

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

831 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge MA 02139

617-349-6100

BZA Application Form

BZA Number: 193947

Date: 9/22/22

	General Information	
The undersigned	d hereby petitions the Board of Zoning Appeal for the following:	
Special Permit:	Variance:X Appeal:	
PETITIONER: [FBA THORNDIKE STREET LLC C/O FBA THORNDIKE STREET LLC	
PETITIONER'S	ADDRESS: ONE ADAMS PLACE - 859 WILLARD ST - SUITE 501, MA, QUINCY	02169
LOCATION OF	PROPERTY: 154 Thorndike St , Cambridge, MA	
TYPE OF OCCU	UPANCY: Multi-Family ZONING DISTRICT: Residence C-1 Zone	!
REASON FOR I	PETITION:	
/Parking/		
DESCRIPTION	N OF PETITIONER'S PROPOSAL:	
Existing parking	space does not meet zoning ordinance, relief required to keep existing space.	
SECTIONS OF	ZONING ORDINANCE CITED:	
Article: 6.000 Article: 6.000 Article: 10.000	Section: 6.44.1 (a) (Setbacks). Section: 6.44.1 (c) (Front Yard Parking). Section: 10.30 (Variance).	
	Original Signature(s): (Petitioner (s) / Owner) Oavid Gosser, 95	Manager
	Address: 857 Willard St. #501, Ouncy, r Tel. No. (617) 472-2000 E-Mail Address: Jim@grossmanco.com	U <u>n4 o2</u> 169

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.

FBA THORNDIKE STREET LLC
(OWNER)
Address: ONE ADAMS PLACE, 859 WILLARD ST., SUITE 501 C/O THE GROSSMAN COMPANIES, INC.
State that I/We own the property located at
which is the subject of this zoning application.
The record title of this property is in the name of FBA THORNDIKE STREET LLC
*Pursuant to a deed of duly recorded in the date 2/11/21 , Middlesex South County Registry of Deeds at Book 76941 , Page 351 ; or
Middlesex Registry District of Land Court, Certificate No
Book Page
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 Morfolk
The above-name Dovid Grossman personally appeared before me, this 6th of 3cpt., 2022, and made oath that the above statement is true.
My commission expires September 2, 2027 (Notary Seal).
* KATHLEEN M COYNE • If ownership is not shown in record of Robert Public, Commonwealth of Westschieder, recent deed, or inheritance, please include the programment Commission Explicit September 02, 2027

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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 existing unit is deeded with 2 of the 3 parking spaces that are required by zoning which makes a significant hardship for the third unit which does not currently have a deeded parking space. Allowing this existing space to remain will allow for all units to have at least 1 deeded parking space.

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 lot is situated on the corner of 6th & Thorndike which requires a variance regardless of the side due to the two front setbacks imposed on the lot.

C) DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:

1) Desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good for the following reasons:

The parking space is existing and does not require any modification to the existing curb cut or street. It will be creating no change to the current public way.

Desirable relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this Ordinance for the following reasons:

The area is an existing parking space, so it already has been considered in the open space calculation. The lot has 2 front setbacks, and there is no parking on the 6th street front setback.

*If you have any questions as to whether you can establish all of the applicable legal requirements, you should consult with an attorney.

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DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION

Applicant: FBA THORNDIKE STREET LLC

Present Use/Occupancy: Multi-Family

Location:

154 Thorndike St, Cambridge, MA

Zone: Residence C-1 Zone

Phone:

(617) 472-2000

Requested Use/Occupancy: Multi-Family

		Existing Conditions	Requested Conditions	<u>Ordinance</u> <u>Requirements</u>	
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA:		3850	3850	3852	(max.)
LOT AREA:		5136	5136	5000	(min.)
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA: ²		0.749	0.749	0.75	
LOT AREA OF EACH DWELLING UNIT		1712	1712	1500	
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	80	80	50	
	DEPTH	65	65	50	
SETBACKS IN FEET:	FRONT	18.5	18.5	10	
	REAR	No Rear Setback (Corner Lot)	No Rear Setback (Corner Lot)	No Rear Setback (Corner Lot)	
	LEFT SIDE	7.7	7.7	7.5	
	RIGHT SIDE	10.1 (Note - Front Setback)	10.1 (Note - Front Setback)	10 (Note - Front Setback)	
SIZE OF BUILDING:	HEIGHT	29	29	35	
	WIDTH	38	38	N/A	
	LENGTH	18	18	N/A	
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:		1724	1724	30% - 1541	
NO. OF DWELLING UNITS:		3	3	3	
NO. OF PARKING SPACES:		3	4	3	
NO. OF LOADING AREAS:		N/A	N/A	N/A	
DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG. ON SAME LOT		15.2	15.2	10	

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

Wood frame two family dwelling

- 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'.

154 THORNDIKE PARKING

154 THORNDIKE ST, CAMBRIDGE - MA 02141

PROJECT DIRECTORY

OWNER:

FBA THORNDIKE ST LLC ONE ADAMS PLACE 859 WILLARD STREET, S 501

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNER:

MGD+ LLC 411 LEXINGTON ST NEWTON - MA 02466

ARCHITECT:

DEREK RUBINOFF 82 SPRING ST WEST ROXBURY - MA 02132

Project Overview:

The scope of this project is to propose one compact parking space situated within the front setback of the property. The parking space is to be situated on the existing driveway pavers on site, resulting in no chage to open space calculations.

This proposal seeks a variance to allow the parking space within the front setback

SHEET NUMBER	SHEET NAME
SD.00	COVER PAGE
SD.01	EXISTING CONDITIONS & ZONING
SD.02	EXISTING SITE PLAN
SD.03	PROPOSED PARKING SPACE PLAN
SD.04	ELEVATIONS







				COVER PAGE		
154 THORNDIKE PARKING	No.	Description	Date	Project number 20-1020 Date 08-11-2022		SD.00
134 THORNDINE PARKING				Drawn by LFC Checked by	MGD	Scale

ZONING ANALISYS SUMMARY ZONING DISTRICT DESCRIPTION ZONING CODE REF EXISTING ALLOWED/REQUIRED PROPOSED USE S4.01 **LOT AREA** S5.01 5,136 SF 5,000 SF 5,136 SF OPEN SPACE USABLE -SEE ENGINEERING DRAWING ON NEXT SHEET OPEN SPACE LANDSCAPED SEE ENGINEERING DRAWING ON NEXT SHEET

ZONING SETBACKS

FRONT SETBACK: 10' SIDE SETBACK: 7'6" REAR SETBACK: N/A (Corner lot)

6.43.3Curb cuts for off street parking facilities shall comply with the following standards:(a)In Residential districts, the maximum width of a curb cut shall be twenty (20) feet at the street line.

6.43.4Driveways for off street parking facilities shall comply with the following standards:(a)The minimum width for a one way driveway shall be ten (10) feet.

(b)No driveway curb cut shall be located closer than twenty five (25) feet to a street intersection or within fifteen (15) feet of a crosswalk.

(c)The grade and design of any driveway providing access to an off street parking facility shall permit a clear view, to the driver of any car exiting from the facility, of traffic on the street and of pedestrians.

6.44.1Setbacks for on grade open parking facilities shall be provided as follows:(a)No on grade open parking space shall be located within ten (10) feet of that portion of a building wall containing windows of habitable or occupiable rooms at basement or first story. However, on grade open parking spaces serving one, two, or three family dwellings may be located within five (5) feet of that portion of such building wall.

