

# **CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**

BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

831 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge MA 02139

617-349-6100

**BZA Application Form** 

BZA Number: 211208

## **General Information**

The undersigned hereby petitions the Board of Zoning Appeal for the following:

Special Permit: X

Variance: \_\_\_\_\_

Appeal:

PETITIONER: 18-20 Fairmont LLC C/O Adam Glassman / GCD Architects

PETITIONER'S ADDRESS: 2 Worthington Street , Cambridge, MA 02138

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 18 Fairmont St, Cambridge, MA

TYPE OF OCCUPANCY: 2-Fam Residential

ZONING DISTRICT: Residence C Zone

**REASON FOR PETITION:** 

/Additions/ /New Window and Door Openings /

## DESCRIPTION OF PETITIONER'S PROPOSAL:

Enlarge Existing Structure in Rear New Mansard Roof Addition New Window and Door Openings Increase FAR

## SECTIONS OF ZONING ORDINANCE CITED:

Article: 5.000Section: 5.31 (Table Dimensional Requirements).Article: 8.000Section: 8.22.2.c & 8.22.2.d (Non-Conforming Structure).Article: 10.000Section: 10.40 (Special Permit).

Original Signature(s):

Adam Glassman

(Petitioner (s) / Owner) Adam J. Glassman R.A. / GCD ARCHITECTS

(Print Name) 2 Worthington St Cambridge MA 02138

Address: Tel. No. E-Mail Address:

617-412-8450 ajglassman.ra@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/WeFraser Allan (18-20 Fairmont St LLC)
(OWNER)
Address: 200 Falcon St East Boston 02128
State that I/We own the property located at Harmont St Cambridge MA ,
which is the subject of this zoning application.
The record title of this property is in the name of
18-20 Fairmont St LLC
*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
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 ofMiddlesex
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The above-name Frase Allan personally appeared before me,
this $S$ of $\overline{Hb}$ , 2023, and made oath that the above statement is true.
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Hanne Munt Notary
My commission expires 3/9/2024 (Notary Seal)
NADINE C. GRANT
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS & My Conm. Expires August 9, 2024
My comm. Expires Adjust of

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

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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 <u>18 Fairmont St , Cambridge, MA</u> (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:

The proposed work will cause no detriment to the direct abutters or to the neighborhood in general. There will be no loss of privacy, no creation of any substantial shadows on the abutting lots. The scale and character of the house and neighborhood will remain unchanged. There will be no additional dwelling units and no new non-conforming lot conditions. The existing non-conforming lot conditions will not be increased.

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:

The existing 2 family house will remain a 2 family house. The (2) existing parking spaces will remain. The scale and character of the house will remain mostly unchanged. The new mansard roof and rear addition are consistent with other similar houses on the street. The existing exterior of the house is in bad shape and an eyesore which will be tastefully renovated to be consistent with the original design of the house and the traditional character of the neighborhood. The existing driveways, walkway and yard spaces will receive the cosmetic upgrades they badly need with new pervious pavers and landscaping. In sum, there will be no change to existing traffic patterns, no increase in congestion, no loss of off street parking, no added density, and no change to the established character of the neighborhood.

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:

The proposed renovations and additions will have no impact on the adjacent property uses and are consistent with the current 2-family residential use of the property.

**D**) 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:

The proposed renovations and additions will create no new air or light pollution, the existing 2-family residential use will remain. There will be no loss of privacy.

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:

The proposed project is consistent and in harmony with the uses and character of the neighborhood, and upholds the intents of the zoning ordinance as there will be no creation of any detriment whatsoever.

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#### **DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION**

Applicant:18-20 Fairmont LLCLocation:18 Fairmont St., Cambridge, MAPhone:617-412-8450

Present Use/Occupancy: <u>2-Fam Residential</u> Zone: <u>Residence C Zone</u> Requested Use/Occupancy: 2 Family Residential

		Existing Conditions	<u>Requested</u> <u>Conditions</u>	<u>Ordinance</u> Requirements	
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA:		3,706.00	4,600.00	3,000.00 (ma	ax.)
LOT AREA:		5,000	No Change	5,000.0 (mi	in.)
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA: <sup>2</sup>		.74	.92	.60	
LOT AREA OF EACH DWELLING UNIT		2,500.00	NO CHANGE	1,800.00	
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	50	No Change	50	
	DEPTH	100	No Change	NA	
SETBACKS IN FEET:	FRONT	15	15	10	
	REAR	26.8	26.8	20.0	
	LEFT SIDE	10.4	10.4	17.5	
	RIGHT SIDE	9.9	9.9	17.5	
SIZE OF BUILDING:	HEIGHT	32.4'	No Change	35.0'	
	WIDTH	57' +/-	No Change	NA	
	LENGTH	30	No Change	NA	
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:		34%	40%	36%	
<u>NO. OF DWELLING</u> UNITS:		2	No Change	2 allowable	
NO. OF PARKING SPACES:		2	No Change	0	
NO. OF LOADING AREAS:		0	0	N/A	
DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG, ON SAME LOT		13	0 per covered patio removal	D 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.:

Existing wood frame patio roof to be removed.

Existing house and new additions to be wood frame.

- 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'.

SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIRED:

1. NEW WINDOW OPENINGS & ENTRY CANOPY ADDITIONS ON LEFT AND RIGHT SIDES PER EXISTING NON-CONFORMING SETBACKS

2. WIDEN EXISTING REAR SECTION WITHIN THE EXISTING NONCONFORMING LEFT AND RIGHT SIDE SETBACKS.

3. INCREASE EXISTING NONCONFORMING FAR FROM .70 TO .92 (.60 MAX ALLOWABLE)

4. NEW MANSARD ROOF ADDITION WITHIN THE EXISTING NONCONFORMING LEFT AND RIGHT SIDE SETBACKS.

5. INCREASE EXISTING NON CONFORMING STRUCTURE BETWEEEN 10%-25% OF EXISTING STRUCTURE AS OF 1940.

# PROPOSED RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS 18-20 Fairmont Street Cambridge, MA





# **EXISTING STREET VIEW**

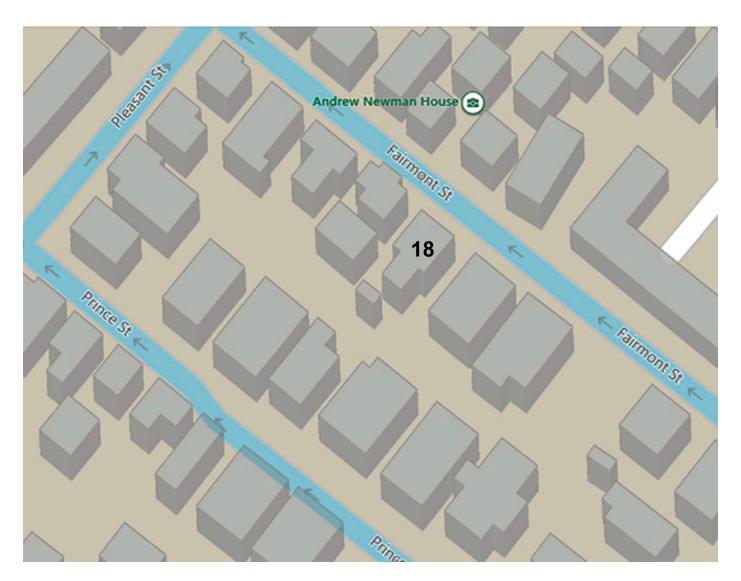
# **PROPOSED STREET VIEW**

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	ARCHITECT	DATE	PROJECT	TITLE
	GCD ARCHITECTS	2/24/2023	18-20 Fairmont Street	Title Sheet
GCD ARCHITECTS	2 WORTHINGTON STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138 617-412-8450 www.glassmanchungdesign.com		Cambridge, MA	



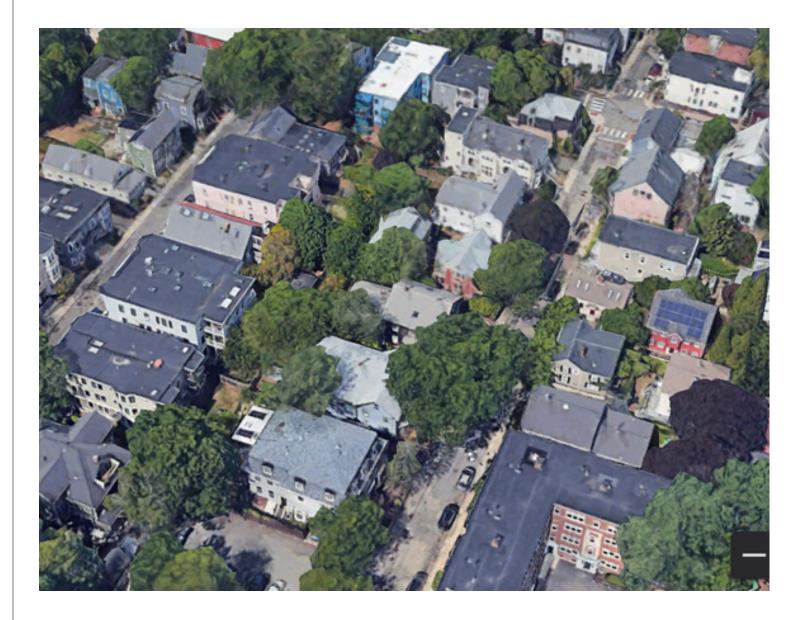




**STREET VIEW 18-20 FAIRMONT STREET** 



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SATELLITE VIEW



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## **STREET VIEW 18-20 FAIRMONT STREET**

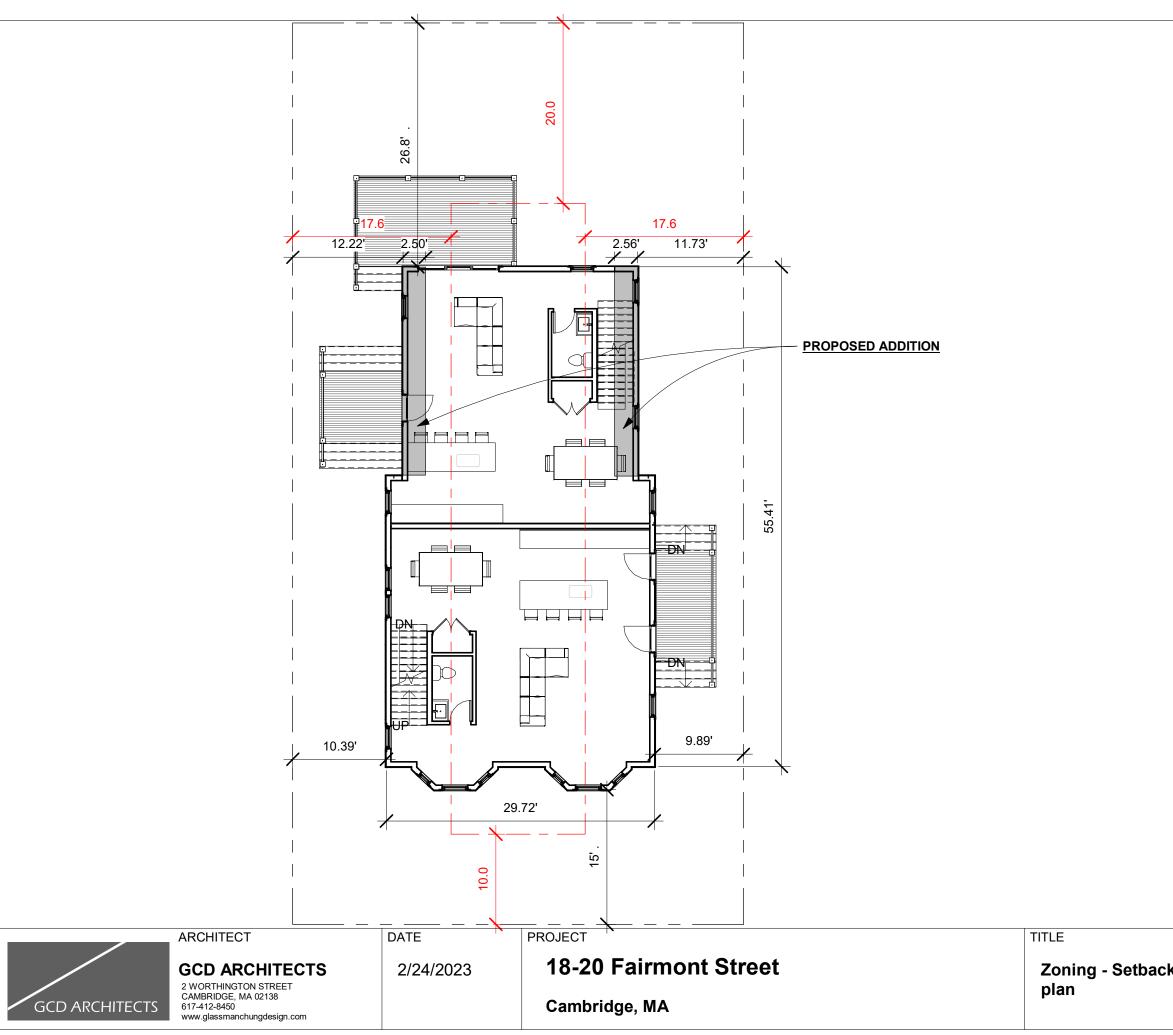
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MAX FAR	0.74	0.92	0.60	EXISTING NON CONFORMING
MIN. LOT SIZE	5,000 sq. ft.	5,000 sq. ft.	5,000 sq. ft.	YES
MIN. LOT AREA PER DWELLING UNIT	1,800 sq. ft.	-	-	-
MIN. LOT WIDTH	50'	50'	50'	YES
MIN. FRONT SETBACK	30' - CENTER L. 15' - STREET L.	30' - CENTER L. 15' - STREET L	(H+L)/4 MIN.10'	YES
MIN. LEFT SIDE SETBACK	10.4'	10.4'	(H+L)/5 MIN. 7'-6" SUM OF 20' (32.4'+55.4' / 5)= 17.56'	EXISTING NON CONFORMING
MIN. RIGHT SIDE SETBACK	9.9'	9.9'	(H+L)/5 MIN. 7'-6" SUM OF 20' (32.4'+55.4' / 5)= 17.56'	EXISTING NON CONFORMING
MIN. REAR SETBACK	26.8'	26.8'	20'	YES
MAXIMUM HEIGHT	32.4'	32.4	35'	YES
RATIO OF PRIVATE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA	34%	40%	36%	YES

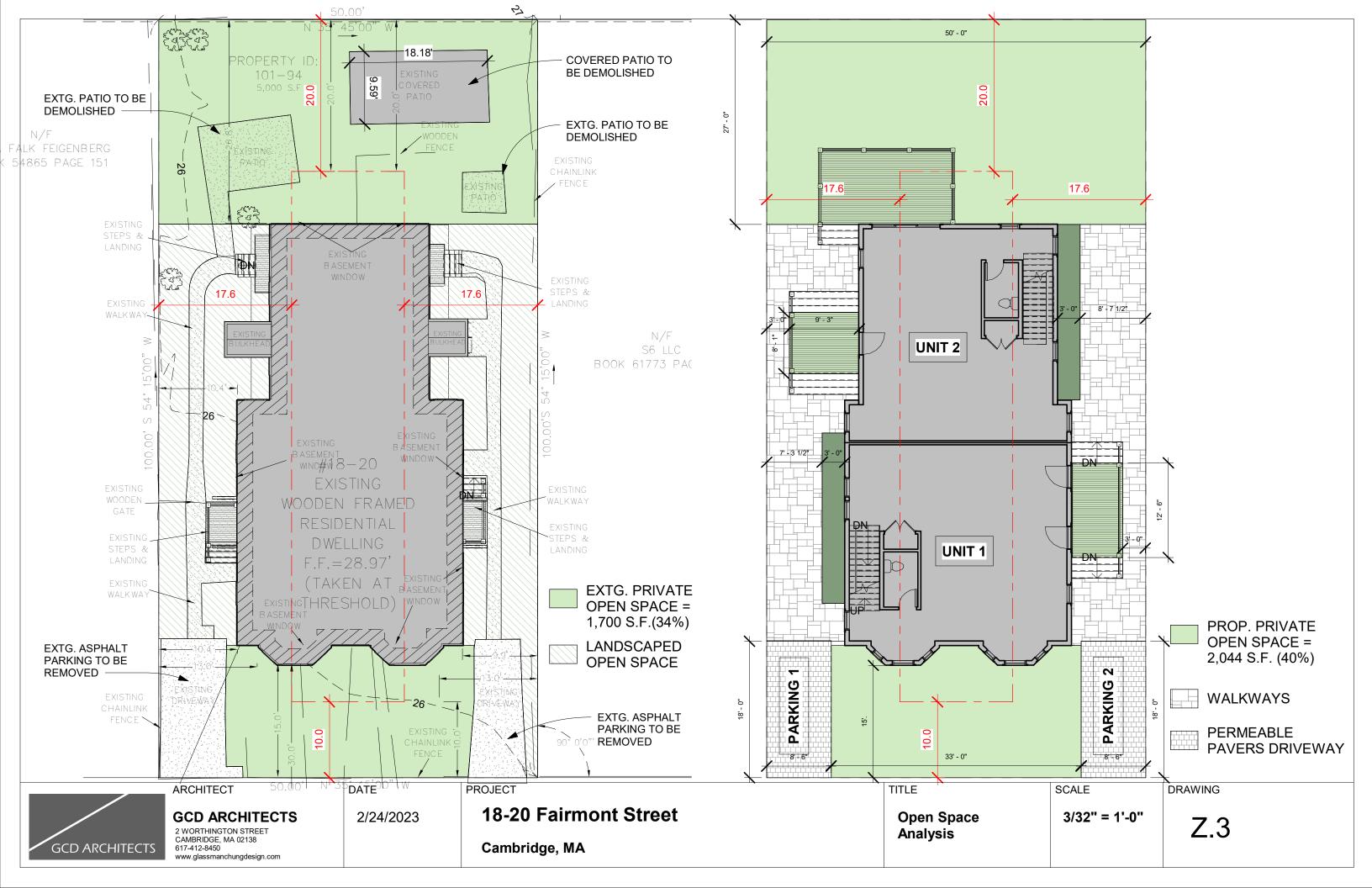
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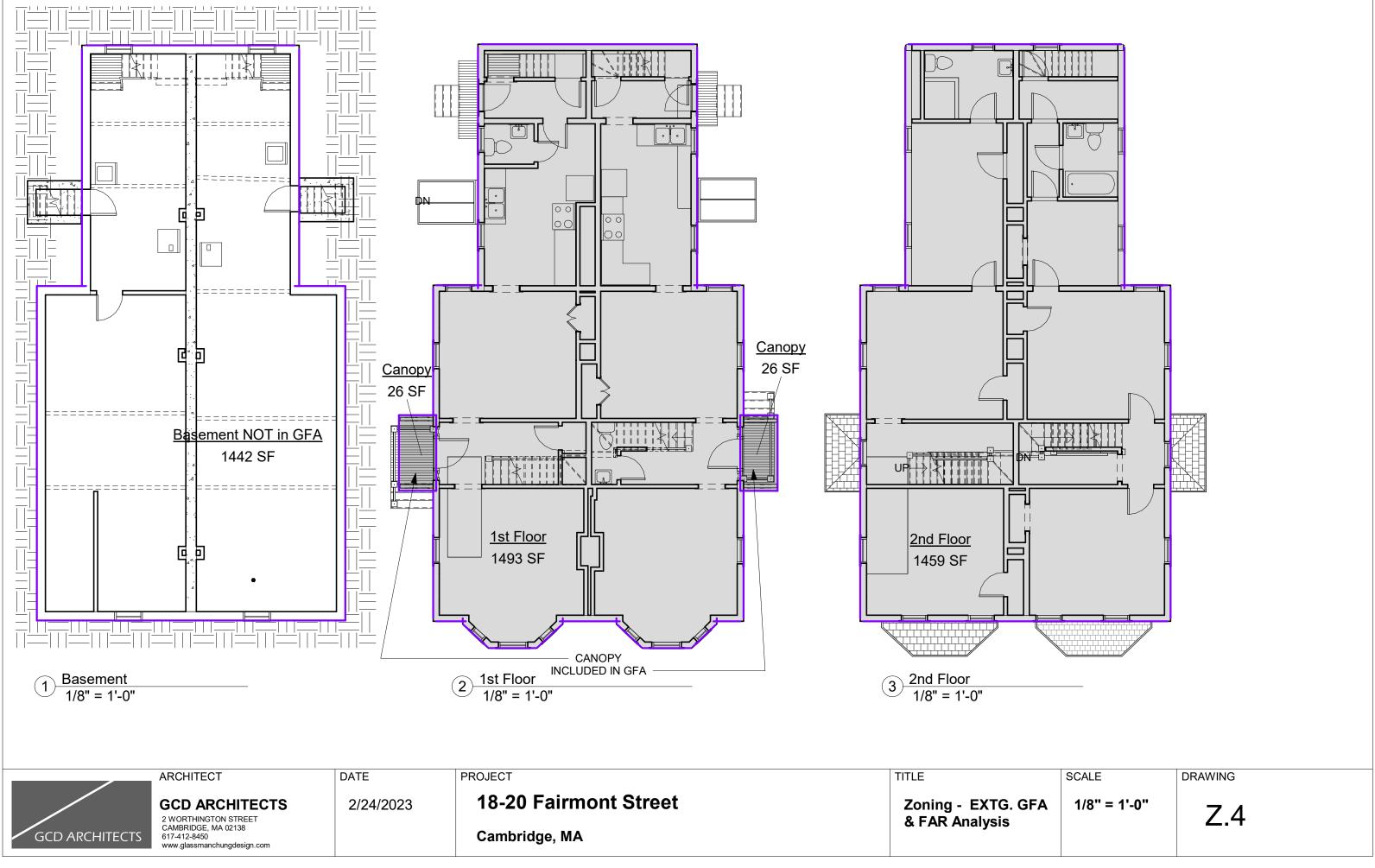


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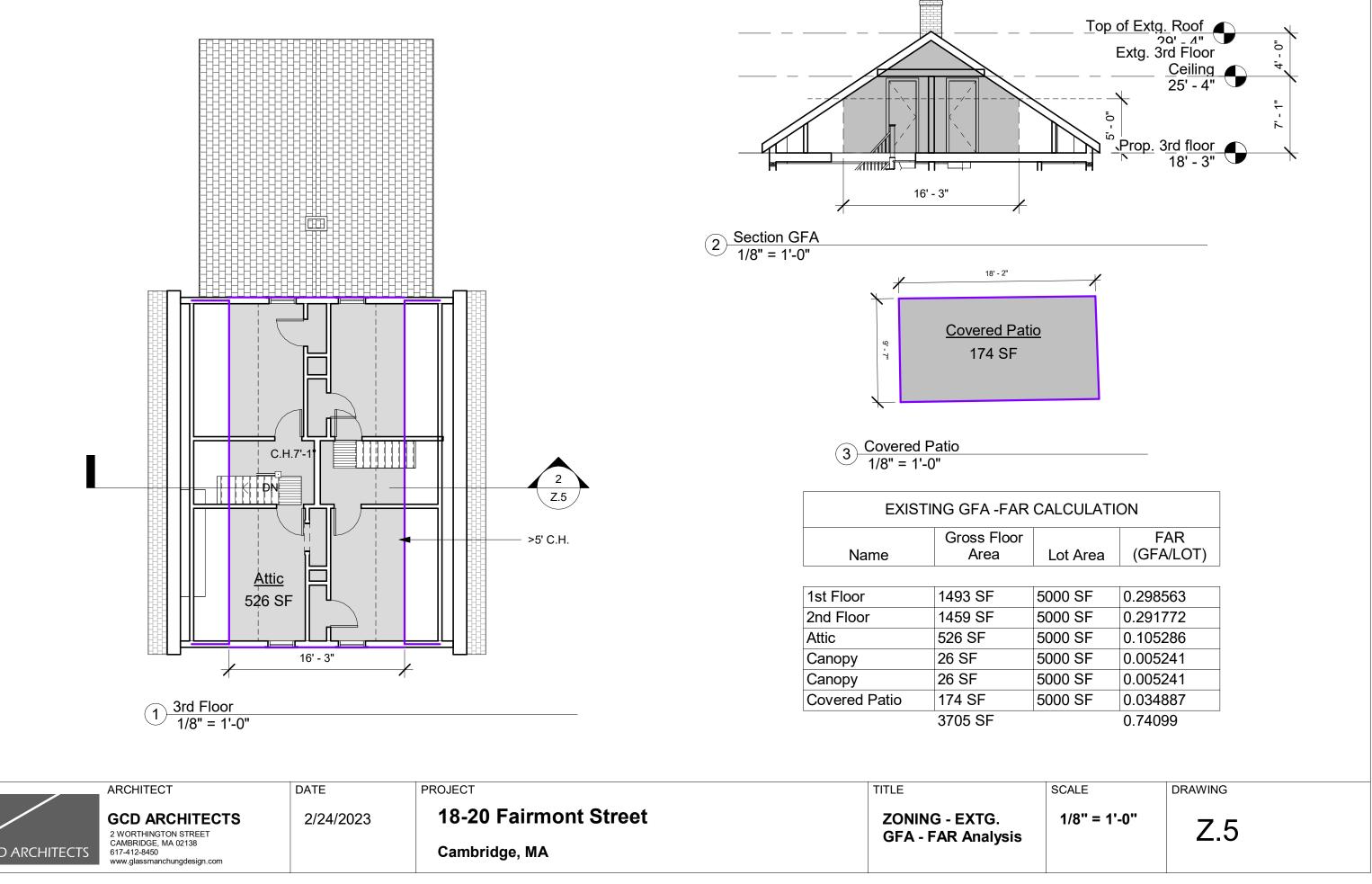


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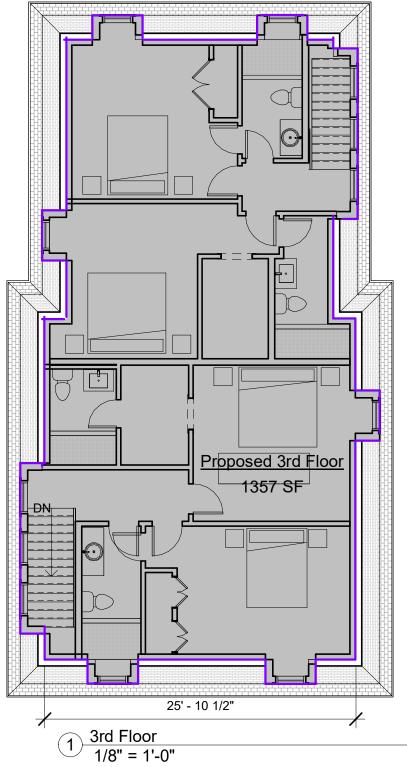


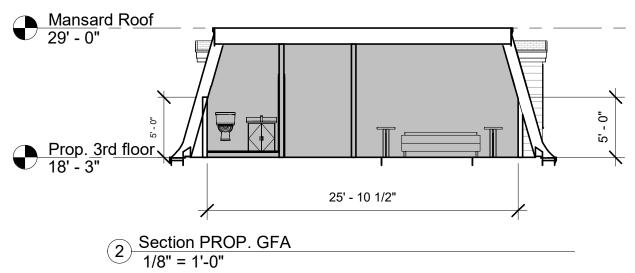






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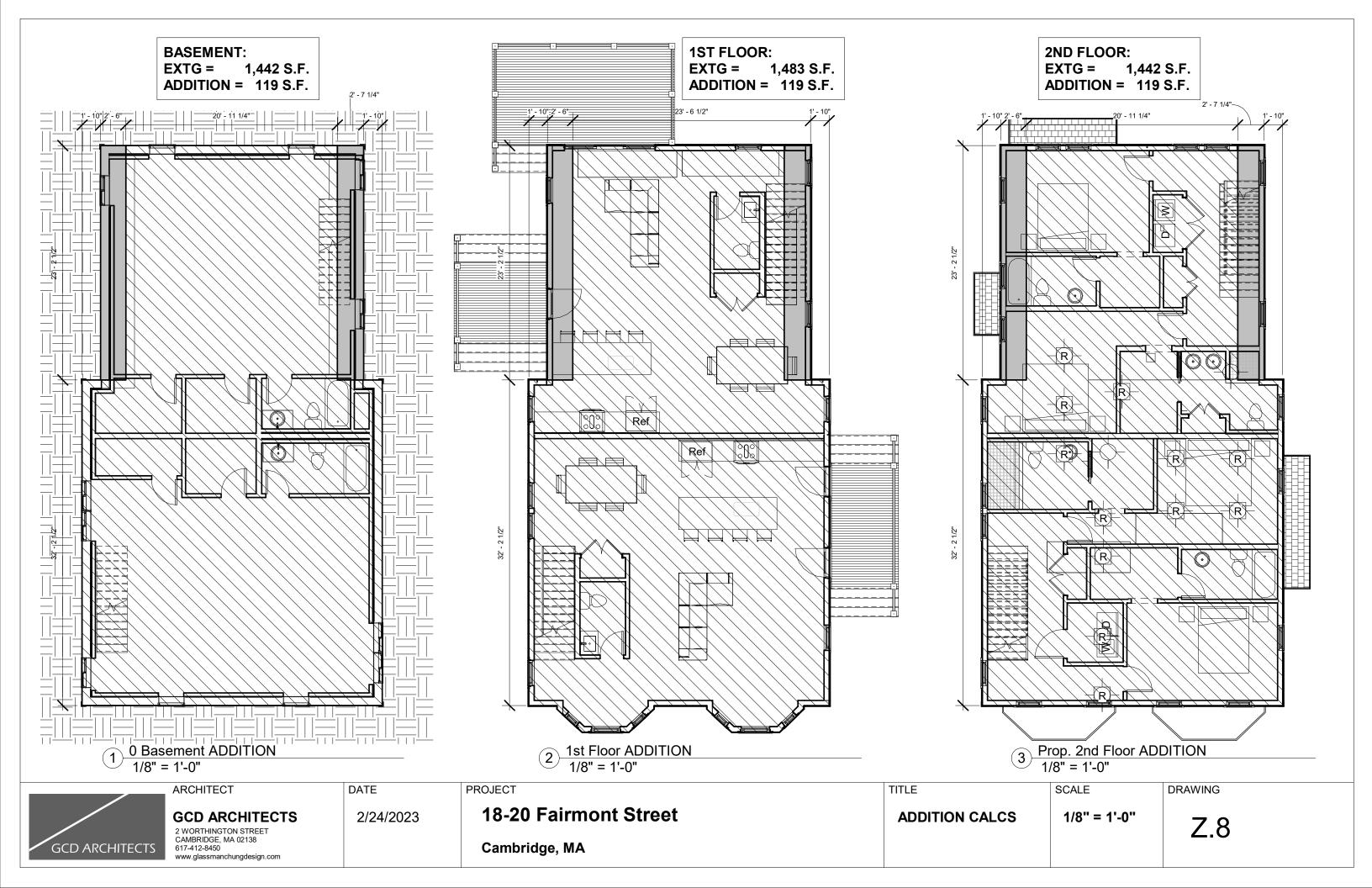


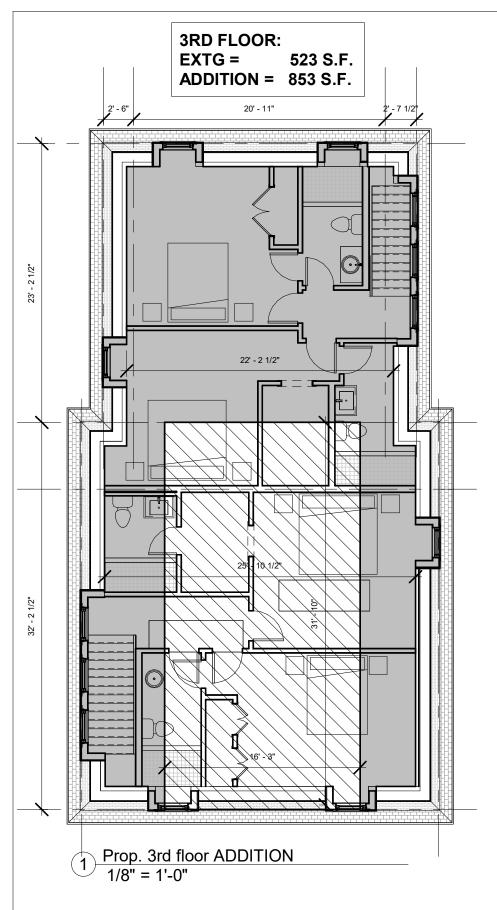


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Name	е	GFA	Lot Area		AR \/LOT)	
1st Floor		1616 SF	5000 SF	0.323		
Proposed 3rd	d Floor	1357 SF	5000 SF	0.271	1492	
2nd Floor		1578 SF	5000 SF	0.315	5668	
Canopy		15 SF	5000 SF	0.002	2987	
Canopy		33 SF	5000 SF	0.006	3581	
Canopy Real	r	26 SF	5000 SF	0.005	5246	
		4626 SF	1	0.925	5173	
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1st Floor Proposed 3rd	Floor	1616 SF 1357 SF	5000 SF 5000 SF	0.323	492	
2nd Floor Canopy		1578 SF 15 SF	5000 SF 5000 SF	0.315	2987	
Canopy Canopy Rear		33 SF 26 SF	5000 SF 5000 SF	0.006	5246	
		4626 SF		0.925	5173	
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	Proposed 3rd Floor 1357 SF		PROPOSE	D GFA - FAF	R CALCULATIC	N
			Name	GFA	Lot Area	FAR (GFA/LOT)
			1st Floor	1616 SF		0.323197
			Proposed 3rd Floor 2nd Floor	1357 SF 1578 SF		0.271492 0.315668
	25' - 10 1/2"		Canopy	15 SF	5000 SF	0.002987
	20 - 10 1/2		Canopy	33 SF		0.006581
1 <u>3rd Floor</u> 1/8" = 1'-0			Canopy Rear	26 SF		0.005246
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ADDITION PERCENTAGE CALCULATION					
	BASEMENT	1ST FLOOR	2NDFLOOR	3RD FLOOR (C.H. > 5')	тот
EXTG. (S.F.)	1,442	1,493	1,442	523	4,900
ADDITION (S.F.)	119	119	119	853	1,210

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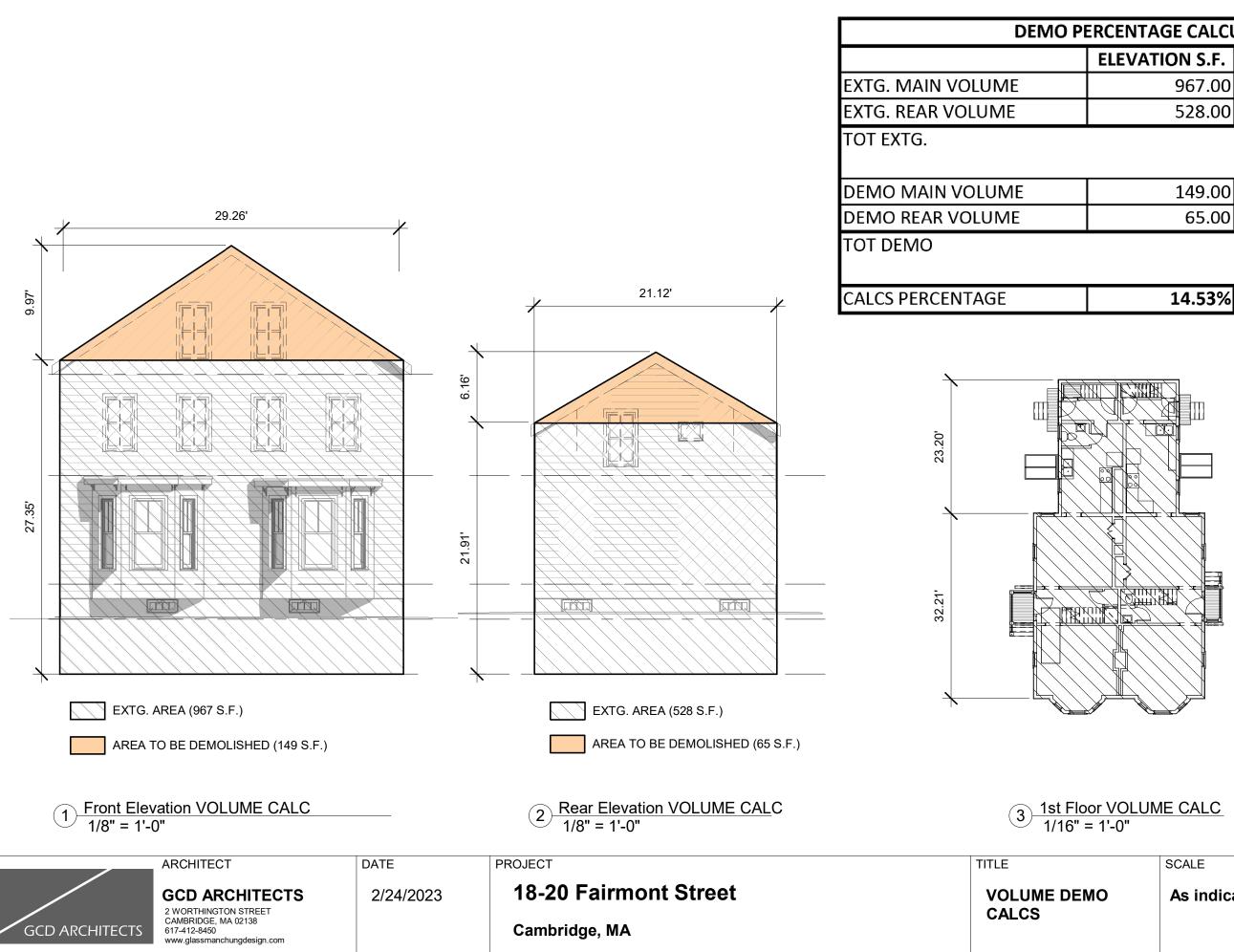
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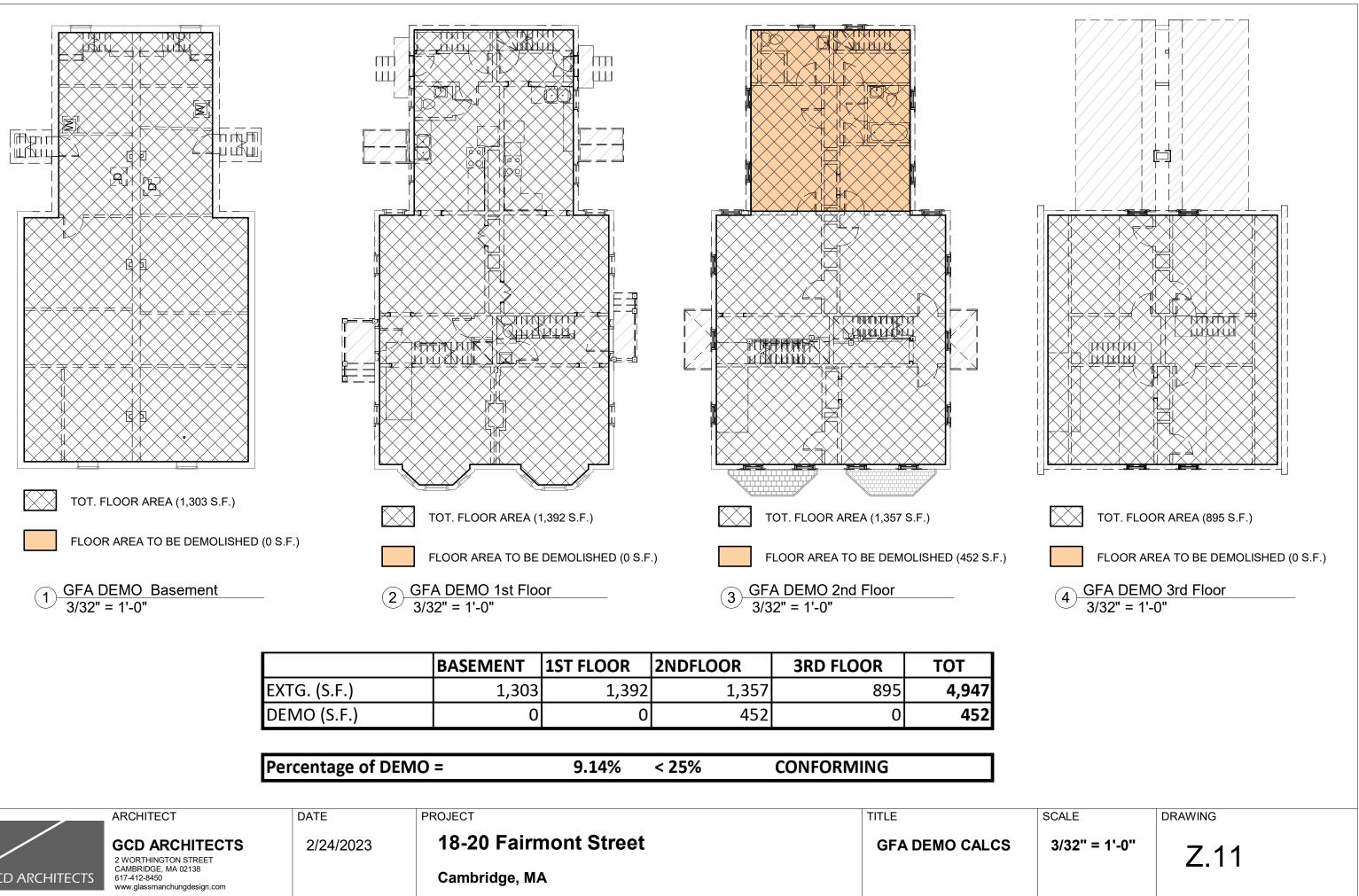
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CENTAGE CALCULATION				
LEVATION S.F.	L	VOLUME		
967.00	32.21	31,147.07		
528.00	23.20	12,249.60		
		43,396.67		
149.00	32.21	4,799.29		
65.00	23.20	1,508.00		
		6,307.29		
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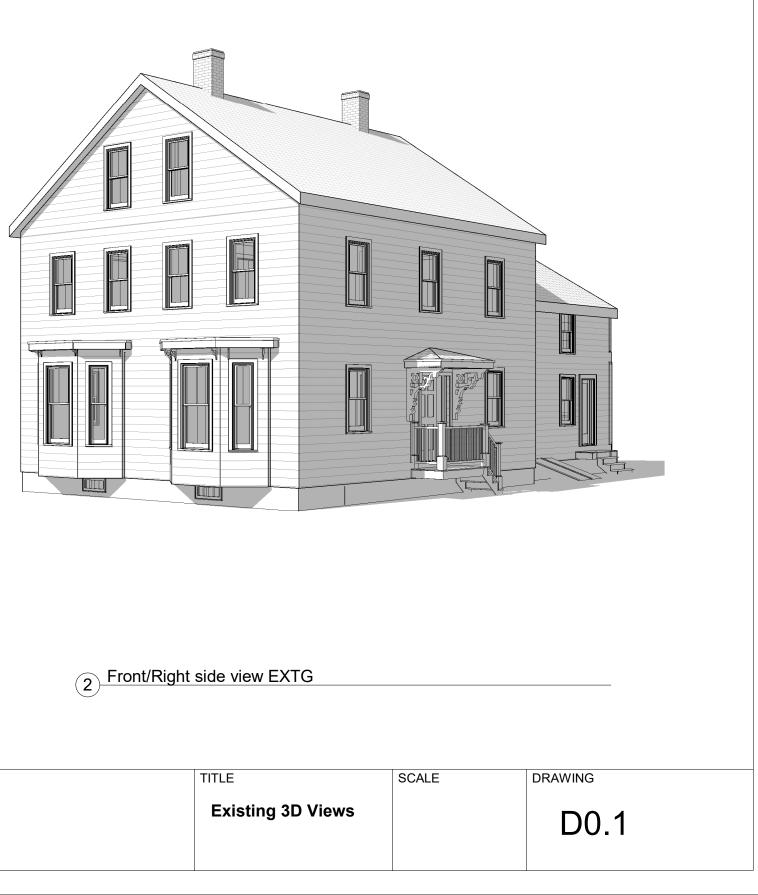


	BASEMENT	1ST FLOOR	2NDFLOOR	3RD FLOOR	тот
EXTG. (S.F.)	1,303	1,392	1,357	895	4,947
DEMO (S.F.)	0	0	452	0	452

Percentage of DEMO =	9.14%	< 25%	CONFORMING	
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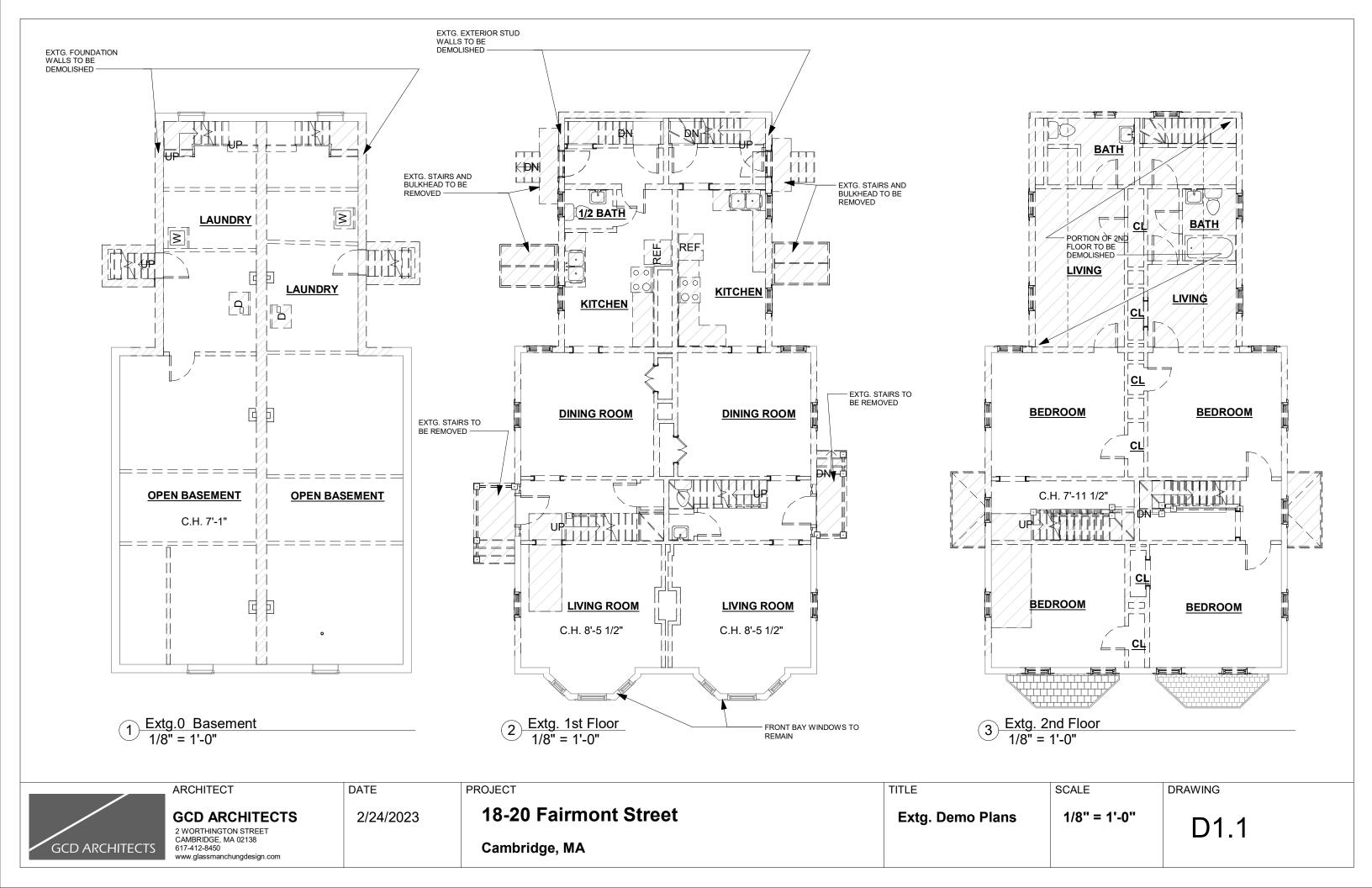


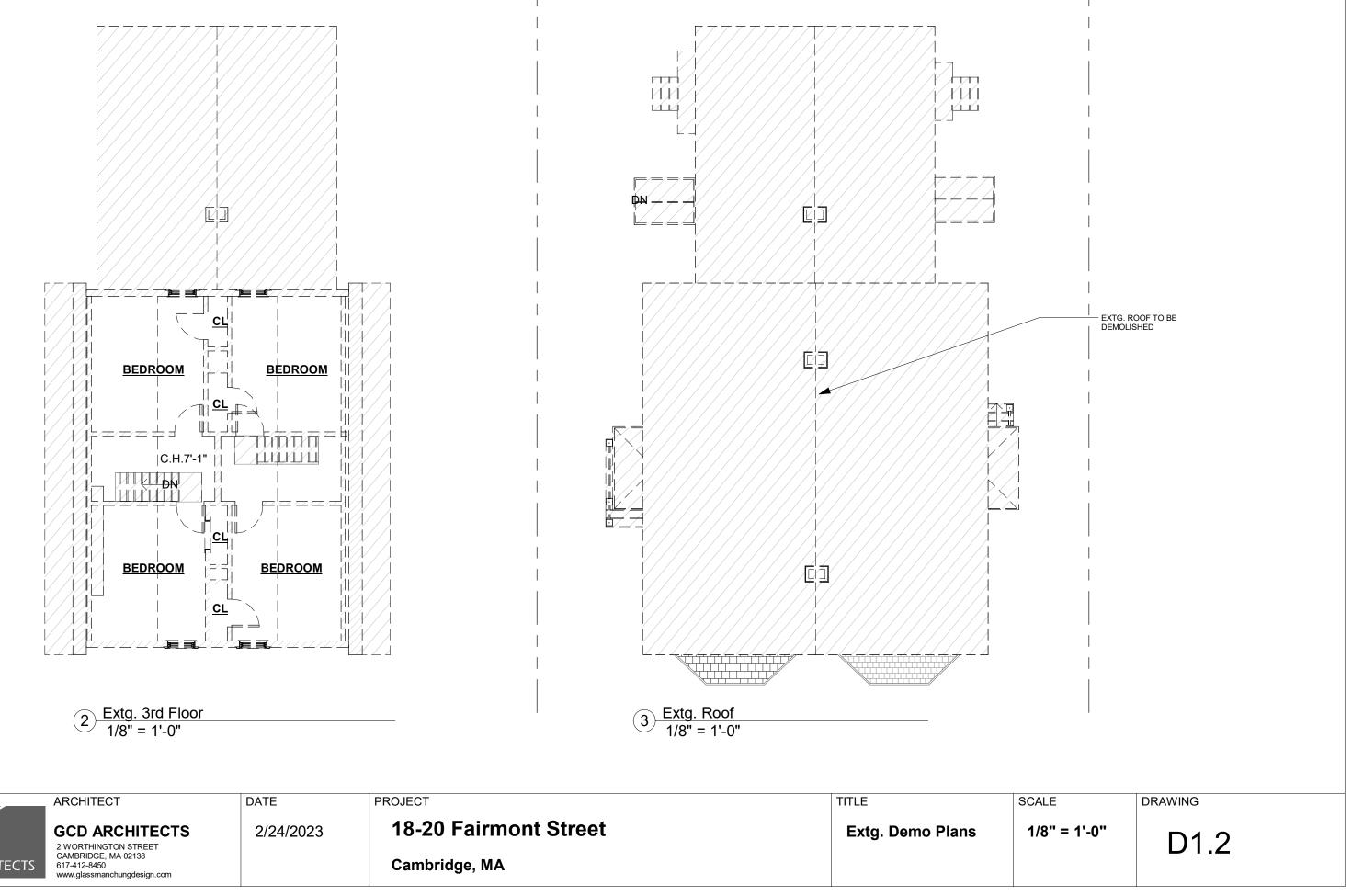


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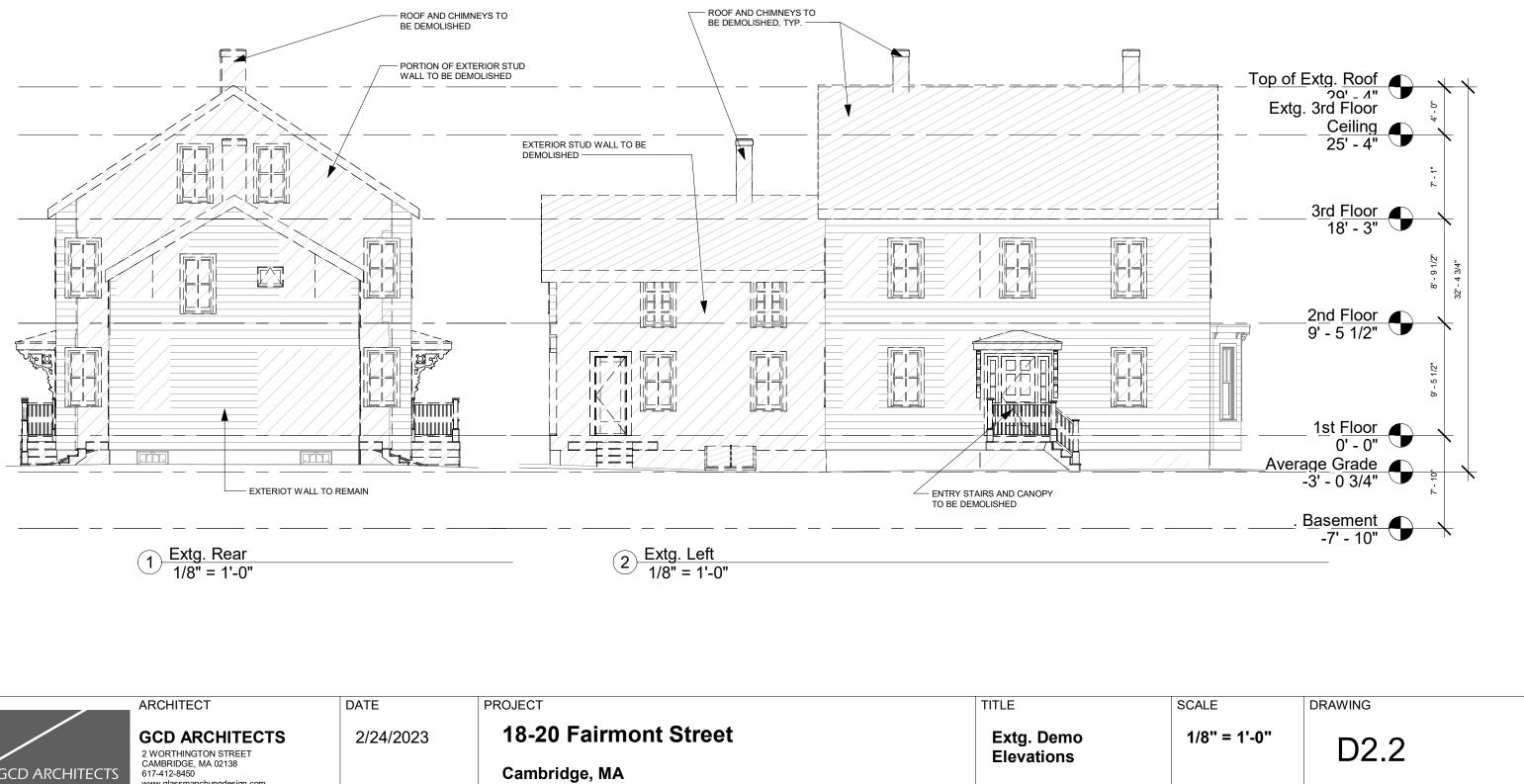




















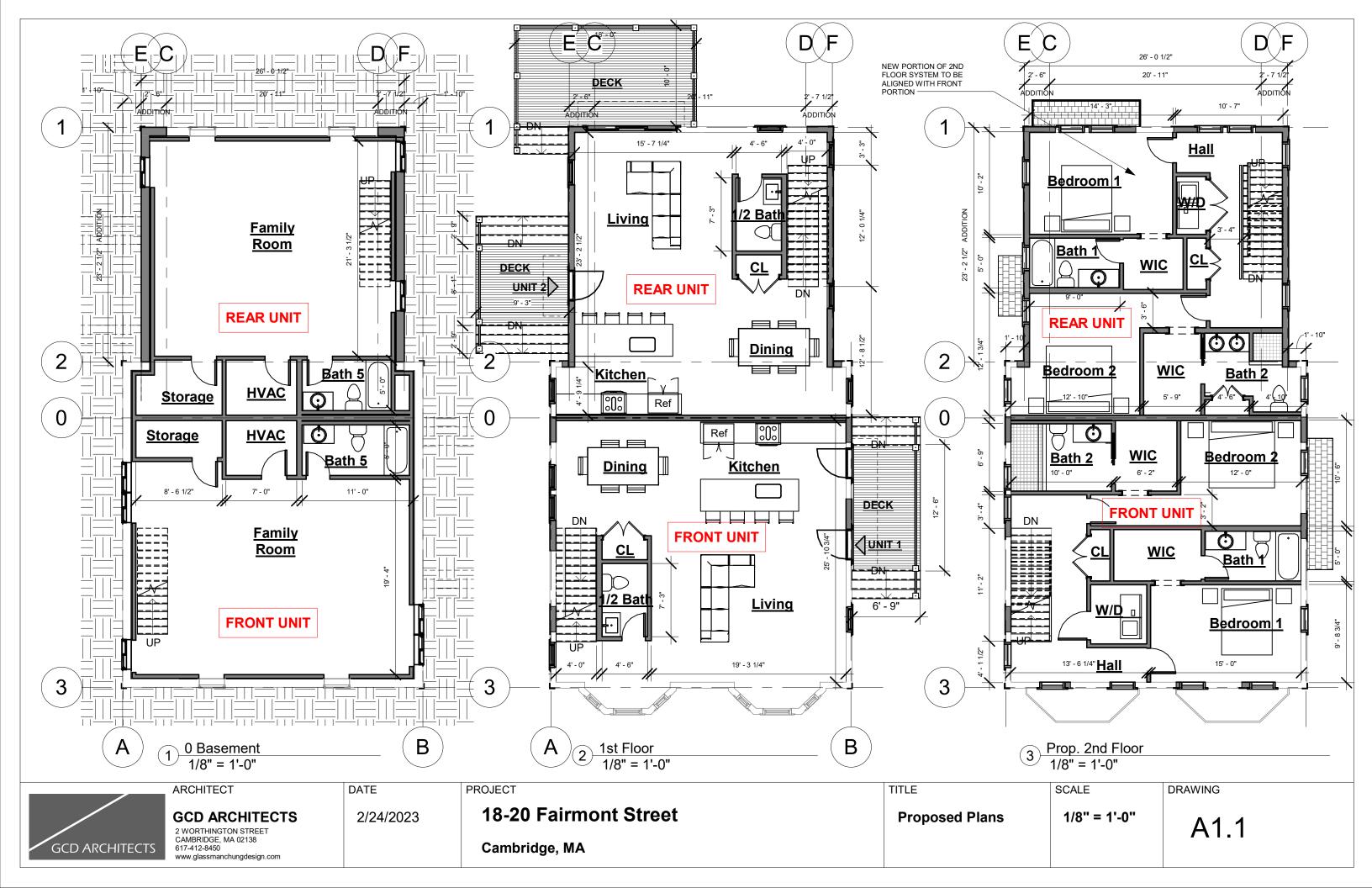
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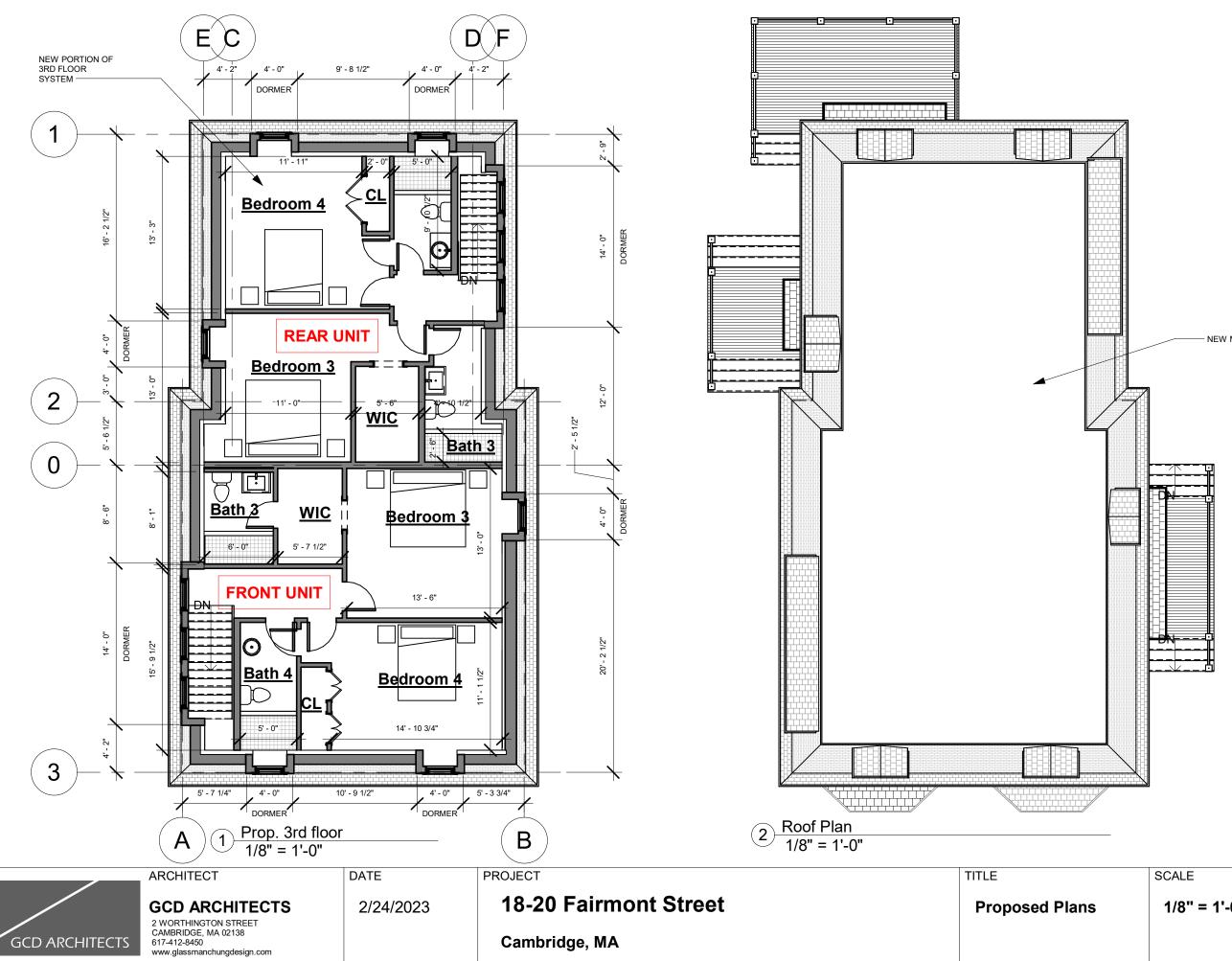


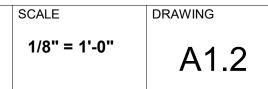
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2 Rear Left View

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- NEW MANSARD ROOF

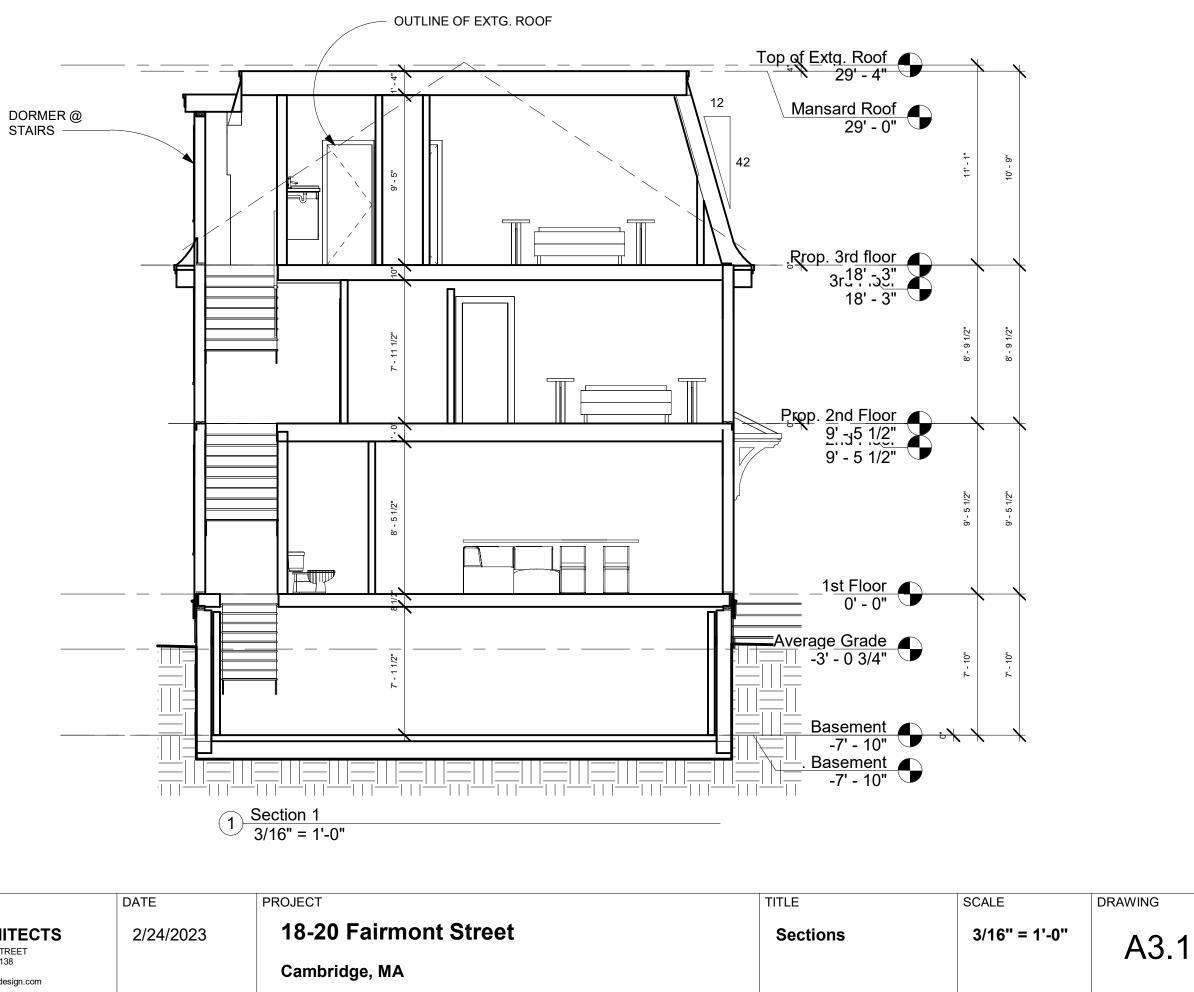




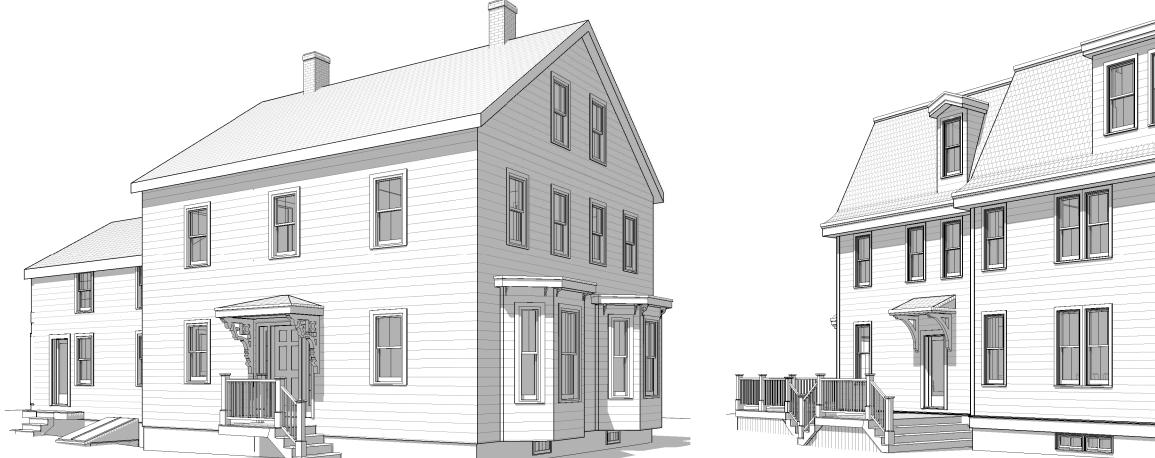












1) Front/Left side view- EXTG













1 Rear Right View - EXTG

2 Rear Right View - PROP.



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#### NOTES:

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2. DEED REFERENCE: BOOK 1290, PAGE 97 PLAN REFERENCE 1: PLAN NO. 3419A MIDDLESEX COUNTY SOUTH DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS

3. THIS PLAN IS NOT INTENDED TO BE RECORDED.

4. I CERTIFY THAT THE DWELLING SHOWN IS NOT LOCATED WITHIN A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD ZONE. IT IS LOCATED IN ZONE X, ON FLOOD HAZARD BOUNDARY MAP NUMBER 25017C0576E, IN COMMUNITY NUMBER: 250186, DATED 6/4/2010.

5. THIS PLAN DOES NOT SHOW ANY UNRECORDED OR UNWRITTEN EASEMENTS WHICH MAY EXIST. A REASONABLE AND DILIGENT ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO OBSERVE ANY APPARENT USES OF THE LAND; HOWEVER THIS NOT CONSTITUTE A GUARANTEE THAT NO SUCH EASEMENTS EXIST.

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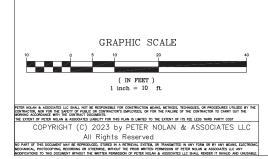
7. NO RESPONSIBILITY IS TAKEN FOR ZONING TABLE AS PETER NOLAN & ASSOCIATES LLC ARE NOT ZONING EXPERTS. TABLE IS TAKEN FROM TABLE PROVIDED BY LOCAL ZONING ORDINANCE. CLIENT AND/OR ARCHITECT TO VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF ZONING ANALYSIS.

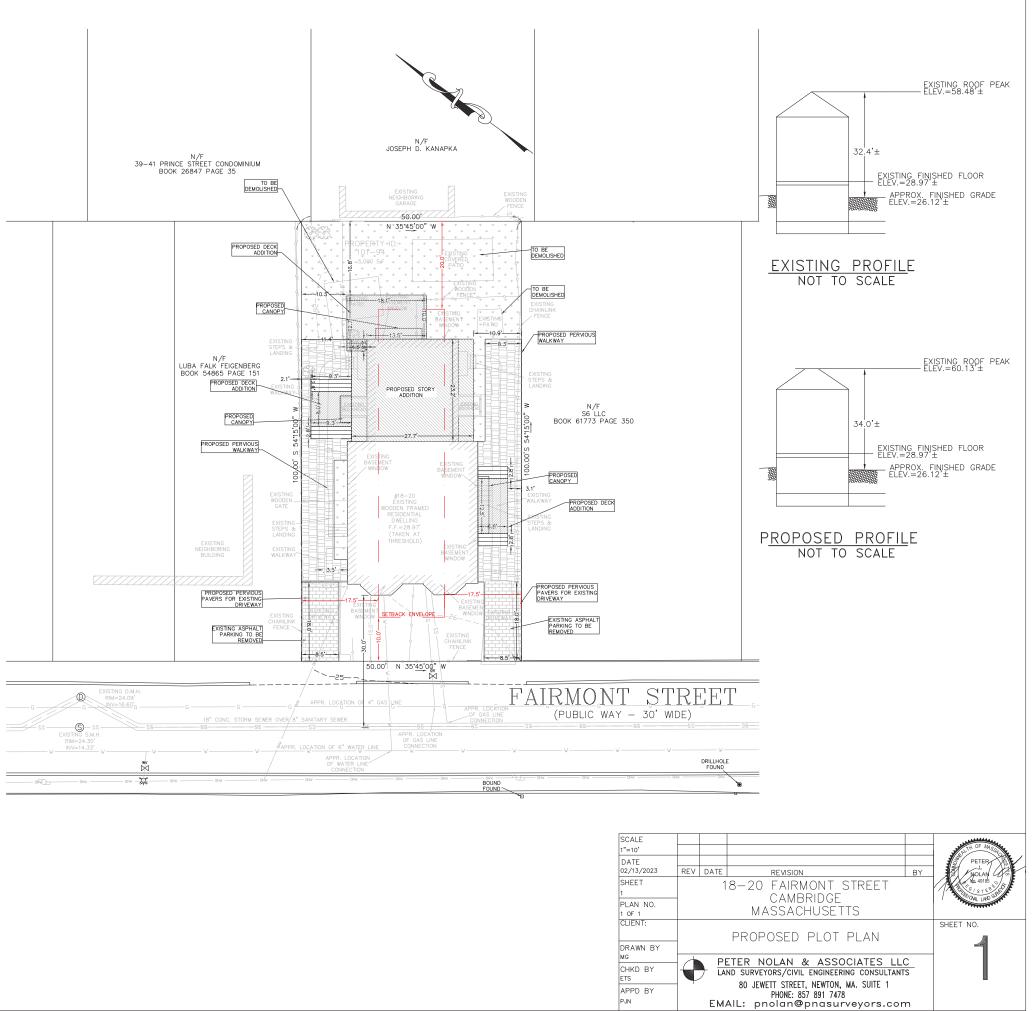
8. THE ELEVATIONS SHOWN ARE BASED ON CITY OF CAMBRIDGE DATUM.

9. ZONING DISTRICT: RESIDENCE C.

ZONING LEGEND					
ZONING	DISTRICT:	RESIDENC	C C		
	REQUIRED	EXISTING	PROPOSED		
MAX. F.A.R.	0.5	0.7	0.95		
MIN. AREA	5,000 S.F.	5,000 S.F.	5,000 S.F.		
ADDITIONAL AREA FOR EACH ADDITIONAL DWELL. UNIT	-	1,800 S.F.	-		
MIN. LOT WIDTH	50'	50'	50'		
MIN. YARD FRONT	30' CENTER L. 15' STREET L.	30' CENTER L. 15' STREET L.	30' CENTER L. 15' STREET L.		
SIDE (LEFT)	17.5'	10.4'	10.4'		
SIDE (RIGHT)	17.5'	9.9'	9.9'		
REAR	20'	26.8'	26.8'		
MAX. BLDG. HEIGHT	35'	32.4'	34'		
MIN. OPEN SPACE	36%	34%	40%		

_	BOUND		
0			
-	IRON PIN/PIPE		
0	STONE POST		
55	TREE		
23	TREE STUMP		
e	SHRUBS/FLOWERS		
-0-	SIGN		
0	BOLLARD		
\$	SEWER MANHOLE		
Ø	DRAIN MANHOLE		
<b>#</b>	CATCH BASIN		
۲	WATER MANHOLE		
×	WATER VALVE		
Å	HYDRANT		
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C	ELECTRIC MANHOLE		
E.	ELECTRIC HANDHOLE		
С О	UTILITY POLE		
¢	LIGHT POLE		
0	MANHOLE		
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TW	TOP OF WALL		
BW	BOTTOM OF WALL		
//////	EXISTING BUILDING		
	RETAINING WALL		
	STONE WALL		
0	FENCE		
	TREE LINE		
<u> </u>	SEWER LINE		
-0	DRAIN LINE		
	WATER LINE		
	GAS LINE		
	UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC LINE		
	OVERHEAD WIRES		
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145	CONTOON LINE (MUR)		





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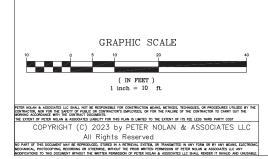
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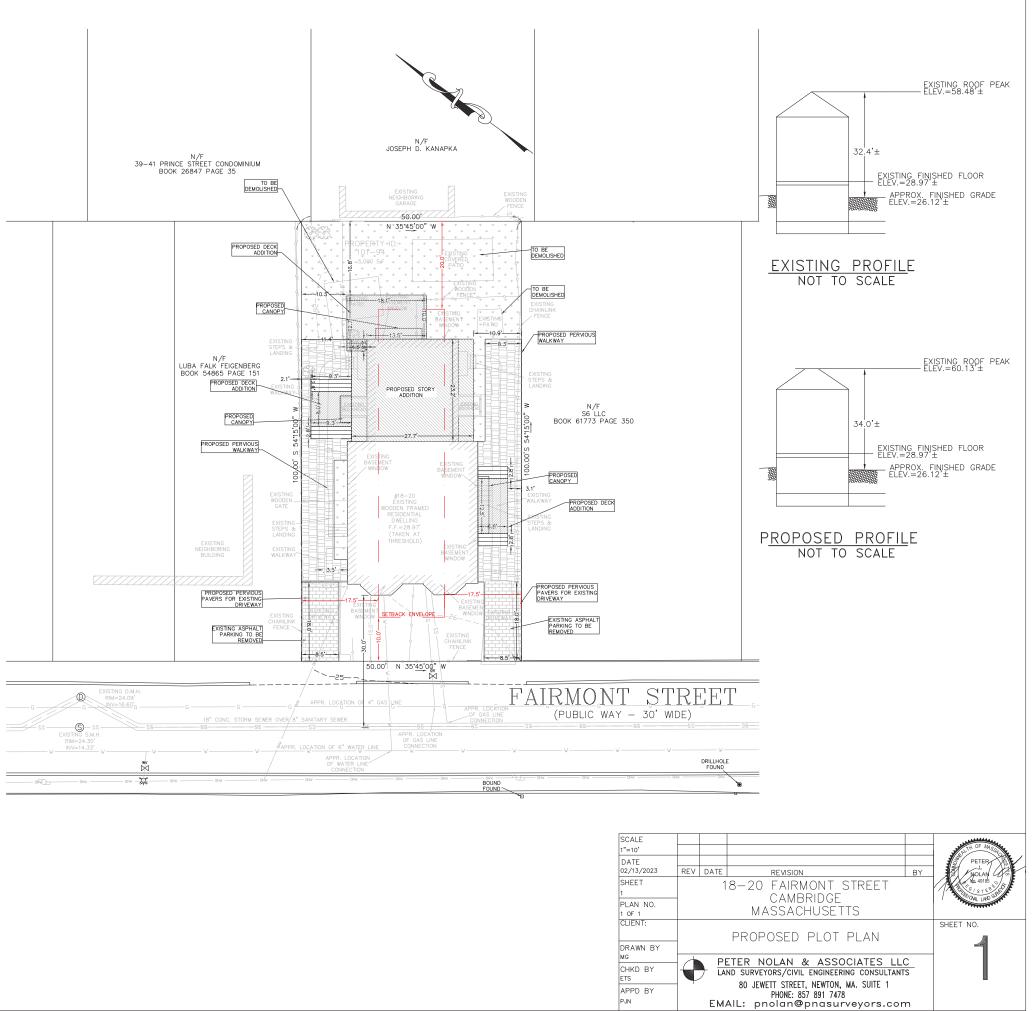
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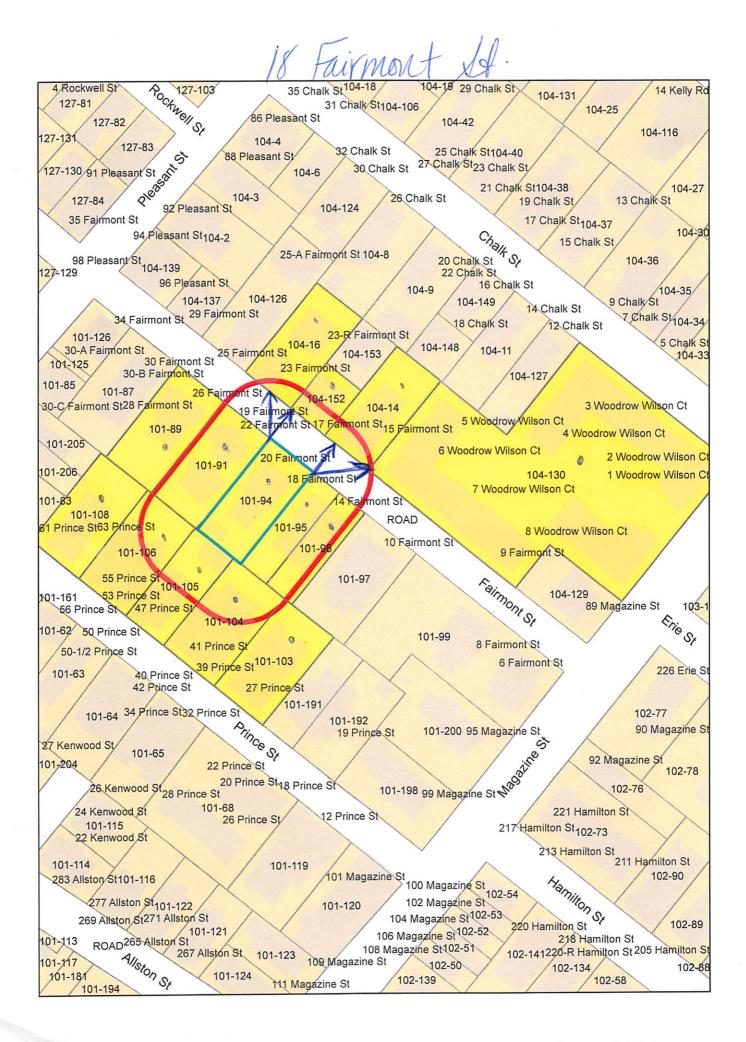
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MIN. LOT WIDTH	50'	50'	50'		
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SIDE (LEFT)	17.5'	10.4'	10.4'		
SIDE (RIGHT)	17.5'	9.9'	9.9'		
REAR	20'	26.8'	26.8'		
MAX. BLDG. HEIGHT	35'	32.4'	34'		
MIN. OPEN SPACE	36%	34%	40%		

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### POSTING NOTICE - PICK UP SHEET

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

Name:	DAM Glassman Date: 3/8/23
Address:	18 Fairmont Street
Case No	(B7A-21/208

3/23 23 Hearing Date: \_

Thank you, Bza Members

#### Pacheco, Maria

From:Christian Grippo <cpgrippo@gmail.com>Sent:Sunday, March 19, 2023 6:02 PMTo:Pacheco, MariaSubject:Re: 18 Fairmont StreetAttachments:Christian and Melissa\_18 Fairmont\_Neighbor and Abutter Letter to BZA.pdf

Hello,

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We would like to submit a letter containing written comments for the Board of Zoning Appeal meeting scheduled for this Thursday 3/23, expressing our objection for the project at 18 Fairmont Street.

Our names and addresses are as follows: Christian Grippo Melissa Grippo 31 Lopez St, Cambridge, MA 02139

Attached is the signed letter.

I appreciate your help in this matter.

Thank you,

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Christian Grippo MSCS/MSME March 19, 2023

Dear Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals:

We are longtime Cambridgeport residents that would like to express our strong objection to the application for a special permit at 18 Fairmont Street allowing for an increase in height, volume, and building area, including new construction further into the setback on three fullheight floors and for new windows in the setback on all three floors. The proposed increase in the size of an already large building will have immediate negative impacts on the abutters. But more gravely, it will set a concerning precedent for the neighborhood's current FAR and setback norms.

The special permit application states that: "Requirements of the Ordinance can or will be met for the following reasons: The proposed work will cause <u>no detriment</u> to the direct abutters or to the neighborhood in general. There will be <u>no loss of privacy</u>, <u>no creation of any</u> <u>substantial shadows on the abutting lots</u>. The <u>scale and character of the house and</u> <u>neighborhood will remain unchanged</u>. There will be no additional dwelling units and no new non-conforming lot conditions. <u>The existing non-conforming lot conditions will not be</u> <u>increased.</u>"

The claims in bold are not true. By increasing the volume by over 20%, increasing the massing of the third floor, moving the rear of the building nearly 3' closer into the setback, and increasing the height of much of the building, the applicant will definitely cast broader shadows on the abutting lots and reduce privacy on an already tight intersection of homes. The developer has not shown any data on how his property relates to the adjacent properties.

The developer also proposes a .92 FAR excluding the basement, while his neighbors to the west at 22-24 Fairmont Street have a .6 FAR and his neighbors to the east at 16 Fairmont have a .64 FAR, according to the Cambridge property database. How then is this proposal in keeping with the "scale and character of the neighborhood"?

The proposed increase in volume, area, and height, making the building nearly 1.0 FAR and close to 1.2 with the finished basement is not in keeping with the neighborhood and sets a concerning precedent for the district. <u>Allowing for significant increases in the massing of already nonconforming planes inside setbacks</u> – and then adding windows there – sets yet an additional negative precedent for the neighborhood.

Allowing a developer to obtain a special permit for a massive increase in FAR without showing impact to neighbors also sets a negative precedent.

Signed,

Christian Grippo 31 Lopez Street, Cambridge MA

Melissa Grippo 31 Lopez Street, Cambridge MA

#### Pacheco, Maria

From: Sent: To: Subject: Juan\_Carlos\_Serna <jserna@gmail.com> Sunday, March 19, 2023 4:07 PM Pacheco, Maria Re 18 Fairmont St

March 19, 2023

Dear Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals:

We are longtime Cambridgeport residents that would like to express our **strong objection** to the application for a special permit at 18 Fairmont Street allowing for an increase in average height, volume, and building area, including new construction further into the setback on three full-height floors and for newwindows in the setback on all three floors. The proposed increase in the size of an already large building will have immediate negative impacts on the abutters. But more gravely, it will set a concerning precedent for the neighborhood's current FAR and setback norms.

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The developer also proposes a .92 FAR excluding the basement, while his neighbors to the west at 22-24 Fairmont Street have a .6 FAR and his neighbors to the east at 16 Fairmont have a .64 FAR, according to the Cambridge property database. How then is this proposal in keeping with the "scale and character of the neighborhood"?

The proposed increase in volume, area, and average height, making the building nearly 1.0 FAR and close to 1.2 with the finished basement is not in keeping with the neighborhood and sets a concerning precedent for the district. Allowing for significant increases in the massing of already nonconforming planes inside setbacks – and then adding windows there – sets yet an additional negative precedent for the neighborhood.

We urge you to deny this special permit application.

Best,

## Juan Carlos Serna 29 Fairmont Ave

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March 20, 2023

Dear Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals:

As a longtime Cambridgeport / Cambridge resident and property owner, I would like to express my strong objection to the application for a special permit at 18 Fairmont Street allowing for an increase in height, volume, and building area, including new construction further into the setback on three full-height floors and for new windows in the setback on all three floors. The proposed increase in the size of an already large building will have immediate negative impacts on the abutters. But more gravely, it will set a concerning precedent for the neighborhood's current FAR and setback norms.

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The proposed increase in volume, area, and height, making the building nearly 1.0 FAR and close to 1.2 with the finished basement is not in keeping with the neighborhood and sets a concerning precedent for the district. Allowing for significant increases in the massing of already nonconforming planes inside setbacks – and then adding windows there – sets yet an additional negative precedent for the neighborhood.

I urge you to deny this special permit application.

Signed,

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Ana Yanez-Rodriguez 6 Washington Ave Apt 19 Cambridge MA. 02140

March 20, 2023

Dear Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals:

We are the neighbors at 22 Fairmont Street directly abutting the property at 18-20 Fairmont Street. We would like to express our strong objection to the proposed special permit allowing for an increase in the height, volume, and area of an already nonconforming building and for new windows on a new plane being built in a nonconforming setback. The proposed increase in the size of an already large building will have a detrimental impact on us as abutters and is not in harmony with the FAR norms of the neighborhood.

The developer's special permit application states that:

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

The proposed work will cause no detriment to the direct abutters or to the neighborhood in general. There will be <u>no loss of privacy</u>, <u>no creation of any substantial shadows on the abutting lots</u>. The <u>scale and character of the house and neighborhood will remain unchanged</u>. There will be no additional dwelling units and no new non-conforming lot conditions. <u>The existing non-conforming lot conditions will not be increased</u>."

The statements in bold are patently false.

 <u>No Shadows and no Loss of Privacy</u>. By increasing the height of much of the building, including replacing a 35 degree pitched roof in the front part of the building with a full one story addition, and replacing a 30 degree pitched roof in the rear with a full two story addition, and then moving the rear of the building nearly 3' closer into the setback, the applicant will definitely cast broader shadows on the abutting lots and windows and reduce privacy on an already tight intersection of homes. The developer has not shown any data on how his property relates to the adjacent properties.

This is not a small addition, but a significant increase in volume and massing (see Exhibit A). The notion that the 32.4' x 55.4'+ wall-like block that the applicant proposes to build along the side yards will create "no" "substantial shadows" is hard to believe. The attached pictures (see Exhibit B), point to actual conditions, indicating the extent to which the change will block sunshine. We bought this house because of its light since this helps with Seasonal Affective Disorder and Major Depressive Disorder which one of us is diagnosed with.

2. <u>Scale and Character of the House and Neighborhood Will Remain Unchanged</u>. The applicant proposes to build a 32.4' tall vertical structure within the setback that extends 55.4'+ feet. He also proposes a .92 FAR excluding the basement, while the immediate neighbors around him have the following FARs: the neighbors to the west at 22-24 Fairmont Street have a .6 FAR, the neighbor at 26-28 Fairmont Street has a

.54 FAR, his neighbors to the east at 16 Fairmont have a .64 FAR, and the neighbor at 15 Fairmont has a .67 FAR, according to the Cambridge property database. How then is his proposal in keeping with the "scale and character of the neighborhood"? The proposed density of 18-20 Fairmont Street is **currently at .74 FAR**. The developer is already availing himself of his ability to add 1440sf of floor area (on top of the .74 FAR) by finishing the basement. His house is already 20% larger than the FAR of the abutting properties and exceeds the FAR of .6 allowed in the district. The developer has not considered the neighbors or neighborhood in these designs, further indicated by his choosing not to consult with us as abutters before drawing up and submitting the plans.

D & E). These sections of the application state essentially the same thing. All our above objections apply here. The developer further states that his proposal will not "derogate from the intent or purpose of this ordinance for the following reasons: The proposed project is consistent and in harmony with the uses and character of the neighborhood, and upholds the intents of the zoning ordinance as there will be no creation of any detriment whatsoever."

We again disagree with the statement there will "no creation of any detriment whatsoever." Moreover, increasing a home already 20% larger than adjacent properties is not "consistent and in harmony" with the character of the neighborhood. The proposal also fails to meet the letter and spirit of the zoning ordinance for four reasons:

First, the purpose of article 8 is to allow for otherwise non-conforming but smaller structures to modernize (add a bathroom, make use of an attic), not redesign the neighborhood with an FAR pushing 1.0 (again: 16 Fairmont has an effective FAR of .64 and the two condos at 22/24 Fairmont have a combined FAR of .6 - and he wants a .92 FAR, a 50% increase over his closest adjacent neighbors).

Second, the applicant did not correctly calculate the existing versus required side yard setbacks. According to the logic and spirit of the code, he should use average height and the multi-plane formula under 5.24, as well as the denominator of 7, to calculate the existing and required setback to show that the existing setback does not conform. (Choosing not to use such elements to create – in order to then increase – a nonconformity is not in keeping with the spirit or intent of the code.) The error of choosing 5 instead of 7 for the denominator in the H+L calculation vastly exaggerates the requirements to make the setbacks look nonconforming. These errors make it impossible to ascertain from the application whether the setbacks do or do not in fact conform.

Third, if the existing building is indeed nonconforming along the right side yard, it is patently clear that moving the rear 16' of the building nearly 3' further into the side yard and increasing its height from approximately 15' to the edge of the 30 degree pitched roof to a 32.4' wall (including the mansard, which is essentially vertical) would block light, creating a significant detriment, and not be consistent with the intent of the code. The purpose of the H+L formula in our district is to ensure that setbacks relate to the mass of the vertical plane on that side yard. In other words, the conformity of the vertical plane of the building depends on its massing as a function of height plus length. By increasing the height of the rear portion

of the building, the applicant is **significantly** increasing the nonconformity of the side yard setback. For this reason, the project is not consistent with the intent of the code, which is to "to provide adequate light and air" (see the Preamble) – not to massively expand an already oversized existing two-family house into a 6100sf two-family house for the purpose of increasing a developer's profit margin.

Fourth – and most essentially – the section under which the applicant is seeking relief states: "In order to grant the special permit the Board of Zoning Appeal is required to find that the alteration or enlargement shall not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming structure to the neighborhood, and that the alteration or enlargement satisfies the criteria in Section 10.43." We abutters are the most impacted in "the neighborhood." The increased volume and height of the proposed building will be detrimental because 1) it will create more shadows; 2) new windows on a new plane in a nonconforming setback will impinge on privacy (the developer is not just rearranging existing windows, but adding windows on a new floor in a nonconforming setback that look directly into our children's bedrooms); 3) the home is already larger than either abutters and there is no public good in granting relief to profiteers; 4) the massive proposed wall-like structure inside the setbacks will cause an uncharacteristic and, to us, aesthetically objectionable 55' long "block-like" building that will be an eyesore for immediate abutters and passersby; and 5) the building will violate 19.30 (to which article 10.43(f) requires adherence); we especially note19.33, which requires that building construction be "designed and sited to minimize shadow impacts on neighboring lots"; and that "Building scale and wall treatment, including the provision of windows" be "sensitive to existing residential uses on adjacent lots."

#### Any one of these reasons is enough for the BZA to reject the petition now.

Finally, we note that the special permit application contains numerous errors. First, the survey indicates that the house faces south, but it in fact faces north. We wonder if this is the basis for the applicant's false claim respecting shadows. Second, the "Reason for Petition" and "Description of Petitioner's Proposal" do not actually say what relief is being requested; does the advertising language of the petition do so?

The proposed increase in volume, area, and height, making the building nearly 1.0 FAR and close to 1.2 with the finished basement, has a serious impact on our exposure to sun and privacy, is not in keeping with the neighborhood, and sets a negative precedent for the neighborhood and district. Allowing for significant increases in the massing of already nonconforming planes inside setbacks – and then adding windows there – also sets a negative precedent for the neighborhood.

We accordingly urge you to reject this special permit petition,

Sandra Ferguson and Ian Ferguson 22 Fairmont Street, 02139 Cambridge

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#### **Exhibit A** Volume Calculation and Detrimental Effect on Sunshine

We note that the developer has not provided a volume change calculation. Our best estimate from the applicant's petition is that that the proposed addition will increase the volume of an already oversized, nonconforming building by 44%. It is hard to believe that anything close to such a number will have no detrimental impact, including on light. We estimate a 44% increase over the existing volume above the basement as follows: we take the total existing volume of 43,496 cubic feet (see Z10 of the application), subtracting the basement volume of 11,296 (7'10' height x area of 1442 sf – see D2.1 and Z9) to get an existing volume of 32,300 cubic feet. The proposal will remove volume of 6,307 cubic feet (see Z10) and add 9.97' height x 1357 sf area on the new third floor, or 13,529 cubic feet, and approximately 10' x 580sf on the second floor, or 5,800 cubic feet, and 123 sf x 10' on the first floor, or 1230 cubic feet, for a total of 20,559 cubic feet less the 6,307 feet removed = 14,252 cubic feet added divided by 32,300 = a 44% increase in volume.

The purpose of this massive increase in volume and massing is to increase what is already a significant developer margin (he purchased the house for \$2.05 million or \$400 per square foot for 5000 sellable square feet including the basement – in a neighborhood where luxury housing sells for upwards of \$1000 or \$1100 per square foot).

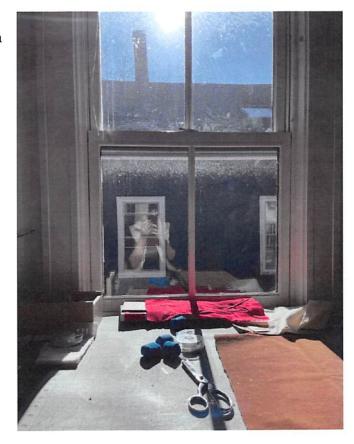
This grab at an additional 1100 sf for the pure motive of profiteering will literally occur at the expense of sunshine available for our child and growing family.

#### Exhibit B Images

View from child's room which receives a lot of sunlight until the afternoon.



View from parents art studio which receives a lot of sunlight until the afternoon.



