

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

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BZA Application Form

BZA Number: 115236

General Information								
The undersigned hereby petitions the Board of Zoning Appeal for the following:								
Special Permit: _		Variance: X	Appeal:					
PETITIONER: Geraldine Small & Edward Small, Jr								
PETITIONER'S ADDRESS: 177 Willow Ave, , Somerville, MA 02144								
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 159 Allston St , Cambridge, MA								
TYPE OF OCCUPANCY: residential, vacant lot currently ZONING DISTRICT: Residential C Zone								
REASON FOR PETITION:								
/Modify Previous	ly Granted Variance	:/						
DESCRIPTION O	F PETITIONER'S F	PROPOSAL:						
To modify the plan	ns/elevations appro	ved by the Zoning	Board Case No. BZA-017176-2019.					
SECTIONS OF ZONING ORDINANCE CITED:								
Article: 5.000 Section: 5.31 (Table of Dimensional Requirements).								
		Original Signature(s):	(Petitioner (s) / Owner) Geral Line T. Small					
			(Print Name)					
		Address:						
Date: 5/20	12021	Tel. No. E-Mail Address:	617 599 5383 smallgt@gmail.com					

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_	Geraldine Small, Edward Small
	(OWNER)
Addres	ss: 177 Willow Ave, Somerville
	that I/We own the property located at
MITTEIL	is the subject of this foliand application.
The re	ecord title of this property is in the name of
Count	uant to a deed of duly recorded in the date 10/31/14 , Middlesex South y Registry of Deeds at Book 64467 , Page 198 ; or
	esex Registry District of Land Court, Certificate No
Book	Page
Wri	SIGNATURE BY LAND CAMER OR ACENT AUTHORIZED TRUSTEE, OFFICER OR ACENT* ttem evidence of Agent's standing to represent petitioner may be requested.
Com	onwealth of Massachusetts, County of Maddlevey
	above-name (3/12 dine, SMall personally appeared before me, 30th of August 2019, and made oath that the above statement is true.
•	ROXANNE C. LEARY Seal). Notery Public Commonwealth OF MASSACHUSETTS My Commission Expires November 30, 2023 If ownership is not shown in recorded deed, e.g. if by court order, recent deed, or inheritance, please include documentation.

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 enforecement of the Zoning provisions would involve a substantial hardship to the petitioners becasue the three family house that their family lived in until the fire that destroyed it was larger and stood more non-conforming by all measures than the currently proposed structure, which has substantially larger property line setbacks- especially on the closest neighbor's side: 10' 6' instead of the prior 1' 2".

Also the prior site only allowed tandem parking, while the proposed site pln accommodtes 2 legally sized parking spaces that cars can independently maneuver in and out of.

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 by not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located for the following reasons:

The shape of the property is both narrow and angled at the rear in such a way that providing a drive and one code complying space per unit (ie 3 spaces) cannot be achieved with the required set backs. However 2 compilant spaces do fit, providing an on-site parking amenity that is not generally available throughout the neighborhood.

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 structure will be a compatible size in the neigborhood, and provide 2 off-street parking spaces, and the amenity of additional planted trees.

- 2) Desirable relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this Ordinance for the following reasons:
 - A bare fenced lot would be greatly improved by building back the neighbohood residential fabric with an appropriately scaled residential structure with accompanying trees.
 - The proposal has received pre-construction certification that when built to the current plans, it will achieve Passive House Certification- a very significant means of achieving the highest level of energy efficiency, and CO2 reduction in housing.
 - The ground floor apartment will be built to ADA standards, providing an opportunity for a deserving disabled person; Cambridge doesn't have an adequate supply of such housing.