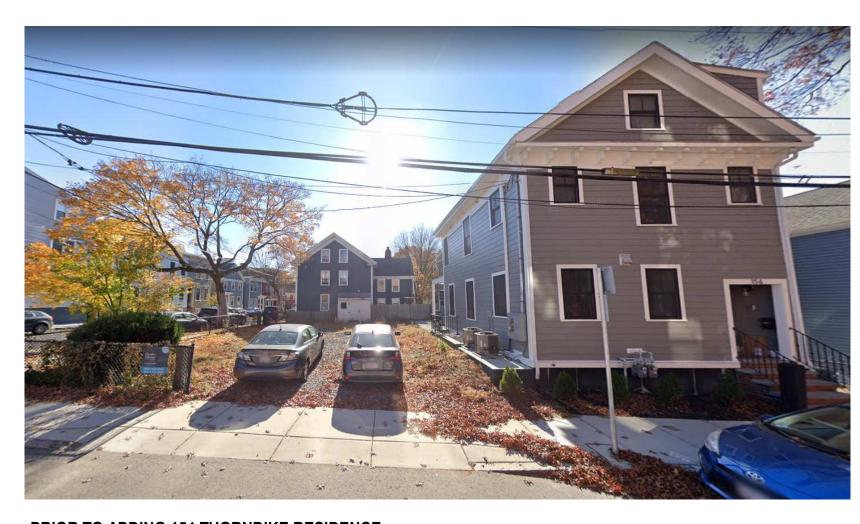
(b) Except for one, two, or three family dwellings existing at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance or amendment thereto, no on grade open parking space or driveway shall be located within five (5) feet of any side or rear property line.

(c)No on grade open parking space shall be located within a required front yard setback

(d)The area between the required parking setback line and the building or lot line shall be landscaped and maintained in accordance with the requirements of Subsection 6.48. (e)No on grade open parking shall be allowed in a Residence C-2A district within one hundred and twenty five (125) feet of a Residence A-1, A-2, B, C, C-1, C-2, or C-2B

(f)In an Industry C district, no parking lot shall be located within fifty (50) feet of a residential district or within twenty five (25) feet of an open space district, a park or public recreation area or the right of way of a designated parkway.

(g)The Board of Zoning Appeal may grant a special permit to allow for modification of the requirements in 6.44.1 (a) or (b) if site specific factors favor such modification.



PRESENT DAY SITE CONDITION

PROPOSED COMPACT PARKING SPACE FOR 154 THORNDIKE

EXISTING CONDITIONS & ZONING

Scale

PRIOR TO ADDING 154 THORNDIKE RESIDENCE

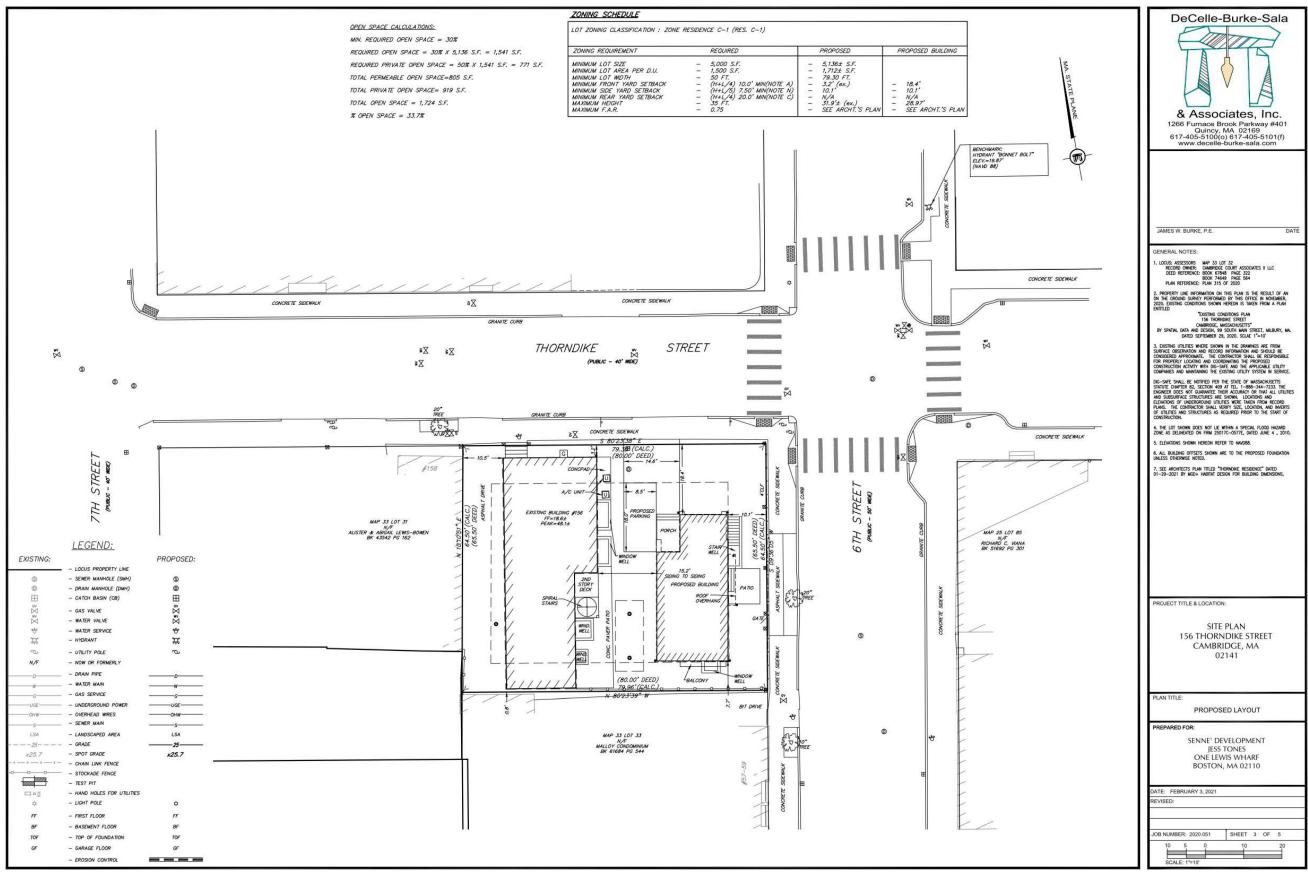
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CIVIL ENGINEERS EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN (NOT TO SCALE)

