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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE

1. The undersigned hereby applies to the Cambridge Historical Commission for a Certificate of (check one box): Appropriateness, Nonapplicability, or Hardship, in accordance with Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws and/or Chapter 2.78 of the Municipal Code.
2. Address of property: 137 Allston St, Cambridge, Massachusetts
3. Describe the proposed alteration(s), construction or demolition in the space provided below:
(An additional page can be attached, if necessary).

THIS PROJECT WILL COMPLETE EXTERIOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION WORK ON ST. AUGUSTINE'S AFRICAN CHURCH. FINAL EXTERIOR SHINGLED DETAILS WILL BE BASED ON ORIGINAL DETAILS OBSERVED UPON STRIPPING THE EXISTING ASPHALT SHINGLES. A NEW ENTRY STAIR AND RAMP WILL BE BUILT AT THE EXISTING SIDE VESTIBULE, RESTORING THE ORIGINAL ENTRANCE ACCESS TO THE BUILDING. THE EXISTING (C.1940) FRONT ENTRY WILL BE REMOVED AND REPLACED BY AN OPERABLE CASEMENT WINDOW. EXTERIOR-SIDE INSULATION WILL BE ADDED, AND NEW SHINGLES (EITHER WOOD OR FIBER CEMENT) WILL BE ADDED. THE NEW SCREEN-LIKE WINDOW AND DOOR OPENINGS OF THE SIDE VESTIBULE REPLICATE ORIGINALS SUGGESTED BY AN 1888 ENGRAVING OF THE BUILDING PUBLISHED IN THE CAMBRIDGE CHRONICLE TO ACCOMPANY AN ARTICLE ON THE EXPANSION OF THE CHURCH.

IN NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2019, THE ROOF STRUCTURE WAS BOLSTERED WITH LATERAL TIE RODS, PLATES, AND HANGERS AT EACH STRUCTURAL COLUMN LINE. THE EXISTING ROOF SHINGLES WERE STRIPPED AND REPLACED, ADDING 4" EXTERIOR-SIDE RIGID FOAM INSULATION AND CORRESPONDING PRE-COATED STRUCTURAL PLYWOOD SHEATHING.

I certify that the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.
The undersigned also attests that he/she has read the statements printed on the reverse.

Name of Property Owner of Record: EDWARD S. ECCLES
Mailing Address: 60 ALLSTON ST. CAMB. MA 02139-4533
Telephone/Fax: 617 388 4337 E-mail: EDWARDALBEN@GMAIL.COM
➡ Signature of Property Owner of Record: Edward S. Eccles
(Required field; the application will not be considered complete without the property owner's signature)

Name of proponent, if not record owner: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Telephone/Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

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Date Application Received: _____ Case Number: 4685 Hearing Date: 11/4/21
Type of Certificate Issued: _____ Date Issued: _____

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S A.O. CHURCH

EXTERIOR PRESERVATION AND ACCESS PROJECT

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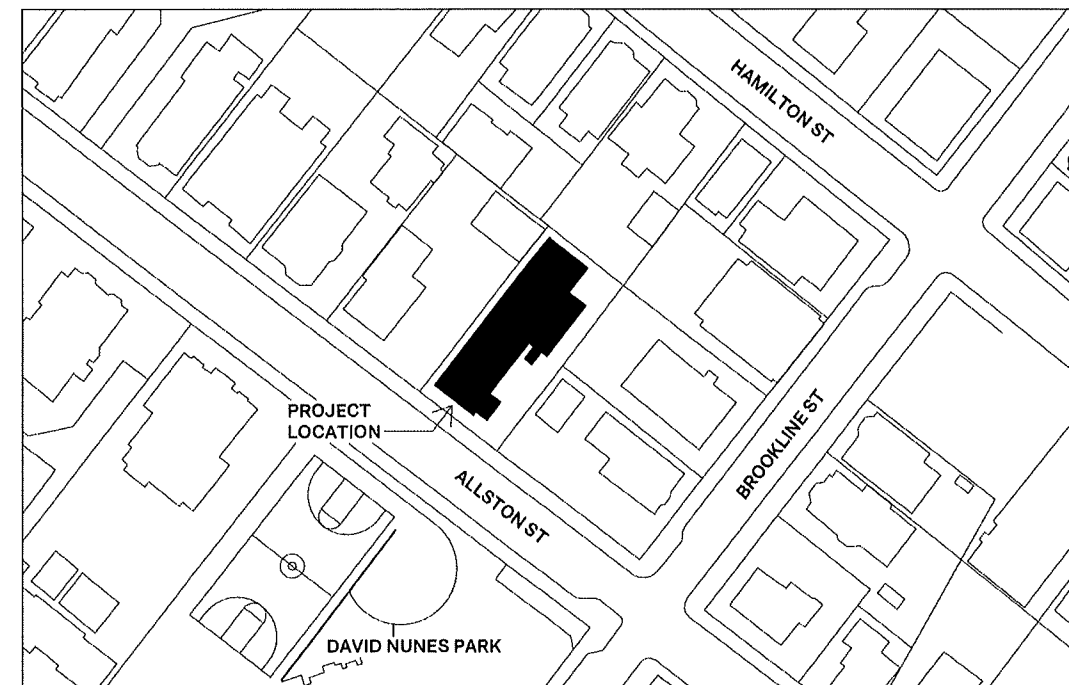
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DESIGN DEVELOPMENT
OCT 15, 2021



