 7'-0" IN HEIGHT AND ATTIC AREAS GREATER THAN 5') DIVIDED BY LOT AREA.

^{3.} OPEN SPACE SHALL NOT INCLUDE PARKING AREAS, WALKWAYS OR DRIVEWAYS AND SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM DIMENSION OF 15'.

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SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR A VARIANCE

EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR A VARIANCE MUST BE ESTABLISHED AND SET FORTH IN COMPLETE DETAIL BY THE APPLICANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL 40A, SECTION 10:

A) A Literal enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance would involve a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner or appellant for the following reasons:

A literal enforcement of the Ordinance would require the loss of local retailers and enlargement of the floorplate of each floor to allow for larger residential units, given the extreme high-cost of infill construction and engineering reinforcements required. There is substantial demand for inclusionary and market units at a smaller scale and price point. it is this demand that alleviates the substantial financial hardship of preserving and renovating existing building.

B) The hardship is owing to the following circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape or topography of such land or structures and especially affecting such land or structures but not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located for the following reasons:

The building is a very unusual shape having been developed over 100 years with additions. There is an easement for public emergency access that runs through the property alley which must be preserved, and the rear of the building may not be increased in height due to existing support structure of a different height to the floors. The area per floor is broken up by the requirement to add an elevator and emergency stair egress. This provides only very small spaces for units. The hardship in this particular location would be great for larger unit sizes.

C) DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:

1) Substantial detriment to the public good for the following reasons:

There is substantial demand for this smaller scale and less expensive housing in Central Square. It will relieve pressure on larger family units in the surrounding neighborhood. With the loss of many SRO accommodations in the Central Square Area, this is a much needed housing stock category. There is no esthetic, traffic, or quality of life impact and the overall FAR is within the new CSQ guidelines. Permitting this Variance will create 4 additional Inclusionary units which are available at 25% of the applicant's income rather than the usual 30%. The new ordinance is creating far fewer smaller units (16% under old ordinance/12% under new ordinance) and this is a serious need that will only increase. Nearly 50% of the entire need in the City of Cambridge, based on existing inclusionary, is single person occupancy.

- 2) Relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this Ordinance for the following reasons:
 - There will be no change to the proposed exterior of the building and this will allow the improvement of an obsolete structure in the middle of Central Square without displacing the local retailers. As the overall project is very low scale and a small urban infill, rather than the large scale residential development the ordinance is designed to address, this is an exception that is very specific to the challenges of this site that creates enough value to justify the enormous cost per foot, which has permitted most of this side of Mass Ave to fall into long term neglect.
- * If You have any questions as to whether you can establish all of the applicable legal requirements, you should consult with your own attorney.

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SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT

Please describe in complete detail how you meet each of the following criteria referring to the property and proposed changes or uses which are requested in your application. Attach sheets with additional information for special permits which have additional criteria, e.g.; fast food permits, comprehensive permits, etc., which must be met.

Granting the Special Permit requested for 544 Massachusetts Ave Cambridge, MA (location) would not be a detriment to the public interest because:

A) Requirements of the Ordinance can or will be met for the following reasons:

All other requirements of the Ordinance are met. The variance addresses only the need for additional DU per lot area, due to the inclusion of small units.

B) Traffic generated or patterns of access or egress would not cause congestion hazard, or substantial change in established neighborhood character for the following reasons:

There is no change to the access and egress and no additional parking or traffic impact anticipated. This is perfectly located above public transfortation and has been a failure as office and assembly space on the upper floors leading to deterioration. There is substantial demand in this area for smaller housing units and this number will have no detrimental effect on the overall traffic burden of the area.

C) The continued operation of or the development of adjacent uses as permitted in the Zoning Ordinance would not be adversely affected by the nature of the proposed use for the following reasons:

There are numerous local retailers and especially restauranteurs who would only benefit by the addition of residential on this partion of Mass Ave.

Nuisance or hazard would not be created to the detriment of the health, safety and/or welfare of the occupant of the proposed use or the citizens of the City for the following reasons:

There is no impact on public safety, health or welfare. Units are served by public water and waste.

E) For other reasons, the proposed use would not impair the integrity of the district or adjoining district or otherwise derogate from the intent or purpose of this ordinance for the following reasons:

This is entirely in the spirit of the recent Zoning changes to the CSQ Overlay in encouraing reuse of obsolte and dilapidated structures and renovation of infill properties which would be too costly without the availability of variances and special permits.