### Pacheco, Maria

From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments: Emily Holman <emily.holman@gmail.com> Monday, March 20, 2023 4:41 PM Pacheco, Maria Letter regarding 18-20 Fairmont Street LLC Letter\_18-20 Fairmont Street.pdf

Hi Maria,

I am electronically conveying the attached letter on behalf of our neighbor John Summers at 25 Fairmont Street, who joins us in expressing concern regarding the special permit application for 18-20 Fairmont Street.

Thank you for your assistance.

Best, Emily Holman 24 Fairmont Street March 13, 2023

Dear Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals:

We are the neighbors directly abutting or living near the property at 18-20 Fairmont Street. We would like to express our strong objection to the proposed special permit allowing for an increase in height, volume, and building area and for new windows in the setback. The proposed increase in the size of an already large building will have negative impacts on the abutters and set a terrible precedent for the neighborhood.

The special permit application states that:

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The proposed work will cause no detriment to the direct abutters or to the neighborhood in general. There will be <u>no loss of privacy</u>, <u>no creation of any substantial shadows on the abutting lots</u>. The <u>scale and character of the house and neighborhood will remain</u> <u>unchanged</u>. There will be no additional dwelling units and no new non-conforming lot conditions. <u>The existing non-conforming lot conditions will not be increased</u>.

The statements in bold are patently false.

- 1. <u>No Shadows and no Loss of Privacy</u>. By increasing the volume by over 20% and by increasing the massing of the third floor and the height of much of the building, the applicant will definitely cast broader shadows on the abutting lots and reduce privacy on an already tight intersection of homes. The applicant has not shown any data on how his property relates to the adjacent properties. The notion that the 32' x 60'+ wall-like block the applicant proposes to build inside the setback will not cast shadows defies belief. The attached pictures from the neighboring buildings are indicative of actual conditions, indicating the extent to which the increase in height inside the setback and the new windows in the rear of the building within that setback will create privacy issues.
- 2. <u>Scale and Character of the House and Neighborhood Will Remain Unchanged</u>. The applicant proposes to build a 32' tall wall within the setback that extends 60'+ feet. He also proposes a .92 FAR excluding the basement, while his neighbors to the west at 22-24 Fairmont Street have a .6 FAR and his neighbors to the east at 16 Fairmont have a .64 FAR, according to the Cambridge property database. How then is his proposal in keeping with the "scale and character of the neighborhood"? The proposed density of 18-20 Fairmont Street is currently at .72 FAR. The developer already has the ability to add FAR by finishing the basement. His house is already larger than the FAR of the abutting properties and exceeds the FAR of .6 allowed in the district. The developer is not considering the neighborhood at all, as indicated by the fact that he has made no attempt to discuss his plans with any of us.
- 3. <u>Failure to Meet Letter and Spirit of Article 8.</u> First, the purpose of article 8 is to allow for otherwise non-conforming but smaller structures to modernize (add a bathroom, make use of an attic), not redesign the neighborhood with an FAR pushing

1.0 (again: 16 Fairmont has an effective FAR of .64 and the two condos at 22/24 Fairmont have a combined FAR of .6 - and he wants a .92!!! a 50% increase over his closest adjacent neighbors). Second, by increasing the volume and average height of the building, the applicant is effectively worsening the nonconformity of the setback by increasing the setback requirement, which is based on a formula based on height plus length. The purpose of that formula in our district is to ensure that setbacks relate to the mass of the vertical plane on that side yard: in other words, <u>the conformity of</u> <u>the vertical plane of the building depends on its massing as a function of height</u> <u>plus length</u>. The applicant is significantly increasing the side yard setback requirement, which clearly increases the nonconformity of the plane along that side yard.

D & E) These sections of the application state essentially the same thing. All our above objections apply here. That he wants to increase a home already 10-25% larger than adjacent properties is not "consistent and in harmony" with the character of the neighborhood.

The section under which the applicant is seeking relief states: "In order to grant the special permit the Board of Zoning Appeal is required to find that the <u>alteration or enlargement</u> <u>shall not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming structure</u> <u>to the neighborhood</u>, and that the alteration or enlargement satisfies the criteria in Section 10.43." The neighbors at 16 and 22-24 Fairmont Street are the most impacted in "the neighborhood." At a minimum, we would argue that the increased volume and height of the proposed building will be detrimental because 1) it will create more shadows; 2) new windows on a plane in a nonconforming setback will impinge on privacy; 3) the home is already larger than either abutters and there is no public good in granting relief to profiteers; 4) the massive proposed wall-like structure inside the setbacks will cause an uncharacteristic and, to us, aesthetically objectionable "block-like" building that will be an evesore for immediate abutters and passersby.

The proposed increase in volume, area, and height, making the building nearly 1.0 FAR and close to 1.2 with the finished basement is not in keeping with the neighborhood and sets a negative precedent for the neighborhood. <u>Allowing for significant increases in the massing of already nonconforming planes inside setbacks</u> – and then adding windows there – also sets a negative precedent for the neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.

Signed,

(Name and addresses follow) ) John Summer 25 Fairmant 5 417-547-035)

March 20, 2023

Dear Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals:

We are the neighbors at 24 Fairmont Street directly abutting the property at 18-20 Fairmont Street. We would like to express our strong objection to the proposed special permit allowing for an increase in the height, volume, and area of an already nonconforming building and for new windows on a new plane being built in a nonconforming setback. The proposed increase in the size of an already large building will have a detrimental impact on us as abutters and is not in harmony with the FAR norms of the neighborhood.

The developer's special permit application states that:

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

The proposed work will cause no detriment to the direct abutters or to the neighborhood in general. There will be <u>no loss of privacy</u>, <u>no creation of any substantial shadows on the abutting lots</u>. The <u>scale and character of the house and neighborhood will remain</u> <u>unchanged</u>. There will be no additional dwelling units and no new non-conforming lot conditions. <u>The existing non-conforming lot conditions will not be increased</u>."

The statements in bold are patently false.

 <u>No Shadows and no Loss of Privacy</u>. By increasing the height of much of the building, including replacing a 35 degree pitched roof in the front part of the building with a full one story addition, and replacing a 30 degree pitched roof in the rear with a full two story addition, and then moving the rear of the building nearly 3' closer into the setback, the applicant will definitely cast broader shadows on the abutting lots and windows and reduce privacy on an already tight intersection of homes. The developer has not shown any data on how his property relates to the adjacent properties.

This is not a small addition, but a significant increase in volume and massing (see Exhibit A). The notion that the 32.4' x 55.4'+ wall-like block that the applicant proposes to build along the side yards will create "no" "substantial shadows" is hard to believe. The attached pictures (see Exhibit B) from our first and second floors, showing light at different times of day, point to actual conditions, indicating the extent to which the increase in height and the new windows in the rear of the building will block sunshine and create privacy issues in our kitchen, dining room, and in our two children's bedrooms.

2. Scale and Character of the House and Neighborhood Will Remain Unchanged. The applicant proposes to build a 32.4' tall vertical structure within the setback that extends 55.4'+ feet. He also proposes a .92 FAR excluding the basement, while the immediate neighbors around him have the following FARs: the neighbors to the west at 22-24 Fairmont Street have a .6 FAR, the neighbor at 26-28 Fairmont Street has a .54 FAR, his neighbors to the east at 16 Fairmont have a .64 FAR, and the neighbor at 15 Fairmont has a .67 FAR, according to the Cambridge property database. How then is his proposal in keeping with the "scale and character of the neighborhood"?

The proposed density of 18-20 Fairmont Street is **currently at .74 FAR**. The developer is already availing himself of his ability to add 1440sf of floor area (on top of the .74 FAR) by finishing the basement. His house is already 20% larger than the FAR of the abutting properties and exceeds the FAR of .6 allowed in the district. The developer has not considered the neighbors or neighborhood in these designs, further indicated by his choosing not to consult with us as abutters before drawing up and submitting the plans.

D & E). These sections of the application state essentially the same thing. All our above objections apply here. The developer further states that his proposal will not "derogate from the intent or purpose of this ordinance for the following reasons: The proposed project is consistent and in harmony with the uses and character of the neighborhood, and upholds the intents of the zoning ordinance as there will be no creation of any detriment whatsoever."

We again disagree with the statement there will "no creation of any detriment whatsoever." Moreover, increasing a home already 20% larger than adjacent properties is not "consistent and in harmony" with the character of the neighborhood. The proposal also fails to meet the letter and spirit of the zoning ordinance for four reasons:

First, the purpose of article 8 is to allow for otherwise non-conforming but smaller structures to modernize (add a bathroom, make use of an attic), not redesign the neighborhood with an FAR pushing 1.0 (again: 16 Fairmont has an effective FAR of .64 and the two condos at 22/24 Fairmont have a combined FAR of .6 - and he wants a .92 FAR, a 50% increase over his closest adjacent neighbors).

Second, the applicant did not correctly calculate the existing versus required side yard setbacks. According to the logic and spirit of the code, he should use average height and the multi-plane formula under 5.24, as well as the denominator of 7, to calculate the existing and required setback to show that the existing setback does not conform. (Choosing not to use such elements to create – in order to then increase – a nonconformity is not in keeping with the spirit or intent of the code.) The error of choosing 5 instead of 7 for the denominator in the H+L calculation vastly exaggerates the requirements to make the setbacks look nonconforming. These errors make it impossible to ascertain from the application whether the setbacks do or do not in fact conform.

Third, if the existing building is indeed nonconforming along the right side yard, it is patently clear that moving the rear 16' of the building nearly 3' further into the side yard and increasing its height from approximately 15' to the edge of the 30 degree pitched roof to a 32.4' wall (including the mansard, which is essentially vertical) would block light, creating a significant detriment, and not be consistent with the intent of the code. The purpose of the H+L formula in our district is to ensure that setbacks relate to the mass of the vertical plane on that side yard. In other words, the conformity of the vertical plane of the building depends on its massing as a function of height plus length. By increasing the height of the rear portion of the building, the applicant is **significantly** increasing the nonconformity of the side yard setback. For this reason, the project is not consistent with the intent of the code, which is to "to provide adequate light and air" (see the Preamble) – not to massively expand an already oversized existing two-family house into a 6100sf two-family house for the purpose of increasing a developer's profit margin.

Fourth - and most essentially - the section under which the applicant is seeking relief states: "In order to grant the special permit the Board of Zoning Appeal is required to find that the alteration or enlargement shall not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming structure to the neighborhood, and that the alteration or enlargement satisfies the criteria in Section 10.43." We abutters are the most impacted in "the neighborhood." The increased volume and height of the proposed building will be detrimental because 1) it will create more shadows; 2) new windows on a new plane in a nonconforming setback will impinge on privacy (the developer is not just rearranging existing windows, but adding windows on a new floor in a nonconforming setback that look directly into our children's bedrooms); 3) the home is already larger than either abutters and there is no public good in granting relief to profiteers; 4) the massive proposed wall-like structure inside the setbacks will cause an uncharacteristic and, to us, aesthetically objectionable 55' long "block-like" building that will be an eyesore for abutters; and 5) the building will violate 19.30 (to which article 10.43(f) requires adherence); we especially note 19.33, which requires that building construction be "designed and sited to minimize shadow impacts on neighboring lots"; and that "Building scale and wall treatment, including the provision of windows" be "sensitive to existing residential uses on adjacent lots."

#### Any one of these reasons is enough for the BZA to reject the petition now.

Finally, we note that the special permit application contains numerous errors. First, the survey indicates that the house faces south, but it in fact faces north. We wonder if this is the basis for the applicant's false claim respecting shadows. Second, the "Reason for Petition" and "Description of Petitioner's Proposal" do not actually say what relief is being requested; does the advertising language of the petition do so?

The proposed increase in volume, area, and height, making the building nearly 1.0 FAR and close to 1.2 with the finished basement, has a serious impact on our exposure to sun and privacy, is not in keeping with the neighborhood, and sets a negative precedent for the neighborhood and district. Allowing for significant increases in the massing of already nonconforming planes inside setbacks – and then adding windows there – also sets a negative precedent for the neighborhood.

We accordingly urge you to reject this special permit petition.

Signed,

Emily Holman and Hassanaly Ladha 24 Fairmont Street

#### **Exhibit A** Volume Calculation and Detrimental Effect on Sunshine

We note that the developer has not provided a volume change calculation. Our best estimate from the applicant's petition is that that the proposed addition will increase the volume of an already oversized, nonconforming building by 44%. It is hard to believe that anything close to such a number will have no detrimental impact, including on light. We estimate a 44% increase over the existing volume above the basement as follows: we take the total existing volume of 43,496 cubic feet (see Z10 of the application), subtracting the basement volume of 11,296 (7'10' height x area of 1442 sf – see D2.1 and Z9) to get an existing volume of 32,300 cubic feet. The proposal will remove volume of 6,307 cubic feet (see Z10) and add 9.97' height x 1357 sf area on the new third floor, or 13,529 cubic feet, and approximately 10' x 580sf on the second floor, or 5,800 cubic feet, and 123 sf x 10' on the first floor, or 1230 cubic feet, for a total of 20,559 cubic feet less the 6,307 feet removed = 14,252 cubic feet added divided by 32,300 = a 44% increase in volume.

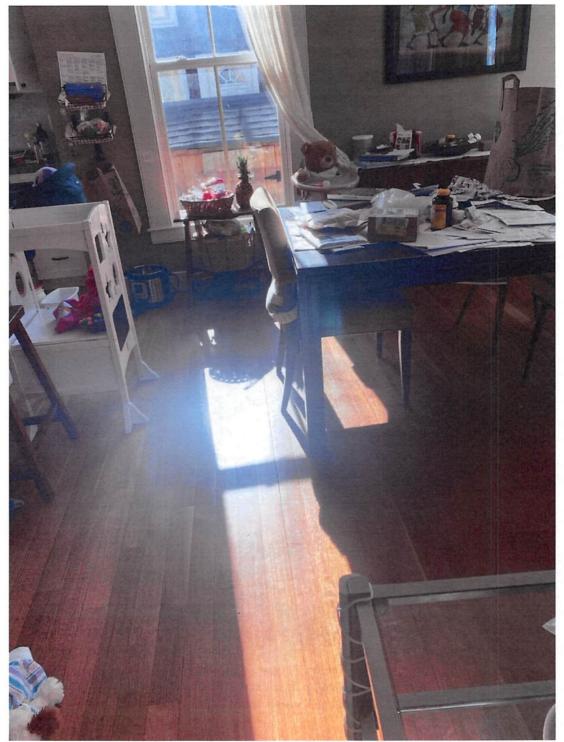
The purpose of this massive increase in volume and massing is to increase what is already a significant developer margin (he purchased the house for 2.05 million or 400 per square foot for 5000 saleable square feet including the basement – in a neighborhood where luxury housing sells for upwards of 1000 or 1100 per square foot).

This grab at an additional 1100 sf for the pure motive of profiteering will literally occur at the expense of sunshine available for our children and family.

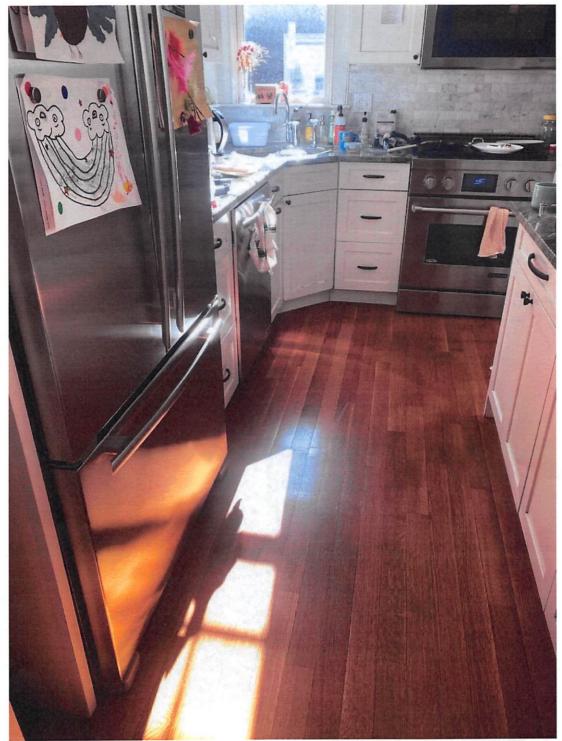
#### Exhibit B Images



Morning light at 9:50am comes in over the 30 degree pitched roof in the rear and fills our kitchen, dining room, and living room with light. Increasing the height from 15' at the eave to 32.4' and moving the entire plane nearly 3' closer to us will block this light.



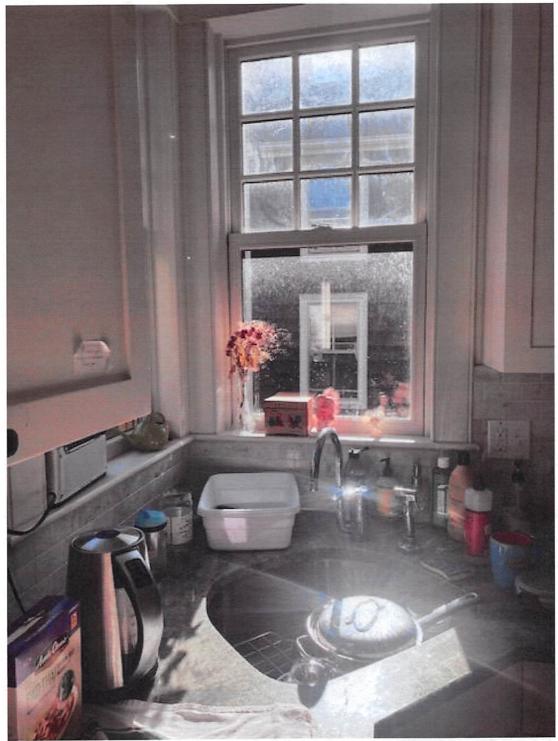
Morning light coming into our dining room on the first floor will be blocked.



Our kitchen is in the northeastern corner of our plan in the first floor. This morning light will be blocked.



This is late morning – even that sun won't get through.



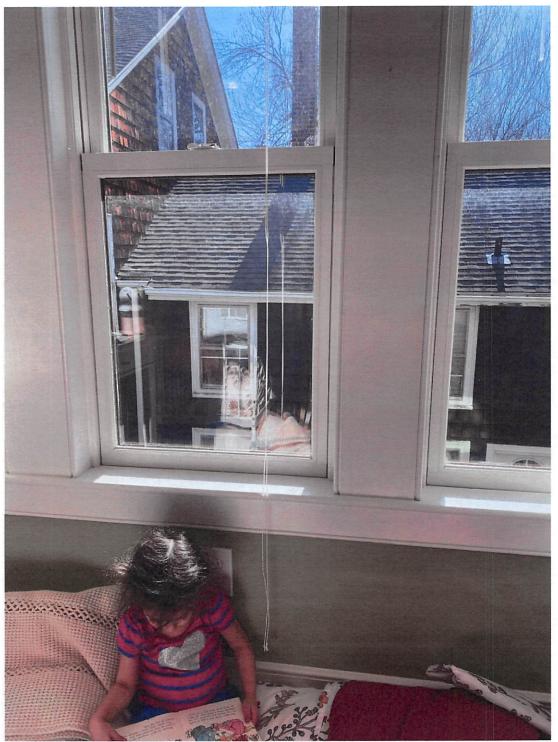
Morning light from southeast in kitchen will be blocked.



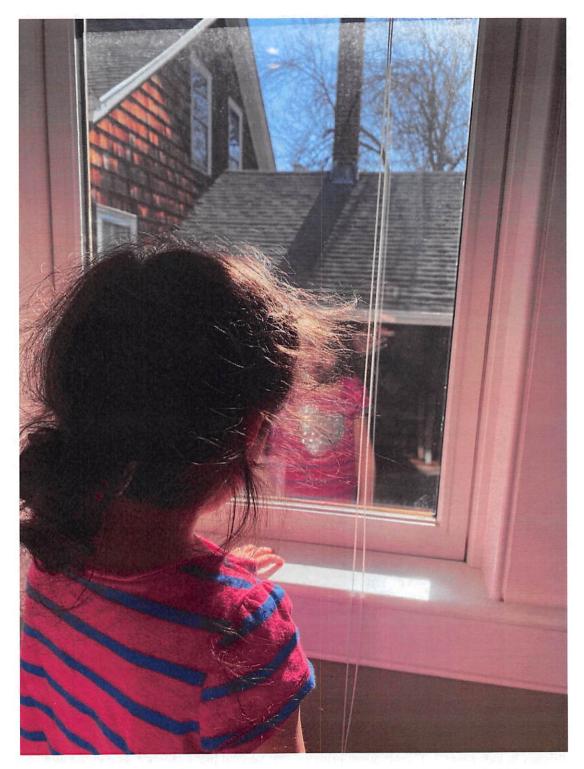
This is looking out our dining room window at 9:45 a.m. – you can see that will have lost all this morning sunshine up until this point with a lot more to go -- the sun coming over the back section of 18 Fairmont is not even yet parallel to the existing roof line of the front part of the house, which is much lower than the proposed higher roofline for both front and back sections.



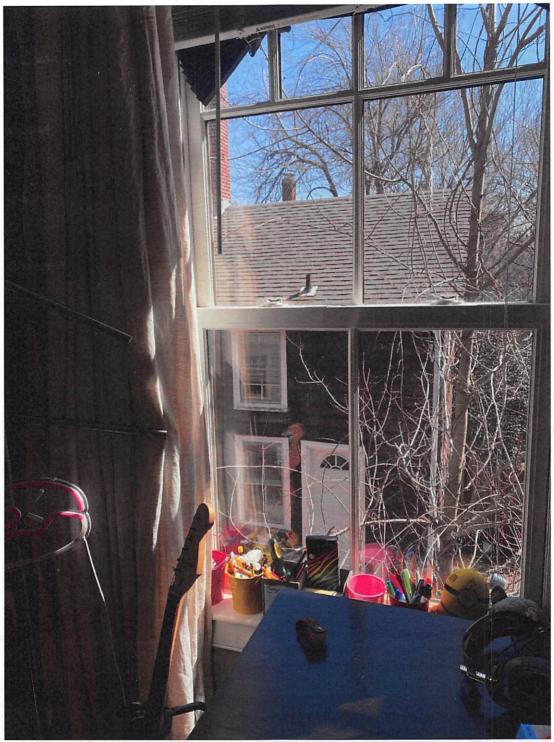
View from dining room where our youngest plays when we're in the kitchen. Bringing plane forward and building it up from 15' at eave to 32.4' will block the sun!



Light in kids room 1 will be blocked; privacy will be detrimentally affected.



If you bring that rear part forward and add windows, it will impinge on privacy in kids room 1.



Privacy in kids room 2. They propose bringing that vertical plane closer 3' and going up from 15' at the eave to 32.4' – and then adding lots of windows on third floor directly across. This will block light and impinge on privacy.



### **18 Fairmont Cambridge**

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Tue, Mar 21, 2023 at 10:13 AM

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Hi Adam.

My apologies for the unintentional error on the North Arrow on the previous PDF.

I have corrected this and attached the new PDF here for your reference.

If you need anything else, please let me know.

Thank you,

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SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIRED:

1. NEW WINDOW OPENINGS & ENTRY CANOPY ADDITIONS ON LEFT AND RIGHT SIDES PER EXISTING NON-CONFORMING SETBACKS

2. WIDEN EXISTING REAR SECTION WITHIN THE EXISTING NONCONFORMING LEFT AND RIGHT SIDE SETBACKS.

3. INCREASE EXISTING NONCONFORMING FAR FROM .74 TO .92 (.60 MAX ALLOWABLE)

4. NEW MANSARD ROOF ADDITION WITHIN THE EXISTING NONCONFORMING LEFT AND RIGHT SIDE SETBACKS.

5. INCREASE EXISTING NON CONFORMING STRUCTURE BETWEEEN 10%-25% OF EXISTING STRUCTURE AS OF 1940.

3-21-2023

SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE FILE ON MARCH 20 2023

NOTES:

- 1. NEW CONSTRUCTION OUTSIDE OF THE EXISTING BUIDLING ENVELOPE FALLS UNDER RES-C **DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS**
- 2. MULTIPLANE SET BACK ANALYSIS = NON-CONFORMING



# **EXISTING STREET VIEW**

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# **PROPOSED RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS**

# 18-20 Fairmont Street Cambridge, MA

# **PROPOSED STREET VIEW**

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#### NOTES:

1. INFORMATION SHOWN ON THIS PLAN IS THE RESULT OF A FIELD SURVEY PERFORMED BY PETER NOLAN & ASSOCIATES LLC AS OF 12/19/2022.

2. DEED REFERENCE: BOOK 1290, PAGE 97 PLAN REFERENCE 1: PLAN NO. 3419A MIDDLESEX COUNTY SOUTH DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS

3. THIS PLAN IS NOT INTENDED TO BE RECORDED.

4. I CERTIFY THAT THE DWELLING SHOWN IS NOT LOCATED WITHIN A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD ZONE. IT IS LOCATED IN ZONE X, ON FLOOD HAZARD BOUNDARY MAP NUMBER 25017C0576E, IN COMMUNITY NUMBER: 250186, DATED 6/4/2010.

5. THIS PLAN DOES NOT SHOW ANY UNRECORDED OR UNWRITTEN EASEMENTS WHICH MAY EXIST. A REASONABLE AND DILIGENT ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO OBSERVE ANY APPARENT USES OF THE LAND; HOWEVER THIS NOT CONSTITUTE A GUARANTEE THAT NO SUCH EASEMENTS EXIST.

6. FIRST FLOOR ELEVATIONS ARE TAKEN AT THRESHOLD.

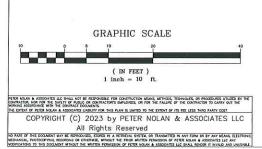
7. NO RESPONSIBILITY IS TAKEN FOR ZONING TABLE AS PETER NOLAN & ASSOCIATES LLC ARE NOT ZONING EXPERTS. TABLE IS TAKEN FROM TABLE PROVIDED BY LOCAL ZONING ORDINANCE. CLIENT AND/OR ARCHITECT TO VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF ZONING ANALYSIS.

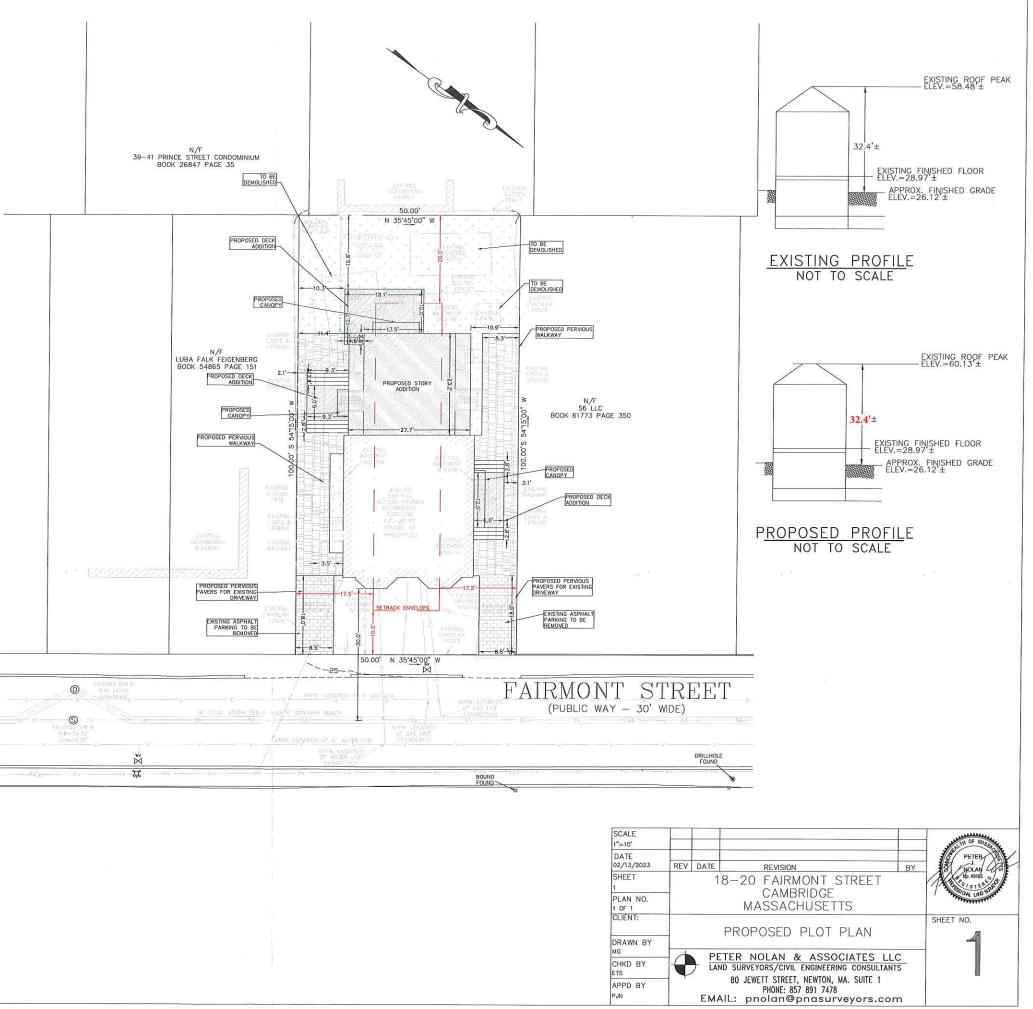
8. THE ELEVATIONS SHOWN ARE BASED ON CITY OF CAMBRIDGE DATUM.

9. ZONING DISTRICT: RESIDENCE C.

ZO	NING 1	LEGEND	)
ZONING [	DISTRICT:	RESIDENC	CE C
	REQUIRED	EXISTING	PROPOSED
MAX. F.A.R.	0.5 0.7		0.95
MIN. AREA	5,000 S.F.	5,000 S.F.	5,000 S.F.
ADDITIONAL AREA FOR EACH ADDITIONAL DWELL. UNIT	-	1,800 S.F.	
MIN. LOT WIDTH	50'	50'	50'
MIN. YARD FRONT	30' CENTER L. 15' STREET L.	30' CENTER L. 15' STREET L.	30' CENTER L. 15' STREET L.
SIDE (LEFT)	17.5'	10.4'	10.4'
SIDE (RIGHT)	17.5'	9.9'	9.9'
REAR	20'	26.8'	26.8'
MAX. BLDG. HEIGHT	35'	32.4'	32.4'
MIN. OPEN SPACE	36%	34%	40%

	LEGEND
Ð	BOUND
0	IRON PIN/PIPE
o	STONE POST
8	TREE
1	TREE STUNP
θ	SHRUBS/FLOWERS
-o-	SIGN
0	BOLLARD
6	SEWER MANHOLE
۵	DRAN MANHOLE
H	CATCH BASIN
۲	WATER MANHOLE
××	WATER VALVE
H	HYDRANT
X	GAS VALVE
Ø	ELECTRIC MANHOLE
E	ELECTRIC HANDHOLE
3	UTILITY POLE
\$	LIGHT POLE
0	MANHOLE
X	SPOT GRADE
10m	TOP OF WALL
tos.	BOTTOM OF WALL
1713	EXISTING BUILDING
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	STONE WALL
_	FENCE
1.1	TREE LINE
	SEWER LINE
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	WATER LINE
	GAS LINE
	UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC LINE
- Chrw	OVERHEAD WIRES
-145-	CONTOUR LINE (MUR)
-147,	CONTOUR LINE (MNR)





Dimension Regulation - ZONE RESIDENCE C			
EXISTING	PROPOSED	REQUIRED	

MAX FAR	0.74	0.92	0.60	EXISTING NON CONFORMING
MIN. LOT SIZE	5,000 sq. ft.	5,000 sq. ft.	5,000 sq. ft.	YES
MIN. LOT AREA PER DWELLING UNIT	2,500 sq. ft.	2,500 sq. ft.	1,800 sq. ft.	YES
MIN. LOT WIDTH	50'	50'	50'	YES
MIN. FRONT SETBACK	30' - CENTER L. 15' - STREET L.	30' - CENTER L. 15' - STREET L.	(H+L)/4 MIN.10'	YES
MIN. LEFT SIDE SETBACK	10.4'	10.4'	(*) EXTG.= 16.80' (**) PROPOSED = 17.6'	EXISTING NON CONFORMING
MIN. RIGHT SIDE SETBACK	9.9'	9.9'	(*) EXTG.= 16.80' (**) PROPOSED = 17.6'	EXISTING NON CONFORMING
MIN. REAR SETBACK	26.8'	26.8'	20'	YES
MAXIMUM HEIGHT	32.4'	32.4'	35'	YES
RATIO OF PRIVATE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA	34%	40%	36%	YES

#### (\*) CALCULATION FOR EXTG. SIDE SETBACKS

EXTG. AVERAGE HEIGHT = (H1xL1) + (H2xL2) / (L1+L2) = (32.4'x32.30') + (23.29'x23.11') / (32.30'+23.11') = 28.60'

(\*) REQUIRED EXTG. SETBACK = (H+L) / 5 = (28.60' + 55.4') / 5 = 16.80'

(\*\*) REQUIRED PROPOSED SETBACK = (H+L) / 5 = (32.4'+55.4' / 5)= 17.6'

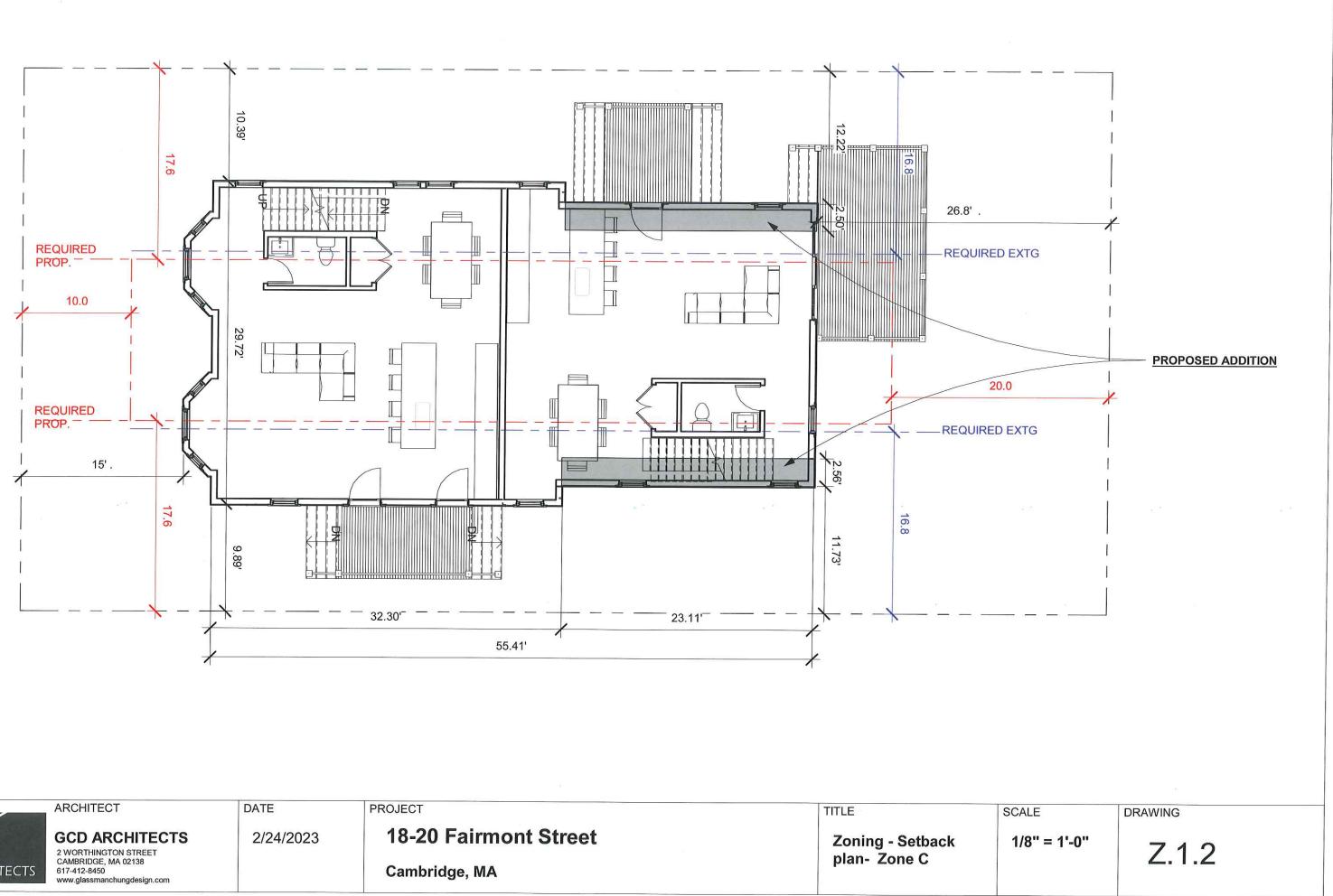


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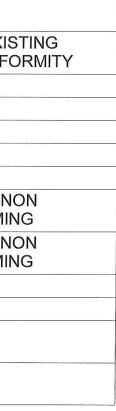
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MIN. LOT SIZE	5,000 sq. ft.	N/A	5,000 sq. ft.	YES
MAX FAR	0.74	N/A	0.75	YES
MIN. LOT WIDTH	50'	N/A	50'	YES
MIN. FRONT SETBACK	30' CENTER L. 15' STREET L.	N/A	(H+L)/4 MIN.10'	YES
MIN. LEFT SIDE SETBACK	10.4'	N/A	(*) EXTG.= 12'	EXISTING NO
MIN. RIGHT SIDE SETBACK	9.9'	N/A	(*) EXTG.= 12'	EXISTING NO
MIN. REAR SETBACK	26.8'	N/A	20'	YES
MAXIMUM HEIGHT	32.4'	N/A	35'	YES
RATIO OF PRIVATE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA	34%	N/A	30%	YES
MIN. LOT AREA PER DWELLING UNIT	2,500 sq. ft.	N/A	1,500 sq. ft.	YES

(\*) CALCULATION FOR EXTG. SIDE SETBACKS EXTG. AVERAGE HEIGHT = (H1xL1) + (H2xL2) / (L1+L2) = (32.4'x32.30') + (23.29'x23.11') / (32.30'+23.11') = 28.60'

(\*) REQUIRED EXTG. SETBACK = (H+L) / 7 = ( 28.60' + 55.4') / 7 = 12'

(\*\*\*) C1 DIMENSION REQUIREMENTS DO NOT APPLY FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION

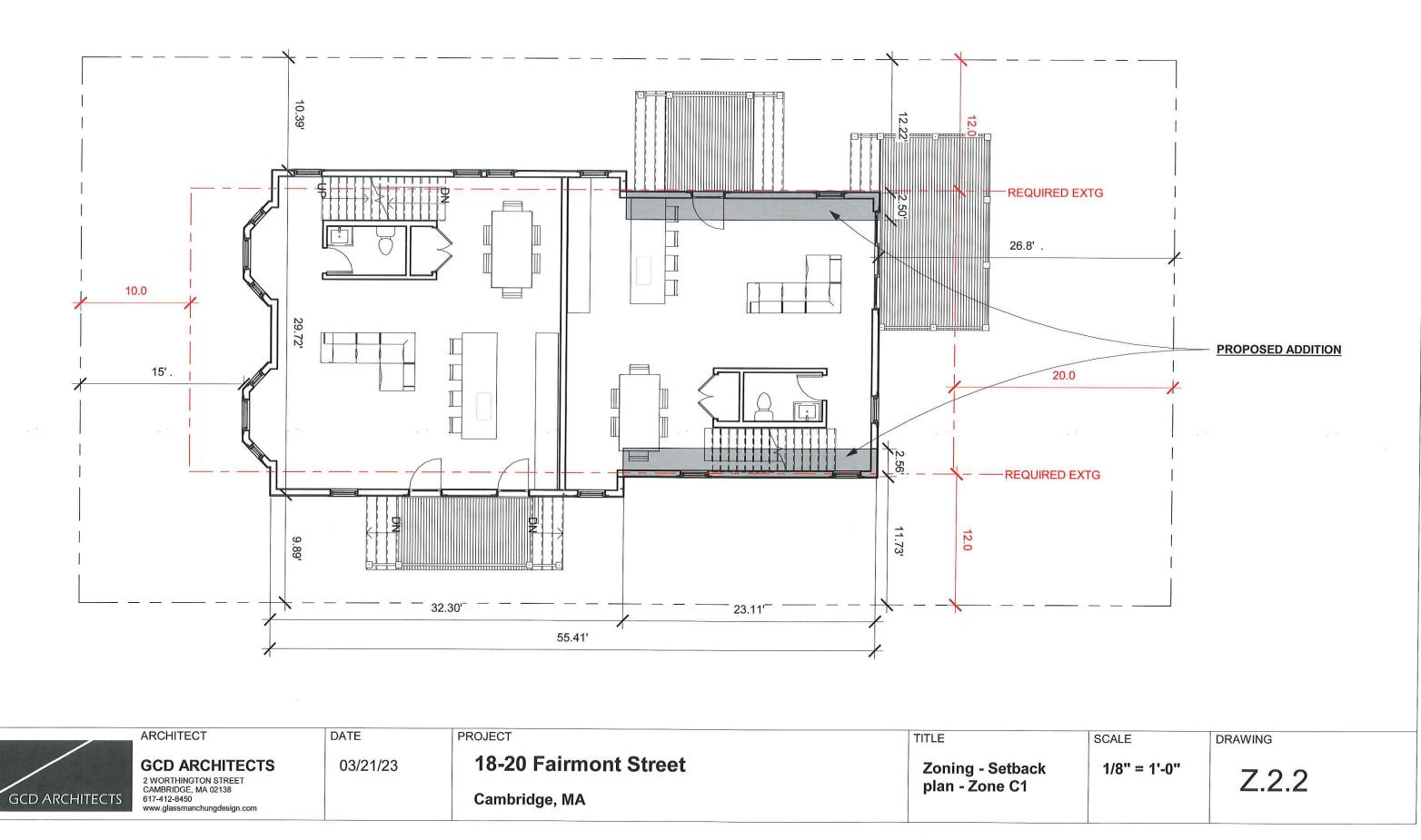
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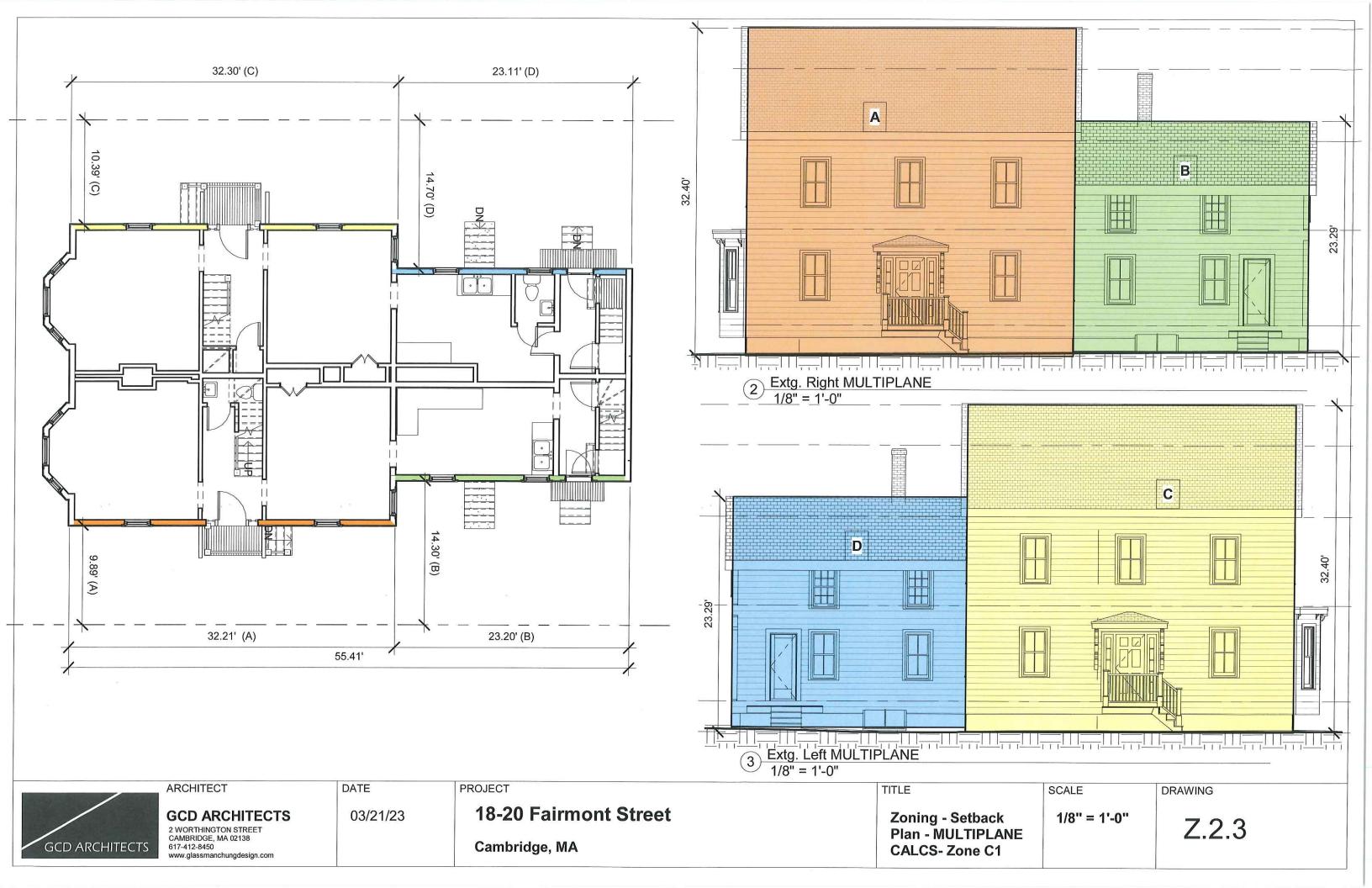
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EXTG. LEFT SIDE ELEVATION MULTIPLANE INDIVIDUAL PLANES CALCULATION								/OLUME CALCI	JLATION
PLANE	н	L	CALC. SETBACK (H+L/7)	EXTG. SETBACK	INDIVIDUAL PLANE CONFORMITY (MIN. 7'-6")			VOLUME CALC. OF EACH PLANE	
С	32.4	32.3	9.24	10.39	YES		10.39	1046.52	10873.34
D	23.29	23.11	6.63	14.7	YES		14.7	538.2319	7,912
ТОТ.								1,585	18,785

	SINGLE PLANE CALCULATION									
PLANE	н	L	CALC. SETBACK (H+L/7)		AREA OF PLANE	VOLUME CALC. OF SINGLE PLANE				
SINGLE	32.4	55.41	12.54		1,585	19,880				

18,785 IS LESS THAN	19,880	NON CONFORMING ART. 5.24.4.3	
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	EXTG. RIGHT SIDE ELEVATION MULTIPLANE CALCULATION											
INDIVIDUAL PLANES CALCULATION						VOLUME CALCULATION						
PLANE	н	L	CALC. SETBACK (H+L/7)	EXTG. SETBACK	INDIVIDUAL PLANE CONFORMITY (MIN. 7'-6")		SETBACK for VOLUME calc.	AREA OF PLANE	VOLUME CALC. OF EACH PLANE			
A	32.4	32.3	9.24	9.89	YES		9.89	1046.52	10350.08			
В	23.29	23.11	6.63	14.3	YES		14.3	538.2319	7,697			
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	SINGLE PLANE CALCULATION							
PLANE	н	L	CALC. SETBACK (H+L/7)				AREA OF PLANE	VOLUME CALC. OF SINGLE PLANE
SINGLE	32.4	55.41	12.54				1,585	19,880

18,047 IS LESS THAN 19,880 NON CONFORMING ART. 5.24.4.3 PROJECT ARCHITECT DATE TITLE **18-20 Fairmont Street GCD ARCHITECTS** 03/21/23 Zoning -2 WORTHINGTON STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138 MULTIPLANE CALC GCD ARCHITECTS Cambridge, MA 617-412-8450 - Zone C1 www.glassmanchungdesign.com

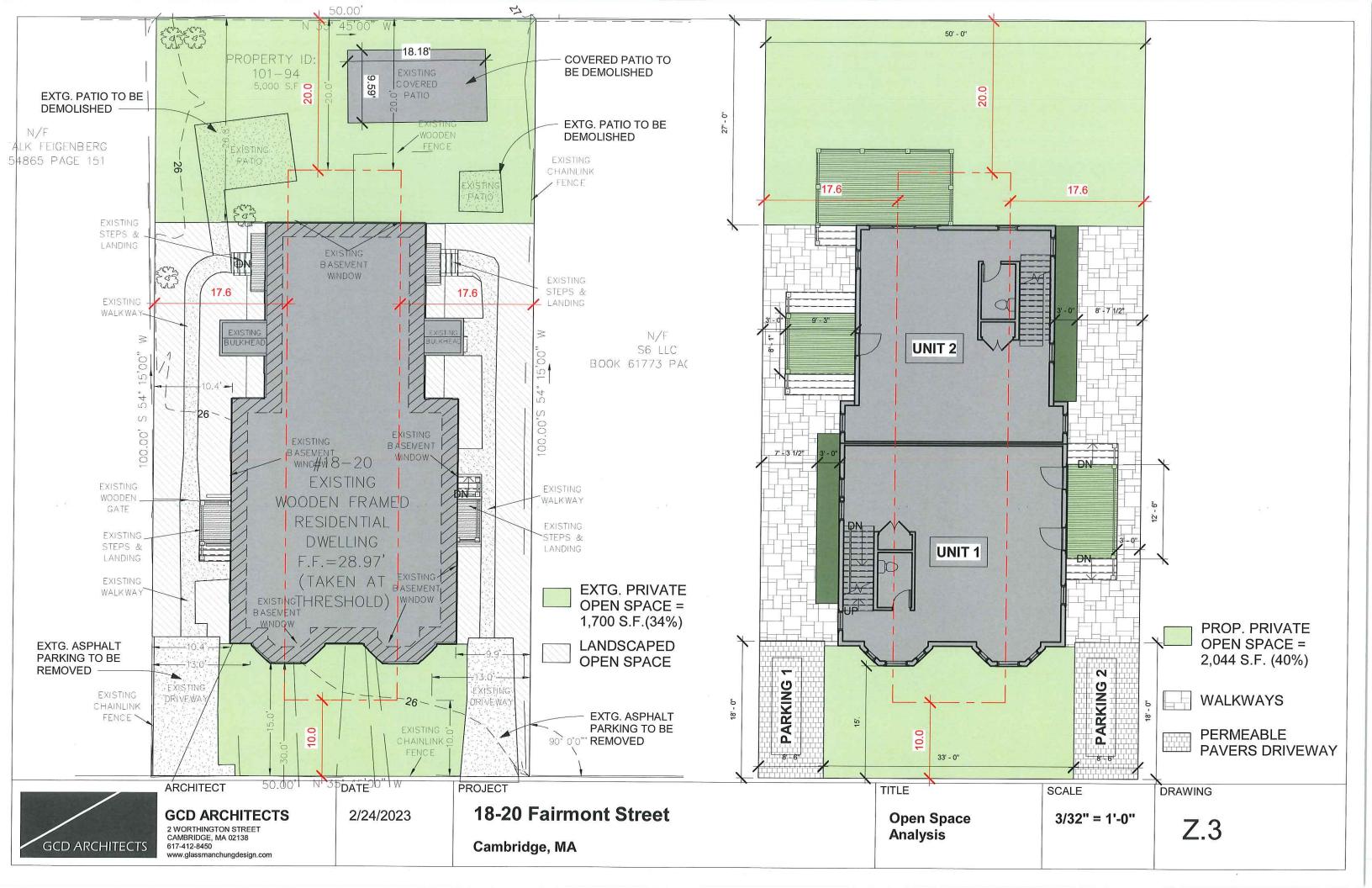
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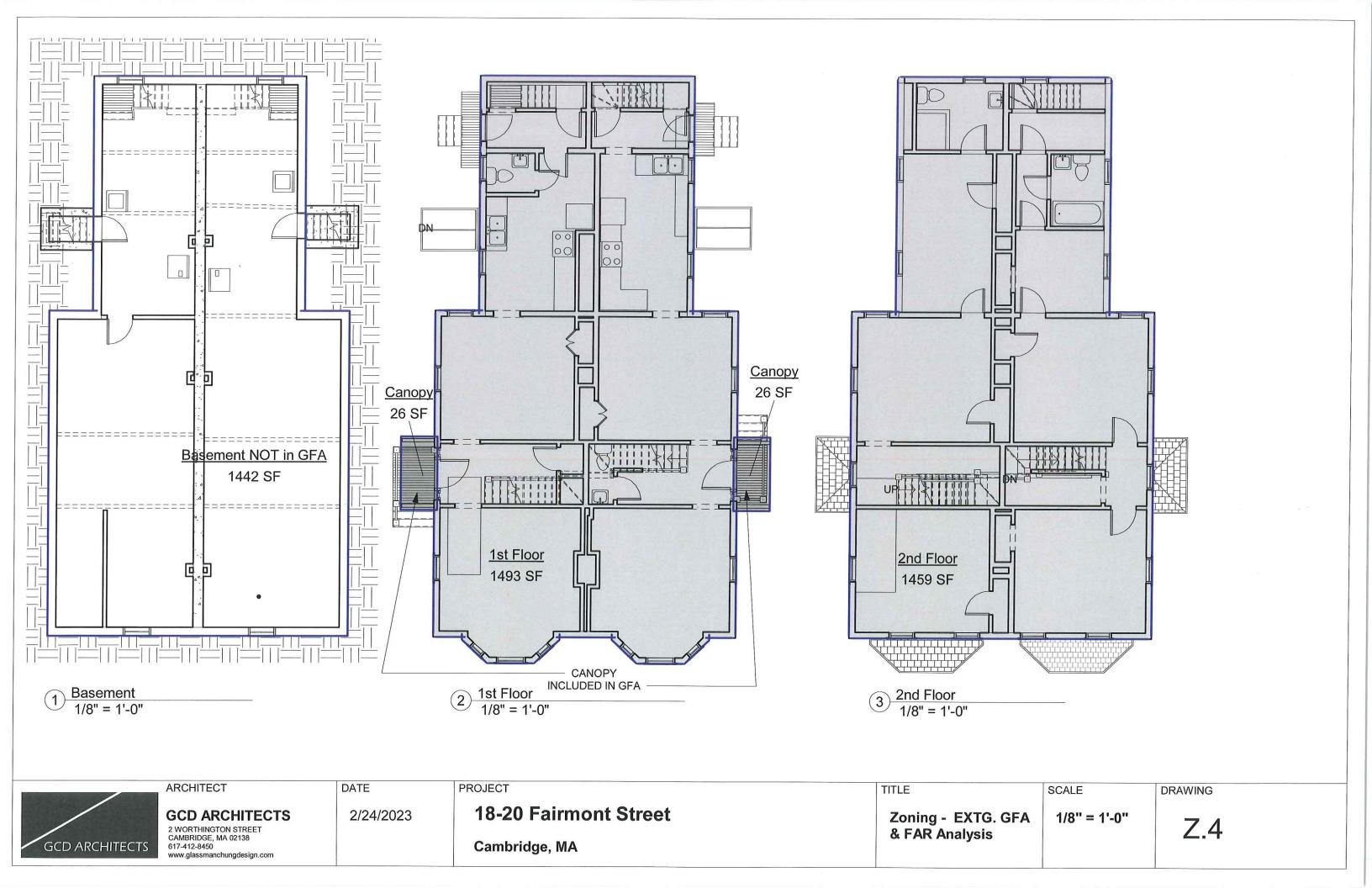
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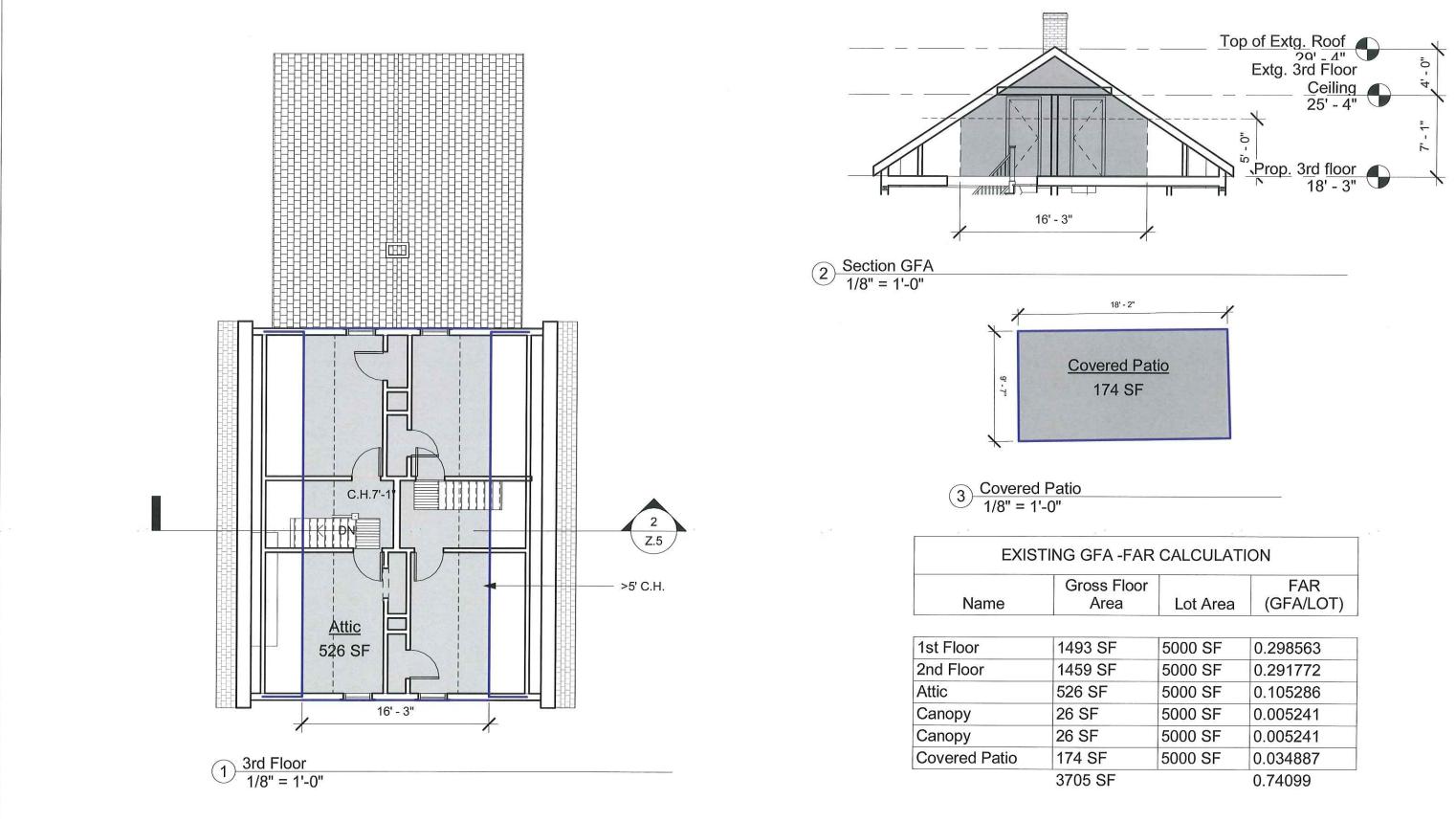
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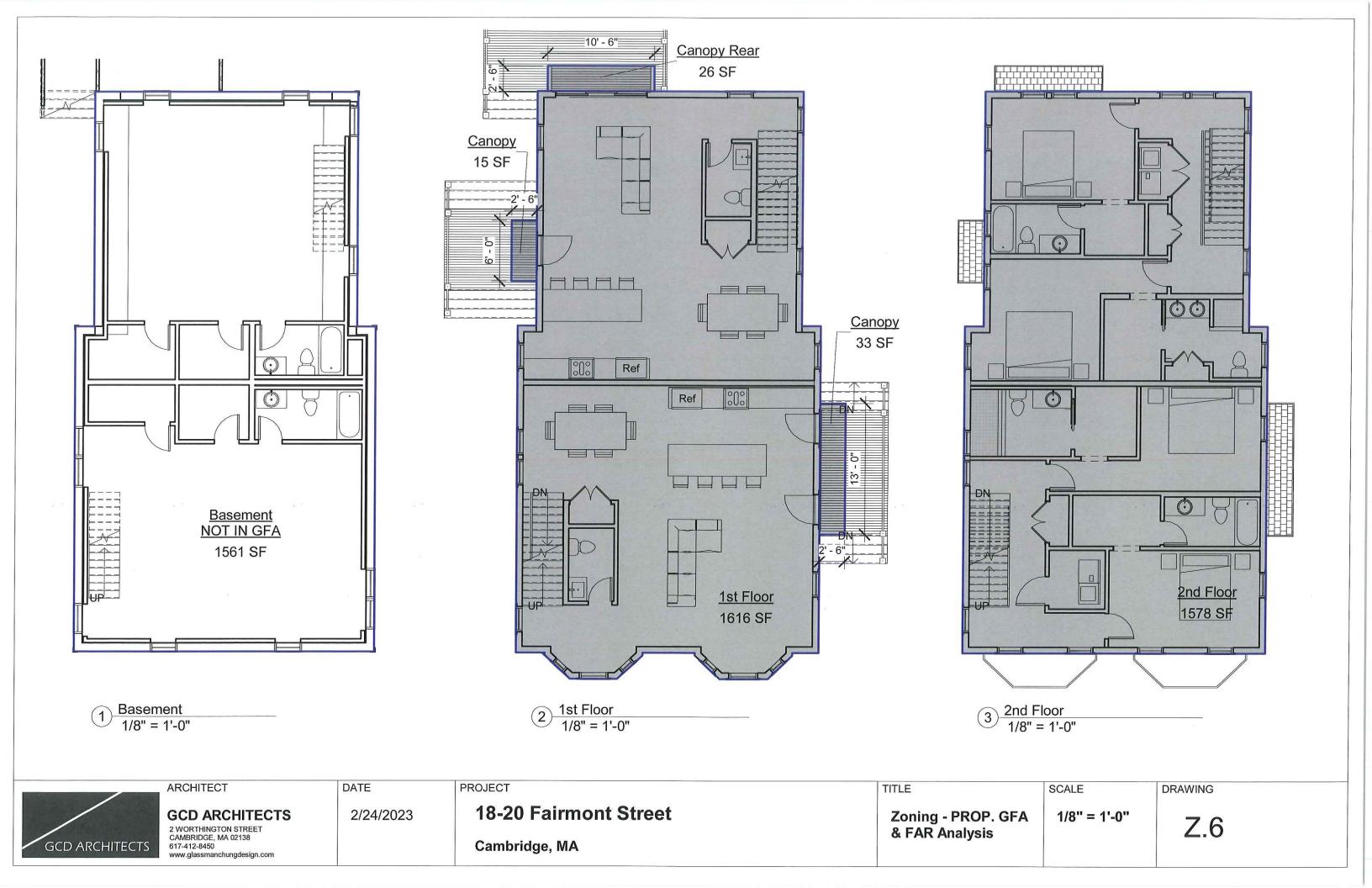


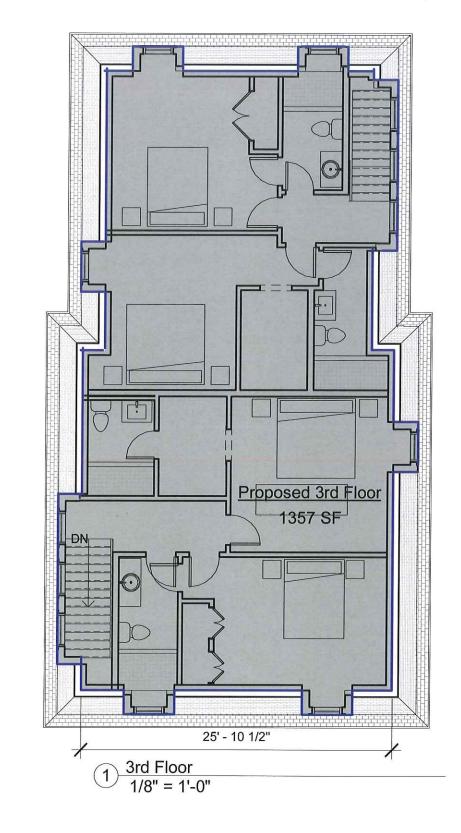


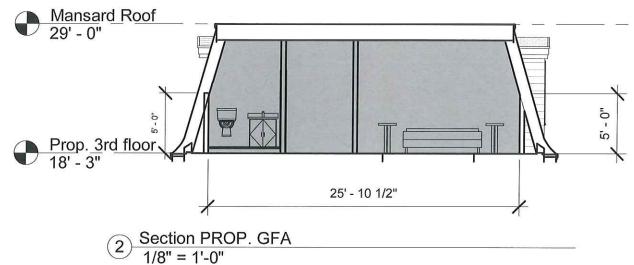


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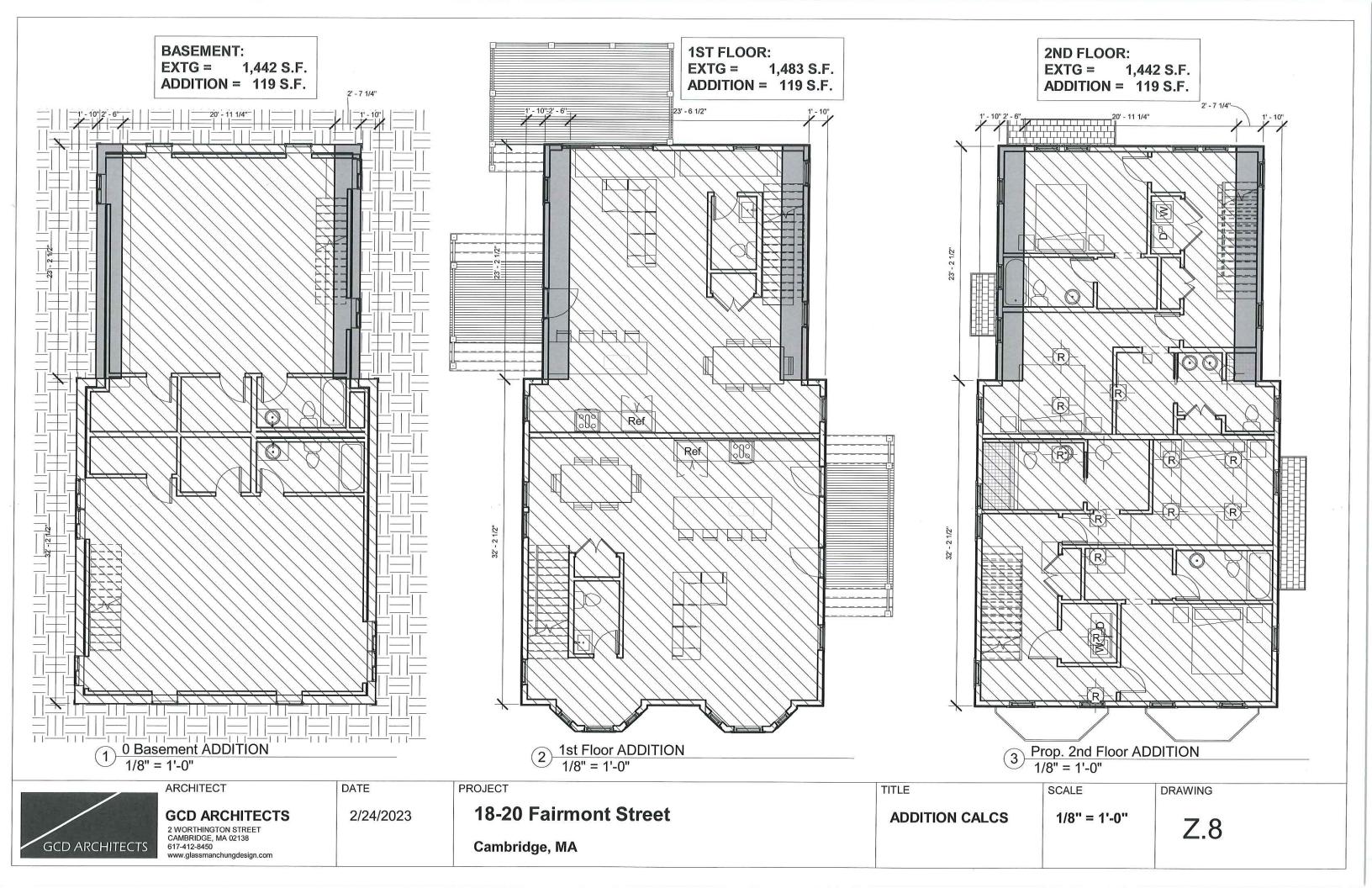


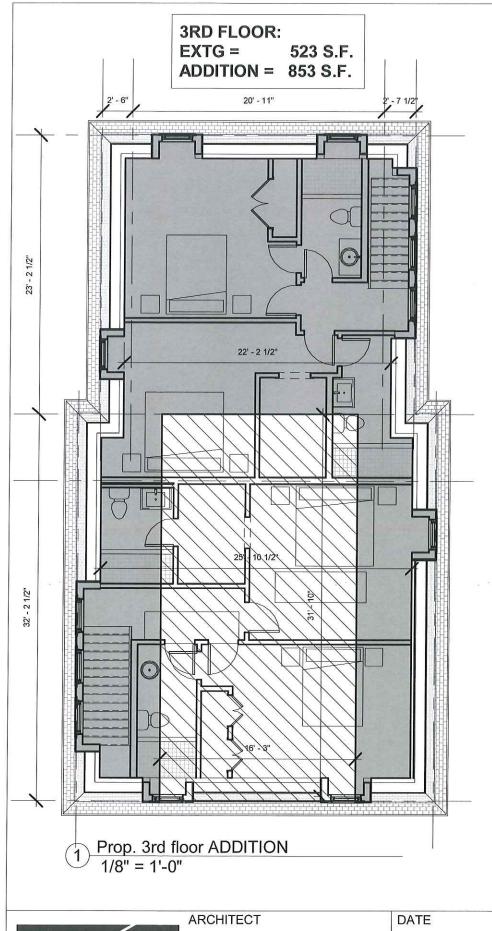




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Canopy		15 SF	5000 SF	0.002	2987		
Canopy		33 SF	5000 SF	0.006	6581		
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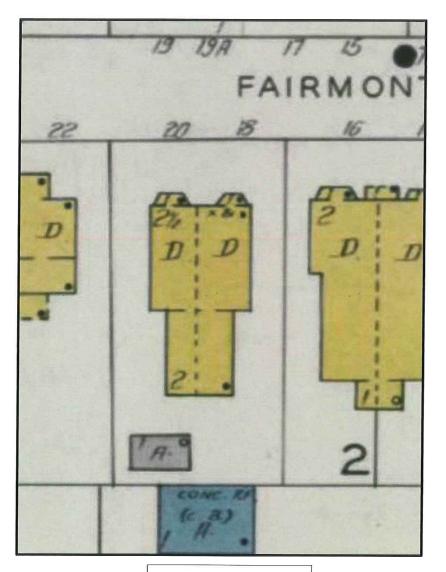




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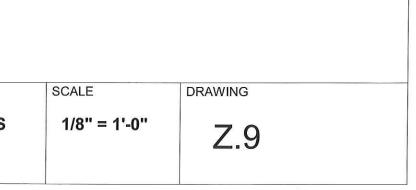
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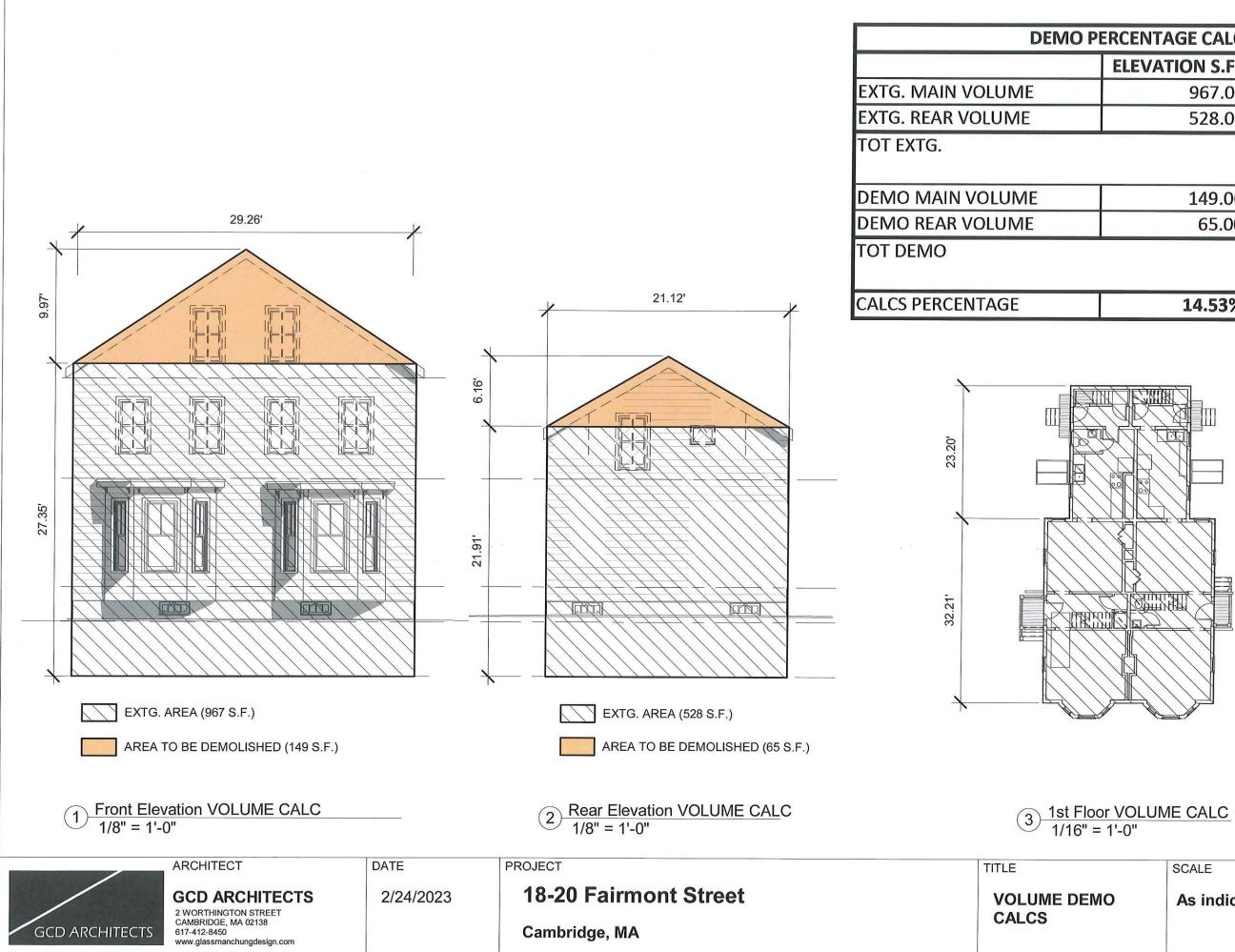


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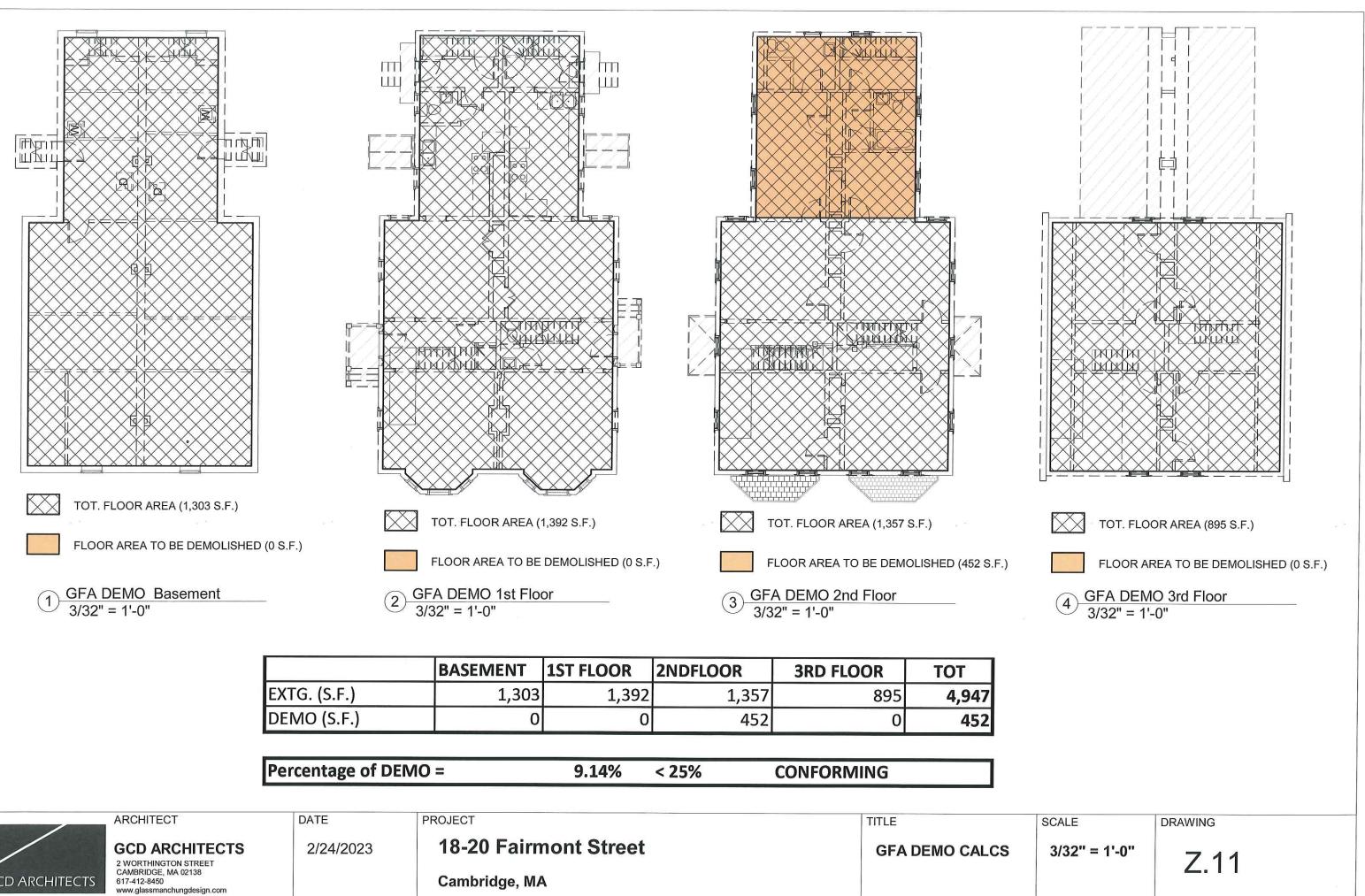
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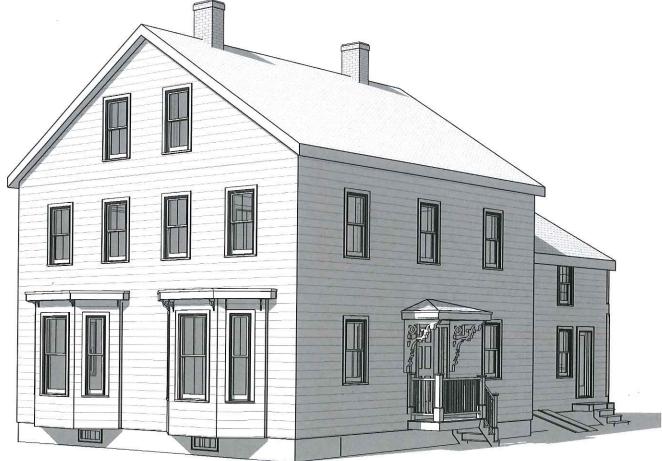
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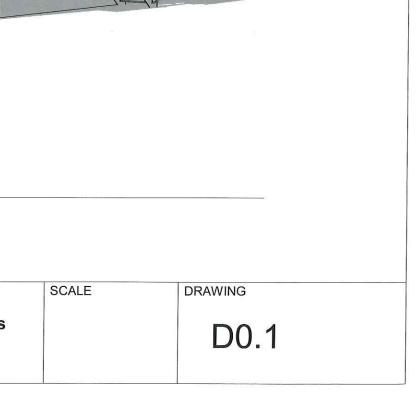
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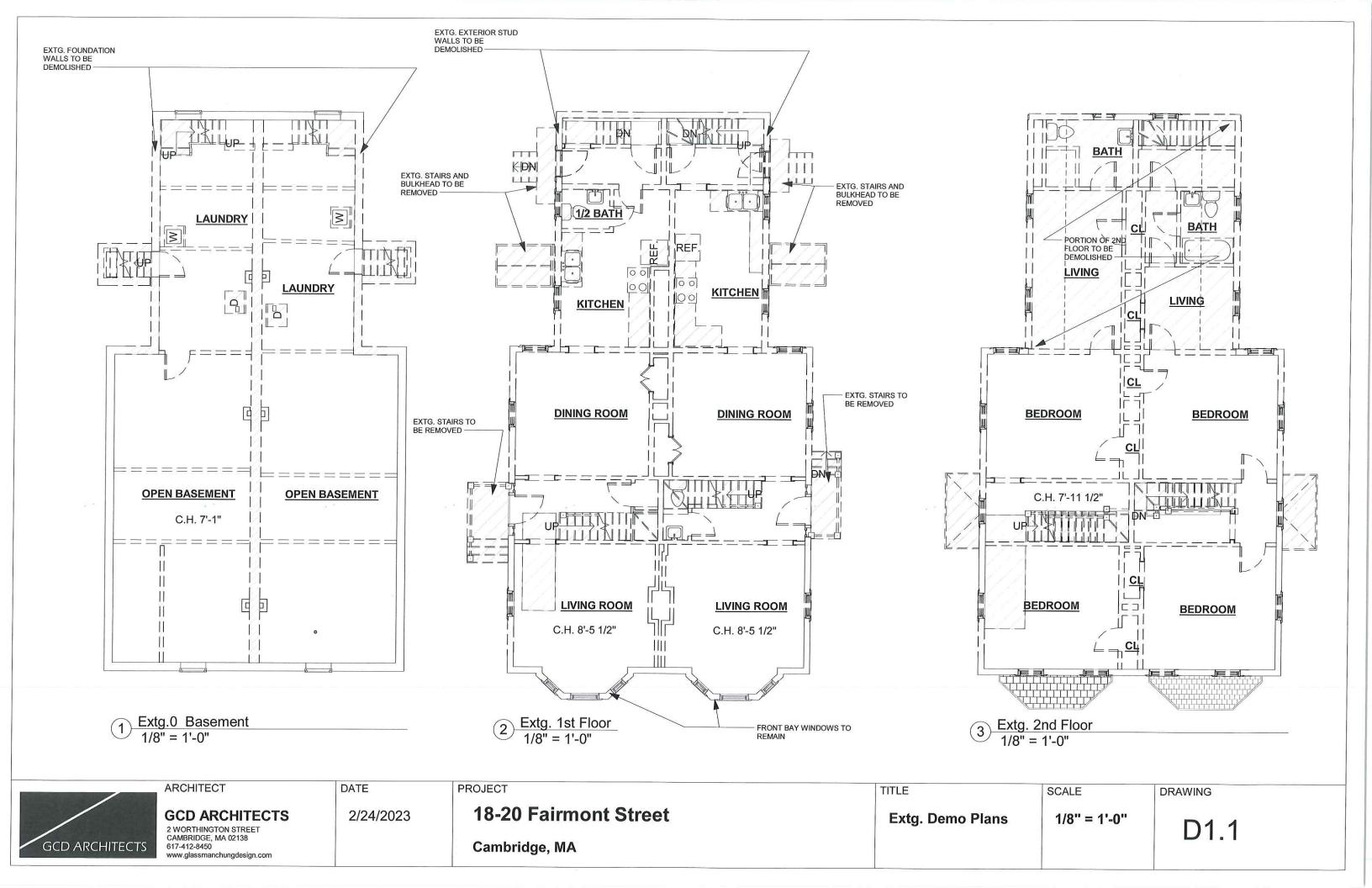
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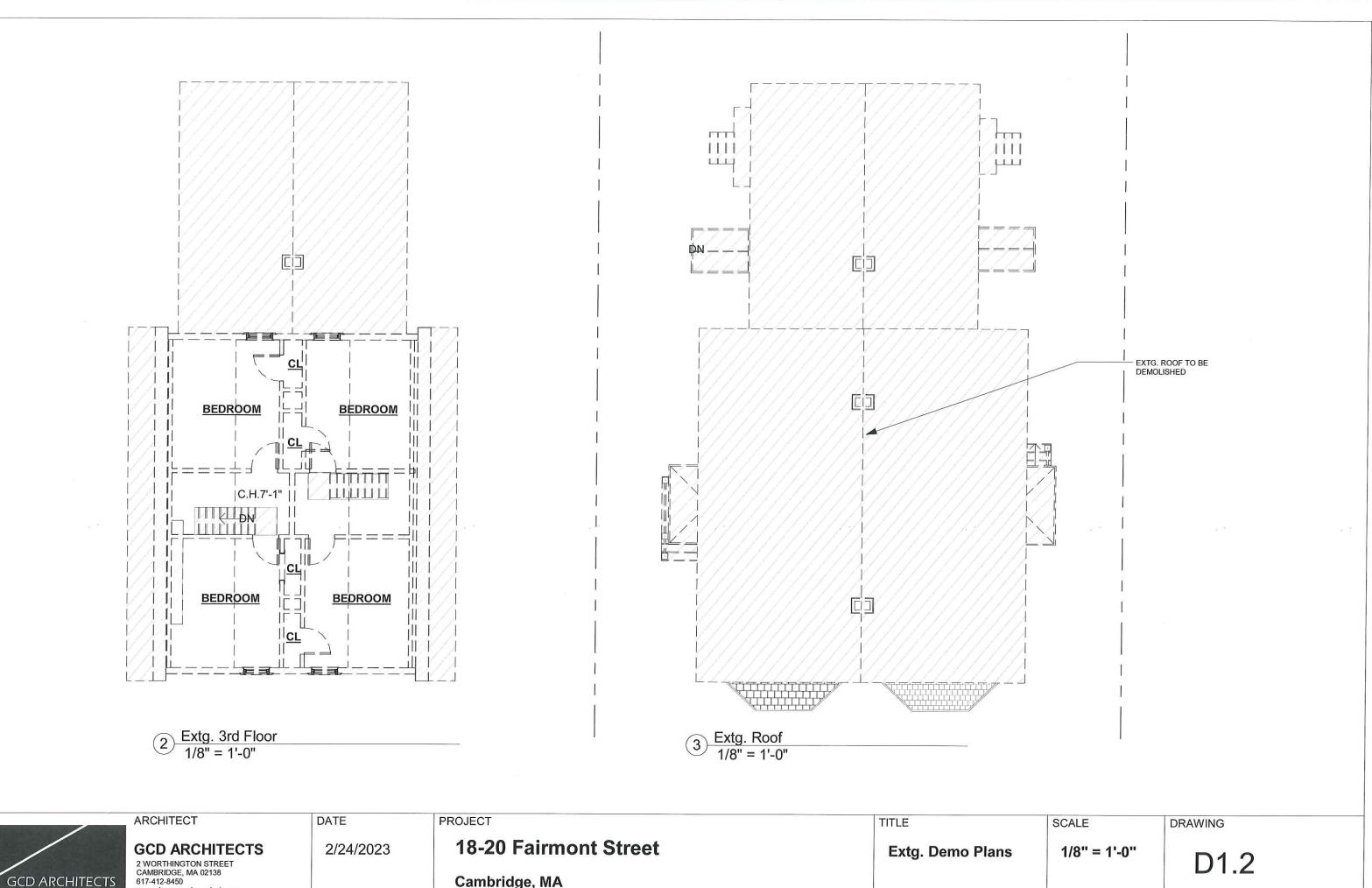
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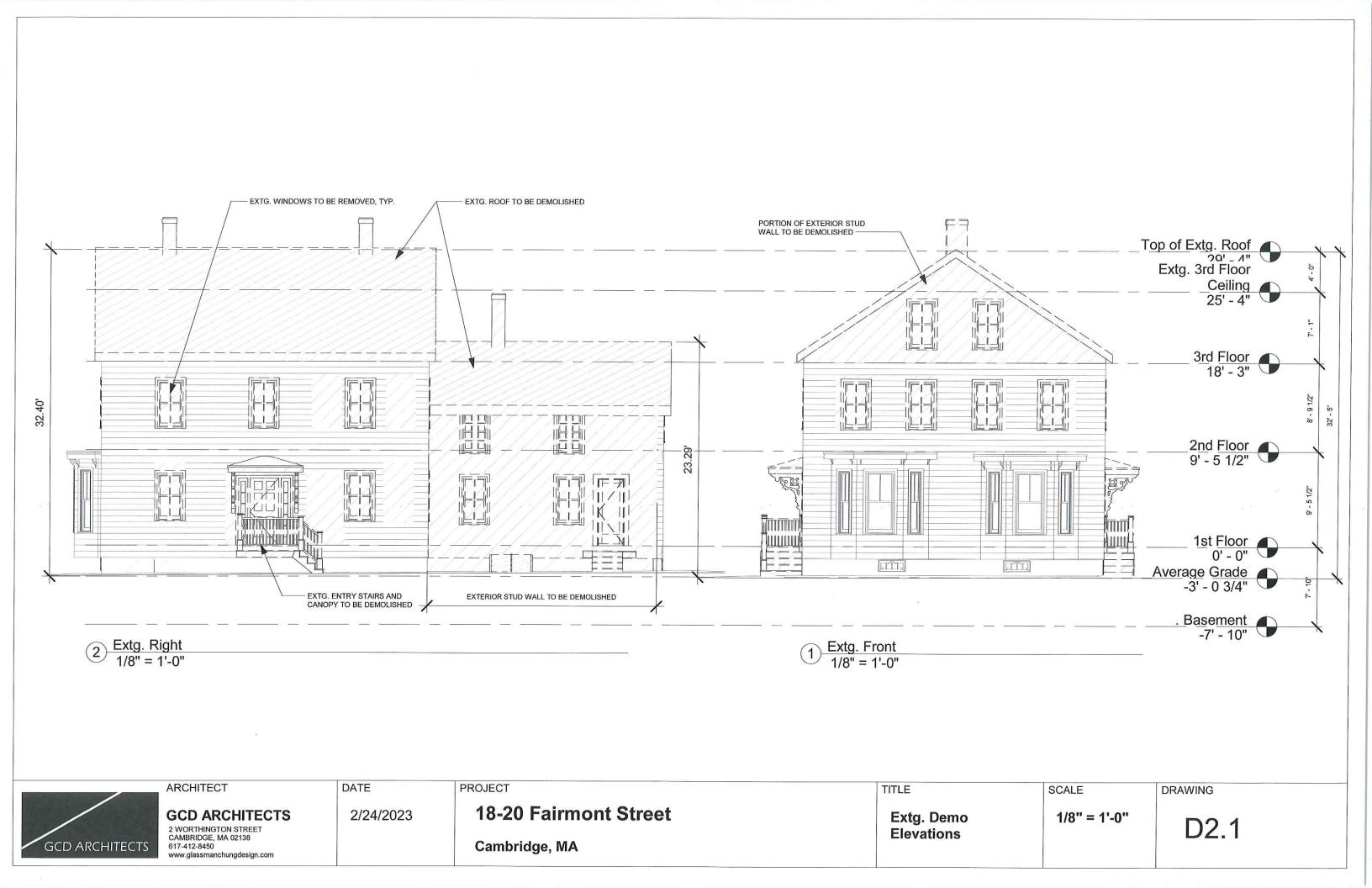


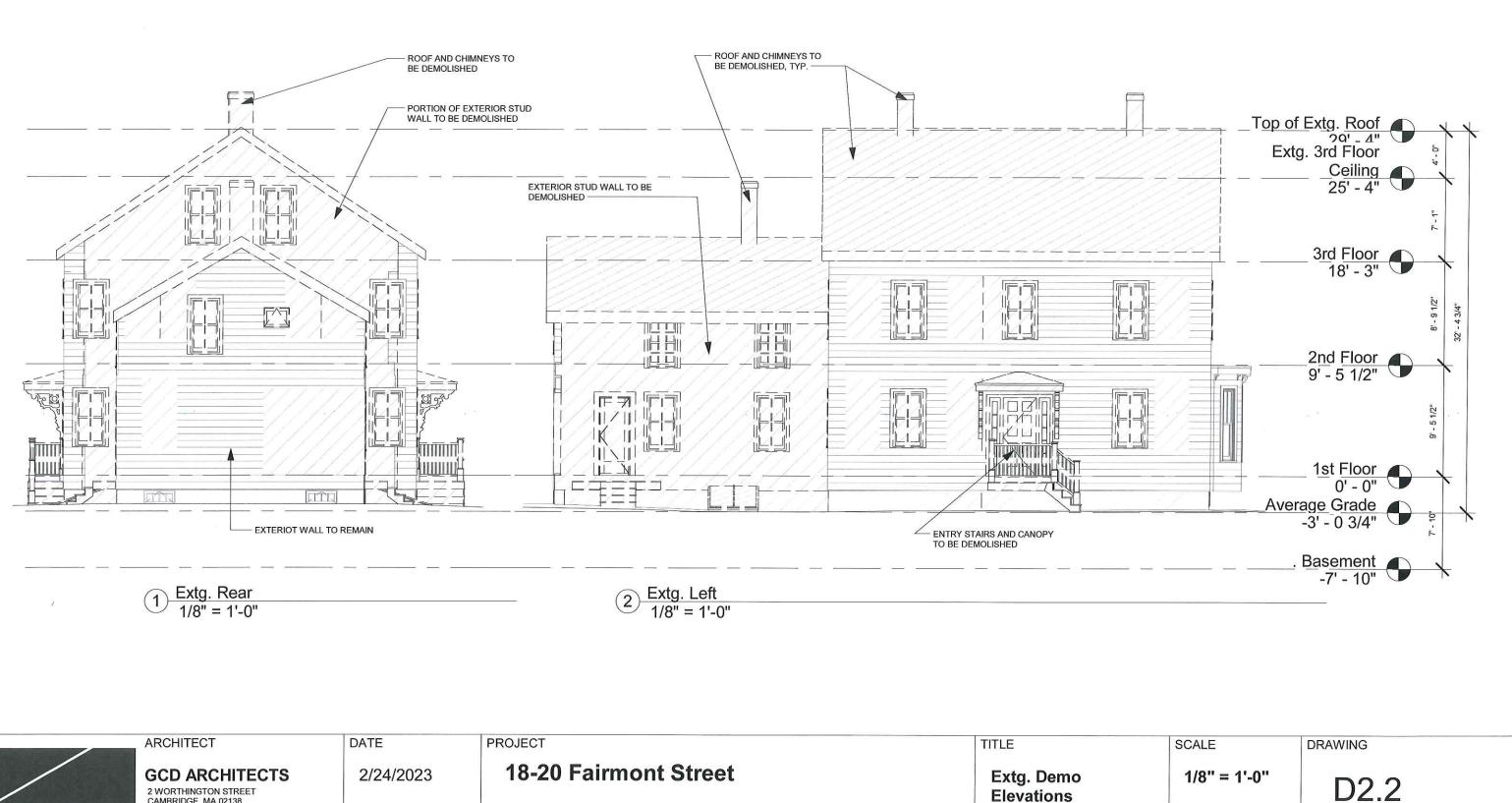




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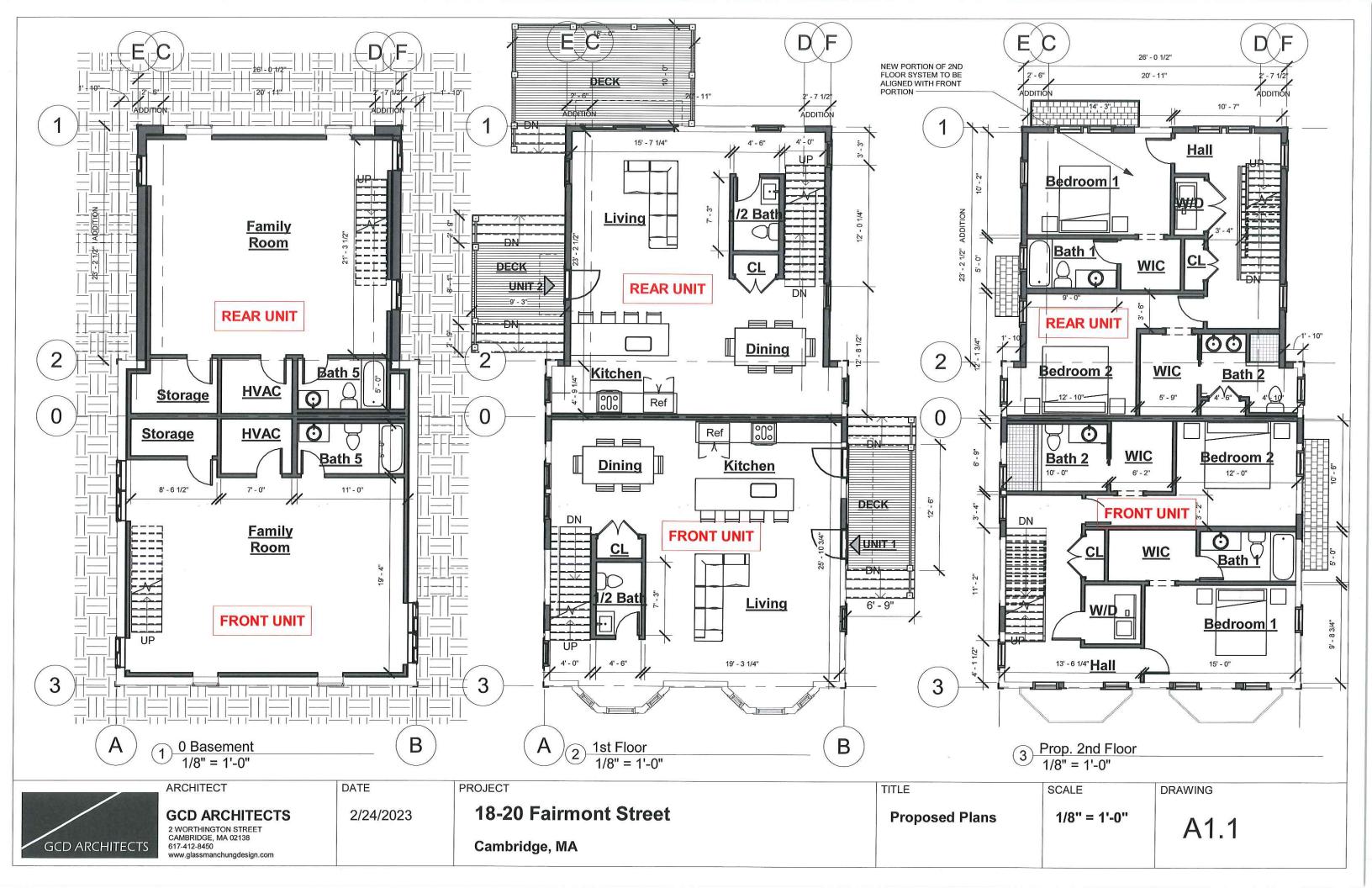