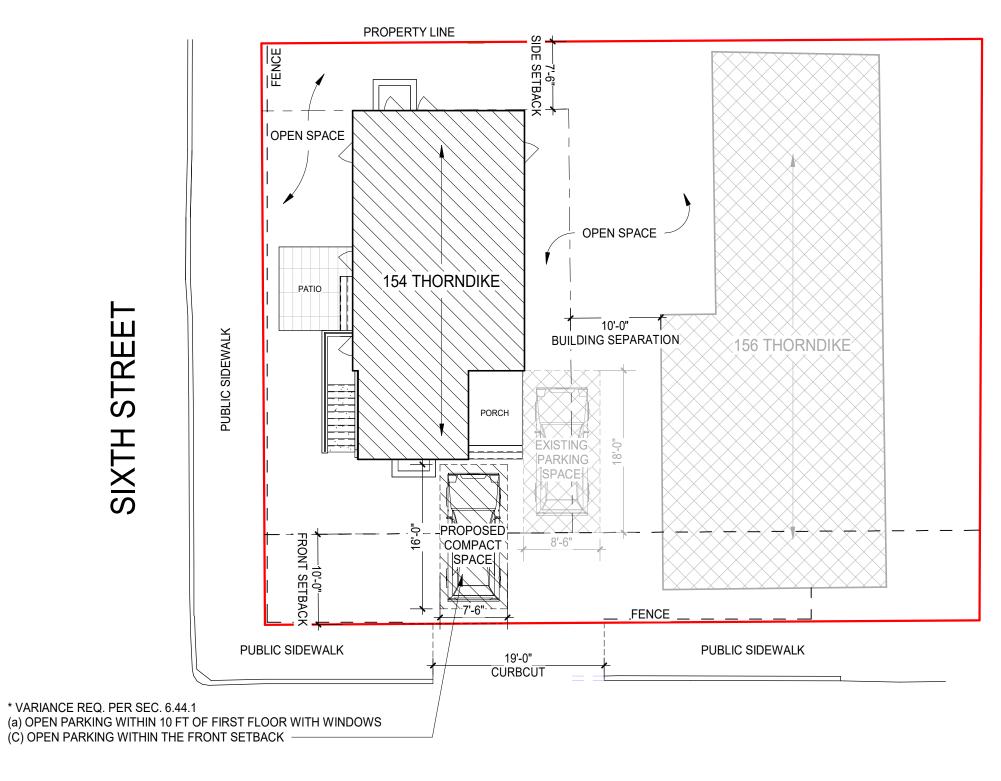
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THORNDIKE STREET

