## GENERAL INFORMATION

The undersigned hereby petitions the Board of	f Zoning Appeal for the following:		
Special Permit: Variance:	X Appeal:		
PETITIONER: James R. & Mary Alice Van Sickle			
PETITIONER'S ADDRESS: 15 Brown Street, Camb	ridge, MA 02138		
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 15 Brown Street, Camb	oridge, MA 02138		
TYPE OF OCCUPANCY: Single family dwelling zo	NING DISTRICT: A-2		
REASON FOR PETITION:			
X_ Additions	New Structure		
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	(Print Name)		
Address: _	15 Brown Street		
:	Cambridge, MA 02138		
Tel. No.:	617-868-4799		
E-Mail Addres	s: jamesrvansickle@gmail.com		
Date:			

## 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.

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• 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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#### 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:
  - The aging owners of the house since 1983 would like to add covered porches. The existing garage location and dimensional requirements would prevent a safe and secure situation at entrances during rain and snow storms. The petitioner's application will not expand the main envelope of the building (with the exception of the addition of roofs over existing porches) and are aesthetic improvements to the 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 existing single family structure, garage and lot are currently non-conforming. The addition of porch roofs would add a small amount to the building area and would create an addition closer to the existing garage. However, the roof is over an existing porch which does not alter its distance from the garage. That dimensional condition and an FAR hardship are specific to the property and not the surrounding district.

- C) DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:
  - 1) Substantial detriment to the public good for the following reasons:

    The proposed work would not result in substantial detriment to the public good because the design would improve existing conditions without noticeably altering the existing footprint. There will be no changes to the occupancy or parking. Also the design would improve protection for visitors and mail delivery.
  - 2) Relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this Ordinance for the following reasons:
    - The proposed work follows the Ordinance as closely as possible. Relief is requested only where necessary and is proposed in order to help the structure meet the Ordinance intent of providing safe conditions for the occupants while respecting the surrounding
  - neighborhood.
    \* If You have any questions as to whether you can establish all of the applicable legal requirements, you should consult with your own attorney.

(ATTACHMENT B - PAGE 5)

#### DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION

APPLICANT: James R. & Mary Alice Van Sickle PRESENT USE/OCCUPANCY: Single family residence

LOCATION: 15 Brown Street, Cambridge A-2 ZONE: REQUESTED USE/OCCUPANCY: Single family residence PHONE: 617-868-4799 **EXISTING** REQUESTED **ORDINANCE** CONDITIONS CONDITIONS REQUIREMENTS<sup>1</sup> 2,469 sf 2,517 sf (+48 sf) 2,200 sf TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA: (max.) 4,400 sf 6,000 st LOT AREA: (min.) RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA 0.56 0.57 0.50 TO LOT AREA: (max.) 4,400 sf 4,400 sf 4,500 sf LOT AREA FOR EACH DWELLING UNIT: (min.) 55 ft. 65 ft. SIZE OF LOT: WIDTH (min.) 80 ft DEPTH 9'-4" FRONT 9'-4" 20'-0" Setbacks in (min.) Feet: 1'-2" 1"-2" 25'-0" REAR (min.) 31'-9" 26'-9" 10'-0" LEFT SIDE (min.) 4'-10" 4'-10" 10'-0" RIGHT SIDE (min.) 28'-0" 28'-0" 35'-0" SIZE OF BLDG.: HEIGHT (max.) 69'-6" LENGTH 20'-0" WIDTH RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA: 3) .45 .45 .50 (min.) (1,969 sf exist'g usable open space) 1 1 1 NO. OF DWELLING UNITS: (max.) 2 2 1 NO. OF PARKING SPACES: (min./max) n/a NO. OF LOADING AREAS: n/a n/a (min.) 10'-0" 12'-3" 7'-3" DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG. (min.) ON SAME LOT: (to garage) (to garage) 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. No other occupancies on the same lot. 1-story two car garage on same lot. Porches to be: wood frame and trim with copper standing seam roof to match

existing front bay window

<sup>1.</sup> SEE CAMBRIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 5.000, SECTION 5.30 (DISTRICT OF DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS).

<sup>2.</sup> TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA (INCLUDING BASEMENT 7'-0" IN HEIGHT AND ATTIC AREAS GREATER THAN 5') DIVIDED BY LOT AREA.