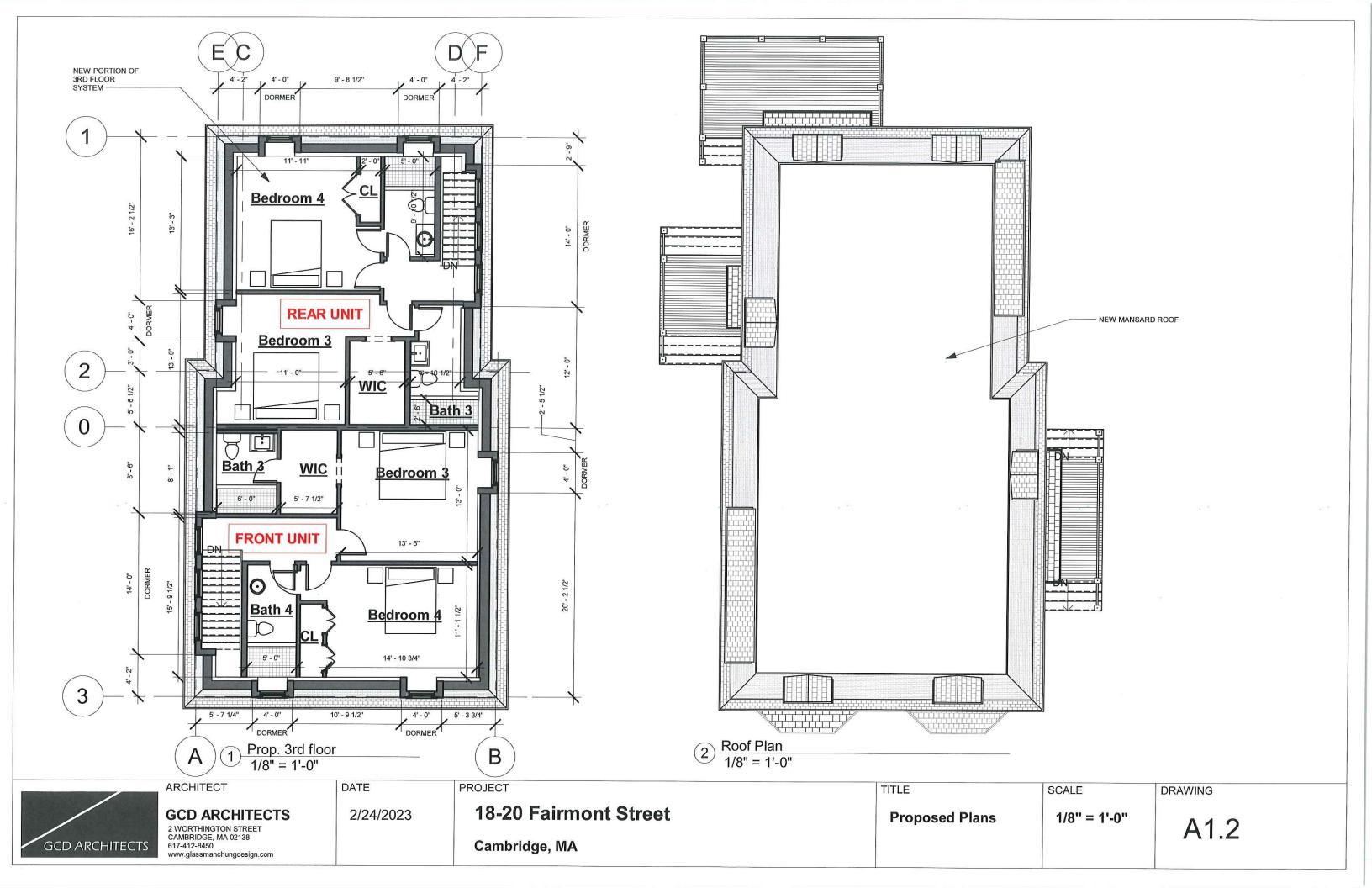


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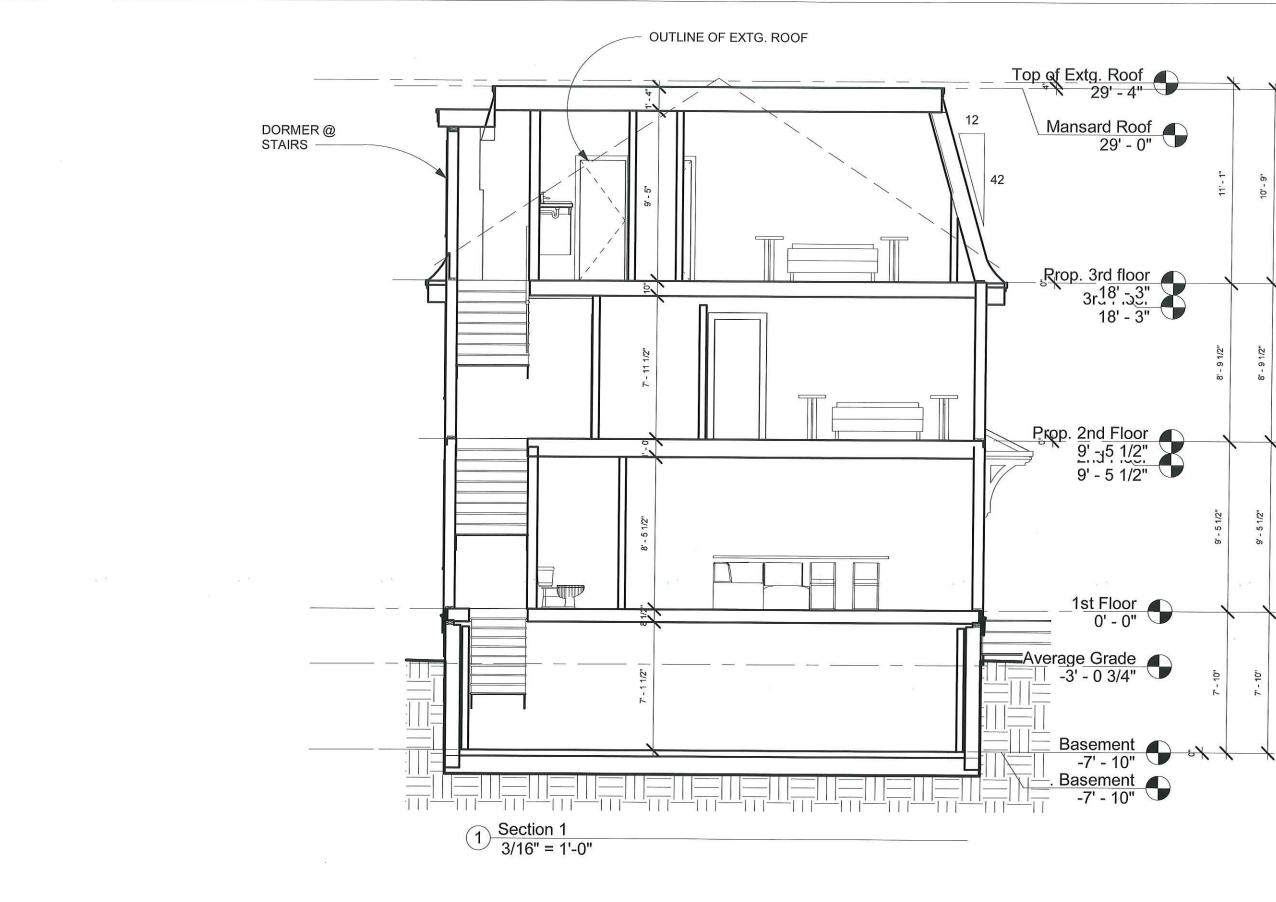
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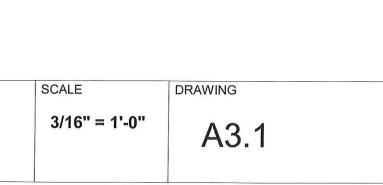








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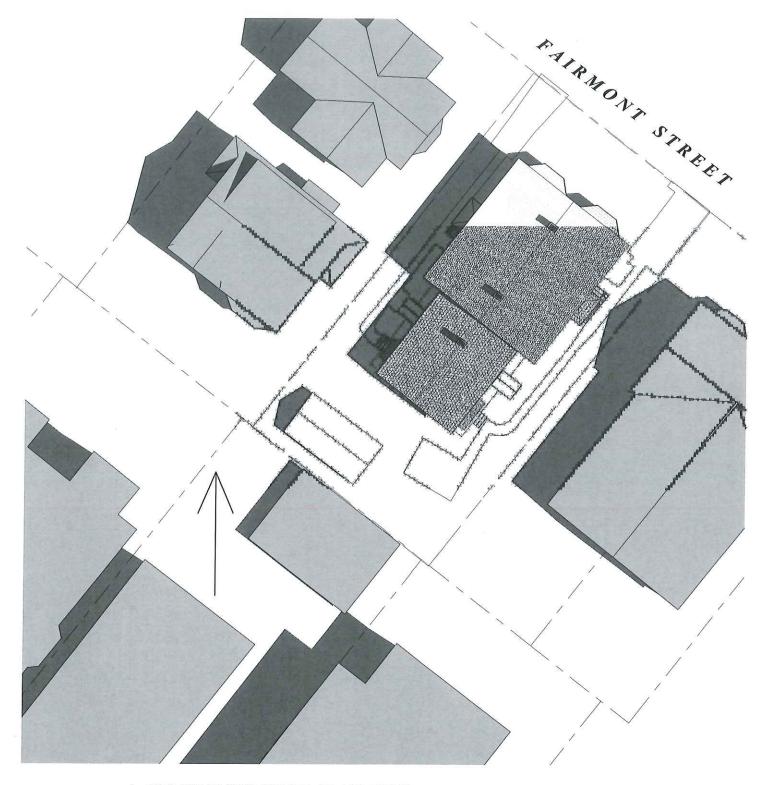
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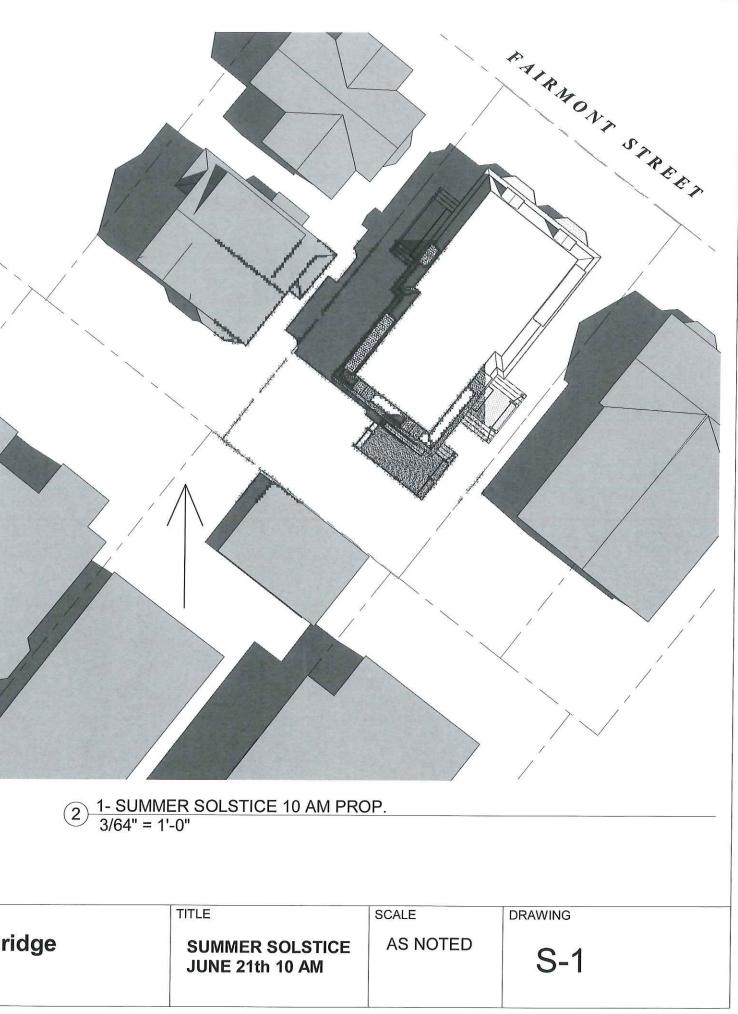


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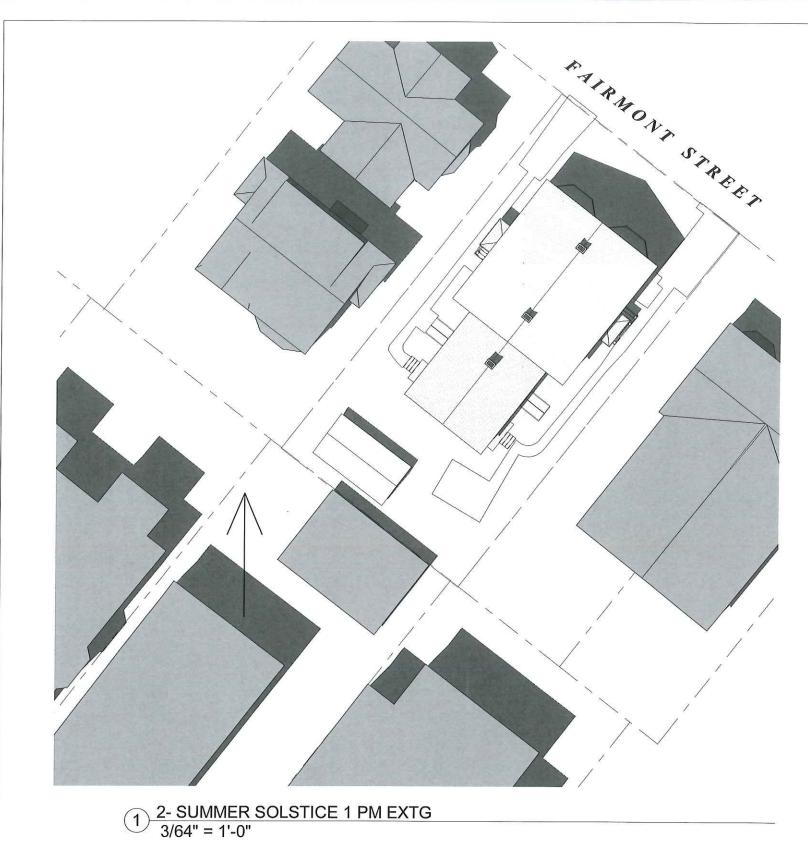
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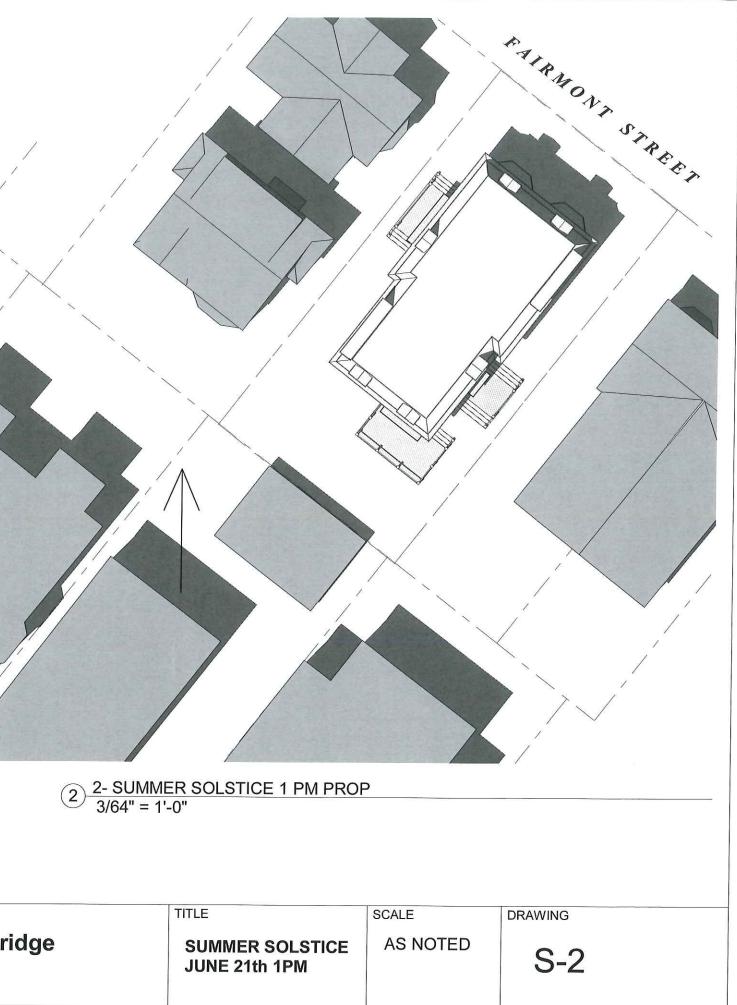




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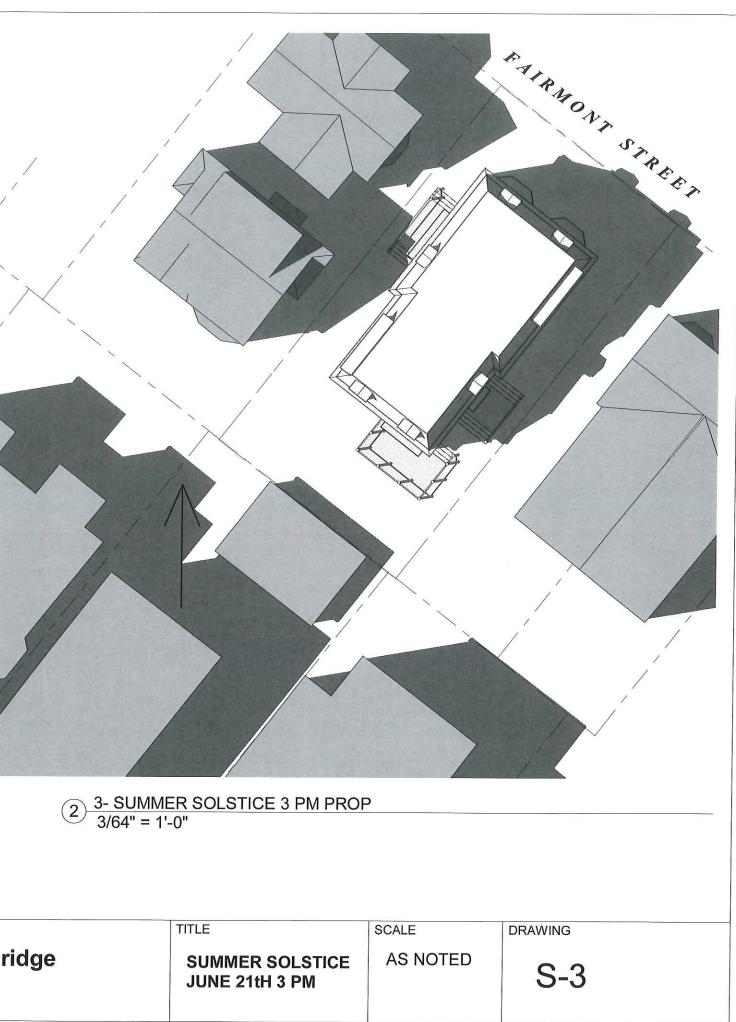


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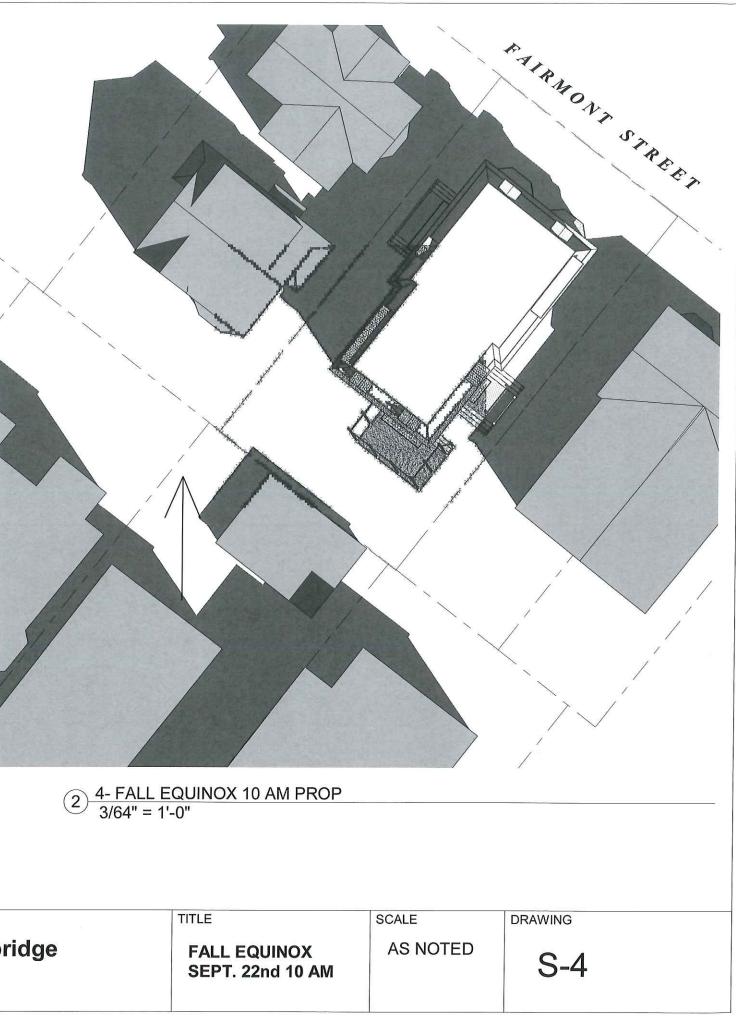
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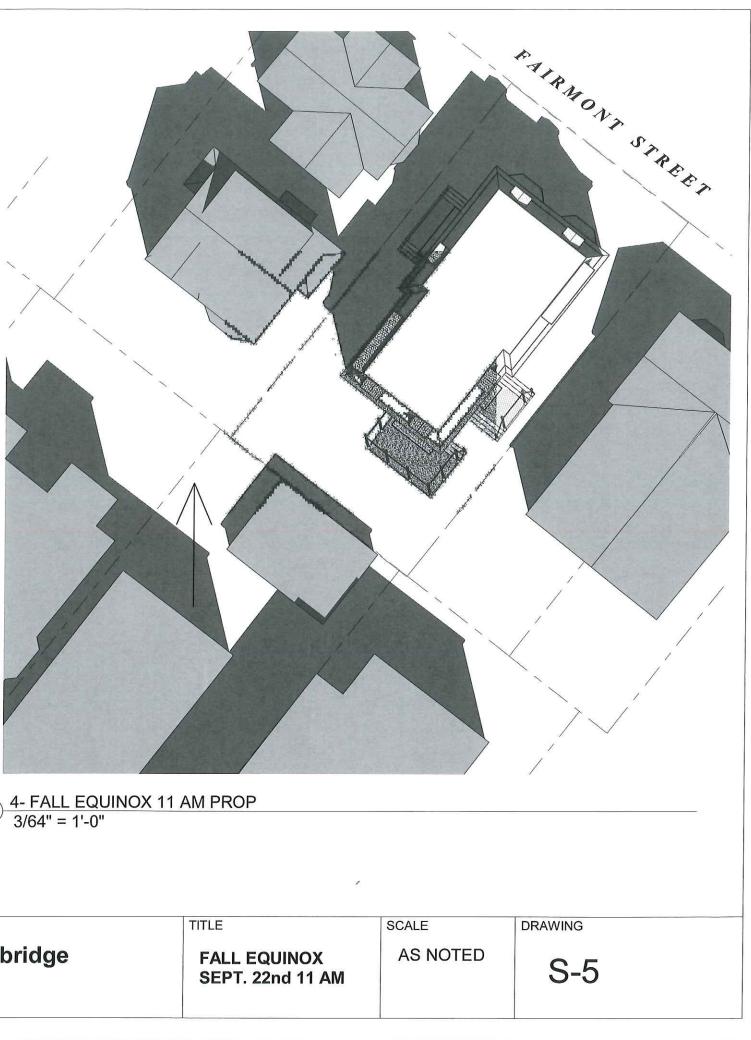
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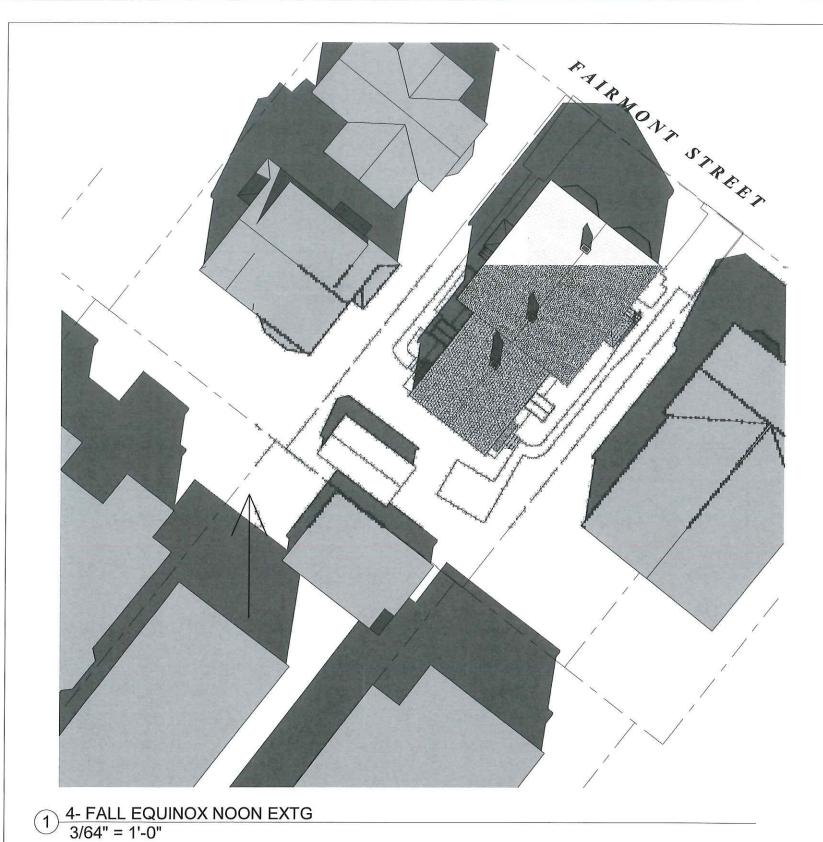


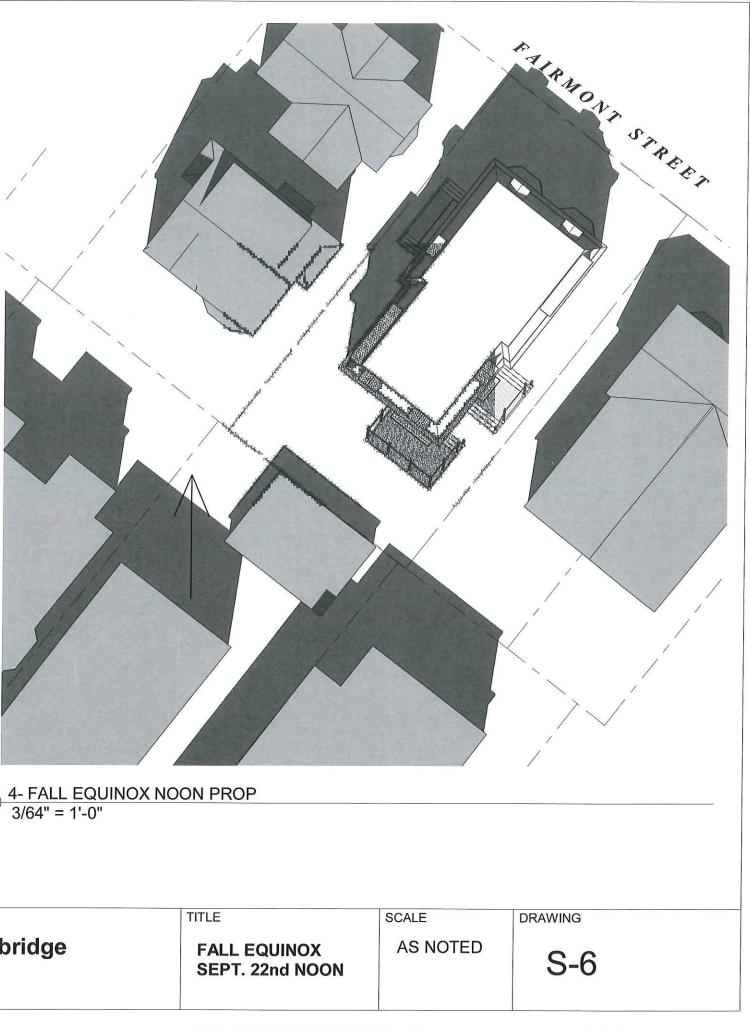
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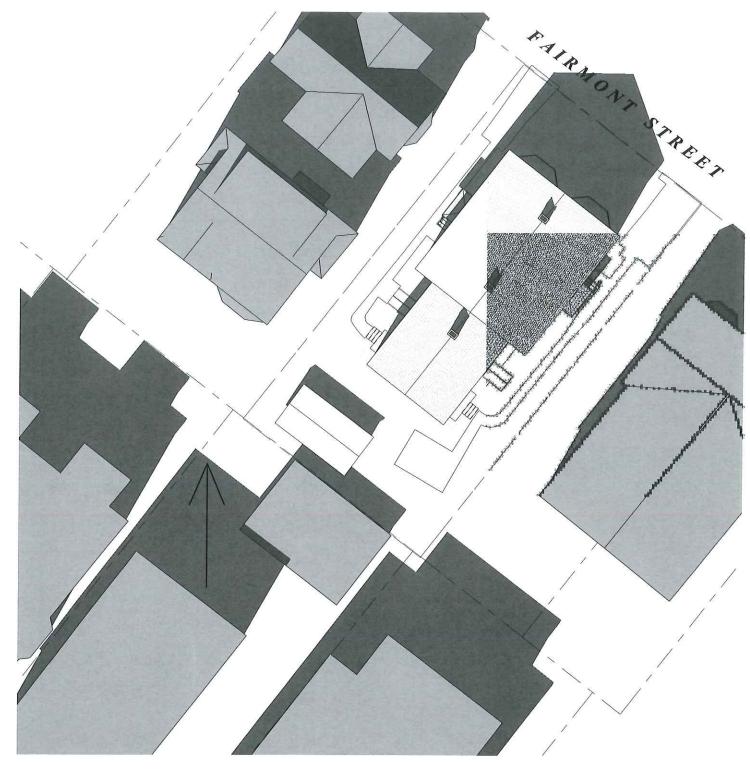
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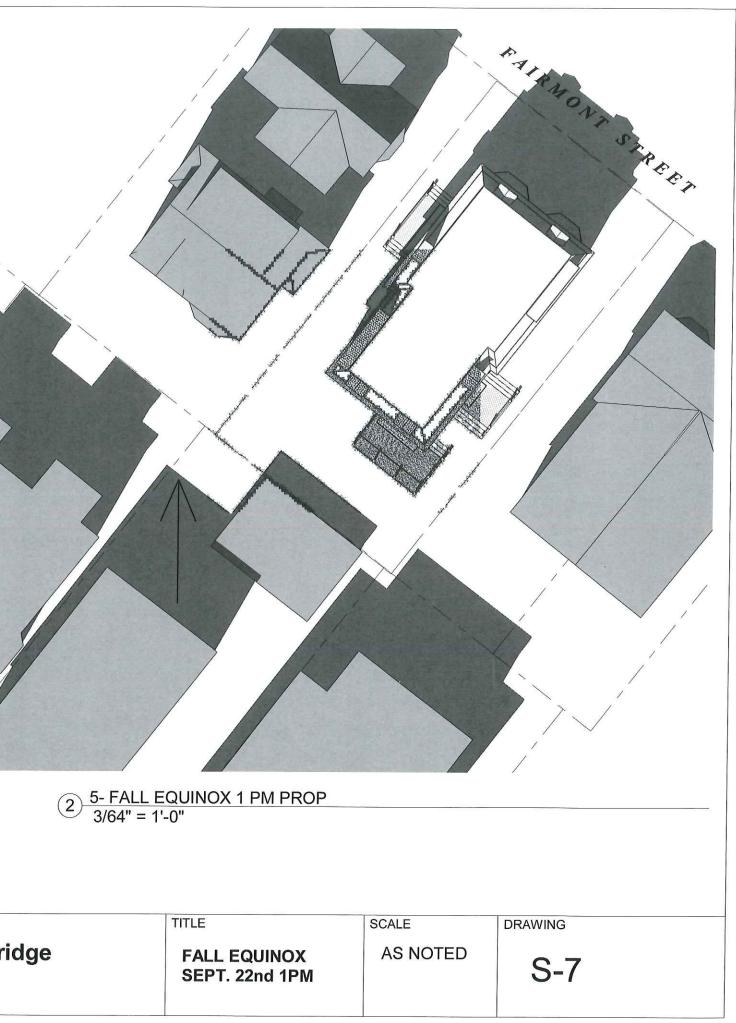
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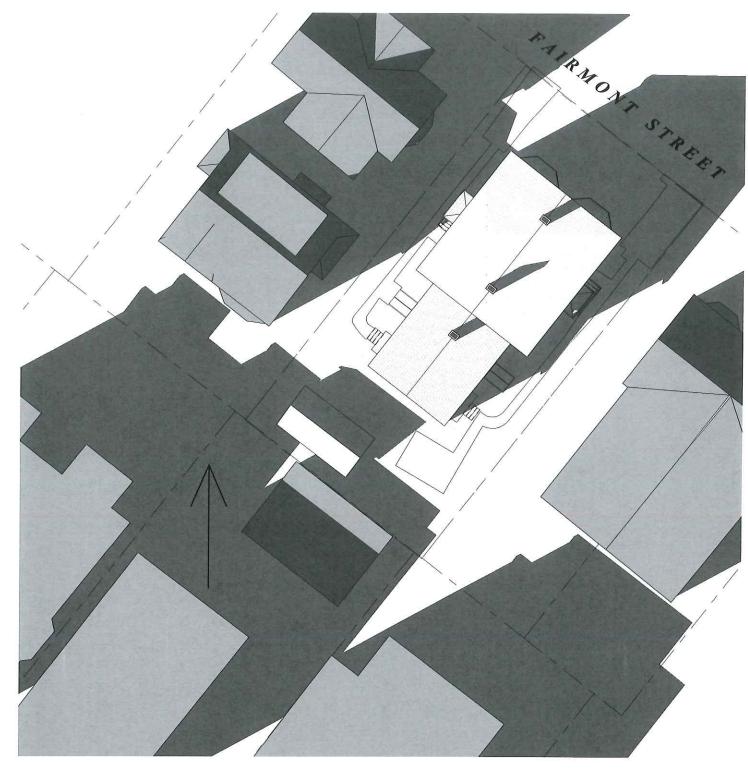
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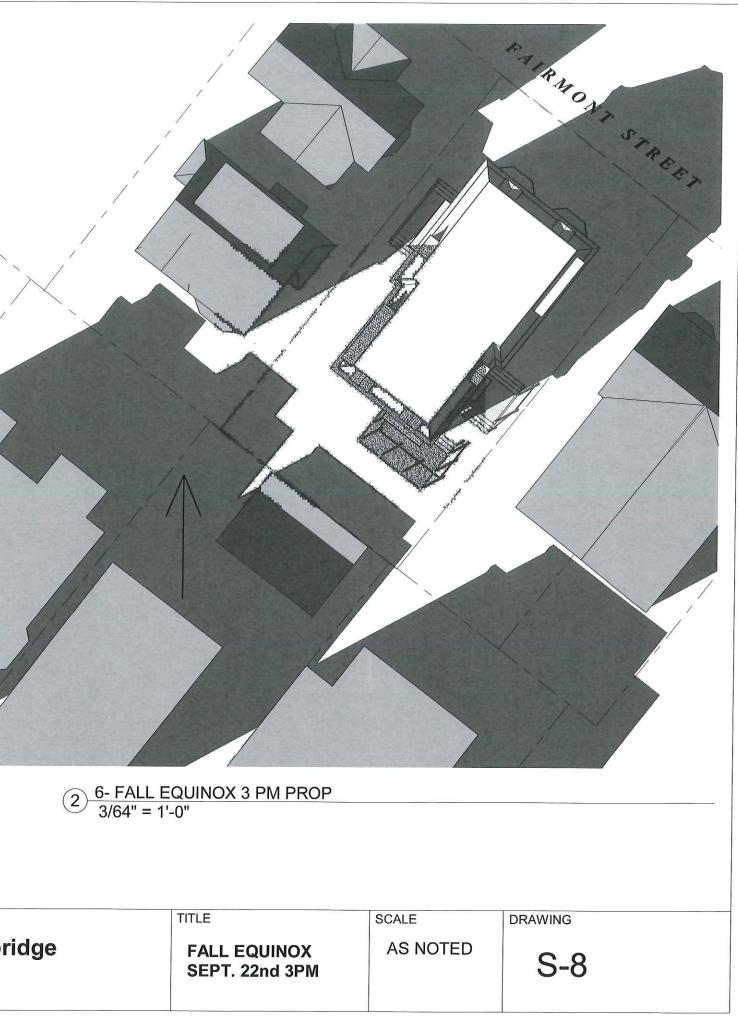
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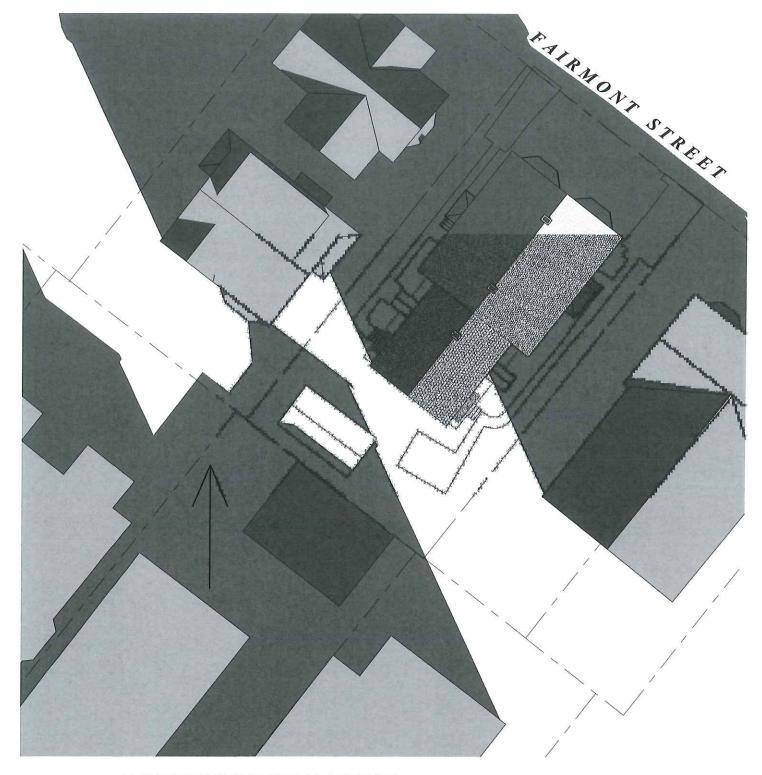
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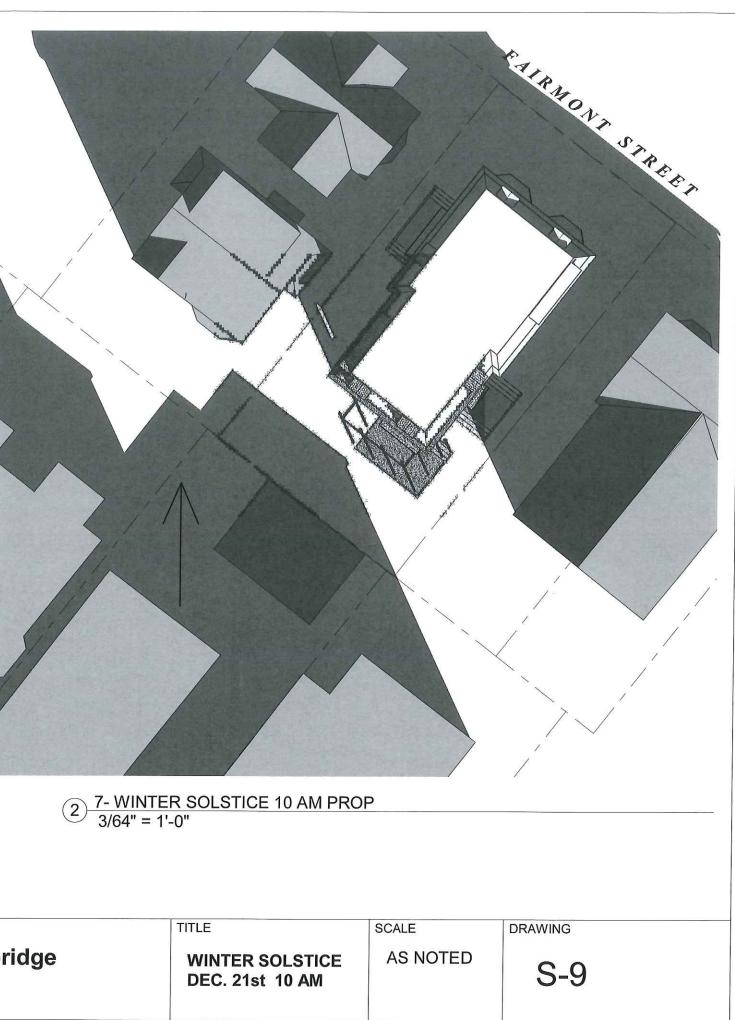
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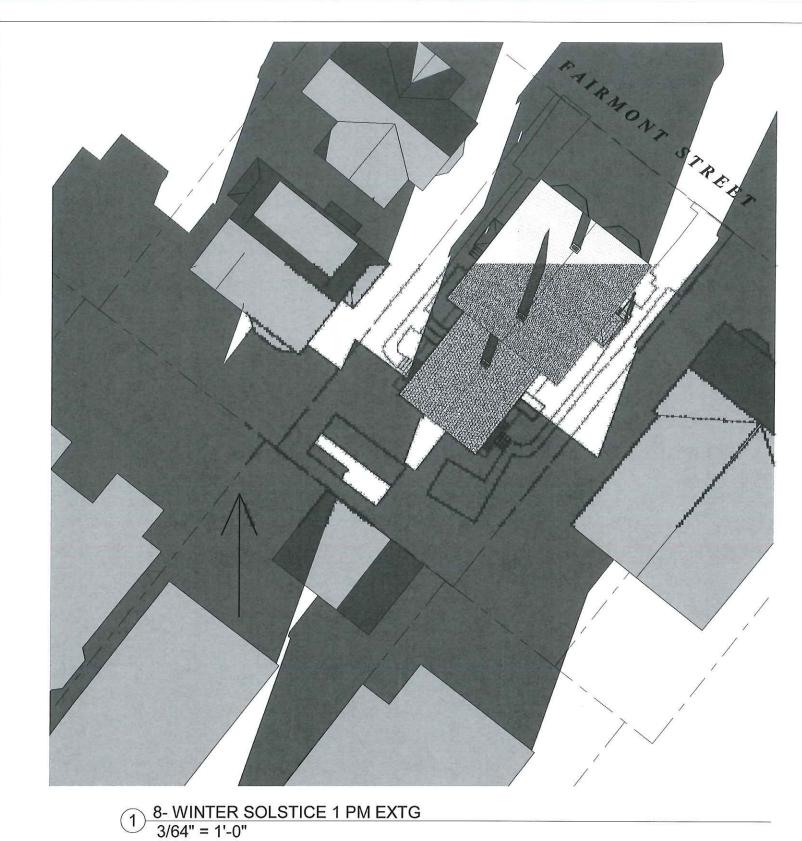
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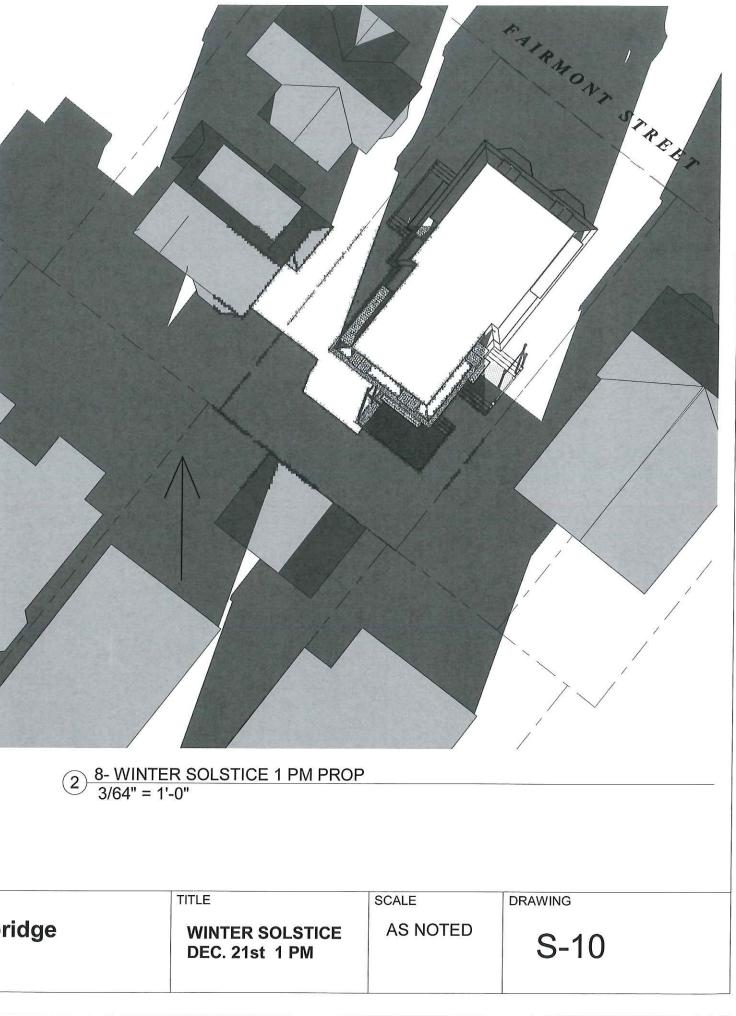




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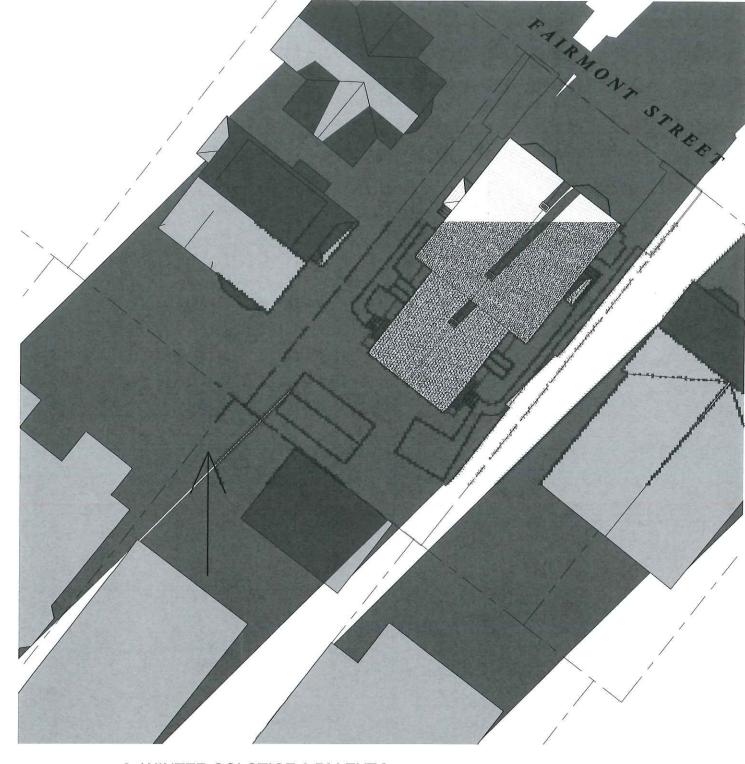
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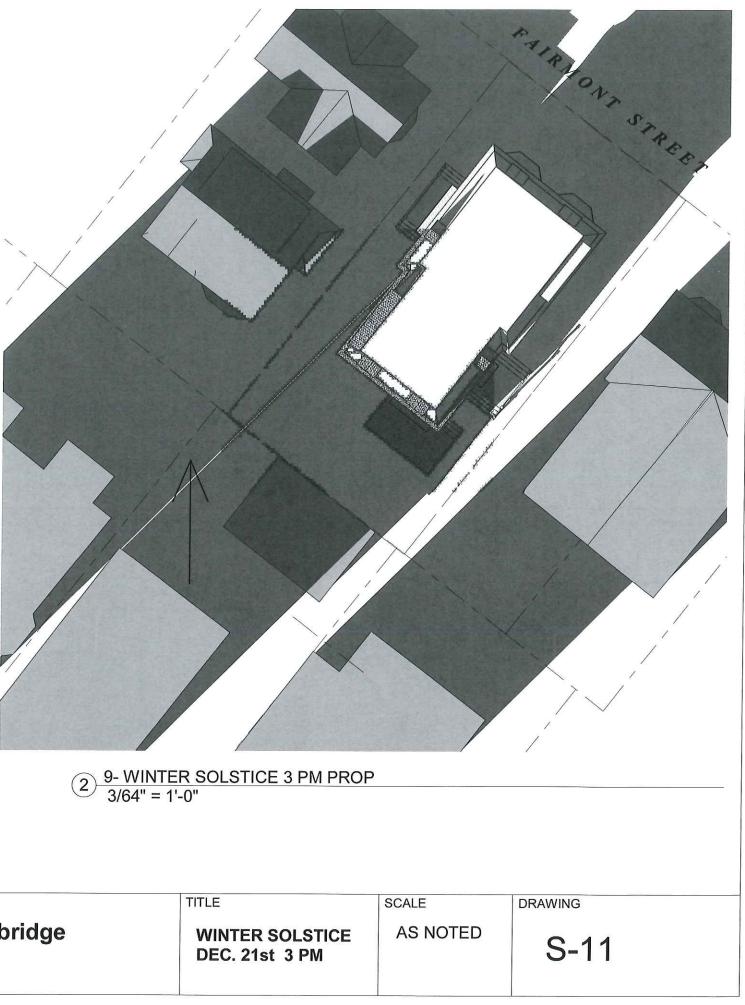
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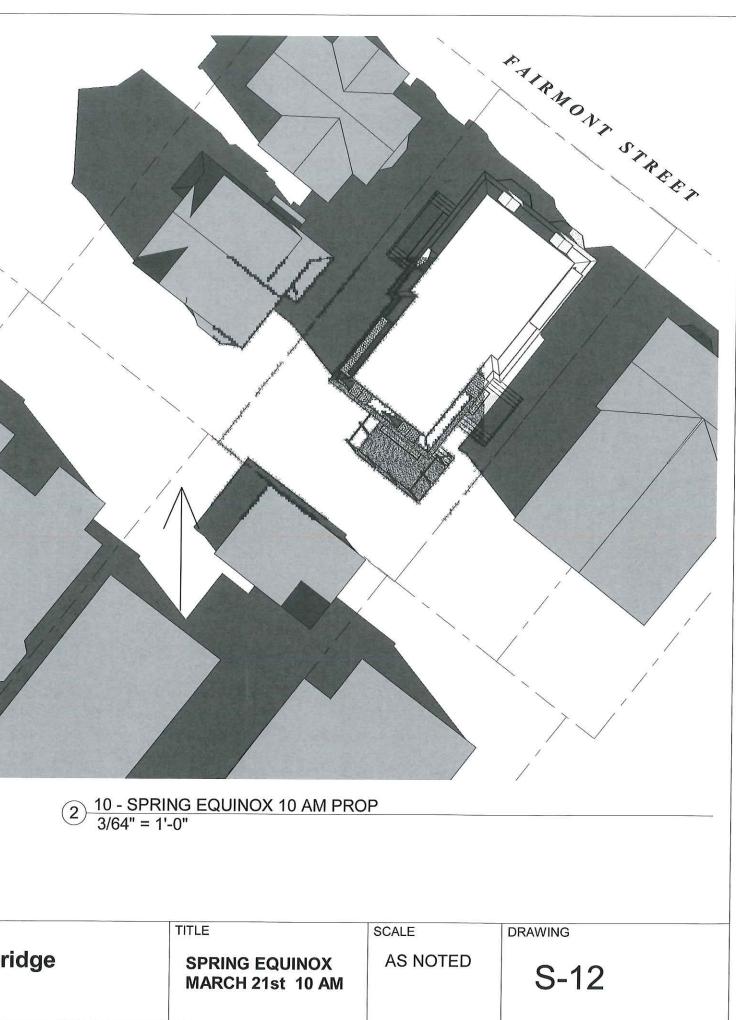




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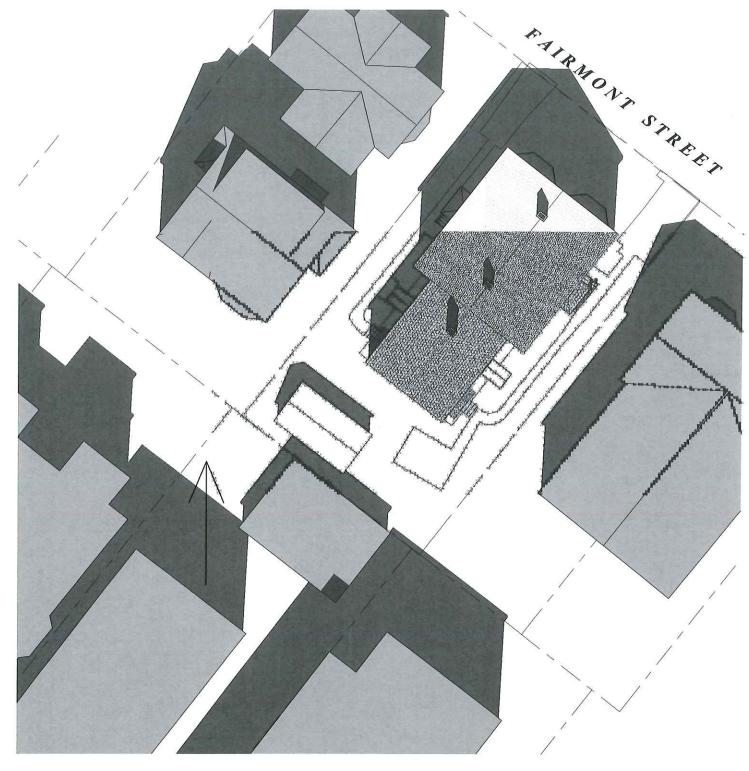


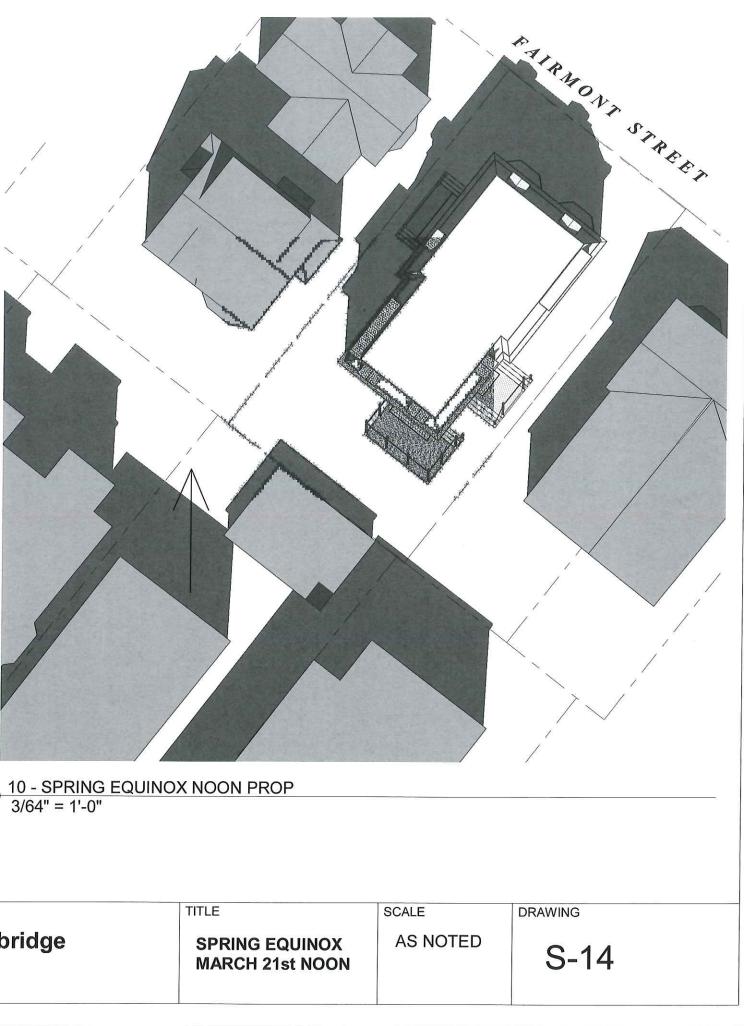
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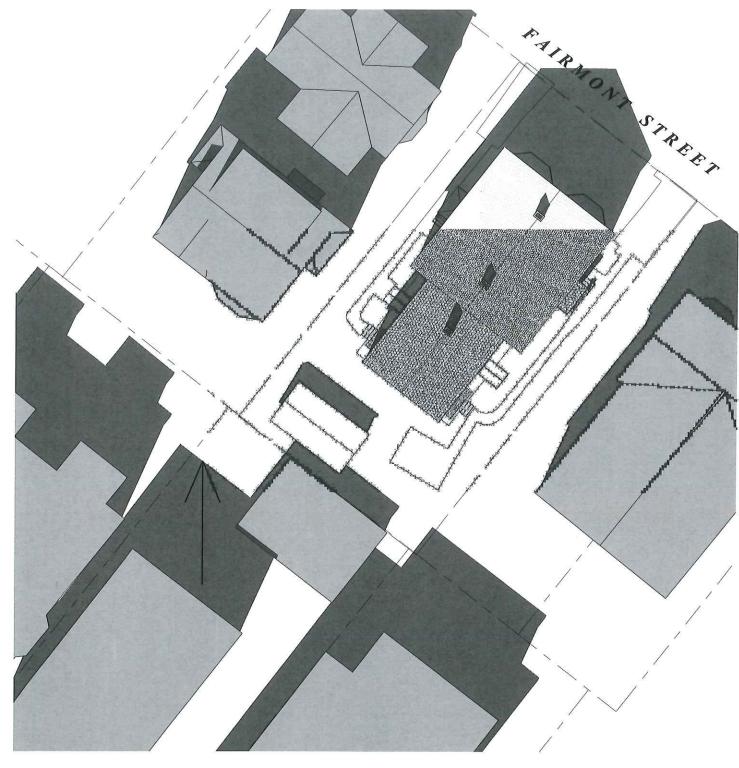
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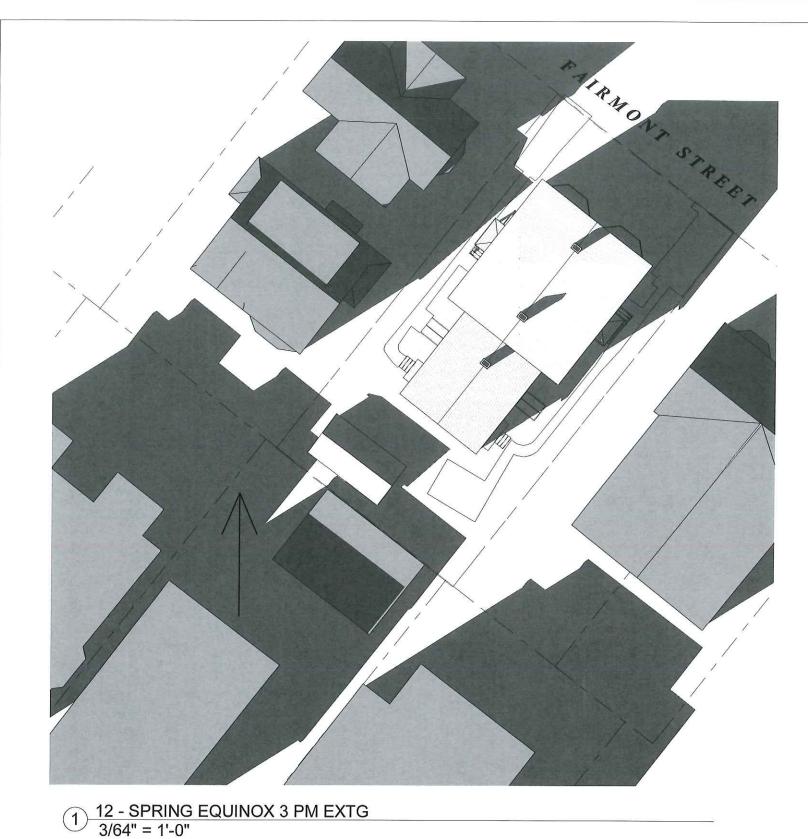
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**Proposed Side and Roof Additions** 

SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIRED:

1. NEW WINDOW OPENINGS & ENTRY CANOPY ADDITIONS ON LEFT AND RIGHT SIDES PER EXISTING NON-CONFORMING SETBACK.

2. WIDEN EXISTING REAR SECTION WITHIN THE EXISTING NONCONFORMING LEFT SIDE SETBACK.

3. INCREASE EXISTING NONCONFORMING FAR FROM .74 TO .82 (.60 MAX ALLOWABLE)

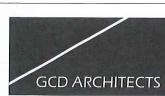
4. RECONSTRUCT FRONT GABLE ROOF AND ADD DORMER ADDITIONS WITHIN THE EXISTING NONCONFORMING LEFT AND RIGHT SIDE SETBACKS.

5. INCREASE EXISTING NON CONFORMING STRUCTURE BETWEEEN 10%-25% OF EXISTING STRUCTURE AS OF 1940.

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# **EXISTING STREET VIEW**



**PROPOSED STREET VIEW** 

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# **PROPOSED RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS 18-20 Fairmont Street** Cambridge, MA



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EXISTING	PROPOSED	REQUIRED

MAX FAR	0.74	0.82	0.60	EXISTING NON CONFORMING
MIN. LOT SIZE	5,000 sq. ft.	5,000 sq. ft.	5,000 sq. ft.	YES
MIN. LOT AREA PER DWELLING UNIT	2,500 sq. ft.	2,500 sq. ft.	1,800 sq. ft.	YES
MIN. LOT WIDTH	50'	50'	50'	YES
MIN. FRONT SETBACK	30' - CENTER L. 15' - STREET L.	30' - CENTER L. 15' - STREET L.	(H+L)/4 MIN.10'	YES
MIN. LEFT SIDE SETBACK	10.4'	5'	(*) EXTG.= 16.80' (**) PROPOSED = 16.86'	EXISTING NON CONFORMING
MIN. RIGHT SIDE SETBACK	9.9'	9.9'	(*) EXTG.= 16.80' (**) PROPOSED = 16.86'	EXISTING NON CONFORMING
MIN. REAR SETBACK	26.8'	26.8'	20'	YES
MAXIMUM HEIGHT	32.4'	34.06'	35'	YES
RATIO OF PRIVATE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA	34%	52%	36%	YES

(\*) CALCULATION FOR EXTG. SIDE SETBACKS EXTG. AVERAGE HEIGHT = (H1xL1) + (H2xL2) / (L1+L2) = (32.4'x32.30') + (23.29'x23.11') / (32.30'+23.11') = 28.60'

(\*) REQUIRED EXTG. SETBACK = (H+L) / 5 = (28.60' + 55.4') / 5 = 16.80'

# (\*) CALCULATION FOR PROPOSED SIDE SETBACKS

PROP. AVERAGE HEIGHT = (H1xL1) + (H2xL2) / (L1+L2) = (34.06'x32.30') + (21.76'x23.11') / (32.30'+23.11') = 28.9'

(\*\*) REQUIRED PROPOSED SETBACK = (H+L) / 5 = (28.9'+55.4' / 5)= 16.86'

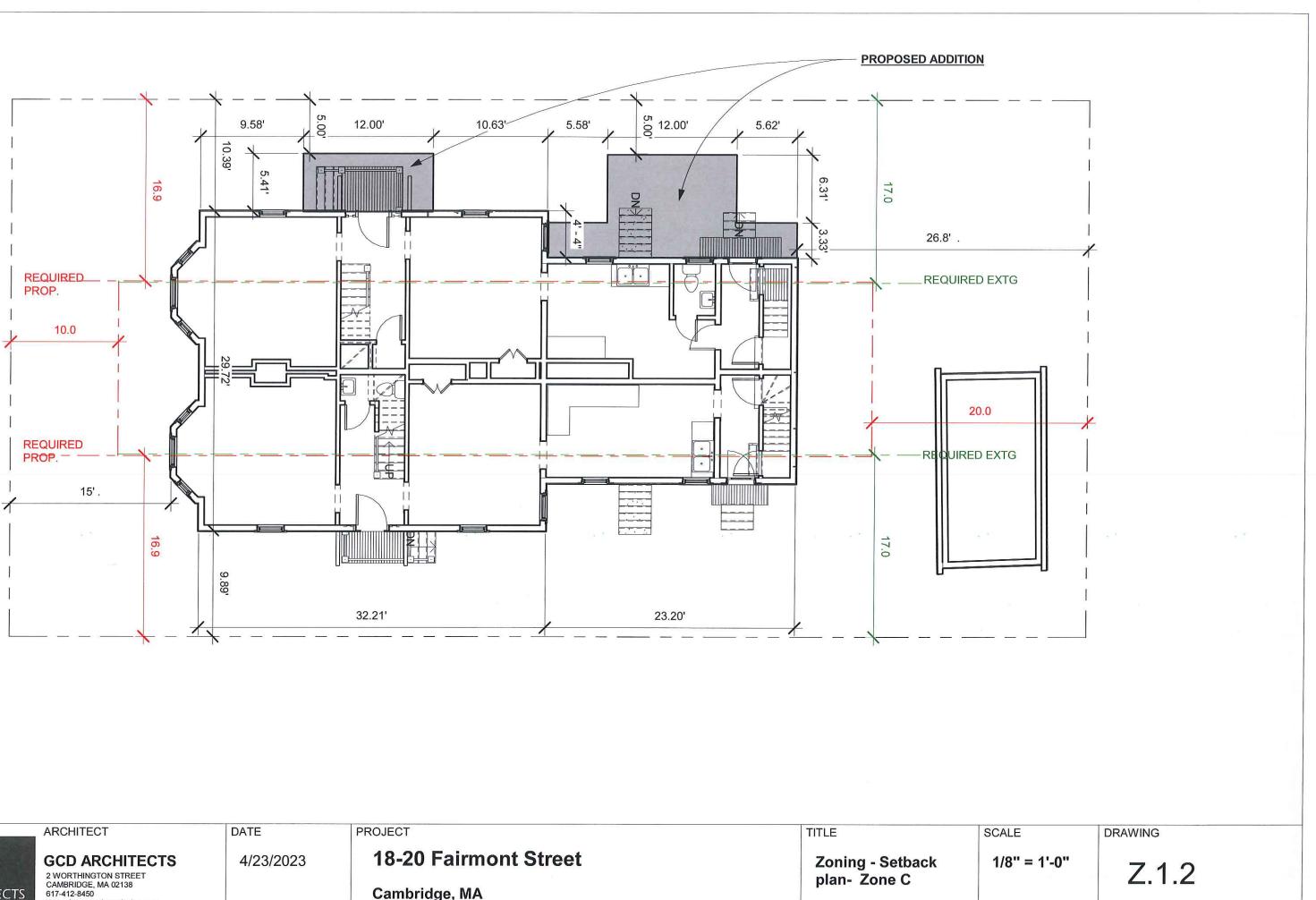
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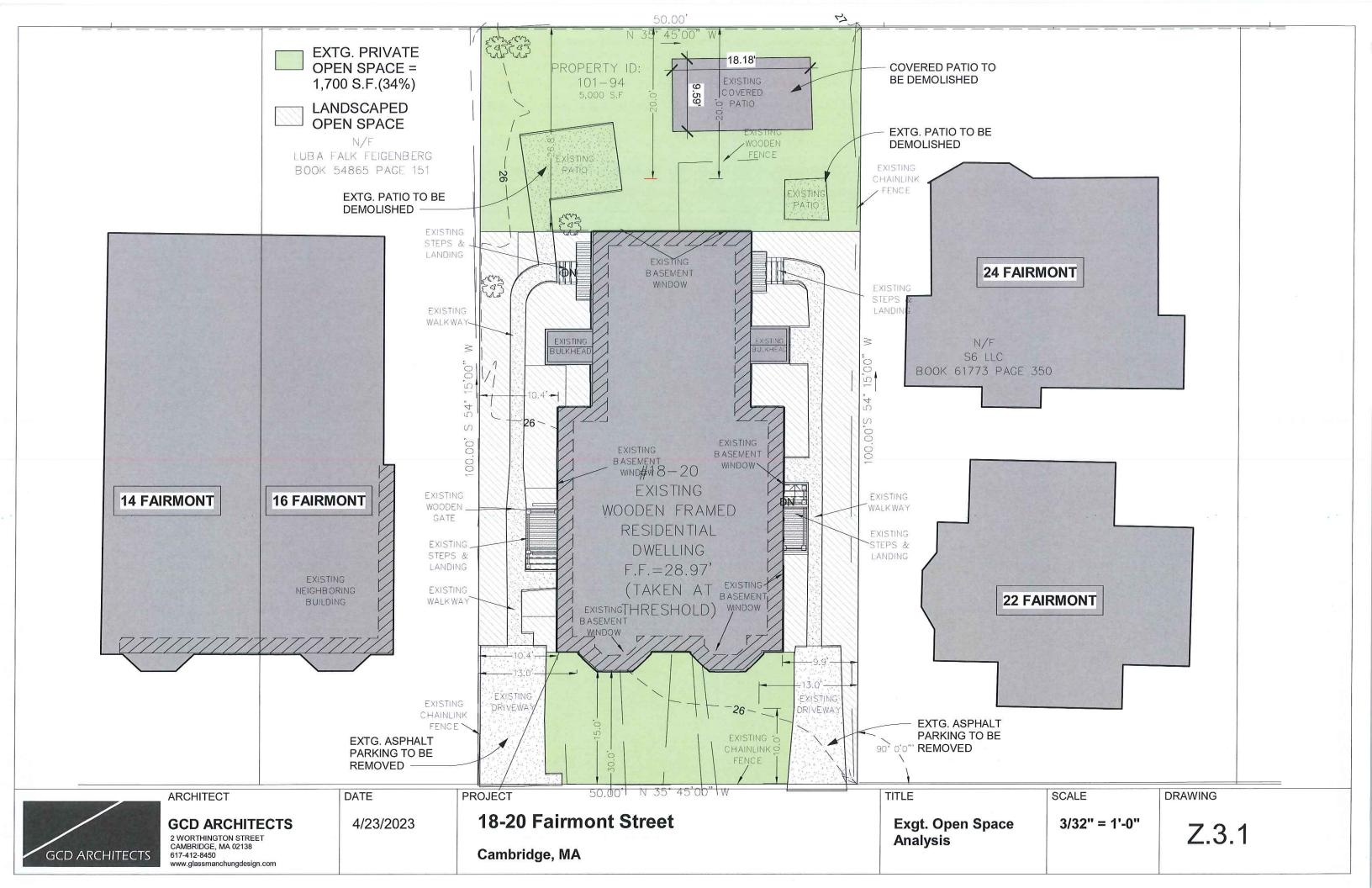
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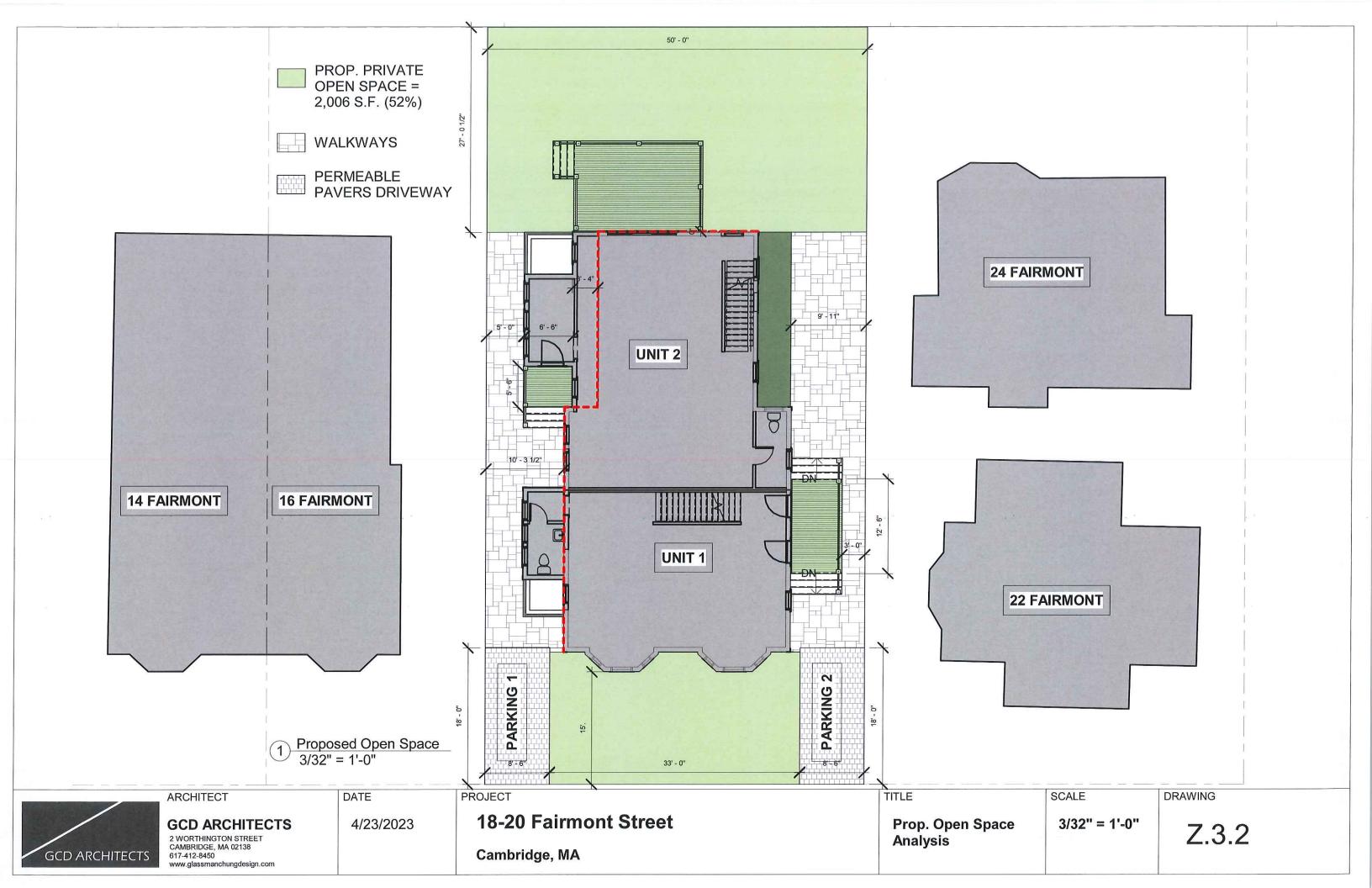
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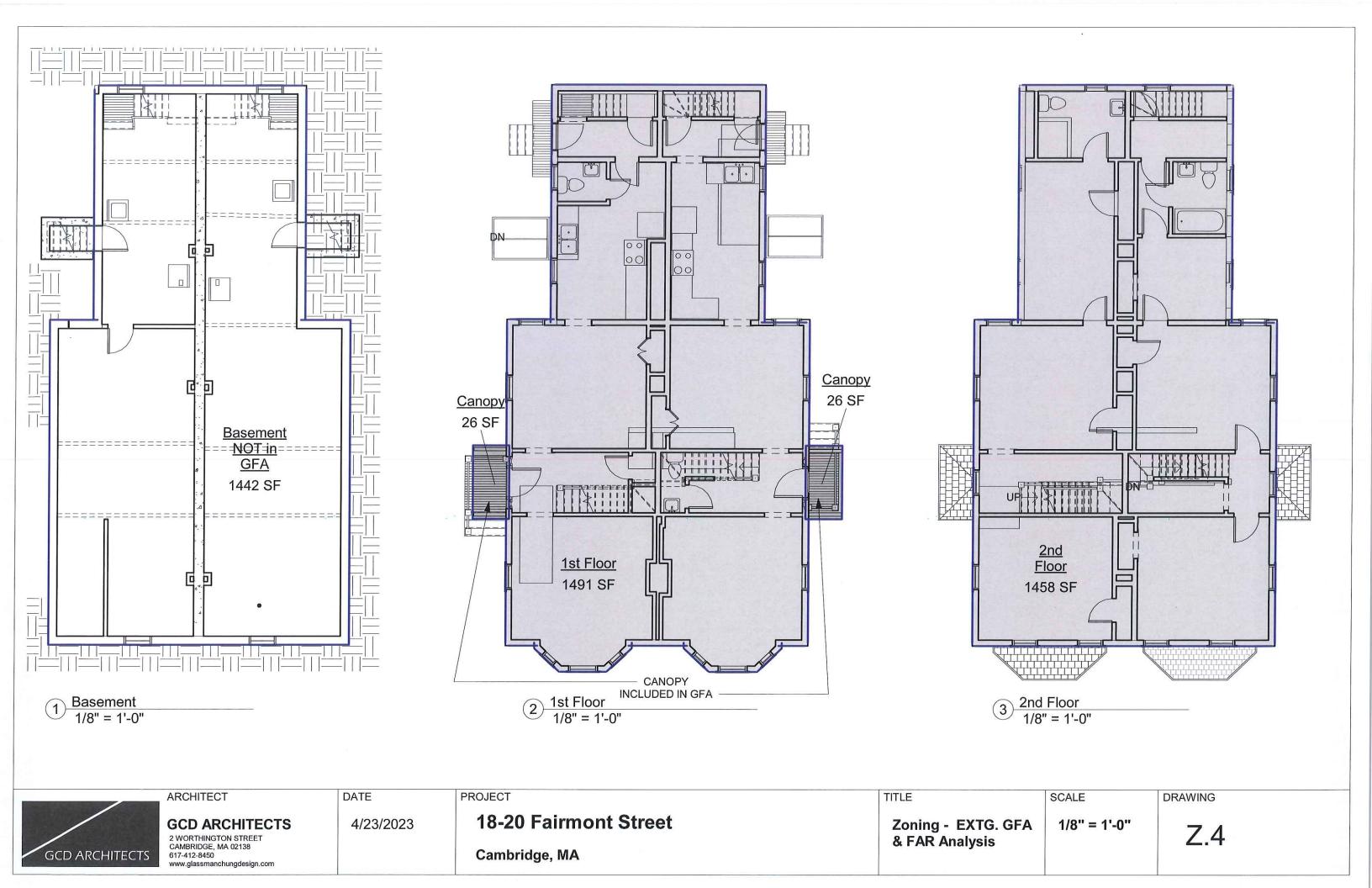
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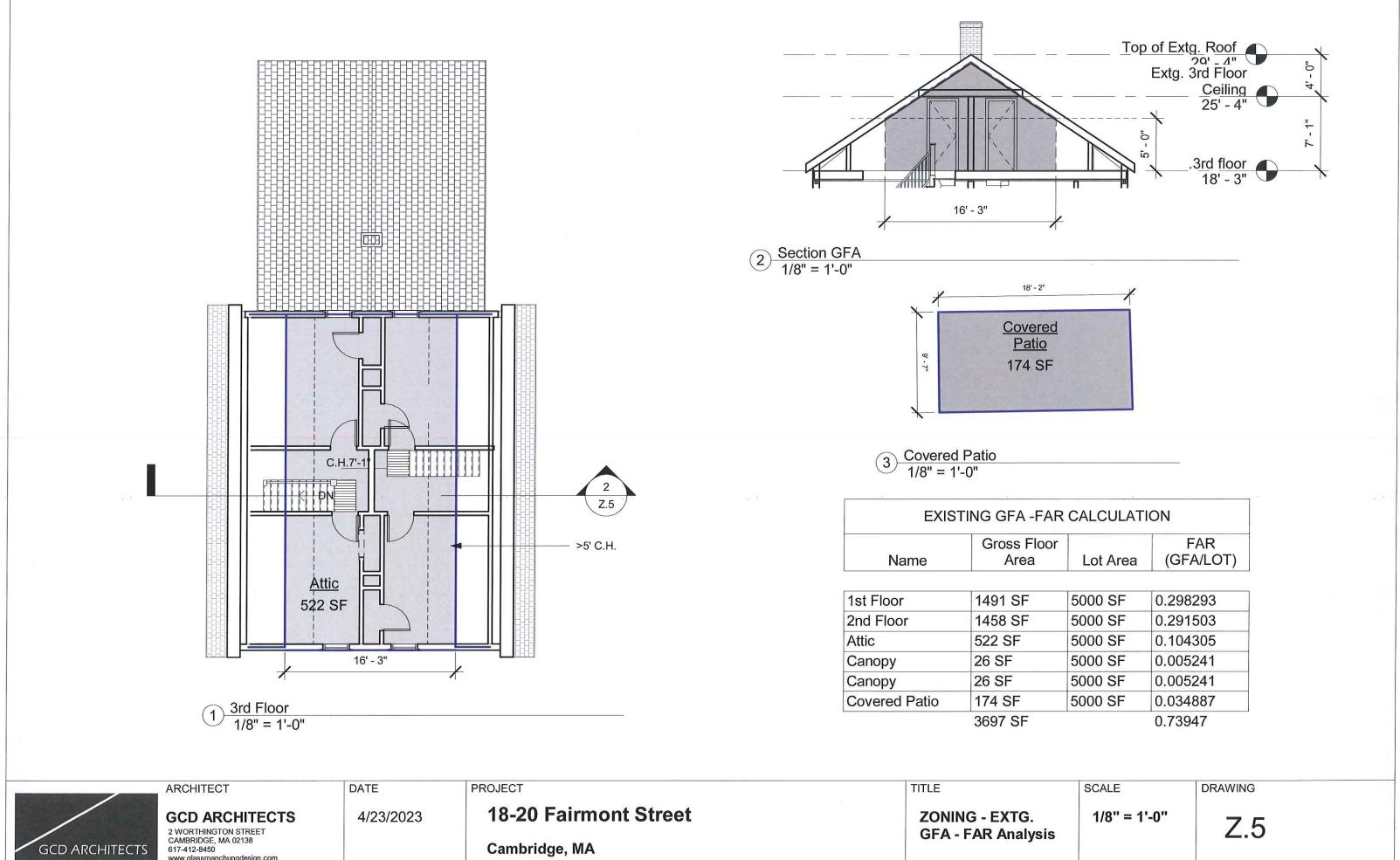




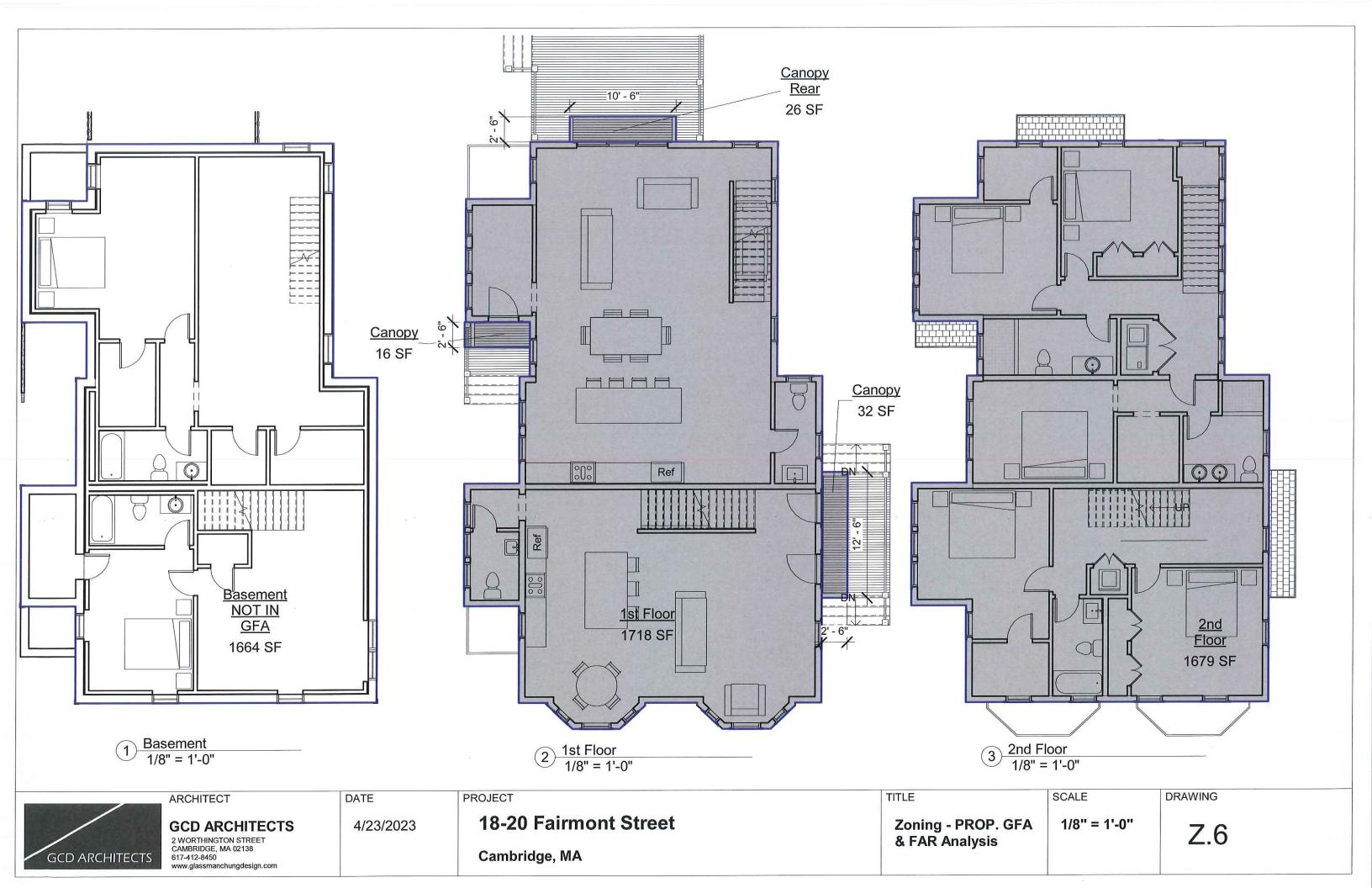


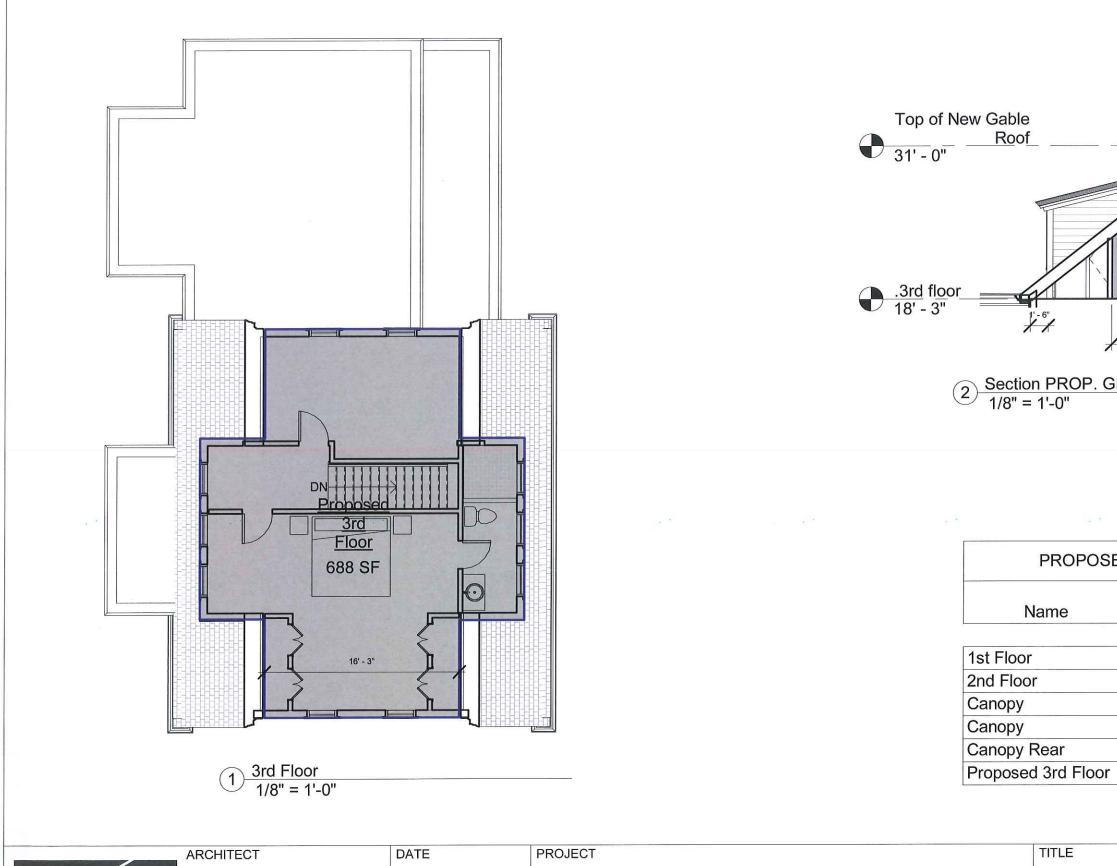




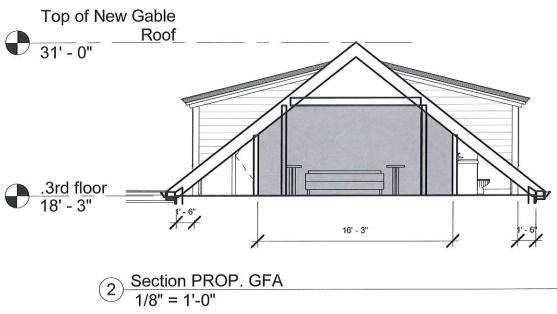






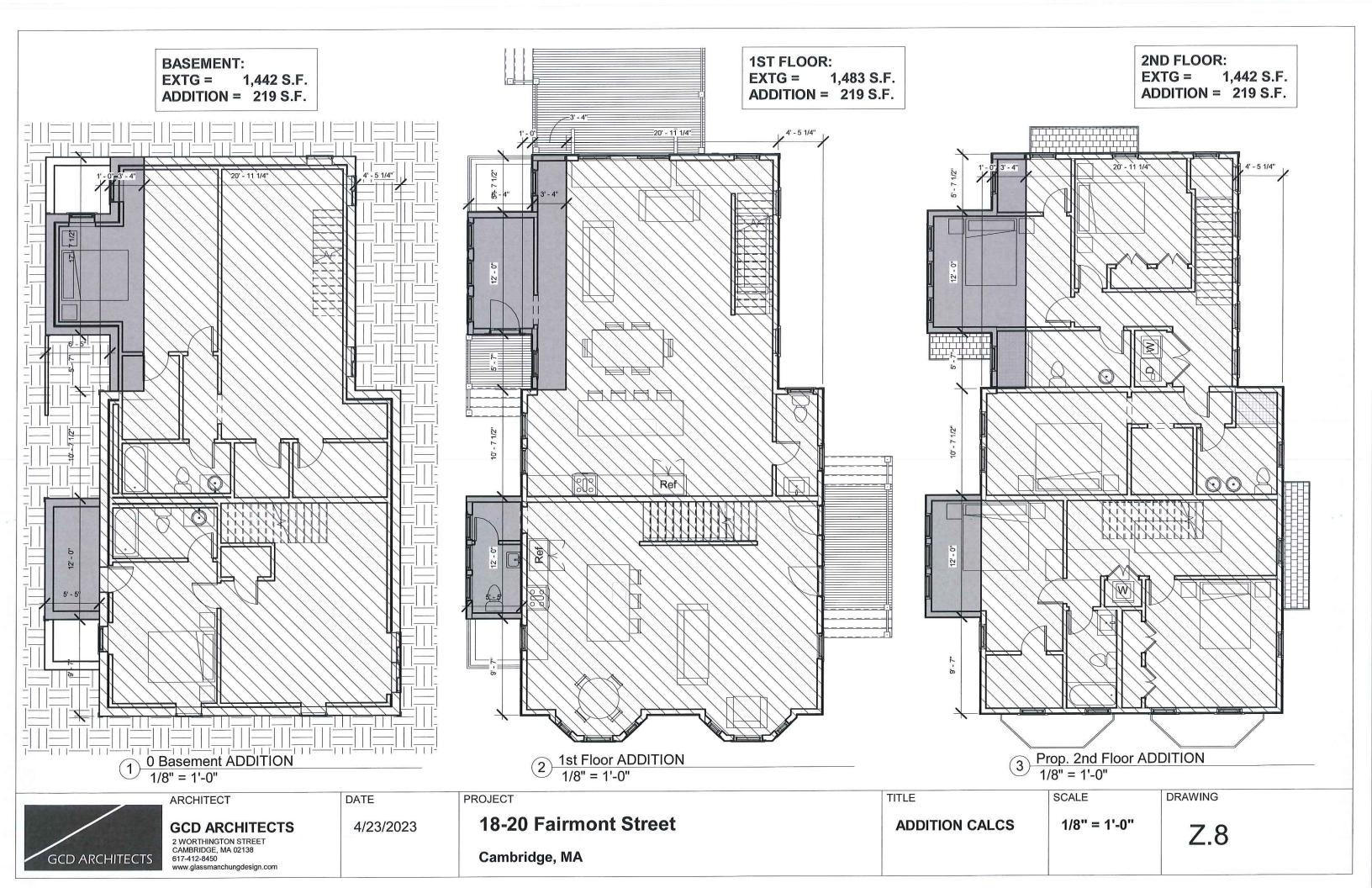


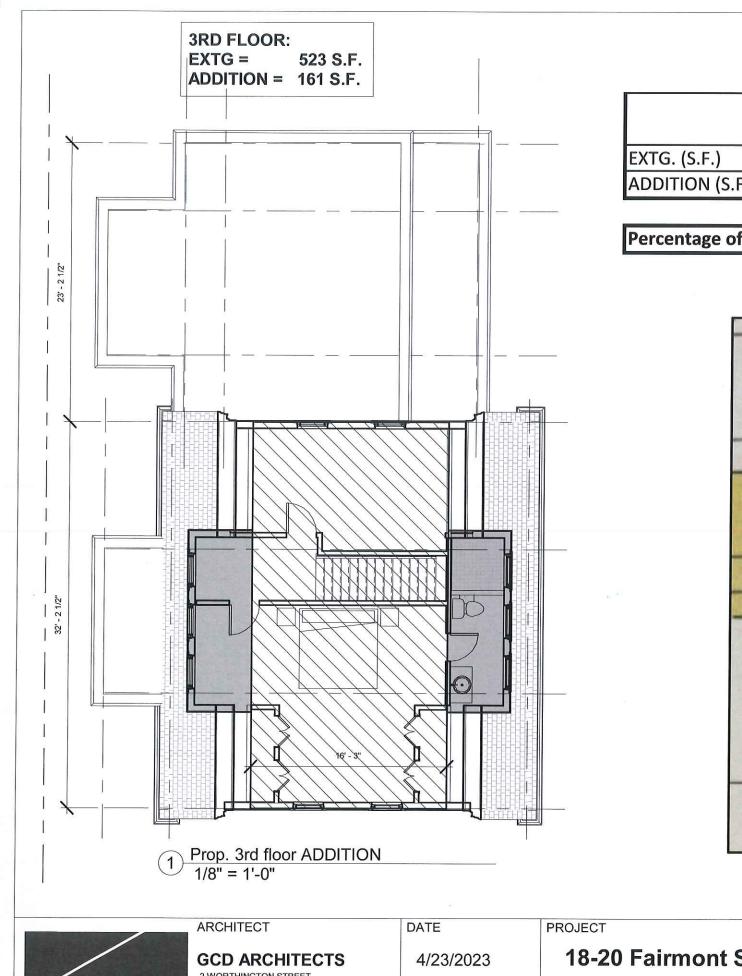
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or	1679 SF	5000 SF	0.335	
	16 SF	5000 SF	0.003	519
	32 SF	5000 SF	0.006	328
Rear	26 SF	5000 SF	0.005	249
d 3rd Floor	688 SF	5000 SF	0.137	7503
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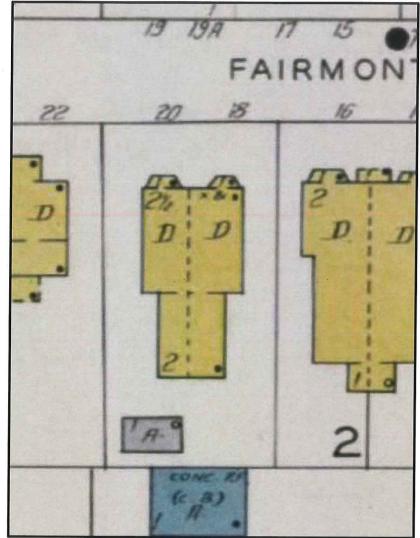