10 - Site Plan 3/32" = 1'-0"

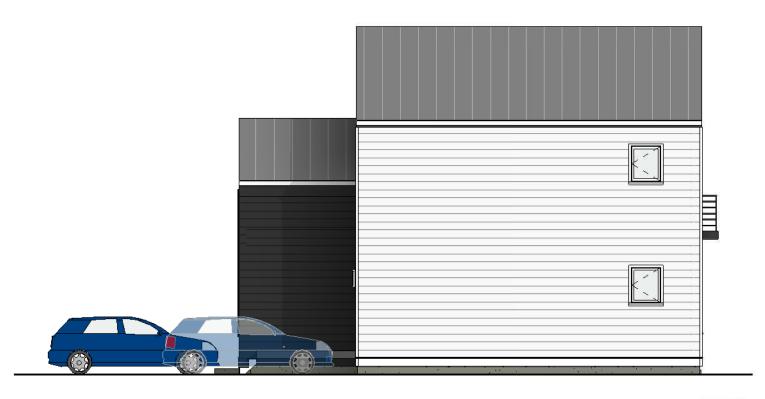


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1 Front Elevation (1/8) 1/8" = 1'-0"



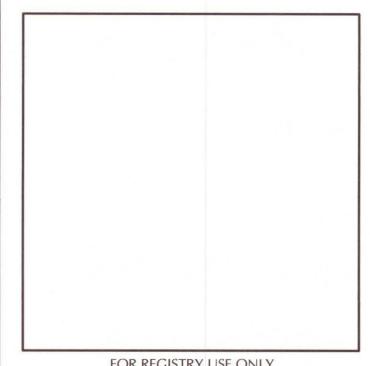


2 Right Elevation (1/8) 1/8" = 1'-0"

3 3D VIEW



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FOR REGISTRY USE ONLY

I CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN CONFORMS WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE REGISTERS OF DEEDS IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CLAUDIO SALA, PLS

I CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN FULLY AND ACCURATELY DEPICTS THE LOCATION AND DIMENSIONS OF THE BUILDINGS, AS-BUILT, AND FULLY LISTS THE UNITS CONTAINED THEREIN, AND FURTHER DEPICTS ALL LIMITED OR EXCLUSIVE USE COMMON AREAS AND FACILITIES OF THE CONDOMINIUM OUTSIDE OF ANY BUILDING AS OF AUGUST 5, 2022.