<sup>3.</sup> OPEN SPACE SHALL NOT INCLUDE PARKING AREAS, WALKWAYS OR DRIVEWAYS AND SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM DIMENSION OF 15'.



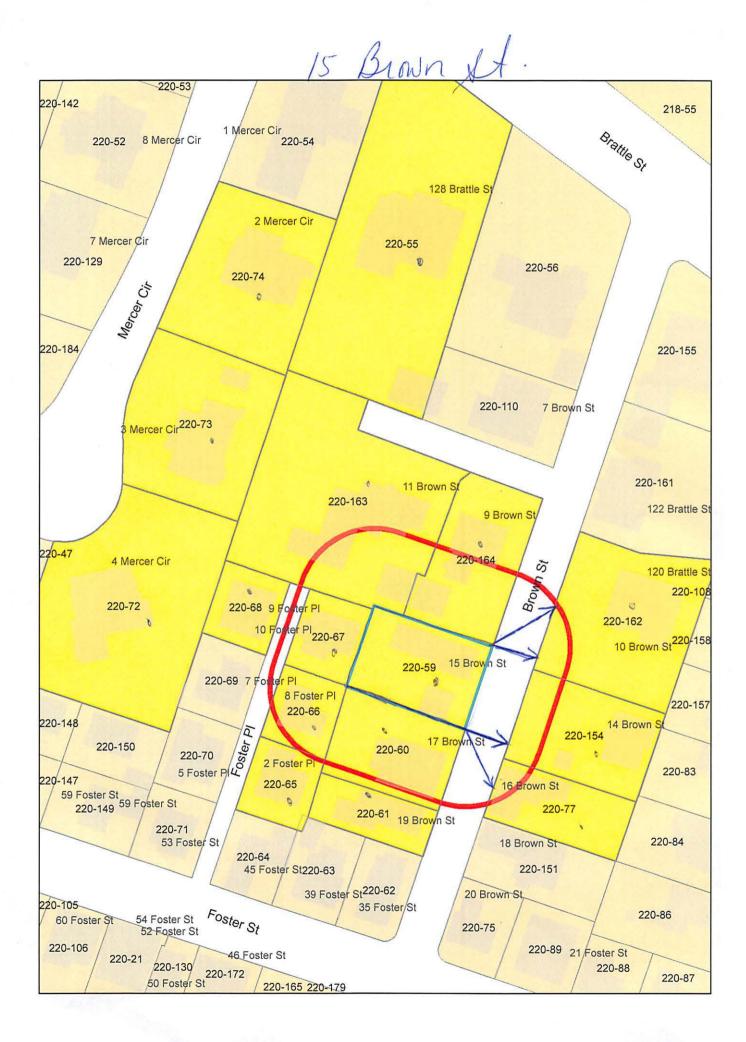






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# Half Crown-Marsh Neighborhood Conservation District Commission

831 Massachusetts Avenue, 2nd Fl., Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139 Telephone: 617 349 4683 Fax: 617 349 3116 TTY: 617 349 6112

E-mail: histncds@cambridgema.gov

James Van Sickle, Chair, Judith Dortz, Vice Chair, Alternates Marie-Pierre Dillenseger, William King, Deborah Masterson, Peter Schur, Charles Smith Members

#### CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

PROPERTY: 15 Brown Street

OWNER: James & Mary Alice Van Sickle

The Half Crown-Marsh Neighborhood Conservation District Commission hereby certifies, pursuant to Title 2, Chapter 2.78, Article III, Section 2.78.140-270 of the Code of the City of Cambridge and the City Council order establishing the Commission, that the construction described below is not incongruous to the historic aspects or architectural character of the building or district:

Construct entry hoods on two doors and alter garage as depicted in the plans, "15 Brown Street, Cambridge, MA" dated March 14, 2016.

The plans and specifications referenced above are incorporated into this certificate, which is binding on the applicant and all improvements shall be carried out as described therein.

This certificate is granted upon the condition that the work authorized is commenced within six months after the date of issuance. If the work authorized by this certificate is not commenced within six months after the date of issuance, or if such work is suspended in significant part for a period of one year after the time the work is commenced, this certificate shall expire and be of no further effect; provided that, for cause, one extension not exceeding six months may be allowed in writing by the Chairman.