AREA PLAN

0' 25' 50' 100'

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TITLE PAGE

DATE:
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SCALE:
AS NOTED

APPLICABLE CODES

BUILDING CODES

MASS STATE BUILDING CODE, 9TH EDITION 2018
 BASE VOLUME: 2015 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE
 2015 INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE

FIRE CODES

MASS STATE BUILDING CODE 2018
 BASE VOLUME: 2015 NFPA 1 FIRE CODE

ACCESSIBILITY CODES

MASS ARCHITECTURAL ACCESS BOARD (AAB) 2006 REGULATIONS
 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

ENERGY CODES

2017 MASS STRETCH ENERGY CODE

BUILDING DATA

GROSS BUILDING AREA SUMMARY

LEVEL B GSF	2600
LEVEL 1 GSF	2600
TOTAL GSF	5200

EARLIER WORK COMPLETED

PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 2019, THE BUILDING'S ROOF WAS IN SIGNIFICANT DISREPAIR, NEEDING BOTH STRUCTURAL AND WATER PROTECTION WORK. IN NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2019, THE ROOF STRUCTURE WAS BOLSTERED WITH LATERAL TIE RODS, PLATES, AND HANGERS AT EACH STRUCTURAL COLUMN LINE. THE EXISTING ROOF SHINGLES WERE STRIPPED AND REPLACED, ADDING 4" EXTERIOR-SIDE RIGID FOAM INSULATION AND CORRESPONDING PRE-COATED STRUCTURAL PLYWOOD SHEATHING.

PRESENT PROJECT NARRATIVE

THIS PROJECT WILL COMPLETE EXTERIOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION WORK ON THE CHURCH BUILDING AT 137 ALLSTON ST CAMBRIDGE MA.

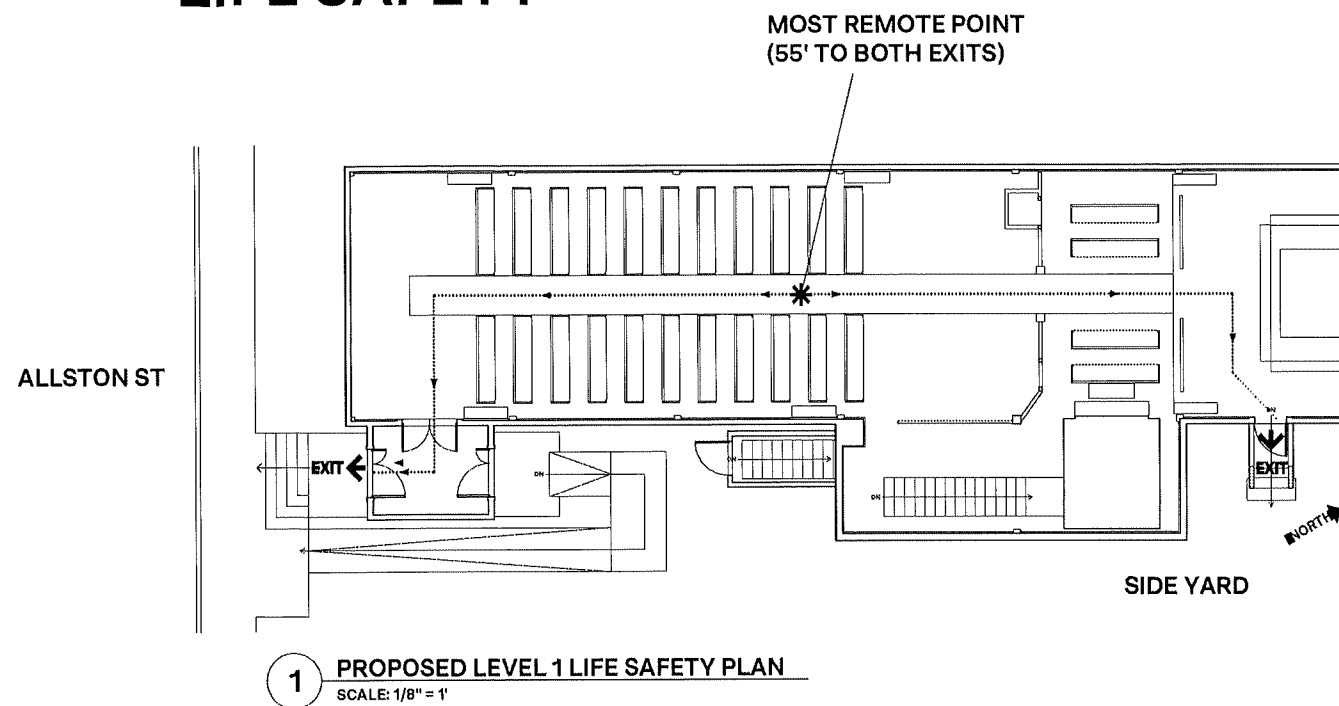
EXTERIOR PRESERVATION WORK CONSISTS OF THESE TASKS:

- DEMOLISH EXISTING CONCRETE ENTRY STEPS AT FRONT CENTER AND SIDE VESTIBULE ENTRIES
- REBUILD FLOOR OF EXISTING SIDE VESTIBULE
- ADD 2 NEW ENTRY DOORS AT BOTH FRONT AND BACK SIDES OF EXISTING SIDE VESTIBULE
- ADD 1 NEW WINDOW AT SIDE OF EXISTING SIDE VESTIBULE
- ELIMINATE EXISTING FRONT CENTER ENTRANCE
- ADD 1 NEW WINDOW AT FRONT CENTER
- STRIP EXISTING DEGRADED ASPHALT SIDING, AND SPOT REPAIR EXISTING SHEATHING.
- ADD 2" EXTERIOR-SIDE RIGID FOAM INSULATION
- ADD NEW WATER/VAPOR MEMBRANES, DRAINAGE MAT, AND NEW EXTERIOR SHINGLE PRODUCT
- CONSTRUCT NEW ENTRY STAIRS AND ADA ACCESSIBLE RAMP LEADING TO THE EXISTING SIDE VESTIBULE

CORRESPONDING INTERIOR WORK CONSISTS OF THESE TASKS:

- REFINISH INTERIOR OF EXISTING SIDE VESTIBULE
- DEMOLISH EXISTING INTERIOR FRONT CENTER ENTRY BOX
- REPAIR AND REFINISH SURFACES AS NECESSARY

LIFE SAFETY



1 PROPOSED LEVEL 1 LIFE SAFETY PLAN
 SCALE: 1/8" = 1'

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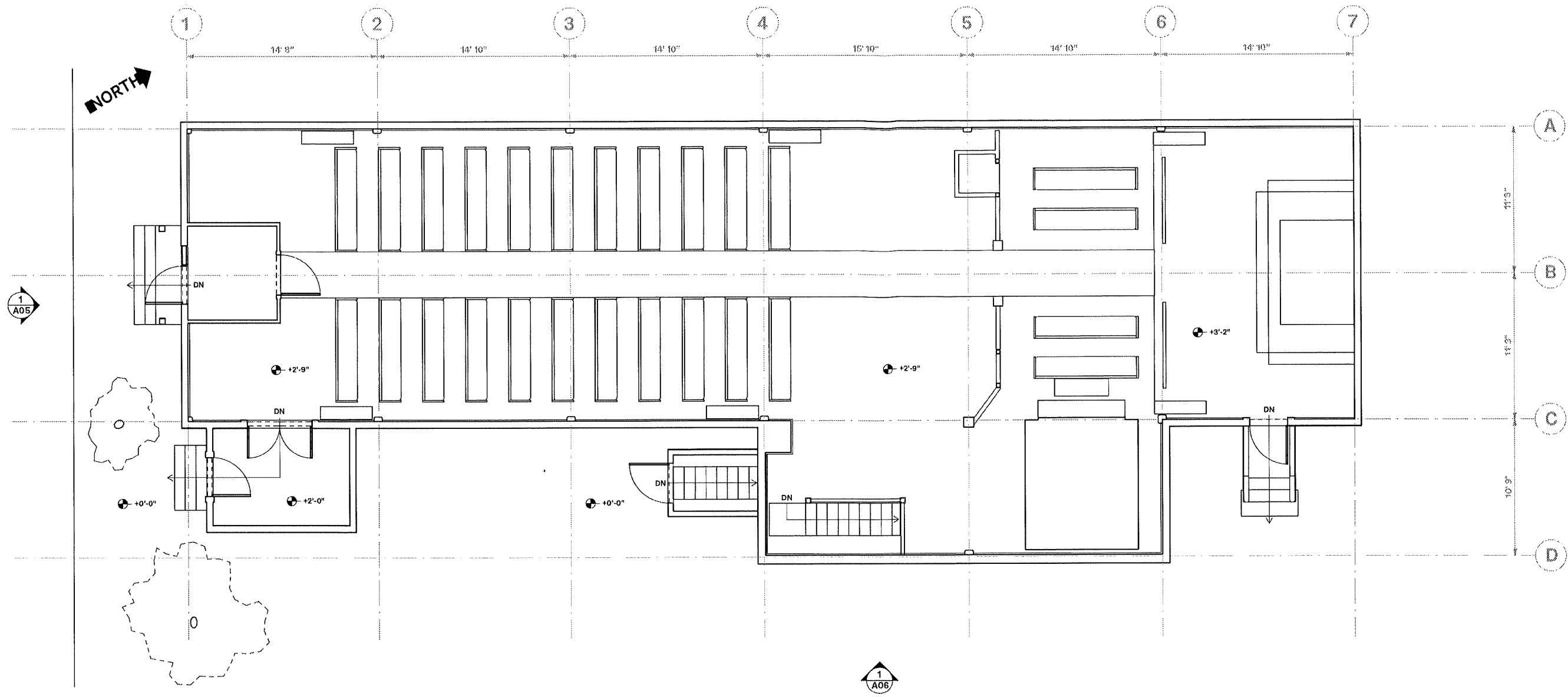
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 SCALE: 1/4" = 1'