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ADDITION (S.F.)	219	219	219	161	818

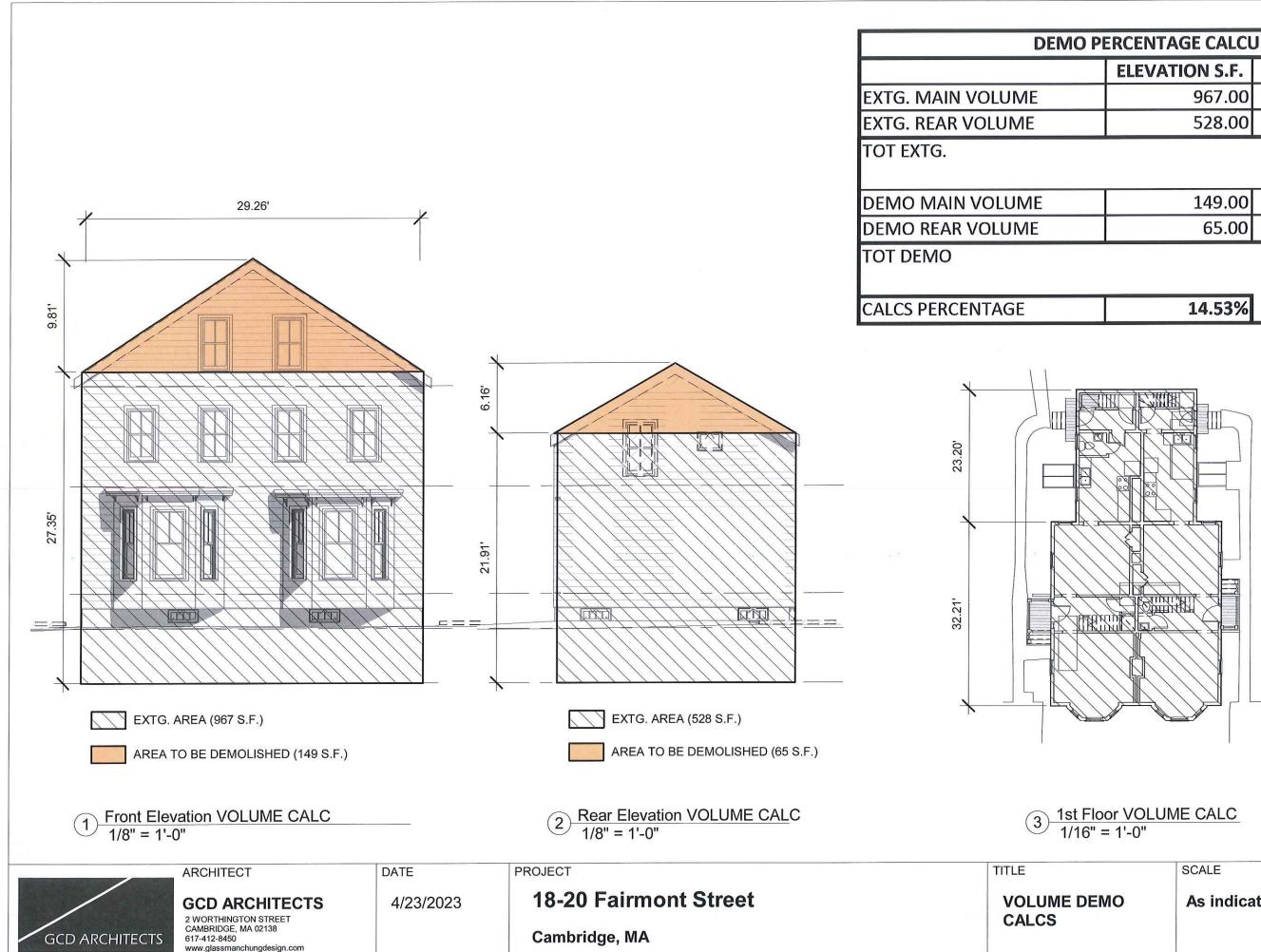
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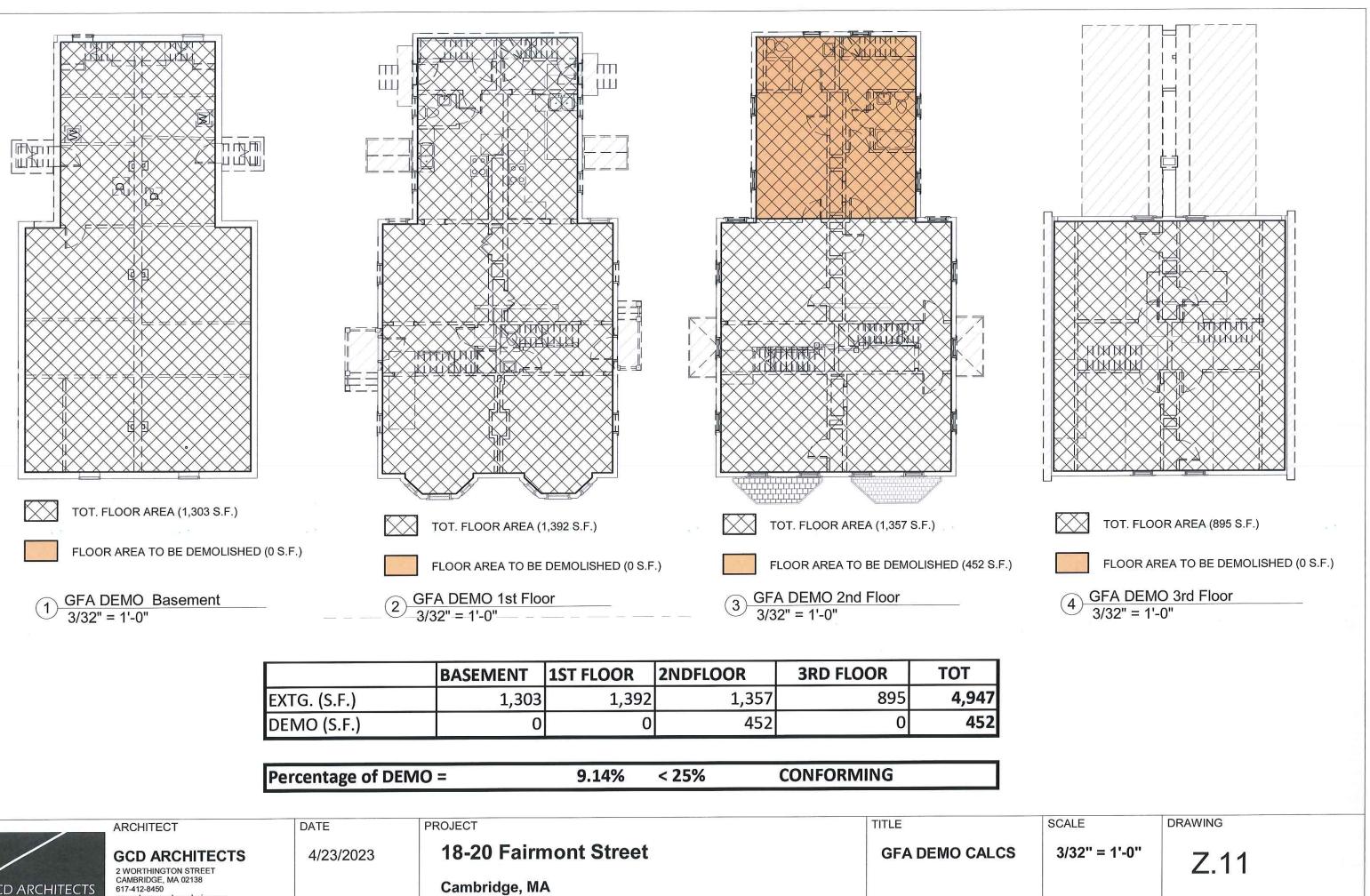


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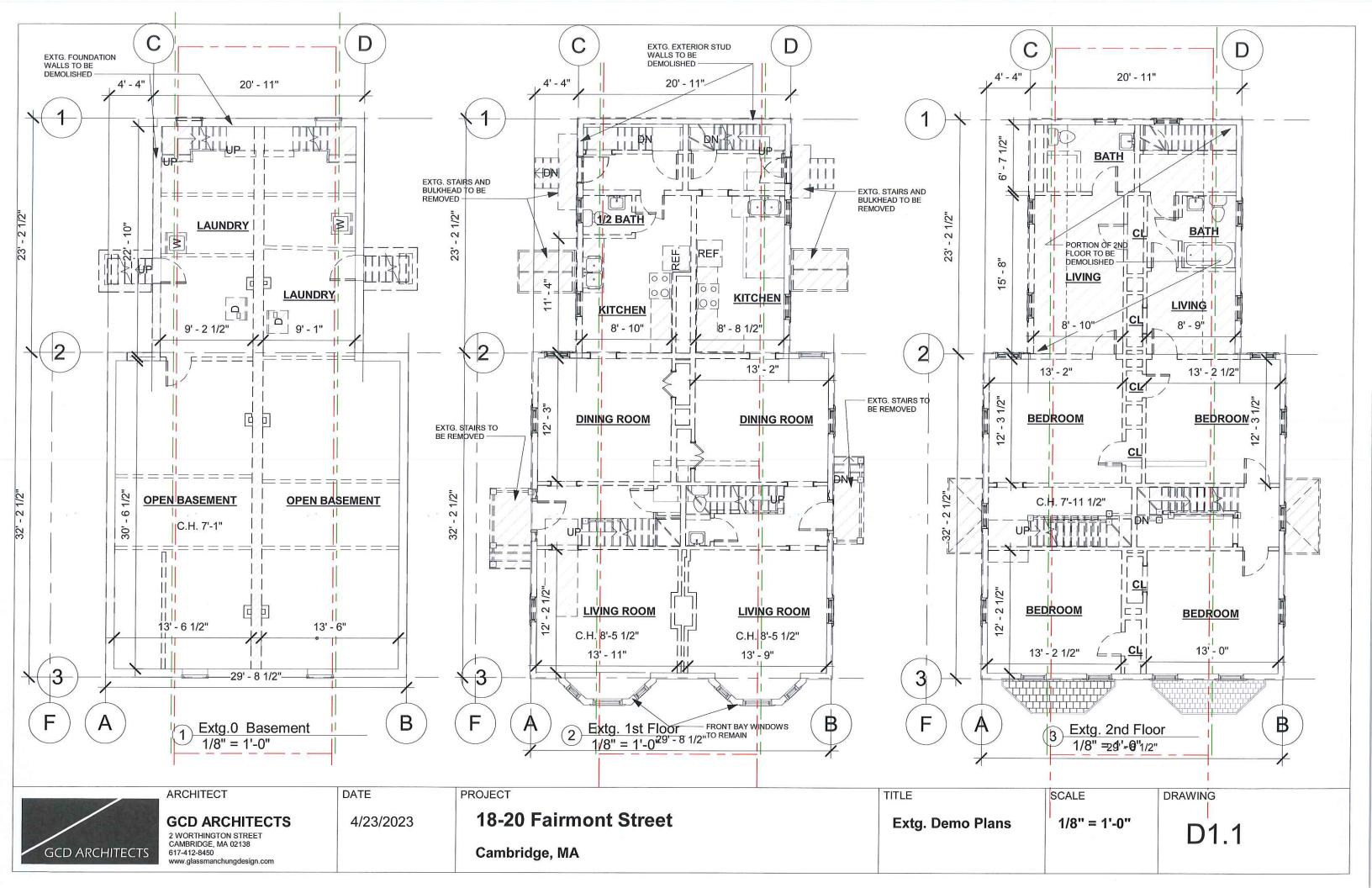
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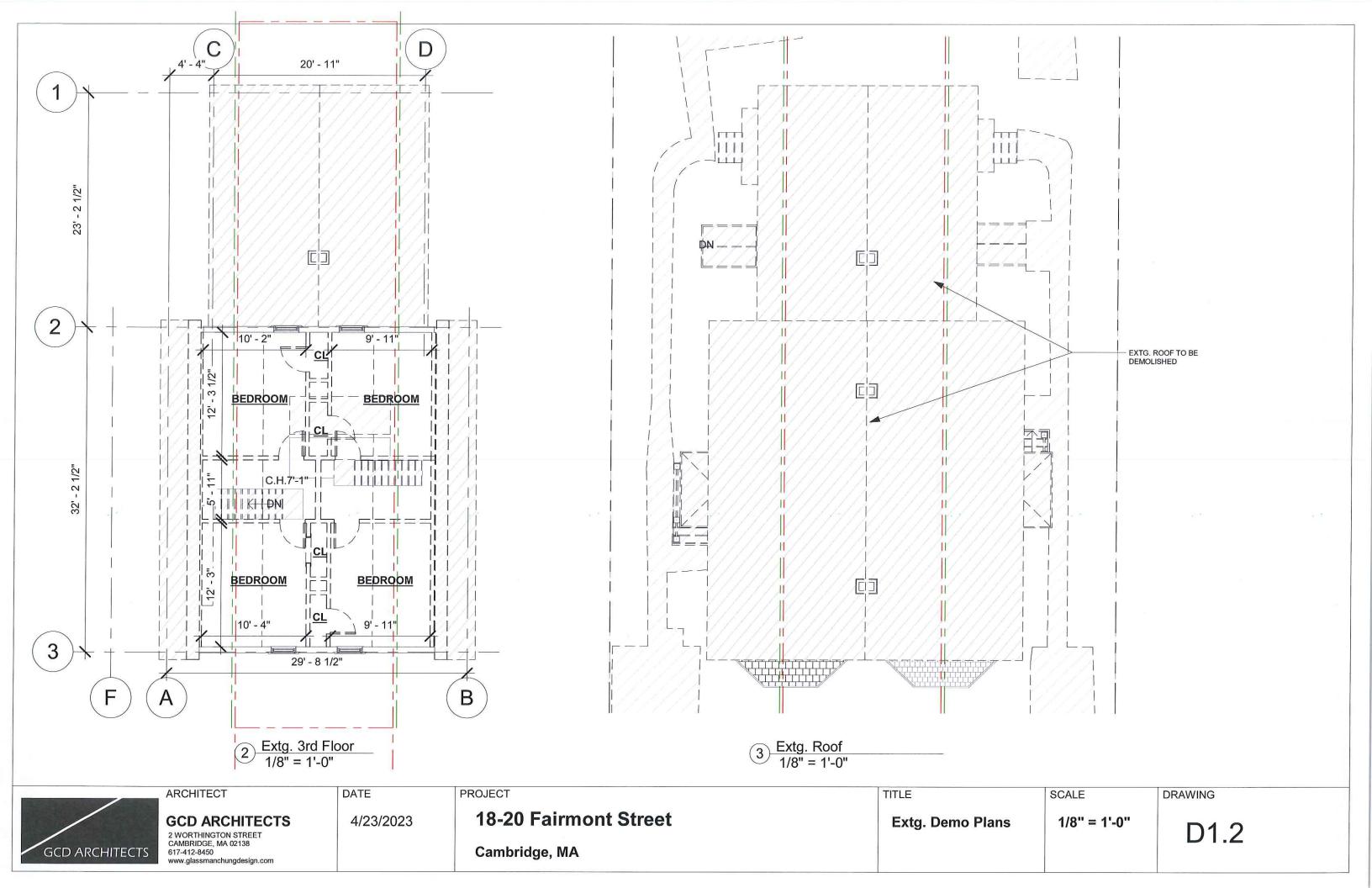


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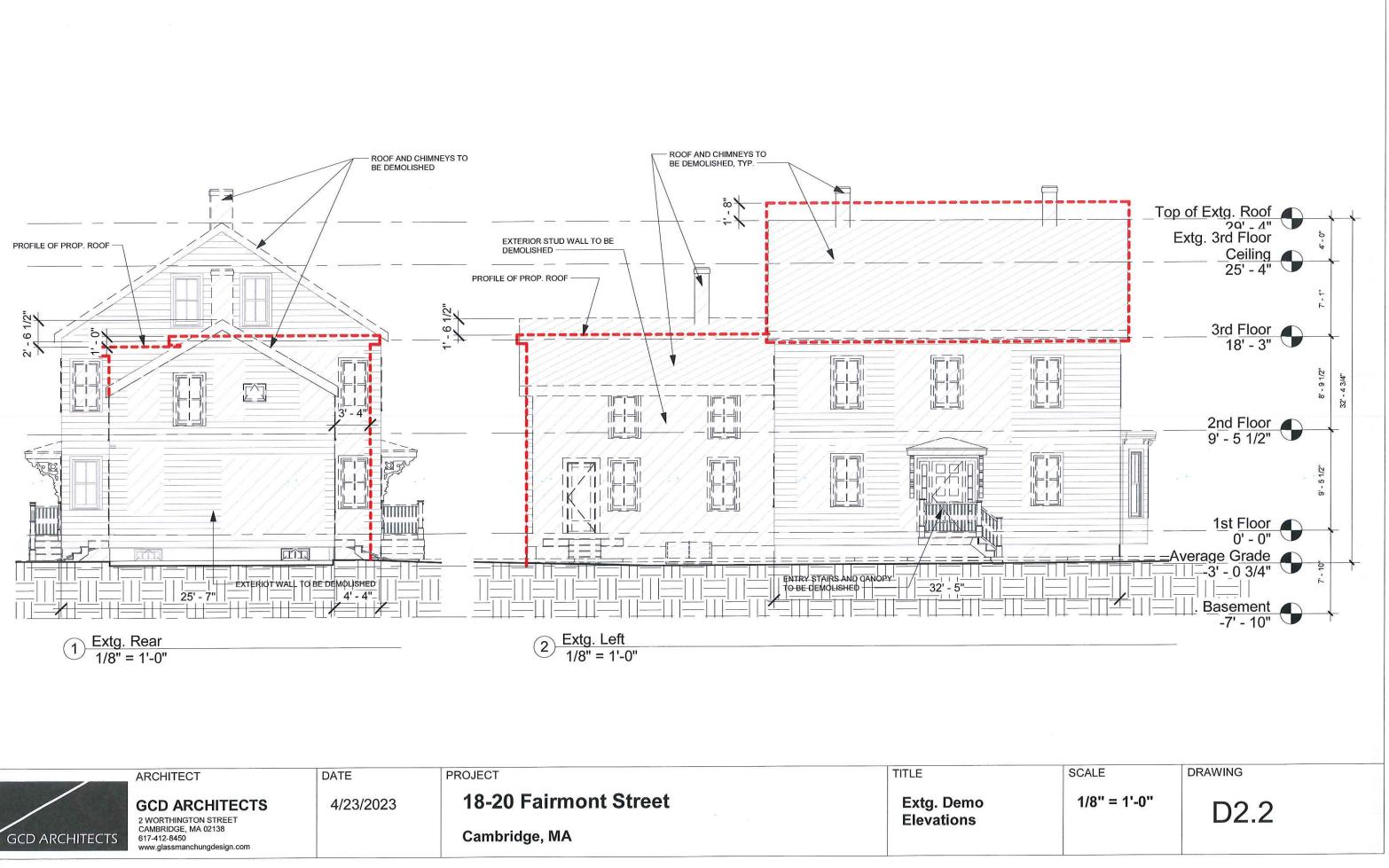














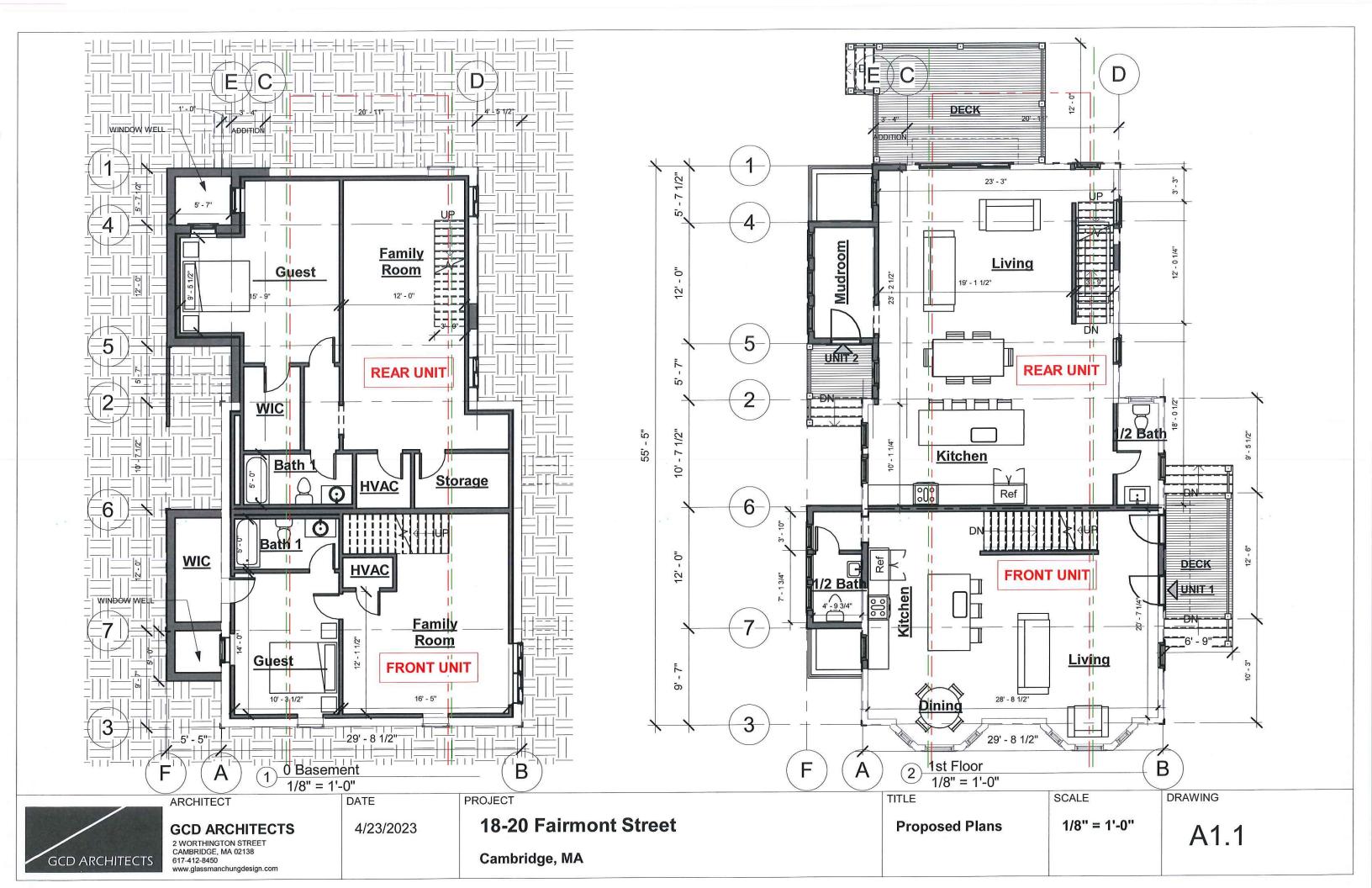


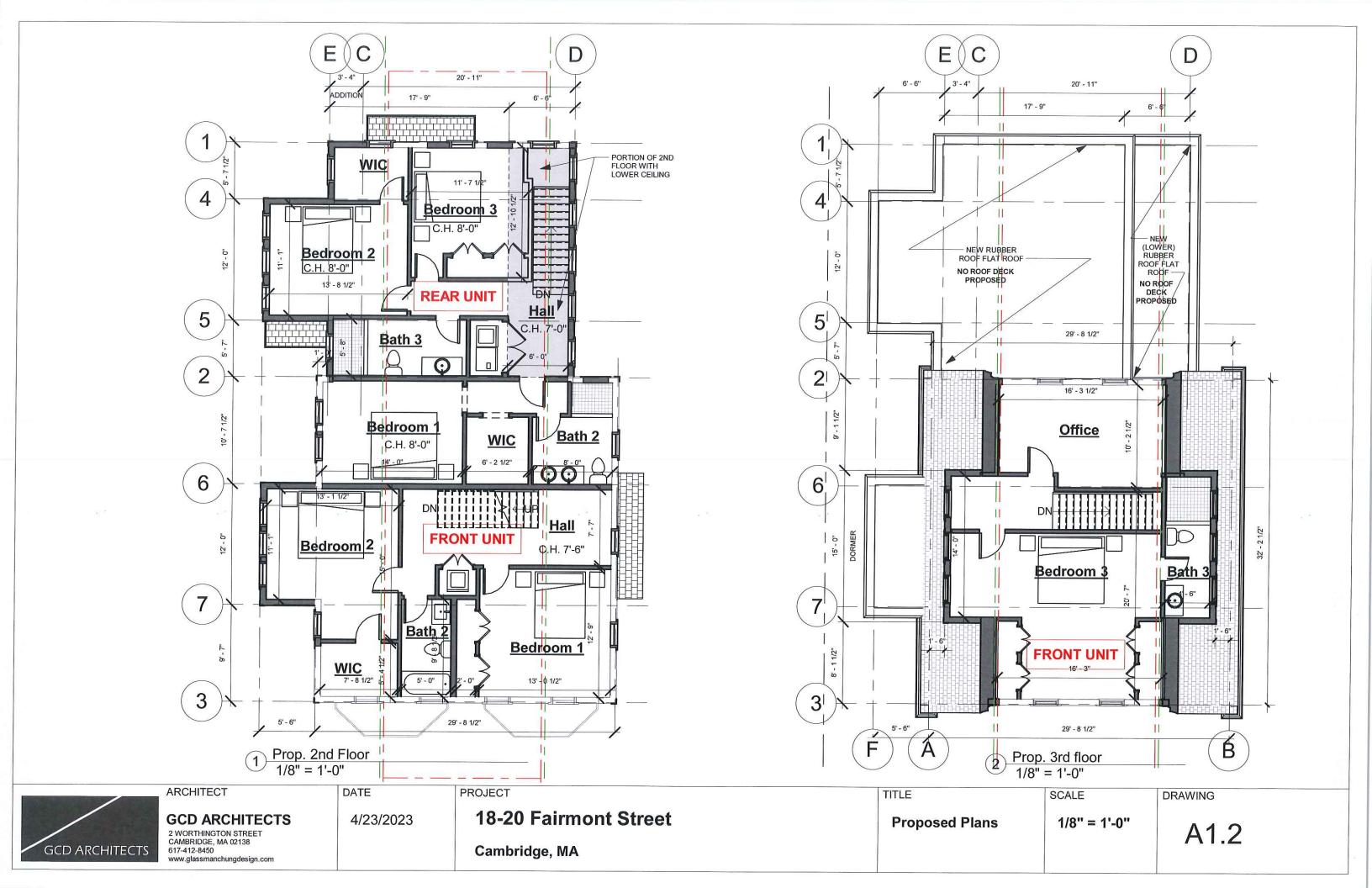
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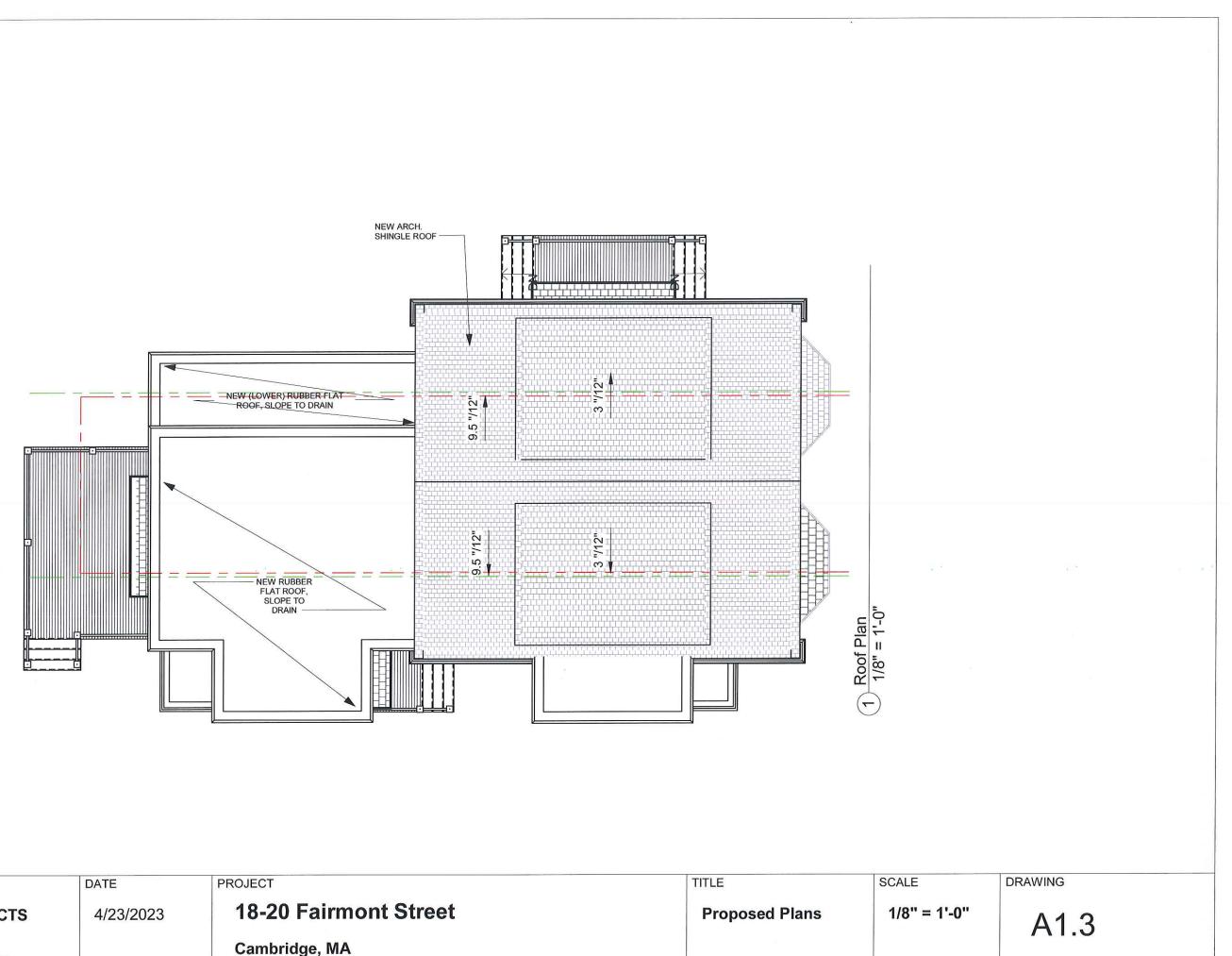


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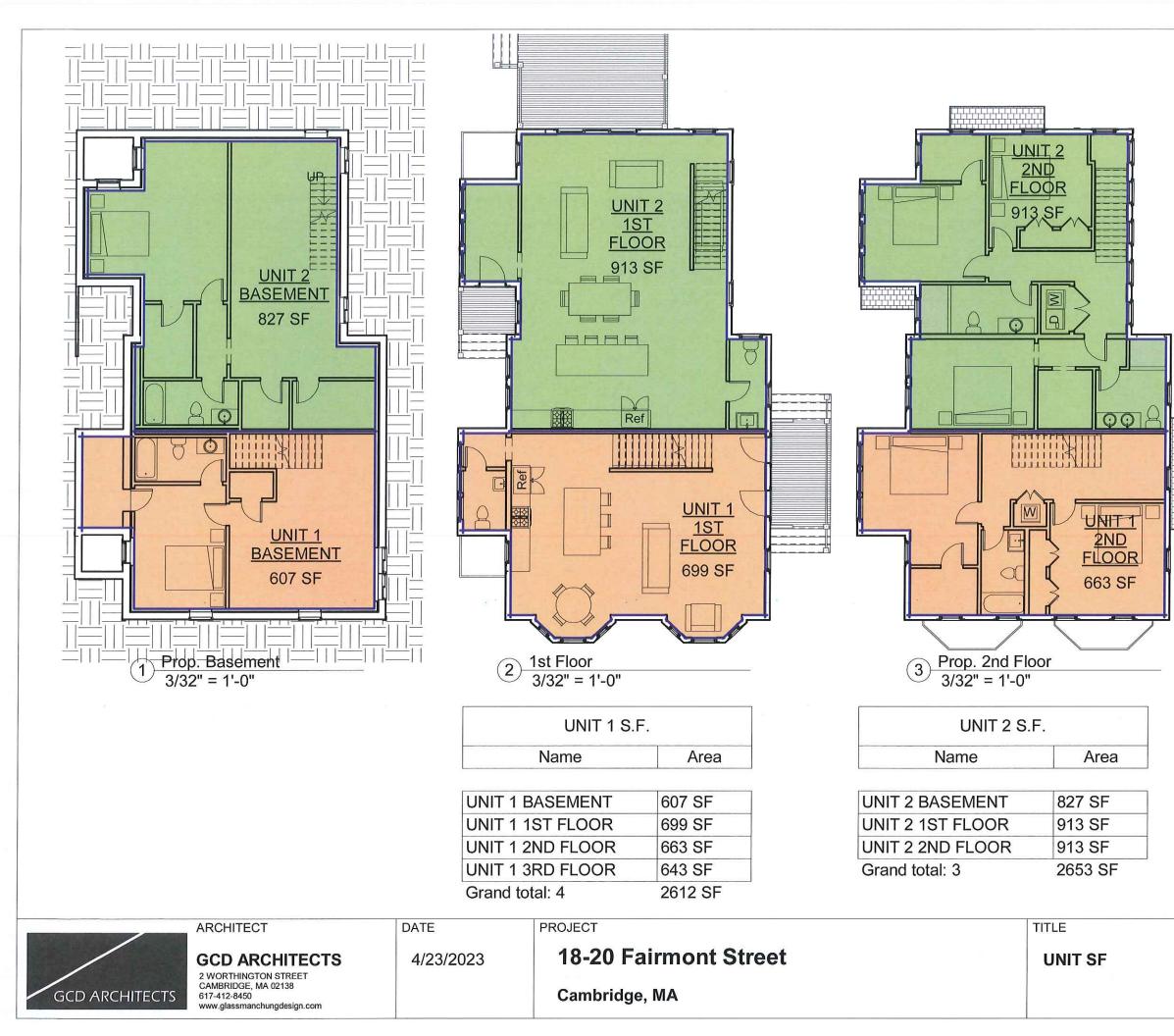
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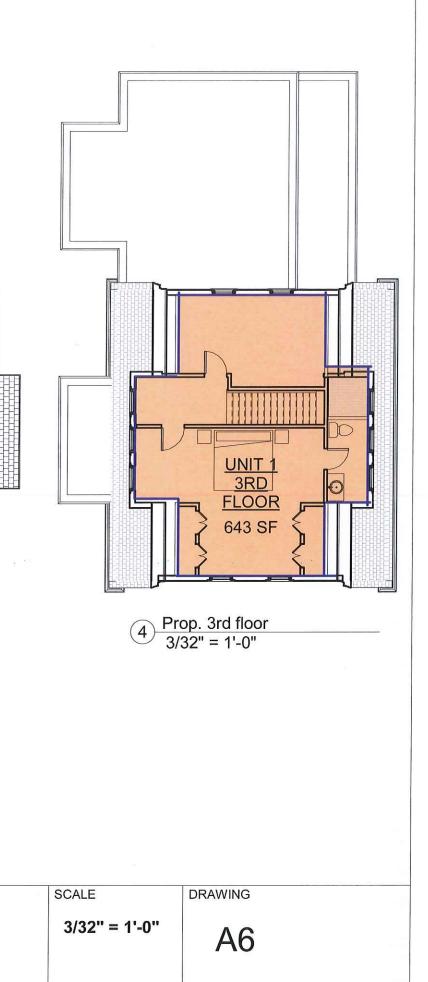






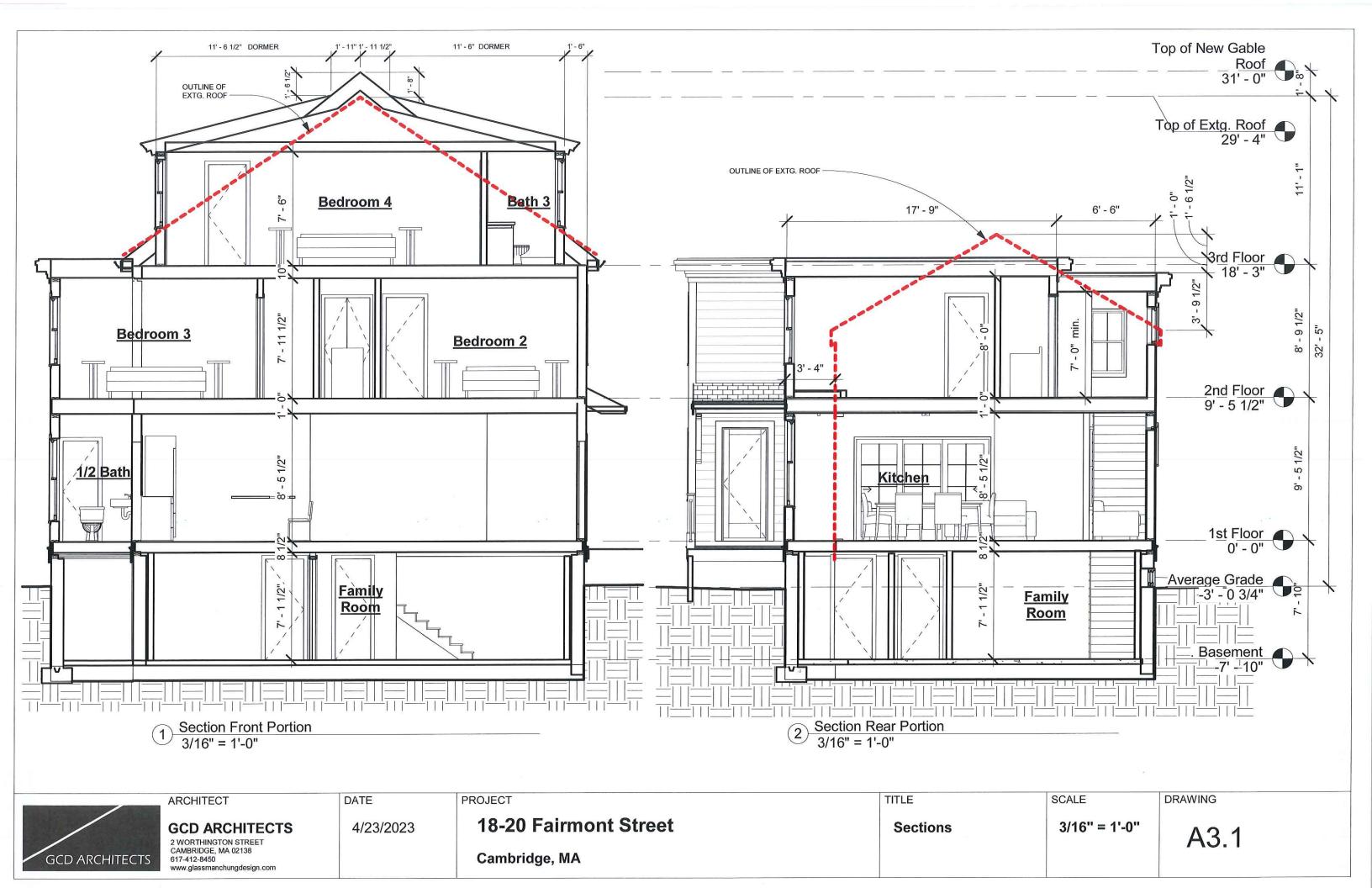
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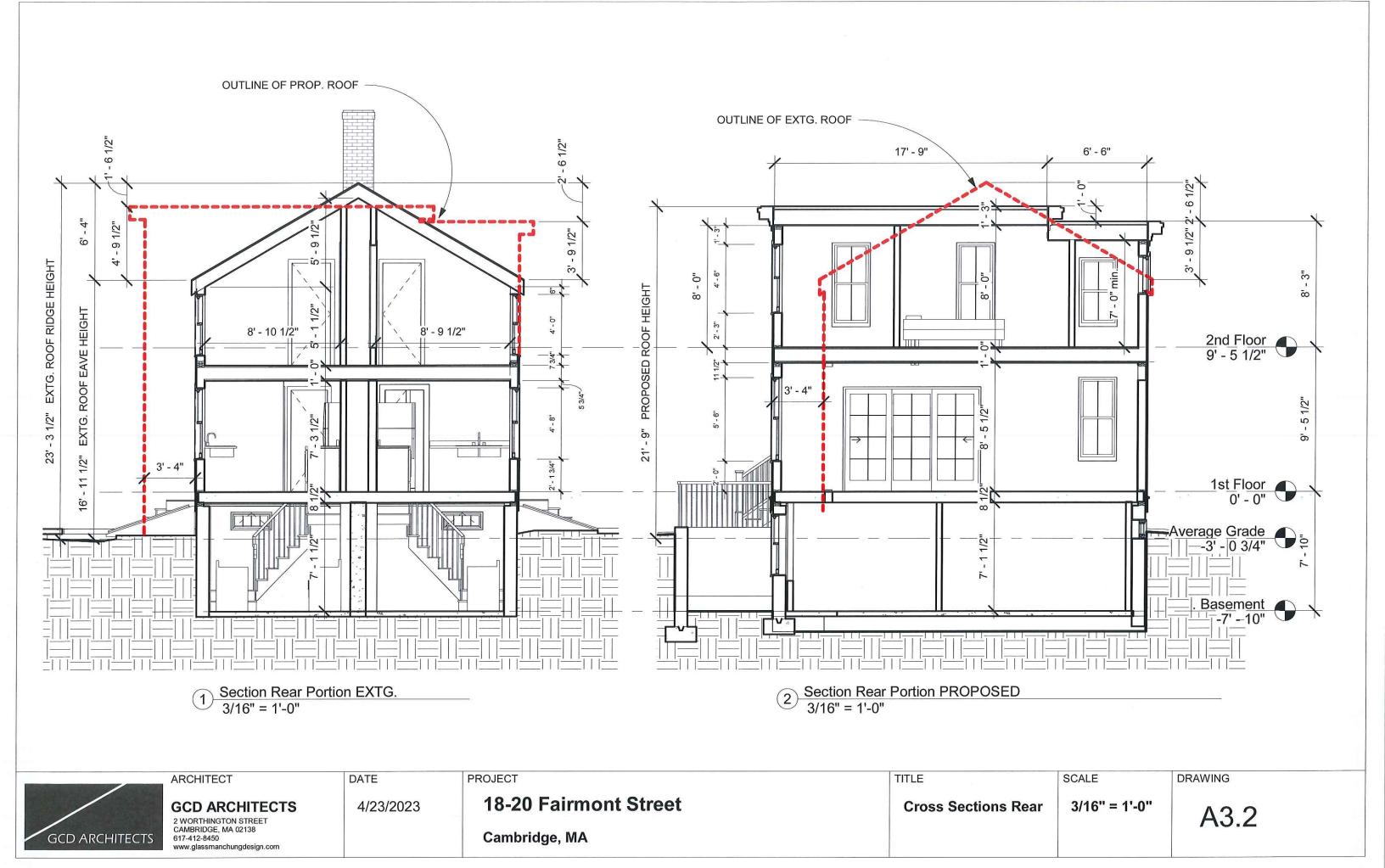


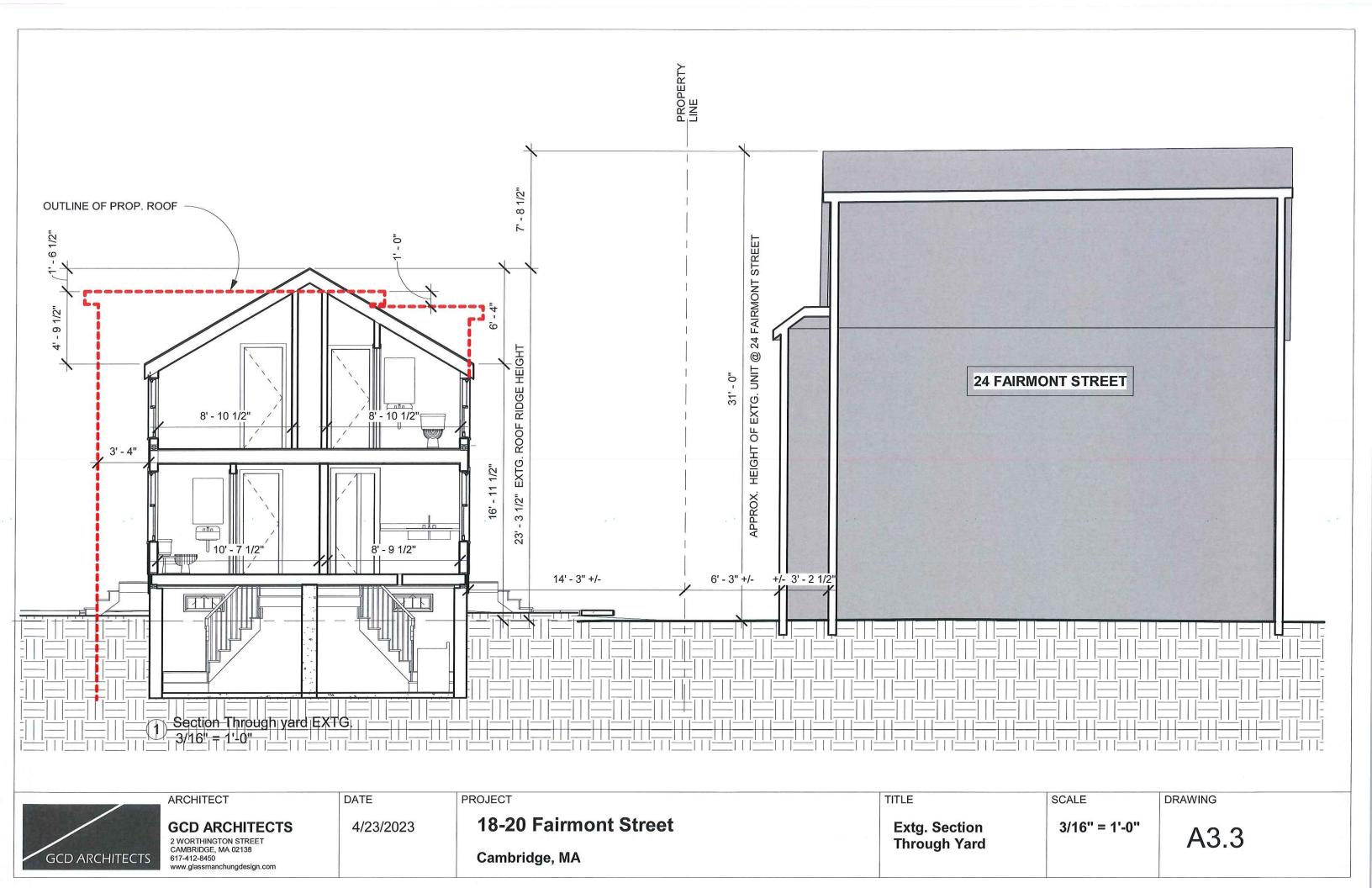


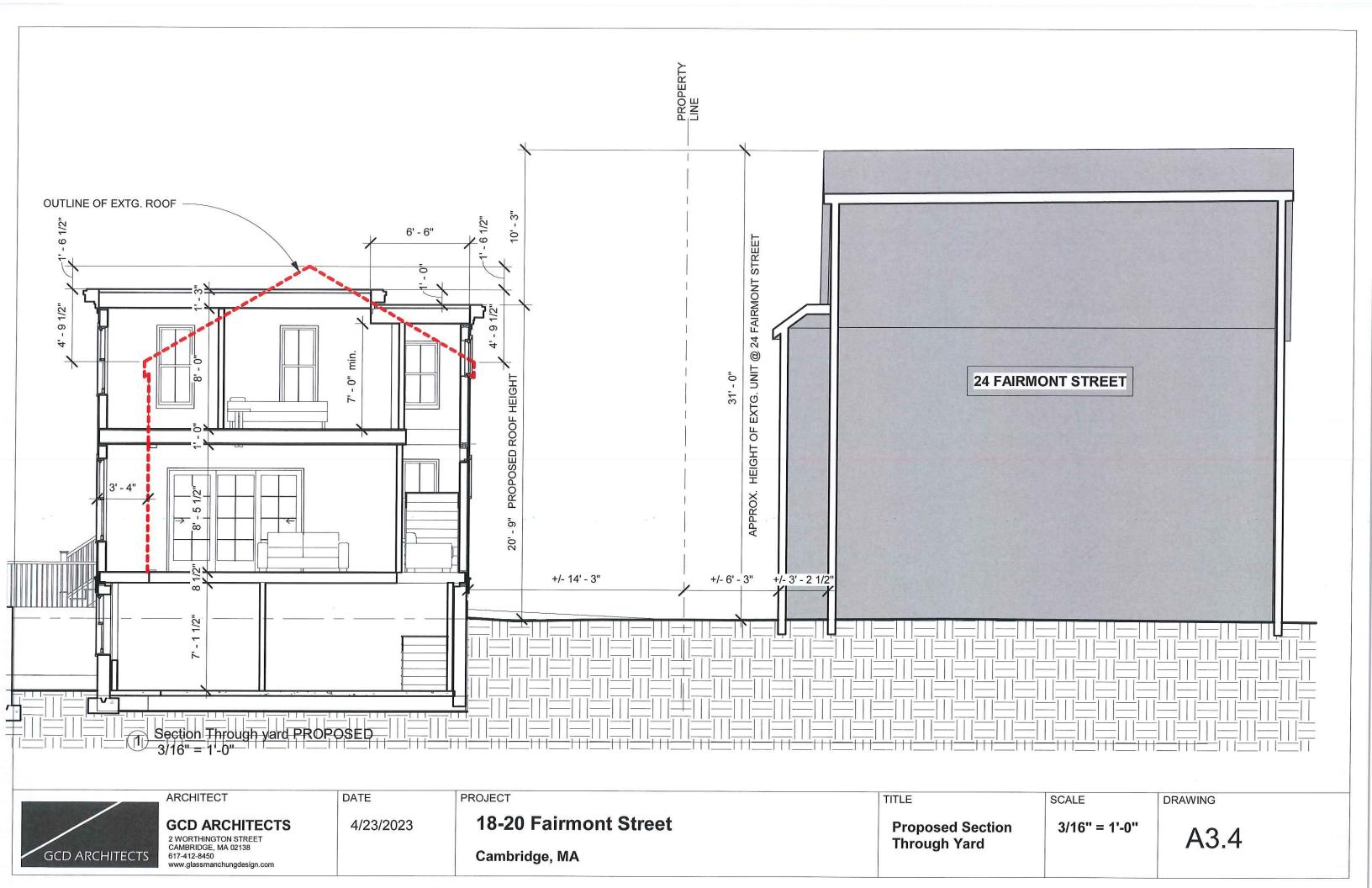
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1) Typically for these projects involving 1 and 2 family homes seeking zoning relief we reach out directly to all direct abutters, which we did with the owners of 16, 22 and 24 Fairmont Street. Last week we were able to speak with Ian Ferguson (22 Fairmont St) and left a voicemail with Hassanaly Ladha (24 Fairmont Street). At that time Ian expressed no opposition to or concern about the project, and Hassanaly never called us back. We also spoke with the direct abutter at 16 Fairmont St, Luba Feigenberg, who remains neutral with regard to this project. We also have no opposition from our direct rear abutters. This is just to say that a) we made a good faith effort to communicate with all of our closest neighbors and b) those who we were able to contact did not at that time oppose this project. However, two days ago, on Monday we received 6 letters of opposition, 3 of which are from residents of Fairmont Street, the remaining 3 from areas not directly impacted by this project.

To the residents of Fairmont St who oppose this project, we hope to be able to clarify a few points and work with you as best we can to alleviate your concerns.

1) **Privacy**- to the owners of 22 and 24, all the proposed windows on the right side on the expanded rear bump out are in stair and hallway spaces, and 1 of them is in the dining room. We would be happy to make all of those windows transom style where the window sills will be above head height which should alleviate your concerns about privacy.

2) **Roof Height and Loss of Light**- the existing roof height is 32.4', and our proposed roof height is to remain unchanged. The survey site plan was incorrect in calling out a taller roof and we have corrected that. We would like to go a step further and reduce the proposed building height to 31.4', a full foot below the existing roof height.

3) **Shadows** - per the expressed concerns about shadows by the owners of 22 and 24, please see the attached shadow study which is digitally created and an accurate representation of the shadows cast when the sun is at its highest and lowest points throughout the year. You will see that there are new shadows cast only briefly between approx 10 and 11:00 on the Fall Equinox and between approx. 10 and 11:30 on the Spring Equinox. These shadows are very brief and limited to those 2 times of the year. Now that we have offered to reduce the proposed building height to 12" below the existing building height, these shadows will be decreased even beyond what is shown in the attached shadow study.

4) The shadow study was produced with the correct north arrow which you correctly noted was incorrect on the site plan. This error was not intentional and it has been fixed. The correct north arrow is shown on the shadow study plans and the updated site plan.

5) Dimensional Requirements: All new work constructed outside the existing building envelope in a Res-C zone must follow the Res-C dimensional requirements which we have done. Per your comments regarding the use of the multiplane method for calculating setbacks, we did use that method and we failed to comply, as shown in the attached zoning plans showing setback calculations for both Res C, Res C1 and the multiplane method. In all cases our structure is existing non-conforming. Our proposed enlargement of the rear bump out does not extend any further to the rear and only 2.5' on either side, but still those walls remain 1'-10" set back behind the planes of the existing left and right side walls of the main body of the house.

6) FAR: Seeking relief to go from a .74 to a .94 FAR does seem to us to be reasonable. The existing 2 family structure has a total of only 4 bedrooms (2 bedrooms per unit) which is not in any way conducive to family living. Our proposed plans call for 8 total bedrooms, with 4 per unit, which is conducive to family living without being extravagant. All the bedrooms are located on the 2nd and 3rd floors, for although we can as by right use the basement for habitable space, bedrooms in basements are not desirable below grade for multiple reasons. Our plans do not call for any exterior below grade window or stairwells so we are limiting the basement to family room type space only.

7) **Scale and Character**: Fairmont Street is characterized by an eclectic and diverse array of architectural styles and sizes. Our block of the street contains 2-1/2 story, 3 story and 4-1/2 story structures, including a full 3-story mansard roof structure 3 houses down at 10-12 Fairmont Street. 22 Fairmont Ave and 24 Fairmont St, our most direct abutters, each contain 4 bedrooms within 2 detached structures on a lot of comparable size to 18-20 Fairmont Ave. Surely our proposed increase in size is reasonably within the scale and character of the neighborhood both terms of density, scale and style.

We hope that our clarifications are helpful, and that our offers to raise the sills and reduce the sizes of the windows on the right side of the rear bump out, and lower the proposed roof height of the entire house, will help alleviate your concerns.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any additional comments or questions.

Sincerely,

Adam

Adam J Glassman, Architect for 18-20 Fairmont Street. T: 617-412-8450

Ana Yáñez-Rodríguez Lecturer in Spanish, MIT-Global Languages 77 Massachusetts Ave., 14N-208, Cambridge, MA 02139 anayanez@mit.edu

From: Sent:	Adam Glassman <ajglassman.ra@gmail.com> Friday, March 24, 2023 8:53 AM</ajglassman.ra@gmail.com>
То:	Emily Holman
Cc:	Fraser Allan; Pacheco, Maria; ianworld@gmail.com; sandra.y.ferguson@gmail.com
Subject:	Re: 18-20 Fairmont St

Dear Emily, Hassanaly, Ian and Sandra,

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If all this sounds agreeable we can send you updated visuals to review along with an updated shadow study.

And if you are open this, I'd like to meet you in person and review the revised design with you on-site. This might be much better than limiting our dialogue to purely emails.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Catherine Zusy <cathzusy@gmail.com> Thursday, March 23, 2023 6:34 PM Pacheco, Maria Comments re 3.23 Meeting re Board of Zoning Appeal

3.23.2023

To: Board of Zoning Appeal From: Cathie Zusy, 202 Hamilton St., Cambridge, MA 02139 Re: CASE NO. BZA-211208 18 FAIRMONT STREET Residence C Zone FRASER ALLAN - 18-20 FAIRMONT LLC - C/O ADAM GLASSMAN, R.A Special Permit

Why allow the developer at 18 Fairmont St. more FAR (increasing it from a district base of .60 to .92) when it will only benefit him, the developer? If this was affordable housing, it might be appropriate. But it is not.

We believe that granting this special permit would be a bad precedent for Cambridgeport, an already very dense neighborhood!

Thank you.

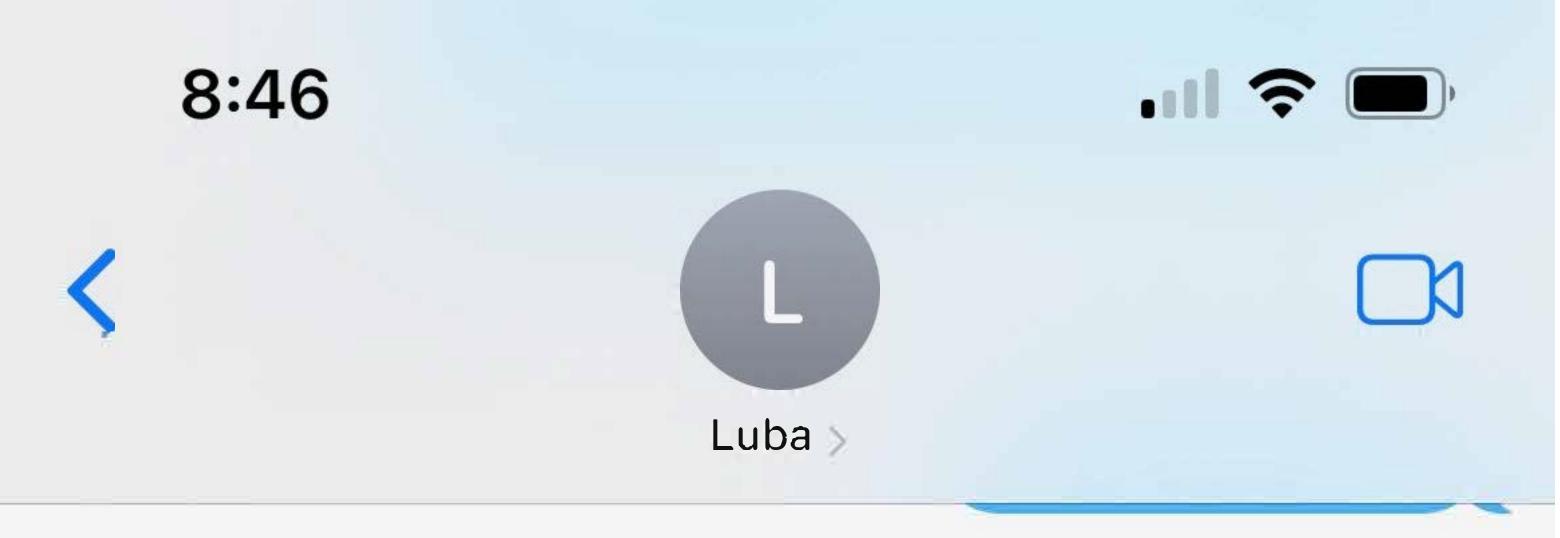
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Please do not allow this developer to continue the gentrification of the neighborhood. We need AFFORDABLE housing. No more of this PLEASE. People are getting displaced. No One except for rich people can live here now. You have the power to stop this.

Thank you

--Jimena www.jimenabermejo.com



Yesterday 9:22 AM

**APRIL 13, 2023 ABUTTER SUPPORT CORRESPONDACE WITH LUBA FEIGENBERG 16 FAIRMONT STREET** 



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Hi Luba, hope all is well. Here are the revised elevations, the left is existing and the right is proposed

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You'll see that we reduced the size of the rear section from three stories, to two. We also reduced the FAR from .92 to .82, and are keeping the gable roof

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and are keeping the gable roof style in the front section. Let me know if you have any questions/ comments.

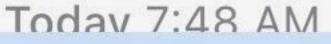
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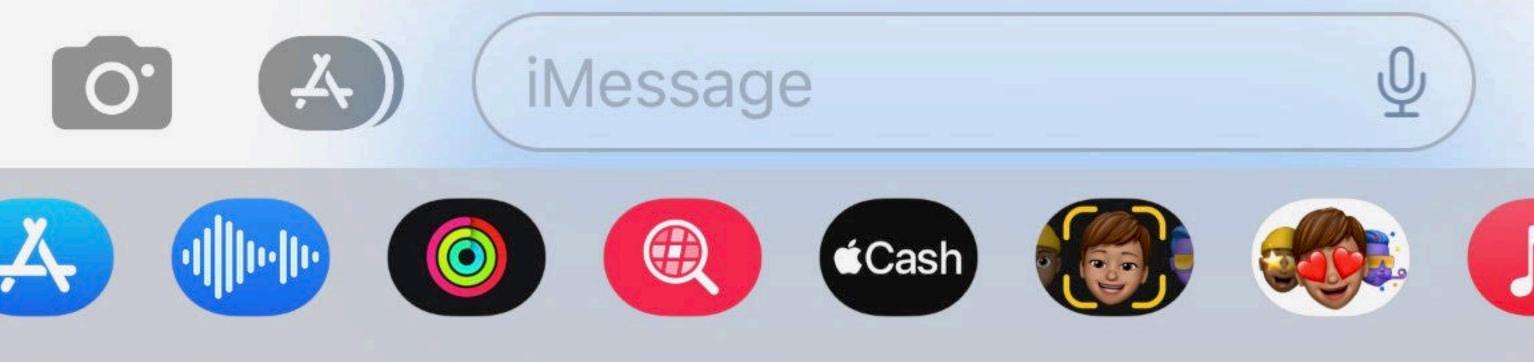
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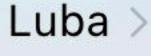


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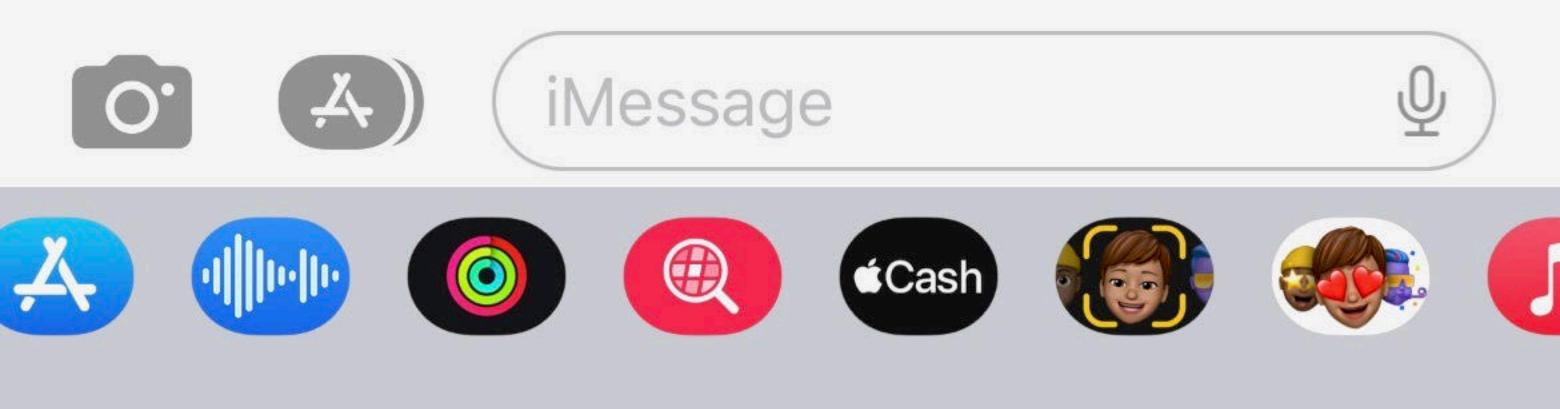
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Today 7:48 AM

Hi Luba- did you have a chance to take a look at this?



Thanks for sending Fraser. Great to see, and will definitely be better for us - less sky blocked from our windows.



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Cambridge MA 02139

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Sincerely,

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Signature

Benjamin Smith

**Printed Name** 

24 Flagg St, Cambridge

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Sincerely,

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Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeals 831 Mass Ave.

Cambridge MA 02139

To the Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeals,

I am long term resident of Cambridgeport, and I fully support the plans to modestly enlarge and greatly improve the existing house at 18-20 Fairmont Street.

The raised gable roof and new dormers are very tasteful and in keeping with the character and scale of the existing streetscape and are consistent with the Cambridge Dormer Guidelines.

The new left side additions are low profile, attractive and modest, the additional FAR is not excessive and is consistent with helping to make the existing house more comfortable for family living.

The updated existing rear bump out is clearly no longer a functional appendage to the existing structure. The second floor needs to be raised to align with the second floor of the main building and the roof heights are lower than what the building code and modern living require. The developers have proposed the lowest profile, most modest, and most logical change conceivable to make the existing rear bump out suitable and functional for modern use. The right side of the building footprint does not change, the high point of the existing half story gable drops lower, and the low eave is raised only 3'-9" which is by all measures a very modest and reasonable increase, just the minimum increase in height required to achieve legal head height within the existing footprint of the second floor.

The proposed revised plans are a dramatic reduction in scale from the first submission to the BZA, far more appropriate for the context of the neighborhood, I encourage the BZA to approve these extremely modest and very reasonable upgrades as proposed.

Sincerely, Carmen Maianu 141 Allston St Cambridge 857-321-1773 May 05 2023 To: Cambridge BZA (Board of Zoning Appeals) 831 Mass Ave. Cambridge MA 02139

Dear Cambridge BZA,

I reside at 28 Speridakis Terrace in Cambridgeport, I have seen the plans and renderings of the proposed work to be considered by the Cambridge Zoning Board at 18-20 Fairmont Street.

This proposed design seems to me to be very appropriate for the neighborhood. The scale, the overall design and the various improvements make sense for the functionality of the building to accommodate family living. Over all the proposed work seems to improve the quality of the existing housing and the aesthetics of the neighborhood, and at the same time the issues requiring zoning relief are quite reasonable and modest. The FAR increase, the new dormers, the left side additions and the squaring off the rear bump-out are all modest increases beyond the existing non-conforming conditions, and I can see no substantially increased existing nor any new substantial detriments posed by the proposed work.

This is a good project for the community, and I support it.

Sincerely,

Daneli Urena 28 Speridakis Terrace 954-649-9719 5/5/2023



# City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

2023 MAR 28 BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

831 Mass Avenue, Cambridge, MA (617) 349-6100

#### Board of Zoning Appeal Waiver Form

The Board of Zoning Appeal 831 Mass Avenue Cambridge, MA 02139 57A-21120 RE: Case # Address: Adam nay tral □ Owner, □ Petitioner, or □ Representative:

(Print Name)

hereby waives the required time limits for holding a public hearing as required by Section 9 or Section 15 of the Zoning Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A. The D Owner, D Petitioner, or D Representative further hereby waives the Petitioner's and/or Owner's right to a Decision by the Board of Zoning Appeal on the above referenced case within the time period as required by Section 9 or Section 15 of the Zoning Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, and/or Section 6409 of the federal Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, codified as 47 U.S.C. §1455(a), or any other relevant state or federal regulation or law.

Date: 3/27/2

Signature

March 23, 2023

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2	(8:27 p.m.)
3	Sitting Members: Brendan Sullivan, Jim Monteverde, Andrea
4	A. Hickey, Slater W. Anderson, and Matina
5	Williams
6	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: The Board will hear Case No.
7	211208 18 Fairmont Street. Mr. Glassman?
8	ADAM GLASSMAN: Good evening, Mr. Chair, and
9	members of the Board. I'm Adam Glassman, GCD Architects
10	located at 2 Worthington Street in Cambridge. I'm here
11	representing the petitioner, Fraser Allan, owner of 18-20
12	Fairmont Ave or Fairmont Street.
13	Olivia, can you pull up the the drawings?
14	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Adam, before we actually get
15	into the merits of the case, and we may it's entirely up
16	give you an option, but there is substantial
17	correspondence and some questioning of the project. There
18	was one that actually came in today at 4:53.
19	And I was just wondering if you want to continue
20	with the case tonight, or if you want to take a continuance
21	as a case not heard. If it's a case heard, then we'll have
22	to reassemble the same five members and to have discussions

1 with abutting property owners. ADAM GLASSMAN: Yep. We would prefer to present 2 tonight, let the Board hear the merits of this petition, the 3 petitioner and if a continuance is required, we'll certainly 4 consider that. 5 BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Okay. All right. 6 ADAM GLASSMAN: Olivia, can you pull up the files? 7 So 18-20 Fairmont Street, and it's an existing two-family 8 structure. It's outdated, it's in need of substantial 9 improvements and renovations inside and out. 10 The goal of our project is to enlarge this 11 structure, maintaining it as a two-family creating higher-12 quality, more livable spaces, especially on the third floor, 13 which has extremely, an extremely steep roof pitch. The 14 rooms currently in the attic space aren't really functional 15 or -- as bedrooms or much of anything else. 16 You know, goals include, you know, a respectful 17 integration into the neighborhood with an architectural 18 style that's present on the street, and to achieve this goal 19 of higher-quality housing. 20 We're here seeking relief to expand the footprint 21

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2	back bump out, also within left and right-side setbacks
3	requiring a special permit. And we'd be increasing our FAR
4	from a 0.74 to a 0.92, requiring a special permit for
5	existing nonconforming conditions.
6	Next slide, please?
7	A street view of the house showing some contextual
8	views. On the left, you can see the on the locus plan
9	No. 18 is identified. You can see that compared to other
10	structures on our block and behind us, we're a relatively
11	small footprint.
12	And enlarging it as we propose does not make it
13	substantially larger than many of our abutting and nearby
14	buildings.
15	Next slide, please?
16	Again, on the left an aerial view. The the
17	roof right in the middle with that bit of brown siding you
18	can see, that is our property. Just above it, the red
19	houses are our direct abutter on the right. You can see
20	behind us we have some pretty massive three- and four-story
21	triple-decker style structures.
22	Across the street from us and to the right we have

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1	a four-and-a-half story brick apartment building.
2	Directly to the left of us two homes down is a
3	mansard structure, similar design to what we're proposing.
4	And of course we've got smaller and medium-sized gable
5	structures in the neighborhood.
6	My point is that our proposed increase in size
7	will not be out of character with the scale of this
8	neighborhood and the increase in FAR is not inconsistent
9	with this neighborhood. It may not be consistent with every
10	house. But we're certainly within the broad range of scales
11	and sizes that exist around us.
12	Next slide, please?
13	Our zoning tables for Residence C: Residence C
13 14	Our zoning tables for Residence C: Residence C complies to any new construction in this neighborhood, in
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included in the FAR and GFA calculations. 1 The existing per unit size is 1850 square feet. 2 The proposed unit size is 2300 square feet. Again, not 3 extravagant, not inconsistent with many of the dwellings on 4 our block in our neighborhood. 5 Next slide, please? 6 Oh, actually, no -- not next slide. Let me --7 more here to review. Our left and right-side setbacks are 8 both existing nonconforming, no matter how we calculate it, 9 and we calculate it with the single, single-wall 10 calculation, which is the height plus the length divided by 11 -- divided by five. 12 Whether we use this method or the multiplane 13 method, we're still nonconforming. If we could have made 14 our setbacks conforming, then we would be here seeking far 15 less relief. But we're nonconforming with our setbacks. 16 Our rear setback is conforming and will remain 17 conforming. 18 Our building height in this legend is 32.4' and 19 our proposed building height is 32.4'. So it remains 20 21 conforming. Our ratio of open space is 34 percent existing. 22

1	We're proposing 40 percent. And the required is 36 percent,
2	so we're bringing that into conformance.
3	Next slide, please?
4	Our setback plans showing that the setbacks run
5	directly through the house. I know some of our neighbors
6	wanted us to calculate our setbacks differently. We've used
7	we tried some other methods. We've tried the multiplane
8	method; we tried even other zones. Our setbacks are
9	nonconforming, and that's really can't be disrupted.
10	So what you see towards the rear of the building
11	in grade is the existing bump out in white and gray to the
12	left. To the right we're proposing to widen the rear bump
13	out by approximately 2.5 feet on either side. We've also
14	got a rear deck, a left-side entry and a right-side exterior
15	entry also on site, also within the setbacks.
16	We would be dividing the structure between front
17	and back units. Right now it's it's configured with a
18	left and a right unit, which makes it extremely narrow and
19	creating front and rear townhouse-style units much more
20	desirable, comfortable livable spaces.
21	Next slide, please?
22	Our open space plans showing the removal of

1	various patios, concrete-covered patio deck, replacing
2	shabby, left- and right-side yards with more attractive
3	patio entries for both units, squaring off the existing
4	parking spaces to make them a little more attractive and
5	functional and maintaining the front green space,
6	maintaining and improving it.
7	Next slide, please?
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8	Our FAR plans for the existing house: 1493 square
9	feet on the first floor, 1459 on the second.
10	Next slide?
11	More FAR documentation. I think we can come back
12	to this if anyone has questions, but we have an existing 0.
13	74 at this time.
14	Next slide?
15	Again, proposed FAR widening the back on the first
16	and second floor, but still maintaining the rear façades, or
17	the rear side façades would still be recessed back behind
18	the main house, left and right façades.
19	Next slide, please?
20	Additional FAR calc information. You can see on
21	the lower right we're at 0.92 proposed.
22	Next slide?

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1	Unit sizes are not really pertinent to zoning. We
2	can move on to the next slide.
3	This documents the percentage of the house that we
4	are demolishing in order to construct the new Mansard roofs.
5	This was for the Historic Commission. We're under 25
6	percent. No demo delay was required.
7	Next slide, please?
8	Additional demo counts from the Historic
9	Commission.
10	Next slide, please?
11	Essentially areas of work and substantial
12	demolition within the building. The structure requires a
13	complete gut of the interior, basically rebuilding it from
14	the inside out. Our undersize framing cracking brought
15	undersized beams and posts, lack of headers, nonconforming
16	stairs.
17	Next slide, please?
18	3D views of the existing house. We will be
19	maintaining the front bays, most of the window pattern in
20	front, and will be reconstructing covered entries on the
21	side, consistent with the style of the existing.
22	You can see towards the back the smaller rear bump

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1	out. That's where the primary expansion of the house is, in
2	addition to the Mansard over the main volume.
3	Next slide, please?
4	Additional demo plans.
5	Next slide?
6	Additional demo plans. Both main roofs to come
7	out, construct new mansards.
8	Next slide?
9	Our demo elevations. We can yeah, we can we
10	can pass through this, I think. We can keep going. More
11	demo elevations. Here we have the proposed structure of
12	mansard.
13	I know we've had some negative feedback on the
14	design. You know, we really worked hard to make this an
15	attractive traditional style building. We'd be restoring
16	the original clapboard wood siding, the original
17	restoring original-style corner boards, refurbishing the
18	bays, maintaining the rear setbacks between the main volume
19	and the rear volume.
20	You know, our argument is that this is
21	proportionally correct. It's consistent with similar style
22	homes in the neighborhood, where we have mansards.

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1	Next slide, please?
2	Rear views: Both the front unit and the back unit
3	would have attractive covered entries. The rear unit has
4	the benefit of a nice rear deck with another canopy. Again,
5	traditional detailing, proper volumes.
6	Next slide, please?
7	Our proposed plans exclude any use of the basement
8	for additional bedrooms. We exclude any future accessory
9	dwelling units. There are no window wells, no exterior
10	stairwells. The basement can only be used as livable space,
11	but not additional density.
12	On the first-floor, open kitchen living plans for
13	both units are pretty standard for new and substantial
14	renovations of the structures. These days, on the second
15	floor we've got several bedrooms, standard, associated
16	spaces closets, laundry.
17	You keep scrolling on the third floor again: Two
18	bedrooms per unit. You can see towards the back on the
19	right side we have new windows over the stair for headroom,
20	and we do the same thing on the front unit towards the left
21	in the mansard. Most of the new windows actually at this
22	level are four are facing the neighbors for stair and

1 support spaces. Next slide, please? 2 Our elevations -- exterior elevations, again 3 showing the design of the mansard, the windows, the 4 canopies. The existing height to remain the same, no 5 6 change. Next slide, please? 7 I think you get more elevations. The style is 8 consistent around the house. You know, we're careful to 9 center windows, align windows to give this the proper 10 11 architectural appearance. Next slide, please? 12 Our building section just showing the ceiling 13 heights at each level. 14 Next slide, please? 15 We can come back to this if there are any 16 questions. Our comparison views, our 3D comparison views: 17 On the left is the existing structure on -- from the front 18 and the left, and on the right is our proposed view. 19 Again, the roof heights are consistent. The front 20 volume does not become any wider. The rear volume is 21 modestly wider. Most of this line -- is that it? Okay. 22

1	Another comparison: Before and after, existing
2	and proposed. While, you know, clearly the style of the
3	house changes at a certain point, it's definitely consistent
4	with homes throughout Cambridge, throughout our
5	neighborhood, even on our block.
6	Next slide, please?
7	The last comparison, 3D view. The third-floor
8	windows in the foreground in the back, those are supporting
9	stair head height. The other windows on the first and
10	second floor of the rear bump out are also for support
11	spaces, hallway space, airspace. One of the windows is a
12	dining room.
13	And I mention this as a transition to address some
14	of the concerns that came in from our abutters.
15	Is there another slide? Oh, just our site plan.
16	Okay. Believe that's the last slide.
17	So, you know, now I want to address some of the
18	comments that came in. I know we're going to hear from our
19	neighbors tonight. We had essentially one very intense
20	letter of opposition that was signed and circulated and
21	signed by various abutters to our right people from
22	beyond the neighborhood, which is their right. I completely

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1 understand. A few things I should mention from the start is 2 that, you know, there were some minor human errors in our 3 original application. They were not substantial. 4 We -- for example, we always call the building 5 height and the architectural set as to remain at 32.4' Our 6 surveyor hadn't updated his proposed information in a timely 7 manner and was calling out a taller roof line. 8 But of course we'd be held to the dimensions shown 9 in our architectural plans and elevations. There were some 10 thoughts on maybe we did this intentionally for some reason. 11 Of course we did not. 12 The north arrow on the site plan had been shown 13 incorrectly. That was brought to our attention on Monday 14 this week. That has been corrected and resubmitted but 15 can't be shown here because it came in on Monday. 16 There were concerns from our direct abutters on 17 the right regarding light, shadow, and privacy. And we 18 understand those concerns. We respect them. 19 We've made some offers to address them in e-mail 20 correspondence. There's been no response to those offers. 21 We offered then and offer now to reduce the proposed 22

1	building height by a foot, which would make it one foot
2	lower than the existing ridgeline.
3	We offered to make our rear right-side windows all
4	transoms so the sills would be above head height, and
5	they're hoping that would alleviate the concerns about
6	privacy. I know we stated in our application that there
7	would be no shadows cast. You know, perhaps that language
8	was too strong. I think what I should have said was no in
9	our opinion, meaningful or detrimental shadows cast.
10	You know, part of what makes this project
11	difficult at this point, as you'll see when the public
12	comment comes, is that we didn't reach out to neighbors as
13	quickly as we should have.
14	Both Fraser and I have been to this Board. We've
15	done many projects in Cambridge. We're usually spot on with
16	who's doing what with regard to abutter outreach. That I'm
17	I thought he was doing the outreach, he thought I was doing
18	the outreach. March 15 came, and we realized we hadn't done
19	the outreach, so Fraser quickly called our neighbors to our
20	right and our neighbors to the left at 16.
21	Our neighbor at 16 who Fraser spoke with I
22	forget her name; I apologize for that She had no interest

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1	in either opposing or supporting this project.
2	To our neighbors on the right, I know Ian spoke
3	with I'm sorry, Fraser spoke with Ian Ferguson on the
4	fifteenth. I am told Ian said that he knew this was
5	happening. He had received the notice from the city. He
6	had not looked at the plans yet, but he had no issues at
7	that time no questions or concerns. Then again, that was
8	last week on the fifteenth.
9	At some point, Fraser did e-mail him plans, I
10	think it was the next day, to make sure he had them. Maybe
11	he asked for them, I'm not surgery.
12	Our neighbors behind No. 22 at No. 24, we
13	Fraser left a message on the fifteenth. He didn't hear
14	back; he left his number. My information has always been
15	out there as a contact for this project; no one reached out
16	to us. And we realize the onus is on us to be proactive
17	about it. We were a little late to the game, but we did
18	reach out.
19	We got very little response until the Monday of
20	this week the flood of negative comments in it. And we have
21	addressed all those comments as quickly as we could;
22	material we can't present tonight, because it came in, you

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1	know, the comments came in on Monday. We weren't able to
2	get the shadow studies produced until a Tuesday fixing the
3	north arrow in the site plan, a few other wrinkles.
4	I wish I could show you the shadow studies
5	tonight. They're the shadows cast are very brief for a
6	very limited amount of time during the equinox. You know,
7	we're talking about a 1.5-hour window at one equinox and a
8	two-hour window at another. It's very brief.
9	So we've offered to reduce the height by a foot
10	and to address that concern as well as modify the windows on
11	the right side. No one has taken us up on that offer or
12	asked us for something in particular.
13	We know there's a lot of negative feedback. And I
14	think I'd like the Board to evaluate the project on its
15	merits. And I'll be happy to answer and respond to as many
16	of the comments that come up as I can.
17	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Well, let me chime in. I think
18	that the building obviously needs a transformation. I think
19	the plan that is before us is a nice plan, a nice
20	transformation, repurposing of the structure, except for the
21	back addition, which is what I hesitate, and I've been to
22	that site as actually even this afternoon around noontime.

1	I walked it again just to get a better sense of, you know,
2	the effect it has.
3	And I refer to the letter from Emily Holman
4	raising a number of issues. The pictures that are shown and
5	the effect that that back addition will have on the
6	adjoining property I think is valid, and I think it's
7	substantial.
8	And there is an awful lot of correspondence
9	some of it has come in lately, and I'm not sure if the Board
10	has reviewed all of it I don't know how it could have,
11	because I know I didn't.
12	And I guess my thought in trying to make some
13	sense of the you know, what you've submitted, the
14	dimensional form that was submitted on February 17 with the
15	application is not accurate, is that a question?
16	ADAM GLASSMAN: No, it is accurate. There are no
17	there are no errors in the form that I'm aware of at all.
18	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: On the one that you sent it
19	with the application? Okay.
20	ADAM GLASSMAN: Yes.
21	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: All right.
22	ADAM GLASSMAN: Unless it says we're proposing to

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1	raise the building height, I'm not sure. But the building
2	height remains the same.
3	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Except that you are
4	putting an addition on the back, which is raising that?
5	ADAM GLASSMAN: Correct, correct.
6	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Yeah, but.
7	ADAM GLASSMAN: We raise the roof.
8	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Right, but.
9	ADAM GLASSMAN: We raise the roof in the back.
10	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: But the high point is not
11	changing?
12	ADAM GLASSMAN: Exactly.
13	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: And again, I think that there
14	is substantial opposition here, and so, then you say, well,
15	you know, what is the opposition all about? and what have
16	you, and there's a tremendous amount of correspondence that
17	again, is trying to decipher, go through it all.
18	But and again, I will recite what I've said
19	many times in the past: You may have heard it, the Board
20	has heard it ad infinitum, but the Massachusetts Supreme
21	Judicial Court has stated repeatedly that the power to vary
22	the application of the zoning ordinance must be sparingly

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1	exercised, and only in rare instances and under exceptional
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2	circumstances peculiar in their nature, and with due regard
3	to the main purpose of the zoning ordinance is to preserve
4	the property rights of others.
5	And I would offer that the abutting properties are
6	asking that their property rights be upheld. So that's my
7	comment.
8	Jim Monteverde, any thoughts, questions?
9	JIM MONTEVERDE: I agree with the comments from
10	the Chair. And likewise, I have not seen the latest
11	correspondence that came in.
12	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Andrea Hickey, any
13	thoughts, comments?
14	ANDREA HICKEY: No. I agree with your comments,
15	Mr. Chair. I have nothing really to add.
16	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Matina Williams?
17	MATINA WILLIAMS: Yes. Again, I agree with your
18	comments.
19	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Slater Anderson?
20	SLATER ANDERSON: Yeah, I've would concur. I
21	agree with your comments. I think, you know, that it's the
22	appropriateness for the location of the project. And, you

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1	know, we could go back to the Pleasant Street project we had
2	earlier.
3	You know, that was a six-unit, 40-foot building,
4	but it was appropriate to the location. This is a residence
5	in a tight, densely-settled street looking to increase an
6	already nonconforming structure by, you know, 20-30 percent
7	in size.
8	And, you know, the light impacts I think are
9	legitimate the privacy impacts are legitimate. And I
10	just I don't think it's the appropriate project for the
11	location.
12	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Let me open it to public
13	comment. Any member of the public who wishes to speak
14	should now click the button that says, "Participants," and
15	then click the button that says, "Raise hand."
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	If you are calling in by phone, you can raise your
17	If you are calling in by phone, you can raise your hand by pressing *9 and unmute or mute by pressing *6, and
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	hand by pressing *9 and unmute or mute by pressing *6, and
18	hand by pressing *9 and unmute or mute by pressing *6, and you'll have up to three minutes in which to speak. And I
18 19	hand by pressing *9 and unmute or mute by pressing *6, and you'll have up to three minutes in which to speak. And I would ask that you limit your comments to be concise and
18 19 20	hand by pressing *9 and unmute or mute by pressing *6, and you'll have up to three minutes in which to speak. And I would ask that you limit your comments to be concise and within the three minutes.

1	the Board and also the entire Board. Thank you so much for
2	spending time on this project tonight and for all the work
3	that you do for our community.
4	Yeah, my name is Sandra Ferguson. I'm one of the
5	abutters. My husband Ian Ferguson is also on the call. We
6	live at 22 Fremont Street. And I just want to start off
7	with that I really loved what you said, Mr. Chair. You
8	know, this building really does need some love.
9	And so, we were genuinely excited to see that, you
10	know, it would go into a process of being renovated, which I
11	think it really needs.
12	And so, we were really hoping that, you know, we
13	would have great neighbors there and an additional another
14	family. You know, there's a lot of children on this street,
15	so we all, you know, get to know each other and are looking
16	forward to new neighbors.
17	I guess the couple comments that I would like to
18	make today is first off, I wish that Adam, you would have
19	agreed to push this hearing tonight. I feel like this was
20	very hasty, and it didn't actually really give the Board a
21	lot of, you know, opportunity to read everything.
22	We're also, between jobs and children, trying to

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1 make sure, you know, that we respond and kind of communicate. I agree with you, it would have been great to 2 see the shadow study today. 3 And I -- one of the things that I feel upset about 4 in this process is just that the original permit application 5 really stated that there was no loss of privacy, no creation 6 of any substantial shadows, and that the scale and character 7 of the house will remain UNC, as if this were a really small 8 ask. And I just don't think that's true. 9 And, you know, we bought our house, and you talk 10 about our property rights; you know, we bought our house 11 because we love the light. And what often is not shown 12 there is actually a deck on a house that abuts directly to 13 14 that other building. And it's great to show shadow studies that have 15 like a snapshot, but I found it and ran a Smart City company 16 that was local to Cambridge as the CEO, and I've done a lot 17 of solar studies, because we made solar products for smart 18 19 cities. And it's really about the hours of sunlight that 20 you get. And that will be really reduced with the proposed 21 project. So I think that is really a substantial piece to 22

1 what we oppose to.

2	There's also the loss of privacy that, in
3	particular our neighbors will be facing. Suddenly three
4	windows going up. I mean, there's basically two stories
5	being added across from their children's bedrooms. And I
6	think Emily will also take her three minutes. So thank you
7	for letting us speak.
8	So and yes, the proposed transom windows to
9	address privacy concerns, but we haven't really seen an
10	elevation. Like, this is all, obviously, going very quickly
11	again. Like, I wish we would have just pushed this to the
12	next meeting so that we would have also more of a chance to
13	review plans.
14	And yeah, we need a little bit more time also to
15	review things. But I can already say looking at the light
16	study, there will be a substantial change to us.
17	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: All right. All right. Thank
18	you. Nobody else calling in.
19	Emily?
20	STEPHEN NATOLA: Emily Holman?
21	[Pause]
22	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Emily Holman?

# March 23, 2023

1	HASSANALY LADHA: Hello. Can you hear me?
2	Or is that Emily?
3	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Yes.
4	HASSANALY LADHA: Oh, okay.
5	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: If you would introduce yourself
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7	HASSANALY LADHA: I don't know why
8	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: for the record.
9	HASSANALY LADHA: [Laughter] this is actually Emily
10	Holman's husband. I'm not sure my computer is not
11	cooperating. So I've been in Africa. I just landed at
12	Logan, and I'm between the gate and passport control.
13	THE REPORTER: Could you state your name for the
14	record, please?
15	HASSANALY LADHA: So I did get a message at the
16	end of last week, I think it was Friday, from Fraser. And
17	it was sort of this comment that or sometime last week,
18	you know, oh "We're just squaring off the house doing a few
19	things." It didn't sound like anything I needed to jump on.
20	But when we did, it was, you know, we dug into it,
21	we found that they're increasing the volume by a staggering
22	amount for a house that's already 20 percent bigger than all

1	the houses are you know, than the houses certainly to
2	on Fairmont Street to the left and the right.
3	I think the Board had already mentioned a lot of
4	the criticism a lot of these criticisms, and I don't want
5	to sort of reiterate any, you know, things that have already
6	already been said.
7	But I would I would just like to add that a lot
8	of these, a lot of the claims that applicant is making, or
9	the architect is making about the original forms are really
10	are really not true.
11	There's a lot of obfuscation, and there's a lot of
12	you know, the setback calculations, you know, even the
13	multiplane formula that he used, which we got yesterday, we
14	find it erroneous because he's not using he's using a
15	maximum height across the entire single plane, which is not
16	what the study should do.
17	He mentions these, that we've not responded to his
18	offers, but they came in last night. You know, so you
19	know, there's a lot I mean, it's very hard for us to sort
20	of view all this as anything in the realm of of good
21	faith. We've sort of, you know, the bottom line is that the
22	impact on, on light in the area is significant.

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1	On privacy, there are you know, this light
2	study that was sent yesterday is, again, you know, it
3	doesn't show it doesn't show 9:00, 12: 00 and 3:00. It
4	shows 11:00. What happens before 11:00 am.
5	I mean, there's just you know, I the applicant
6	seems to be you know, in all our experience in Cambridge,
7	and we've lived here 20 some years, it seems to you know,
8	not respectful at all of, you know, of neighbors that have
9	some familiarity with the code.
10	There's no there's no way that a 6100 square-
11	foot two-family house is typical. And certainly not the
12	houses around us are 20-24, 26, 28, 16, 15. Immediate
13	houses on Fremont Street are all around a 0.6 FAR, not 20
14	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: All right. Okay. Great.
15	Thank you. Thank you for calling in.
16	HASSANALY LADHA: Yeah.
17	STEPHEN NATOLA: Ian Ferguson?
18	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Three minutes, Ian.
19	IAN FERGUSON: Hello? Okay. Hello, everyone.
20	Hello, hello, BZA Board. And thank you for giving me an
21	opportunity to speak here. My wife and neighbor have just
22	given a good take on this. Just to emphasize sort of the

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1	key points, it's definitely definitely on the light, and
2	sort of the impacts the structure will have on our morning
3	light, which is definitely something I value every single
4	day.
5	I also just want to yeah, so I just basically
6	want to reemphasize that, and then I also just want to, you
7	know, emphasize that this is going to be sort of like a
8	block-like building, almost like a wall running our the
9	full length, which right now has a bit of character to it
10	and is a little bit more interesting than what we than
11	what I believe will be in these current plans, and just sort
12	of create a precedent for these sort of large block houses
13	on our block.
14	Yeah. And so, I don't think I need to go and
15	emphasize all these things much further, but I just wanted
16	to you know, just sort of bring these up again, because I
17	think they're really harmful.
18	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Thank you.
19	STEPHEN NATOLA: Christian Grippo?
20	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: All right. Three minutes.
21	CHRISTIAN GRIPPO: Thank you. Can you hear me?
22	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Yes.