*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: Geraldine Small & Edward Small, Jr Present Use/Occupancy: residential, vacant lot

Location: 177 Willow Ave, Zone: Residential C Zone

Phone: 617 599 5383 Requested Use/Occupancy: residential

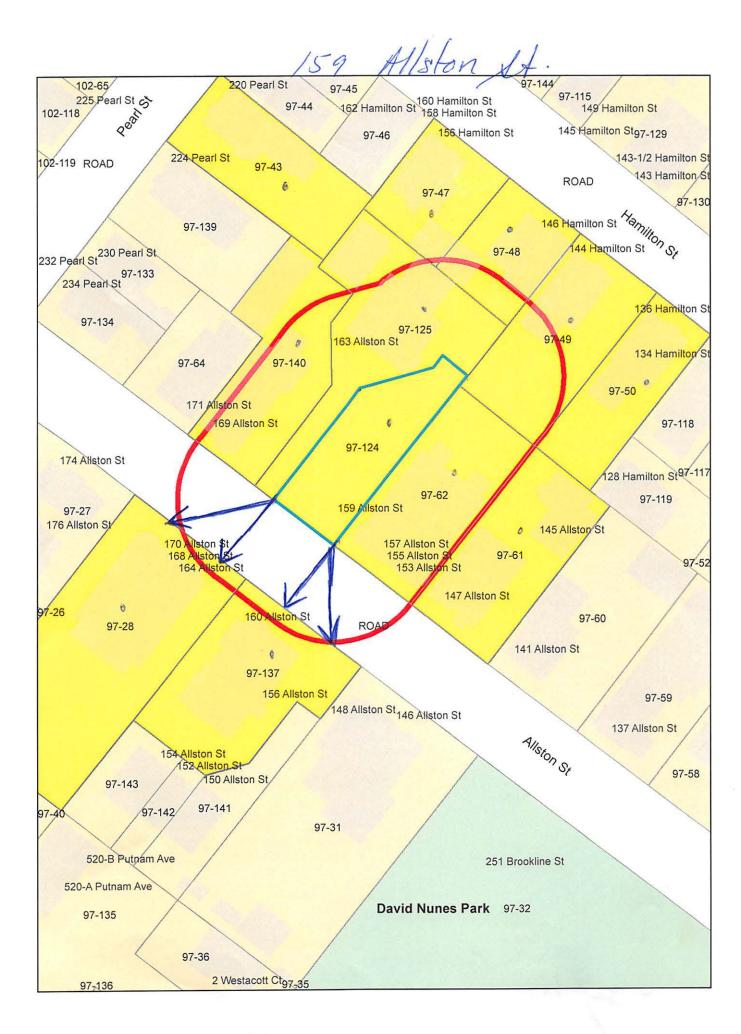
		Existing Conditions	Requested Conditions	<u>Ordinance</u> <u>Requirements</u>	
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA:		4866 sf (prior bldg)	4225 sf	2458 sf	(max.)
LOT AREA:		4098	4098	5000	(min.)
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA: ²		1.19	1.03	.6	
LOT AREA OF EACH DWELLING UNIT		825 (prior)	906	1800	
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	43'	43'	50'	
0570404011	DEPTH	68.5'- 110	68.5-110	100	
<u>SETBACKS IN</u> <u>FEET:</u>	FRONT	7' 4" (prior)	9' 3"	10'	
	REAR	27' 3"	45' 9"	20'	
	LEFT SIDE	12' 2"	6' 2"	7' 6"	
	RIGHT SIDE	1' 2"- 2' 4"	10' 6"	7' 6"	
SIZE OF BUILDING:		36'	35'	35'	
	WIDTH	62'	54'	60'	
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:		25%	35%	36%	
NO. OF DWELLING UNITS:		3	3	2	
NO. OF PARKING SPACES:		3 tandem (prior)	2	3	
NO. OF LOADING AREAS:		0	0	0	
DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG. ON SAME LOT		N/A	N/A	N/A	

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.

- 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



159 Allston St.

97-43 CHILD, LUTHER M., III & CAROL L. FAULKNER 220 PEARL ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139-4511 97-137 SEBASTIAN, SEUNG H. 156-160 ALLSTON ST., UNIT# 156 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 97-124 SMALL, GERALDINE EDWARD I. SMALL, JR 177 WILLOW AVE SOMERVILLE, MA 02144

Retitioner

97-61 MANDARANO, JOSEPH M., III & ANN MARIE MANDARANO, TRUSTEES 145 ALLSTON ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 97-62 CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY HOUSING, INC. C/O WINN MANAGEMENT 810 MEMORIAL DR., SUITE 102 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

OAKTREE DEVELOPMENT C/O GWENDOLEN NOYES 84 SHERMAN STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02140

97-47 D' ALMEIDA, JAIME C. & LISA K.MURRAY 156 HAMILTON ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139-4527 97-48 TEKEIAN, EDWARD K. & KATHERINE B. GINNIS 146 HAMILTON STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 97-137 FAIRBAIM, ANDREW & HANH BUI 156-160 ALLSTON ST. UNIT#160 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