Case Number: HCM-328	Date of Certificate: June 1, 2016
Attest: A true and correct copy of decision: Marsh Neighborhood Conservation District  JUATH DOYTS Syp	filed with the office of the City Clerk and the Half Crown Commission on
Twenty days have elapsed since the filing of No appeal has been filed	f this decision.  . Appeal has been filed , Date
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# **CAMBRIDGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

831 Massachusetts Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

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#### Jurisdiction Advice

To the Owner of Property at 15 Brown S	treet
The above-referenced property is subject to the jurisdiction reason of the status referenced below:	on of the Cambridge Historical Commission (CHC) by
Old Cambridge Historic District	
Fort Washington Historic District	
(M.G.L. Ch. 40C, City Code §2.7	
Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation _X_ Half Crown – Marsh Neighborhood	
Entry hoods have been approved by	
Harvard Square Conservation District	
Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Conser	rvation District
<ul><li> Designated Landmark</li><li> Property is being studied for designati</li></ul>	on
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Preservation Restriction or Easement	
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	required by ISD. (City Code, Ch. 2.78, Article II). See
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	is listed on the National Register of Historic Places;
CHC staff is available for consult	
Staff comments:	
The Board of Zoning Appeal advises applicants to comple Conservation District Commission reviews before appear	
If a line indicating possible jurisdiction is checked, the Historical Commission to determine whether a hearing	
CHC staff initialsSLB	Date
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cc: Applicant Inspectional Services Commissioner	
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#### **Demolition Delay Ordinance and Application Information**

The Demolition Delay Ordinance (Chapter 2.78, Article II of the Cambridge Municipal Code) was adopted by the City Council in 1979 to afford public review of demolition permit applications for potentially significant buildings. When the Historical Commission determines that a building is significant and should be preserved, demolition will be delayed for up to six months so that solutions can be sought to preserve the building indefinitely. The Ordinance covers all buildings over 50 years old, city-wide. The Historical Commission archives provide dates of construction for all properties in the City.

Demolition is defined in the ordinance as "the act of pulling down, destroying, removing or razing a building or commencing the work of total or substantial destruction with the intent of completing the same." The Inspectional Services Commissioner has provided further guidelines to outline what actions require a demolition permit. In addition to complete demolition of a building, the following actions may require a demolition permit,

- removal of a roof,
- removal of one side of a building,
- gutting of a building's interior to the point where exterior features (windows, etc.) are impacted, and
- removal of more than 25% of a structure.