544 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE

542-550 Massachusetts, Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139

Proposed

OWNER

Cliff Schorer

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Existing

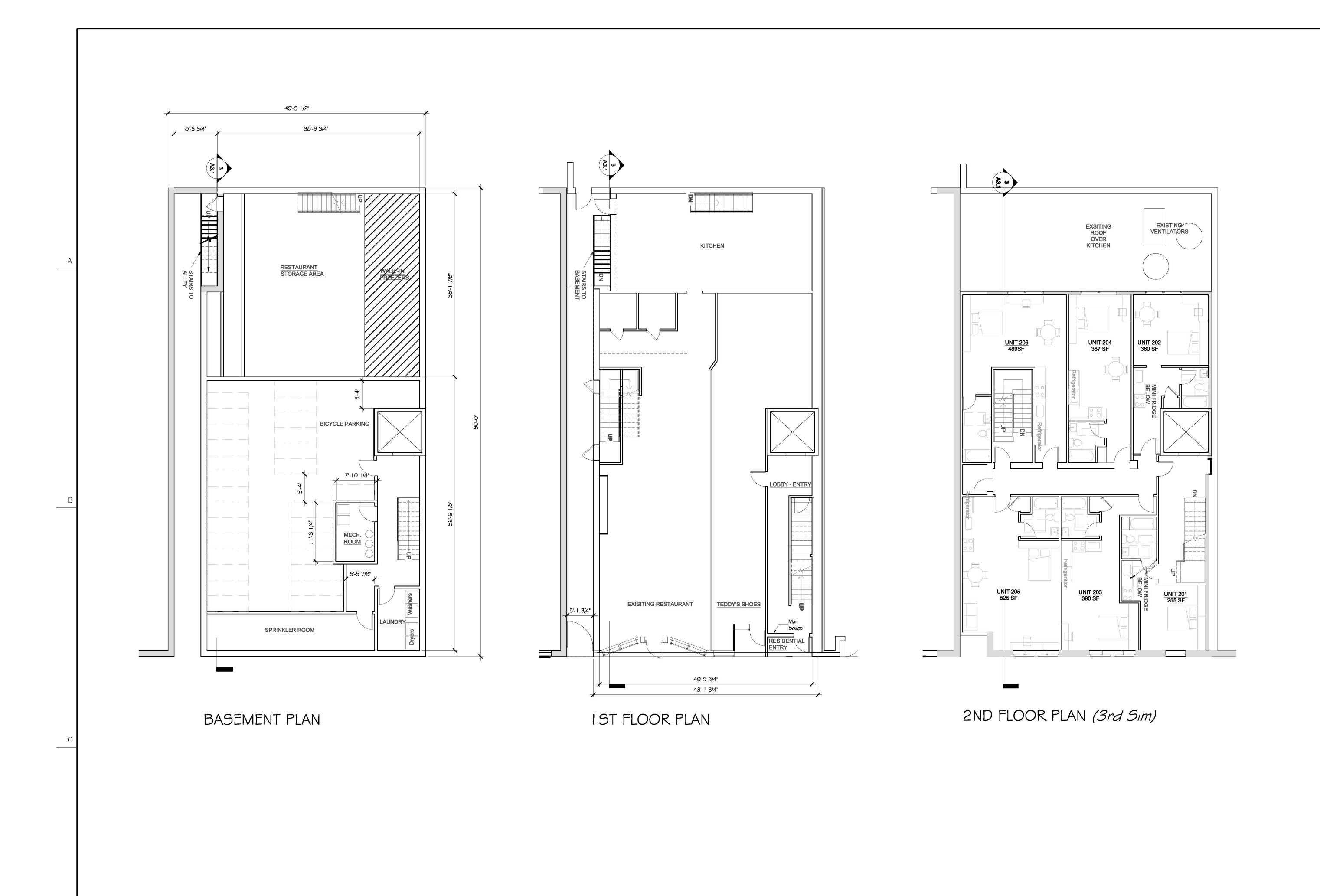
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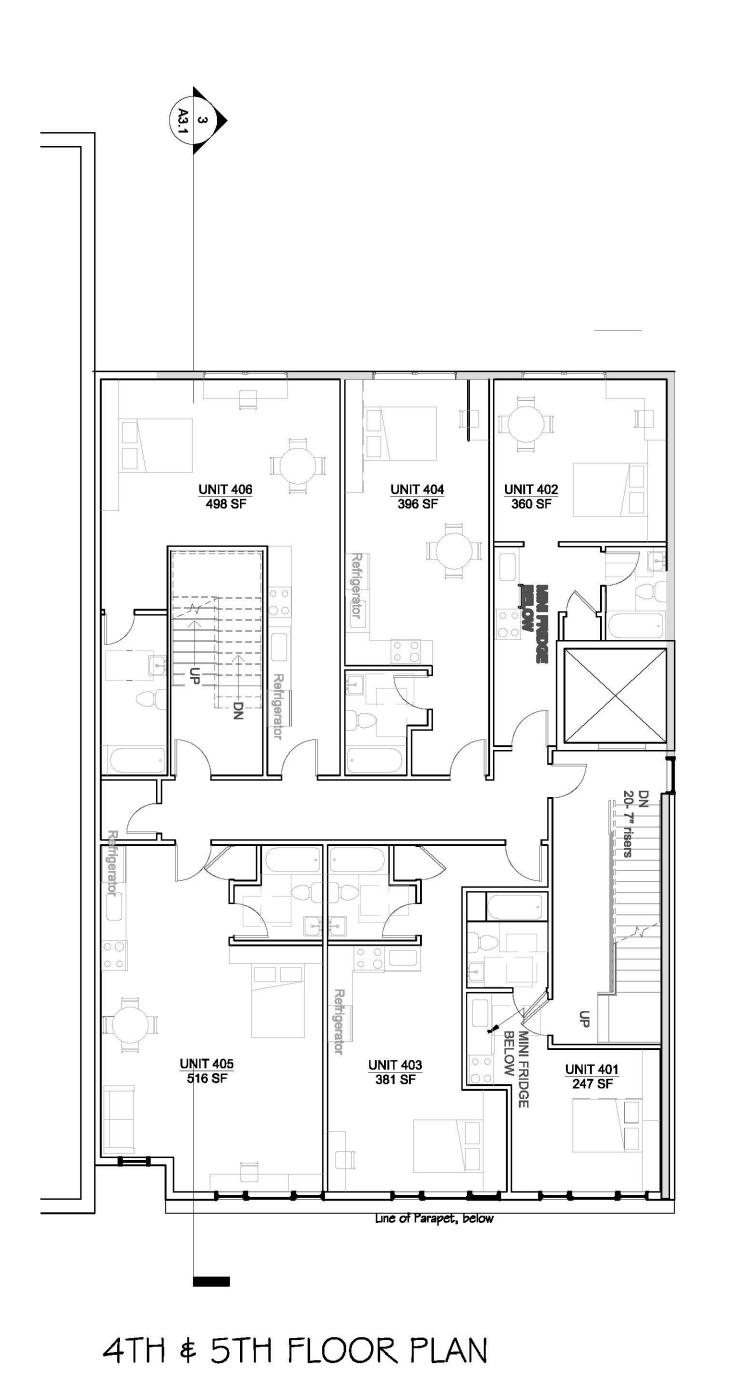
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