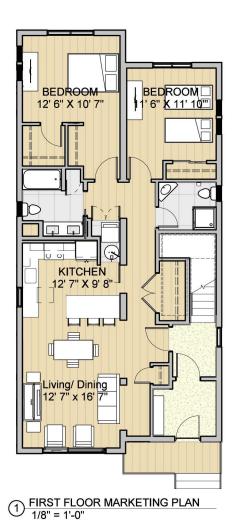
97-28 TSECHRENTZIS, VIOLA & VIRGINIA WILSON, A LIFE ESTATE 166 ALLSTON STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139-4538 97-50 BIRD, CATHERINE & JONATHAN M. DELGADO 136 HAMILTON ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 97-125 163 ALLSTON ST REALTY LLC 16 JAMES ST ARLINGTON , MA 02474

97-140 169 ALLSTON ST REALTY LLC 16 JAMES ST ARLINGTON, MA 02474 97-49 ABADIE, ALBERTO 144 HAMILTON ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139



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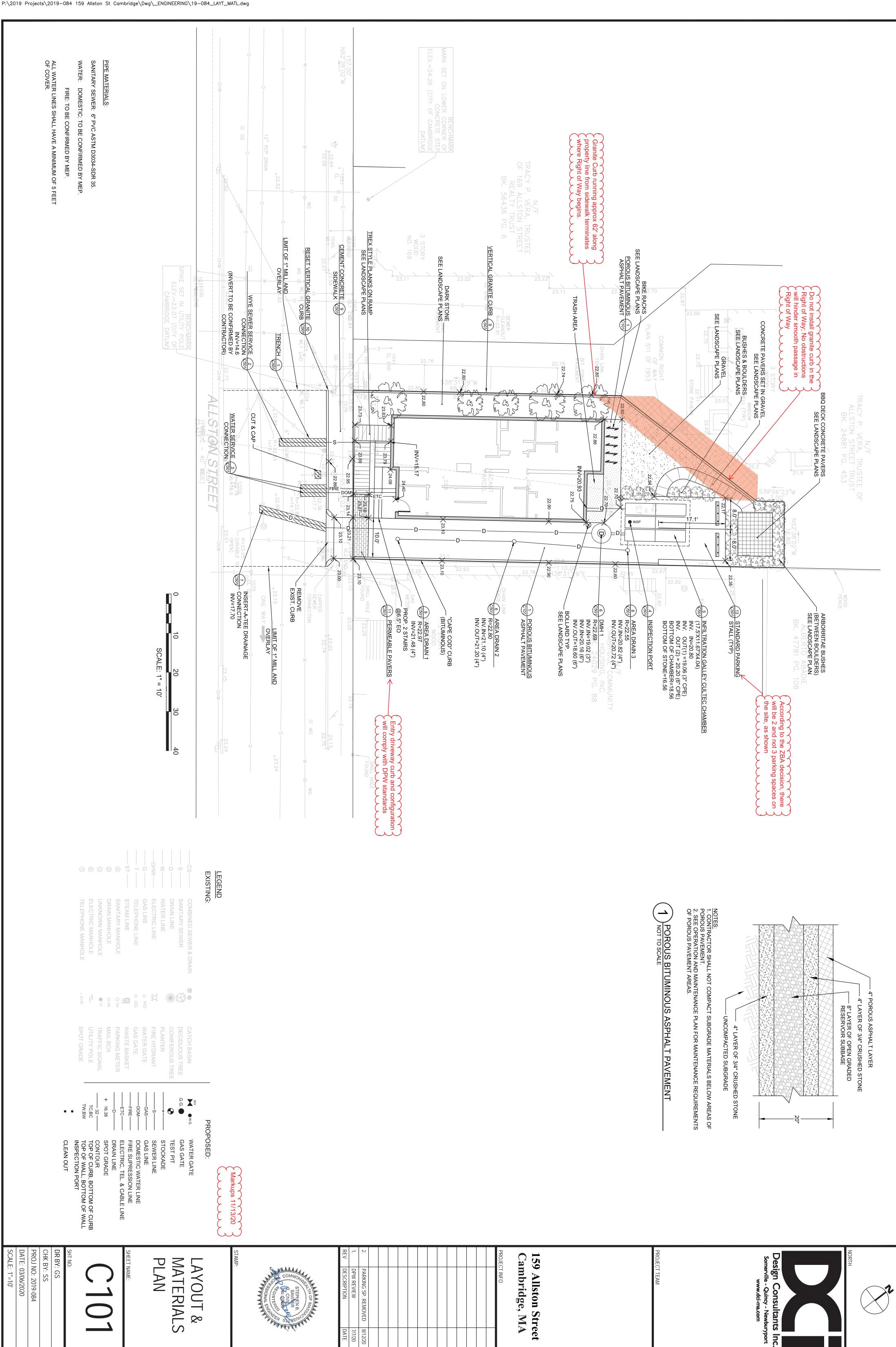
② SECOND FLOOR MARKETING PLAN 1/8" = 1'-0"