1	STEPHEN NATOLA: Yes.
2	CHRISTIAN GRAPPO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and
3	members of the Board. I'm a longtime Cambridgeport
4	resident. And yeah, I object to this project. According to
5	the applicant's dimensions, he's complying with C-1 GFA, and
6	I believe he cannot increase the GFA without a variant.
7	Also wanted to say that he proposes an FAR of 0.94
8	and when most of the properties are around 0.6. So he's
9	seeking more than 50 percent than what is allowed in our
10	district. And he already has 0.74 FAR.
11	And so, he wants to go from a 5000-square-foot
12	with a finished basement on a 5000-sqaure-feet lot. And so,
13	he wants even more than that, making a 6100-square-feet two-
14	family.
15	And this is not typical from Cambridgeport. And I
16	think it really creates a detriment to the abutters. And
17	he's already increasing our volume that on a 0.74 house in a
18	C district by the more than 44 percent.
19	So the numbers are huge. So I think this sets a
20	serious negative precedent in the Cambridgeport, and I it
21	would mean that anybody with a nonconforming house could be
22	up to, you know, house of 50 percent bigger than what the

1	code requires in the neighborhood. And I don't think that's
2	the intent of the code.
3	And again, I think this was also mentioned before:
4	They presented the petition as if it was a small request,
5	but this is a huge, yeah, request. And with a huge impact.
6	So I urge the Board to reject this petition and avoid
7	setting this trouble precedent for Cambridge.
8	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Thank you very much, Christian.
9	CHRISTIAN GRAPPO: Have a good night.
10	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.
11	STEPHEN NATOLA: Another Emily Holman.
12	EMILY HOLMAN: Hi. Sorry. I've been having
13	trouble getting the button to push. Thank you so much, Mr.
14	Chairman and members of the Board for, you know, taking into
15	consideration the concerns that we expressed in our
16	correspondence.
17	And I mean, we're super open to talking about
18	these things, it's just this has all come so fast. And
19	there really just hasn't been a chance. And the way that
20	anyway, these offers have come so late. Like, it just
21	hasn't been kind of open in the same way that Adam's kind of
22	maybe I feel it hasn't felt that way to me in the way

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1 he's characterizing it. So anyway, but, you know, I think the main point 2 is that this characterization again of like a minor, "Oh, 3 it's just a couple of hours of light in the morning" if 4 that's even it, I mean in the pictures -- and I've been kind 5 of monitoring and everything -- you know, over these last 6 days trying to sort of get my brain around it. 7 It's like all the morning light until, you know, 8 10:00 or 11:00, which is like the whole morning. And it's 9 like washing the dishes light. It's, you know, my 3-year-10 old playing on the carpet light. It's -- it's not a joke. 11 And it's like what makes our house a home. And it's just --12 it'll completely change the whole character of the house 13 when we lose that. 14 And it's also that it's having -- I have two teens 15 as well. Like, getting the 3-year-old up in the morning, 16 getting the 7 -- the, you know, 15-year-old for high school. 17 Like, you need that more light, not just at, like, 10:00 you 18 need it at -- anyway, all the earlier hours too. So I mean 19

21 And I mean I think a lot of this stuff has already

22 been expressed in the correspondence. But, you know, there

Sandra kind of mentioned that. But --

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1	is all this also this potential issue with possibly
2	needing a variance for the kinds of requests he's making
3	because I think with the 0.74 FAR, he is compliant in the C-
4	1 district.
5	And, you know, that would mean that he would need
6	to any increase in floor area or units or whatever it
7	needs to be within the limits of the existing structure.
8	I'm pretty sure that's how the [indiscernible] goes. So
9	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: All right.
10	EMILY HOLMAN: something else to just be aware
11	of. But thank you so much for
12	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: All right.
13	EMILY HOLMAN: considering our comments.
14	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, Emily. Okay. That
15	is the end of people calling in. There is quite a
16	substantial amount of correspondence back and forth from the
17	petitioner and abutting property owners and other concerned
18	citizens.
19	Is it the sense of the Board that this matter
20	should be continued? Jim Monteverde? Andrea? Matina?
21	Slater? Anybody agree with that assessment?
22	JIM MONTEVERDE: I do. I agree.

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1	MATINA WILLIAMS: I agree as well.
2	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Yeah.
3	SLATER ANDERSON: Well, I okay, I mean the
4	applicant requested to have this heard tonight. So I'm
5	ready to go for a vote on this thing.
6	MATINA WILLIAMS: Okay. I concede.
7	ANDREA HICKEY: I agree with Slater. The
8	applicant knew there was opposition and chose to proceed.
9	So I think we should go to a vote.
10	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Unless the petitioner
11	asks for a continuance, which is a courtesy that the Board
12	does extend. So Adam, I turn it back to you. Either
13	ADAM GLASSMAN: I'm definitely I would
14	definitely request a continuance. We have started
15	brainstorming on how to redesign the rear roof to bring this
16	down, you know, when I heard where this was going.
17	So we respectfully request a continuance. We'll
18	see if we can try to come up with something more appealing
19	to us neighbors. I'm sorry they felt that this was rushed.
20	I mean, everyone was able to log in tonight, was able to
21	you know, they received a notice, it's not like the plans
22	have been hidden. You know, we we shared them on our own

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a little late, but they've always been available. 1 And our offers to produce the [connection 2 interference] and the roof height they came late because all 3 of the opposition came in on one day, just happened to come 4 in on the day that would make it impossible for us to get 5 our responses, our shadow studies into the --6 7 BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Okay. ADAM GLASSMAN: -- into the file for the 8 9 presentation. Okay. BRENDAN SULLIVAN: 10 ADAM GLASSMAN: That being what it is, we would 11 like to continue. 12 BRENDAN SULLIVAN: All right. Which goes back to 13 my original statement, whether or not you really wanted to 14 15 go forward. ADAM GLASSMAN: Well, I wanted the Board to hear 16 the merits of it. I -- you know, I think --17 BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Other than to get a sense of 18 the Board, which it appears that there's a high hurdle here 19 to cross on this particular project. So --20 ADAM GLASSMAN: Yep. 21 BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Members of the Board, can we 22

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extend the courtesy, then, to continue this matter one more 1 2 time? JIM MONTEVERDE: I would say yes. 3 BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Okay. There are two dates: 4 Either May 11 or May 25. That's available. It's a case 5 heard, so I would ask members of the Board: Jim, Andrea, 6 Matina, Slater, are you available on May? Let me ask you 7 this: If you are not available on either May 11 or May 25? 8 ANDREA HICKEY: I am not available on May 25. 9 BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Okay. 10 ADAM GLASSMAN: May 11 suits us, Mr. Chair? 11 BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Is everybody -- Jim, Andrea, 12 Matina, Slater available on May 11? 13 JIM MONTEVERDE: Yes, I am. 14 BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Okay. So let me make a motion, 15 then, to continue this matter to May 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. 16 on the condition that the petitioner change the posting sign 17 to reflect the new date of May 11, 2023 and the time at 6:00 18 19 p.m. That the petitioner sign a waiver to the statutory 20 requirement for a hearing and a decision to be rendered 21 thereof into the statutory requirement. Such waiver shall 22

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March 23, 2023

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Attachments:	2023_0413 18 Fairmont St BZA Plans REVISED DRAFT.pdf

Dear Abutters at 22 and 24 Fairmont St.

Thank you again for meeting with us at your homes on April 6.

It was very helpful for us to better understand how you experience the light and views from your homes and how our work can impact your quality of life.

Our takeaways from the meeting are as follows:

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3) You prefer we add our desired additional space to the left side if possible.

4) You prefer we maintain the existing scale of the structure as much as possible.

5) The previously proposed increase in FAR felt excessive.

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6) You have concerns about decreased privacy from the new windows on the right side of the rear addition.

Attached you will see substantially revised plans that we believe address each of these concerns.

1) Instead of the previously proposed main mansard we now propose raising the existing front gable roof ridge just 20" and adding 15'-0" dormers on either side, designed per the Cambridge Dormer Guidelines. This will allow us to utilize our attic in a way consistent with modern living without changing the massing or character of the existing house. The existing roof eave will remain as is. This to us seems a modest and reasonable change to the existing structure without posing any substantial detriment.

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6) To preserve your sense of privacy the (4) proposed windows on the right side of the rear addition are all transoms with high sill heights, and as the plans show those (4) transom windows serve the new right side stair and are not adjacent to any bedrooms or primary living spaces. These (4) transom windows are all smaller than the existing (4) full size double hung windows they will replace. The existing door will also be removed. The amount of window openings on the right side of the rear addition has in fact decreased from the existing conditions by approx. 50%.

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MAX FAR 0.74		0.82	0.60	EXISTING NON CONFORMING					
MIN. LOT SIZE	5,000 sq. ft.	5,000 sq. ft.	5,000 sq. ft.	YES					
MIN. LOT AREA PER DWELLING UNIT	2,500 sq. ft.	2,500 sq. ft.	1,800 sq. ft.	YES					
MIN. LOT WIDTH	50'	50'	50'	YES					
MIN. FRONT SETBACK	30' - CENTER L. 15' - STREET L.	30' - CENTER L. 15' - STREET L.	(H+L)/4 MIN.10'	YES					
MIN. LEFT SIDE SETBACK	10.4'	5'	(*) EXTG.= 16.80' (**) PROPOSED = 16.86'	EXISTING NON CONFORMING					
MIN. RIGHT SIDE SETBACK	9.9'	9.9'	(*) EXTG.= 16.80' (**) PROPOSED = 16.86'	EXISTING NON CONFORMING					
MIN. REAR SETBACK	26.8'	26.8'	20'	YES					
MAXIMUM HEIGHT	32.4'	34.06'	35'	YES					
RATIO OF PRIVATE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA	34%	52%	36%	YES					

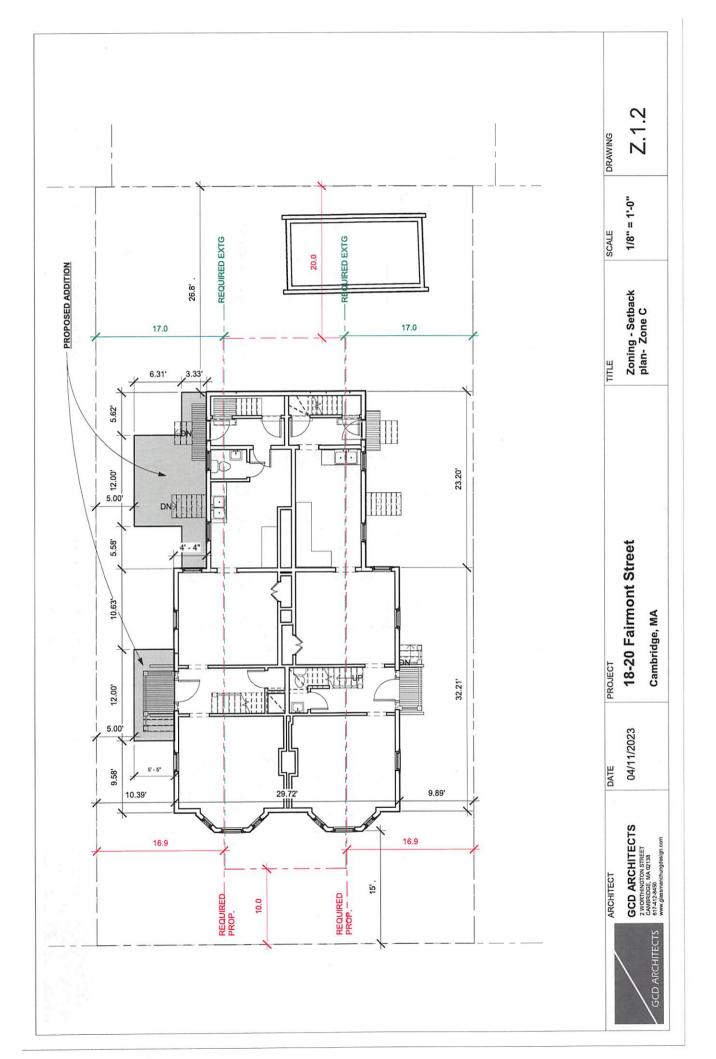
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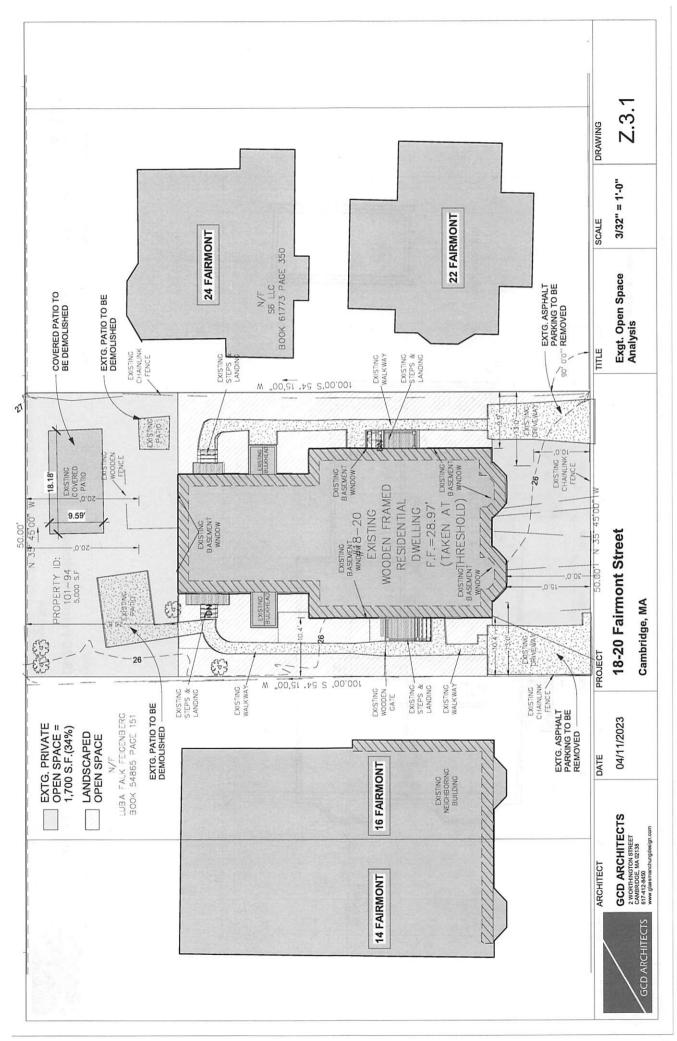
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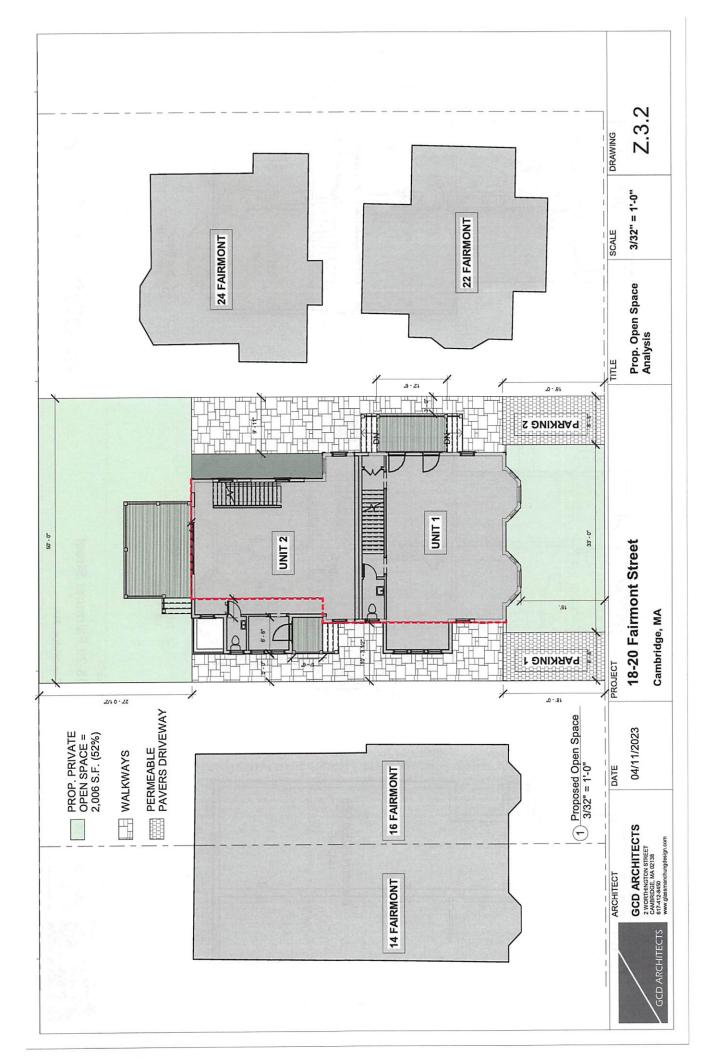
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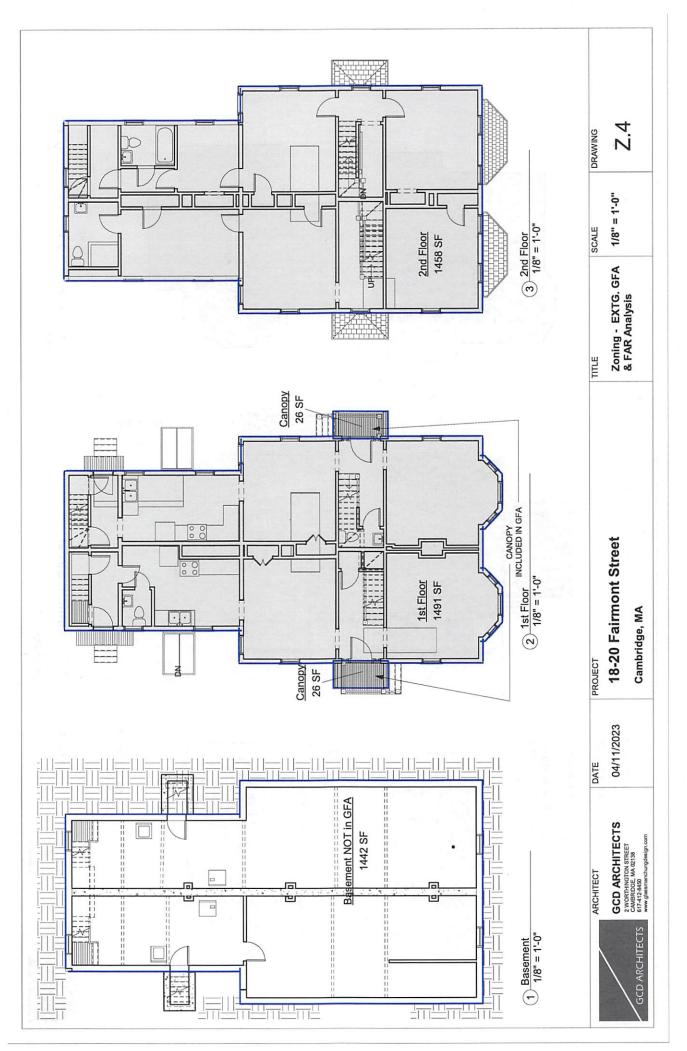
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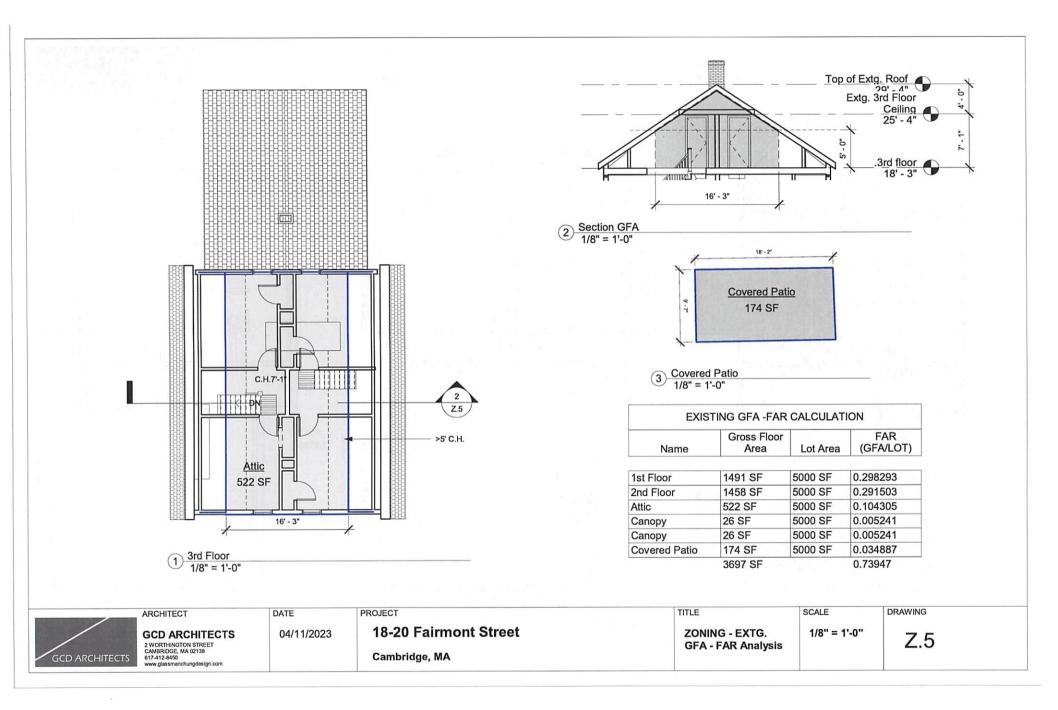
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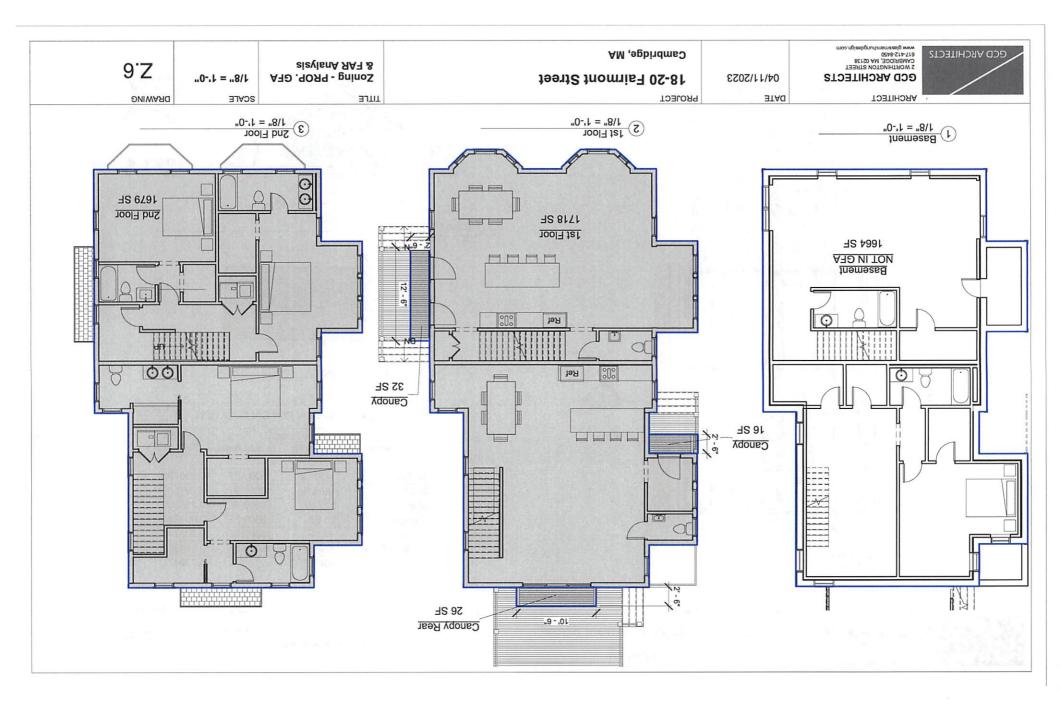


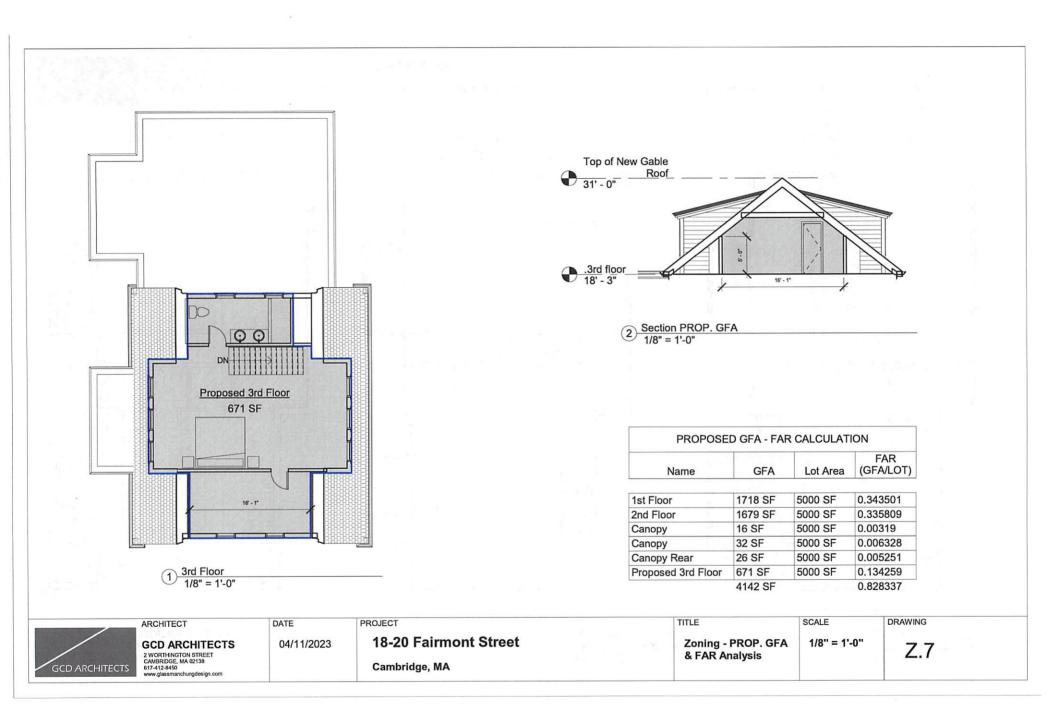


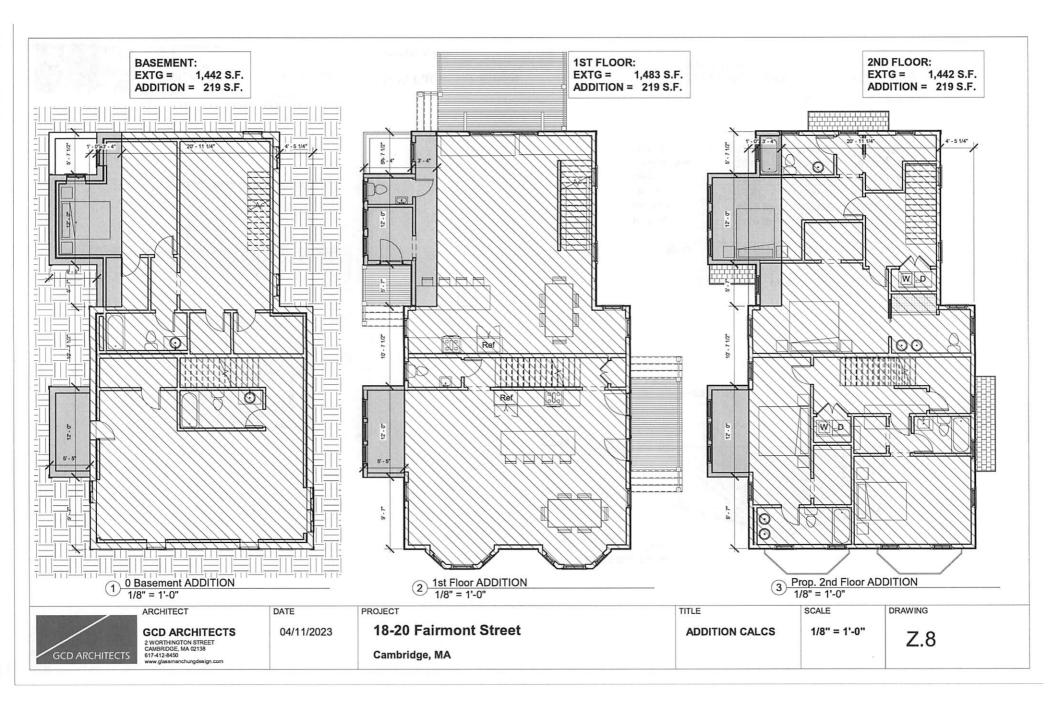


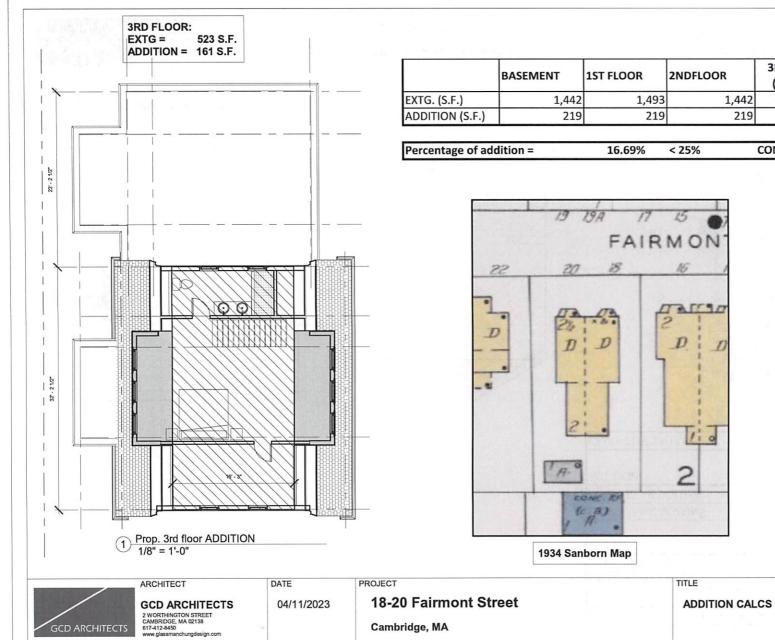












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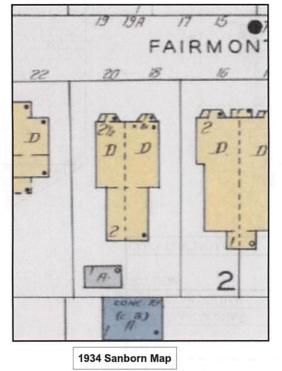
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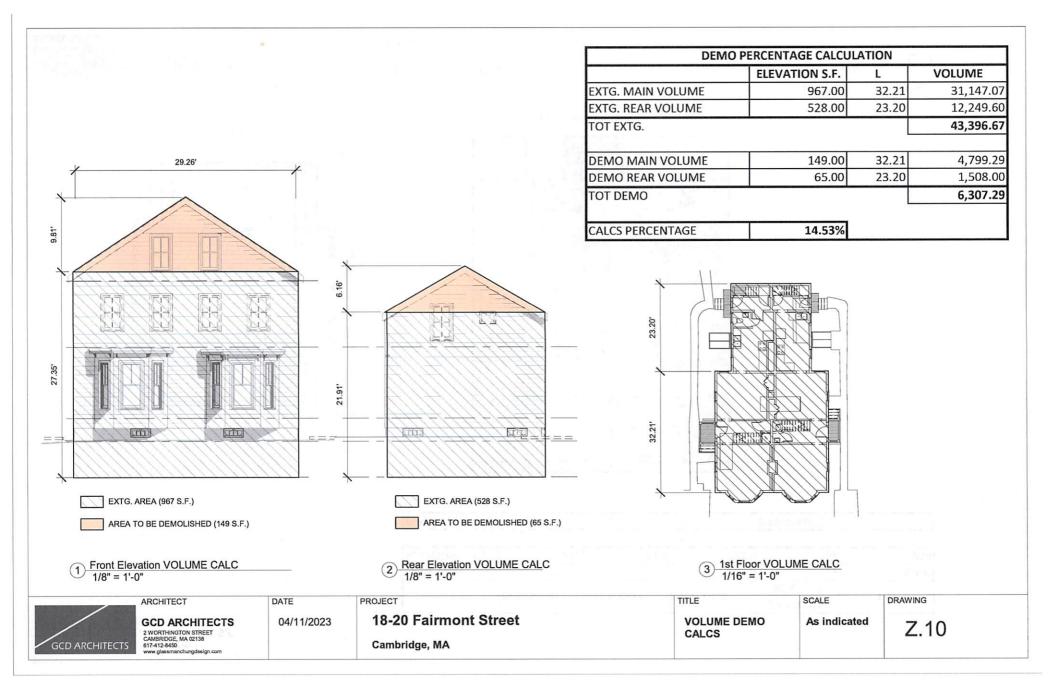
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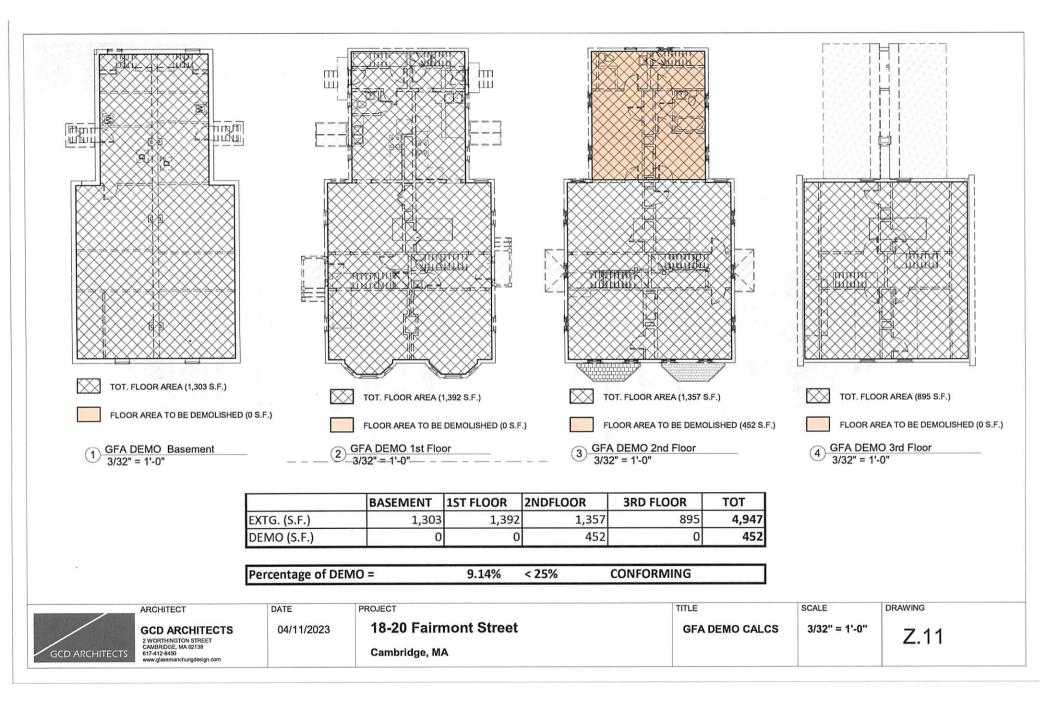
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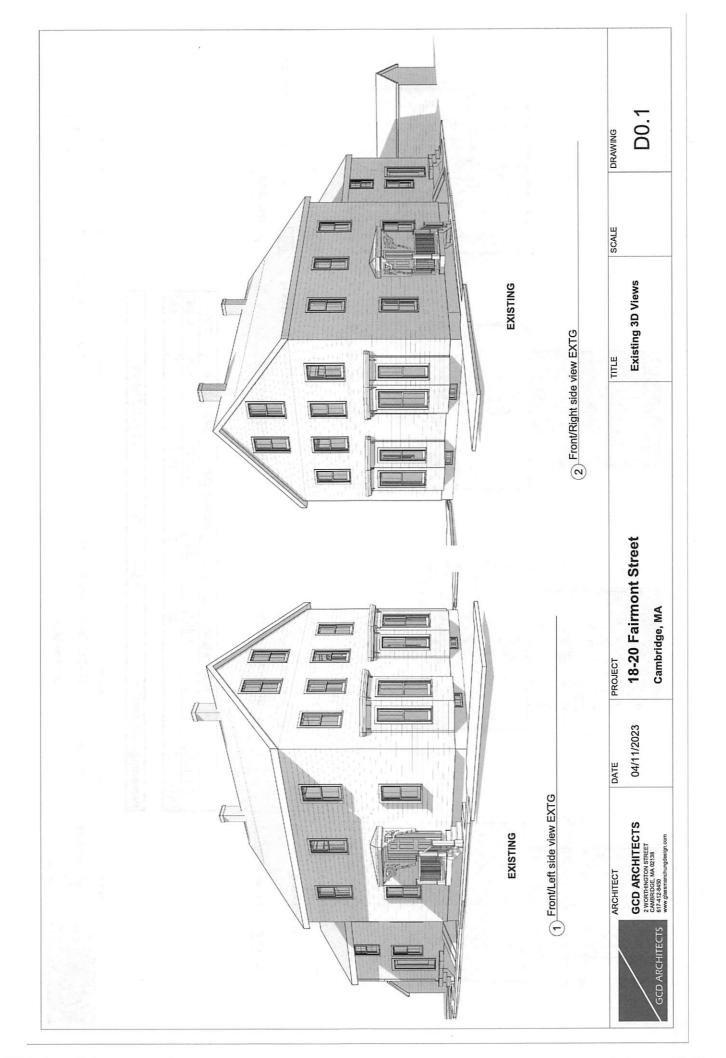
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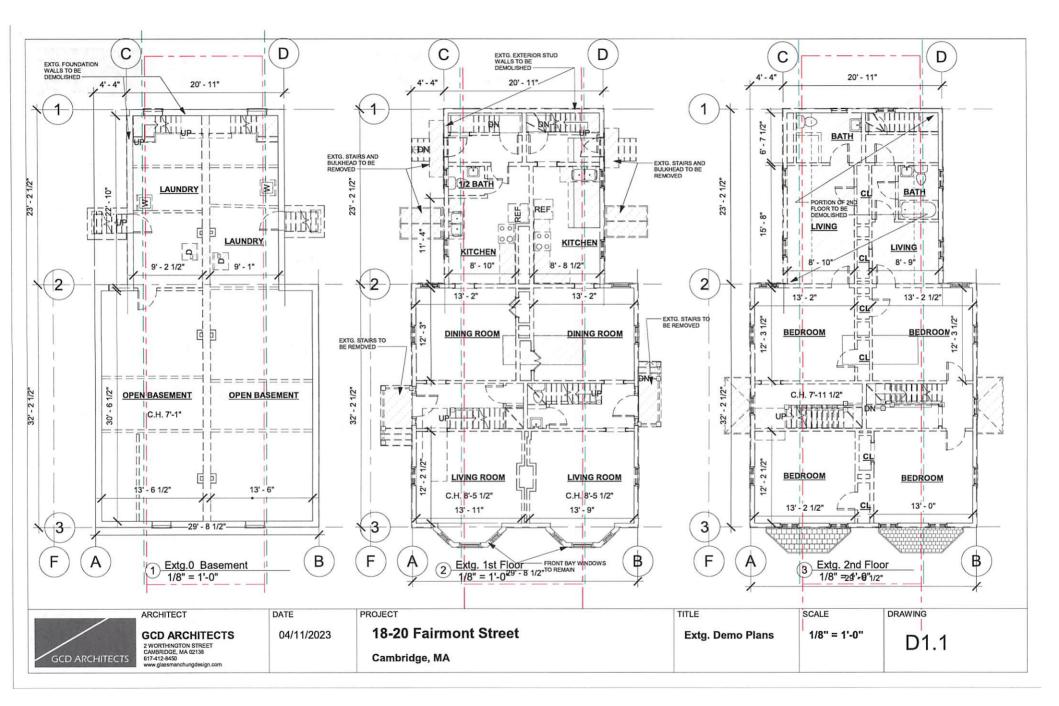
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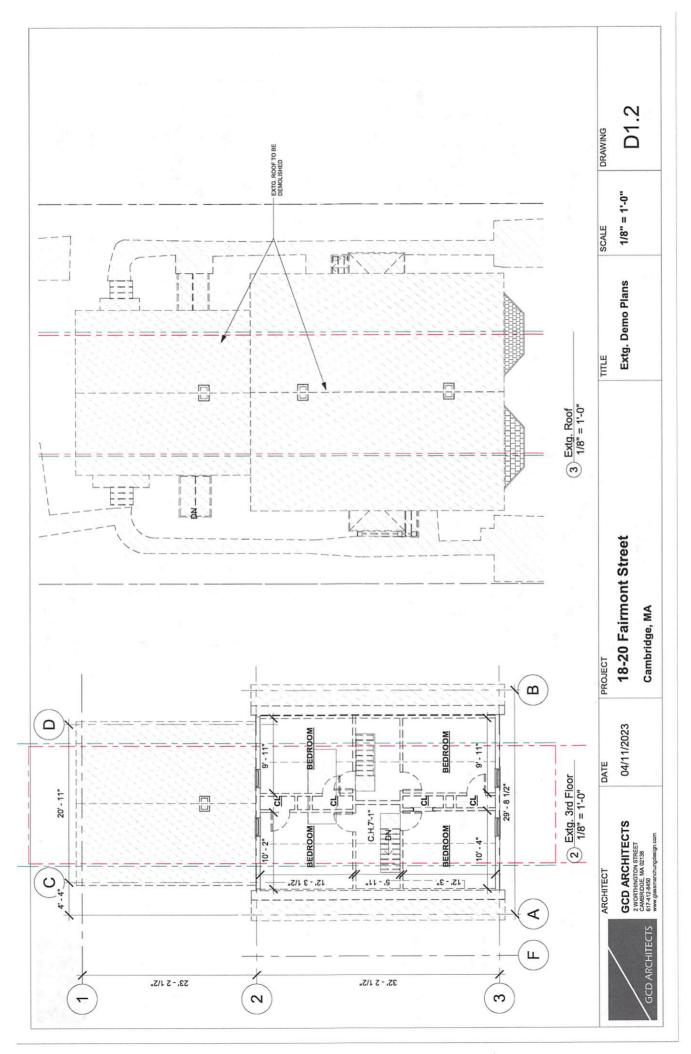




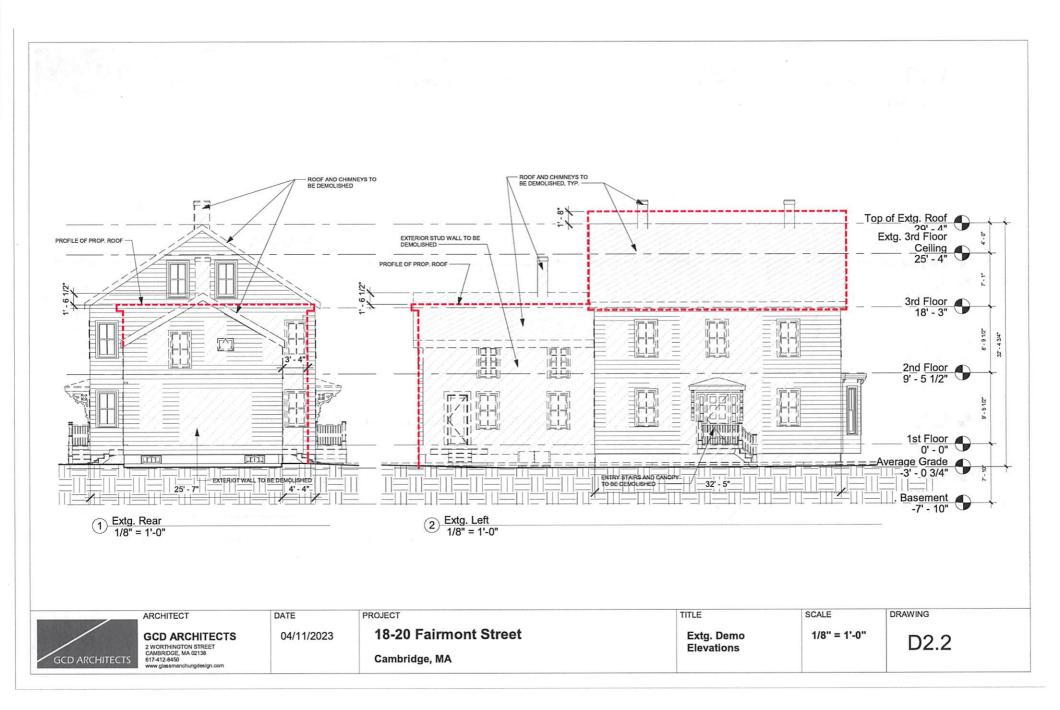




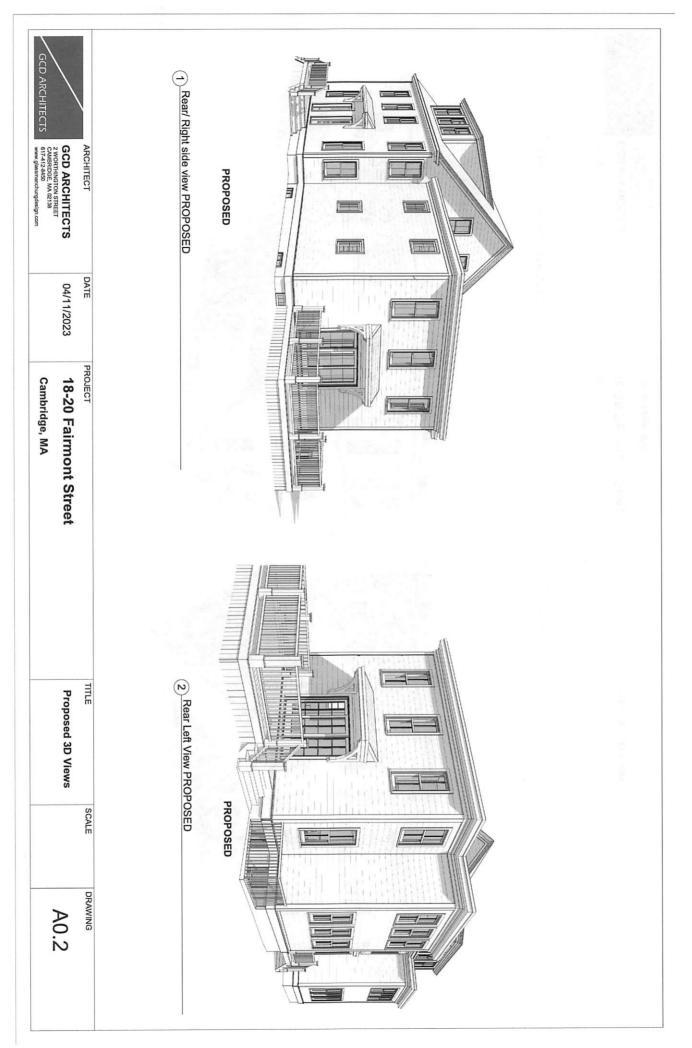


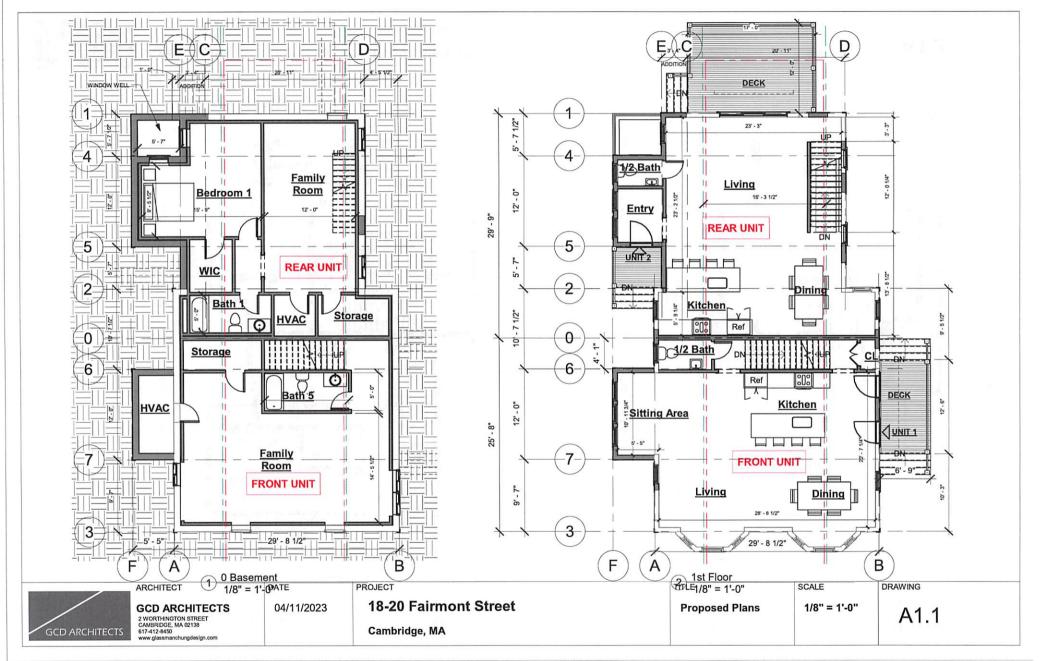


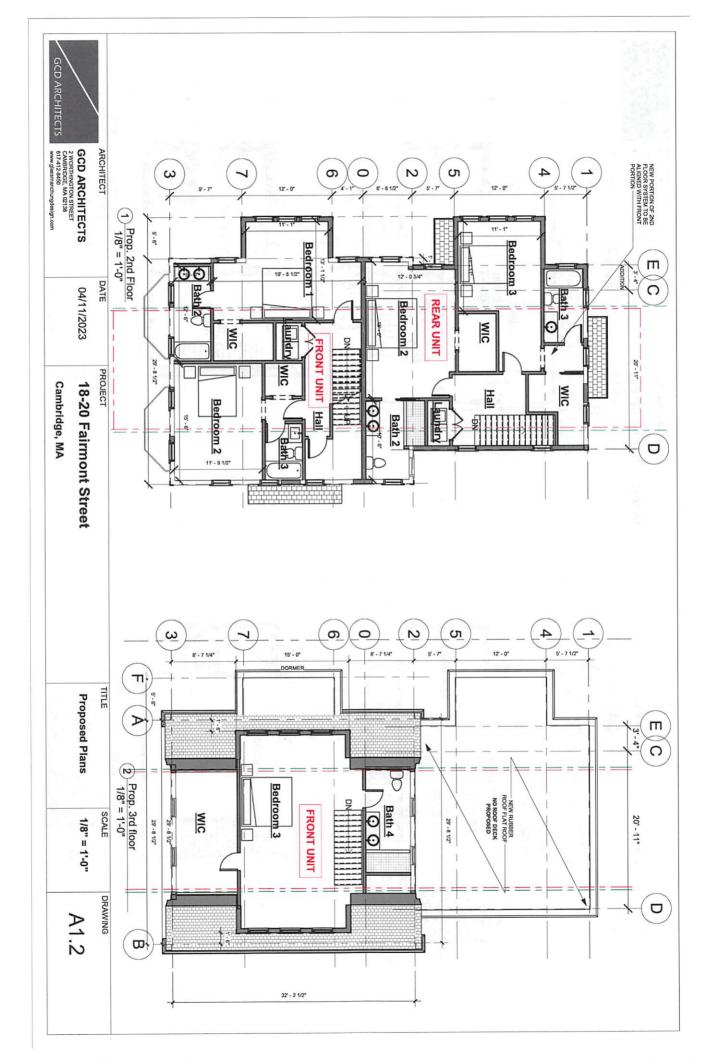


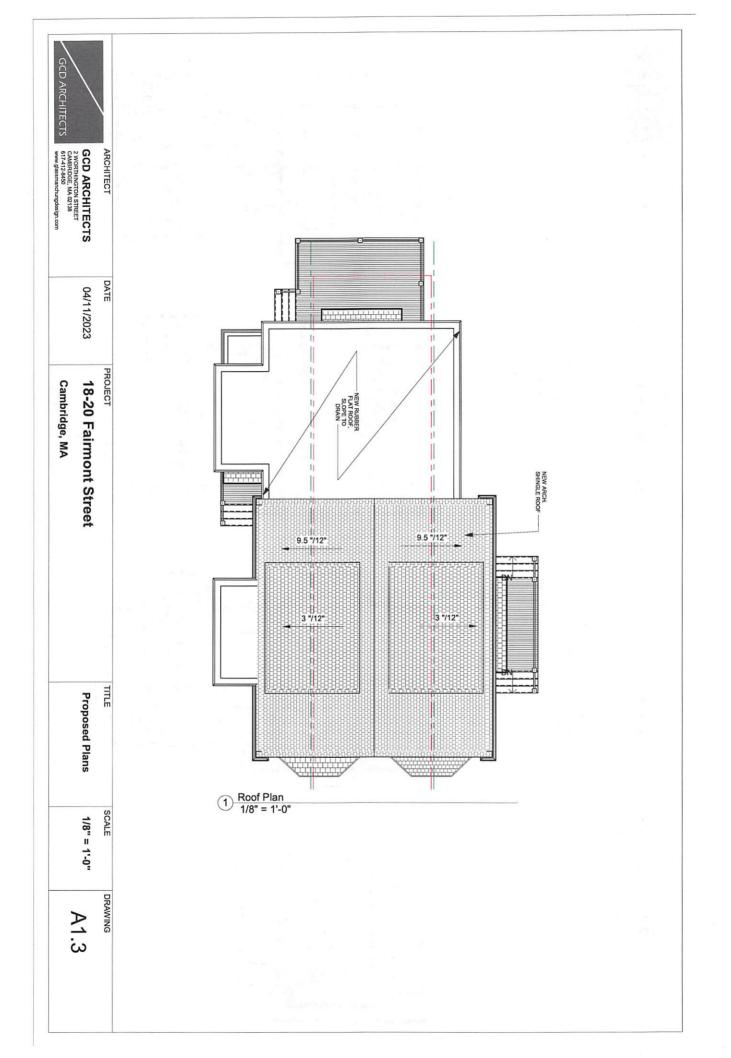


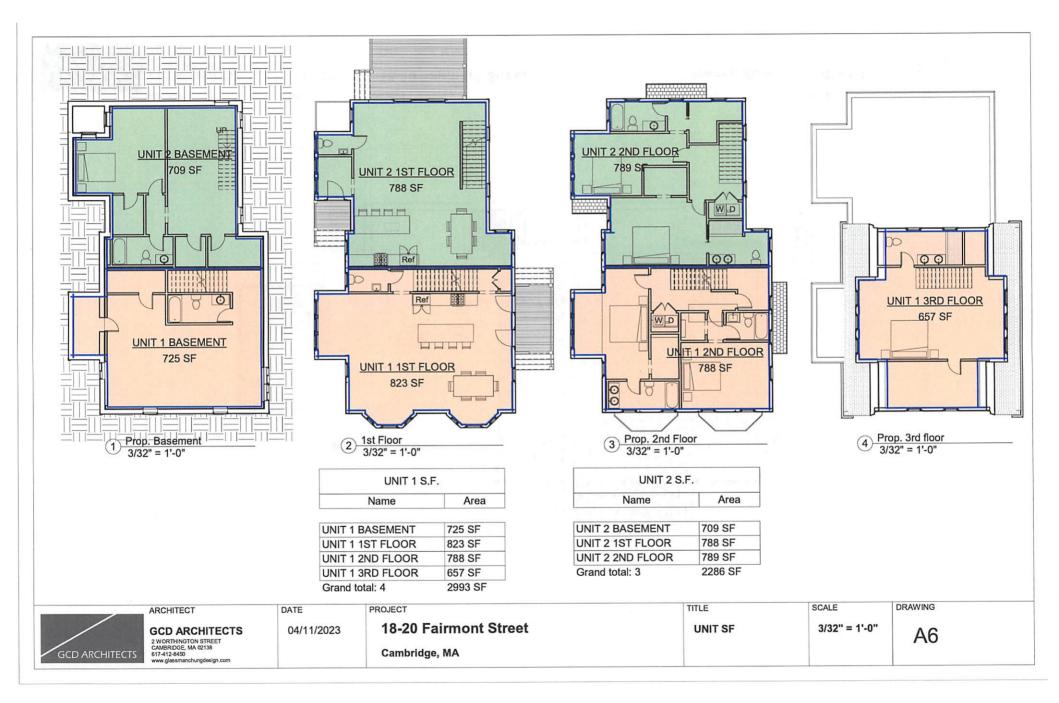


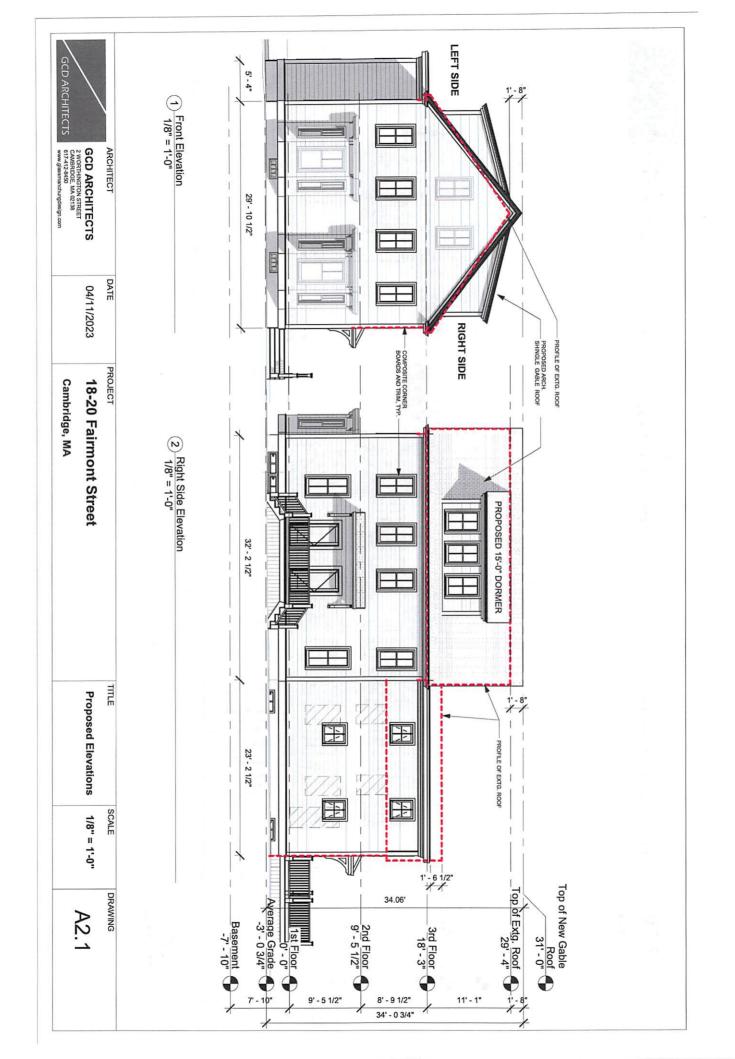




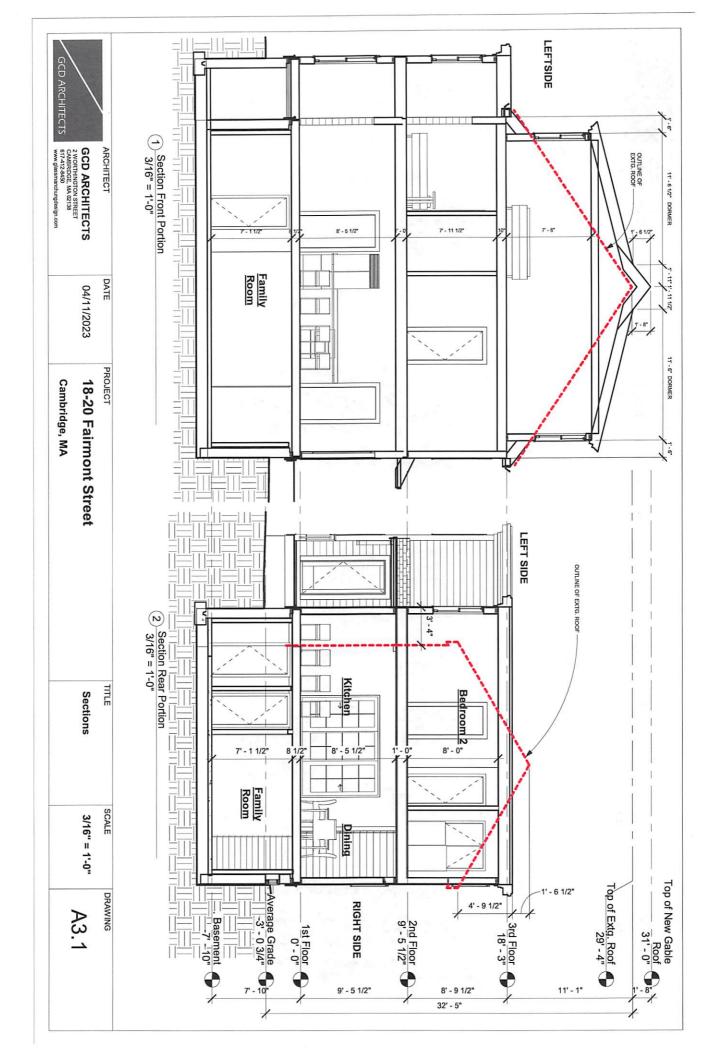


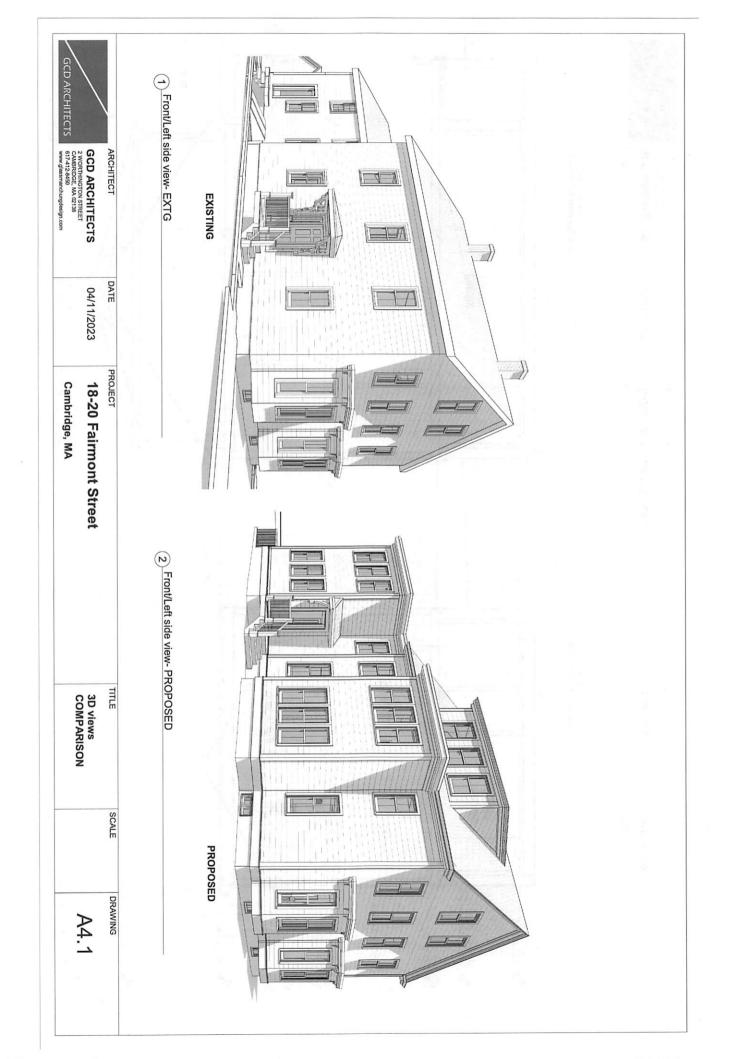


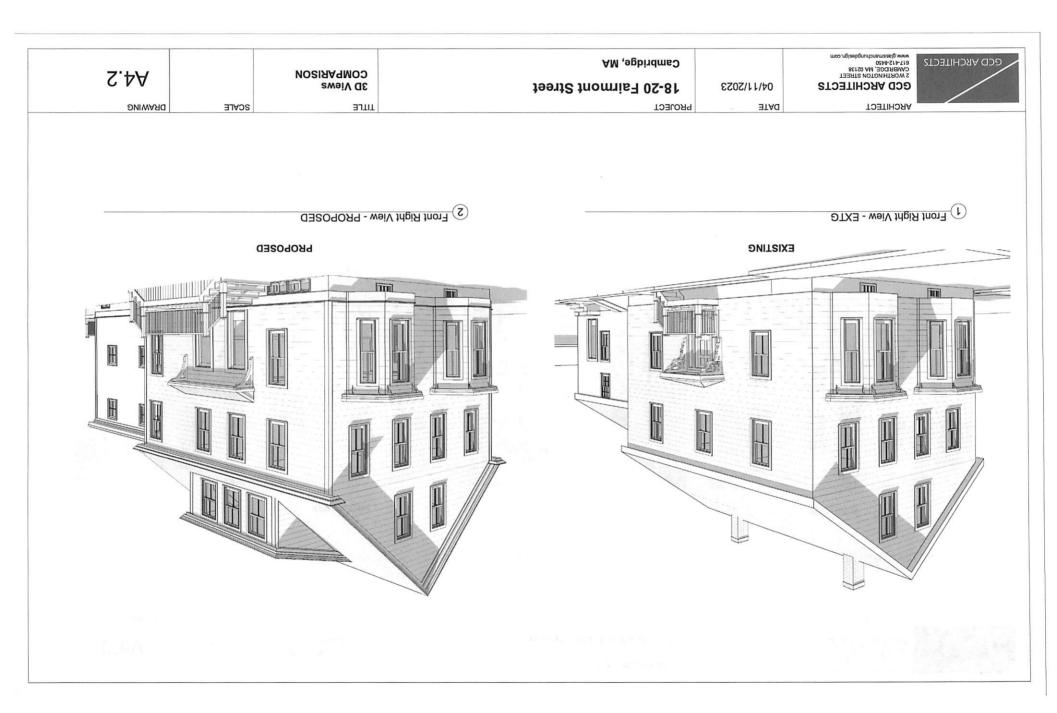




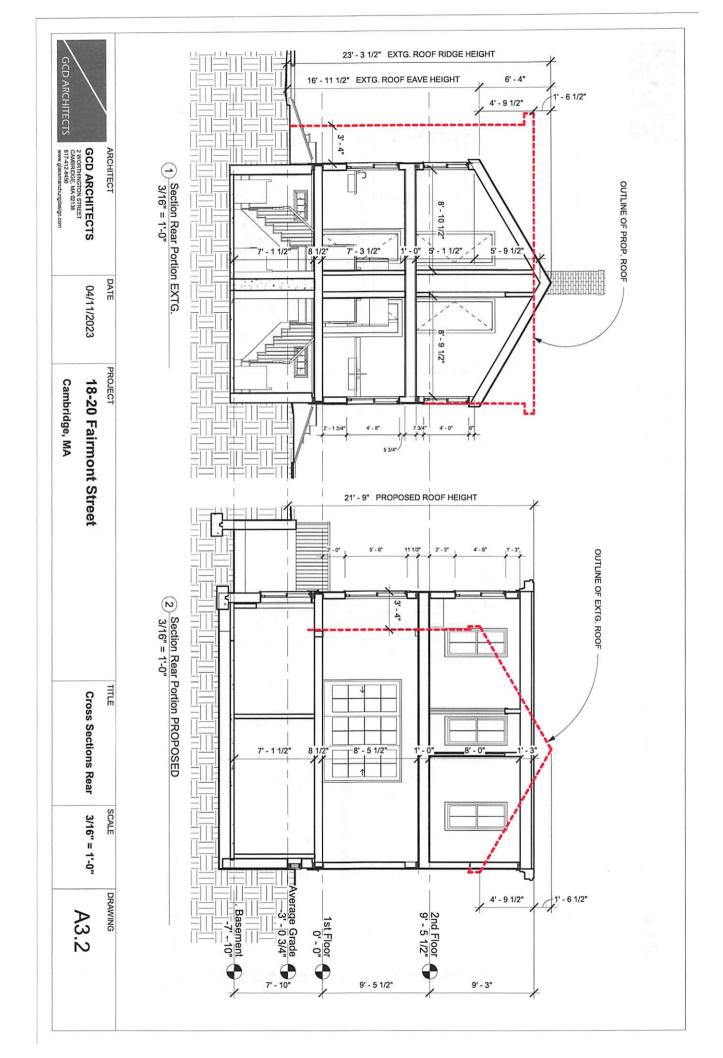


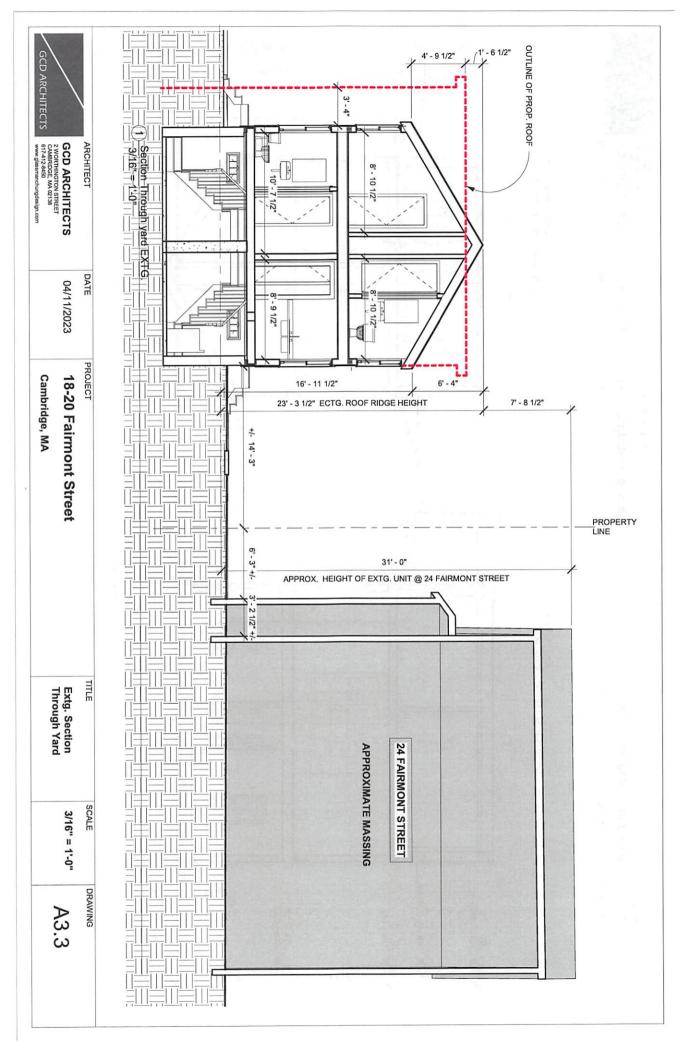


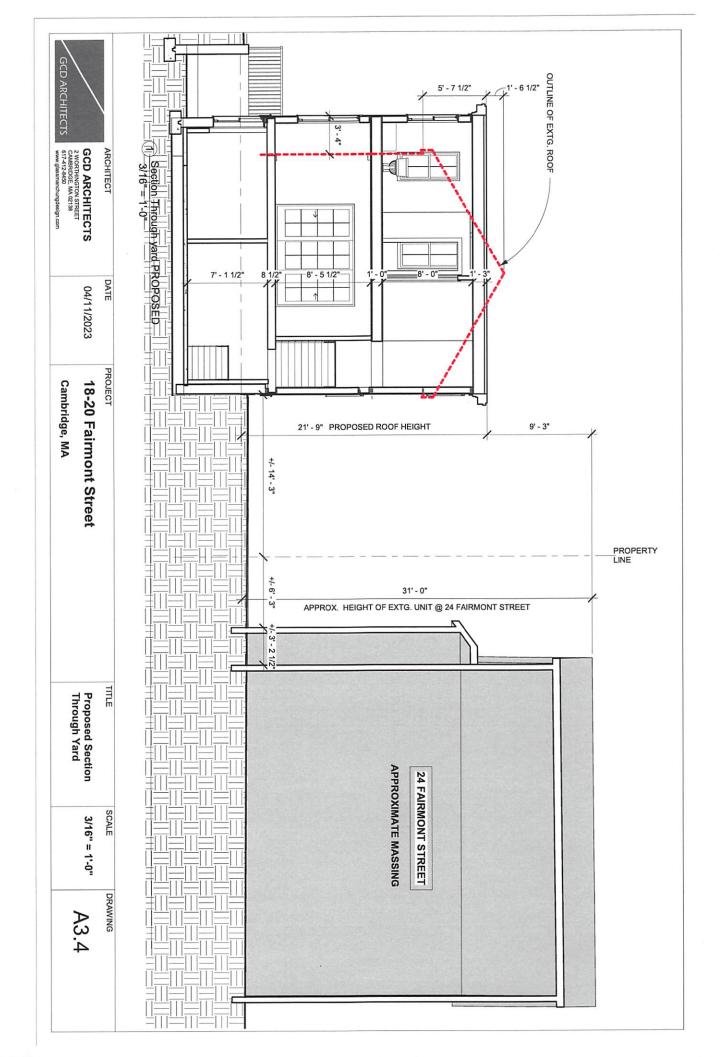














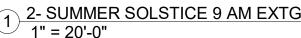








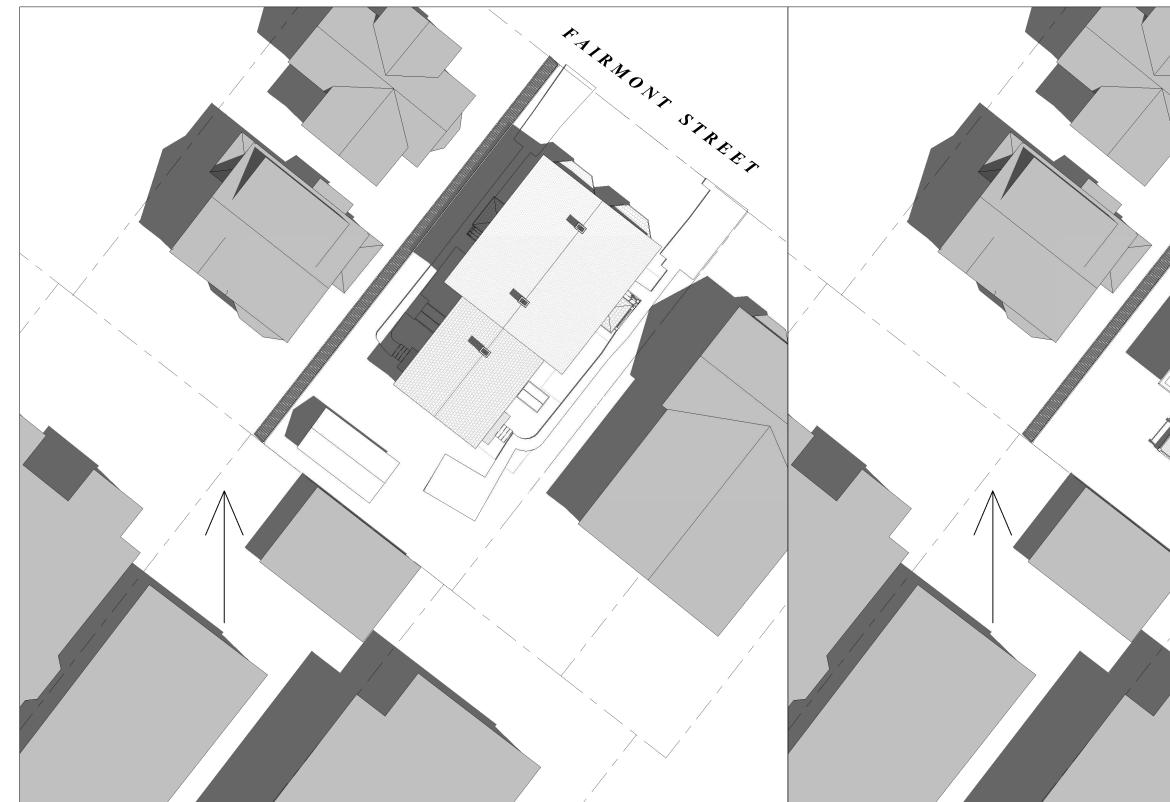












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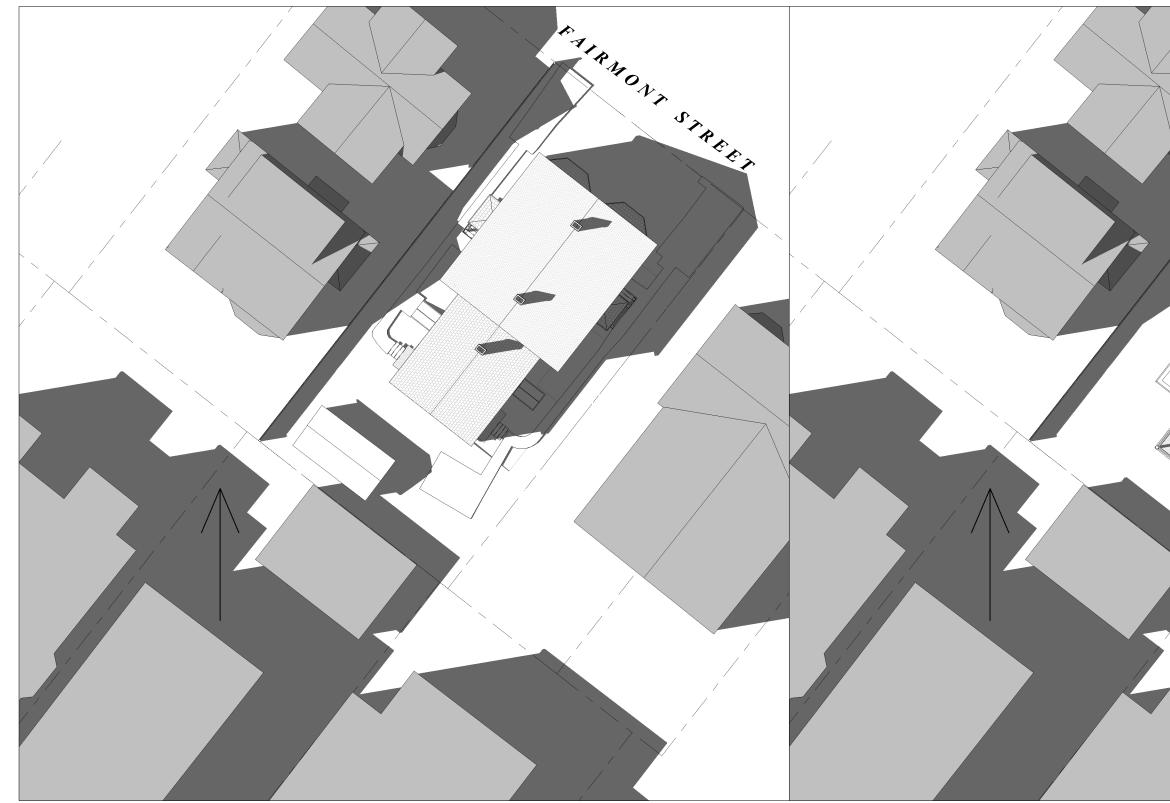


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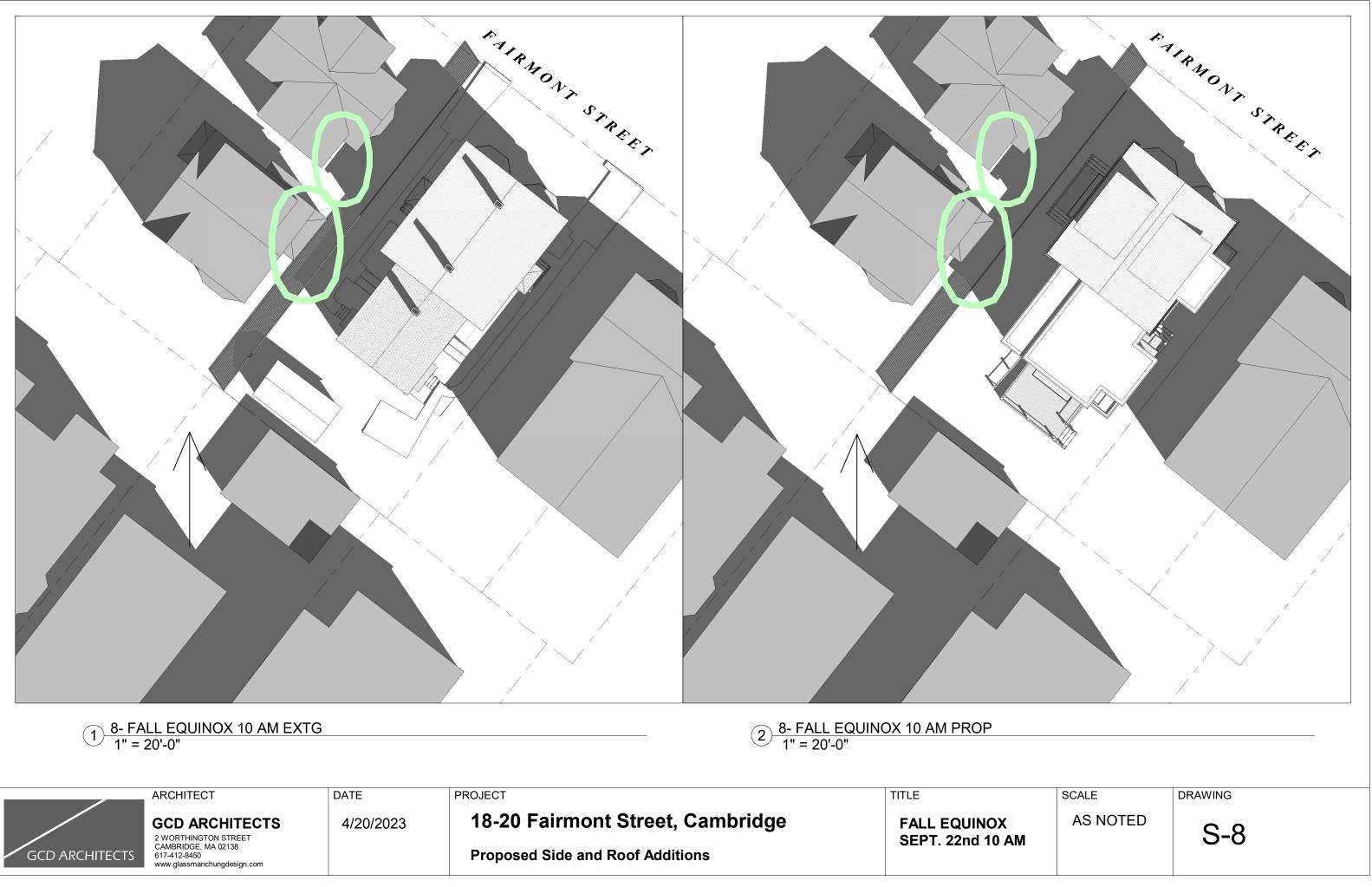


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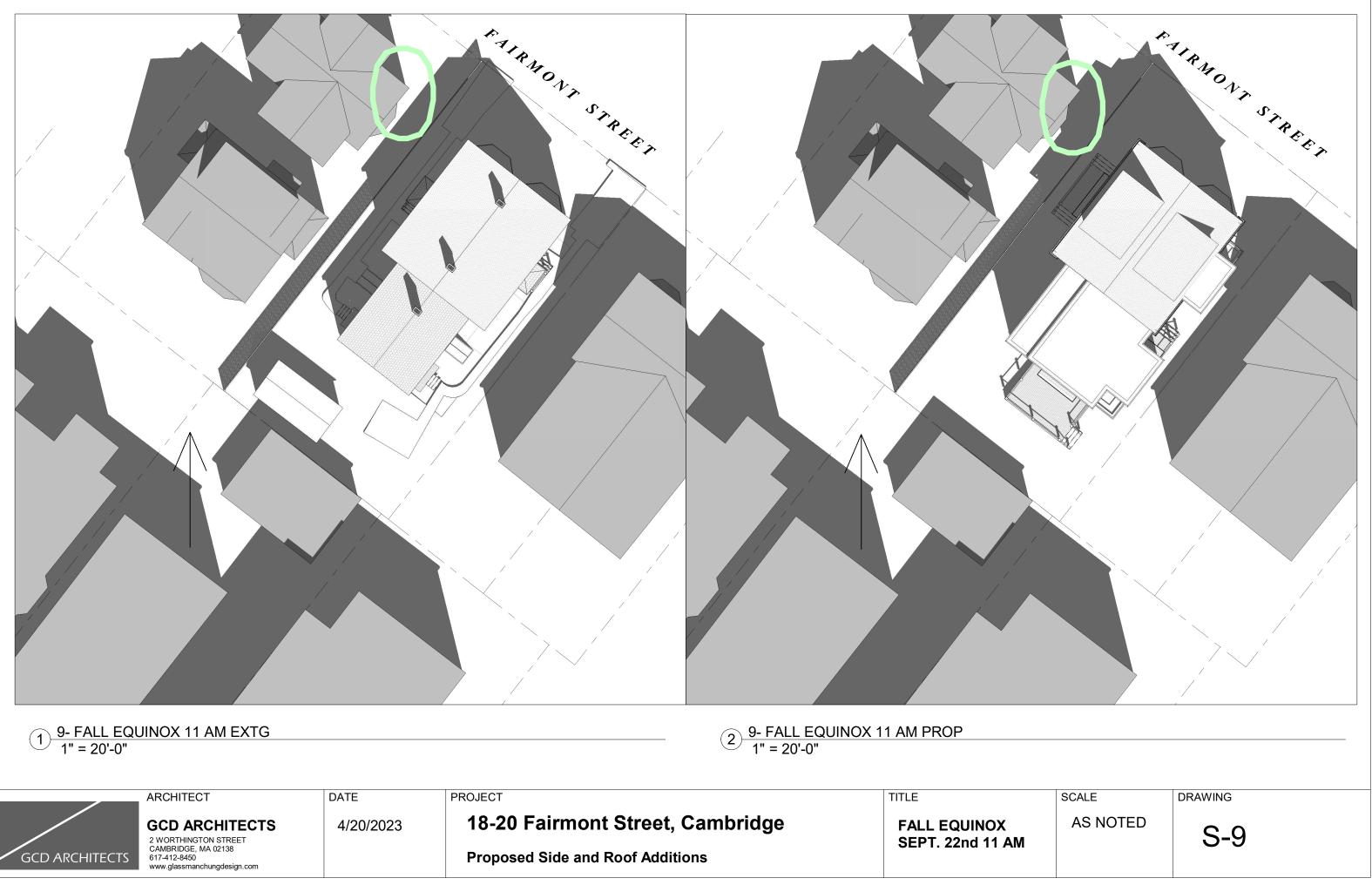






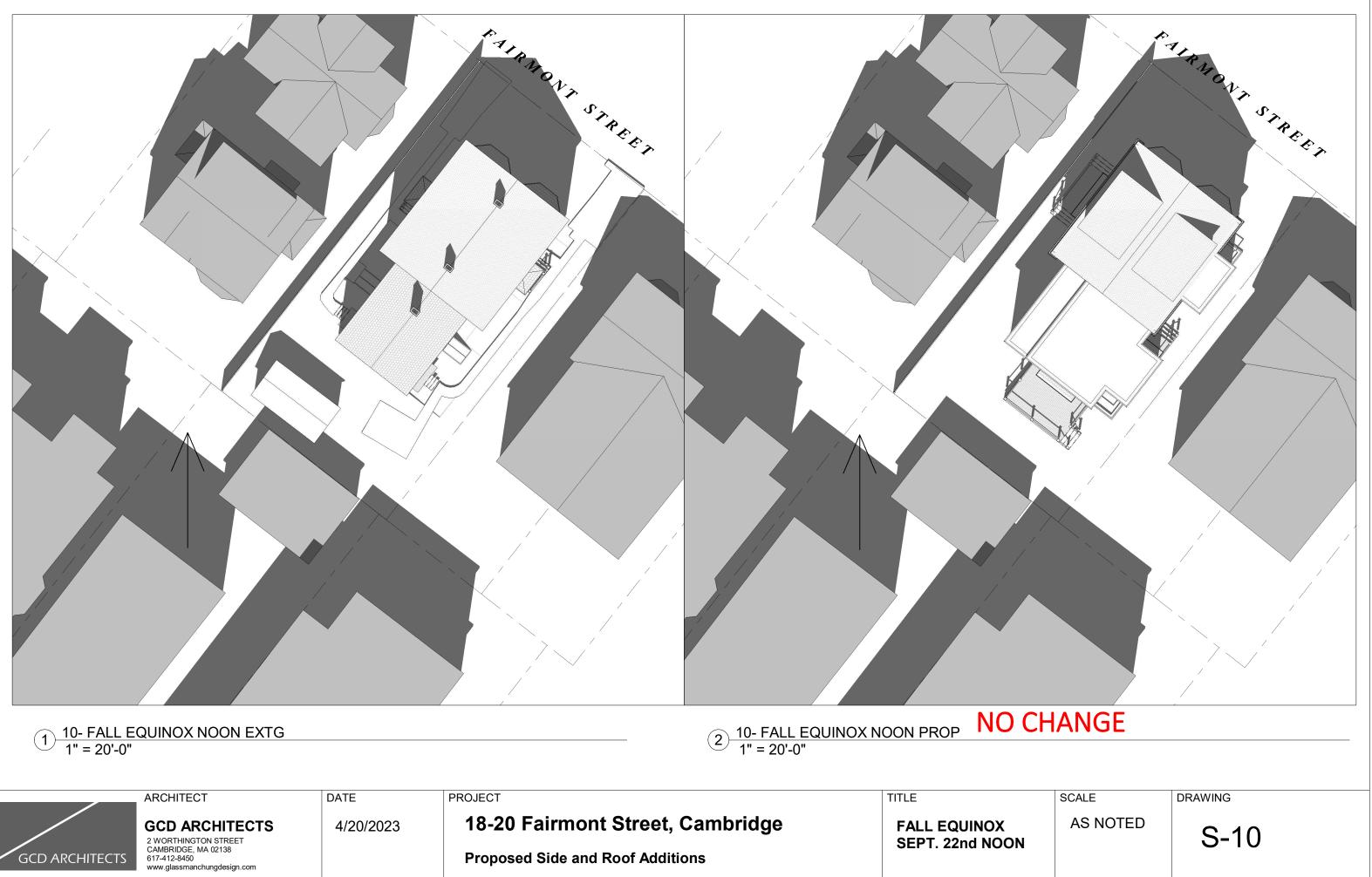






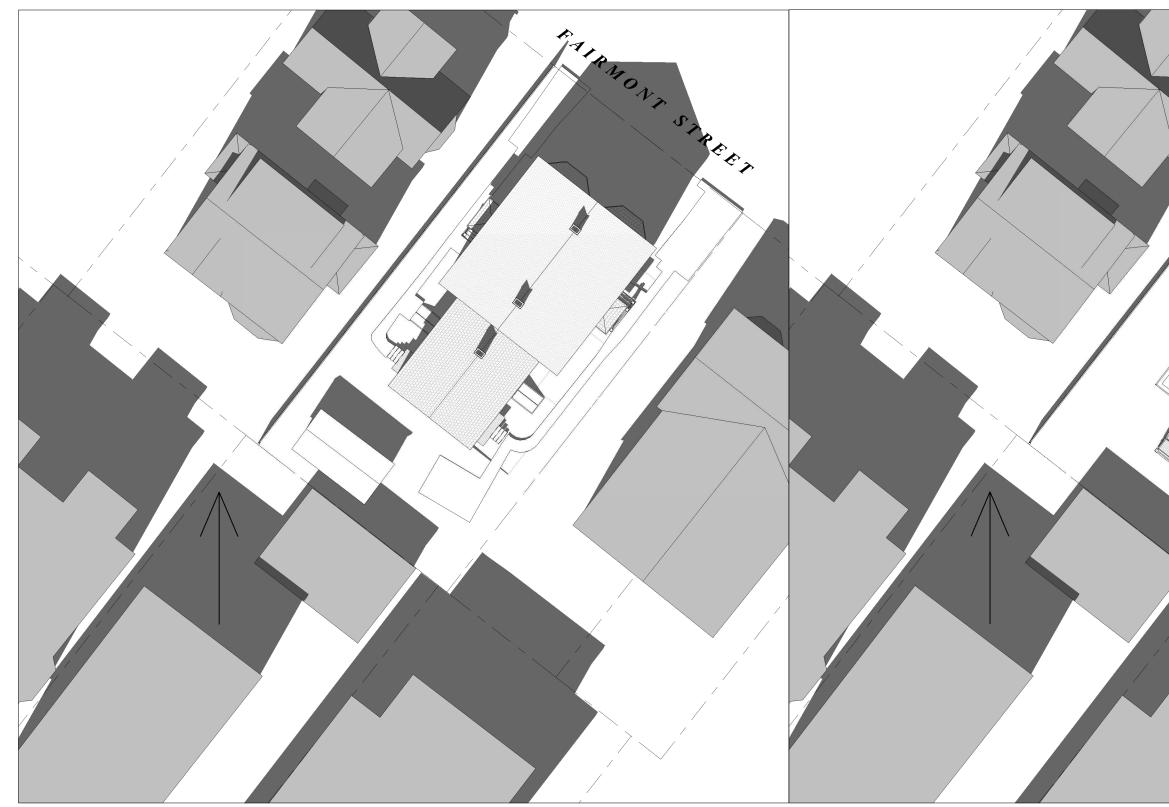








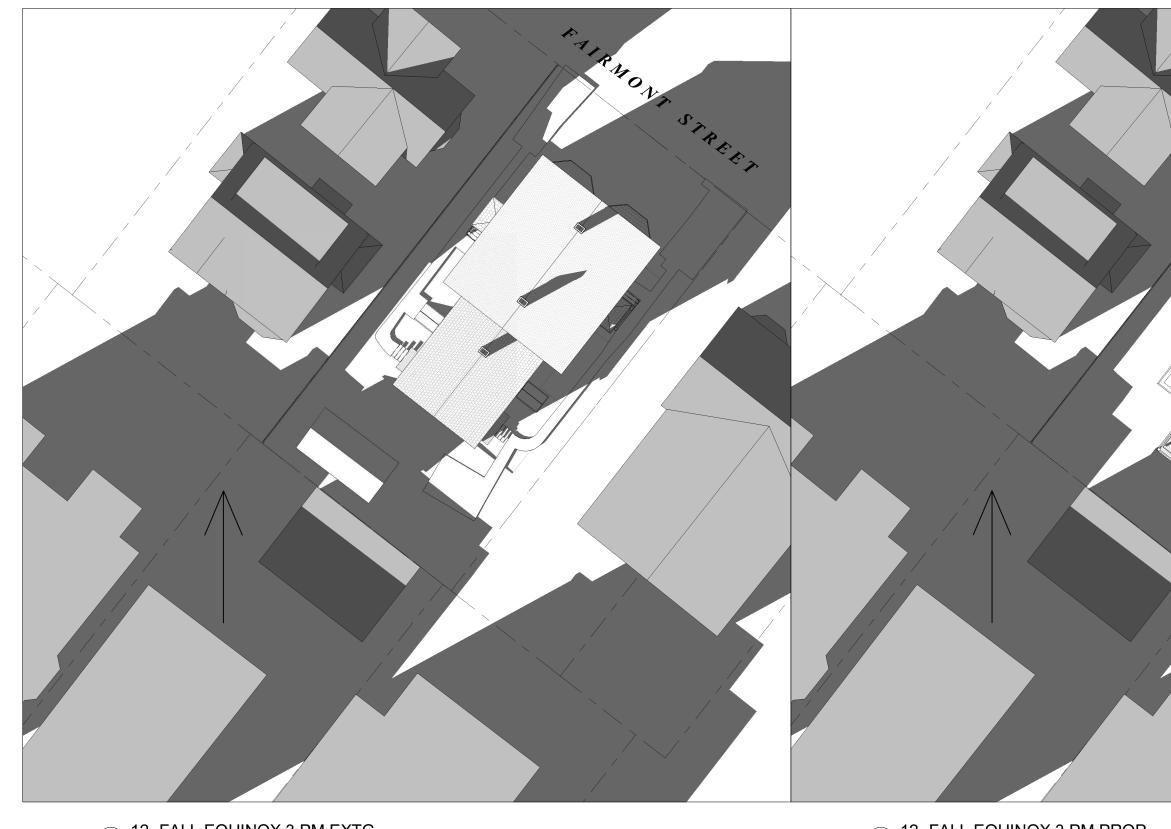




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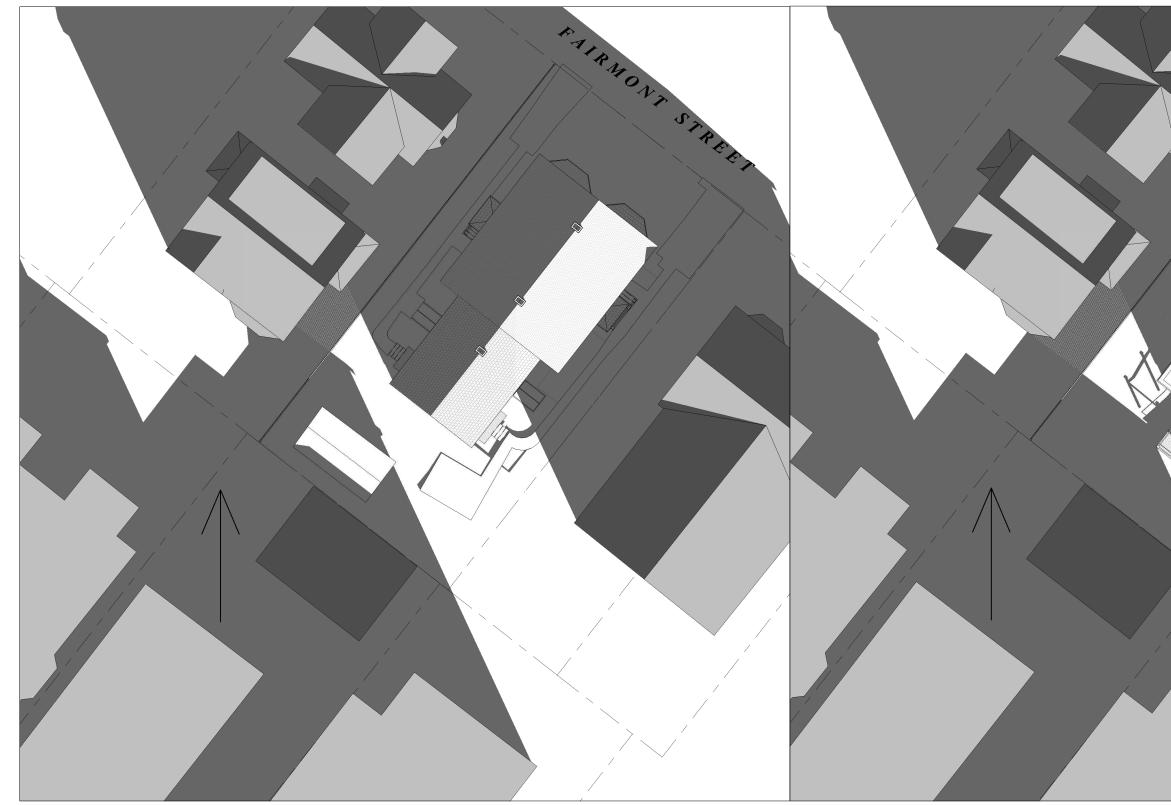