CLAUDIO SALA, PLS

LEGEND

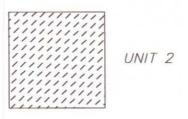
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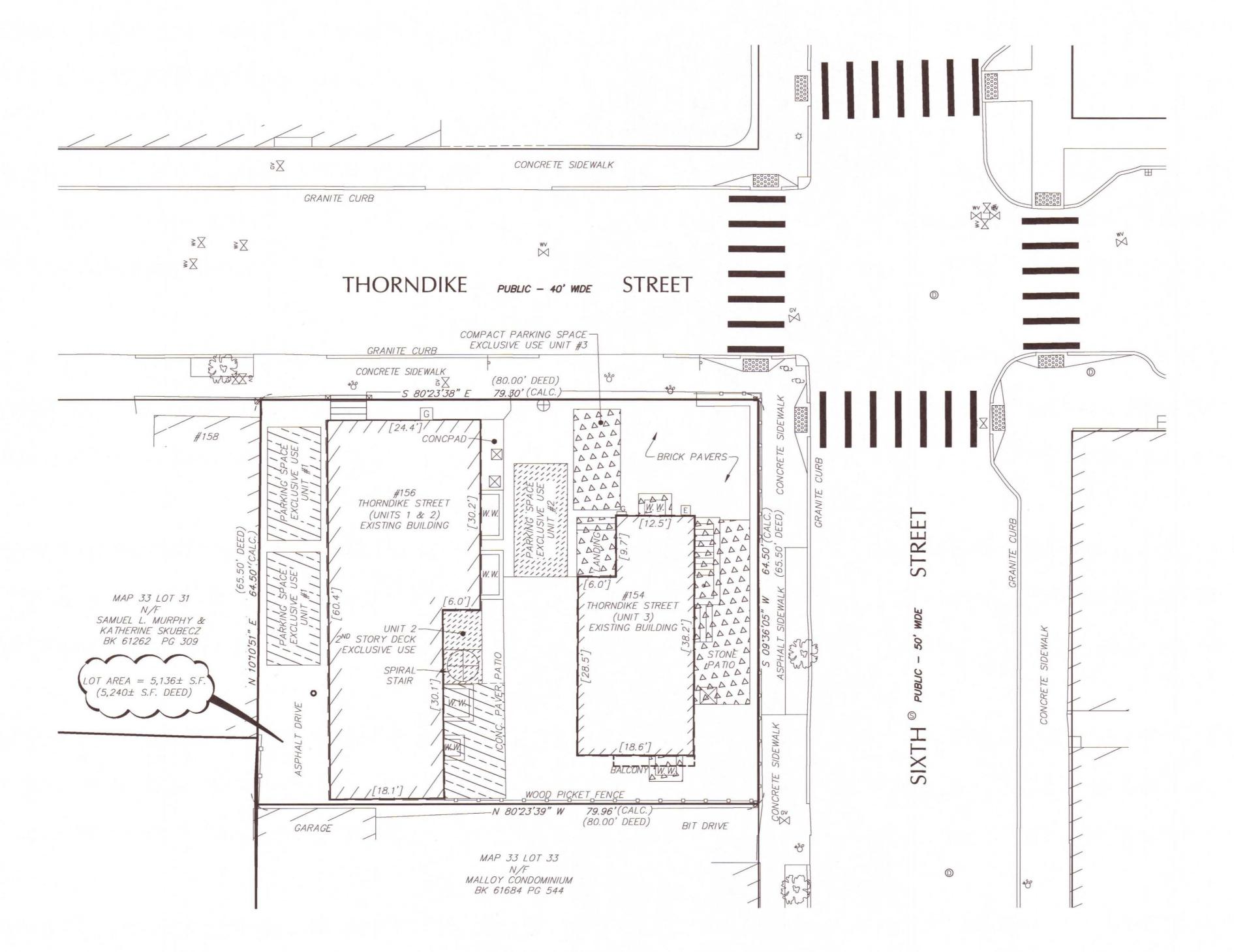


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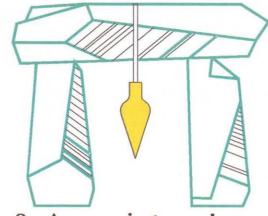




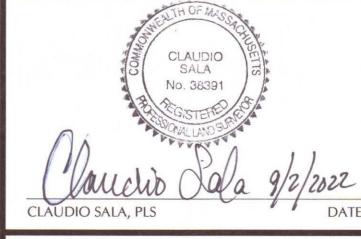
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& Associates, Inc. 1266 Furnace Brook Parkway #401 Quincy, MA 02169 617-405-5100 (o) 617-405-5101 (f) www.decelle-burke-sala.com



GENERAL NOTES:

ASSESSORS ID: MAP 33 LOT 32 RECORD OWNER: 156 THRONDIKE STREET CONDOMINIUM DEED REFERENCE: BOOK 74649 PAGE 564 (MASTER DEED) BOOK 76941 PAGE 352 (UNIT 3)