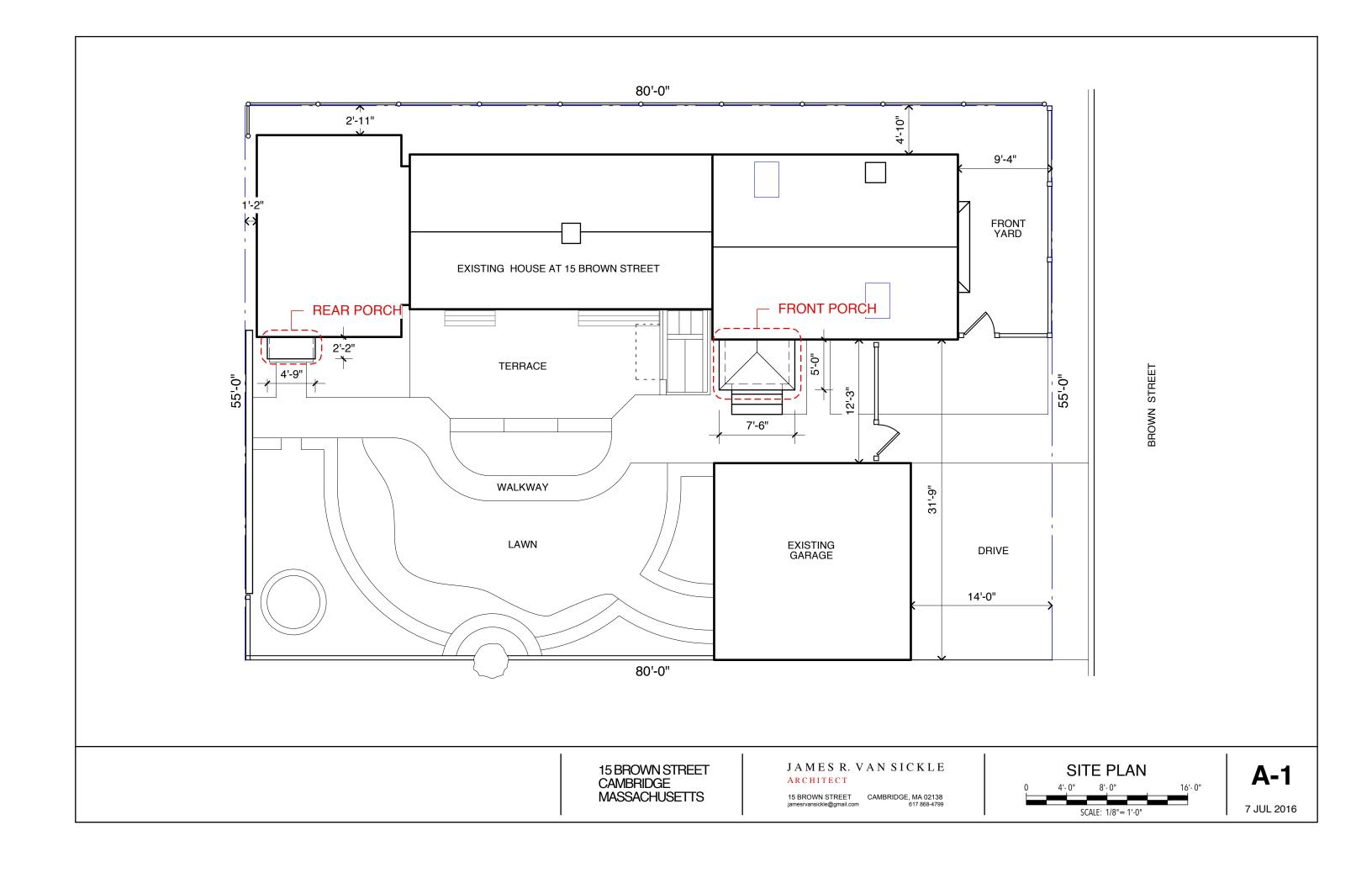
Please contact the building inspector or a staff member of the Historical Commission if you have questions about whether a demolition permit is required for a particular project.

Demolition permit applications can be obtained from the Inspectional Services Department. The completed application should be submitted to the Historical Commission, where the staff will review the application. If the Executive Director of the Historical Commission makes an initial determination that the building is significant, a public hearing will be scheduled with Historical Commission. If the staff makes an initial determination that the building is not significant, the application is released for further review by the Building Commissioner.

More information about the demolition permit application procedures is available on the Historical Commission's web site or by calling or dropping by the Historical Commission office.

July 2003

Cambridge Historical Commission 831 Massachusetts Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl. Cambridge, MA 02139 Ph: 617/349-4683 or TTY: 617/349-6112 http://www.cambridgema.gov/Historic