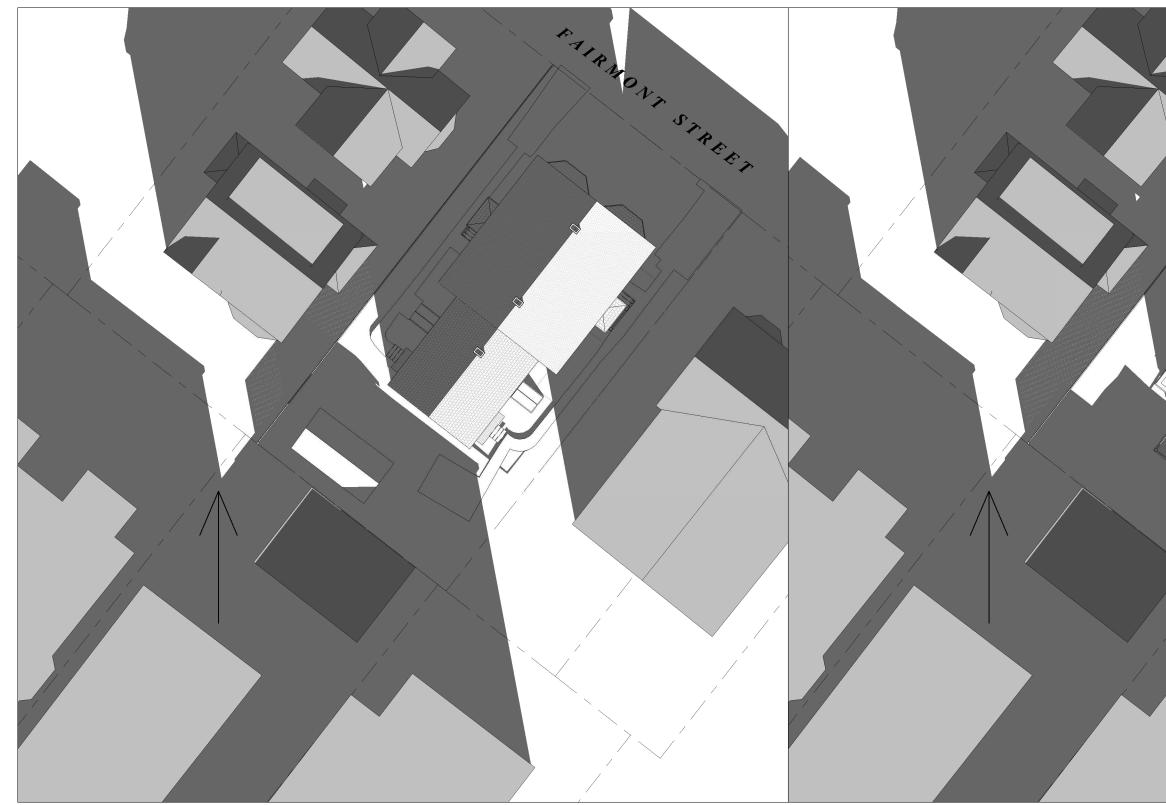


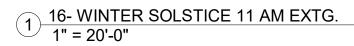
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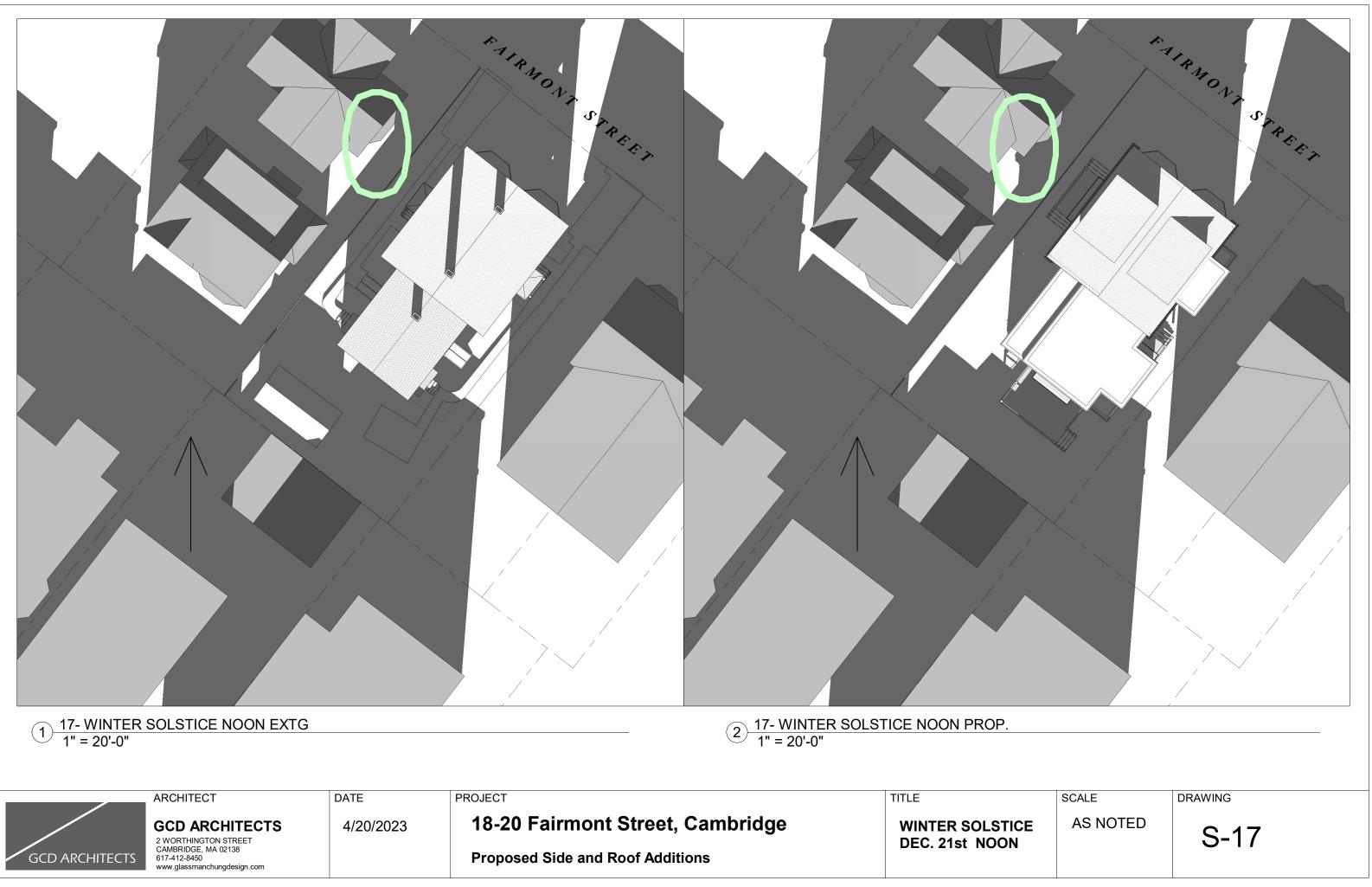




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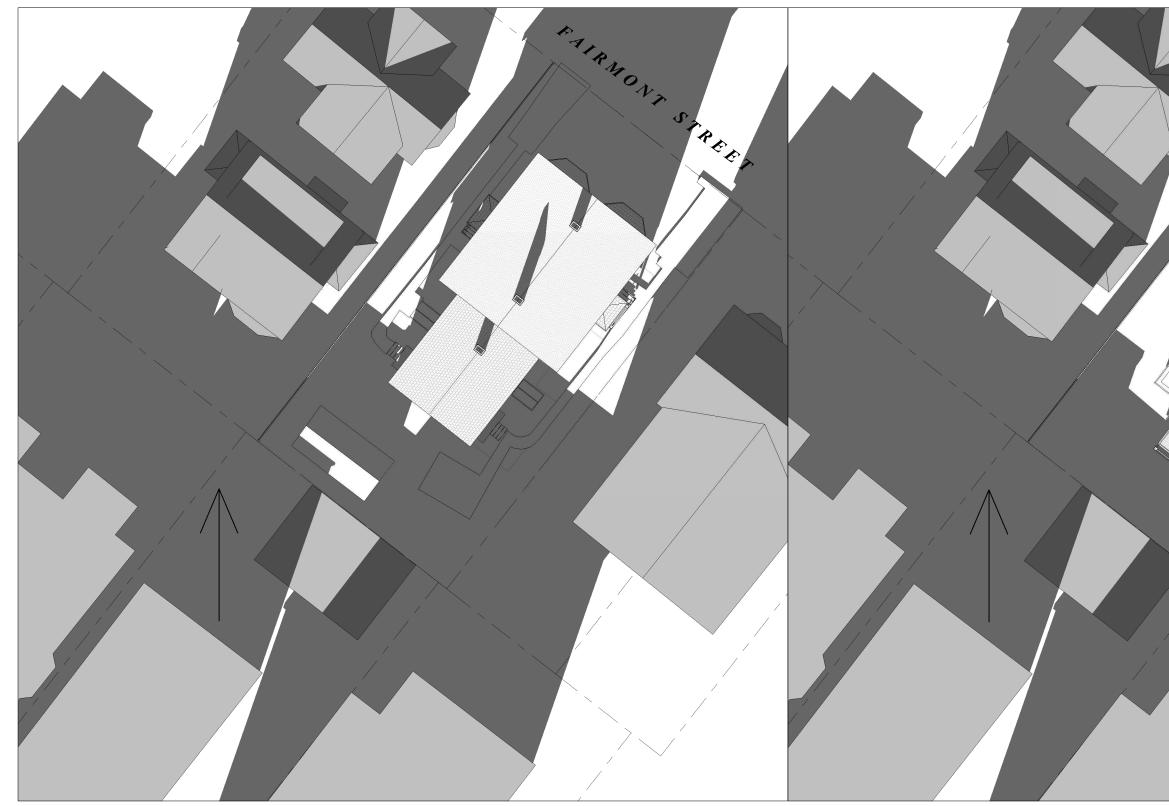
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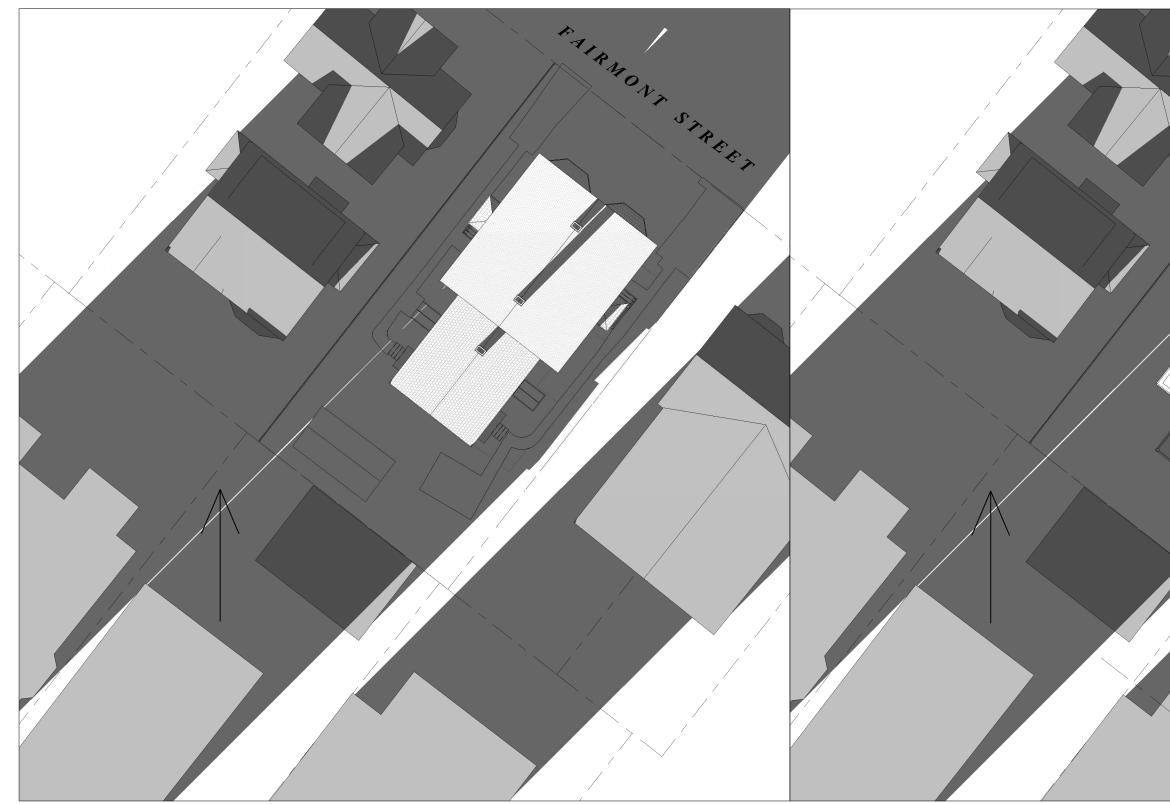


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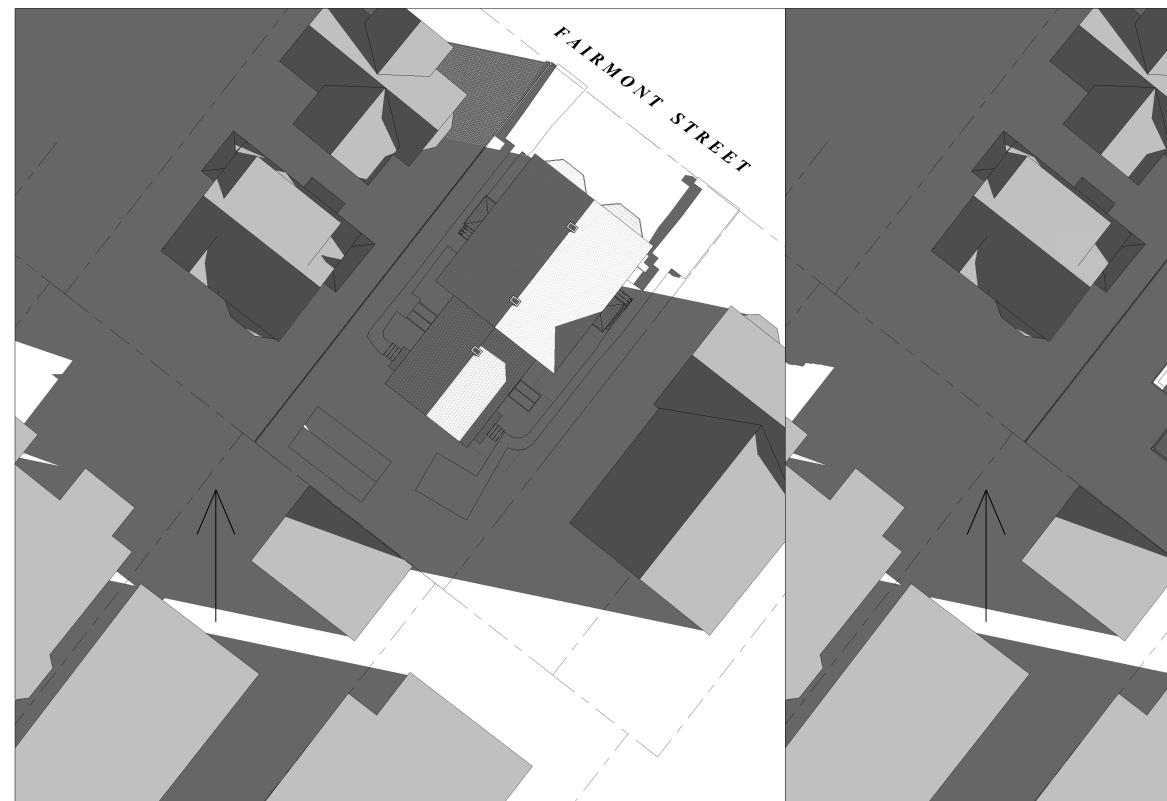


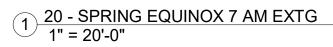
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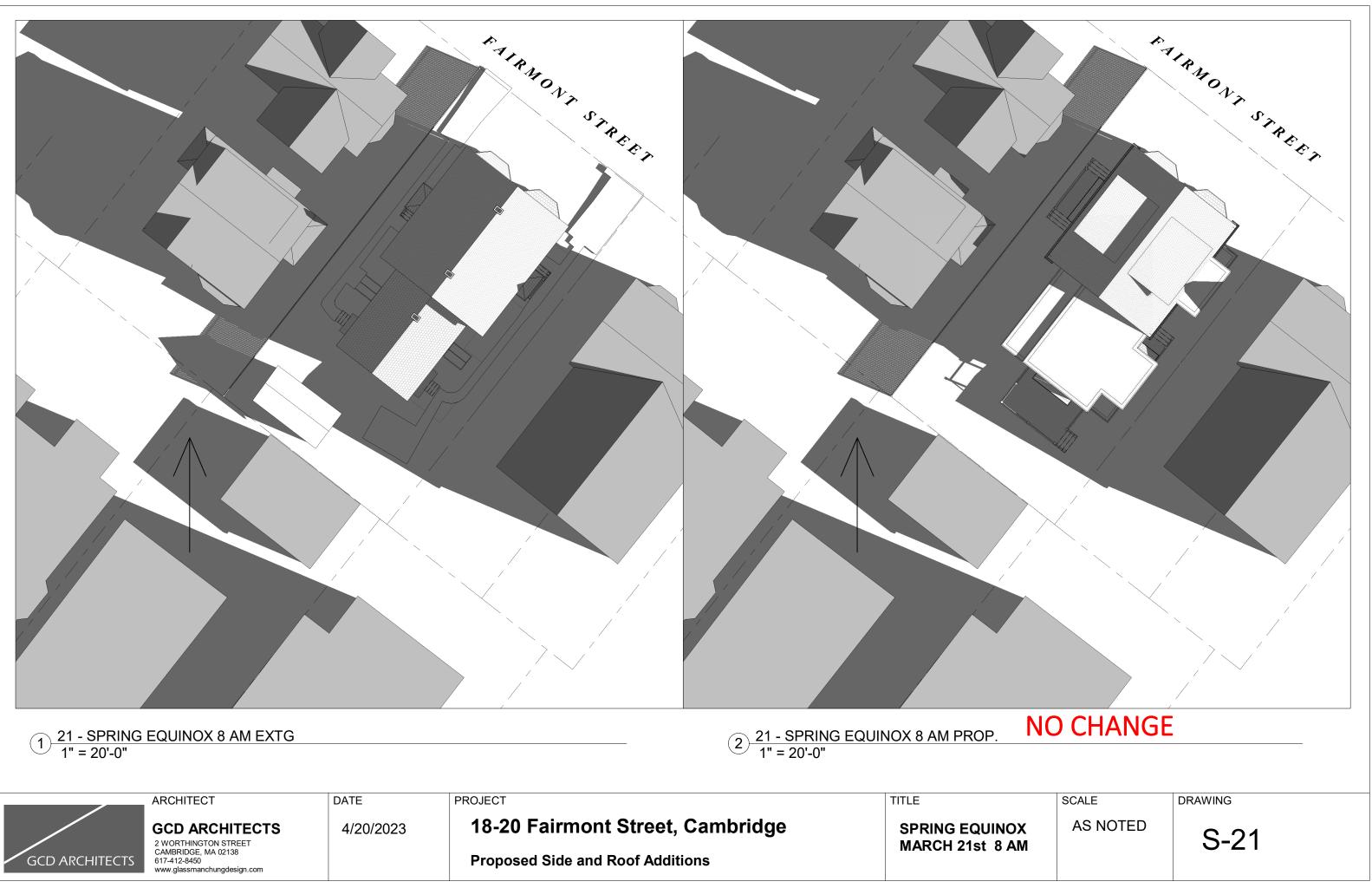




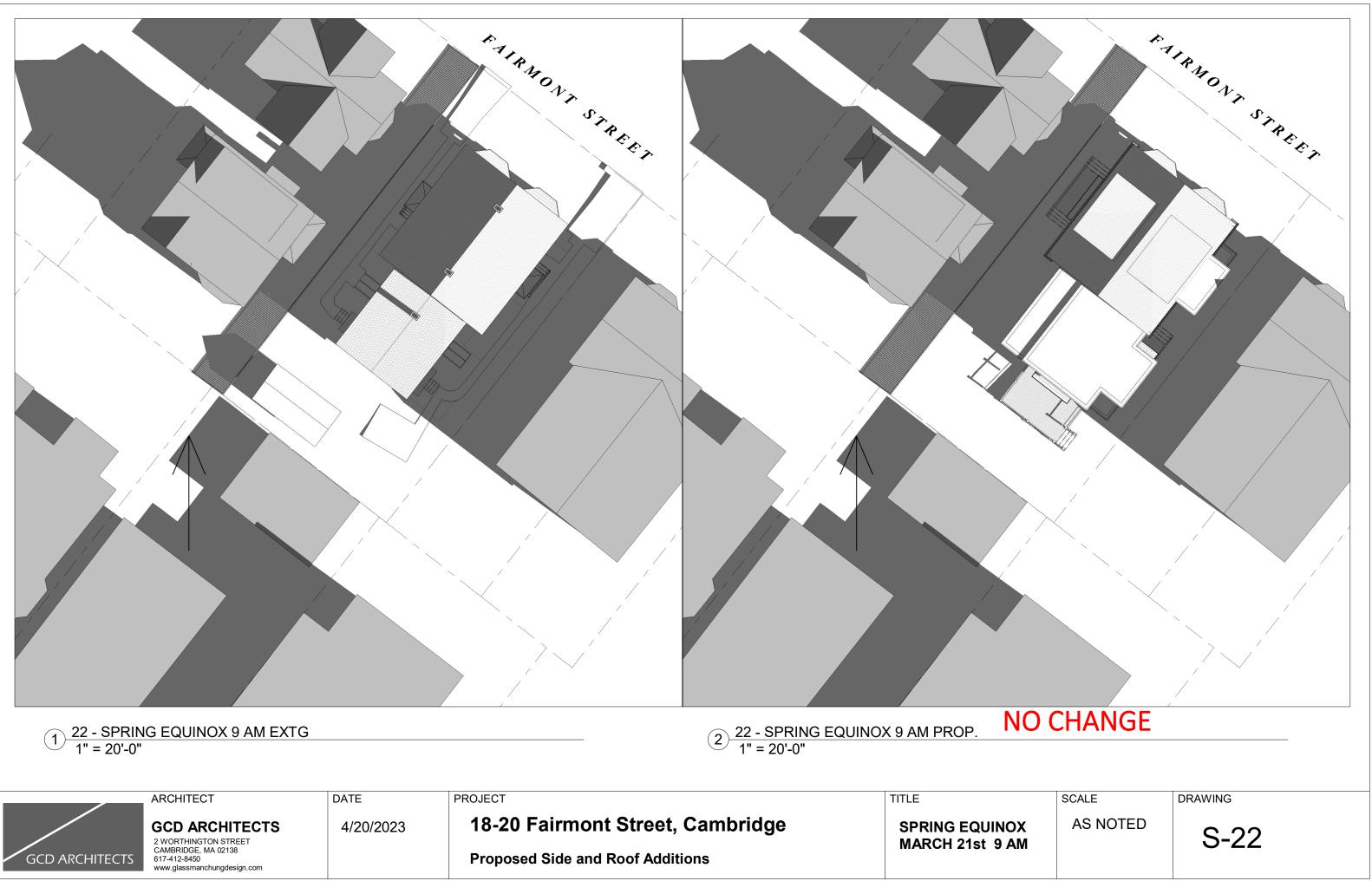
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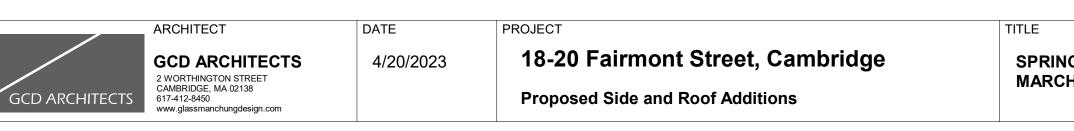


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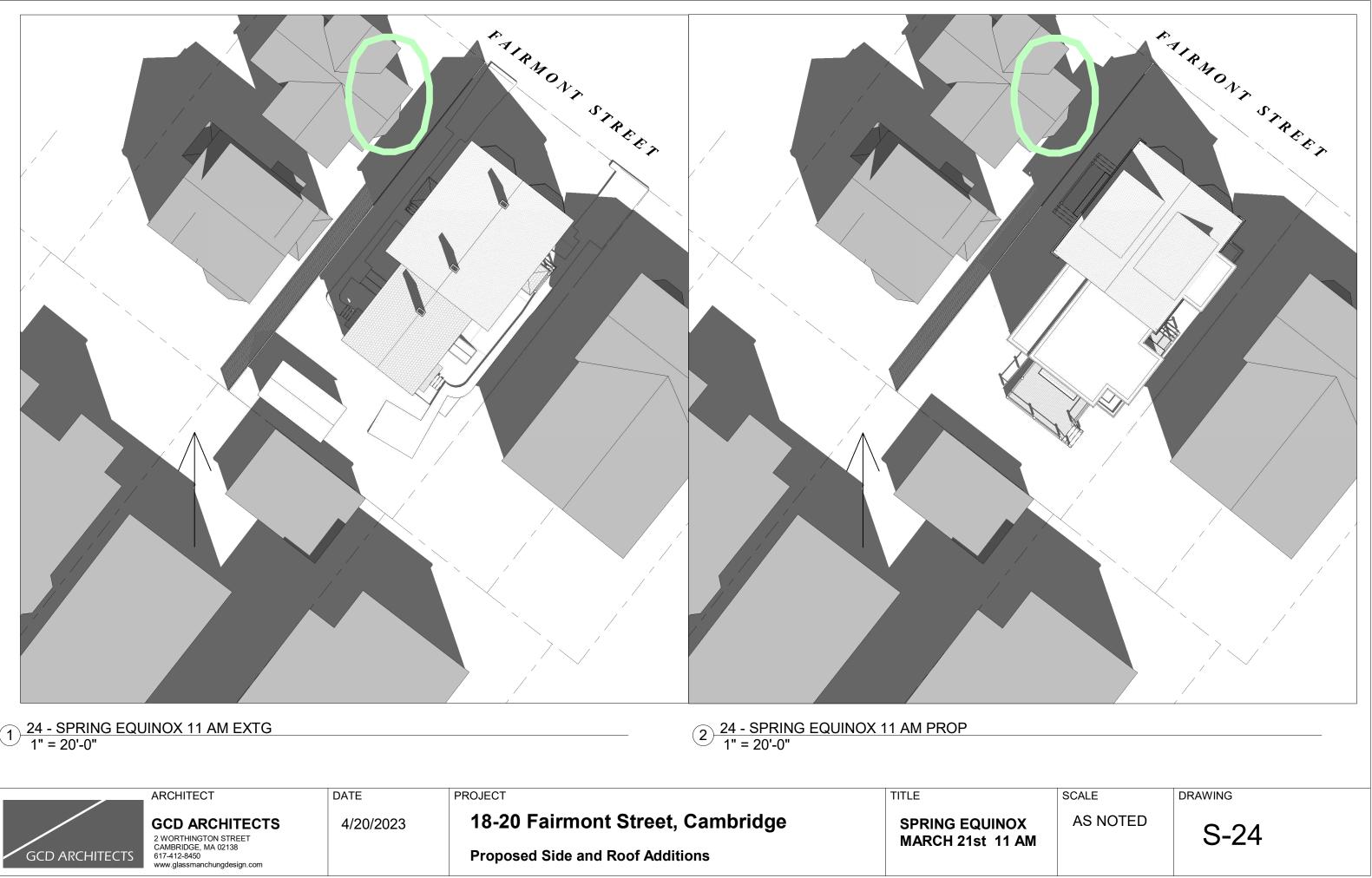


















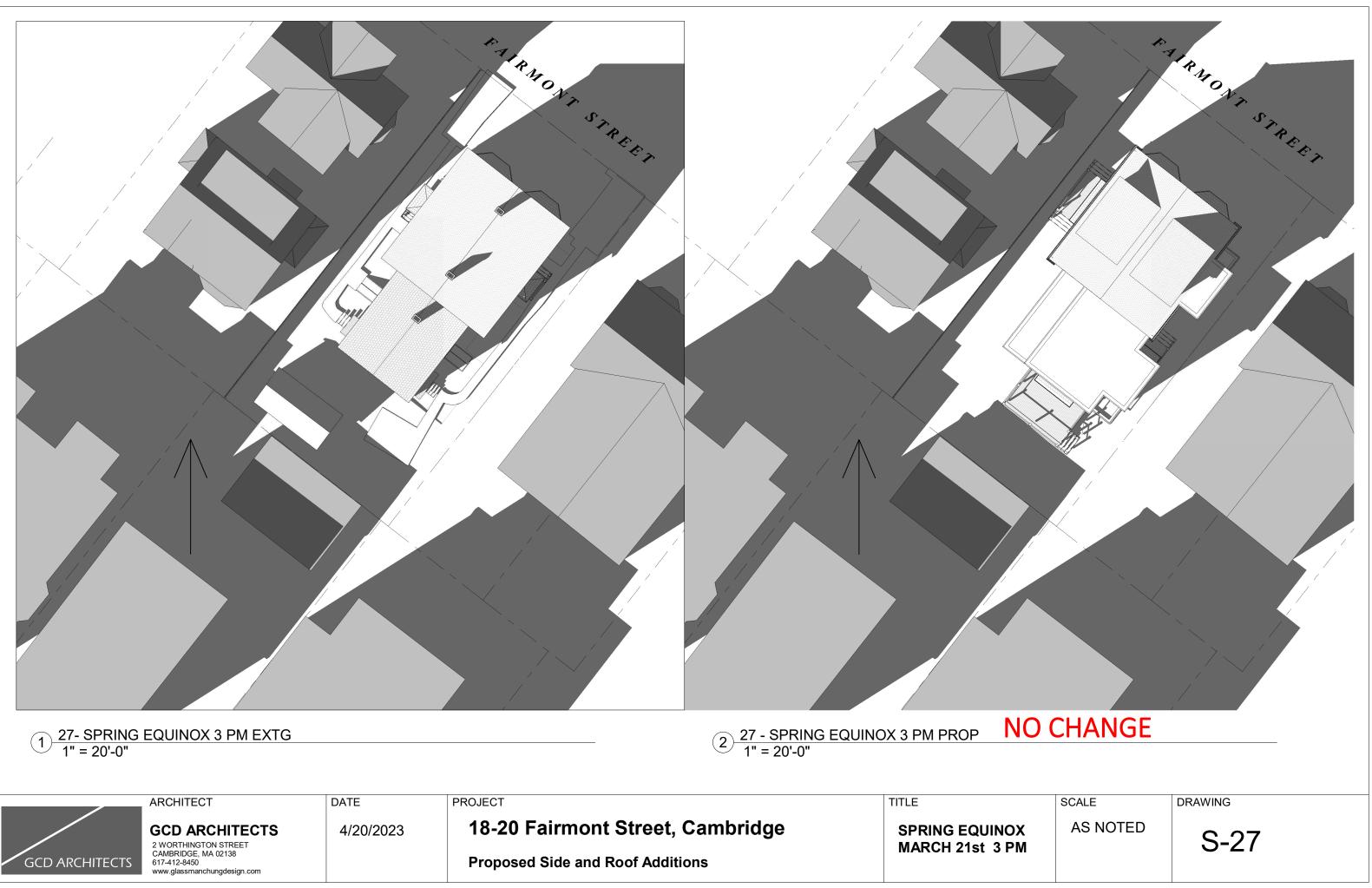




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### Pacheco, Maria

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From:	Adam Glassman <ajglassman.ra@gmail.com></ajglassman.ra@gmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, April 24, 2023 8:34 AM
То:	Sandra Ferguson; Ally Ladha
Cc:	Fraser Allan; Ian Ferguson; Pacheco, Maria; emily.holman@gmail.com
Subject:	Re: 18-20 Fairmont St
Attachments:	2023_0424 18 Fairmont Final Iteration.pdf; 2023_0424 18 Fairmont Shadow Study.pdf

Dear Neighbors at #22 and #24 Fairmont Street,

First of all, thank you all very much for taking the time to carefully review our plans, several times, and giving us your feedback on multiple iterations since the first BZA hearing, including your comments on the plans which you communicated to me by phone on April 19. We know you have very busy lives and we appreciate your attention to this matter.

Our take-aways from that call are as follows:

1) The proposed left side additions are acceptable to you.

2) For the front Unit #22 the proposed gable roof and dormers are a welcome change from the mansard roof and likely acceptable once you have had a chance to review our shadow studies. The shadow studies are attached here for your review with the times of year and day times you requested. Also see the link to the time lapse shadow movement you requested.

3) For Unit #24 the rear addition, reduced from the originally proposed 3 story mansard roof to a flat roof 2 story element is still giving you concerns per possible loss of light.

Since April 19 we have studied how to best accommodate your request to either maintain the current 1/2 story roof slope or step the 2nd story wall back 6' or 7'. Unfortunately, those options do not work. Maintaining the existing roof slope would leave us with even lower and non code compliant ceiling heights, the spaces under the sloping roof would become unusable. Shifting the 2nd story wall 6' to 7' to the left would overly compromise the rear unit's functionality and the ability to have 3 modest bedrooms and the basic associated support spaces. The rational use of Fraser's existing footprint would include raising the 2nd floor to match the 2nd floor of the main structure and utilizing the second floor with fully legal ceilings heights. We also looked at maintaining the existing roof slope and adding dormers, however that would result in a taller building profile which we know you would not favor.

However, to address your concern as best we can, we have lowered a 6'-0" wide portion of the flat roof, spanning the length of the right side, an additional 1'-0" which would leave us with only a 7'-0" ceiling, the lowest possible ceiling height permitted by the building code. The existing roof eave on the right side would be raised by no more than 3'-9", a very modest amount especially given that we are 14'-3" from the right side lot line and 20'-6" from your house which remains nearly 10'-6" taller than our proposed rear roof height on the right side.

Please also see the attached shadow studies with our observations noted.

In sum, in our view, the increased existing shadows as shown on the days of the most extreme seasonal sun angles are quite minimal and very brief as the proposed new dormers and new rear roof height are modest in scale.

Per your request, the drop box link to the time lapse studies is below:

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/xpmse6sjdgfjvzkjlu0vw/h?dl=0&rlkey=k9xm57ugy5fm71fixopk3zz6w

We hope after the various revisions Fraser has made to this project in response to your concerns you feel you can support the revised plans, we have done our best to address all your concerns and to make this a much better and much lower impact and lower profile project for everyone.

Thank you for all your input to date, we believe the reduction in scale and size from the original proposal makes this a more appropriate project for the neighborhood. Fraser wants to be a good neighbor and believes he has reduced those elements of his application which impact you directly as much as he can to make this project functional and desirable for modern living.

Sincerely,

Adam

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On Mon, Apr 17, 2023 at 8:15 AM Sandra Ferguson <<u>sandra.y.ferguson@gmail.com</u>> wrote: Hi Adam,

Thanks for following up. Received and planning on discussing this evening.

My best, Sandra

On Mon, Apr 17, 2023 at 7:01 AM Adam Glassman <<u>ajglassman.ra@gmail.com</u>> wrote: Hi everyone,

I know it has only been 4 days, but could you let us know that you are in receipt of the email and plans I sent to you last week on April 13 and if you plan to review them and offer your comments?

Thank you,

Adam

On Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 11:31 AM Adam Glassman <a>ajglassman.ra@gmail.com</a>> wrote:

Dear Abutters at 22 and 24 Fairmont St.

Thank you again for meeting with us at your homes on April 6.

It was very helpful for us to better understand how you experience the light and views from your homes and how our work can impact your quality of life.

Our takeaways from the meeting are as follows:

1) The previously proposed mansards would block some of the light, sky views and sense of openness you currently enjoy.

2) Extending the existing rear addition any further to the right or to the rear would also negatively impact your sense of openness and exposure to air as your homes are already very close to the right-side lot line.

3) You prefer we add our desired additional space to the left side if possible.

4) You prefer we maintain the existing scale of the structure as much as possible.

5) The previously proposed increase in FAR felt excessive.

6) You have concerns about decreased privacy from the new windows on the right side of the rear addition.

Attached you will see substantially revised plans that we believe address each of these concerns.

1) Instead of the previously proposed main mansard we now propose raising the existing front gable roof ridge just 20" and adding 15'-0" dormers on either side, designed per the Cambridge Dormer Guidelines. This will allow us to utilize our attic in a way consistent with modern living without changing the massing or character of the existing house. The existing roof eave will remain as is. This to us seems a modest and reasonable change to the existing structure without posing any substantial detriment.

2) As you may know, the existing rear addition is essentially unusable in its current state. The 2nd floor level is several steps below the 2nd floor level of the main house, and the 2nd floor ceiling heights of this half story are very low. Any plans to modernize this structure would necessitate raising the 2nd floor of the rear addition to align with the second floor of the main house. In place of the previously proposed third story mansard, we instead propose to transform the existing 1.5 story bump out to a 2-story bump out with a flat roof to be 1'-6" lower than the existing gable roof ridge. We do need to raise the eave approx. 4'-9" but the existing right-side wall will remain in its current location. You can reference all the roof profile changes on pages A2.1, A2.2 and A3.1. This to us seems a modest and reasonable change to the existing structure without posing any substantial detriment.

3) We have created additional living space on the left side of the house which will have no impact on you. The existing front, right side and rear portions of the building footprint will be maintained.

4) The proposed changes to the front and rear roof lines are very modest and will preserve the scale and overall massing of the existing structure.

5) We have reduced the proposed increase in FAR from .94 to .82. The existing FAR is .74 and this seems to us a modest and reasonable increase that poses no substantial detriment to you.

6) To preserve your sense of privacy the (4) proposed windows on the right side of the rear addition are all transoms with high sill heights, and as the plans show those (4) transom windows serve the new right side stair and are not adjacent to any bedrooms or primary living spaces. These (4) transom windows are all smaller than the existing (4) full size double hung windows they will replace. The existing door will also be removed. The amount of window openings on the right side of the rear addition has in fact decreased from the existing conditions by approx. 50%.

Additionally, to further protect your privacy we offer to condition BZA approval on no new rear roof decks over the proposed flat roof addition.

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We look forward to your feedback.

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### SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIRED:

1. NEW WINDOW OPENINGS & ENTRY CANOPY ADDITIONS ON LEFT AND RIGHT SIDES PER EXISTING NON-CONFORMING SETBACK.

2. WIDEN EXISTING REAR SECTION WITHIN THE EXISTING NONCONFORMING LEFT SIDE SETBACK.

3. INCREASE EXISTING NONCONFORMING FAR FROM .74 TO .82 (.60 MAX ALLOWABLE)

4. RECONSTRUCT FRONT GABLE ROOF AND ADD DORMER ADDITIONS WITHIN THE EXISTING NONCONFORMING LEFT AND RIGHT SIDE SETBACKS.

5. INCREASE EXISTING NON CONFORMING STRUCTURE BETWEEEN 10%-25% OF EXISTING STRUCTURE AS OF 1940.



# **EXISTING STREET VIEW**

### PROPOSED RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS

18-20 Fairmont Street Cambridge, MA



### **PROPOSED STREET VIEW**

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Dimension Regulation - ZONE RESIDENCE C								
	EXISTING	PROPOSED	REQUIRED	CONFORMING				
MAX FAR	0.74	0.82	0.60	EXISTING NON CONFORMING				
MIN. LOT SIZE	5,000 sq. ft.	5,000 sq. ft.	5,000 sq. ft.	YES				
MIN. LOT AREA PER DWELLING UNIT	2,500 sq. ft.	2,500 sq. ft.	1,800 sq. ft.	YES				
MIN. LOT WIDTH	50'	50'	50'	YES				
MIN. FRONT SETBACK	30' - CENTER L. 15' - STREET L.	30' - CENTER L. 15' - STREET L.	(H+L)/4 MIN.10'	YES				
MIN. LEFT SIDE SETBACK	10.4'	5'	(*) EXTG.= 16.80' (**) PROPOSED = 16.86'	EXISTING NON CONFORMING				
MIN. RIGHT SIDE SETBACK	9.9'	9.9'	(*) EXTG.= 16.80' (**) PROPOSED = 16.86'	EXISTING NON CONFORMING				
MIN. REAR SETBACK	26.8'	26.8'	20'	YES				
MAXIMUM HEIGHT 32.4'		34.06'	35'	YES				
RATIO OF PRIVATE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA	34%	52%	36%	YES				

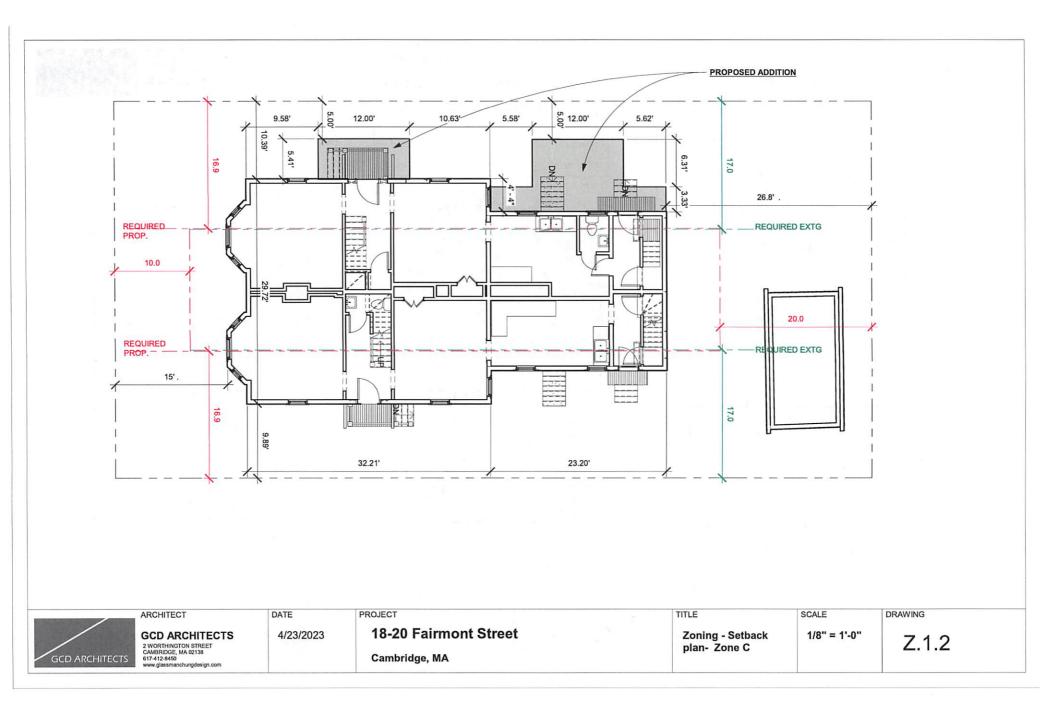
(\*) CALCULATION FOR EXTG. SIDE SETBACKS EXTG. AVERAGE HEIGHT = (H1xL1) + (H2xL2) / (L1+L2) = (32.4'x32.30') + (23.29'x23.11') / (32.30'+23.11') = 28.60'

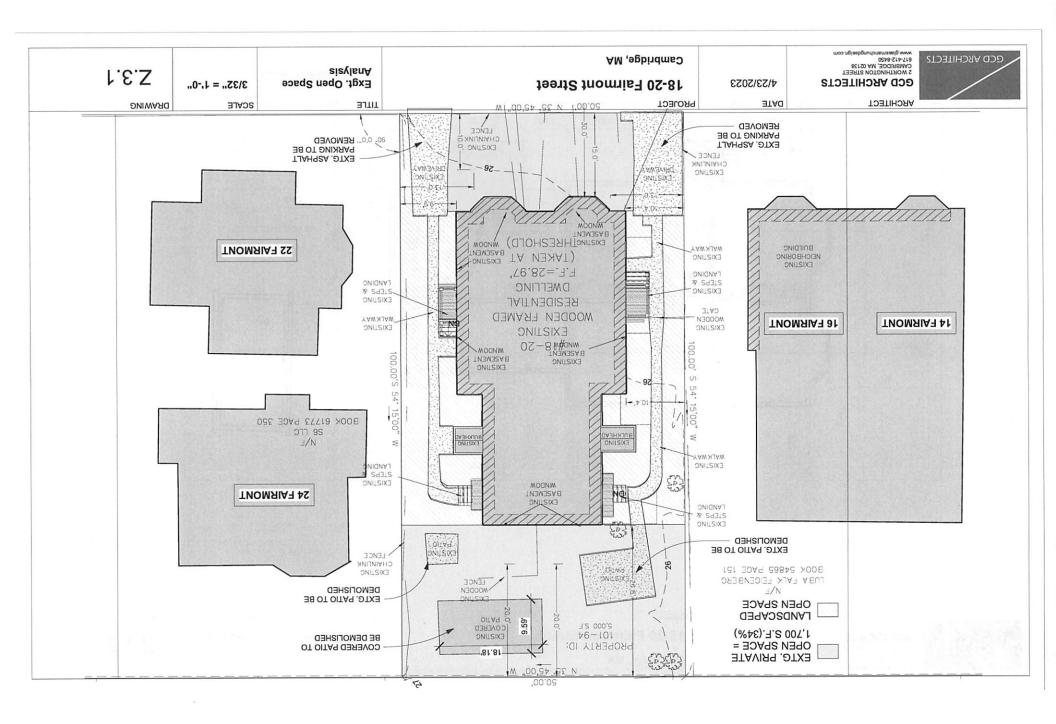
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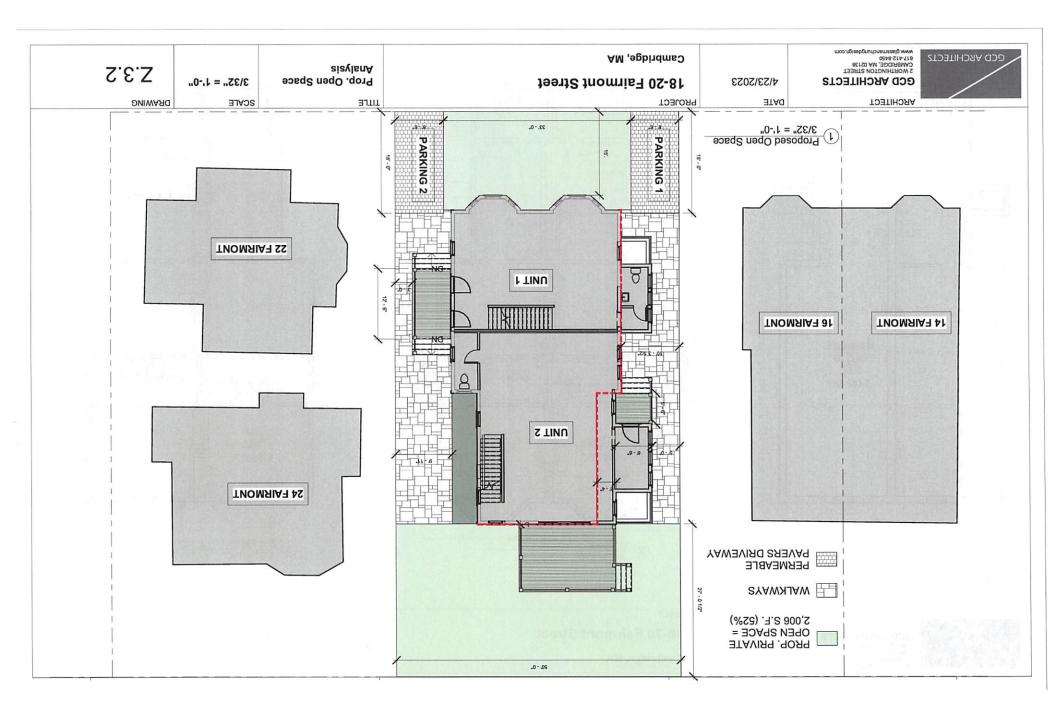
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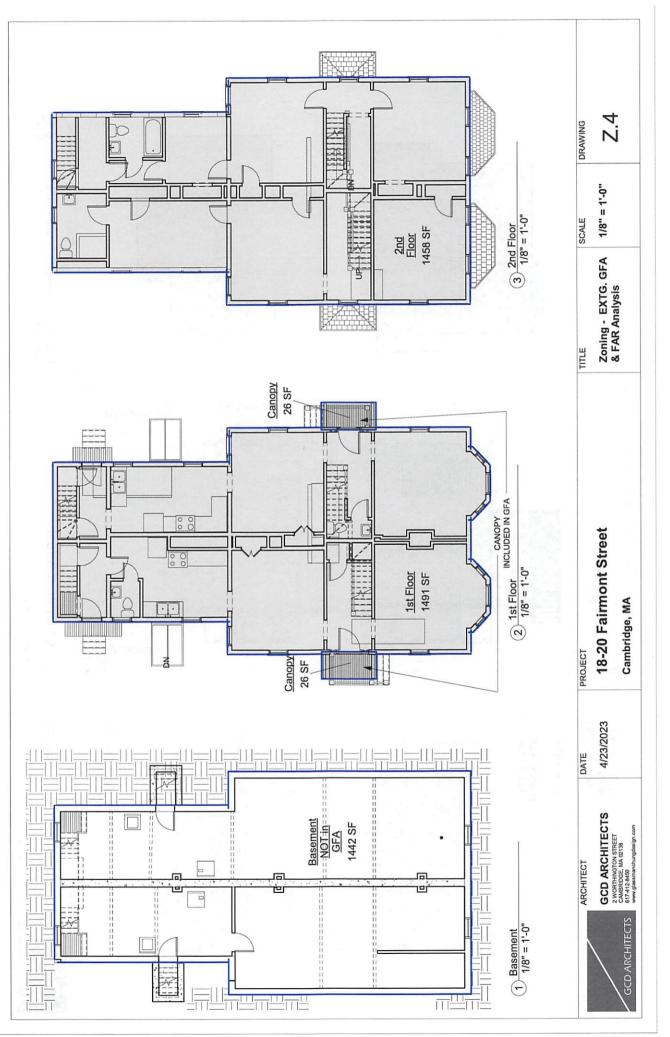
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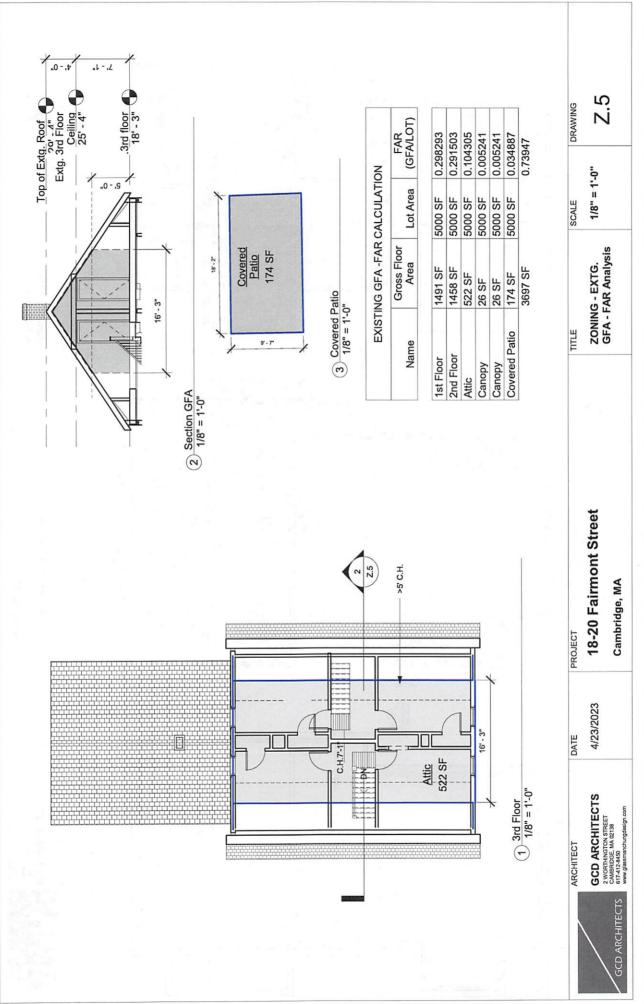
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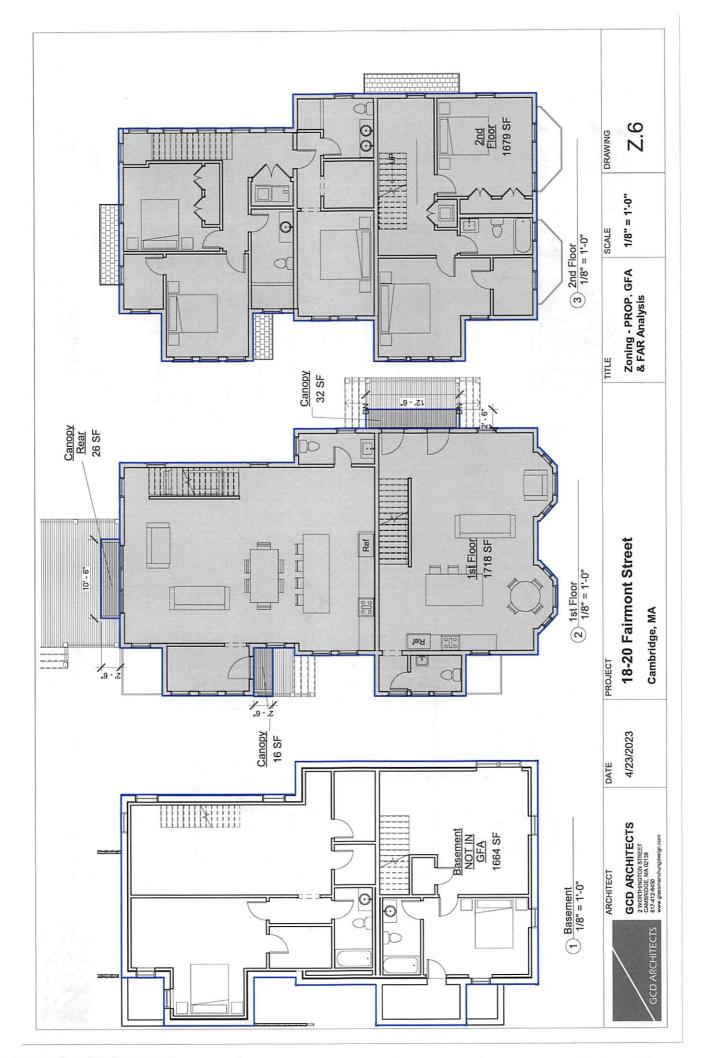


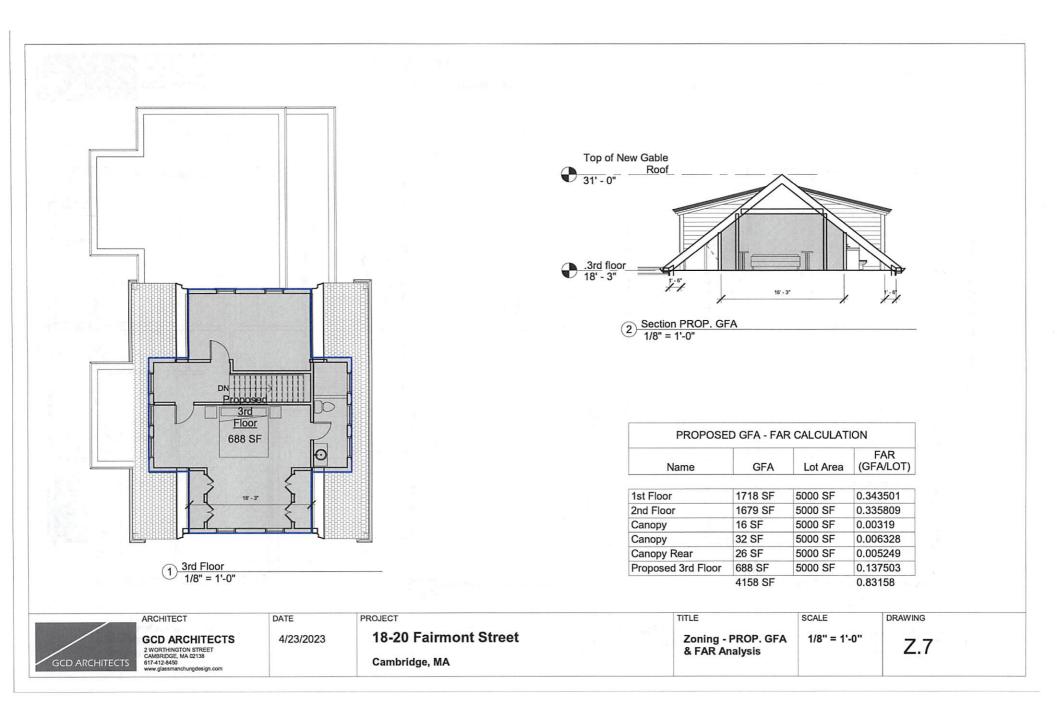


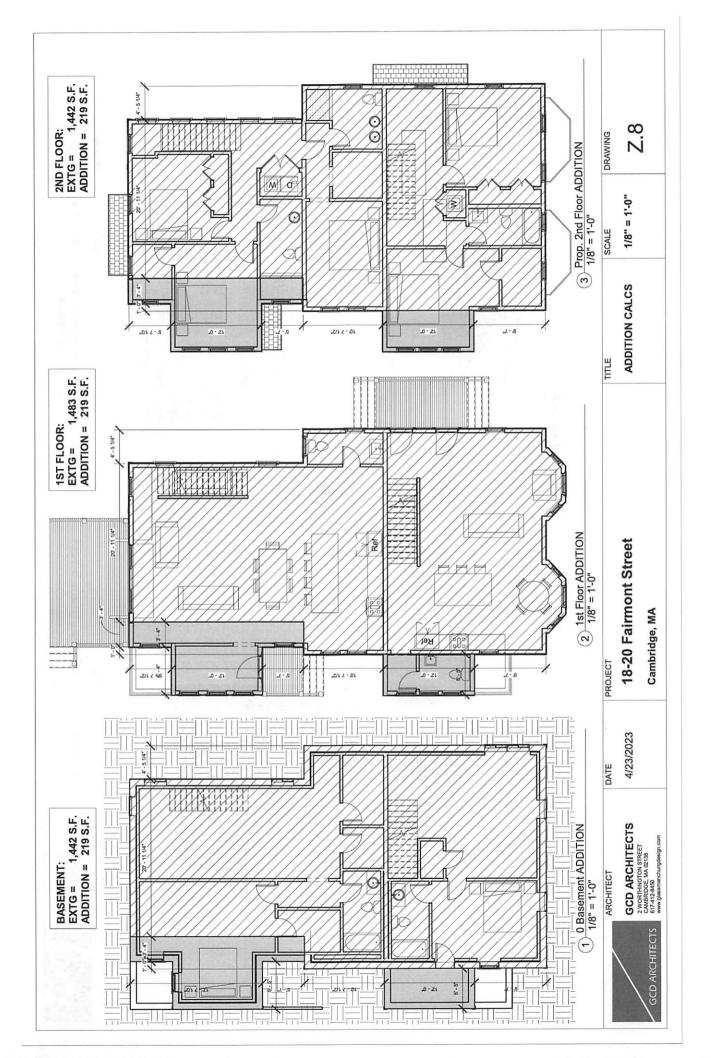


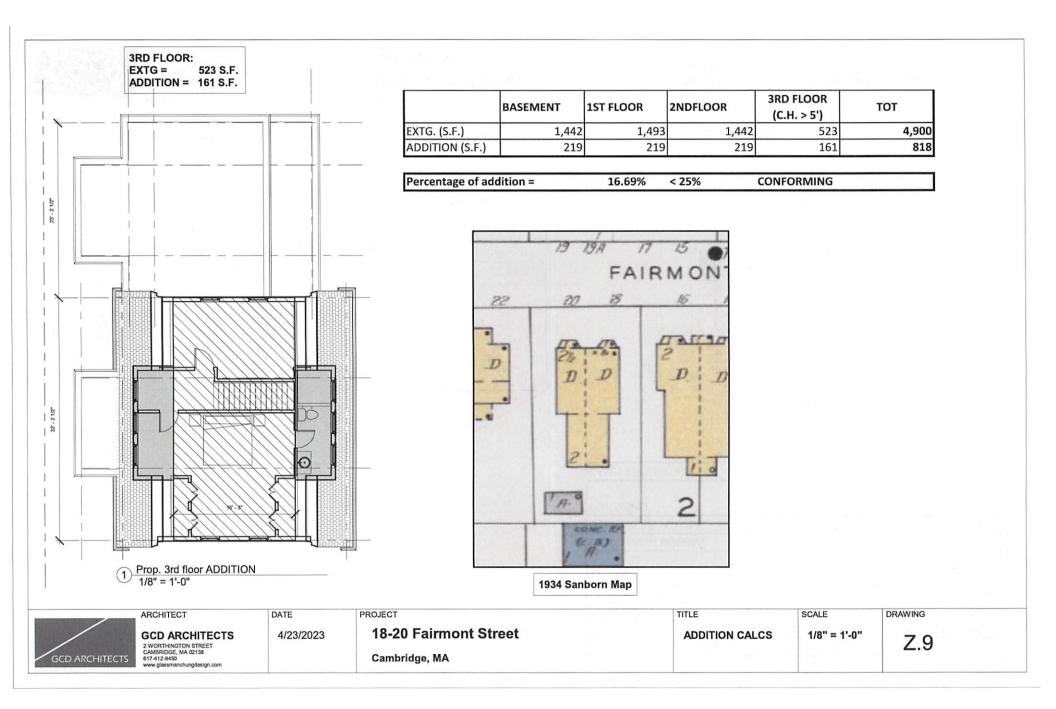
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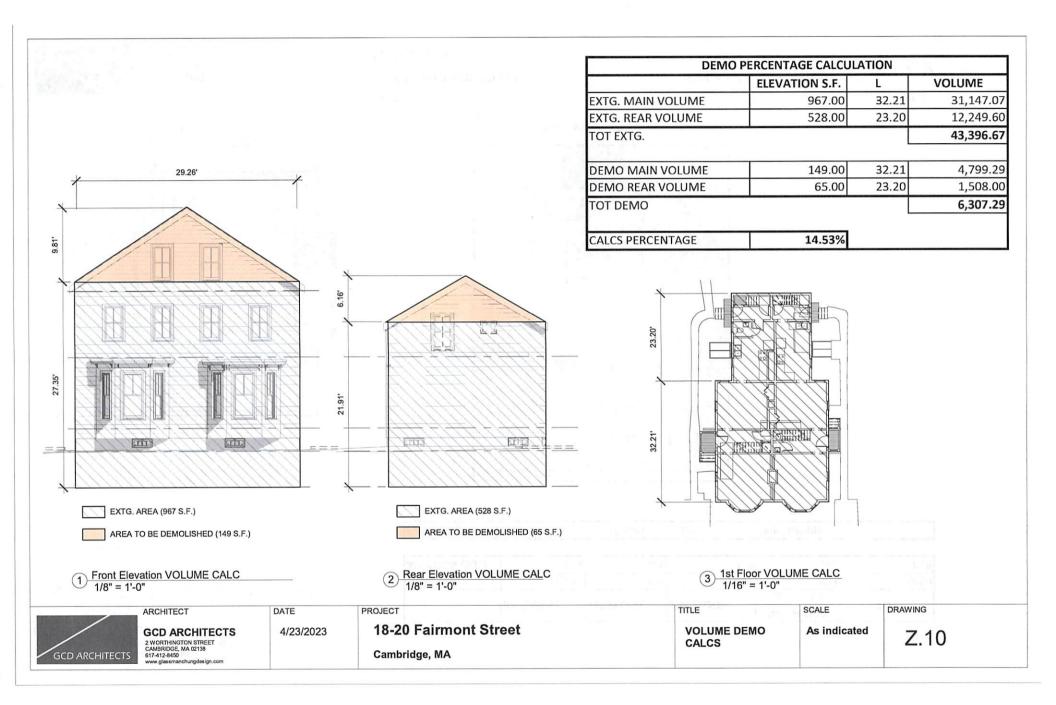
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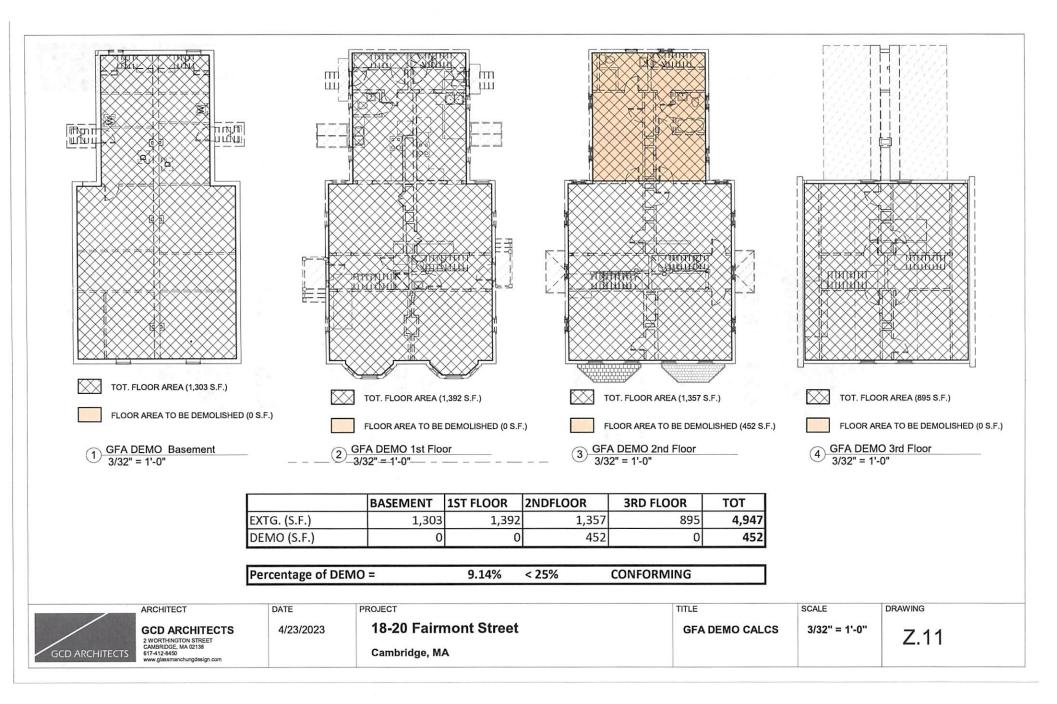




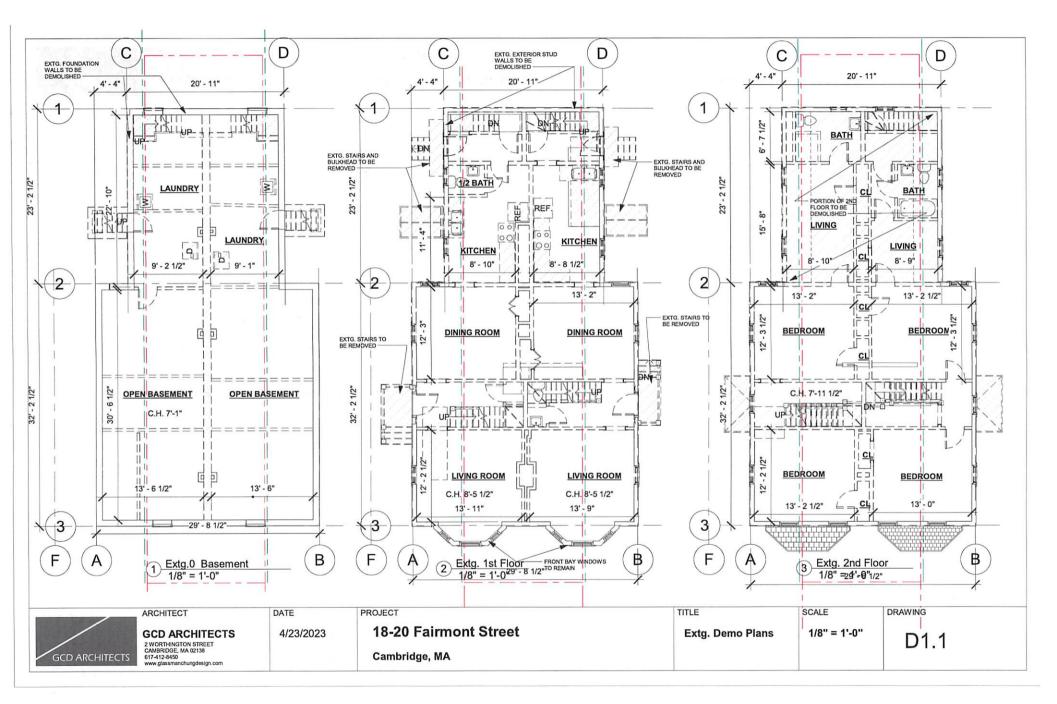


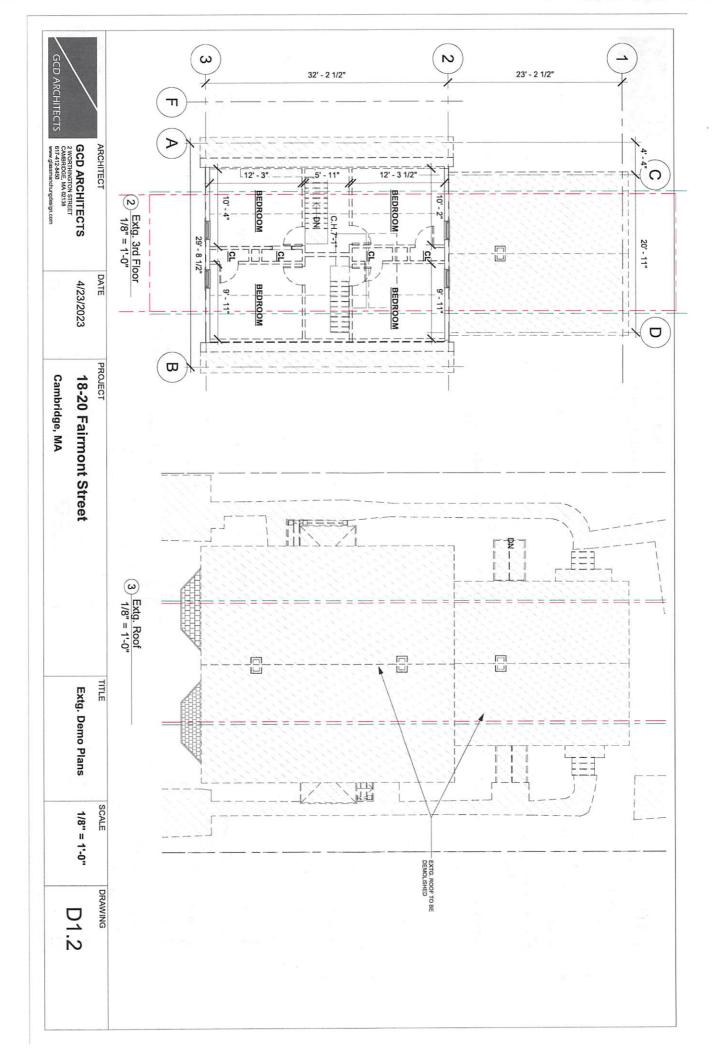


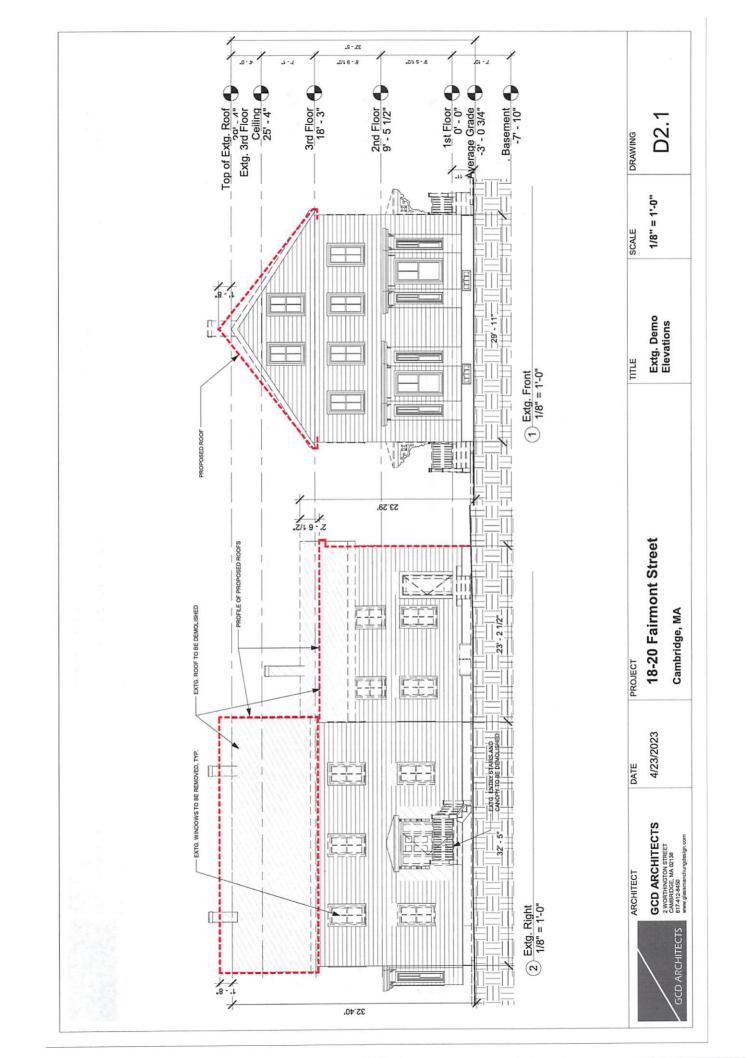


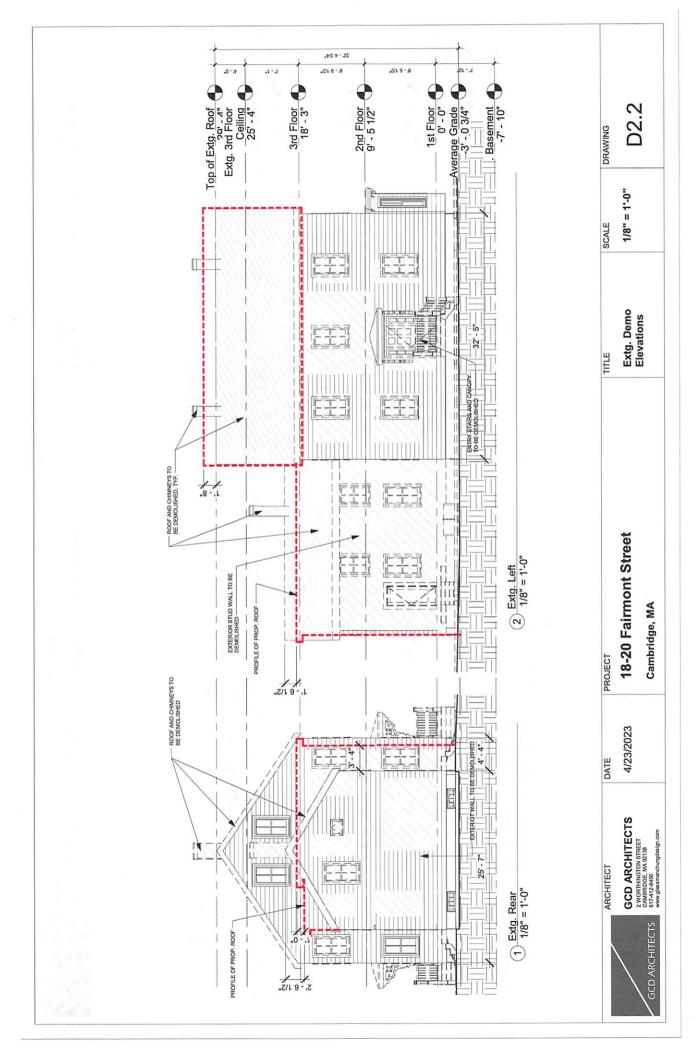




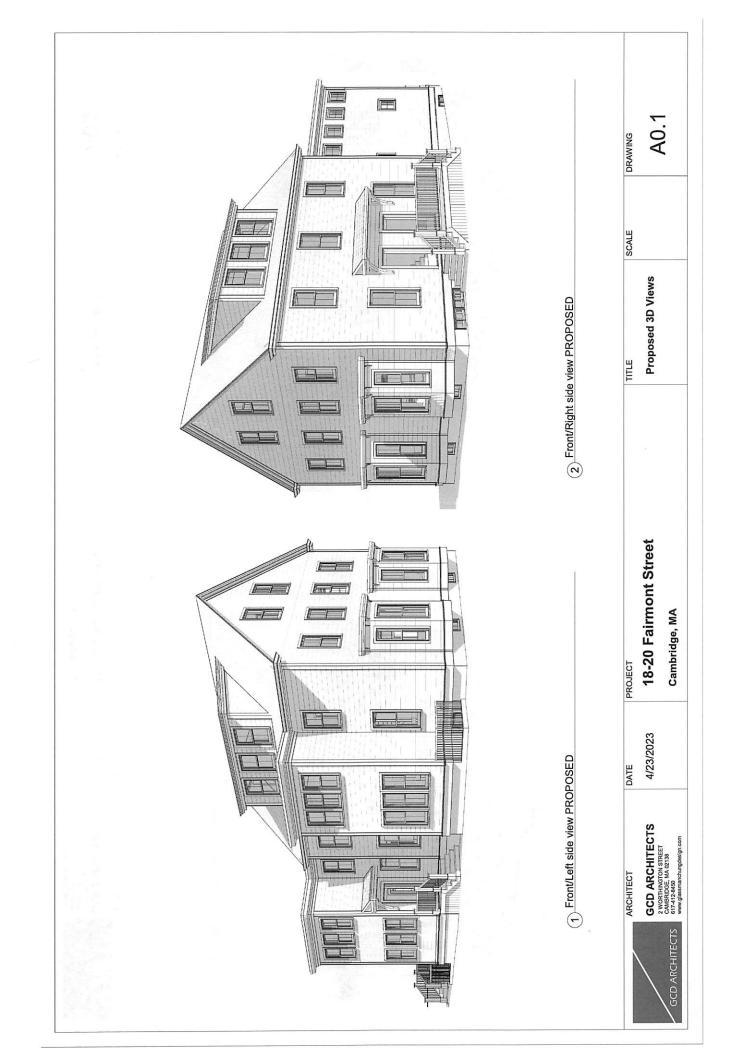




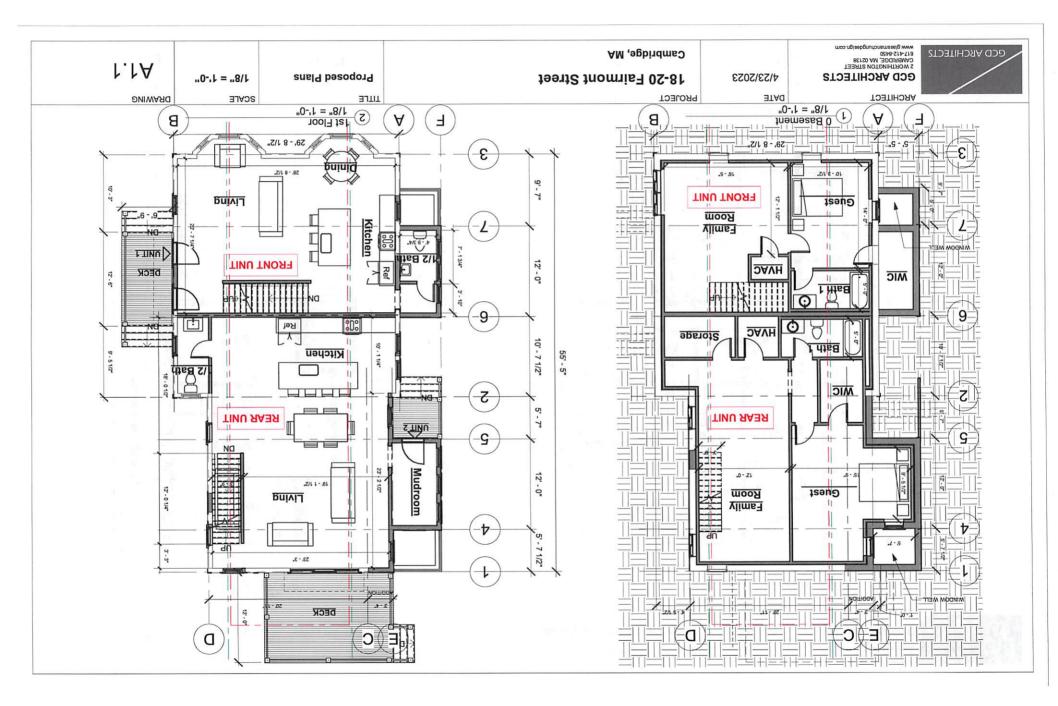


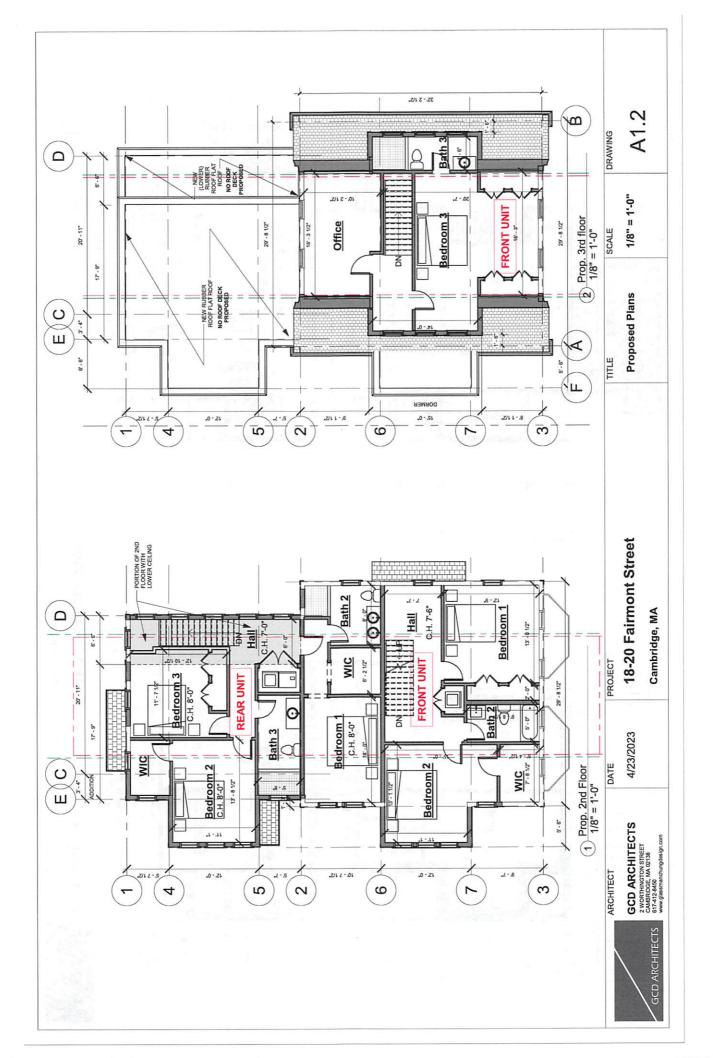


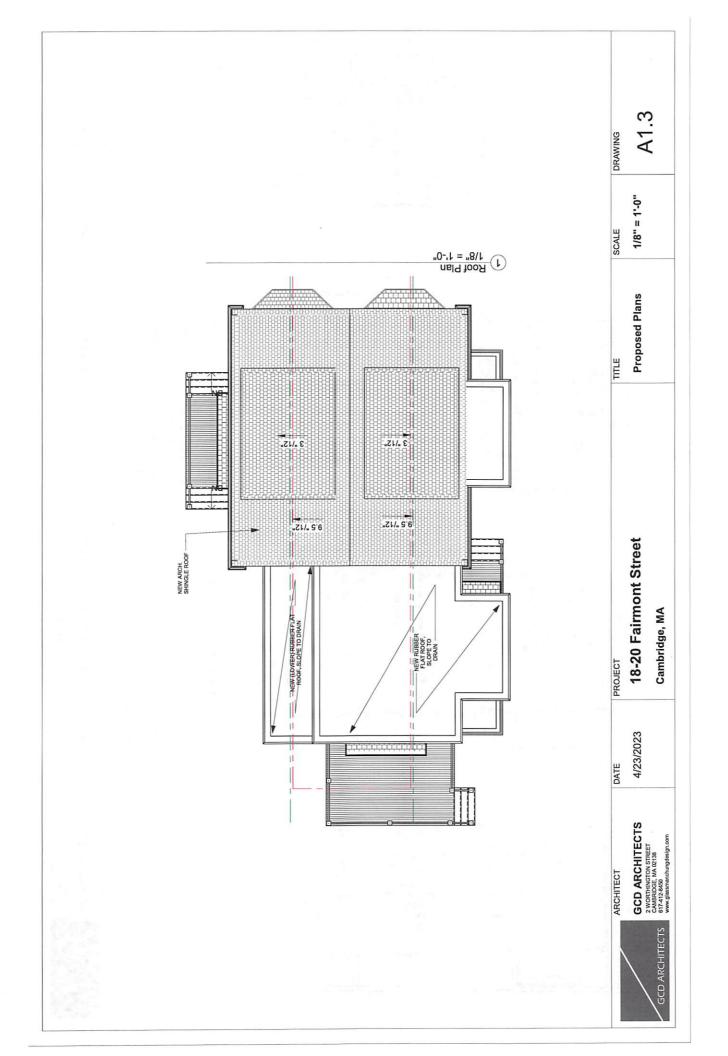
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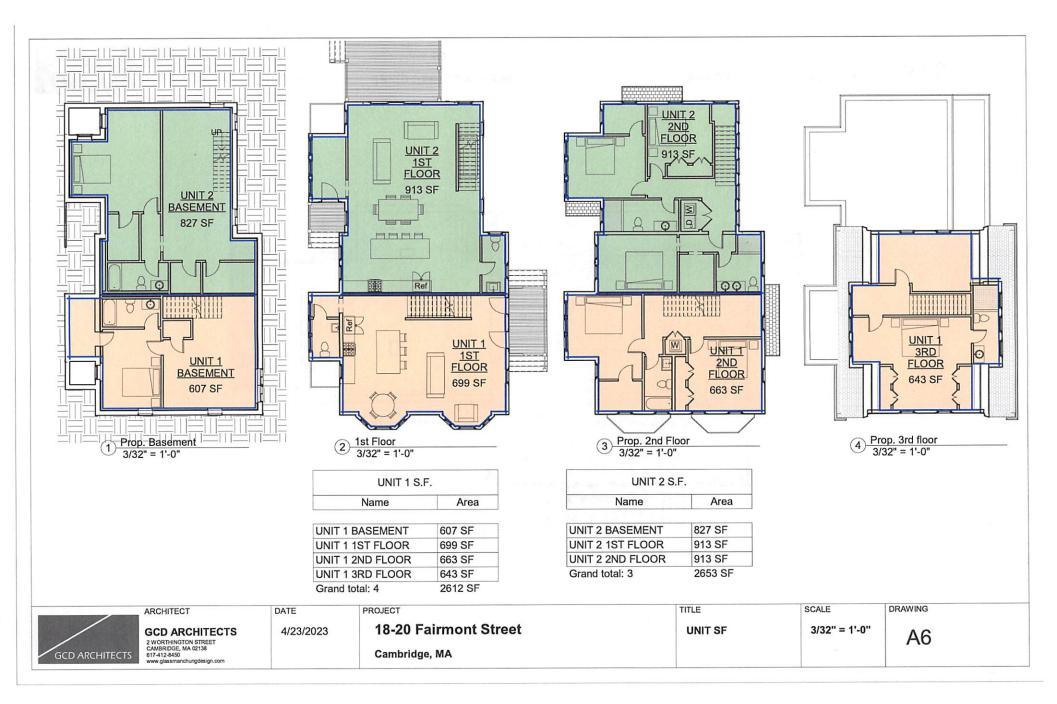