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**EXISTING
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 PLAN**

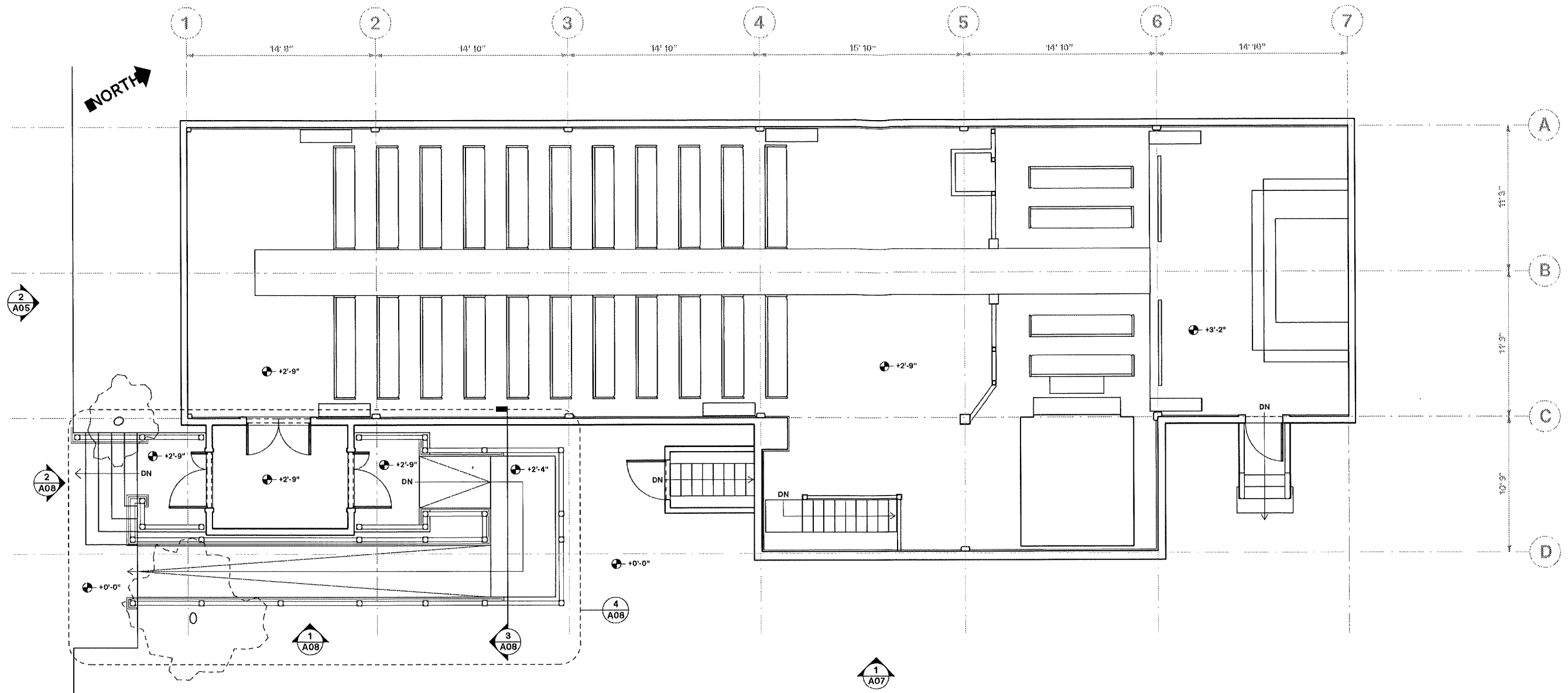
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1 PROPOSED MAIN FLOOR PLAN
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**PROPOSED
 MAIN FLOOR
 PLAN**