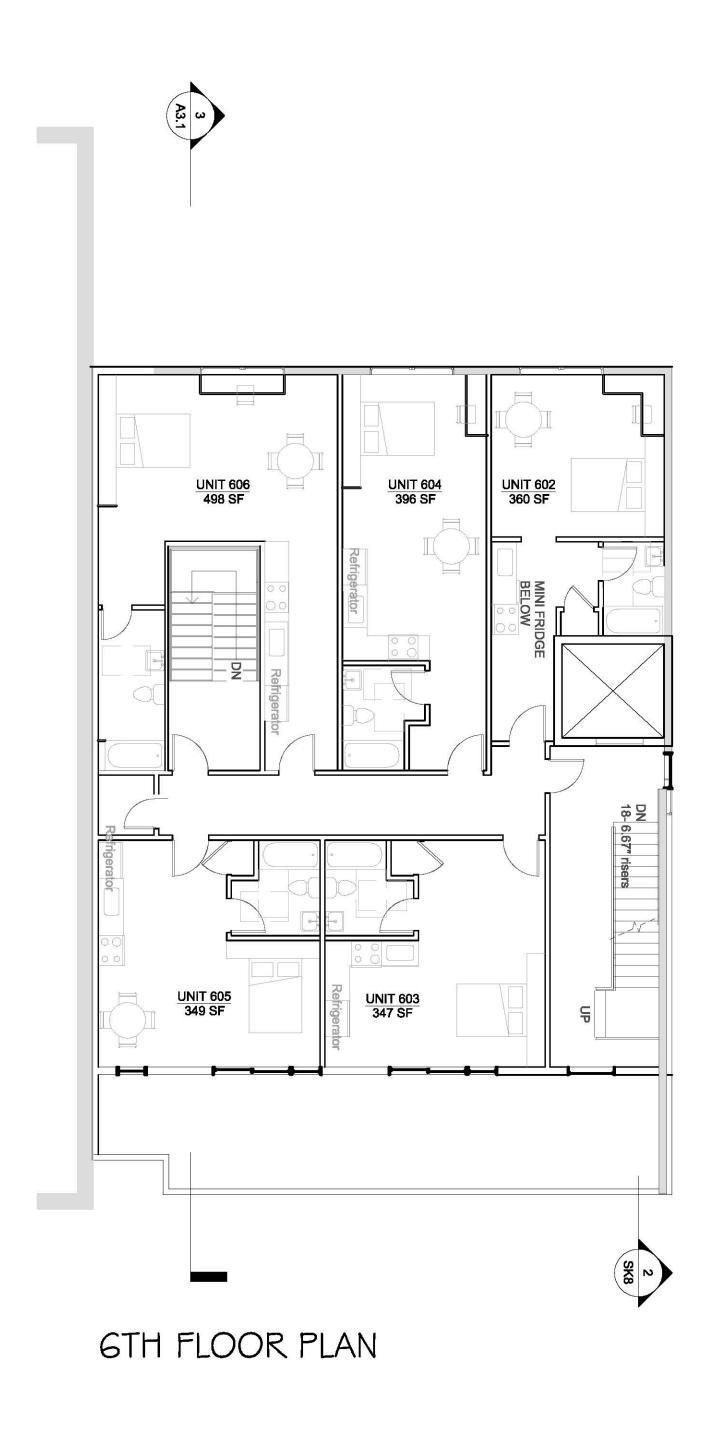
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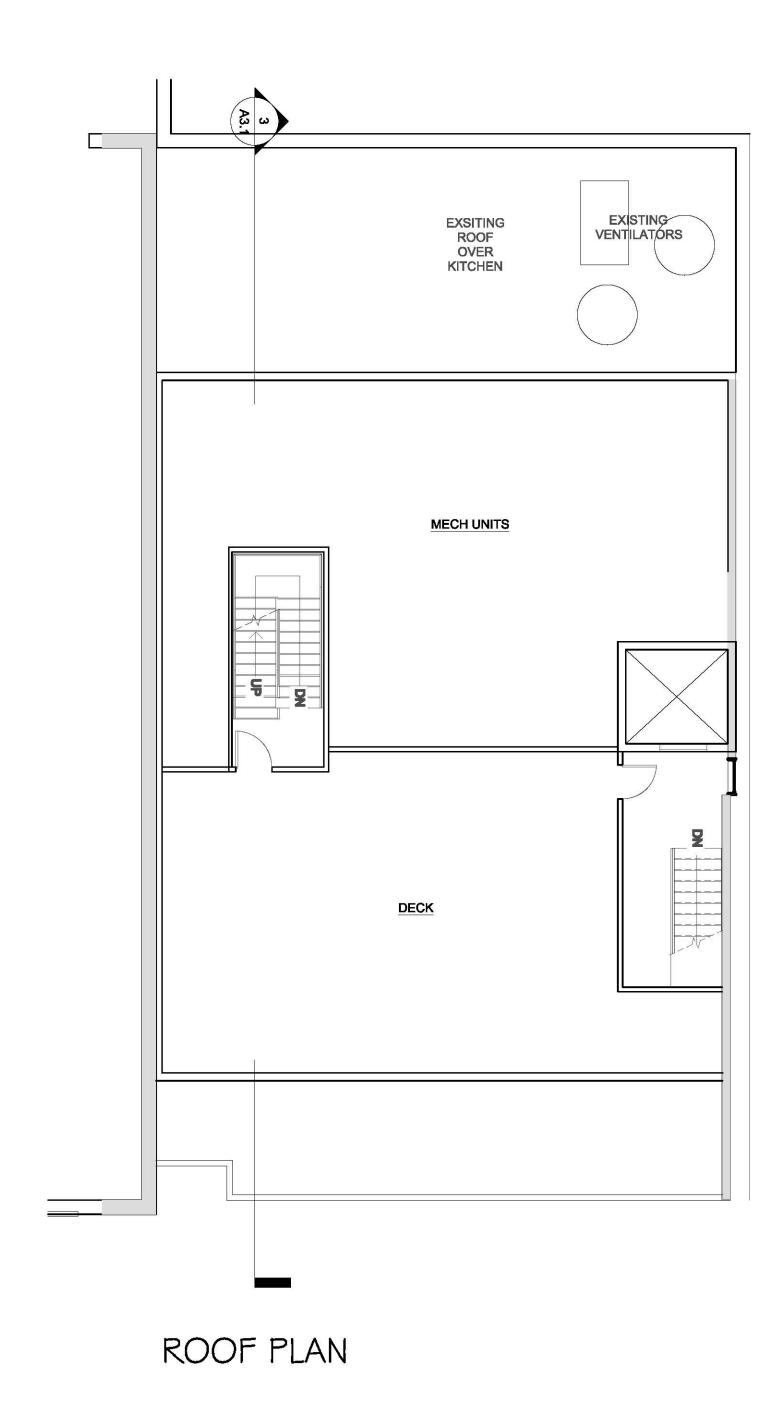
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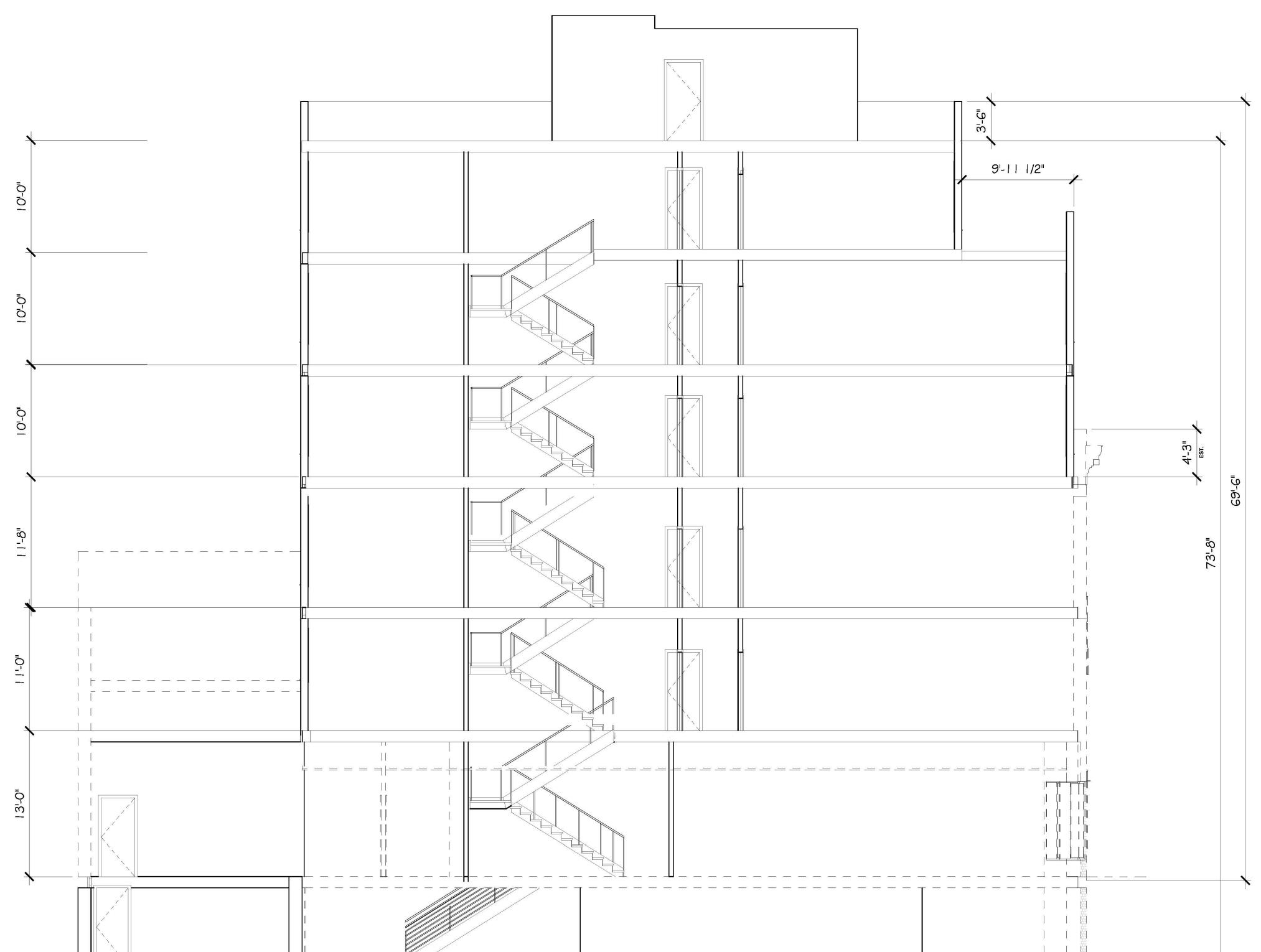