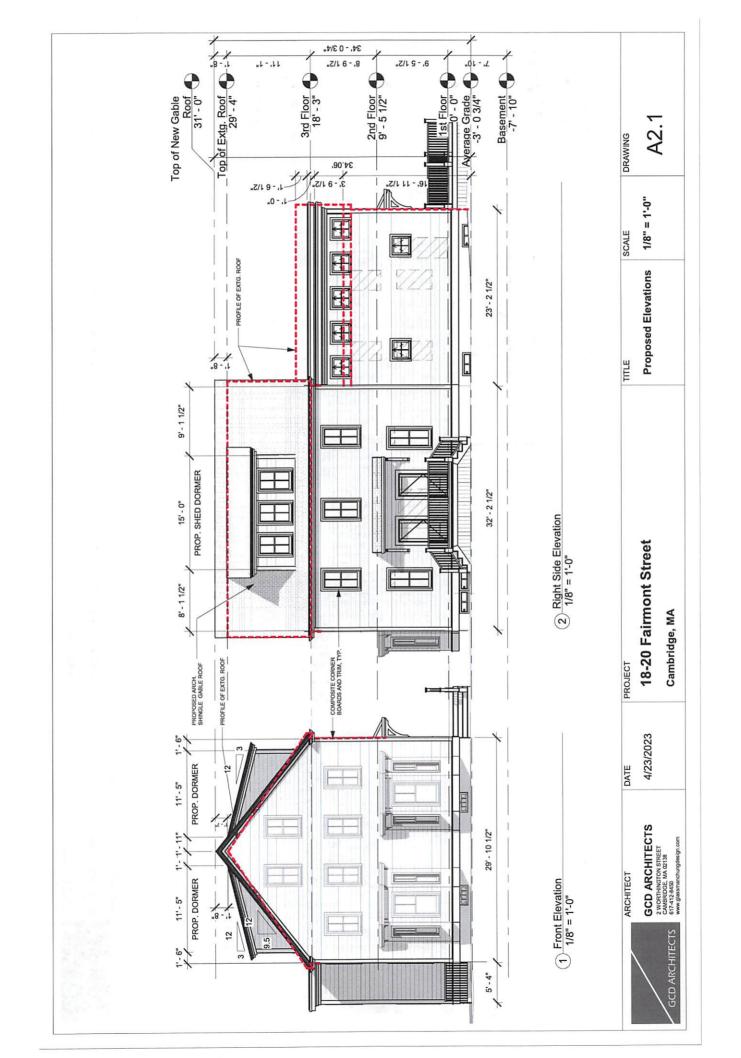


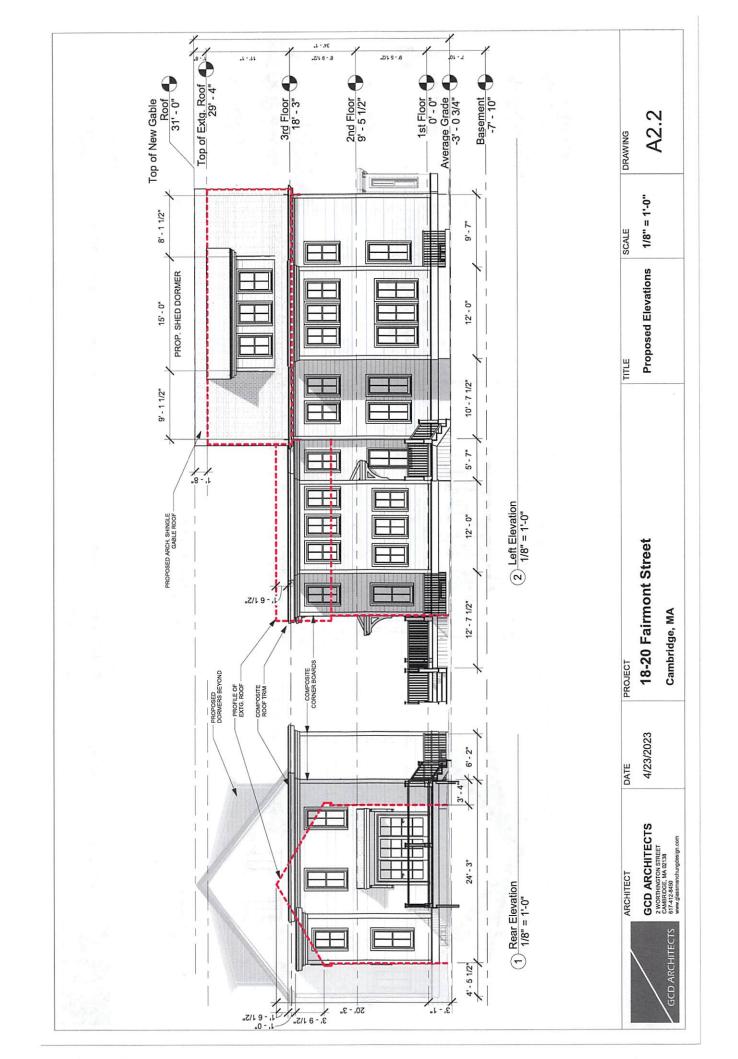


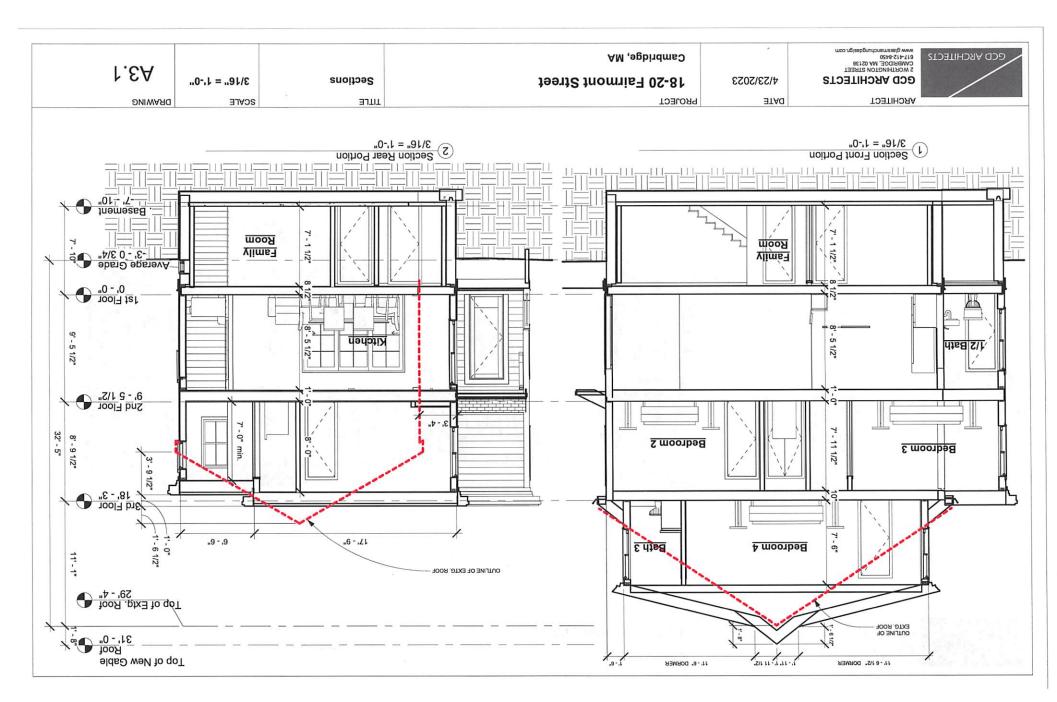




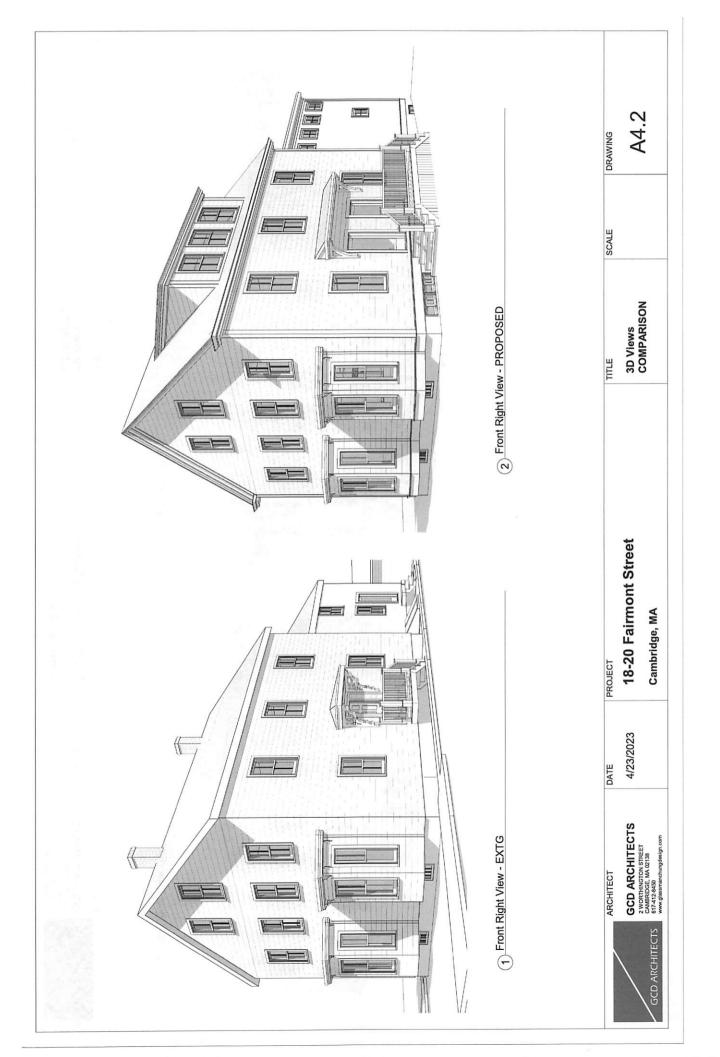




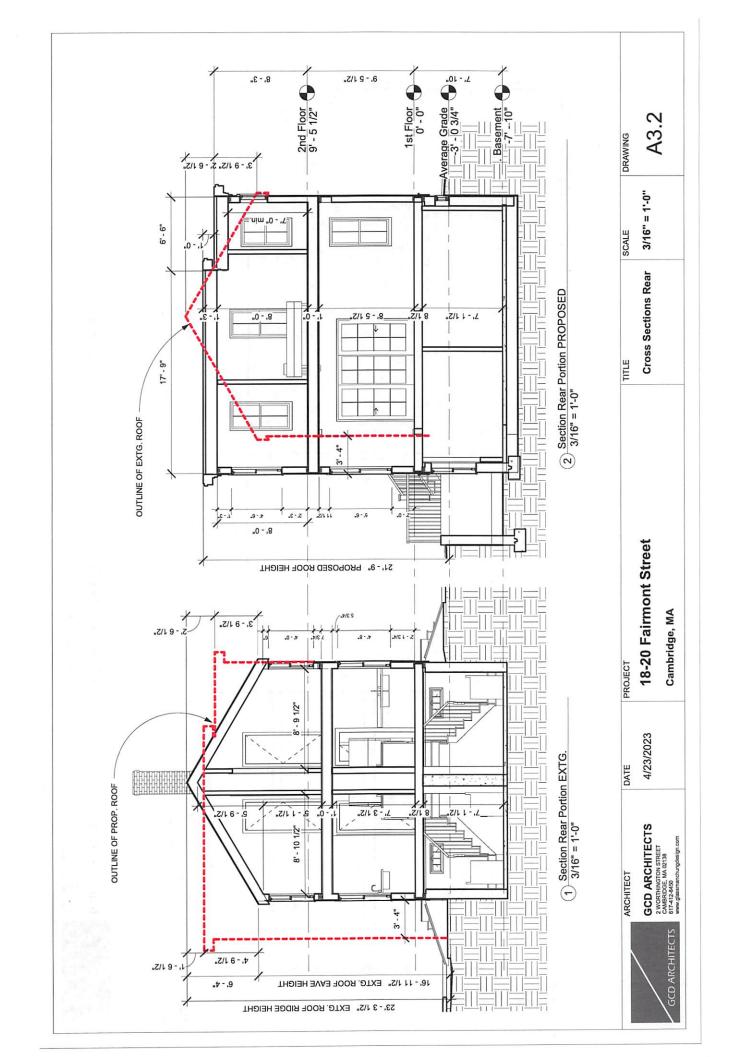


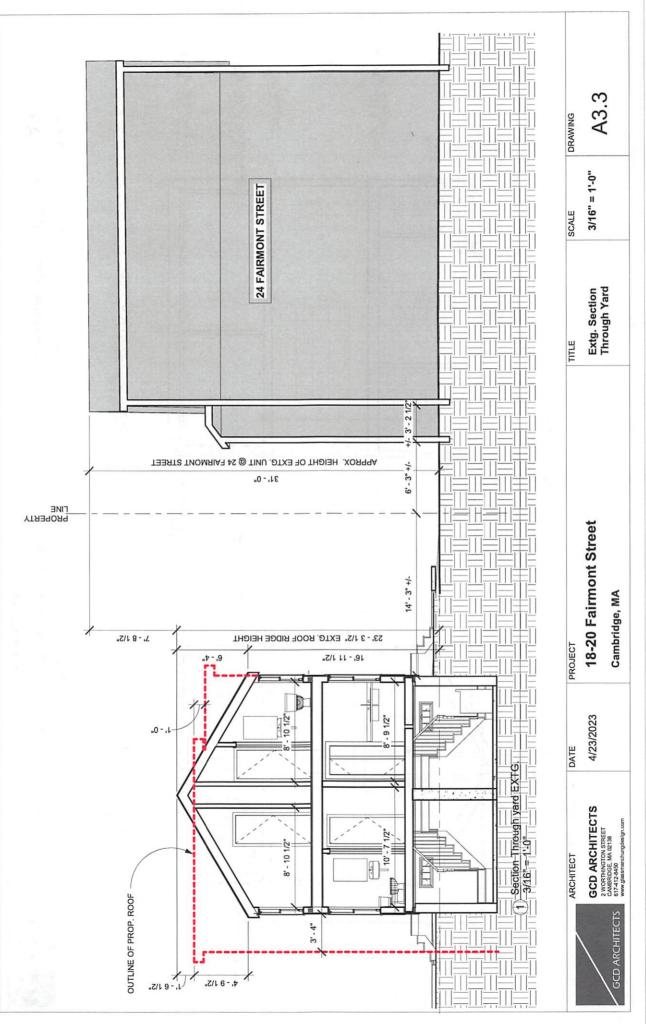




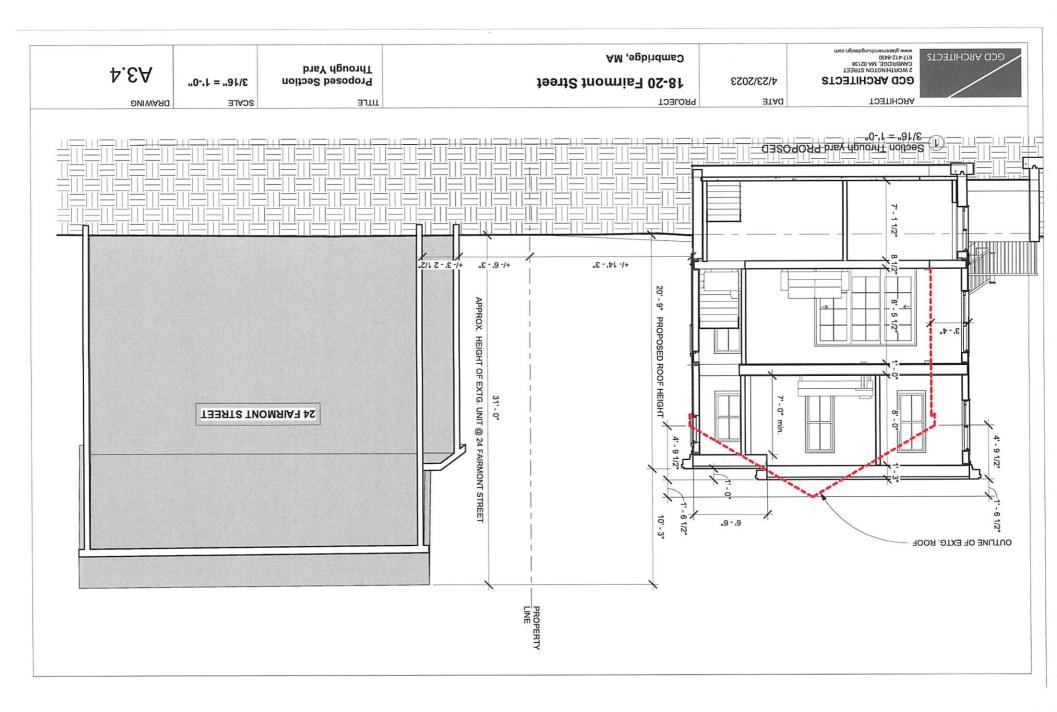


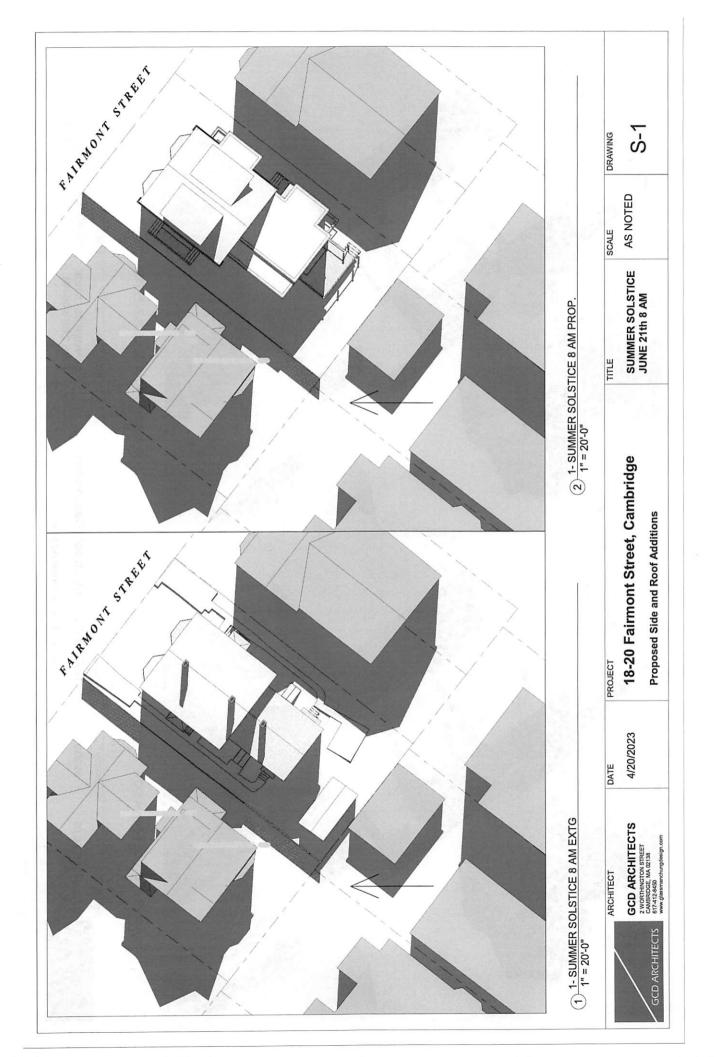


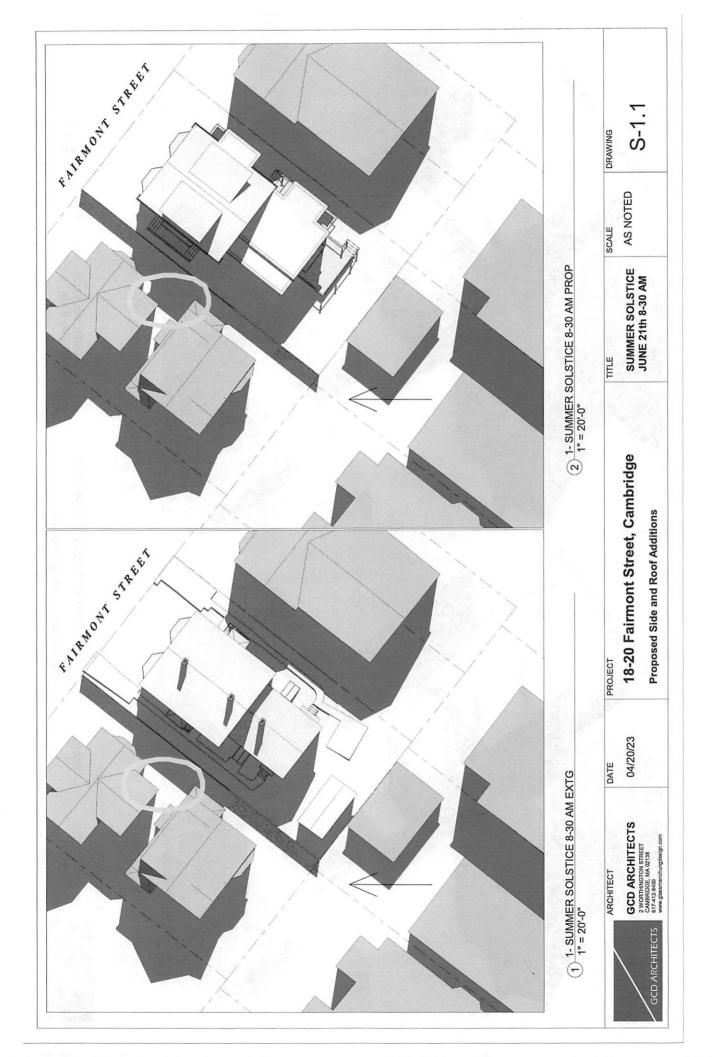




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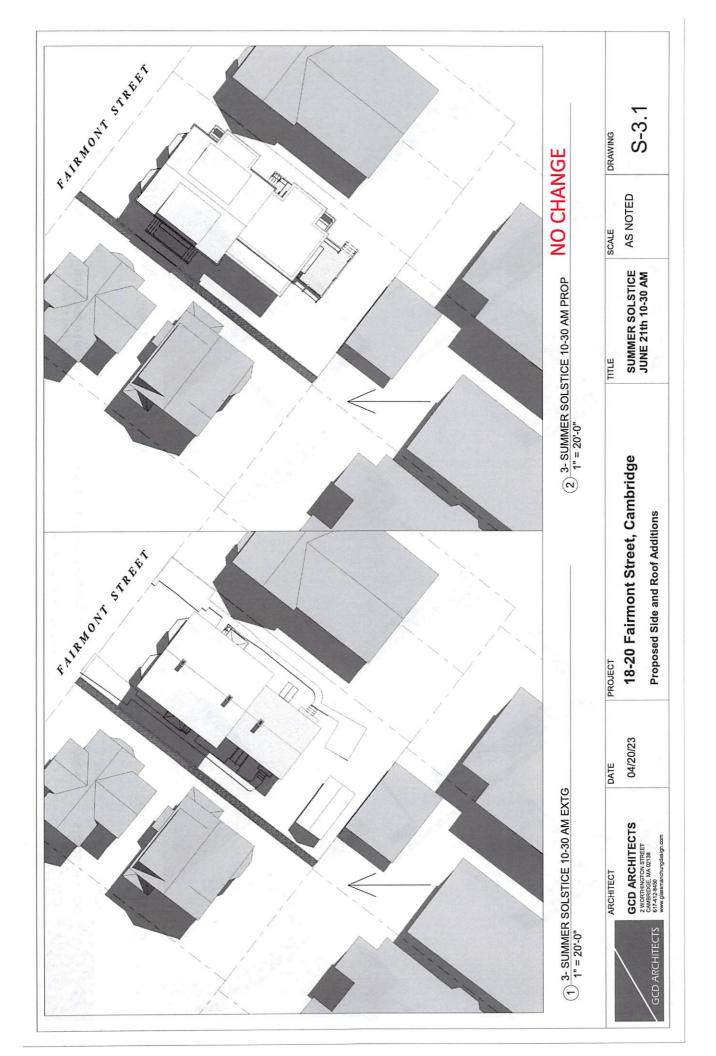




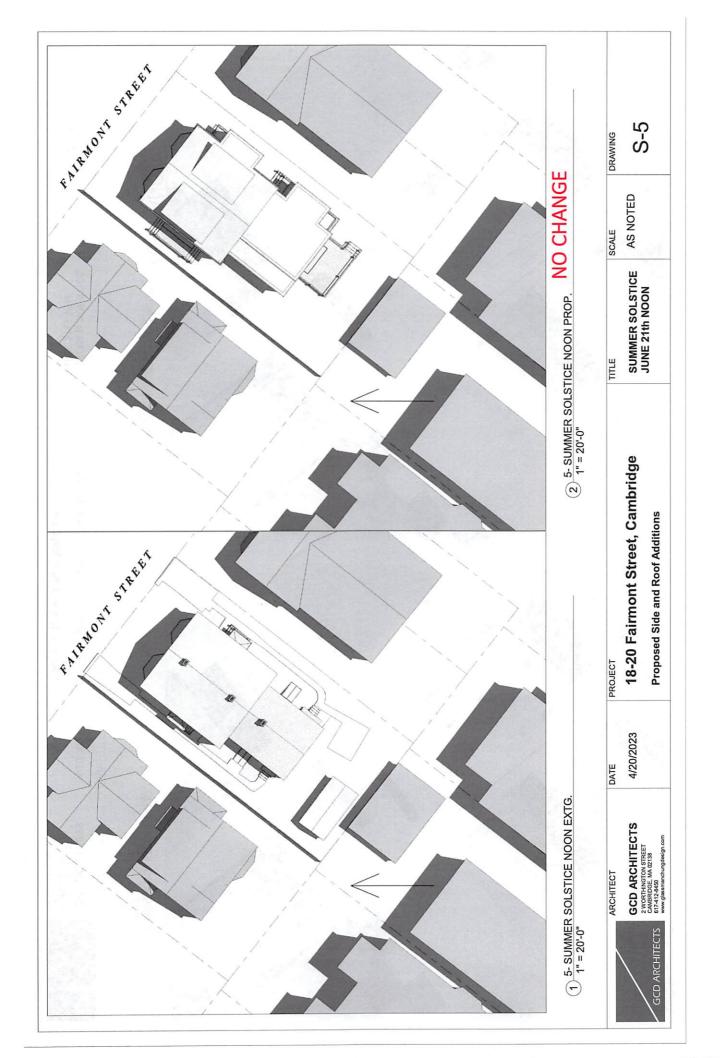








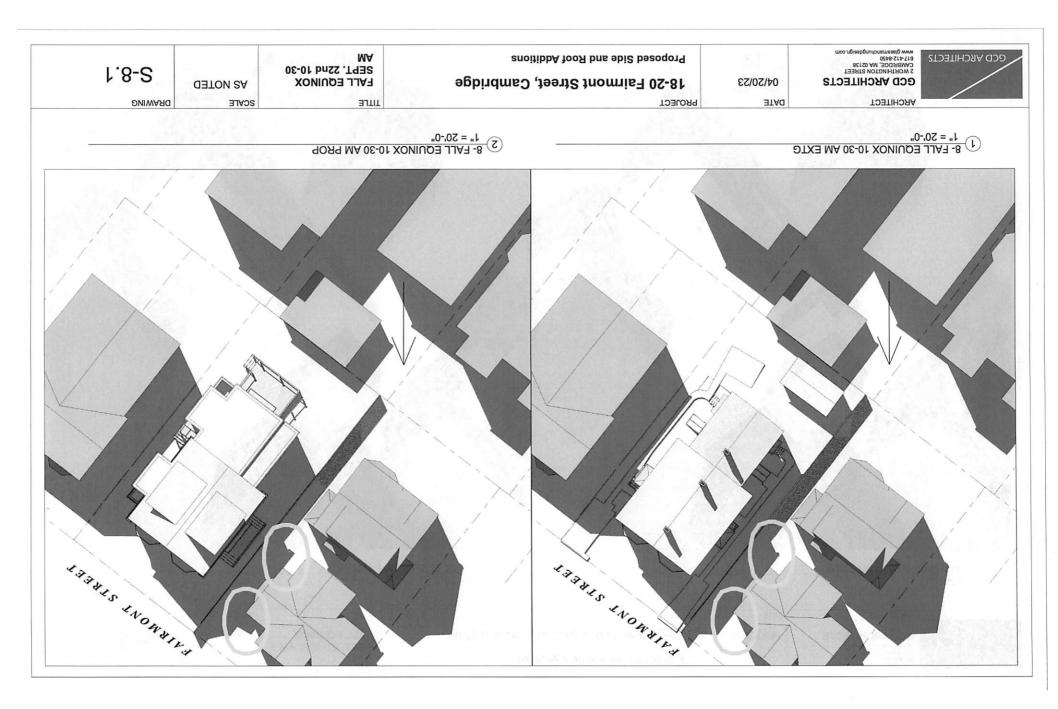


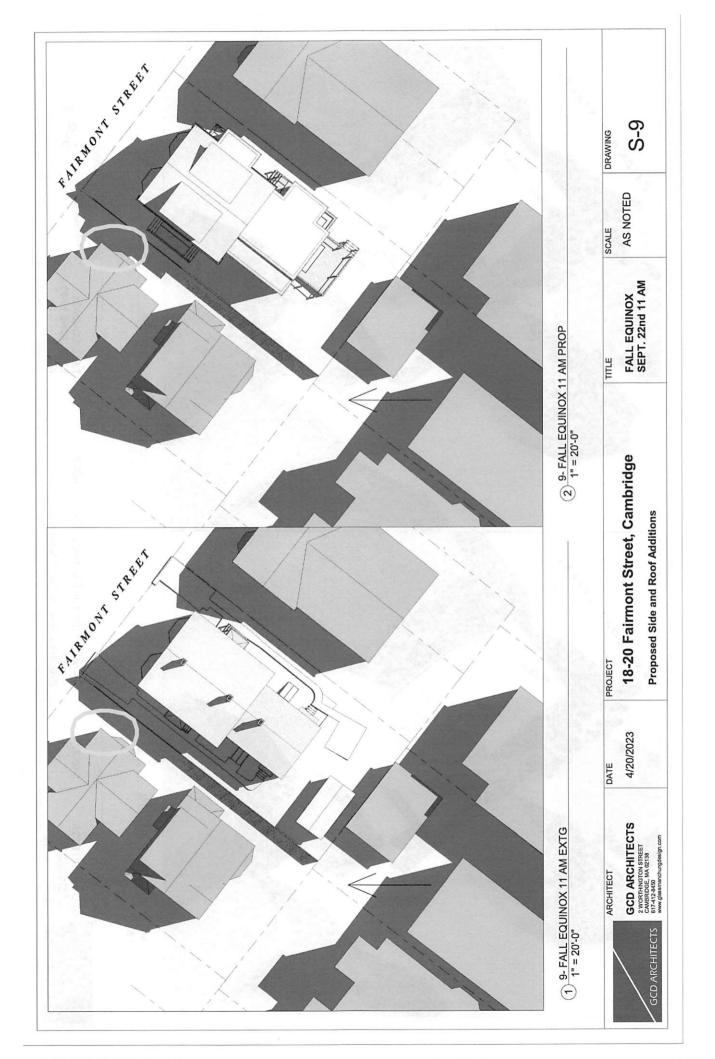








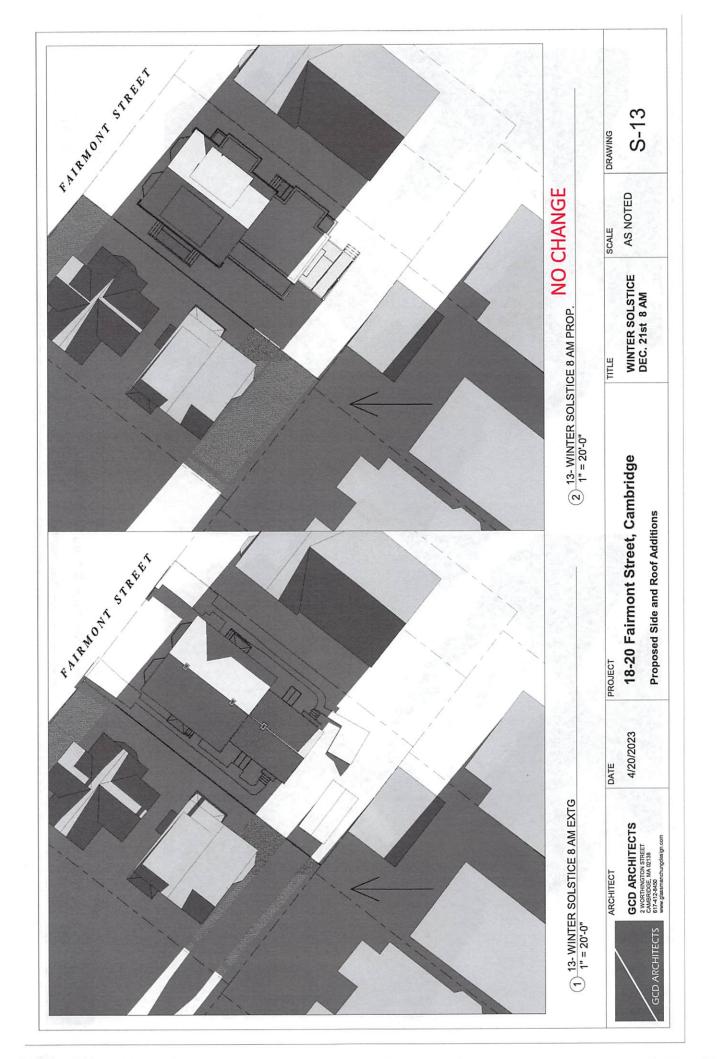


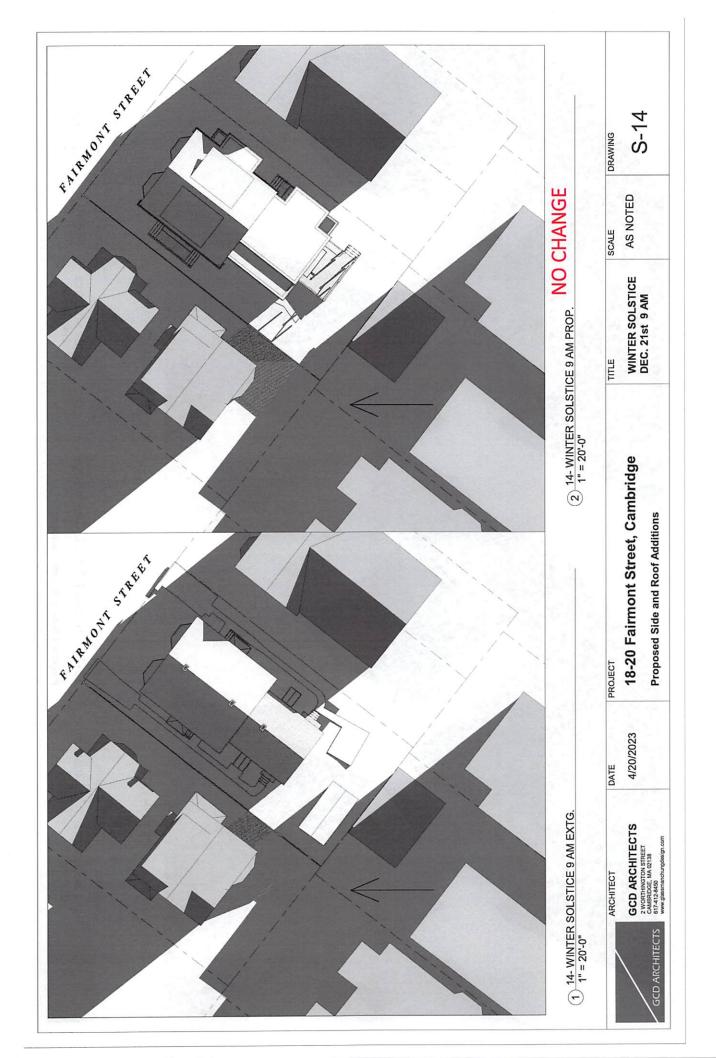


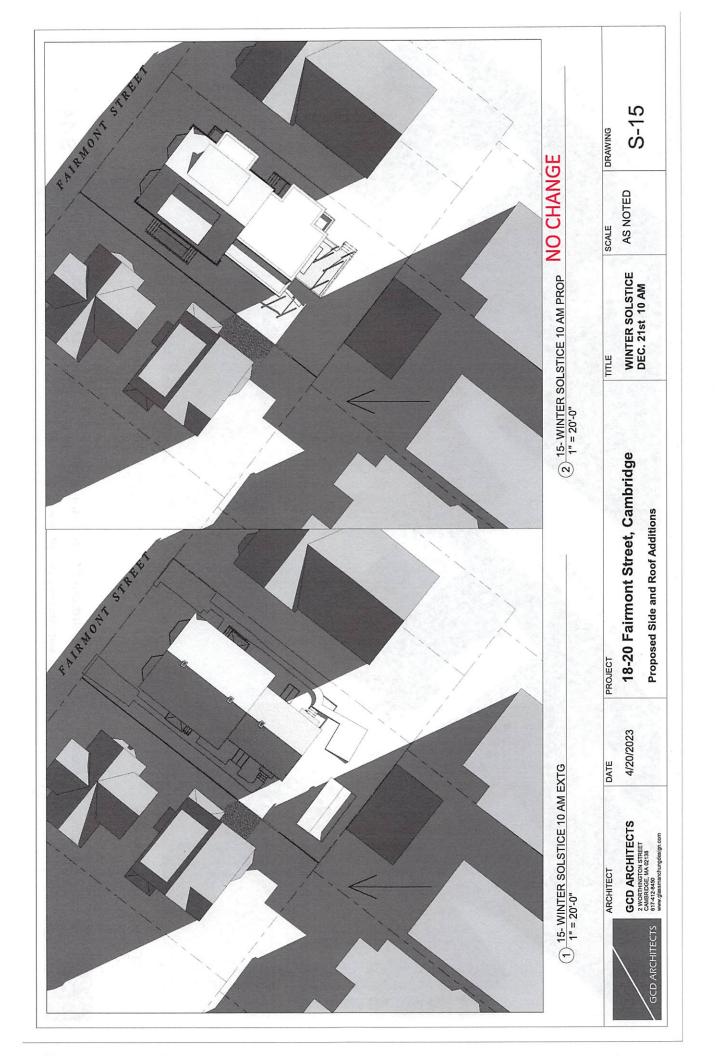


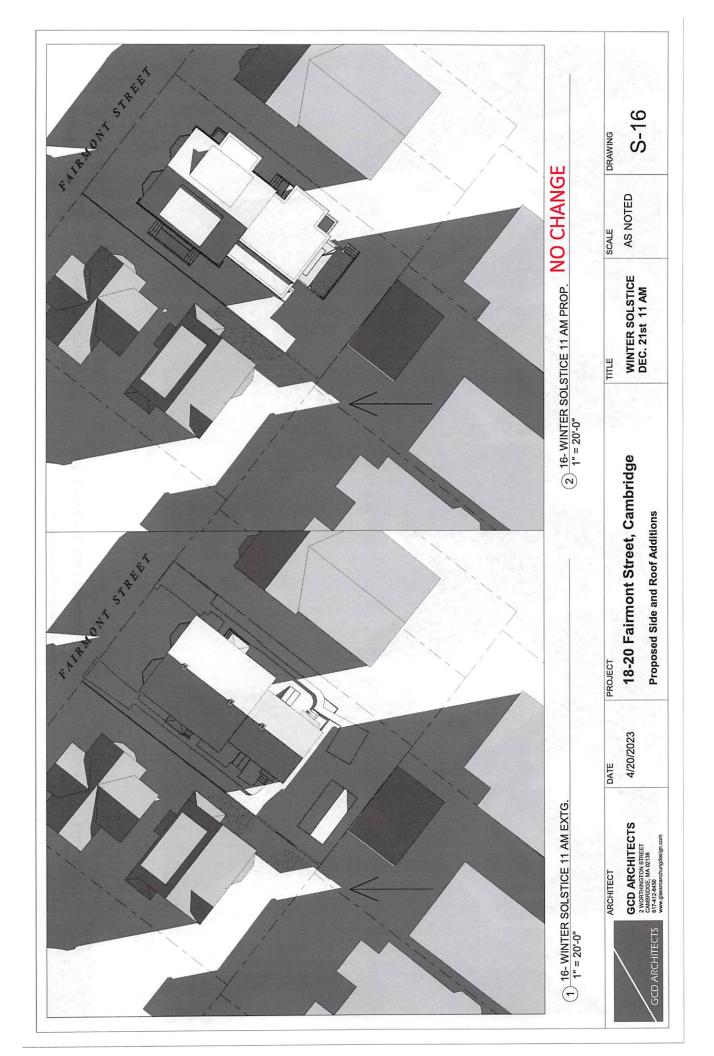








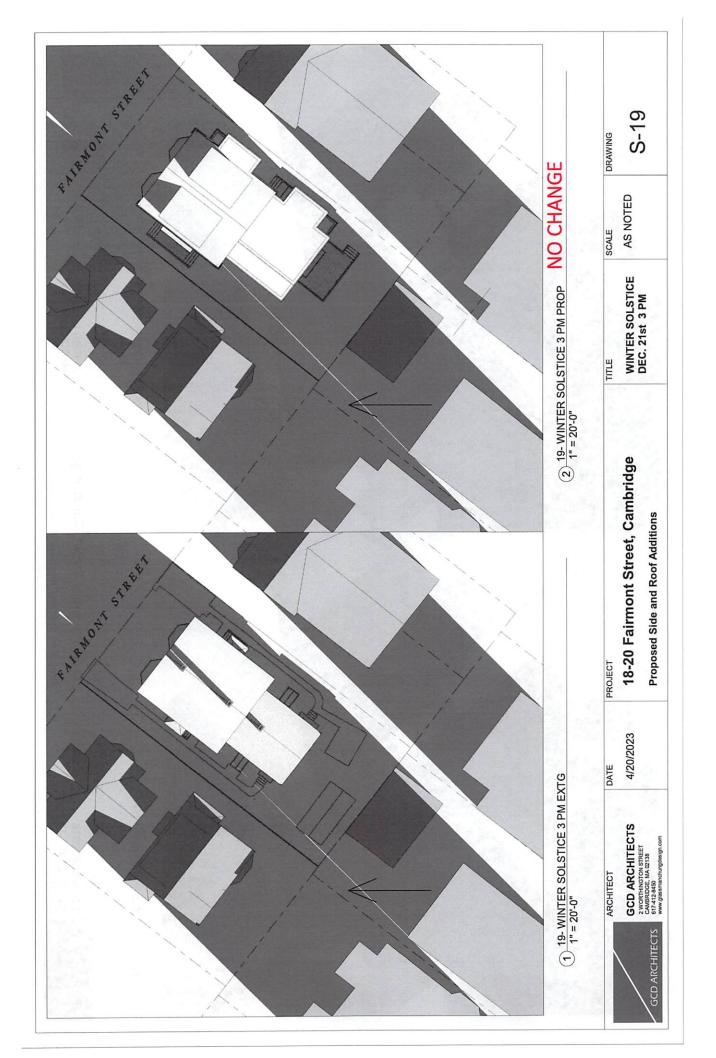


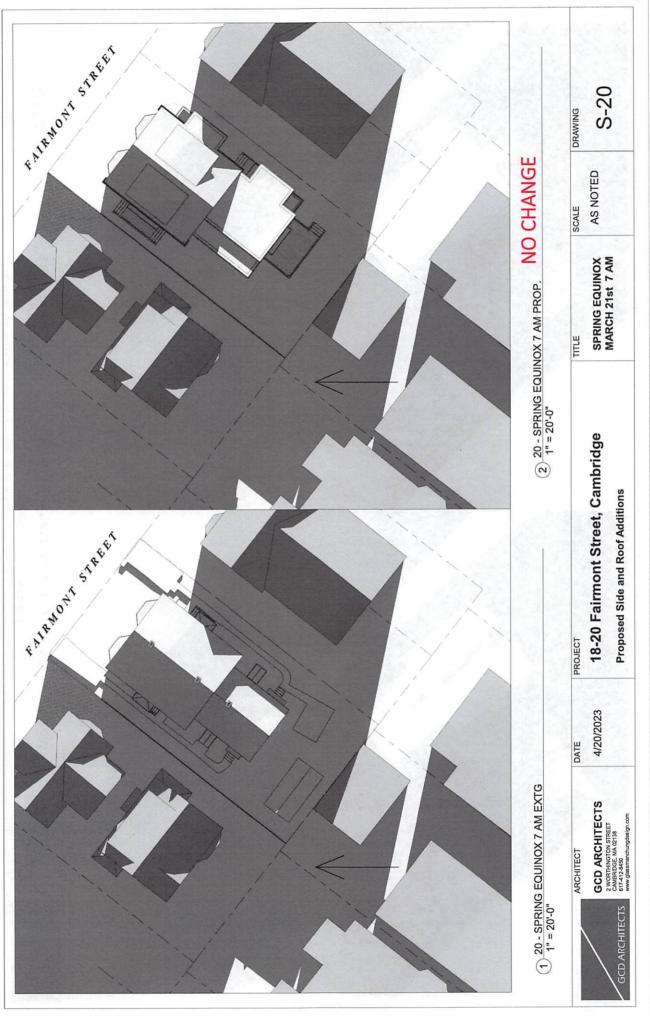


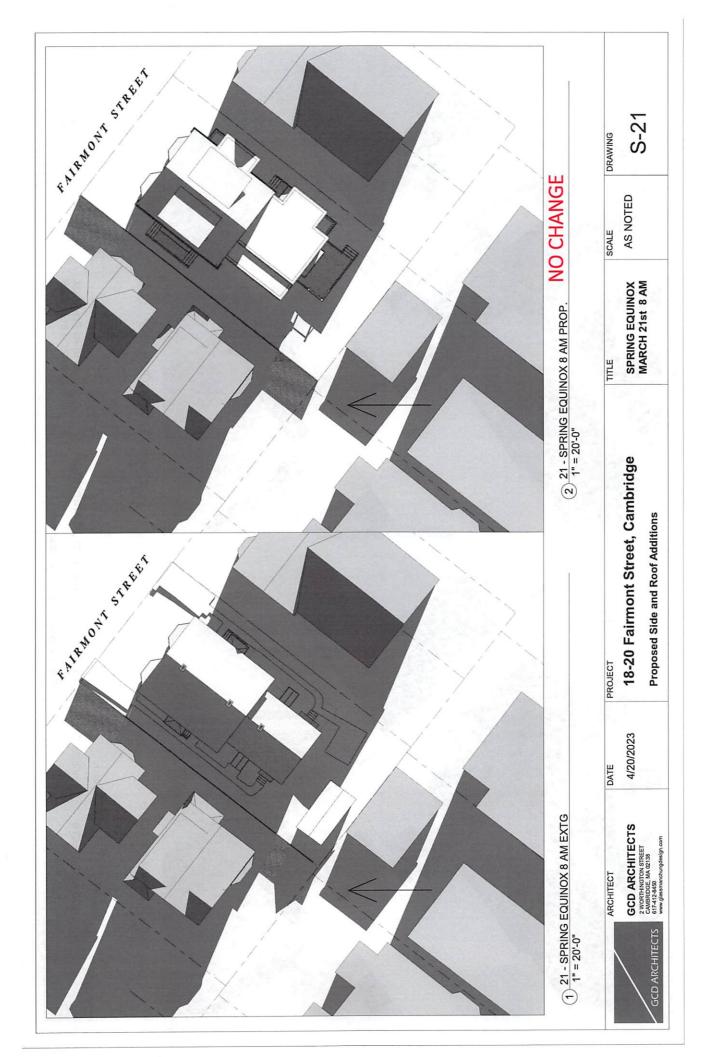






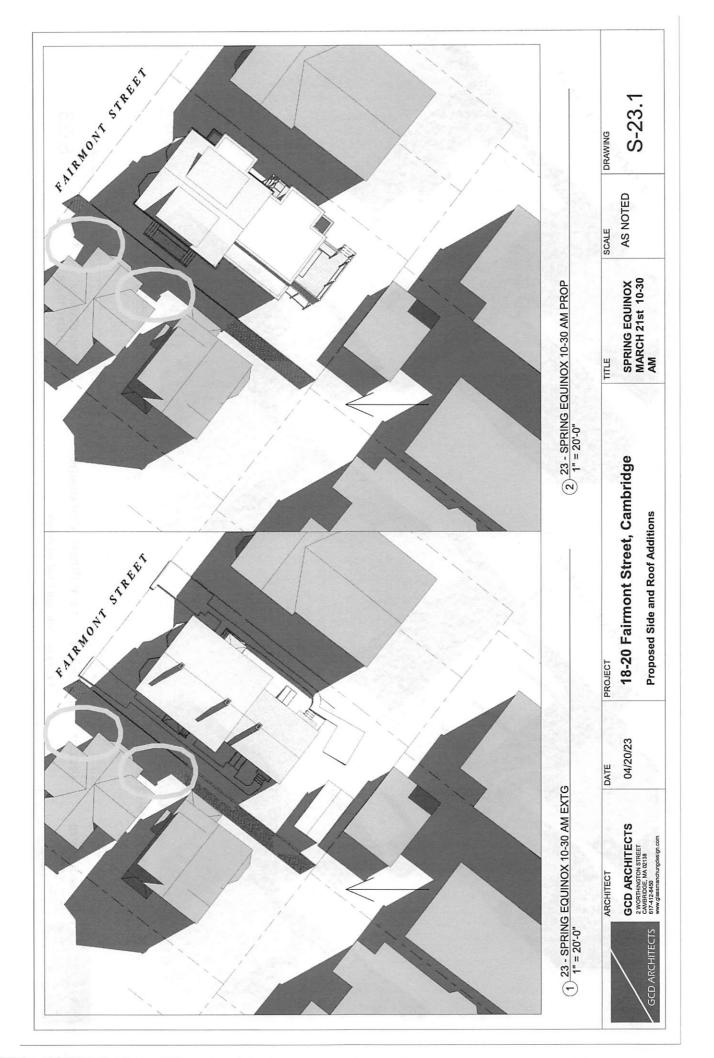






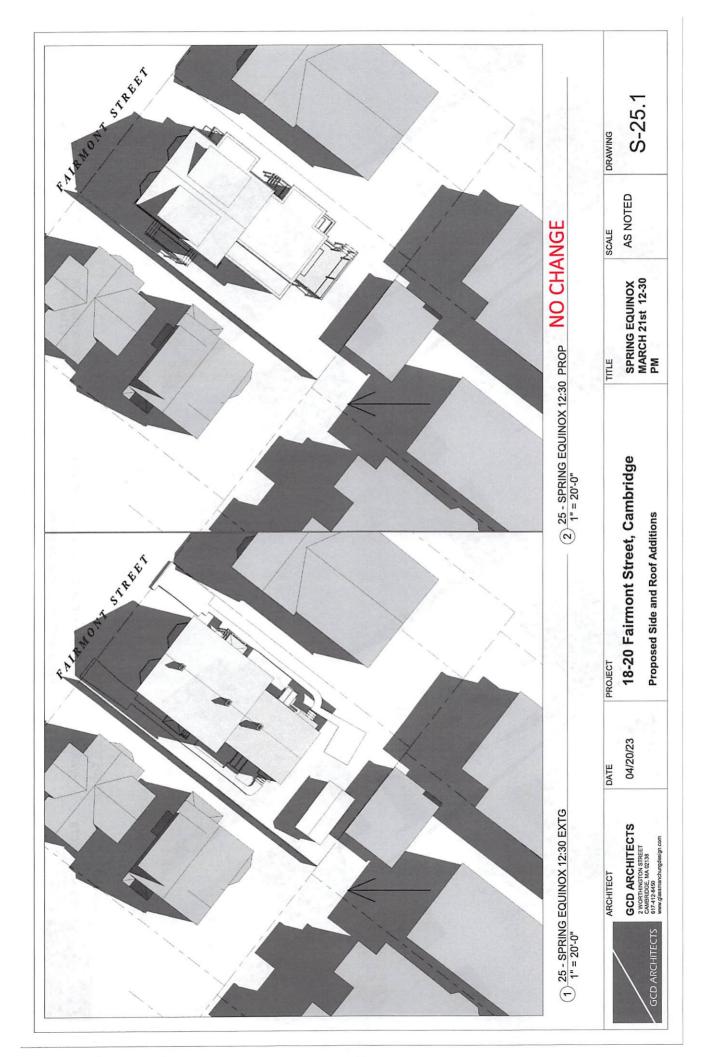






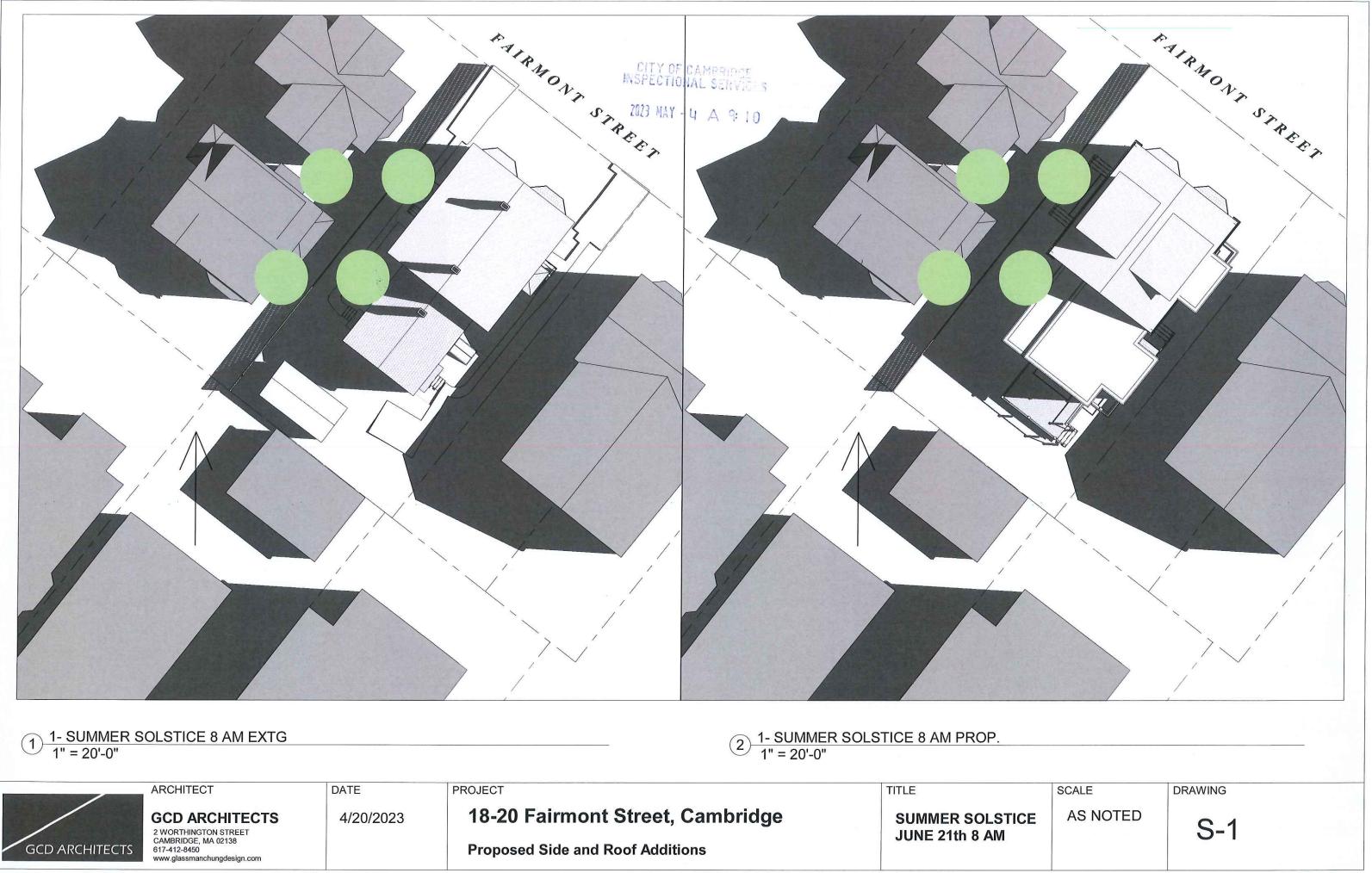


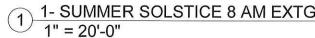


















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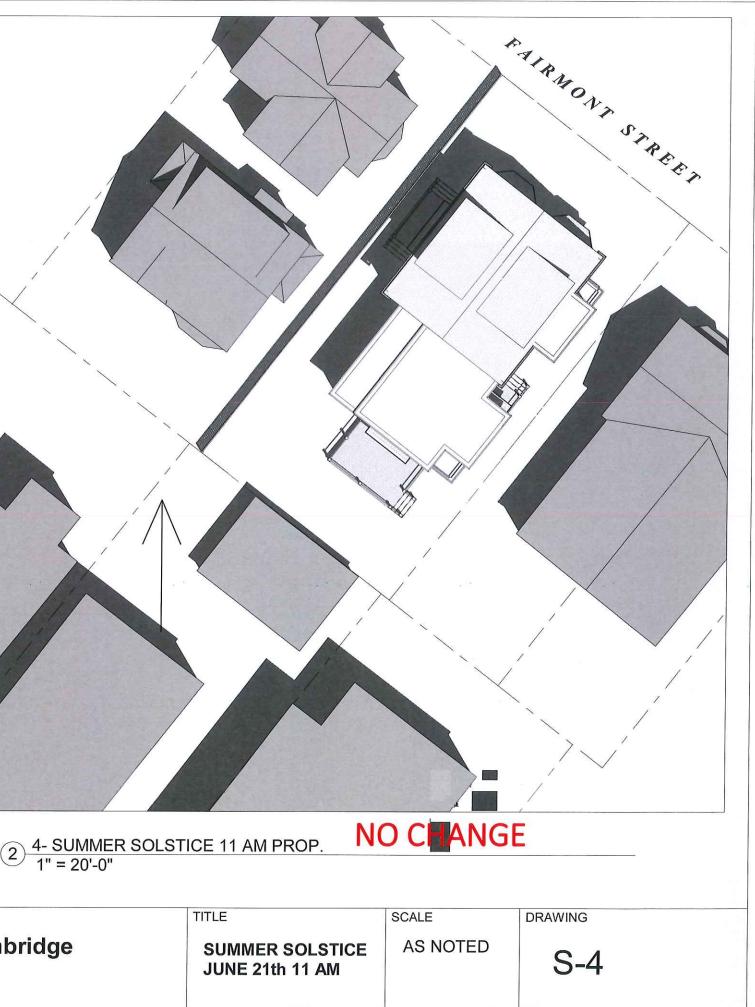
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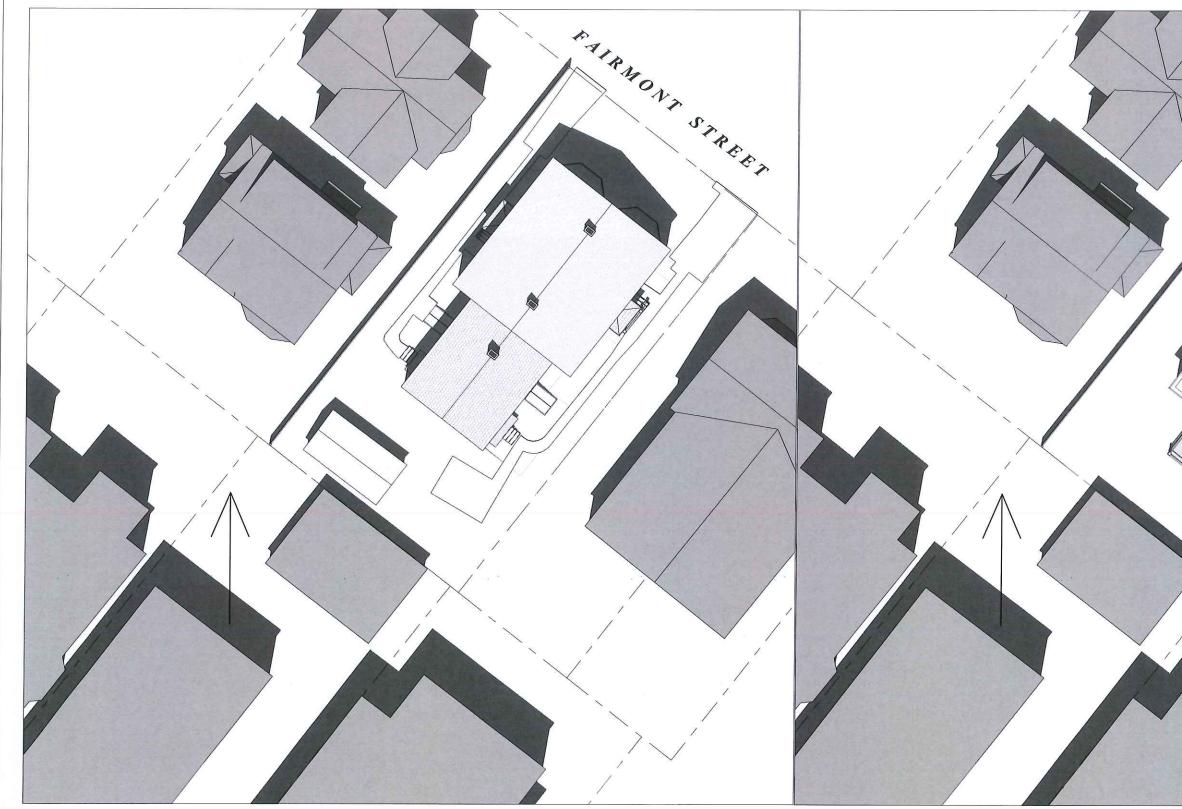
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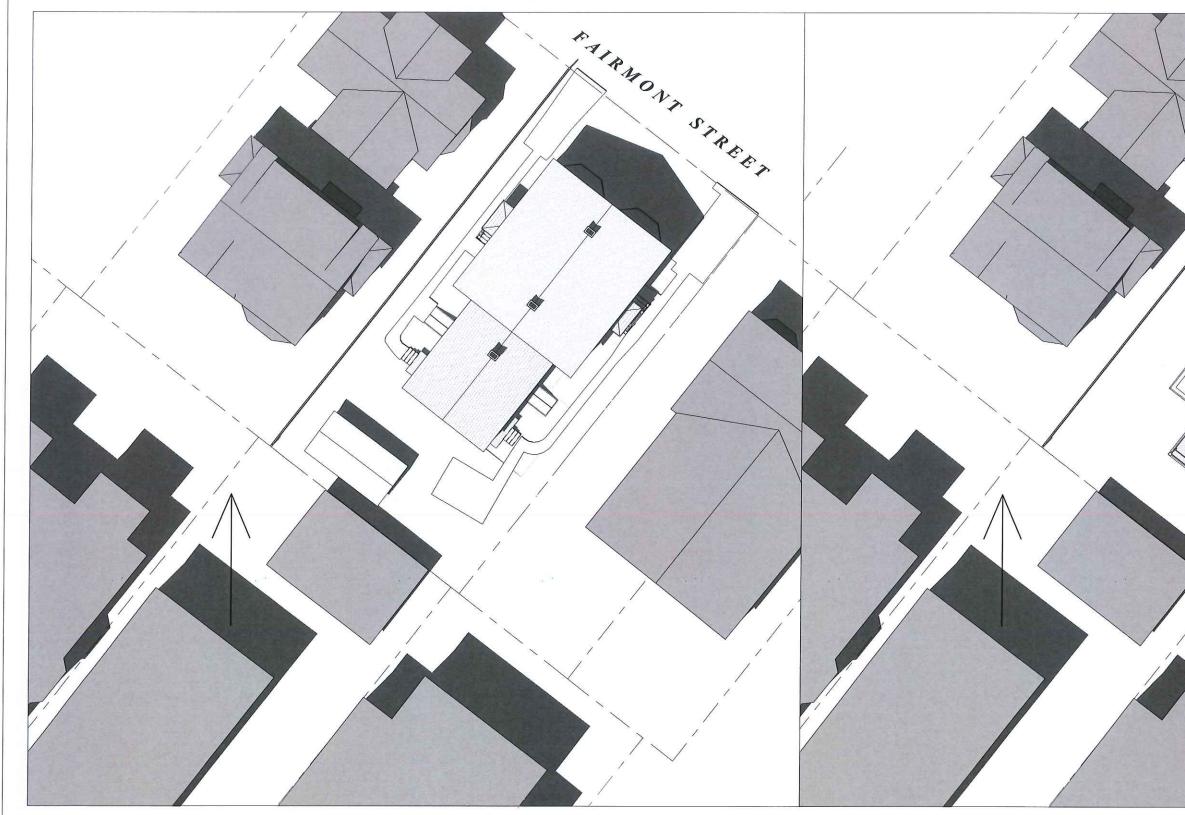






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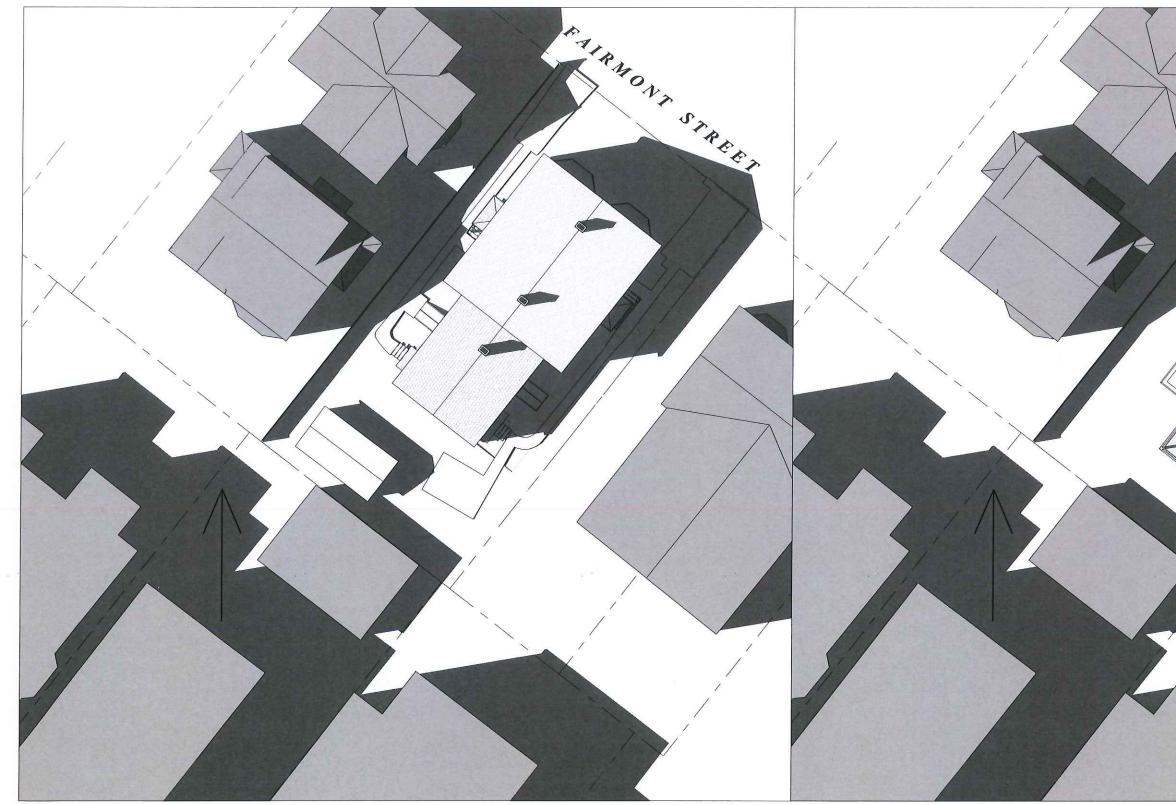


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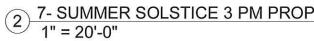
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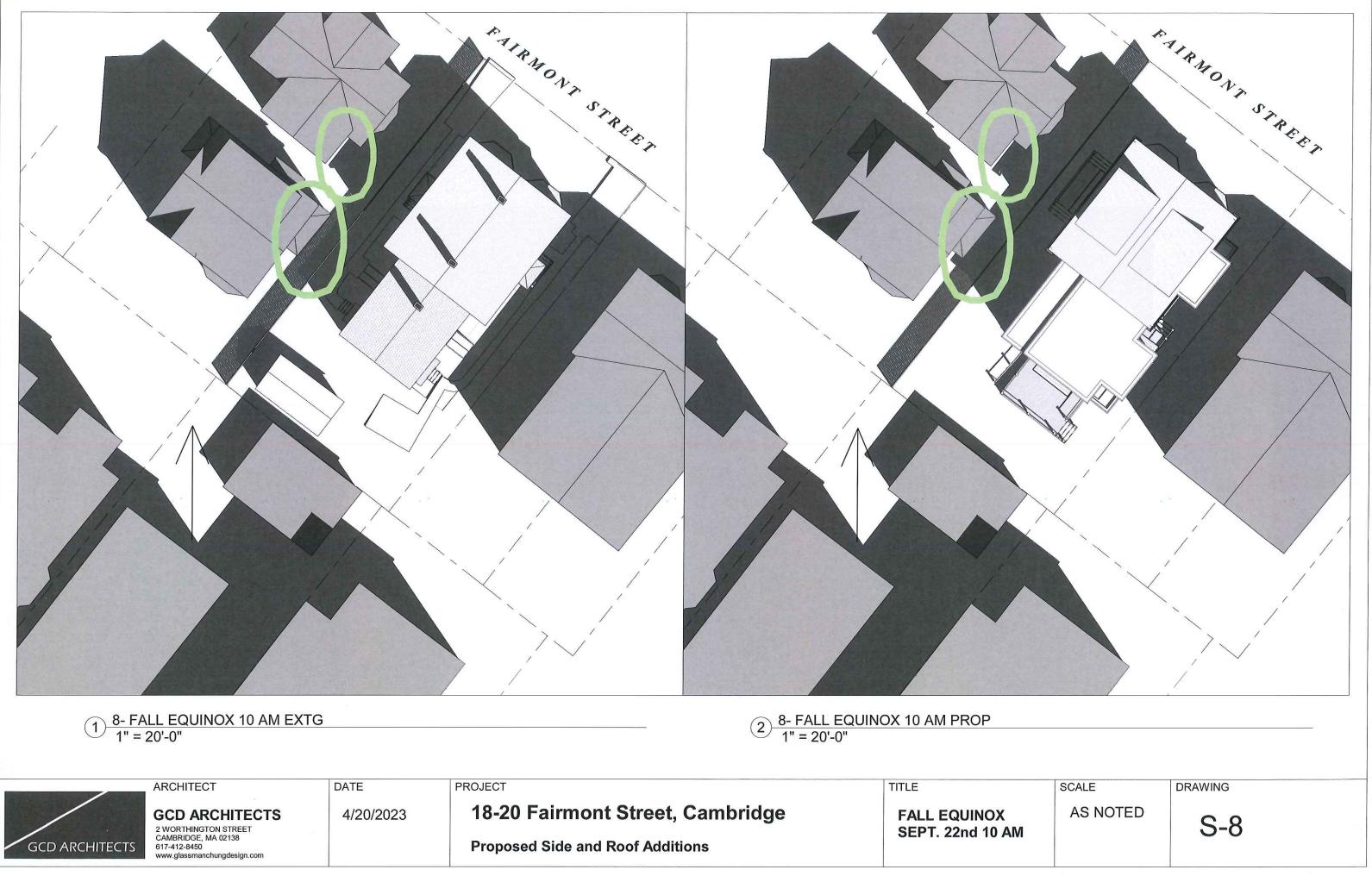




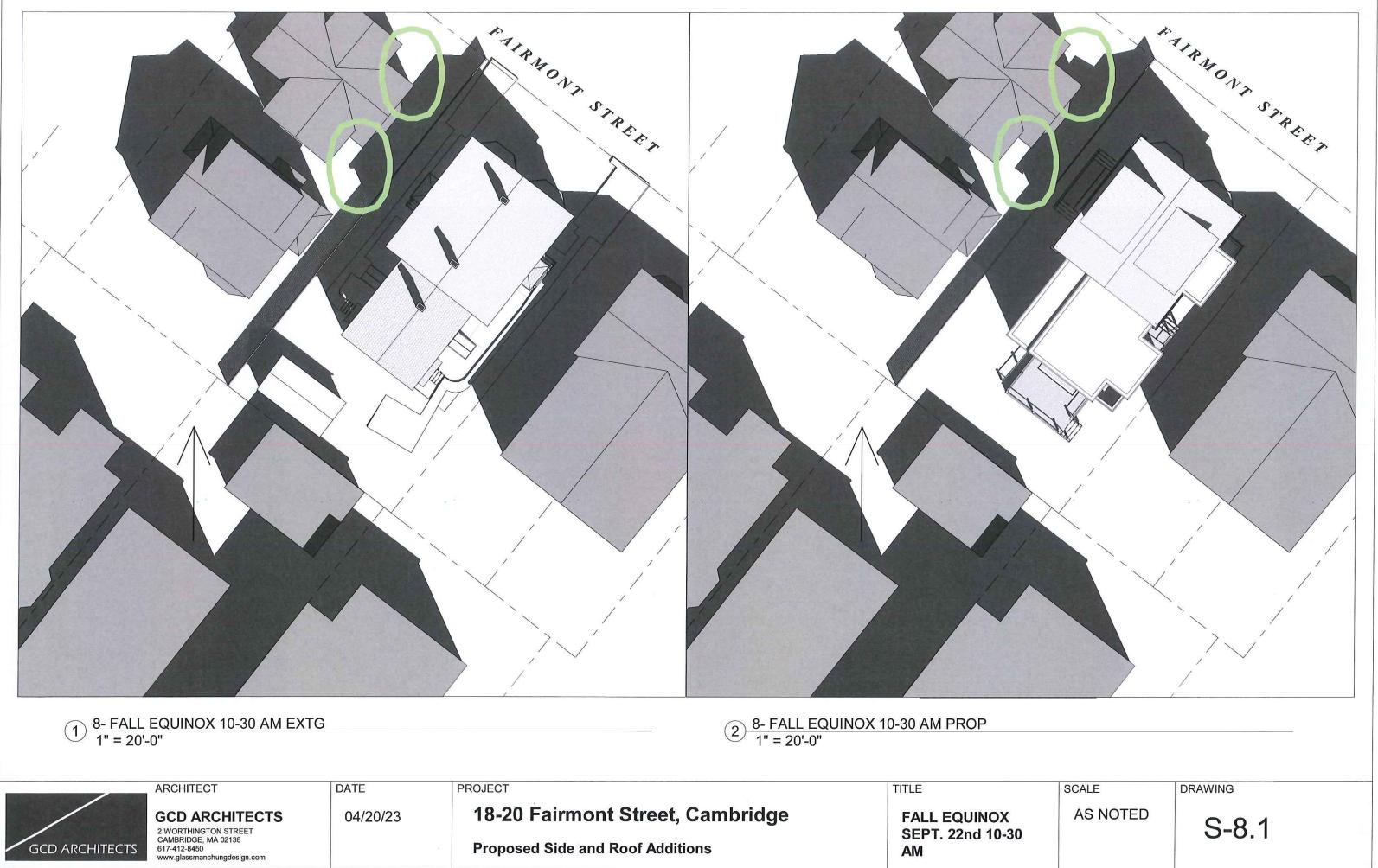




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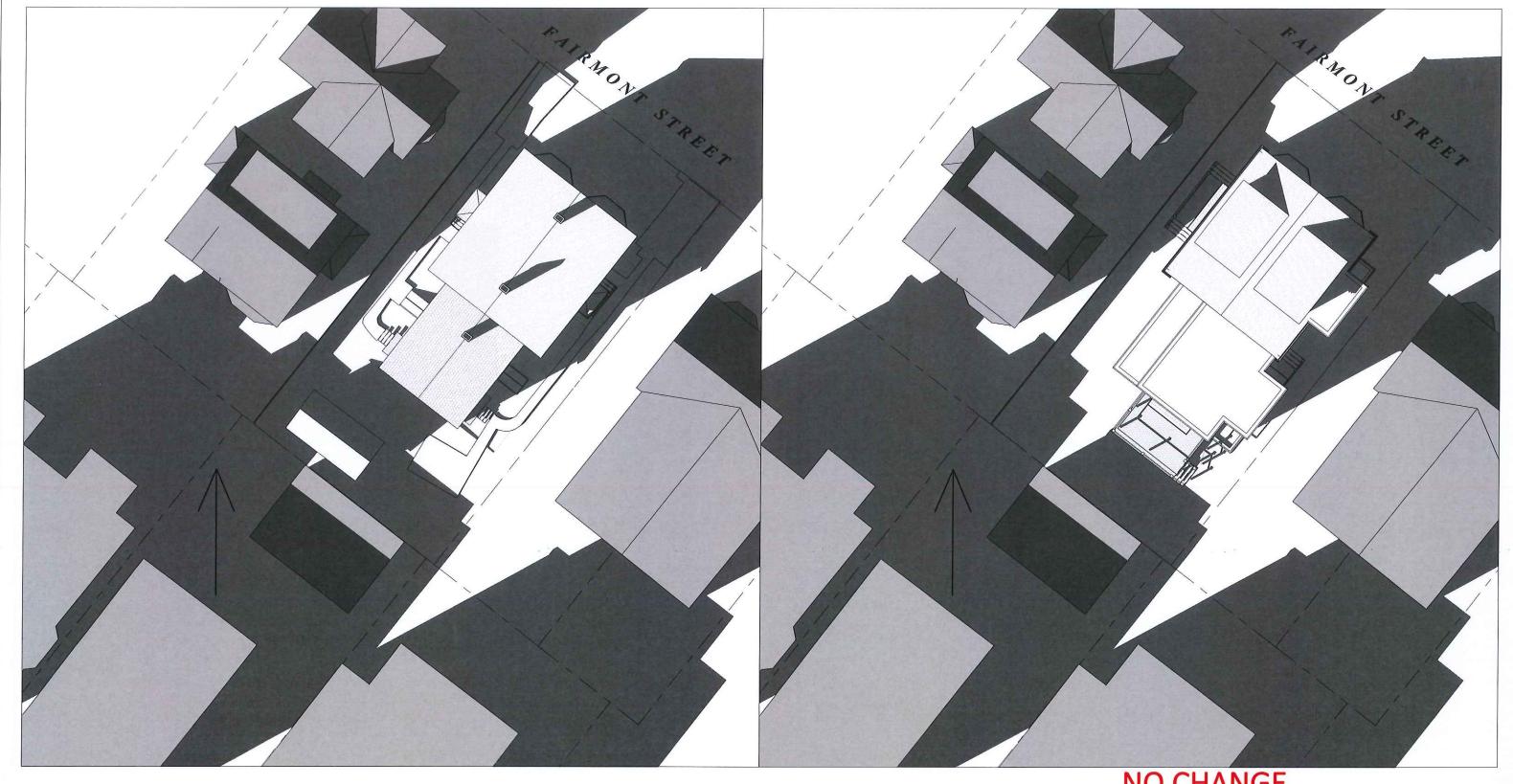


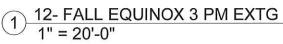
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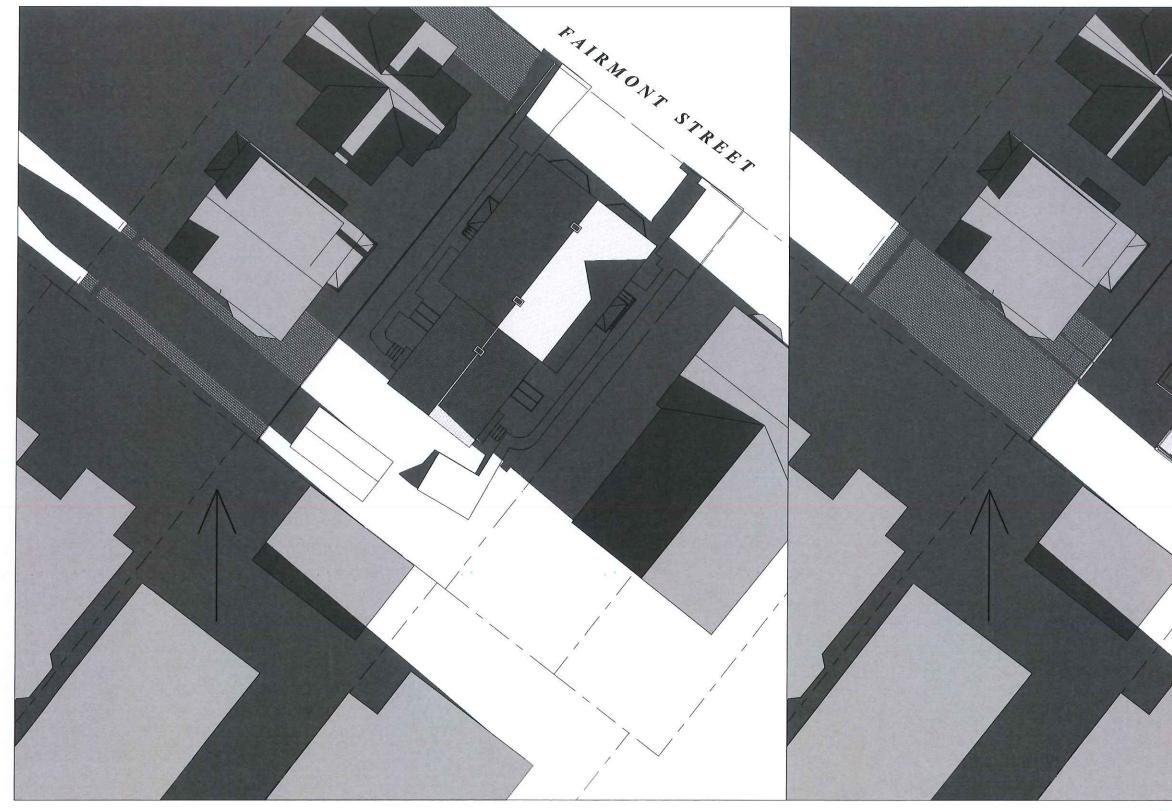






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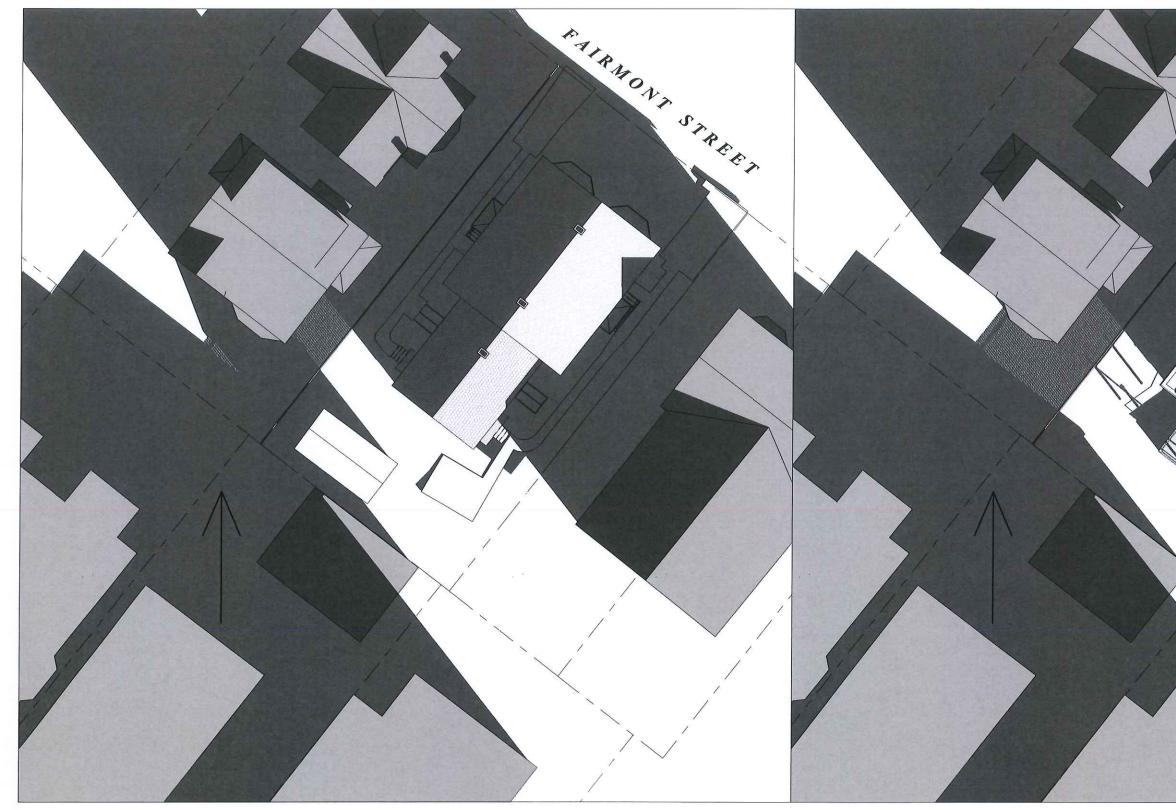


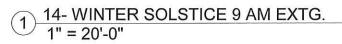


2 <u>13- WINTER SOLSTICE 8 AM PROP.</u> 1" = 20'-0"



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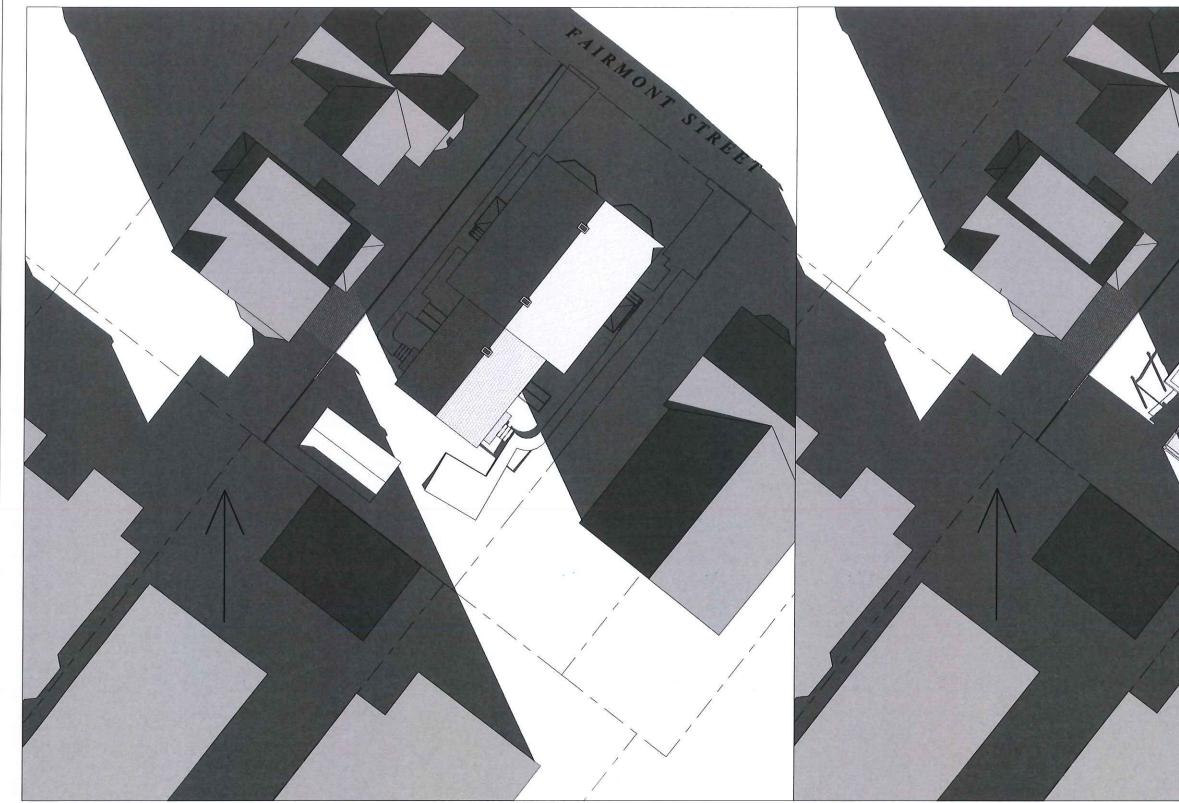




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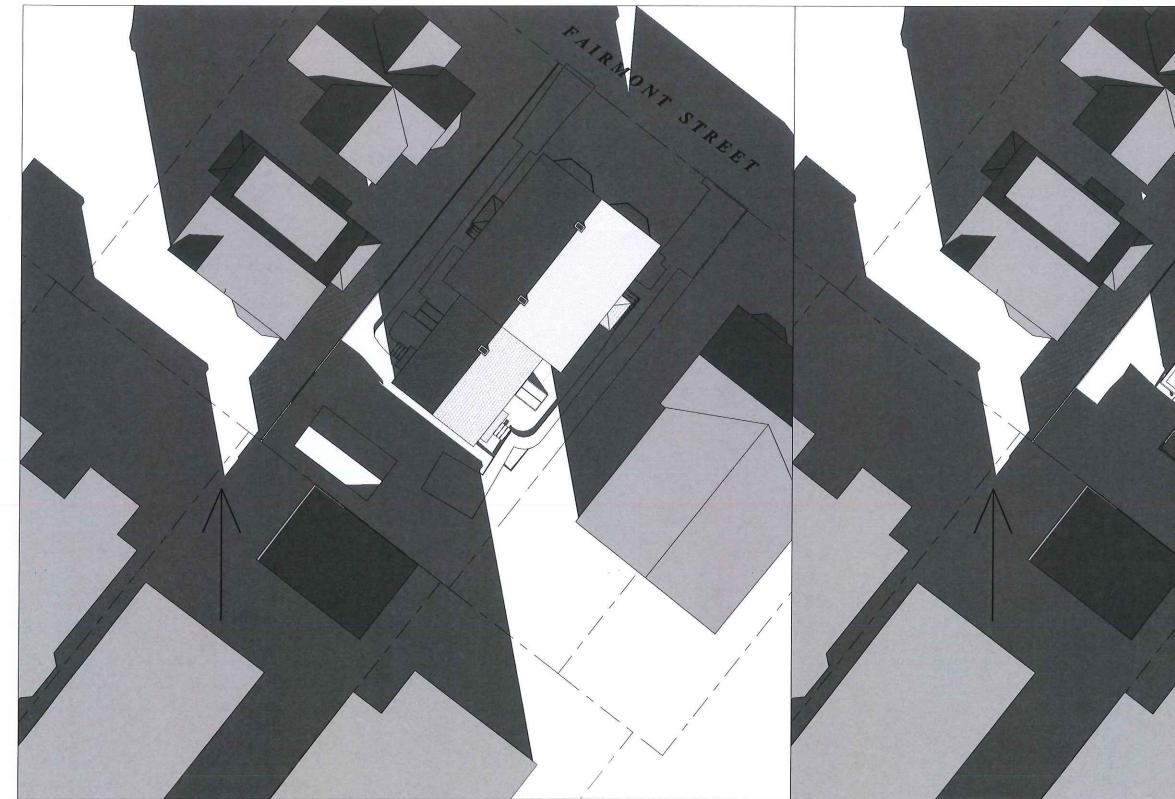
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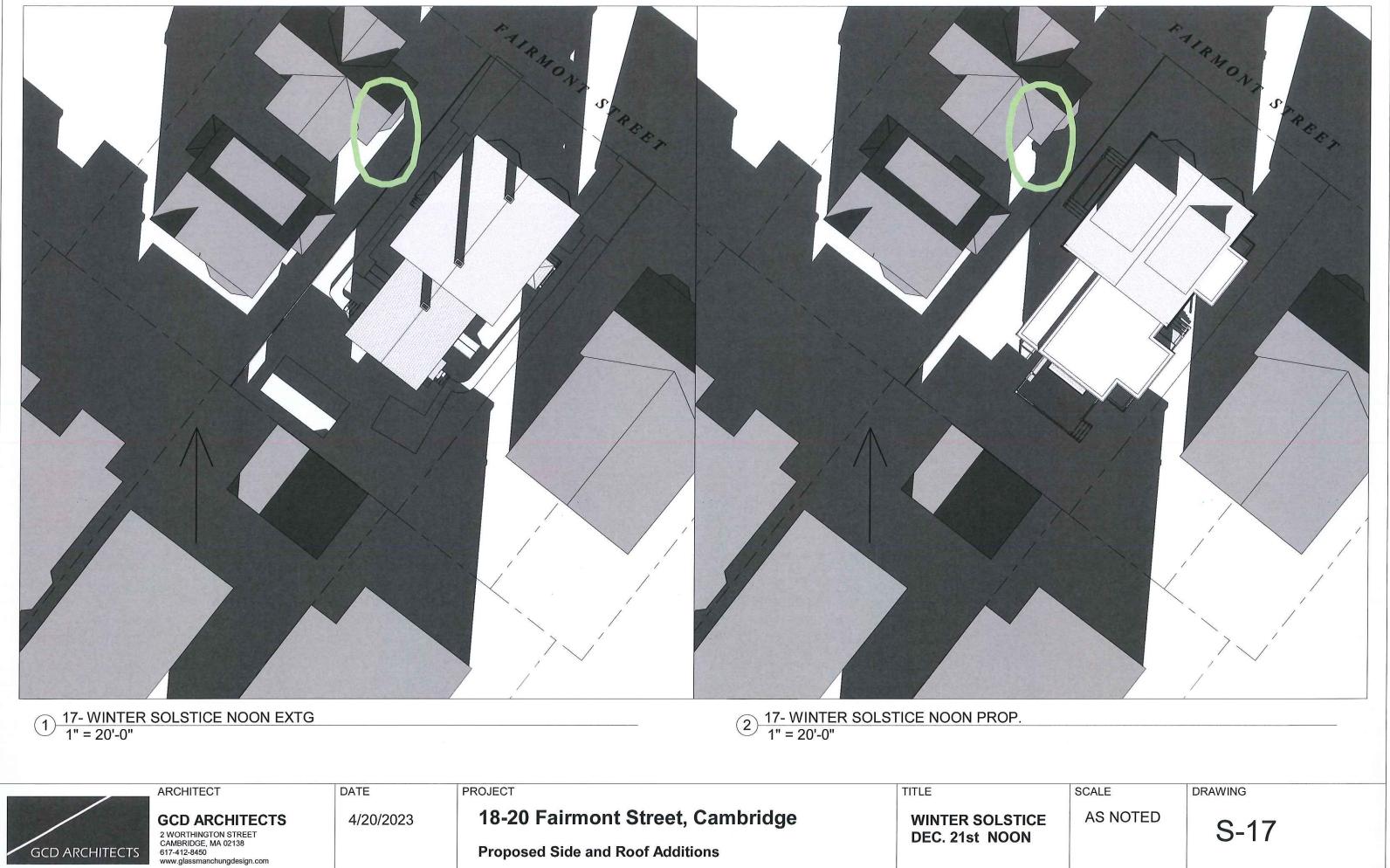




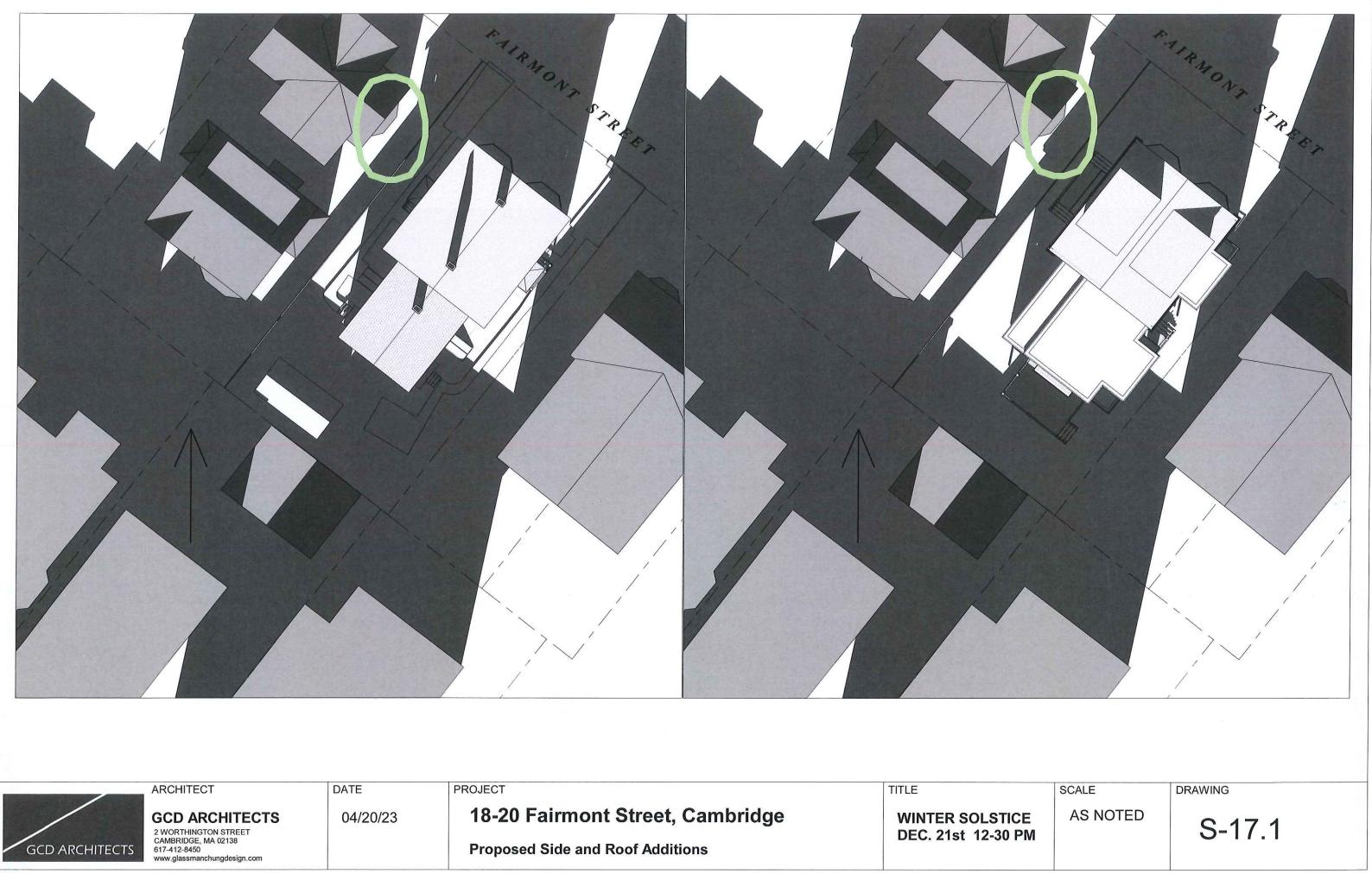
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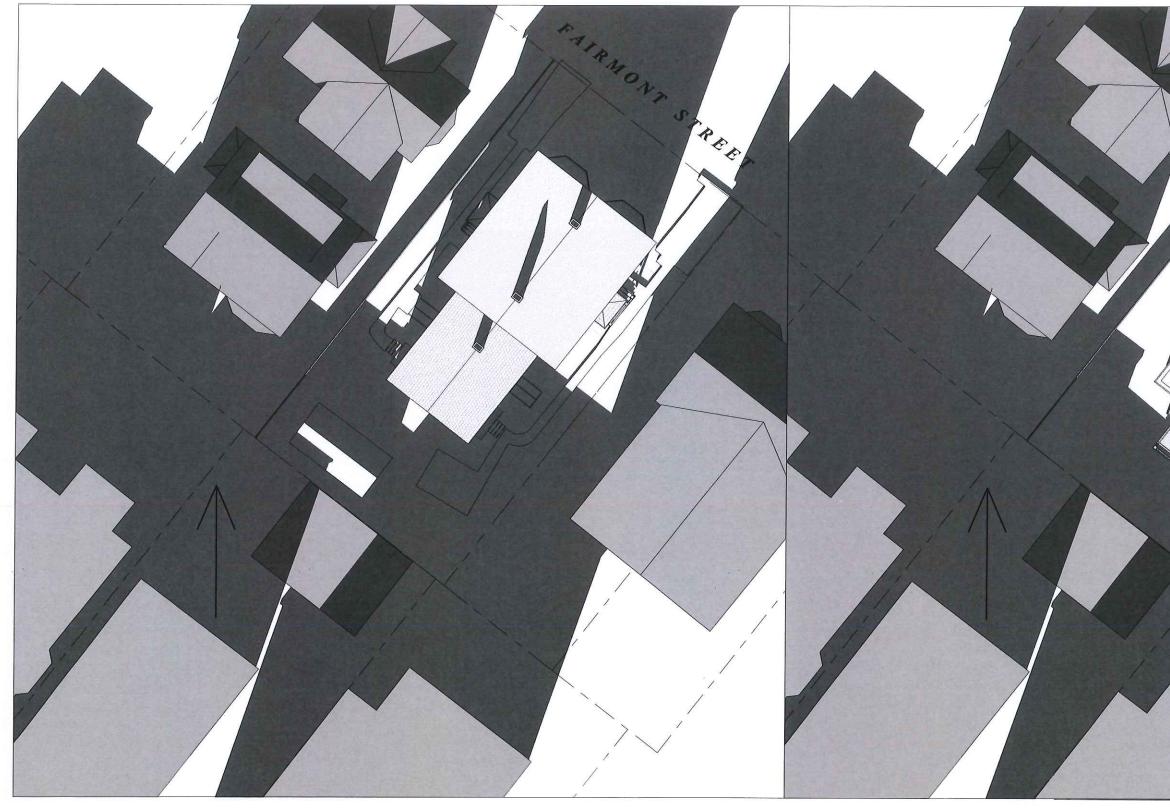
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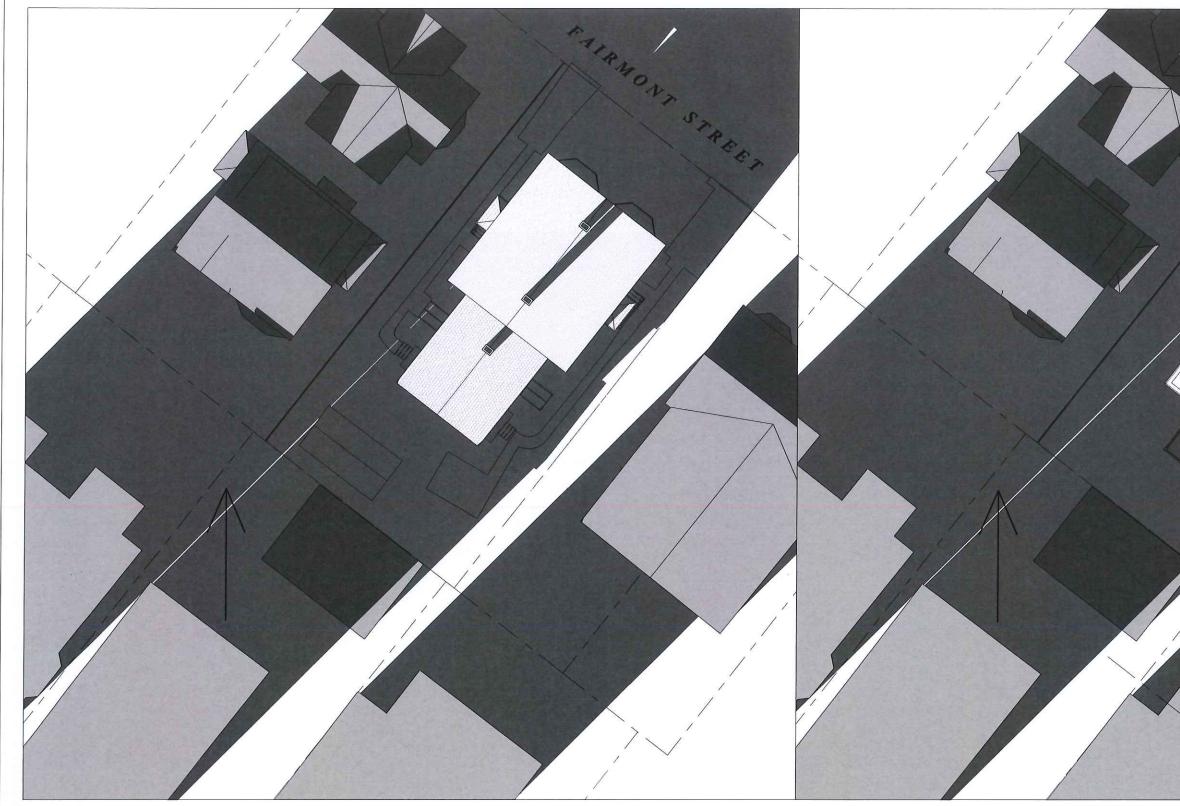


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2 <u>18- WINTER SOLSTICE 1 PM PROP</u> 1" = 20'-0"

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2 19- WINTER SOLSTICE 3 PM PROP 1" = 20'-0"



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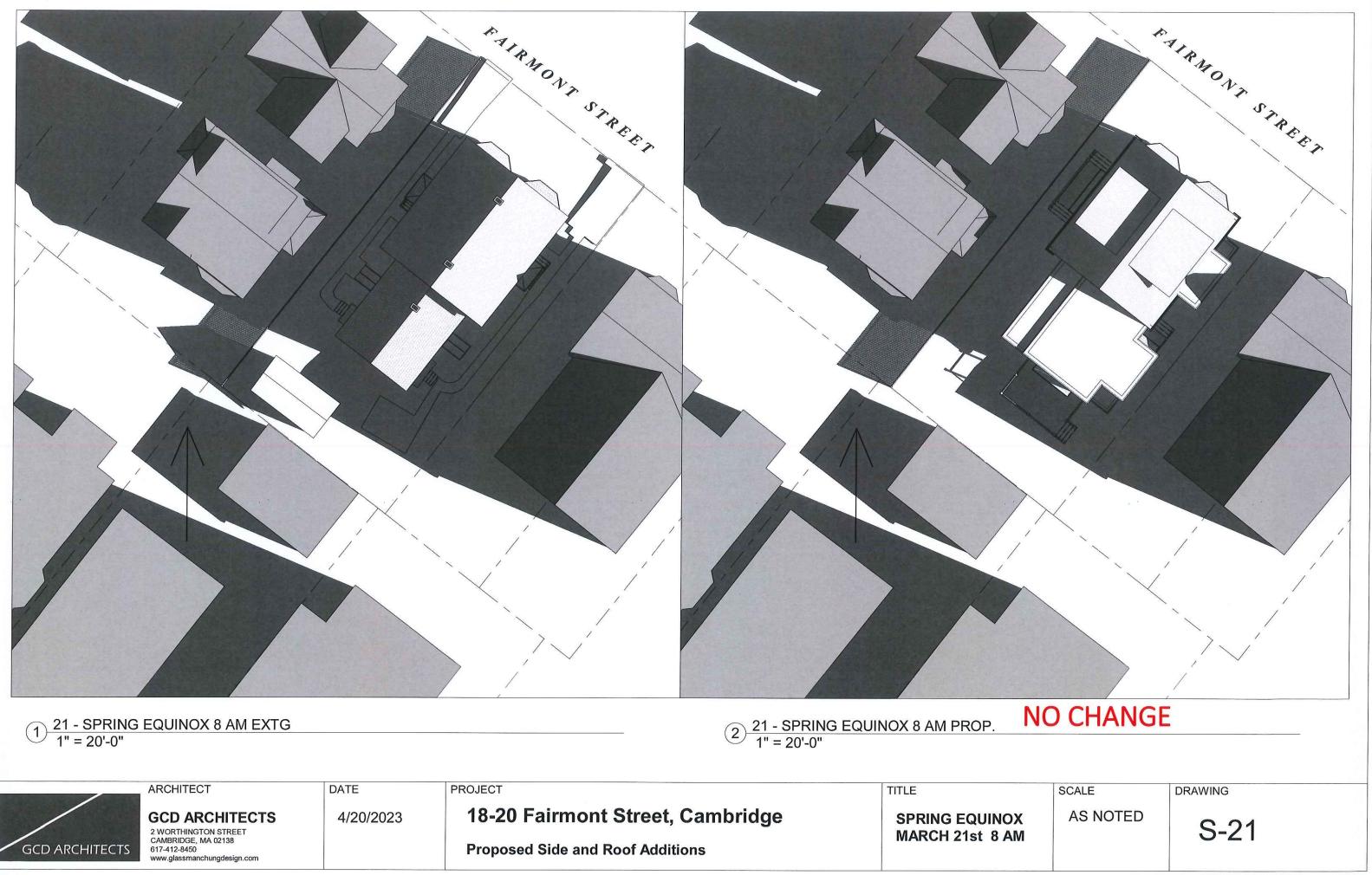




2 - SPRING EQUINOX 7 AM PROP. 1" = 20'-0"



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1 <u>23 - SPRING EQUINOX 10-30 AM EXTG</u> 1" = 20'-0" 2 23 - SPRING EQUINOX 10-30 AM PROF 1" = 20'-0"

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1 <u>24 - SPRING EQUINOX 11 AM EXTG</u> 1" = 20'-0"

2 24 - SPRING EQUINOX 11 AM PROP 1" = 20'-0"

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2 25 - SPRING EQUINOX 12:30 PROP 1" = 20'-0"



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# **CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**

BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

831 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge MA 02139

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

617-349-6100

2023 MAY - 8 A 10:46

## **BZA Application Form**

**BZA Number: 211208** 

## **General Information**

The undersigned hereby petitions the Board of Zoning Appeal for the following:

Special Permit: X

Variance: \_\_\_\_\_

Appeal: \_\_\_\_\_

PETITIONER: 18-20 Fairmont LLC C/O Adam Glassman / GCD Architects

PETITIONER'S ADDRESS: 2 Worthington Street , Cambridge, MA 02138

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 18 Fairmont St, Cambridge, MA

TYPE OF OCCUPANCY: 2-Fam Residential

ZONING DISTRICT: Residence C Zone

### **REASON FOR PETITION:**

/Additions/ /New Window and Door Openings /

### **DESCRIPTION OF PETITIONER'S PROPOSAL:**

Reconstruct Gable Roof in Front with Dormer Additions New Flat Roof Addition in Rear Increase FAR New Left Side Additions New Window and Door Openings

### SECTIONS OF ZONING ORDINANCE CITED:

Article: 5.000Section: 5.31 (Table Dimensional Requirements).Article: 8.000Section: 8.22.2.c & 8.22.2.d (Non-Conforming Structure).Article: 10.000Section: 10.40 (Special Permit).