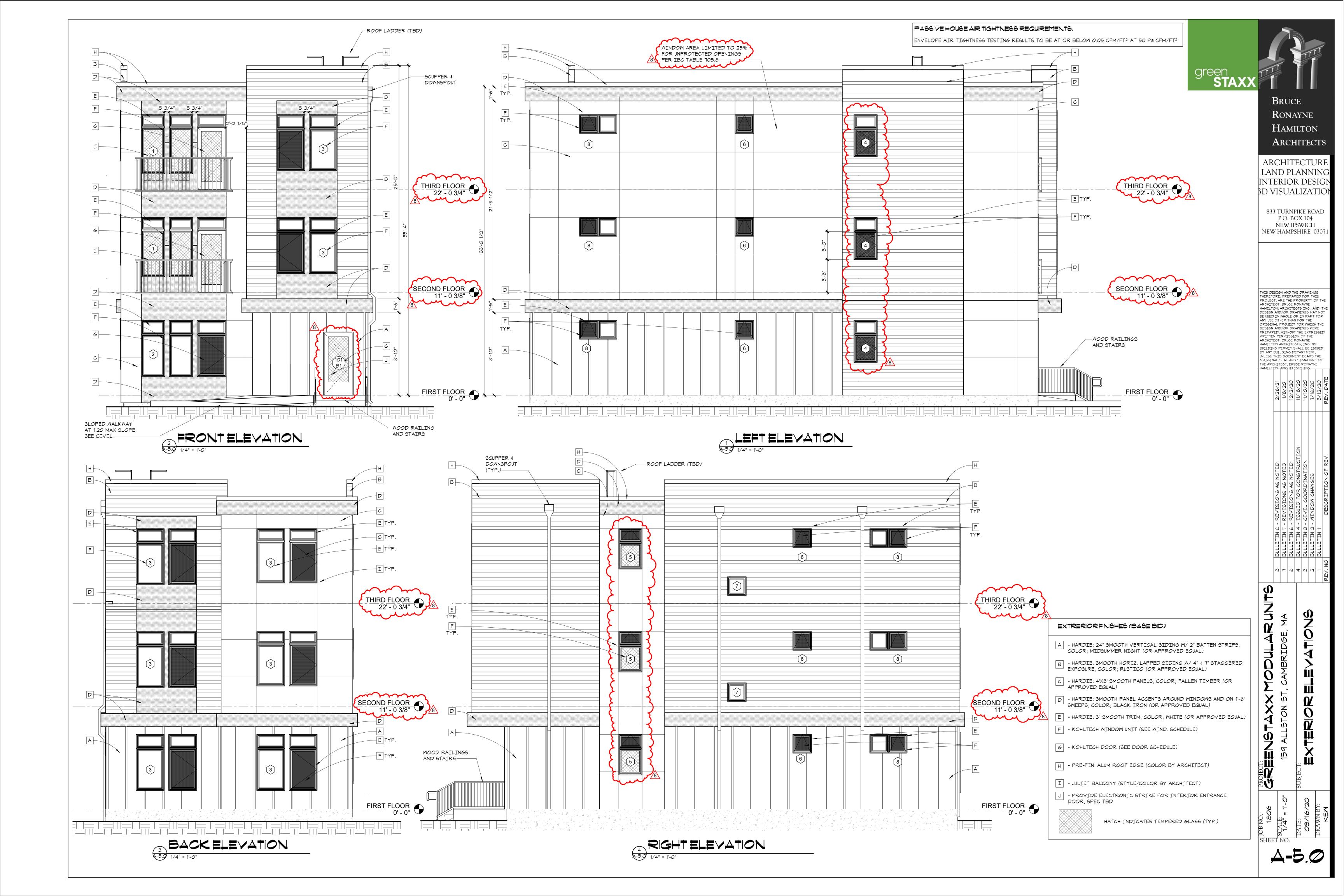
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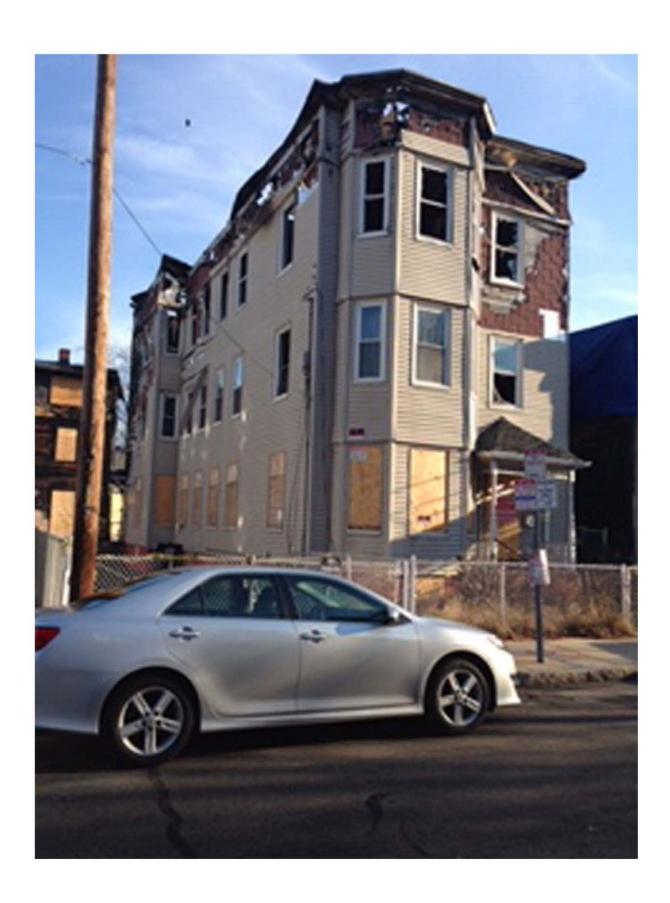
MARKETING PLAN

