2. THIS PLAN IS THE RESULT OF AN ON THE GROUND SURVEY PERFORMED BY THIS OFFICE DURING NOVEMBER 2020 AND AUGUST 2022.

3. EXISTING UTILITIES WHERE SHOWN IN THE DRAWINGS ARE FROM SURFACE OBSERVATION AND RECORD INFORMATION AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED APPROXIMATE. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROPERLY LOCATING AND COORDINATING THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WITH DIG-SAFE AND THE APPLICABLE UTILITY COMPANIES AND MAINTAINING THE EXISTING UTILITY SYSTEM

DIG-SAFE SHALL BE NOTIFIED PER THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS STATUTE CHAPTER 82, SECTION 409 AT TEL. 1-888-344-7233. THE ENGINEER DOES NOT GUARANTEE THEIR ACCURACY OR THAT ALL UTILITIES AND SUBSURFACE STRUCTURES ARE SHOWN. LOCATIONS AND LEVATIONS OF UNDERGROUND UTILITIES WERE TAKEN FROM RECORD PLANS. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY SIZE, LOCATION, AND INVERTS OF UTILITIES AND STRUCTURES AS REQUIRED PRIOR TO THE START OF CONSTRUCTION.

THE LOT SHOWN LIES WITHIN ZONE X AS DELINEATED ON FIRM 25017C0577E, DATED JUNE 4, 2010. (NOT A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD ZONE)

5. THIS PLAN IS FOR CONDOMINIUM PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS. PROPERTY LINES SHOWN HEREON ARE FOR STATED PURPOSE. A MORE ACCURATE SURVEY MAY REVEL DIFFERENCES AND IS REQUIRED FOR PROPERTY LINE DEFINITION.

6. ALL AREAS NOT SPECIFICALLY LABELED EXCLUSIVE USE AREAS ARE TO BE CONSIDERED COMMON AREAS.

7. PARKING SPACES SHOWN ARE NOT PHYSICALLY MARKED ON THE SITE IN ANY WAY.

PROJECT TITLE & LOCATION:

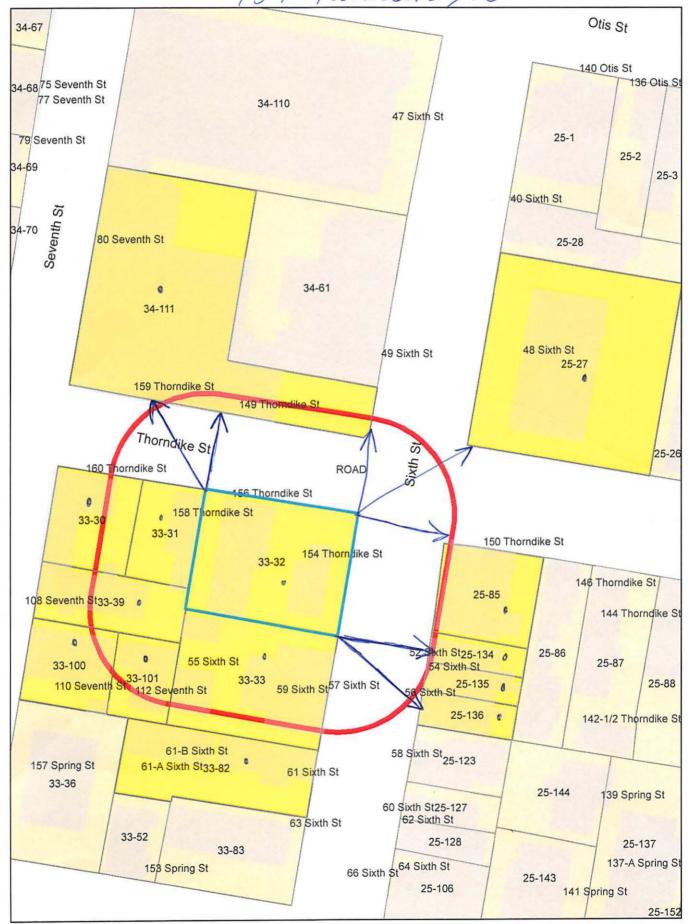
AS-BUILT SITE PLAN - PHASE II **156 THORNDIKE STREET** CONDOMINIUM CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

PREPARED FOR:

SENNÉ DEVELOPMENT ONE LEWIS WHARF BOSTON, MA 02110

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25-27 CAMBRIDGE CITY OF LIBRARY DEPT 449 BROADWAY CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

33-30 PINIARO, NORMAN A. & MARYANN PINIARO 160 THORNDIKE ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141-1532

33-31 MURPHY, SAMUEL L. & KATHERINE SKUBECZ 158 THORNDIKE ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141

33-33 KOURABAS, MICHAEL AMANDA NOELE PERILLO 55-59 SIXTH ST UNIT 55 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141

25-136 LOGAN, TIMOTHY D & ERIN P LOGAN 56 SIXTH ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141

25-135 CHASMAN, DEBORAH & GERALDO CARLOS SILVA 54 SIXTH ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141 34-111
ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF BOSTON
CORPORATION SOLE
49 SIXTH STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141

25-134 ZHAO, YUFEI 52 SIXTH ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141

CHEN, TING-HSU & LIH HSUEH KANG 28 CONANT RD. BROOKLINE, MA 02467

33-33 DANIEL, LUCA 55-59 SIXTH ST., #59 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141

33-32 YULING LUO & CHEN LIMIN TRS THE LUO-CHEN FAMILY TR 156 THORNDIKE ST - UNIT 1 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141

25-85 YUAN MA II LLC 10 PRESCOTT LN WESTON, MA 02493

25-27 CITY OF CAMBRIDGE C/O NANCY GLOWA CITY SOLICITOR FBA THORNDIKE LLC C/O THE GROSSMAN COMPANIES, INC. C/O DAVID GROSSMAN, MANAGER 859 WILLARD ST- SUITE 501 QUINCY, MA 02169

TREVOR O'LEARY 411 LEXINGTON ST, AUBURNDALE ST NEWTON, MA 02466

33-82 MAKSEYN, VALERIE 13 SHORE ROAD GLOUCESTER, MA 01930

33-33 BYRNE, JANINE E. & BRUCE G. PICARD JR. 57 SIXTH ST. CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141

33-32 TALKAR, JEREMIAH SAMSON SIMI TALKAR 156 THORNDIKE ST - UNIT 2 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02140

33-100 ANDRE P. SOUSA & LIBERIA SOUSA 110 SEVENTH ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141

25-27 CITY OF CAMBRIDGE C/O YI-AN HUANG CITY MANAGER

Pacheco, Maria

From:

Payne, Douglass B <dbp@bu.edu>

Sent:

Thursday, October 13, 2022 11:33 AM

To:

Pacheco, Maria

Subject:

BZA 193947 - agenda date October 27, 2022

To: mpacheco@cambridgema.gov From: Douglass Payne - dbp@bu.edu

Regarding BZA Number: 193947

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

Agenda for: Thursday, October 27, 2022

154 Thorndike St

DESCRIPTION OF PETITIONER'S PROPOSAL:

Existing parking space does not meet zoning ordinance, relief required to keep existing space.

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My interest in this proposed variance is in keeping cars off the sidewalk.

Comment:

The space available seems incredibly tight. There is an existing parking spot immediately to the right, and there is what appears to be a basement window-well immediately to the left. A car parking in this spot would block the steps leading to the front door. The sample "proposed compact car" is listed as 16 feet long. That seems like a reasonable car length. However, my experience is that while navigating a car into a parking spot it is difficult to judge precisely where the front of a car is, relative to a wall or another car that is placed at the end of the parking spot. As a result when parking I always leave a surprisingly large space in front of my car even when I think I am only inches away from another car or brick-wall at the end of the parking spot. If this variance is granted I suspect the average car parked in the proposed spot would extend out into the sidewalk.

Douglass Payne Cambridge resident 24 Sherman St



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BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

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POSTING NOTICE - PICK UP SHEET

The undersigned picked up the notice board for the Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing.

Name:	MARK BELCHER	Date:	10/13/22
Address:	154 Thorndike St		·. •
Case No	BTA-193947	*	
Hearing D	ate: 10/27/22		

Thank you, Bza Members