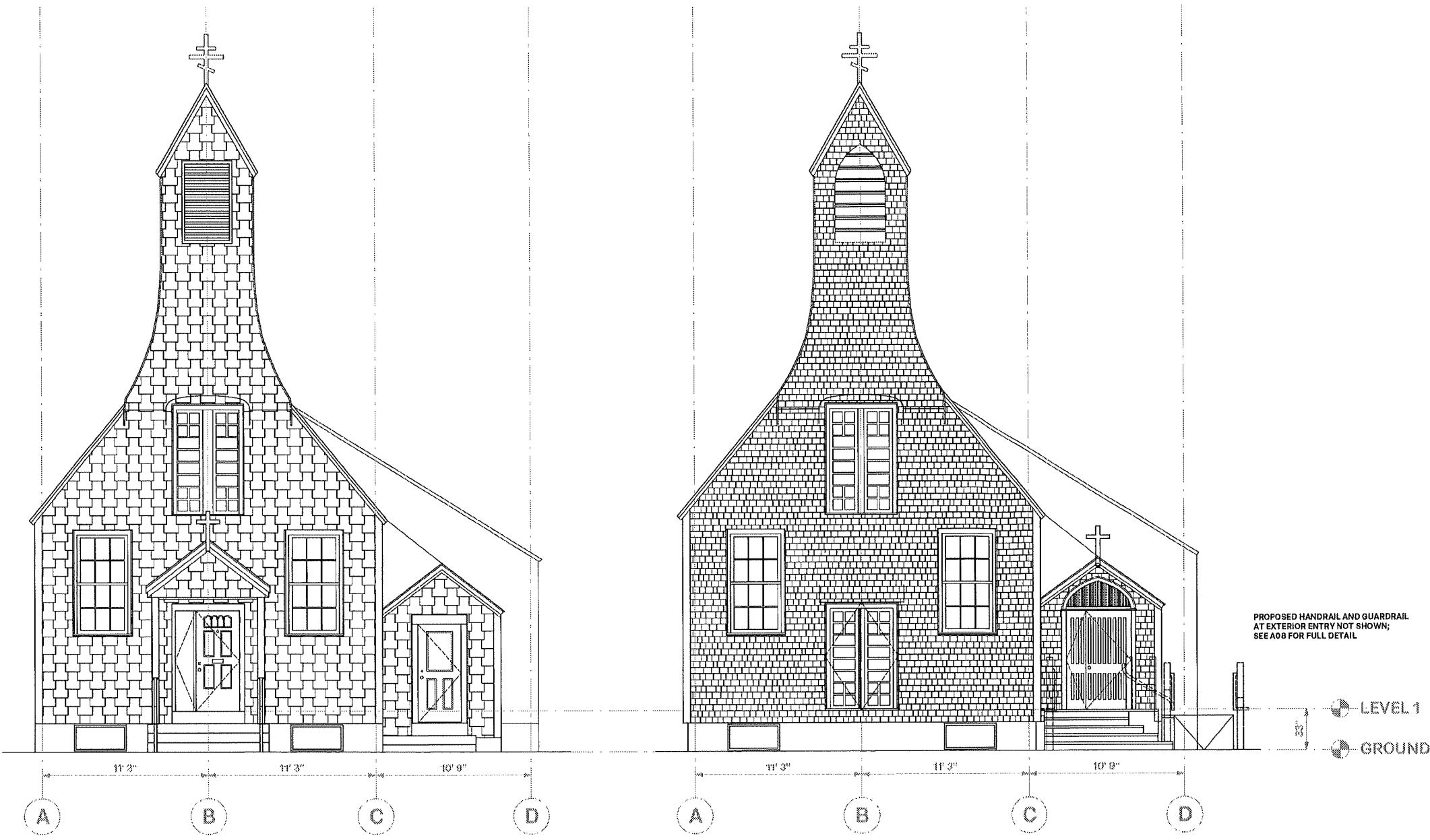
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1 EXISTING STREET ELEVATION
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2 PROPOSED STREET ELEVATION
 SCALE: 1/4" = 1'