**HOUSE & GARAGE - EAST ELEVATION** 

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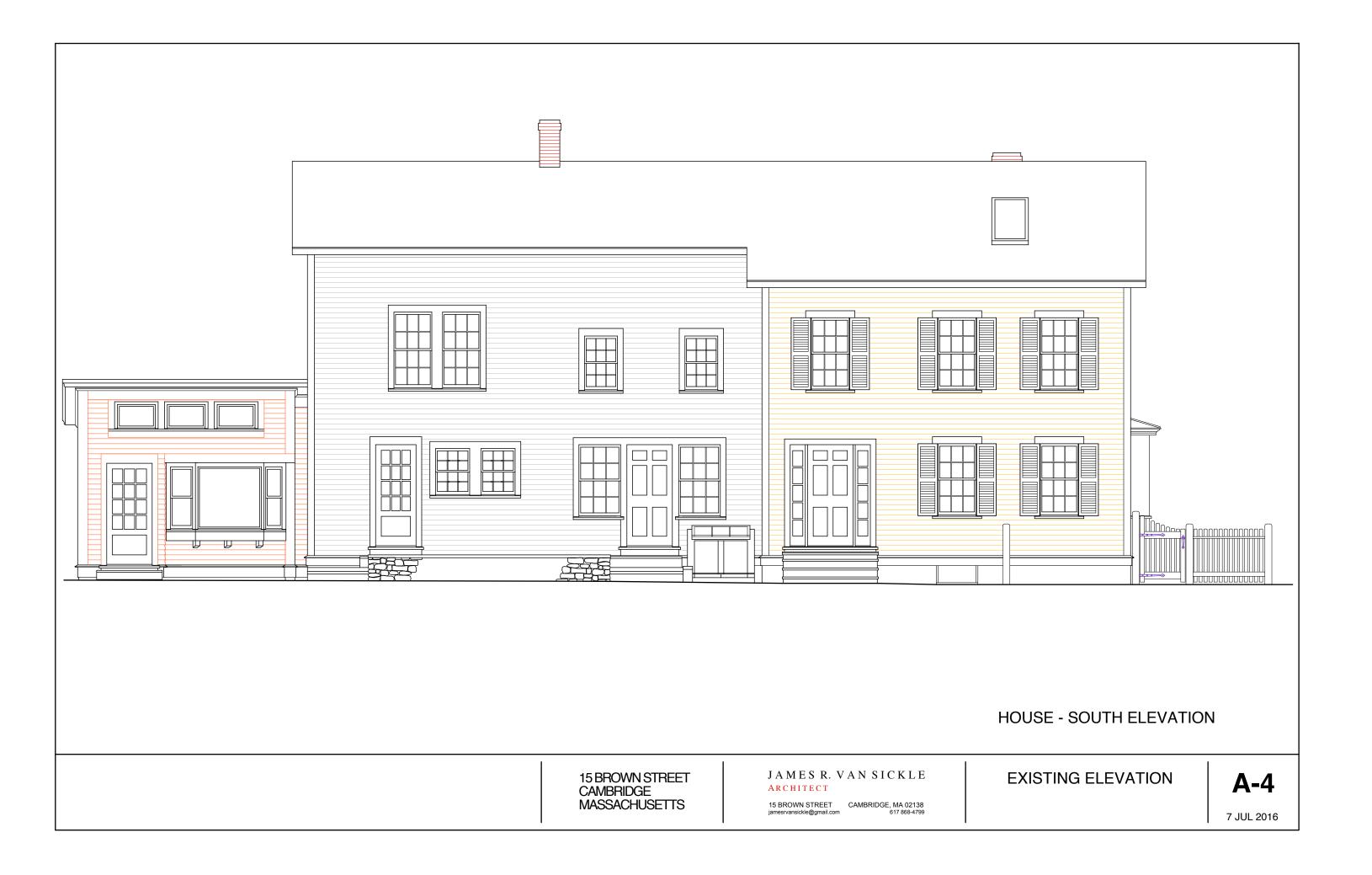
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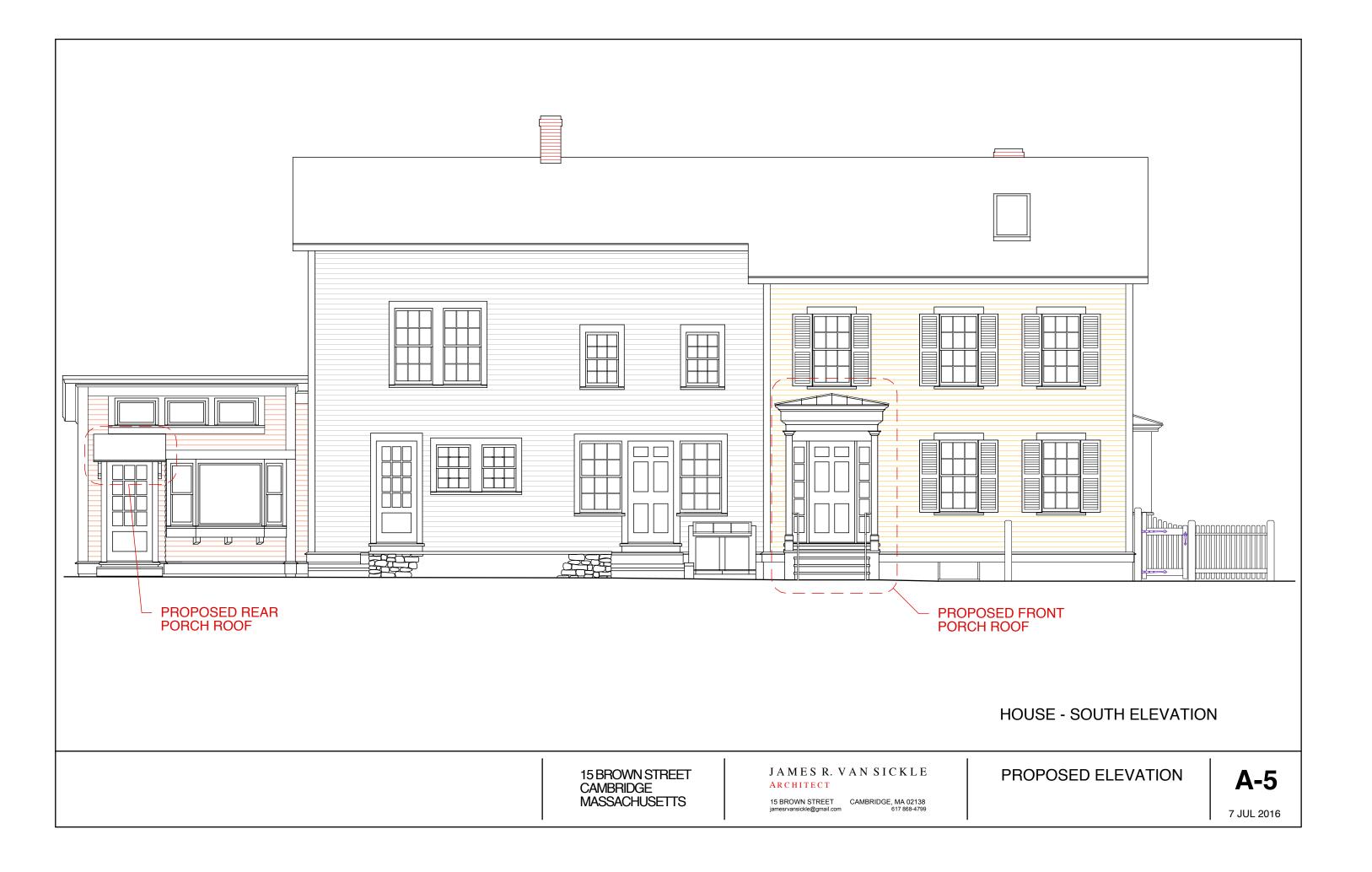