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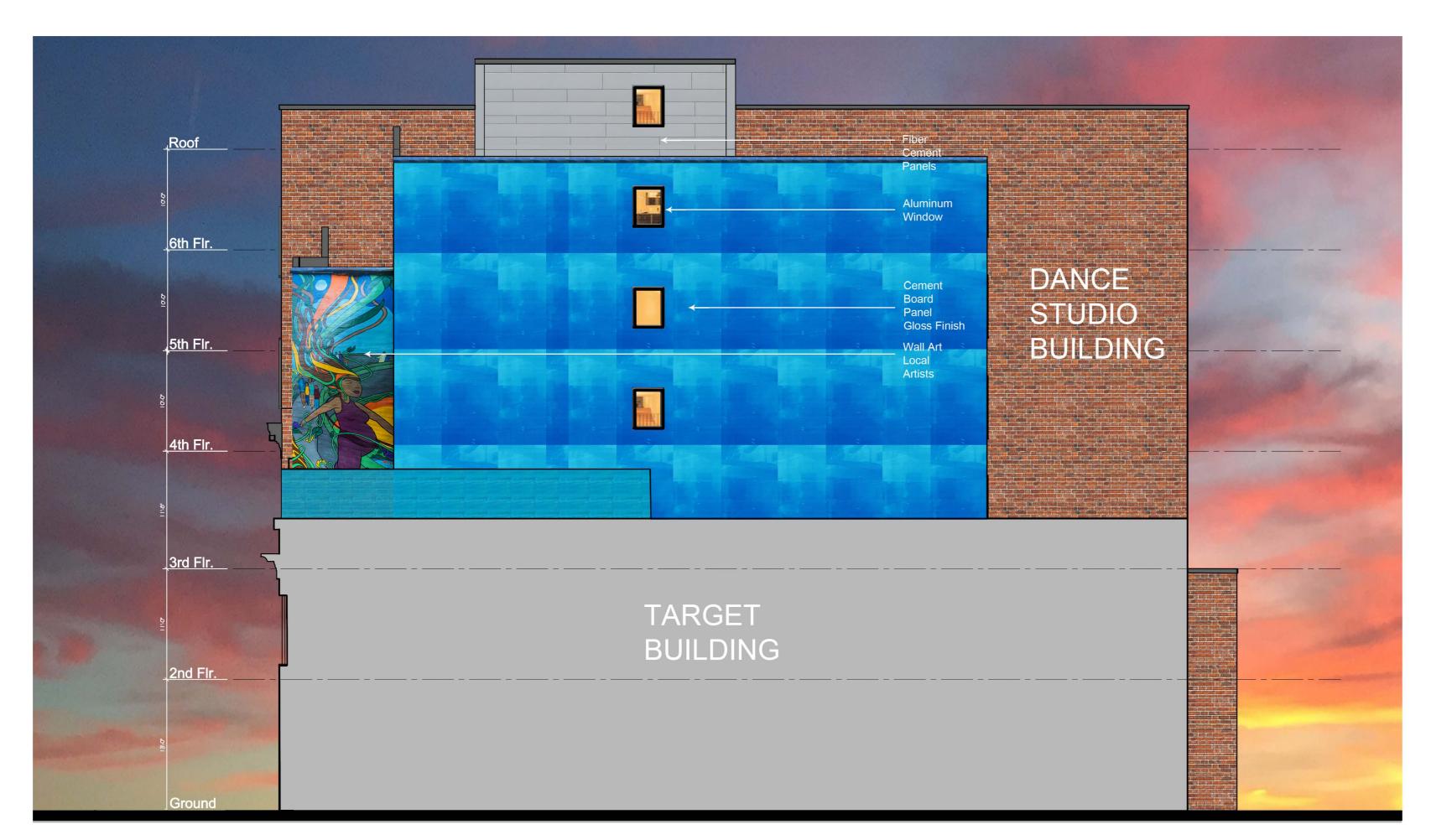
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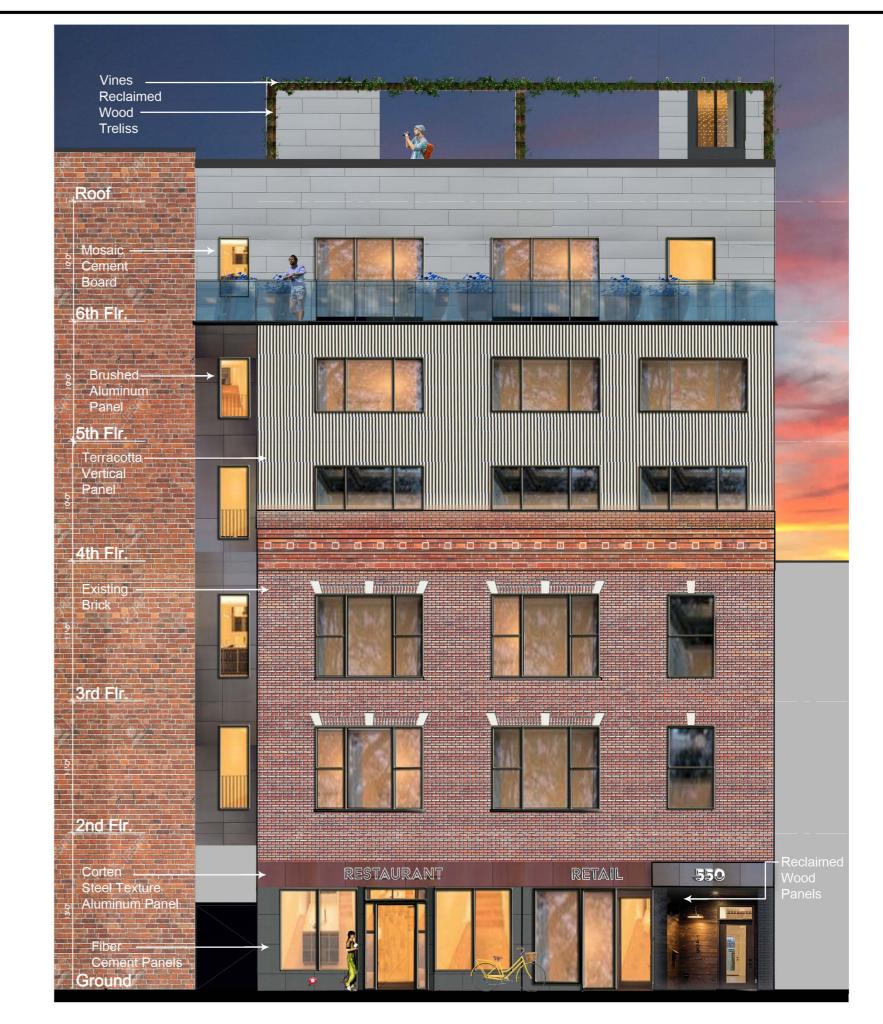