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ELEVATIONS

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SCALE:
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1 EXISTING RIGHT SIDE ELEVATION
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**EXISTING
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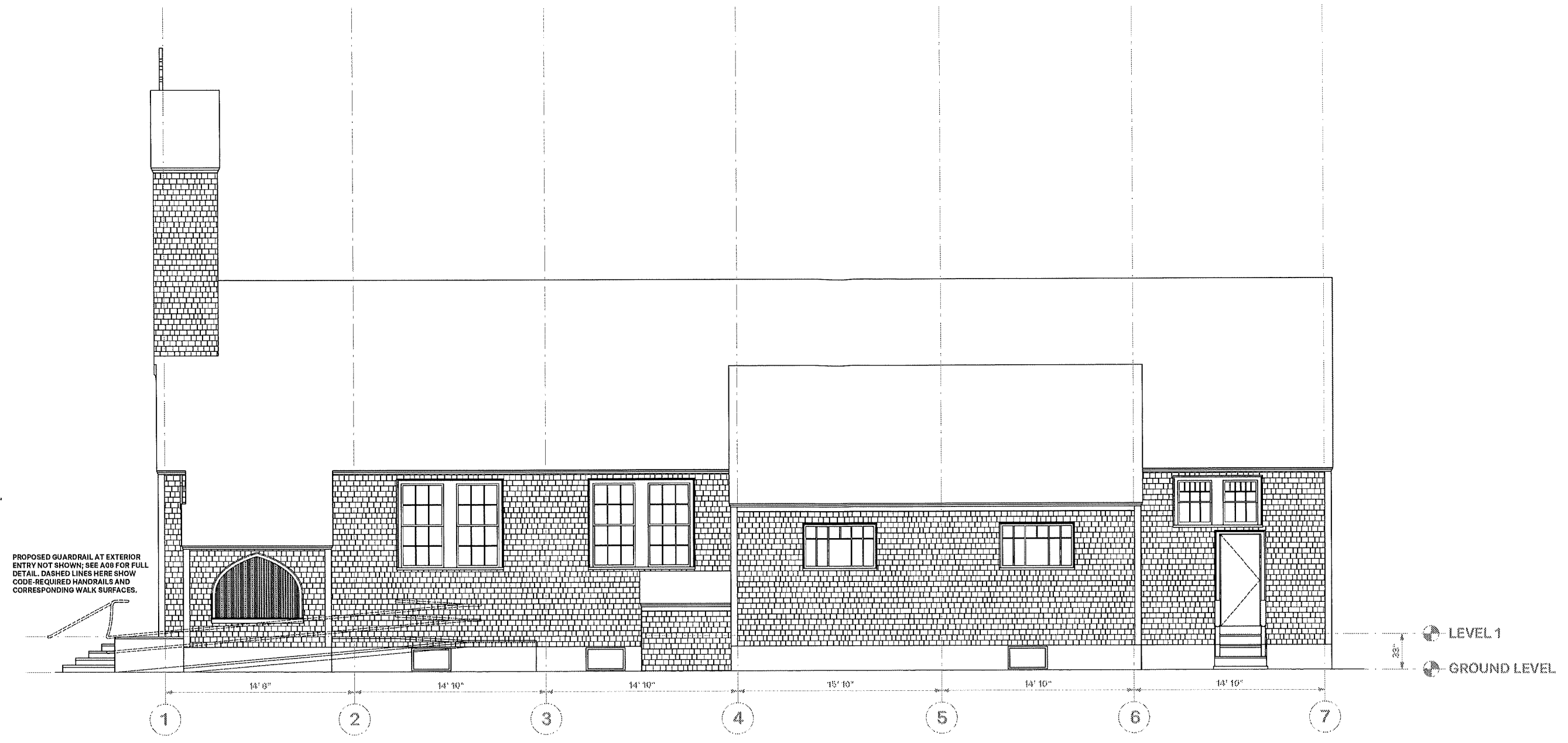
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1 PROPOSED RIGHT SIDE ELEVATION
 SCALE: 1/4" = 1'