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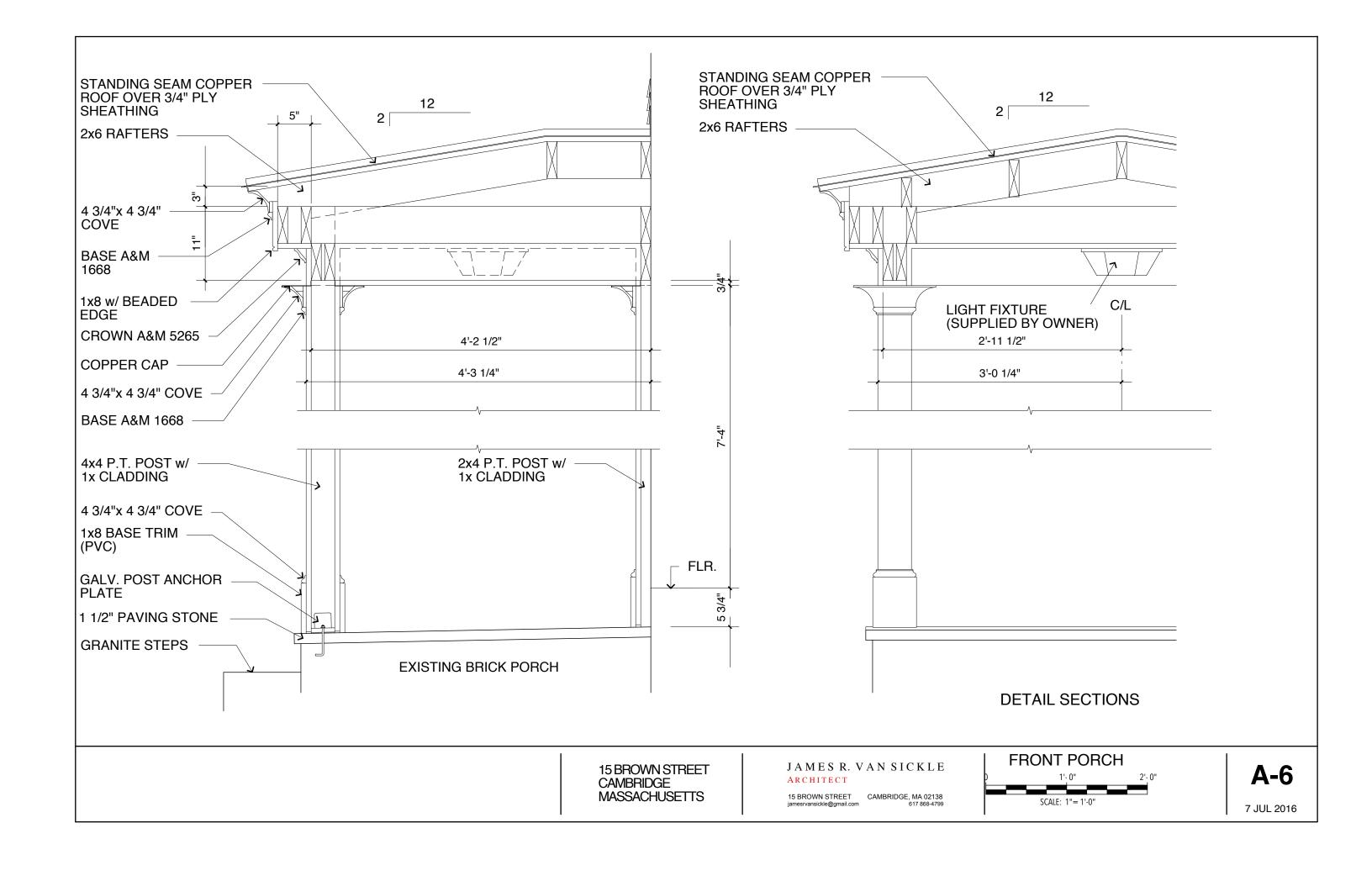
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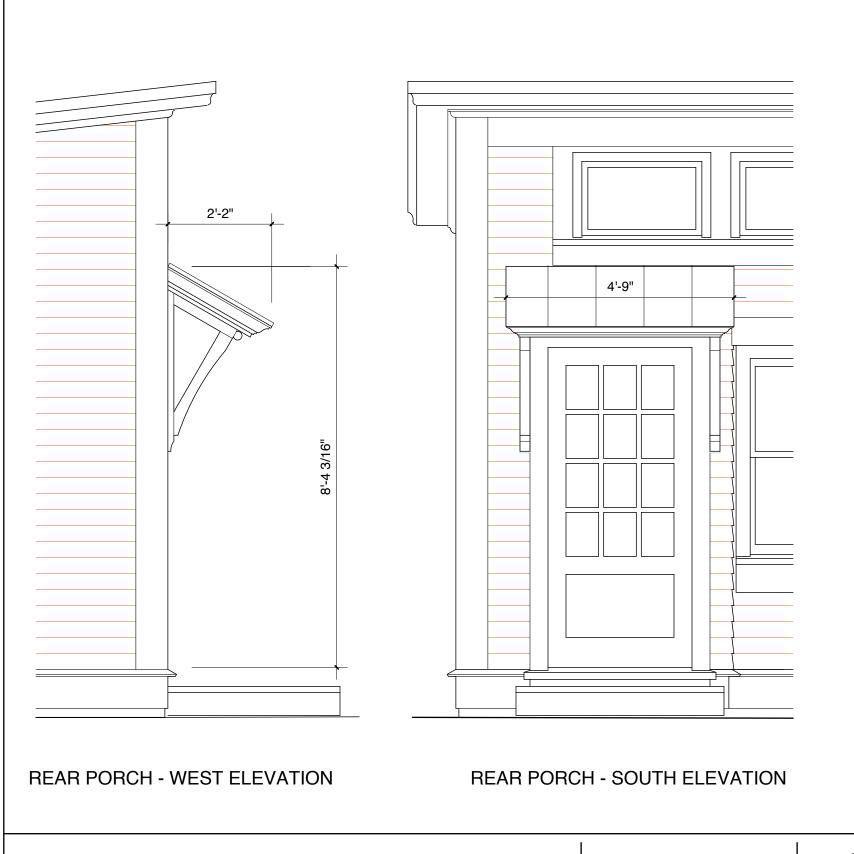
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