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I CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN WAS MADE FROM AN INSTRUMENT SURVEY ON THE GROUND ON THE DATE OF OCTOBER 28, 2019 AND ALL STRUCTURES ARE LOCATED AS SHOWN HEREON.

ACCORDING TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY (F.E.M.A.) MAPS, THE
MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS ON THIS PROPERTY FALL
IN AN AREA DESIGNATED AS
ZONE: X
COMMUNITY PANEL: 25017C0576E
EFFECTIVE DATE: 06-04-2010

SITE PLAN OF LAND

LOCATED AT

544-550 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE CAMBRIDGE, MA

DATE: OCTOBER 30, 2019 SCALE: 1.0 INCH = 10.0 FEET

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PREPARED FOR:
OWNER OF RECORD:
CENTRAL SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT, LLC
10 TURNPIKE ROAD
SOUTHBOROUGH, MA 01772

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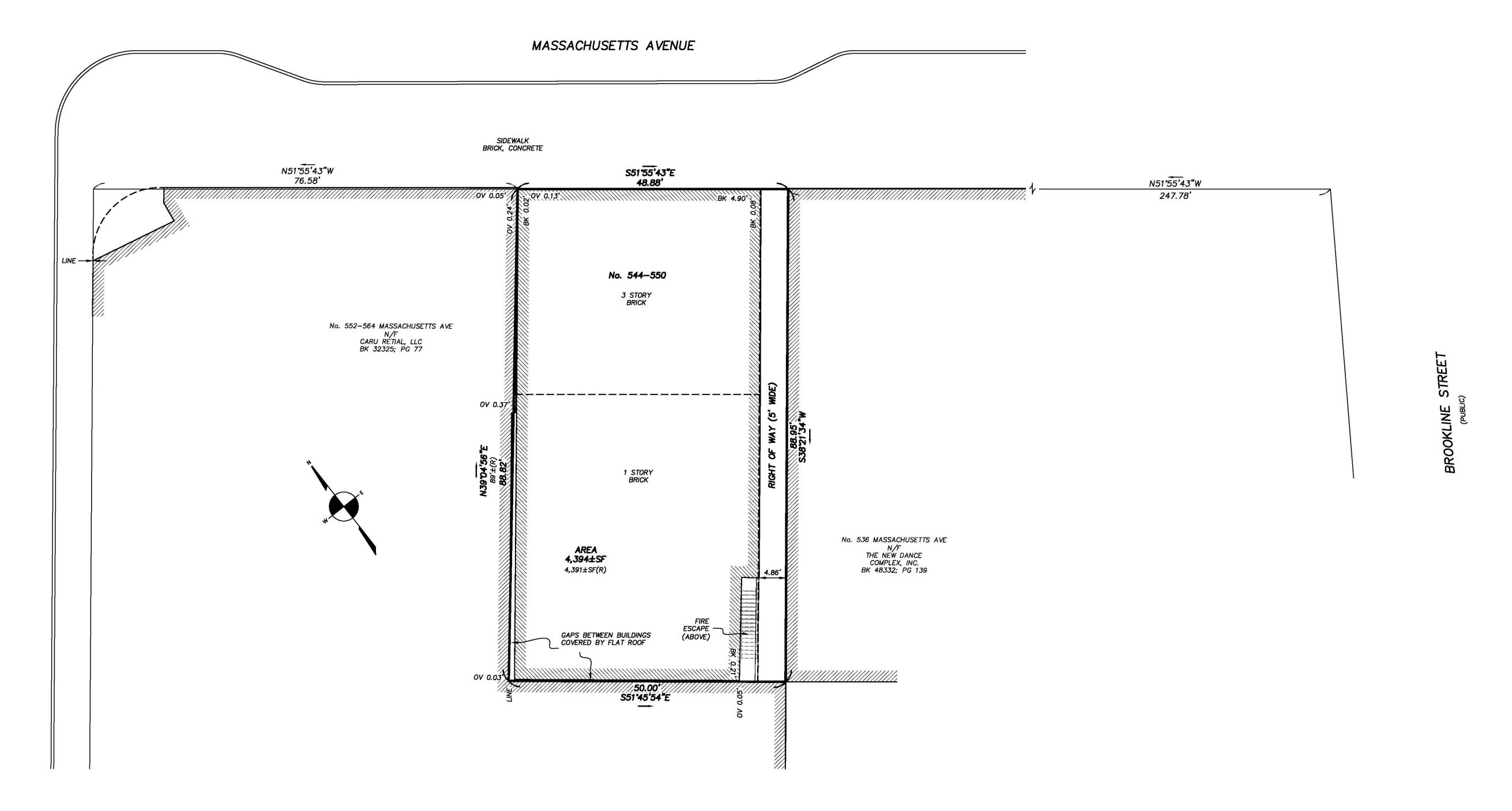
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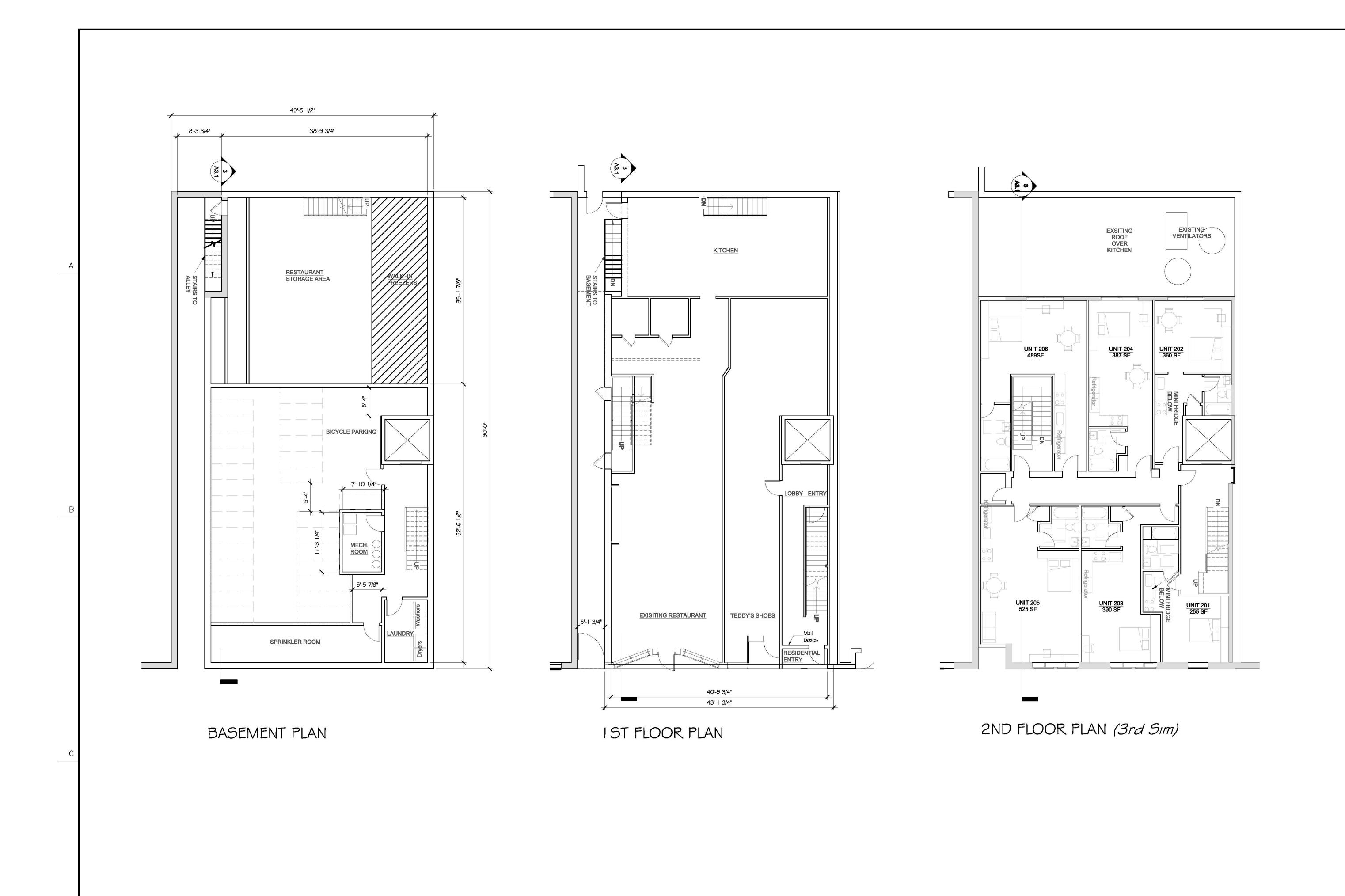