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PROPOSED
 SIDE
 ELEVATION

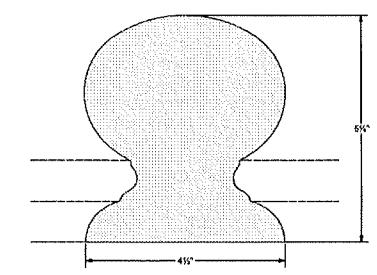
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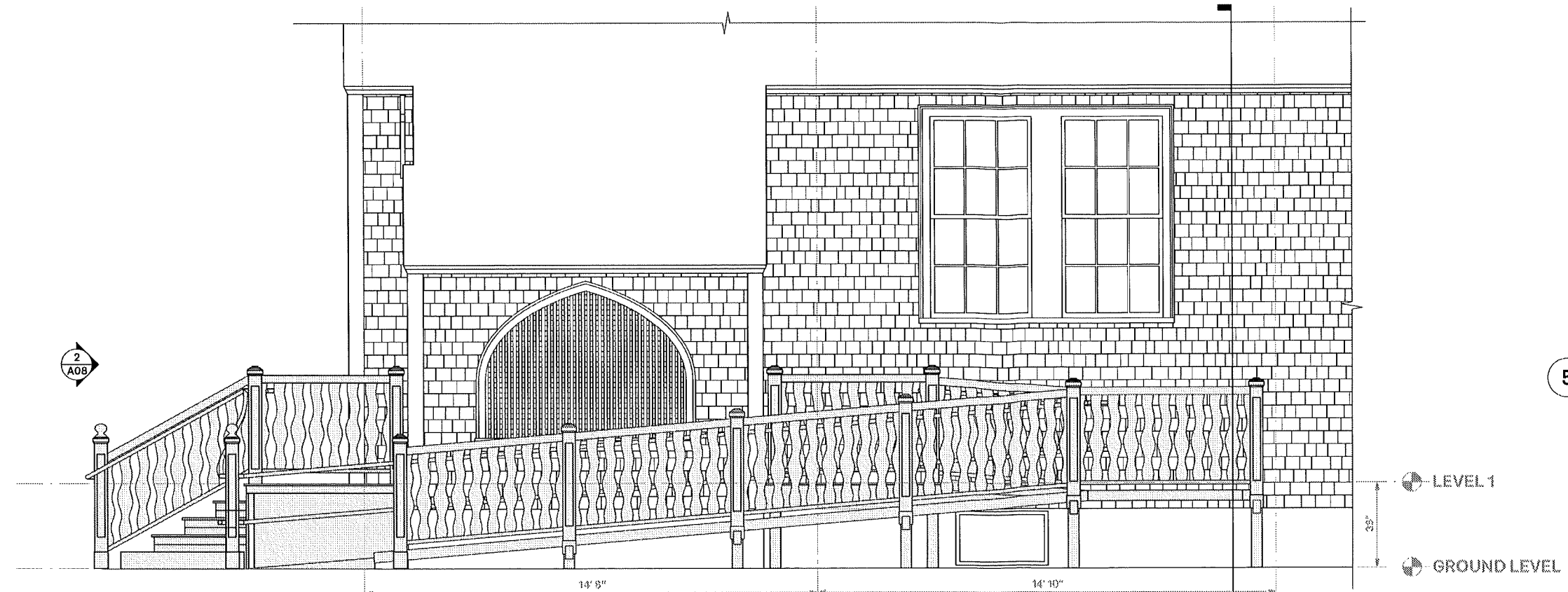
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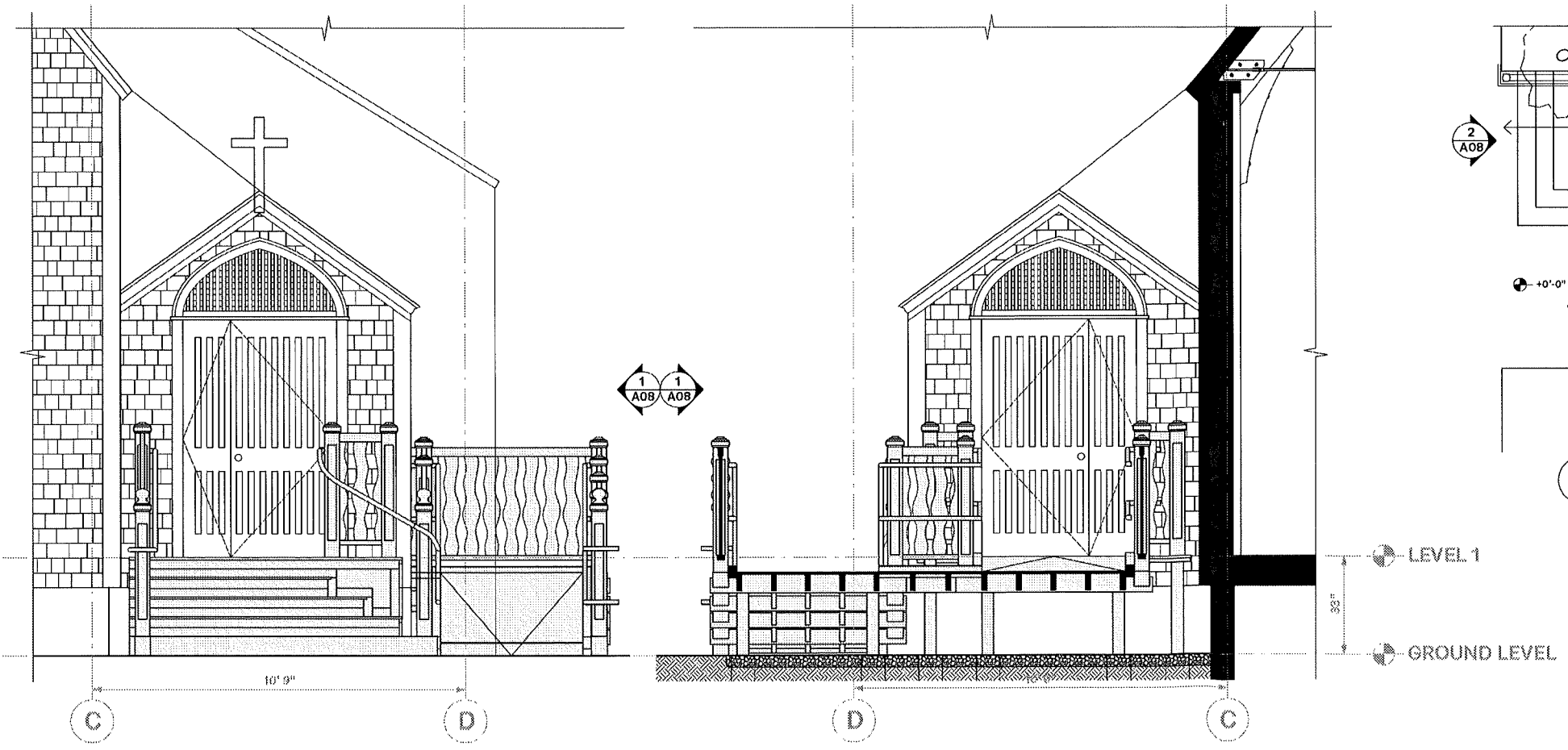
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5 PROPOSED ENTRY FINIAL