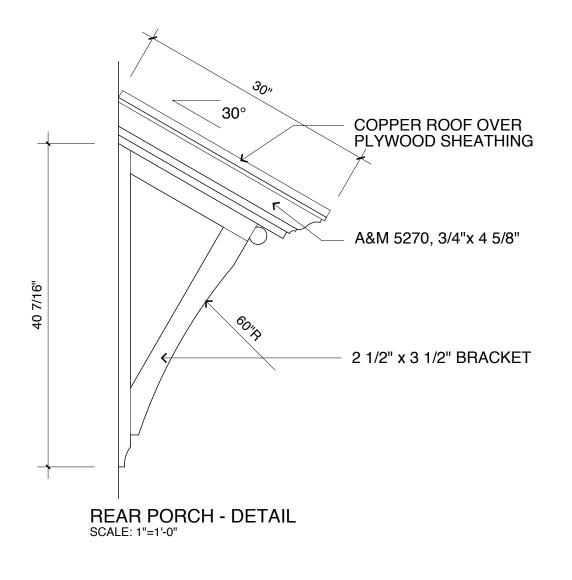
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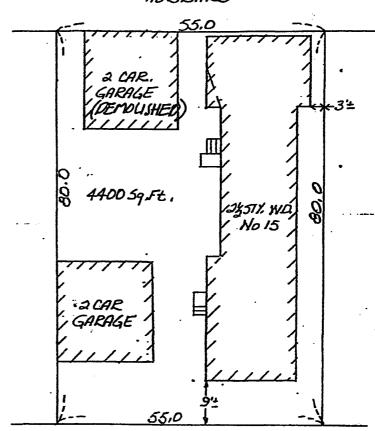
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**VIEW FROM BROWN STREET** 