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APPLICATION FOR DRIVEWAY CUTS AND OPENINGS ABUTTOR'S FORM

To Whom It May Concern:				
As owner or agent of 164 ALLSTON ST., CAMB. MA. 02139				
approval				
Cambridge, Massachusetts, I do hereby declare disapproval				
of the installment of:				
Off-Street Parking Facility located at 159 ALLSTON ST., CAMB. MA. 02139				
Signed: Thomas Wilson Date: 3-07-2020				
Address: 164 ALLSTON ST. CAMB. MA. 02139				
To Whom It May Concern:				
As owner or agent of 166 ALLSTON ST., CAMB. MA. 02/39				
approval				
Cambridge, Massachusetts, I do hereby declare disapproval				
of the installment of:				
Off-Street Parking Facility located at 159 ALLSTON ST., CAMB. MA. 02139				
Signed: Thomas Wilson Date: 3-07-2020				
Address: 164 ALLSTON ST., CAMB. MA. 02139				
To Whom It May Concern:				
As owner or agents of 168 ALLSTON ST., CAMB. MA. 02139				
approval ,				
Cambridge, Massachusetts, I do hereby declare disapproval				
of the installment of:				
Off-Street Parking Facility located at 159 ALLSTON ST. CAMB. MA. 02139				
Signed: (homas Wilson Date: 3-07-200				
Address: 164 ALLSTON ST., CAMB. MA. 02139				

AGENT OF 170 ALLSTON ST., CAMB. MA. 02139

APPROVAL

OFF-STREET PKG. AT: 159 ALLSTON ST., CAMB. MA. 02139

Thomas Wilson 3-07-2020 164 ALLSTON ST., CAMB. MA. 02139