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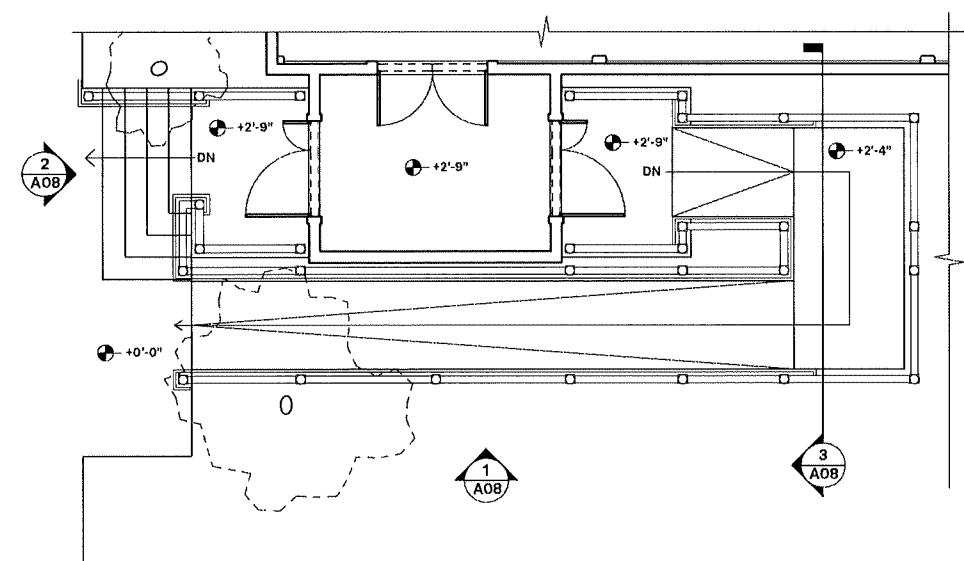


1 PROPOSED RIGHT SIDE ELEVATION
 SCALE: 1/2" = 1"



2 PROPOSED FRONT SIDE ELEVATION
 SCALE: 1/2" = 1"

3 PROPOSED REAR SIDE ELEVATION
 SCALE: 1/2" = 1"



4 PROPOSED ENTRY KEY PLAN
 SCALE: 1/4" = 1"

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PROPOSED RAMP AND STAIR ENTRY

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