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN

NorF. HUBBARD



BROWN STREET

thereby certify that the building shown on this plan conformed to the zoning laws of the city of Cambridge when built

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NOTE! THIS IS A TAPE SURVEY
NOT TO BE USED FOR ESTABLISHING
PROPERTY LINES, HEDGES, OR ANY
PURPOSE OTHER THAN ITS' ORIGINAL INTENT.
THIS PLAN WAS DRAWN FOR MORTGAGE
PURPOSES ONLY. MOT TO BE RECORDED.

MORTGAGE PLAN

1 ENGINEERING

1920 SINCE

PROPERTY PLAN OF IN CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

> OWNED BY

JAMES R. MARY A. VAN SICKLE

SCALE: 1" = 20

DATE: 8-15-1983

L.G. BRACKETT CO. INC. WINCHESTER MASS.

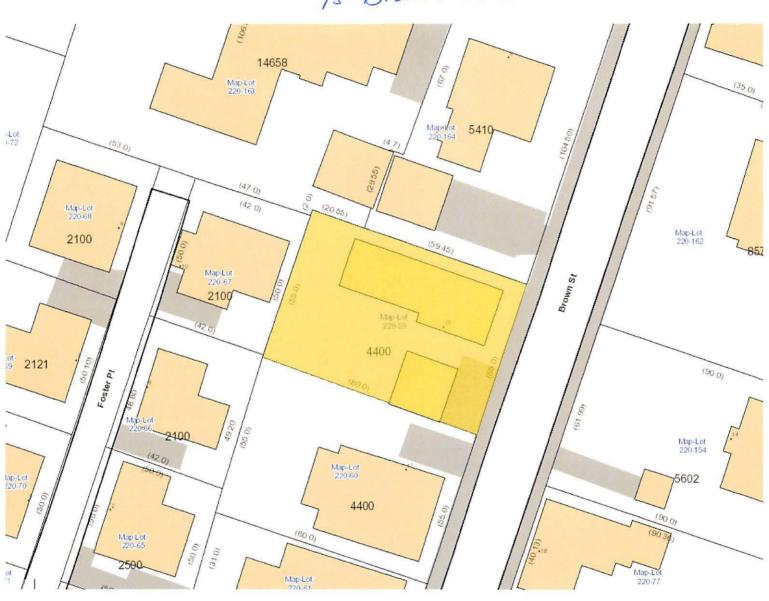
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PLOT PLAN 15 BROWN STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA