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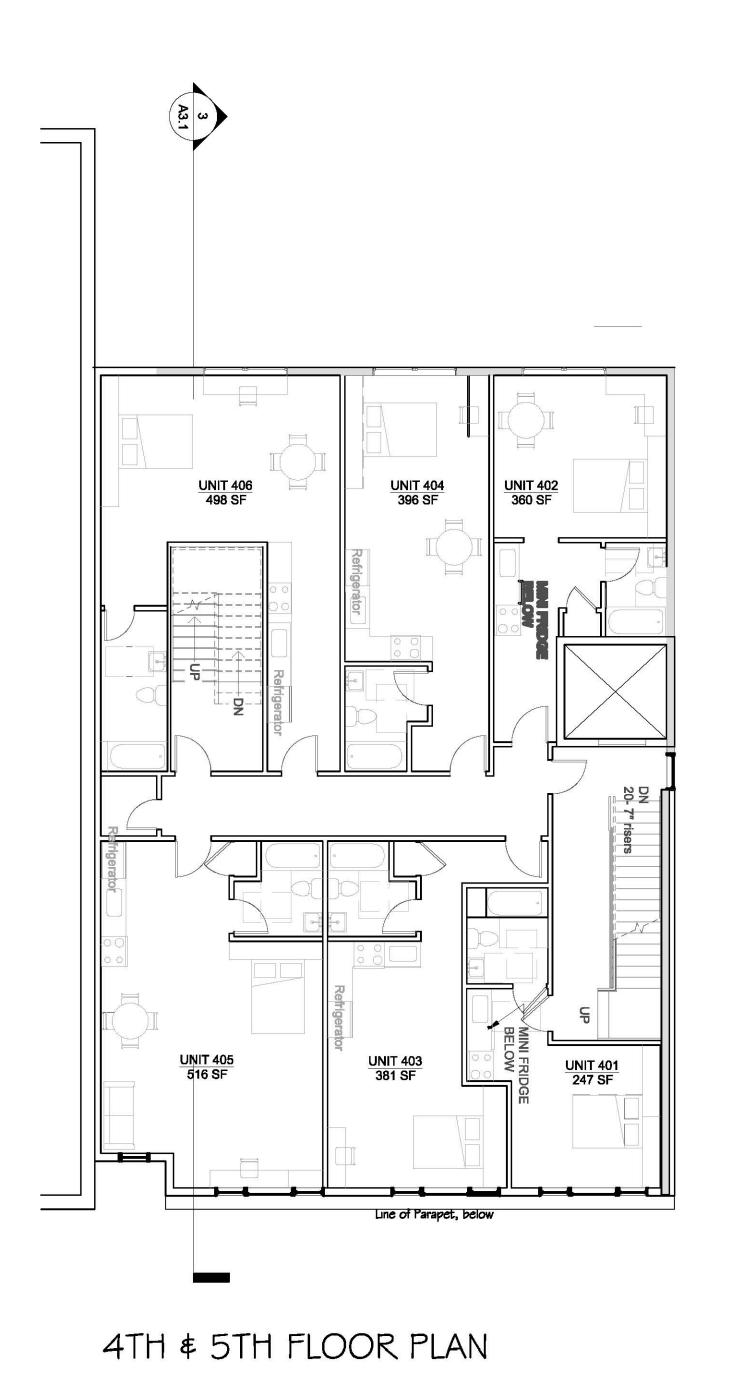
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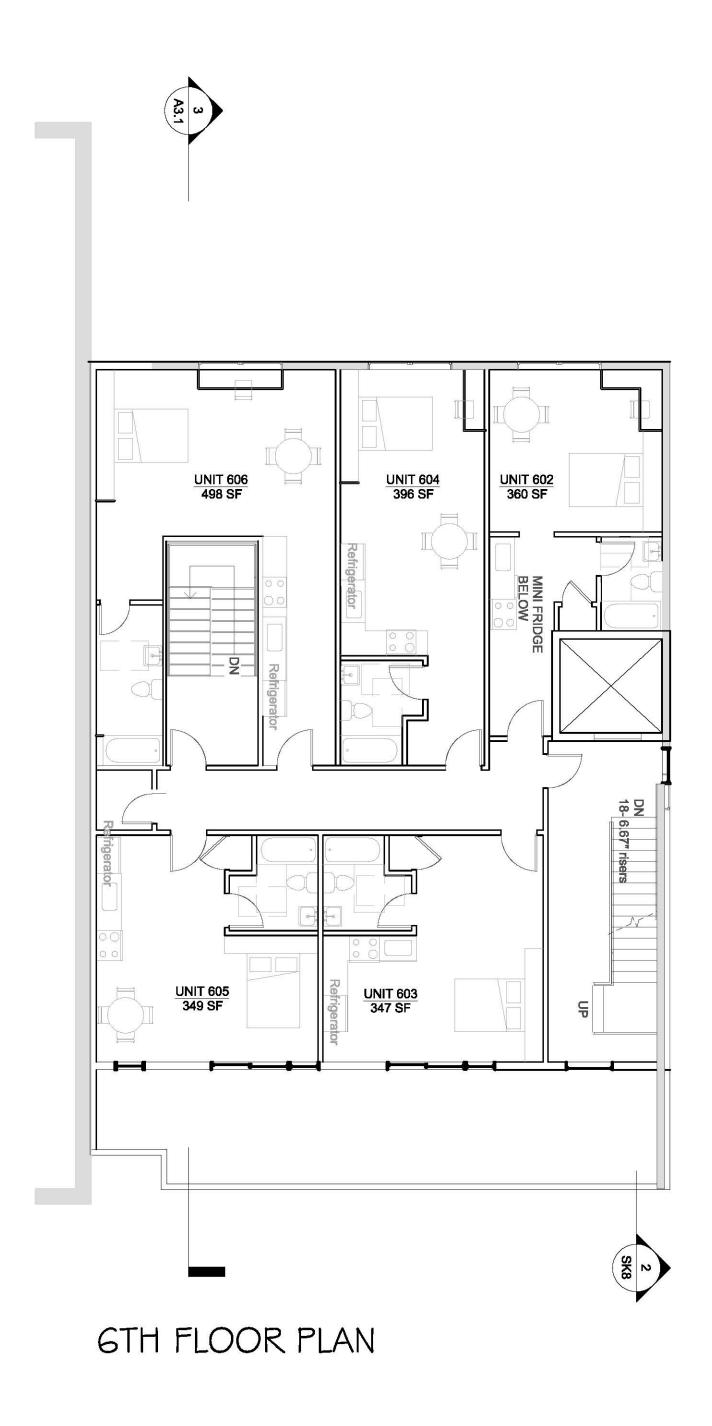
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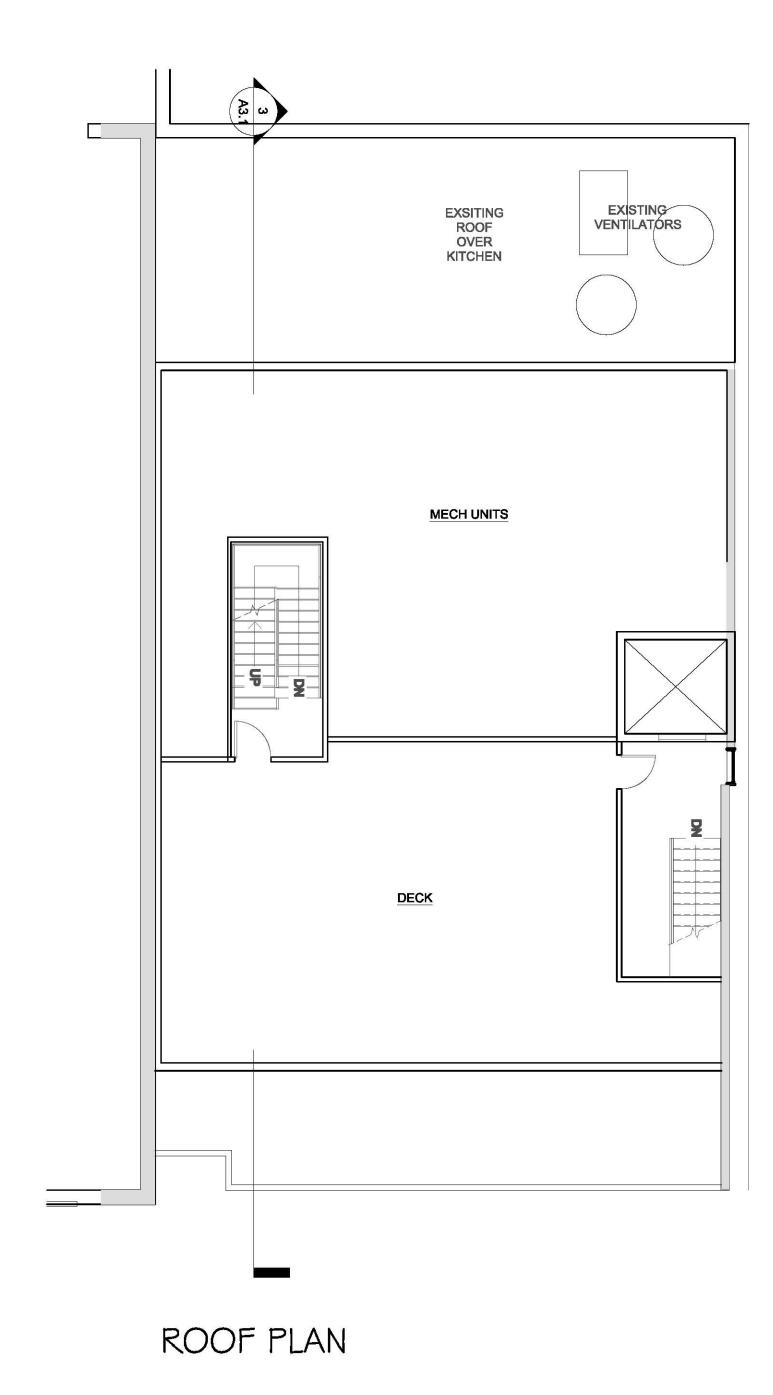
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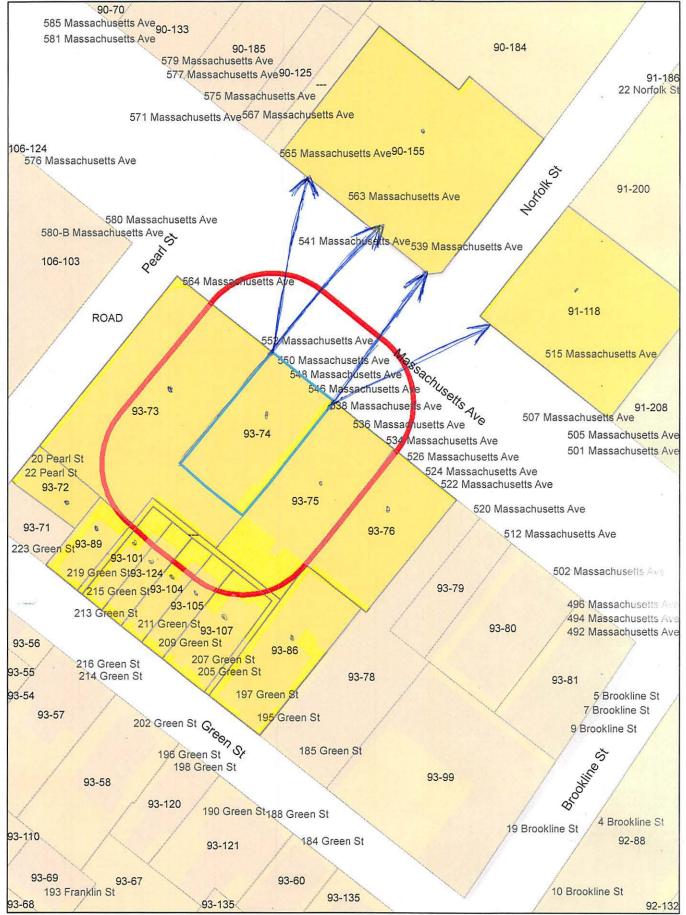
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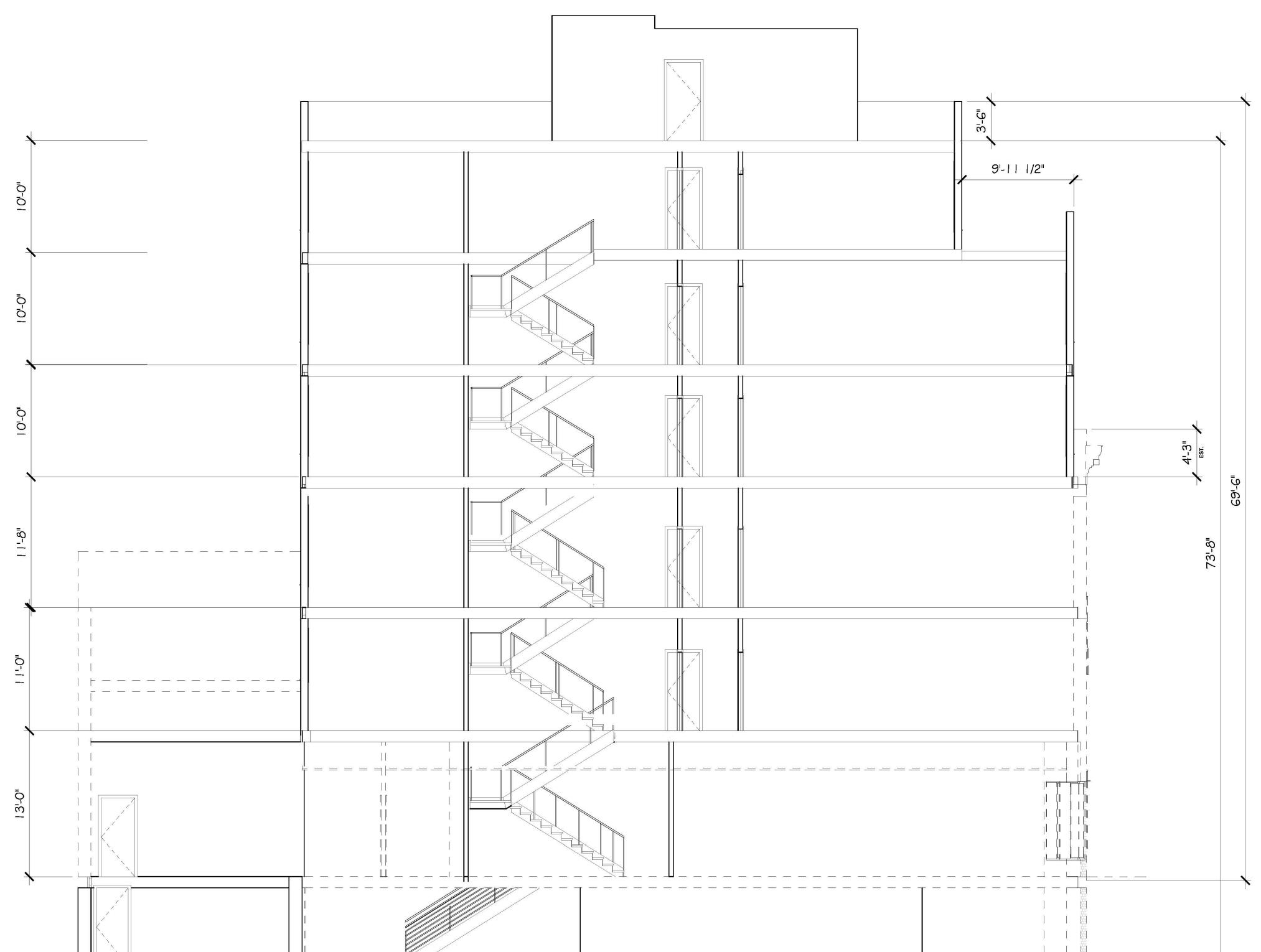
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