Original Signature(s):

Adam Glassman

(Petitioner (s) / Owner)

Adam Glassman, R.A.

(Print Name)

2 Worthington St Cambridge MA 02138

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Address: Tel. No. E-Mail Address:

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## **RED TEXT = REVISION**

## **BZA Application Form**

#### **DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION**

<b>Applicant:</b>	18-20 Fairmont LLC
Location:	18 Fairmont St, Cambridge, MA
Phone:	617-412-8450

Present Use/Occupancy: <u>2-Fam Residential</u> Zone: <u>Residence C Zone</u> Requested Use/Occupancy: 2 Family Residential

		Existing Conditions	<u>Requested</u> <u>Conditions</u>	<u>Ordinance</u> <u>Requirements</u>	
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA:		3,706.00	4,600.00	3,000.00	(max.)
LOT AREA:		5,000	No Change	5,000.0	(min.)
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA: <sup>2</sup>		.74	.92 <b>.82</b>	.60	
LOT AREA OF EACH DWELLING UNIT		2,500.00	NO CHANGE	1,800.00	
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	50	No Change	50	
	DEPTH	100	No Change	NA	
SETBACKS IN FEET:	FRONT	15	15	10	
	REAR	26.8	26.8	20.0	
	LEFT SIDE	10.4	10.4 <b>5.0'</b>	17.5	
	RIGHT SIDE	9.9	9.9	17.5	
SIZE OF BUILDING:	HEIGHT	32.4'	No Change 34.06'	35.0'	
	WIDTH	30'	No Change 35.5'	NA	
	LENGTH	57' +/-	No Change	NA	
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:		34%	40%	36%	
NO. OF DWELLING UNITS:		2	No Change	2 allowable	
<u>NO. OF PARKING</u> SPACES:		2	No Change	0	
NO. OF LOADING AREAS:		0	0	N/A	0
DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG. ON SAME LOT		13	0 per covered patio removal	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.:

Existing wood frame patio roof to be removed. Existing house and new additions to be wood frame.

- 1. SEE CAMBRIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 5.000, SECTION 5.30 (DISTRICT OF DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS).
- 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'.

### 5/5/2023

## REVISED AND ADDITONAL BZA Application Form STATEMENTS

#### 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 <u>18 Fairmont St</u>, <u>Cambridge</u>, <u>MA</u> (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:

The proposed work will cause no substantial new or increased existing detriments to the direct abutters or to the neighborhood in general. There will be no loss of privacy, no creation of any substantial new shadows on the abutting lots. The scale and character of the house and neighborhood will remain unchanged. There will be no additional dwelling units and no new non-conforming lot conditions. The existing non-conforming lot conditions will remain as is, with the exception of the reduced existing non-conforming left side setback which has the support of the left side abutter.

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:

The existing 2 family house will remain a 2 family house. The (2) existing parking spaces will remain. The scale and character of the house will remain unchanged. The modestly raised front gable roof and 15'-0" dormers, left side 2-story additions and new rear flat roof addition are consistent with the streetscape, the additions are all very modest and low profile. The increase in FAR is minor. The existing exterior of the house is in bad shape and an eyesore which will be tastefully renovated to be consistent with the original design of the house and the traditional character of the neighborhood. The existing driveways, walkway and yard spaces will receive the cosmetic upgrades they badly need with new pervious pavers and landscaping. In sum, there will be no change to existing traffic patterns, no increase in congestion, no loss of off street parking, no added density, and no change to the established character of the neighborhood.

- 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: The proposed renovations and additions will have no impact on the adjacent property uses and are consistent with the current 2-family residential use of the property.
- D) 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: The proposed renovations and additions will create no new air or light pollution, the existing 2family residential use will remain. There will be no loss of privacy. The existing housing will be substantially improved and become more amenable to modern family living.
- For other reasons, the proposed use would not impair the integrity of the district or adjoining district E) or otherwise derogate from the intent or purpose of this ordinance for the following reasons: The proposed project is consistent and in harmony with the uses and character of the neighborhood, and upholds the intents of the zoning ordinance as there will be no creation of any substantial new detriments beyond those already existing per the existing-non-conforming lot and structure.

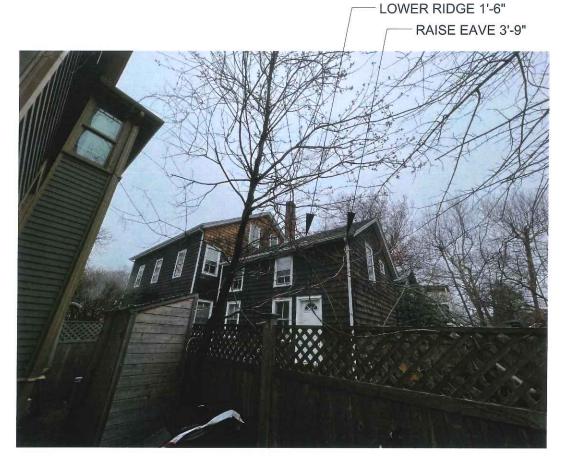
\*If you have any questions as to whether you can establish all of the applicable legal requirements, you should consult with an attorney.

**ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS:** 

IN RESPONSE TO THE RIGHT SIDE ABUTTER CONCERNS EXPRESSED AT THE FIRST BZA HEARING, AT THE FOLLOWING ABUTTER MEETING, AND IN THE VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS, THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS TO THE DESIGN HAVE BEEN MADE IN GOOD FAITH TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF THE RIGHT SIDE ABUTTERS:

- 1. THE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED INCREASE IN NON-CONFORMING FAR IS REDUCED FROM .92 TO .82.
- 2. THE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED NEW 3RD STORY MANSARD ROOF IN THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING IS REPLACED WITH A RECONSTRUCTED GABLE ROOF WITH 15'-0" DORMERS DESIGNED PER THE CAMBRIDGE DORMER GUIDELINES.
- 3. THE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED NEW 3RD STORY MANSARD ROOF IN THE REAR PORTION OF THE BUILDING IS REPLACED WITH 2-STORY FLAT ROOF TO MAKE THE EXISTING 1-1/2 STORY BUMP-OUT FUNCTIONAL AND CODE COMPLIANT. AS A CONDITION FOR APPROVAL NO ROOF DECK IS PROPOSED ON THE NEW FLAT ROOF ADDITION.
- 4. THESE REVISIONS TO AND REDUCTIONS OF THE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED NEW MANSARD ROOF PROFILES, AND THE ELIMINATION OF THE PROPOSED REAR NEW 3RD STORY, MAINTAINS THE ESSENTIAL OPENESS OF THE SKY FOR BOTH ABUTTING LOTS. THE INCREASE IN THE EXISTING SHADOWS EVEN AT THE MOST EXTREME SEASONAL SUN ANGLES ARE BRIEF, AND THEY ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE EXISTING SHADOWS ALREADY CAST, AND IN NO WAY CONSITUTE A SUBSTANTILLY WORSE DETRIMENT THAN THE EXISTING SHADOWS AS PER THE PROVIDED SHADOW STUDY.
- 5. THE HEIGHT OF THE REAR PORTION OF THE BUILDING REMAINS SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER THAN THE ABUTTING STRUCTURES. IN FACT, THE OVERALL HEIGHT OF THE REAR PORTION OF THE BUILDING IS REDUCED, NOT INCREASED. THE LOW EAVES ON THE RIGHT SIDE ARE RAISED ONLY 3'-9" TO ACHIEVE THE MINIMUM CODE COMPLIANT HEAD AND FUNCTIONAL USE OF THE EXISTING SPACES.
- 6. THE ORIGINALLY INCREASED WITH OF THE EXISTING REAR PORTION OF THE HOUSE IS ONLY BEING WIDENED ON THE LEFT SIDE. THE RIGHT SIDE EXTERIOR WALLS AND THE ASSOCIATED EXISTING RIGHT SIDE SETBACKS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

VIEW OF REAR BUMPOUT FROM YARD OF 24 FAIRMONT STREET







EXISTING ELEVATION CHANGE IN 2ND FLOOR AT REAR IS APPROX. 15"

EXISTING WINDOW SILL -APPROX. 7" ABOVE FLOOR



## EXISTING REAR BUMPOUT INTERIOR / EXTERIOR VIEWS





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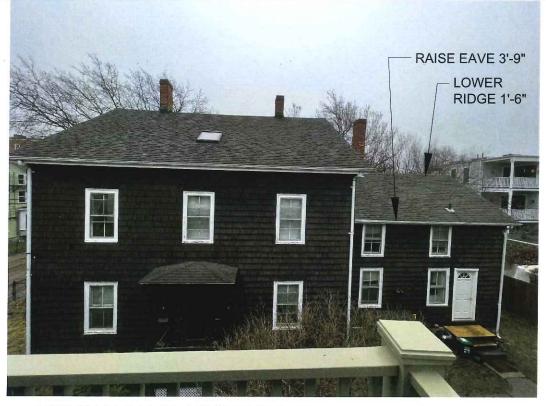
RAISE EAVE 3'-9" LOWER RIDGE 1'-6"

LOWER RIDGE 1'-6" -RAISE EAVE 3'-9"



**VIEW FROM 18-20 FAIRMONT ST** 





VIEW FROM 22 FAIRMONT ST 2ND FLOOR DECK



VIEW FROM 22 FAIRMONT ST 2ND FLOOR

**EXISTING REAR BUMPOUT EXTERIOR VIEWS** 

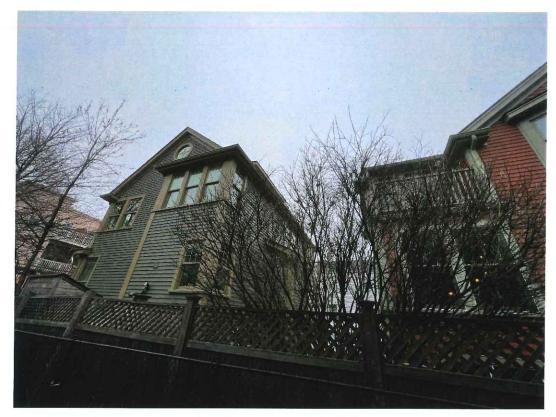
## YARD VIEW FROM 22 FAIRMONT ST



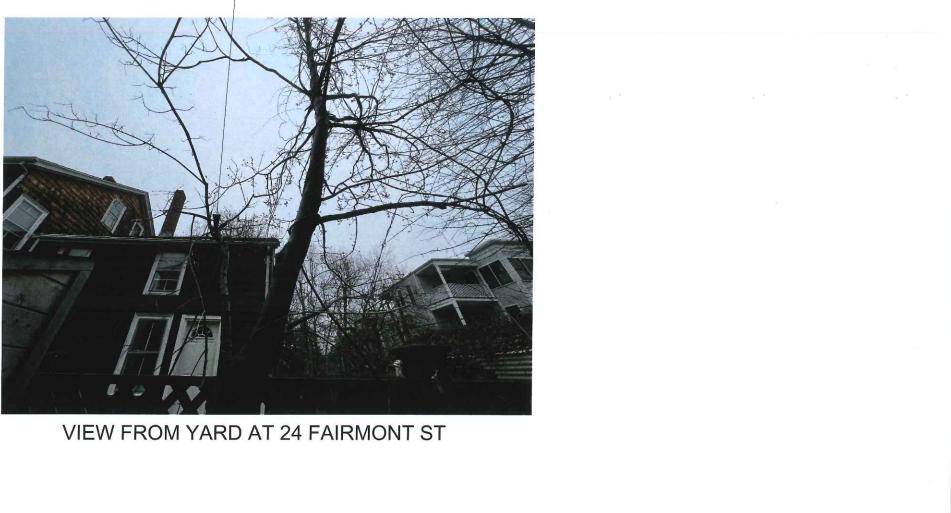




RAISE EAVE 3'-9"



VIEW OF 22 & 24 FAIRMONT STREET FROM YARD OF 18-20 FAIRMONT ST



## EXISTING REAR BUMPOUT EXTERIOR VIEWS

## 18-20 FAIRMONT ST REVISED SPECIAL PERMIT STATEMENTS 12 JUNE 2023

### Requirements of the Ordinance can or will be met for the following reasons: \*

The proposed work will cause no detriment to the direct abutters or to the neighborhood in general. There will be no loss of privacy, no creation of any substantial shadows on the abutting lots. The scale and character of the house and neighborhood will remain unchanged. There will be no additional dwelling units and no new non-conforming lot conditions. The existing non-conforming lot conditions will not be increased.

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

The existing 2 family house will remain a 2 family house. The (2) existing parking spaces will remain. The scale and character of the house will remain mostly unchanged. The modified gable roof, 15'-0" dormer additions and rear modifications to the existing rear bump-out are consistent with other similar houses on the street. The existing exterior of the house is in bad shape and an eyesore which will be tastefully renovated to be consistent with the original design of the house and the traditional character of the neighborhood. The existing driveways, walkway and yard spaces will receive the cosmetic upgrades they badly need with new pervious pavers and landscaping. In sum, there will be no change to existing traffic patterns, no increase in congestion, no loss of off-street parking, no added density, and no change to the established character of the neighborhood.

# 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: \*

The proposed renovations and additions will have no impact on the adjacent property uses and are consistent with the current 2-family residential use of the property.

## 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: \*

The proposed renovations and additions will create no new air or light pollution, the existing 2-family residential use will remain. There will be no loss of privacy.

# 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: \*

The increase in the existing non-conforming FAR from 1.03 to 1.07 is quite modest. The proposed project is consistent and in harmony with the uses and character of the neighborhood and upholds the intents of the zoning ordinance as there will be no creation of any detriment whatsoever. Finally, on account of the substantial reduction in the scale of this project from the originally proposed work, the abutters to our left and our right sides now fully support this project.

#### BZA APPLICATION FORM

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DIMENSIONAL	INFORMA	TION

	500.00		DIMENSIONAL INF	ORMATION		
	* Applicant: 18-2			RESENT USE/OCCUPANC	x: Z-FAM	RE5
	LOCATION: 18-20	PAIRMONT	ST CAMBR	IDES ZONE:	KES-C	
	PHONE: 617-4	12+8450	REQUESTED USE/	OCCUPANCY: Z-1		
X C/0	GCD ARCHITEL	B	EXISTING CONDITIONS	REQUESTED CONDITIONS	ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS	,1
	TOTAL GROSS FLOOR	AREA:	5,14054	5,336 SF	3,000	(max.)
	LOT AREA:		5,000	NOCHANOS	5,000	(min.)
	RATIO OF GROSS FLO TO LOT AREA: <sup>2</sup>	OR AREA	1.03	1.07	•60	(max.)
	LOT AREA FOR EACH	DWELLING UNIT:	2,500.00	NOCHANOS	1,800.00	(min.)
	SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	50	NO CHANGE NO CHANGE	501	(min.)
		DEPTH	1001	• 30 V	VIA	
	<u>Setbacks in</u> Feet:	FRONT		15'	101	(min.) / //
	<u>1660</u> .	REAR	7.6.8	26.8	Niectiti	(min.) 20-0
		LEFT SIDE	10.4	10.41	_/21	(min.)
		RIGHT SIDE	9.9'	9.91	121	(min.)
	SIZE OF BLDG.:	HEIGHT	32.41	34.06 +/-	35'-6"	_(max.)
		LENGTH	52 5	NO CHANGE	NIA	
		WIDTH	30' +1_	NO CHANGE	NX	
	RATIO OF USABLE OF TO LOT AREA: <sup>3</sup> )	PEN SPACE	34%	40.0 +/-	36%	_(min.)
	NO. OF DWELLING UN	<u>IITS</u> :	_2	NOCHANGE	2 Allowable	(max.)
	NO. OF PARKING SPA	ACES:	_2	NOCHANGE	(mi	n./max)
	NO. OF LOADING ARE	:AS:	Ø		NA	(min.)
	DISTANCE TO NEARES ON SAME LOT:	T BLDG.	_13'	O'PERPATIO ROOF REMOVAL	10	(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.

EXISTING WOOD FRAME PATIO ROOF TO BE REMOVED. EXISTING HOUSE AND NEW ADDITIONS TO BE WOOD FRAME.

- TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA (INCLUDING BASEMENT 7'-0" IN HEIGHT AND ATTIC AREAS GREATER THAN 5') DIVIDED BY LOT AREA.
   OPEN SPACE SHALL NOT INCLUDE PARKING AREAS, WALKWAYS OR DRIVEWAYS AND SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM DIMENSION OF 15'.

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

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1	* * * * *
2	(6:02 p.m.)
3	Sitting Members: Jim Monteverde, Brendan Sullivan, Andrea
4	Hickey, Matina Williams, and Slater
5	Anderson
6	JIM MONTEVERDE: The first case I'm going to call
7	is a continued case. And it's Case No. BZA 211208 18
8	Fairmont Street.
9	Staff will now unmute you. Please begin by
10	introducing yourself and any other speakers on your team.
11	And then I would like to make a statement to before you
12	commence any presentation, please.
13	ADAM GLASSMAN: Good evening, Mr. Chair, and
14	members of the Board. My name is Adam Glassman representing
15	owner Fraser Allan for 1820 Fairmont Street. We're here
16	seeking a special permit to make exterior modifications to
17	an existing nonconforming structure.
18	JIM MONTEVERDE: Okay. Thank you. That's just
19	if you'd just introduce yourself for the moment.
20	ADAM GLASSMAN: Yep, sorry.
21	JIM MONTEVERDE: Thank you. We have a letter in
22	this case from the ISD Department that they are going to

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look into the dimensional form, and they will have completed 1 that review next week. 2 And therefore, we will continue this case, and we 3 will continue this case, and depending on if the same Board 4 members are available to June 15, so that you can be back as 5 quickly as possible. That response from ISD will be posted 6 to the City website. So you'll be able to find it there and 7 prepare a response to it. 8 So that said, I am going to make a motion to 9 continue this matter until June 15, 2023 on the condition 10 that the petitioner change the posting sign to reflect the 11 new date of June 15, 2023 and the time of 6:00 p.m. 12 Okay, yeah, before we go much farther, can I just 13 check that the Board members are available on June 15? And 14 that's myself: Yes, I am. 15 Andrea Hickey? 16 ANDREA HICKEY: Yes, I'm available. Thank you. 17 JIM MONTEVERDE: Slater, are you available? 18 SLATER ANDERSON: Slater Anderson is 19 available. 20 Thank you. Matina? JIM MONTEVERDE: 21 MATINA WILLIAMS: I'll be available. 22

JIM MONTEVERDE: All right. Thank you. And 1 2 Brendan? BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Brendan Sullivan is available. 3 JIM MONTEVERDE: Thank you. Also, in furtherance 4 that the petitioner sign a waiver to the statutory 5 requirement for a hearing. Such a waiver can be obtained by 6 Maria Pacheco or Olivia Ratay with the Inspectional 7 Services. 8 I ask that you sign it and return it to us by a 9 week from this coming Monday. Failure to do so will de 10 facto cause this Board to give an adverse ruling on this 11 particular case. We would ask that you sign it and get it 12 back to us. This will allow us to hear the case on June 15. 13 Also, if there are any new submittals, changes to 14 the drawings, those need to be in the file by 5:00 p.m. on 15 the Monday prior to the June 15 hearing. I'm sorry, the 16 17 continuation is to 6:00 p.m. on June 15. And if there are any changes, that the dimensional 18 form and potentially supporting documents also be changed 19 and submitted along with the new documents. 20 On the motion, then, to continue this matter until 21 June 15 at 6:00, Brendan? 22

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1	BRENDAN SULLIVAN: Yes, on the motion.
2	JIM MONTEVERDE: Andrea?
3	ANDREA HICKEY: Yes, in favor.
4	JIM MONTEVERDE: Matina?
5	MATINA WILLIAMS: Yes, in favor.
6	JIM MONTEVERDE: And Slater?
7	SLATER ANDERSON: Yes, in favor.
8	[All vote YES]
9	JIM MONTEVERDE: That's five in the affirmative. Thank
10	you.
11	SLATER ANDERSON: Jim, this is Slater. I think
12	I'm done for the night.
13	JIM MONTEVERDE: I think you are. Yep. Thank you
14	very much.
15	ANDREA HICKEY: And this is Andrea Hickey. I
16	believe I'm done as well?
17	JIM MONTEVERDE: You are too. Thank you very
18	much.
19	ANDREA HICKEY: Thank you. Have a good evening.
20	JIM MONTEVERDE: Okay. And Brendan you too, so
21	thank you very much.
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#### SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIRED:

1. NEW WINDOW OPENINGS & ENTRY CANOPY ADDITIONS ON LEFT AND RIGHT SIDES PER EXISTING NON-CONFORMING SETBACKS

2. INCREASE EXISTING NONCONFORMING FAR FROM 1.03 TO 1.07 (ZONE-C .60 MAX ALLOWABLE). PER FEBRUARY 2023 CHANGES TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE BASEMENTS OVER 7'-0" TALL MUST BE INCLUDED AS FAR, EXCLUDED ONLY PER THE NEW CLIMATE AND FLOOD MITIGATION DESIGN CRITERIA.

3. GABLE ROOF MODIFICATION AND 15'-0" DORMER ADDITIONS WITHIN THE EXISTING NONCONFORMING LEFT AND RIGHT SIDE SETBACKS.

4. NEW FLAT ROOF ON REAR PORTION OF HOUSE

5. INCREASE EXISTING NON CONFORMING STRUCTURE BETWEEEN 10%-25% OF EXISTING STRUCTURE AS OF 1940.

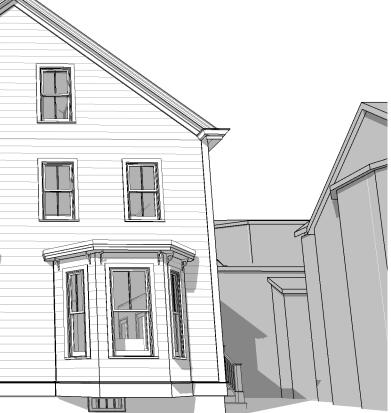


## **EXISTING STREET VIEW**

## **PROPOSED STREET VIEW**

	ARCHITECT	DATE	PROJECT	TITLE
	GCD ARCHITECTS	6/01/2023	18-20 Fairmont Street	Title Sheet
GCD ARCHITECTS	2 WORTHINGTON STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138 617-412-8450 www.glassmanchungdesign.com		Cambridge, MA	

## **PROPOSED RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS** 18-20 Fairmont Street Cambridge, MA



SCALE

DRAWING

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Dimensio	on Regulation - ZONE RESIDENCE C	;	
EXISTING	PROPOSED	REQUIRED	

MAX FAR	1.03	1.07	0.60	EXISTING NON CONFORMING
MIN. LOT SIZE	5,000 sq. ft.	5,000 sq. ft.	5,000 sq. ft.	YES
MIN. LOT AREA PER DWELLING UNIT	2,500 sq. ft.	2,500 sq. ft.	1,800 sq. ft.	YES
MIN. LOT WIDTH	50'	50'	50'	YES
MIN. FRONT SETBACK	30' - CENTER L. 15' - STREET L.	30' - CENTER L. 15' - STREET L.	(H+L)/4 MIN.10'	YES
MIN. LEFT SIDE SETBACK	10.4'	10.4'	(*) REQUIRED = 12' (**) PROPOSED = 12'	EXISTING NON CONFORMING
MIN. RIGHT SIDE SETBACK	9.9'	9.9'	(*) REQUIRED = 12' (**) PROPOSED = 12'	EXISTING NON CONFORMING
MIN. REAR SETBACK	26.8'	26.8'	20'	YES
MAXIMUM HEIGHT	32.4'	34.06'	35'	YES
RATIO OF PRIVATE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA	34%	40%	36%	YES

## (\*) CALCULATION FOR EXTG. SIDE SETBACKS

EXTG. AVERAGE HEIGHT = (H1xL1) + (H2xL2) / (L1+L2) = (32.4'x32.30') + (23.29'x23.11') / (32.30'+23.11') = 28.60'

(\*) REQUIRED EXTG. SETBACK = (H+L) / 7 = (28.60' + 55.4') / 7 = 12'

## (\*) CALCULATION FOR PROPOSED SIDE SETBACKS

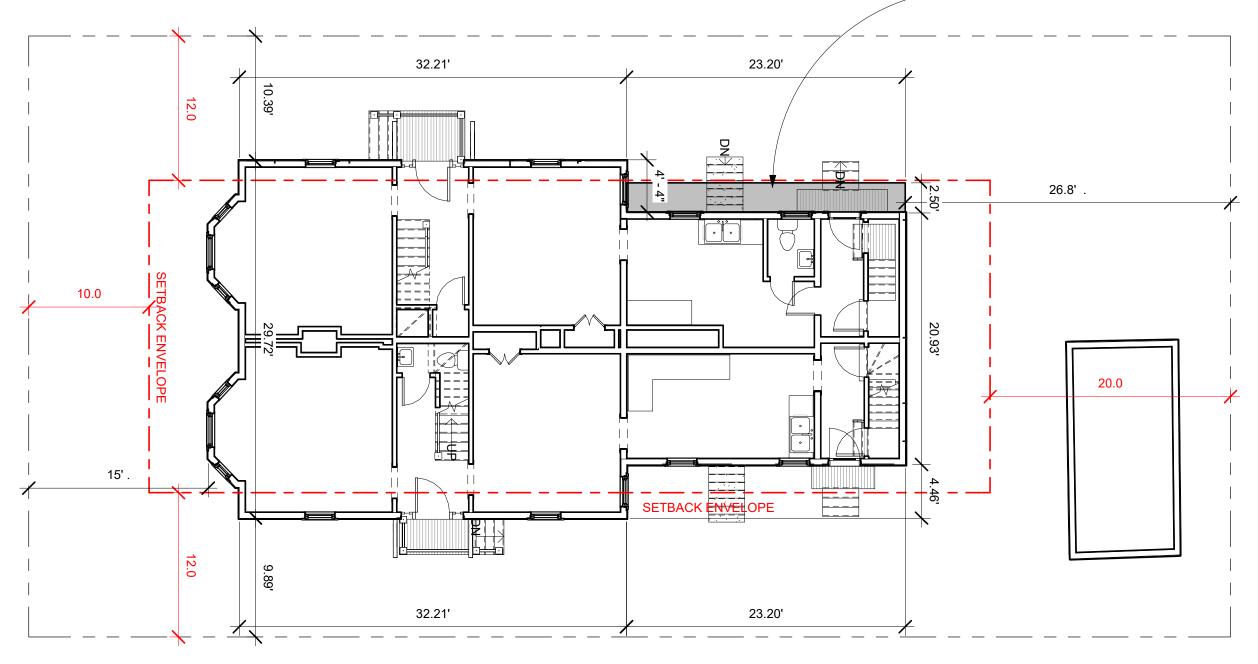
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(\*\*) **REQUIRED PROPOSED SETBACK =** (H+L) / 7 = (28.9'+55.4' / 7)= 12'



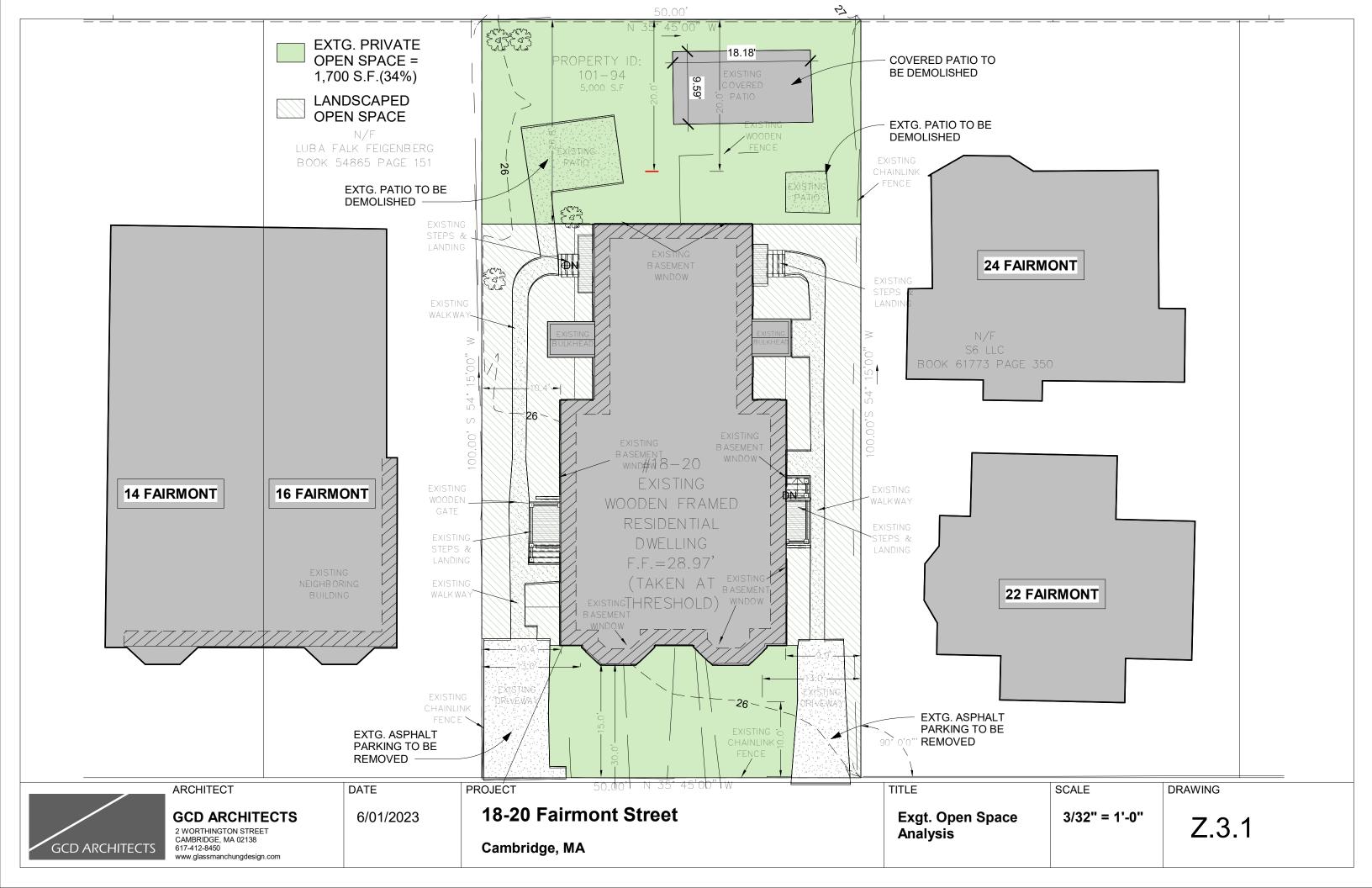
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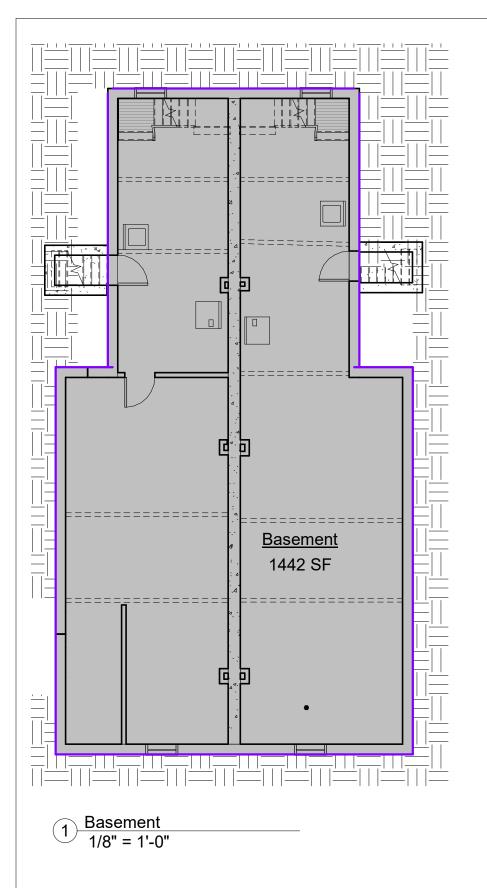


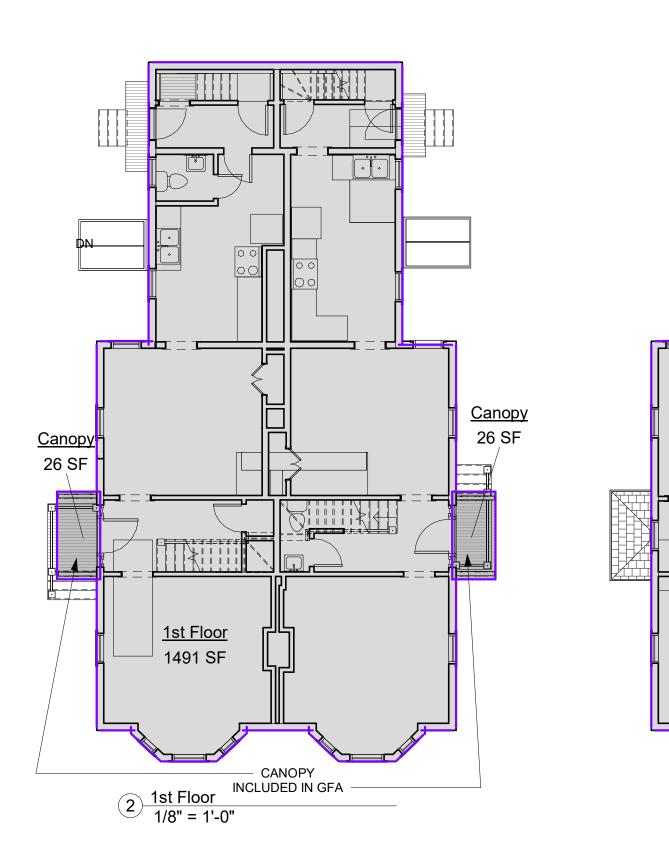


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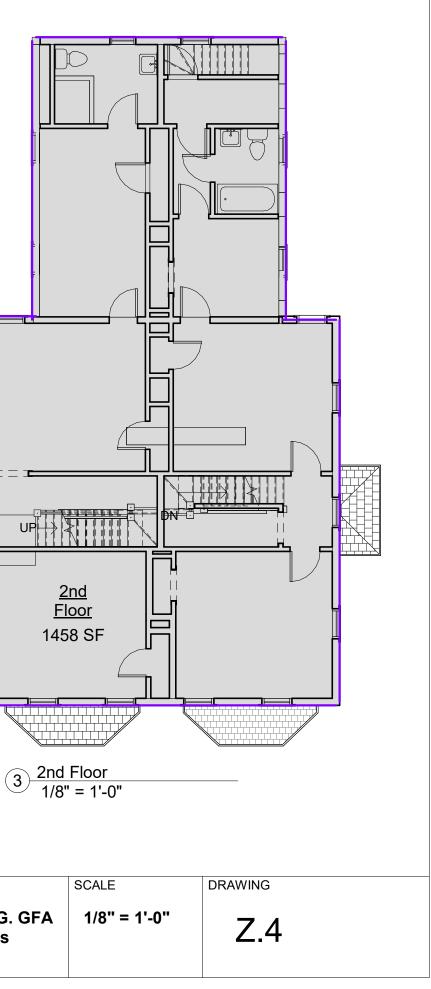


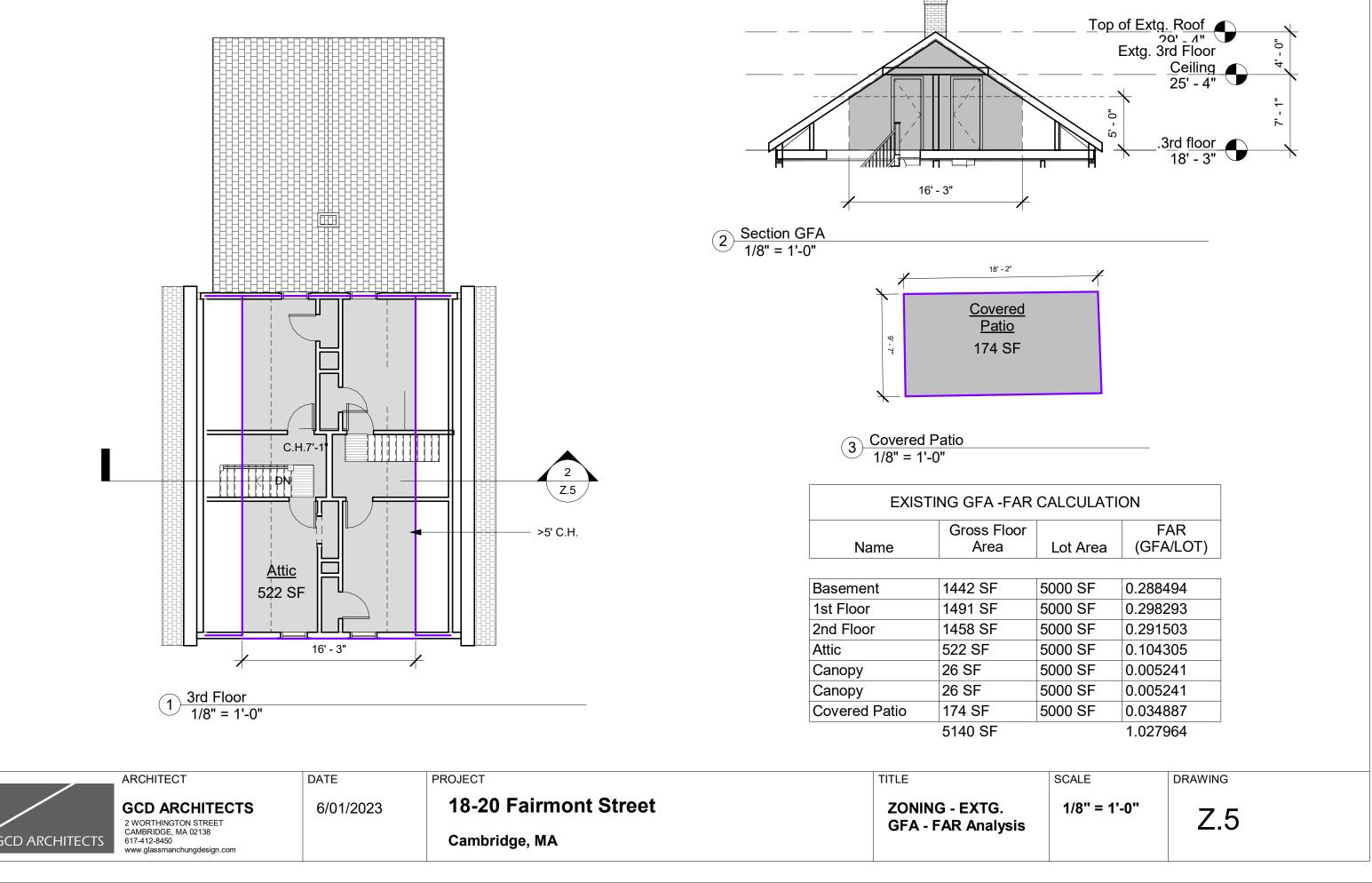




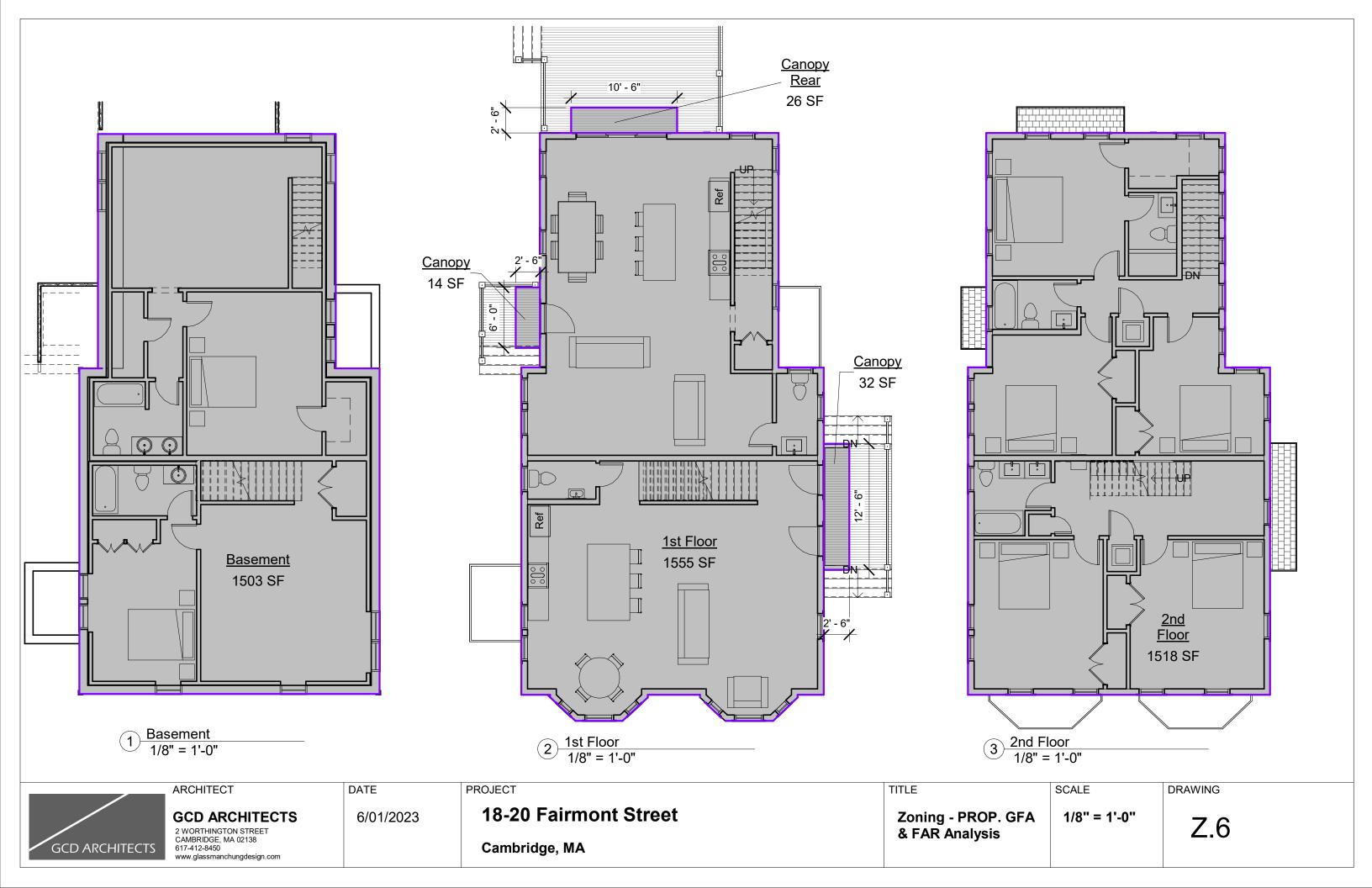


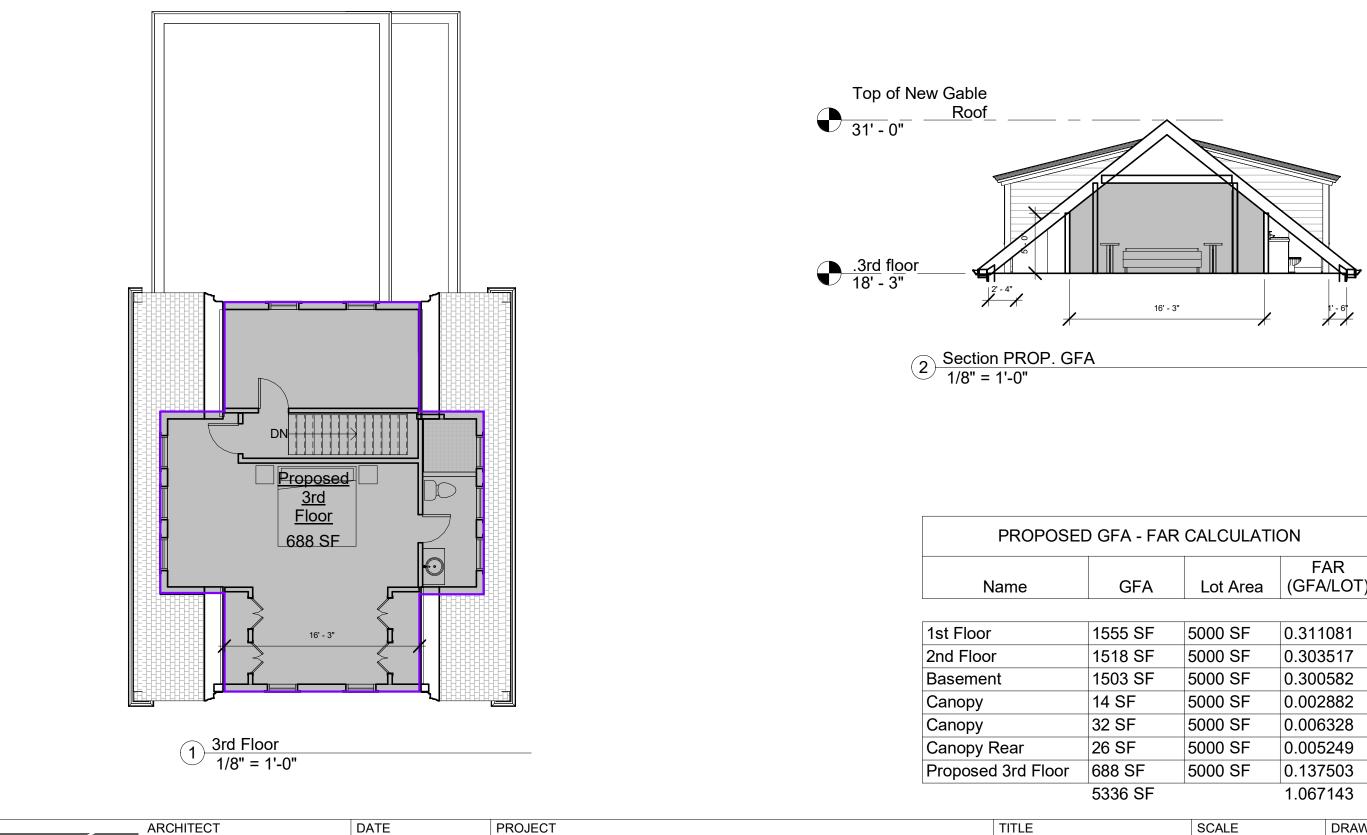








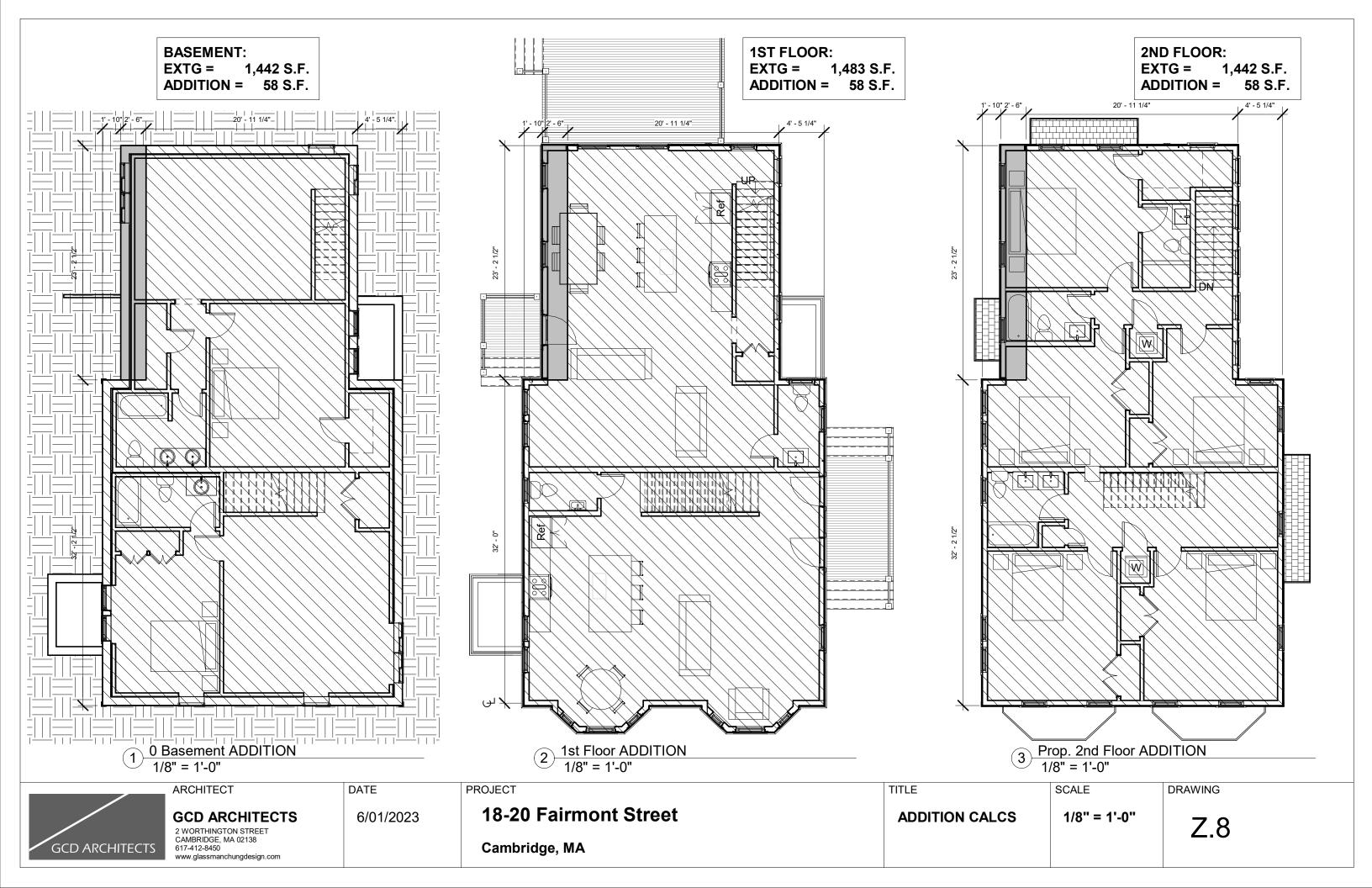


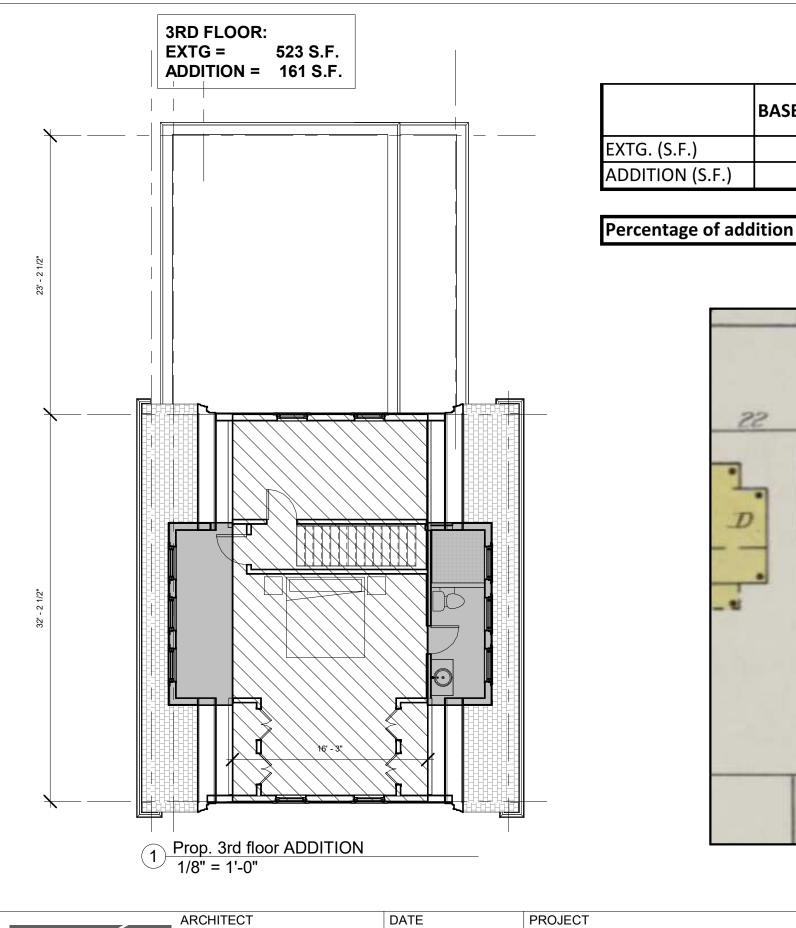




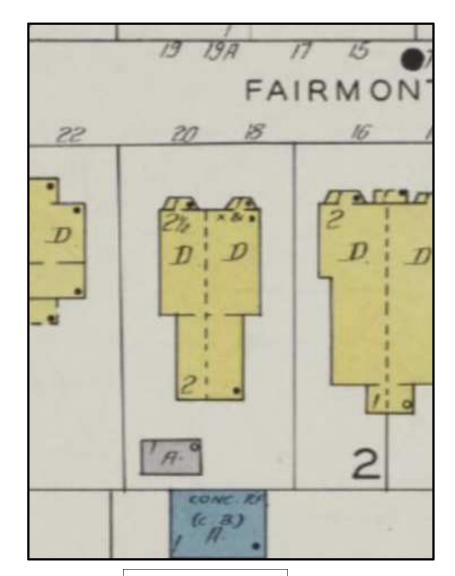
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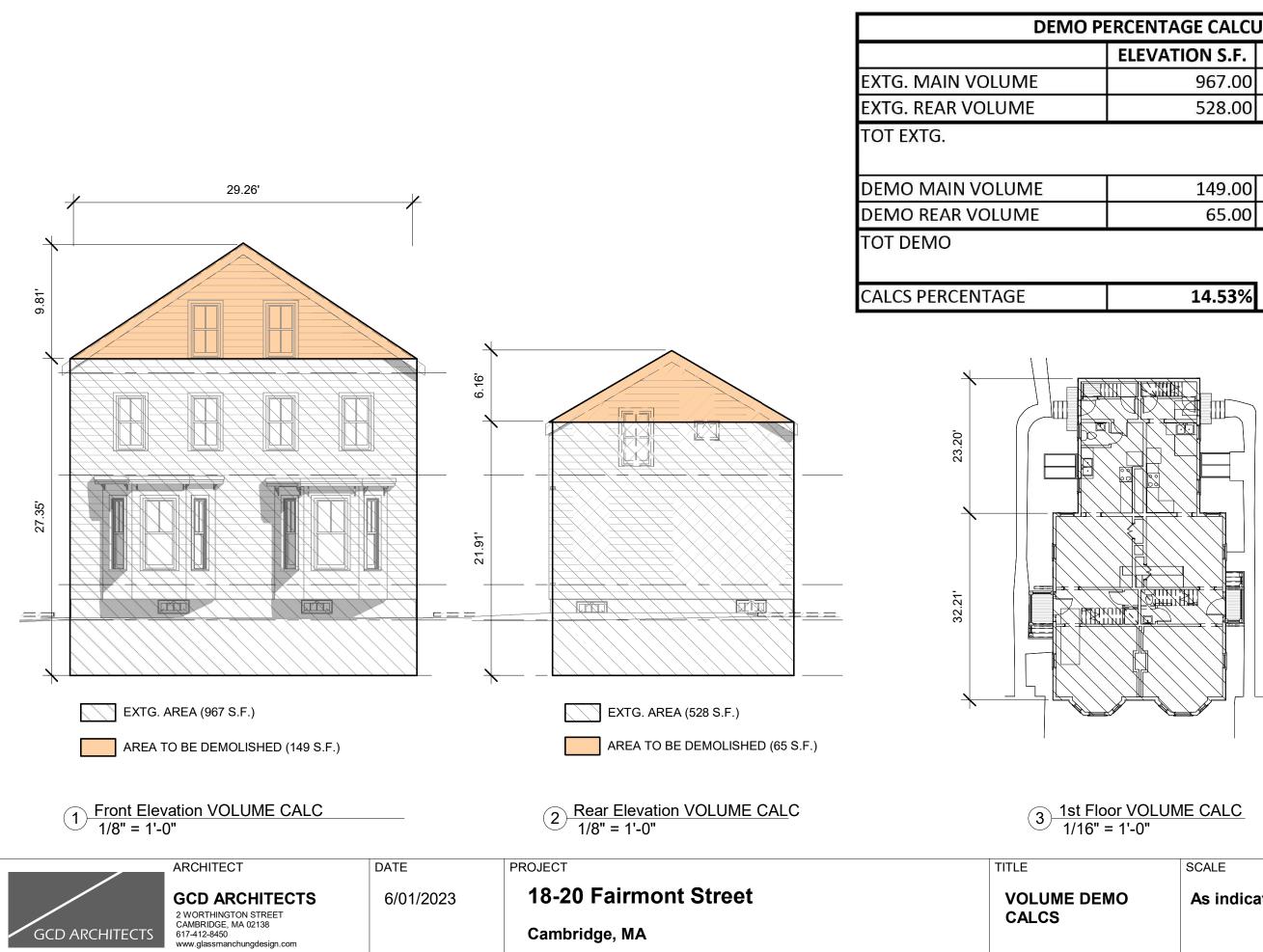


BASEMENT	1ST FLOOR	2NDFLOOR	3RD FLOOR (C.H. > 5')	тот
1,442	1,493	1,442	523	4,900
58	58	58	161	335
	1,442	1,442 1,493	1,442 1,493 1,442	BASEMENT         1ST FLOOR         2NDFLOOR         (C.H. > 5')           1,442         1,493         1,442         523



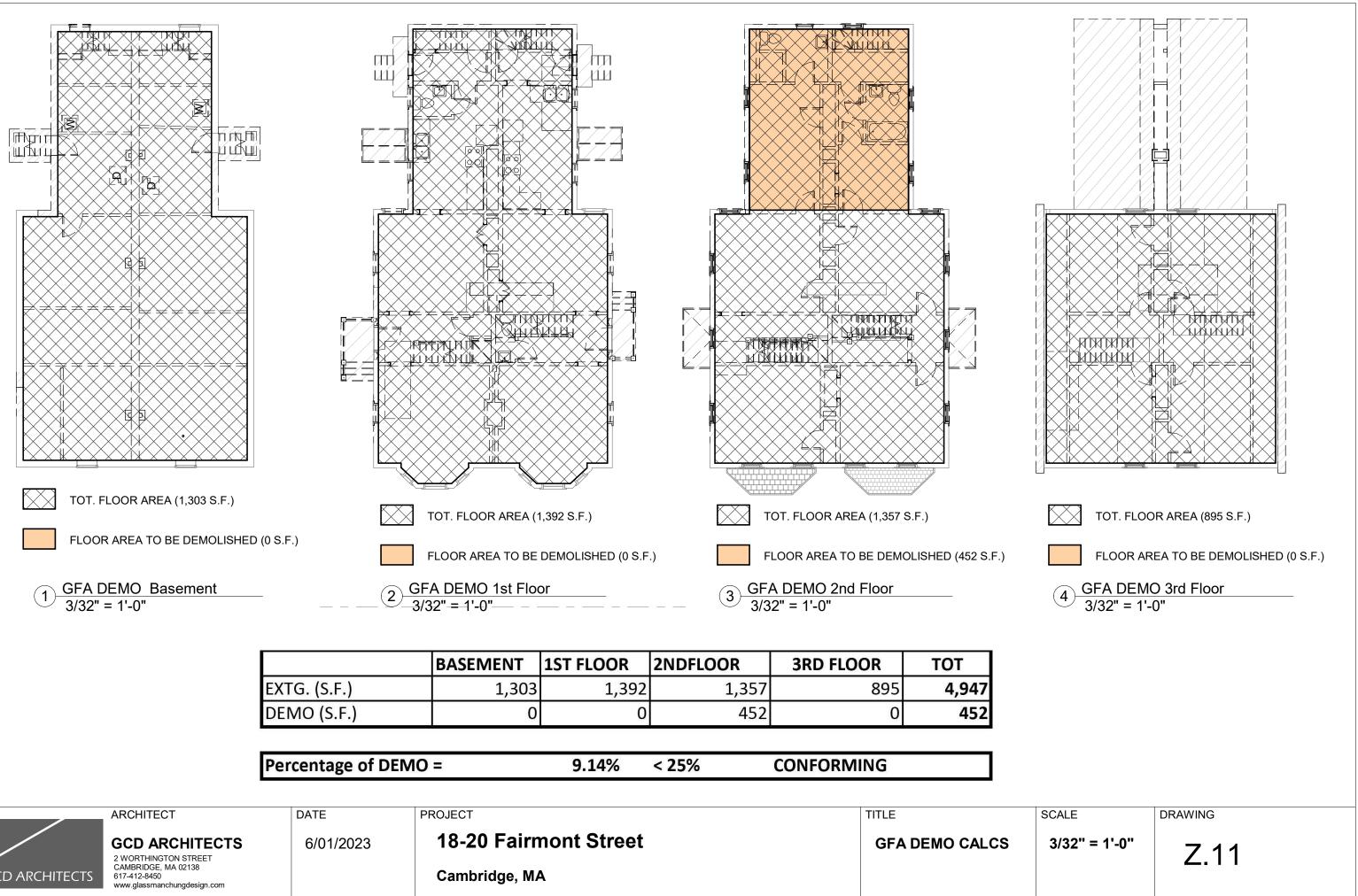
1934 Sanborn Map





CENTAGE CALCU	JLATION	
LEVATION S.F.	L	VOLUME
967.00	32.21	31,147.07
528.00	23.20	12,249.60
		43,396.67
149.00	32.21	4,799.29
65.00	23.20	1,508.00
		6,307.29
14.53%		

	SCALE	DRAWING
)	As indicated	Z.10



	BASEMENT	1ST FLOOR	2NDFLOOR	3RD FLOOR	тот
EXTG. (S.F.)	1,303	1,392	1,357	895	4,947
DEMO (S.F.)	0	0	452	0	452

	Percentage of DEMO =	9.14%	< 25%	CONFORMING	
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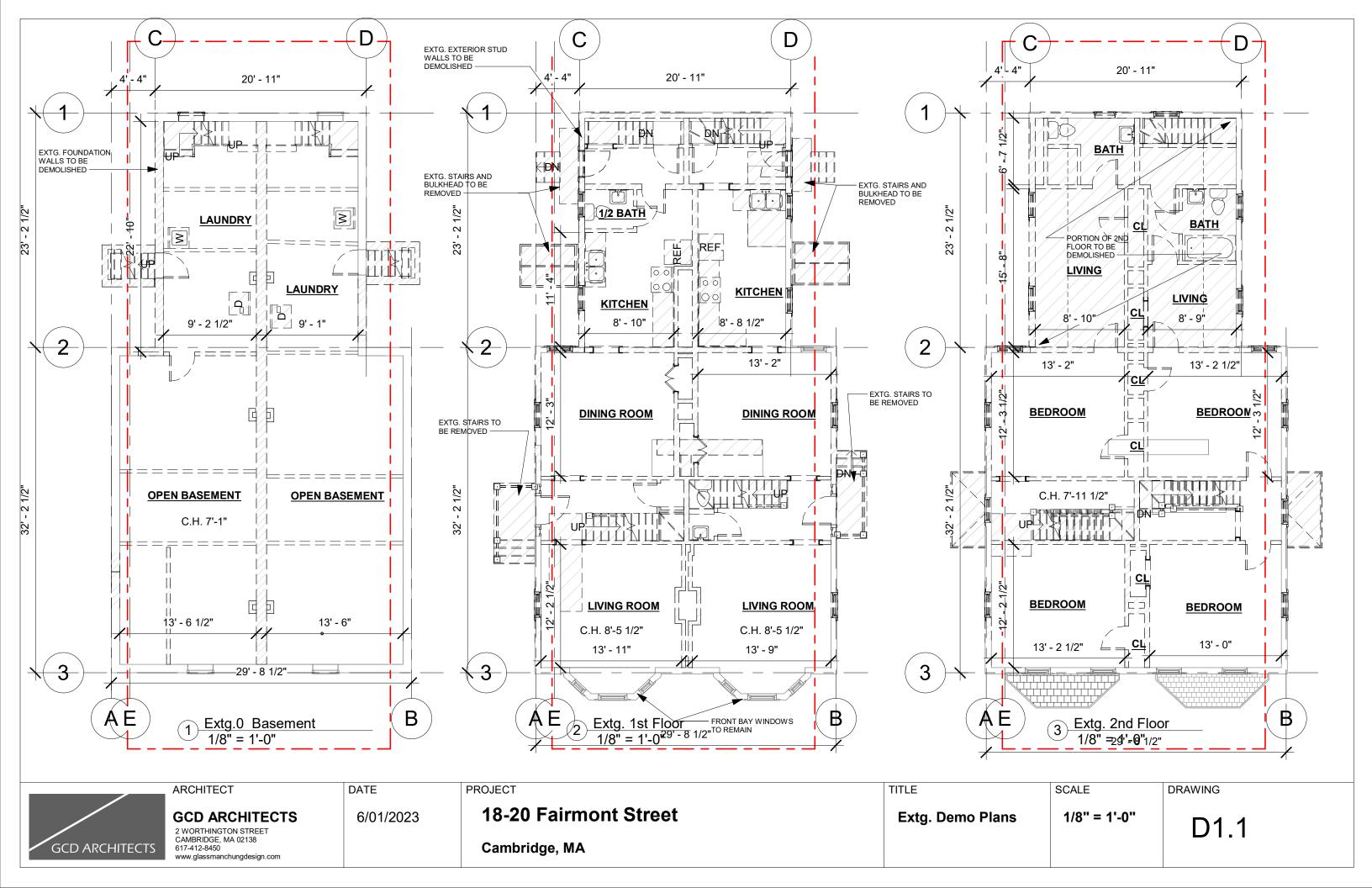


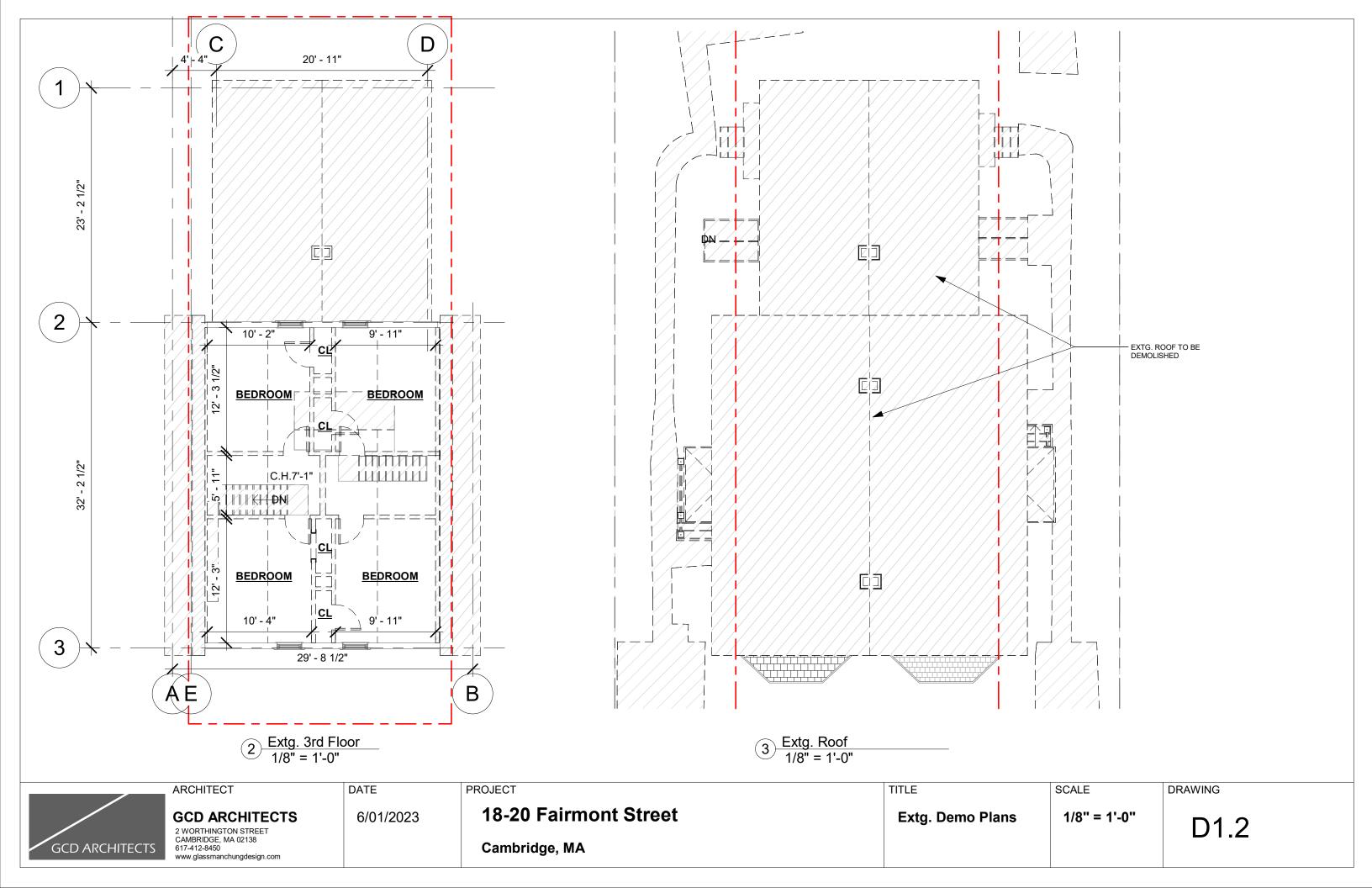
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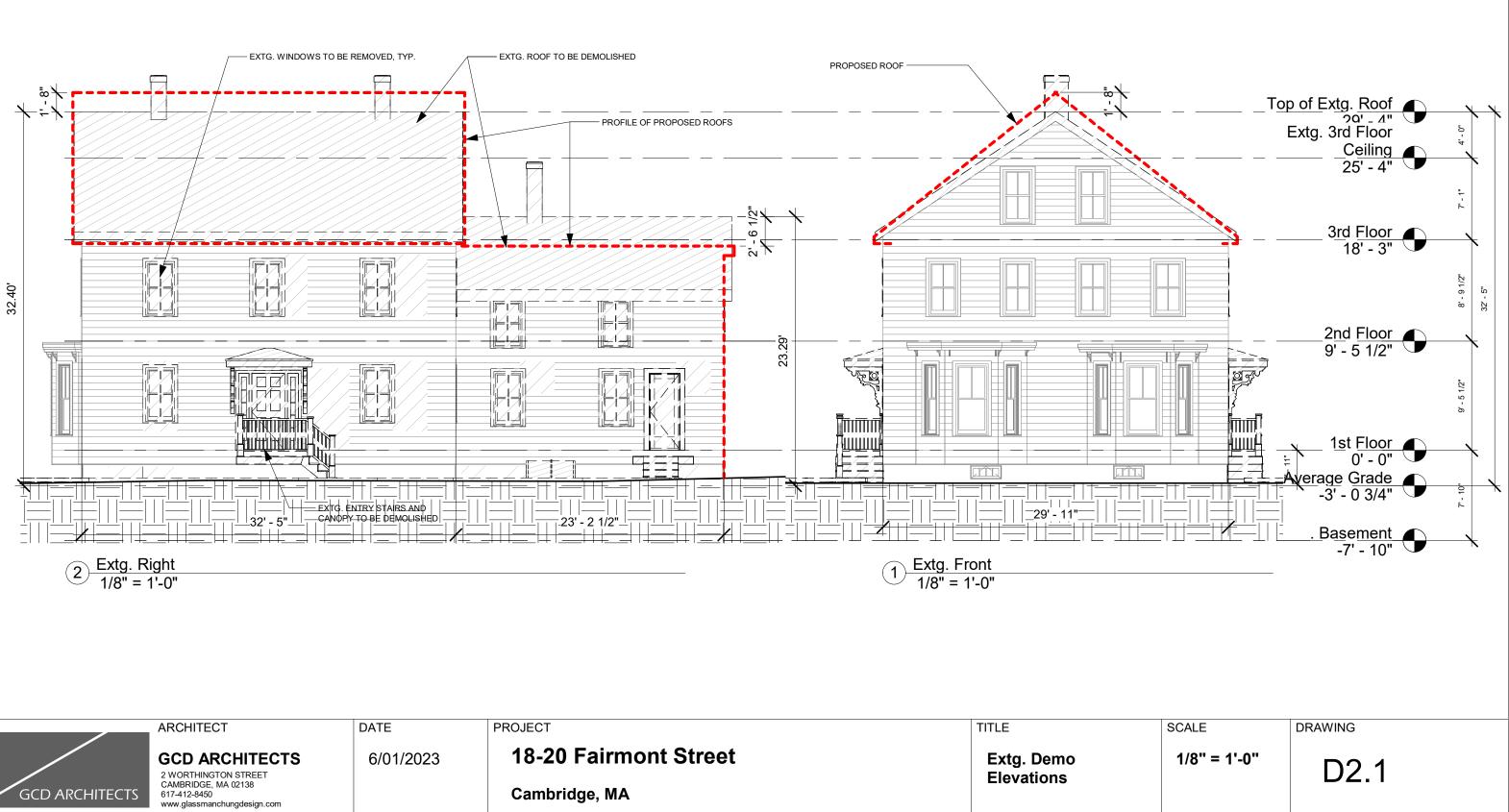
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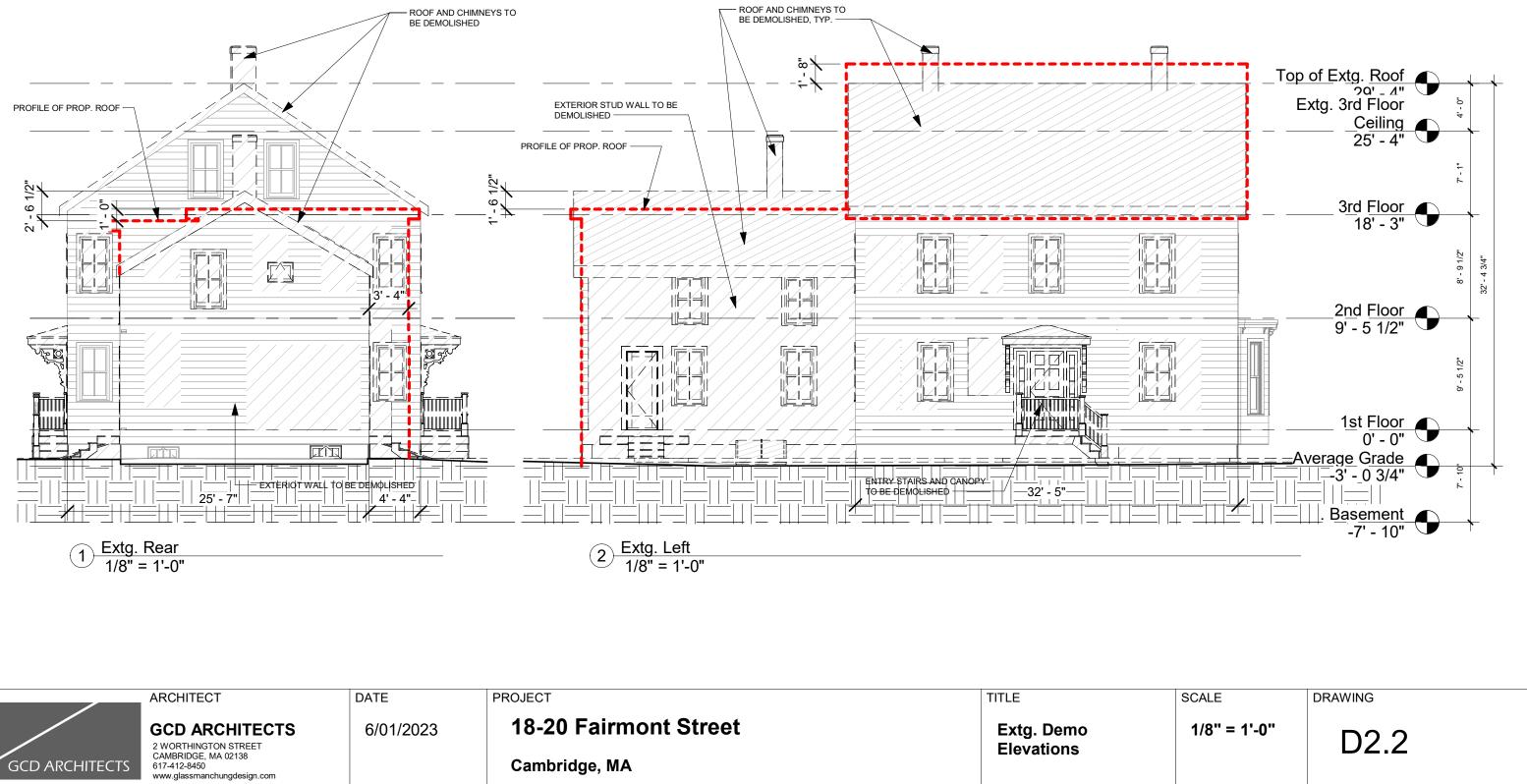
















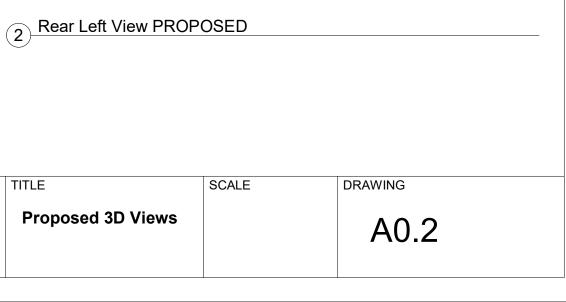


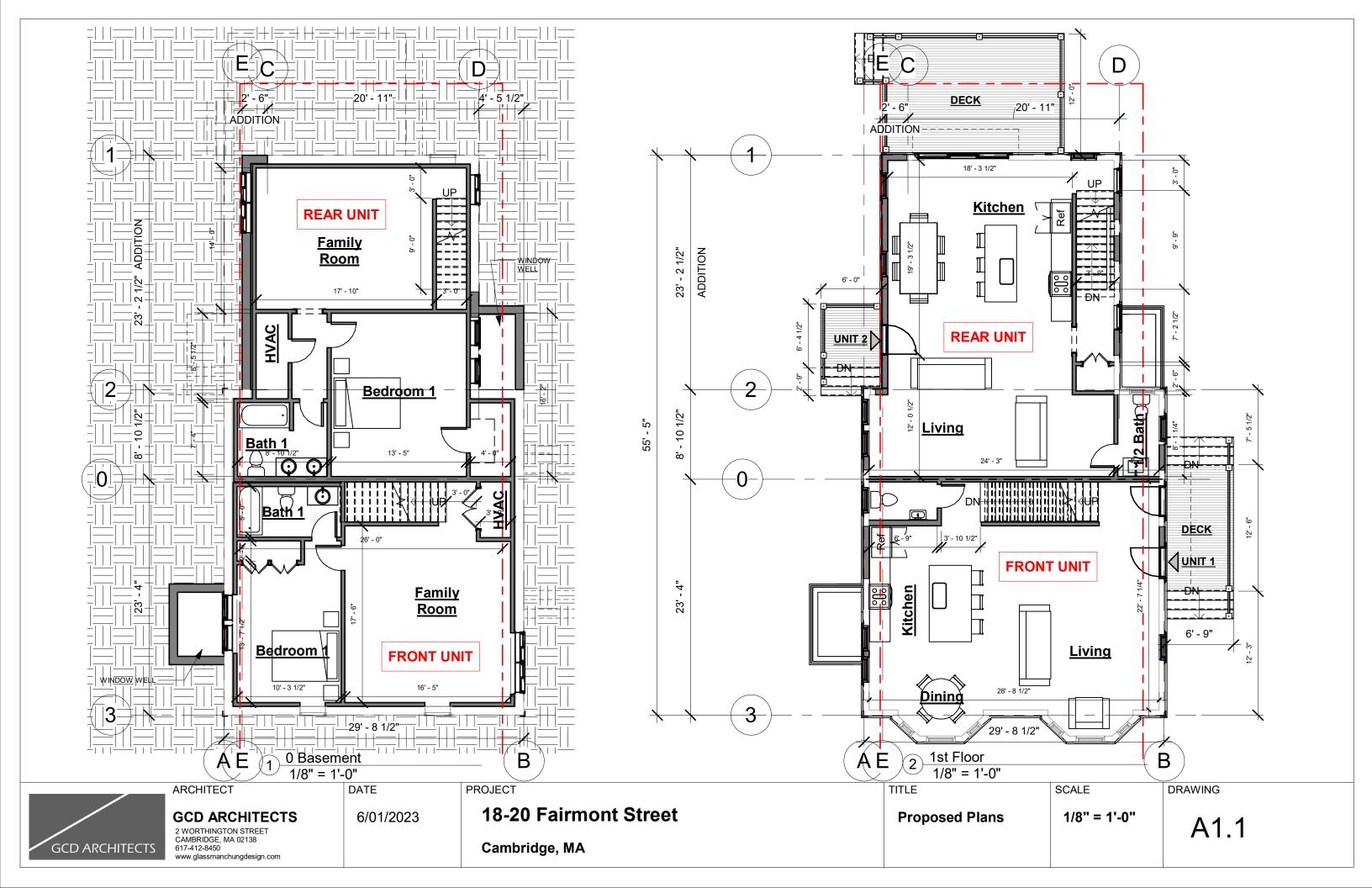


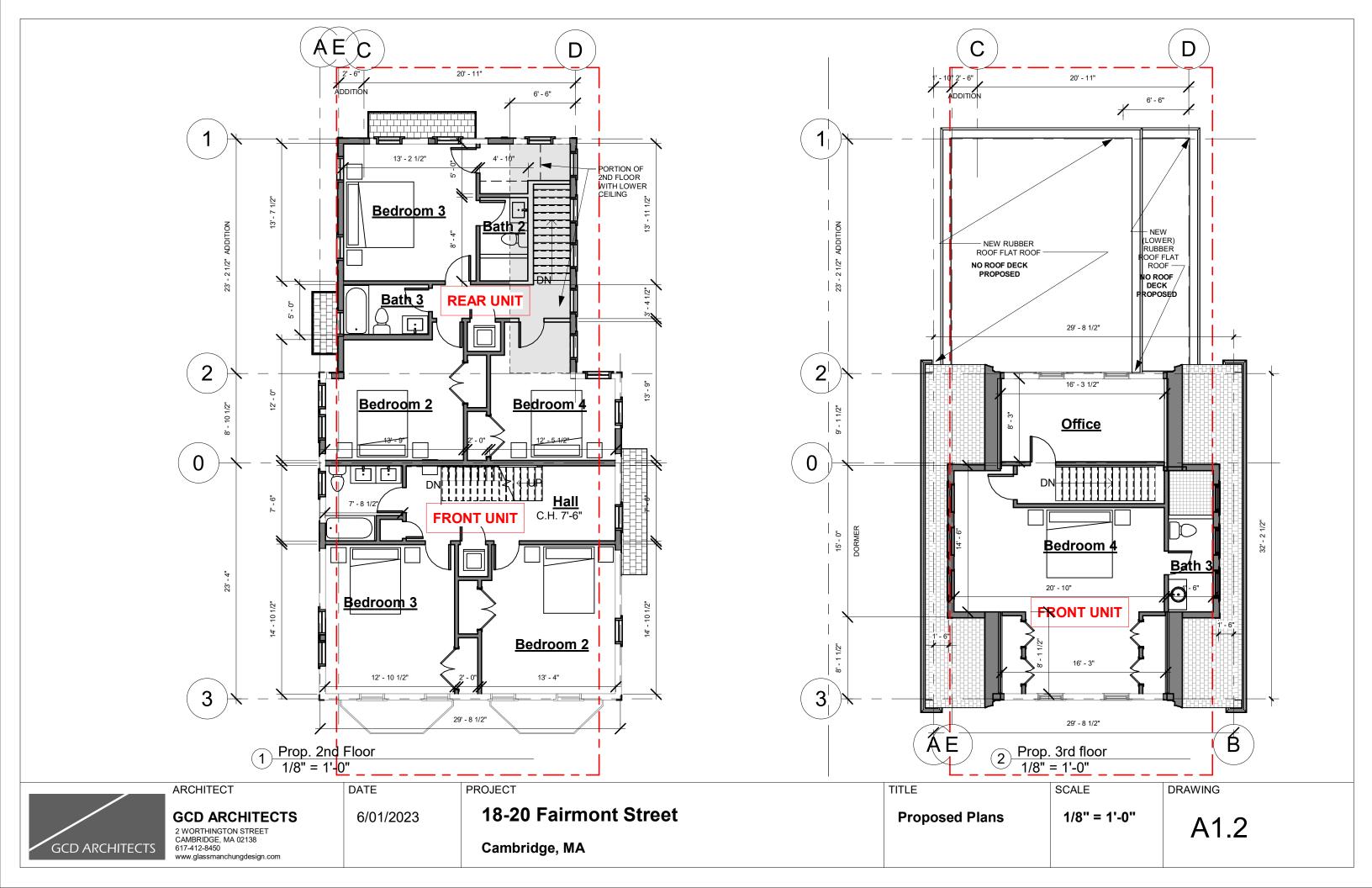


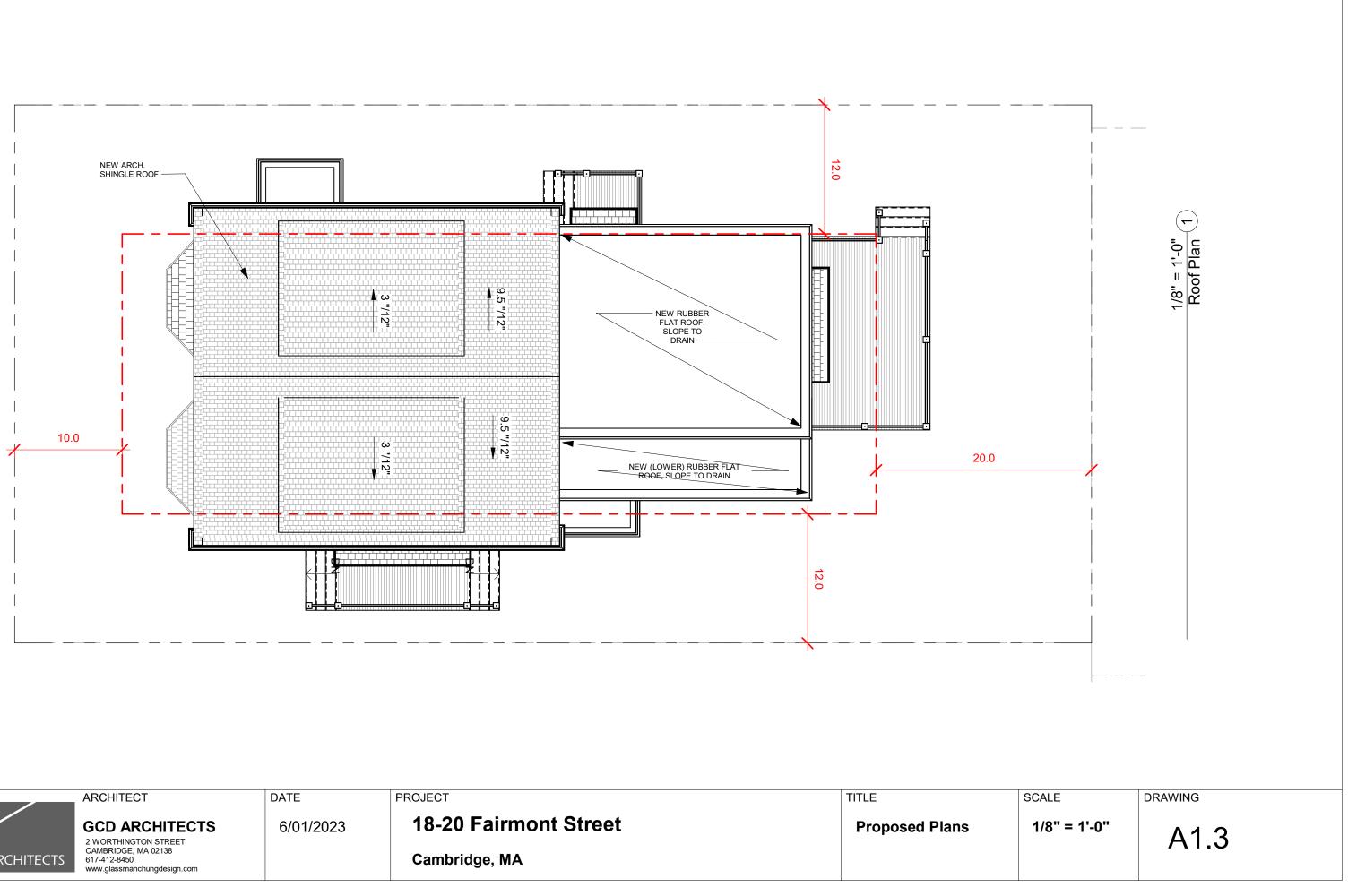
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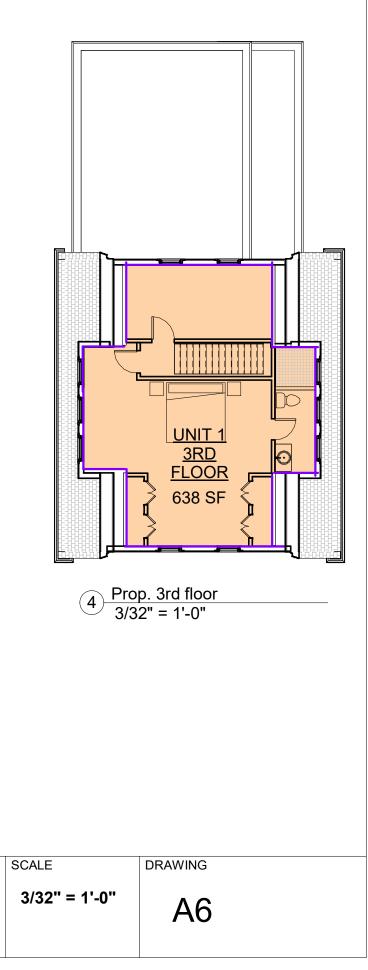




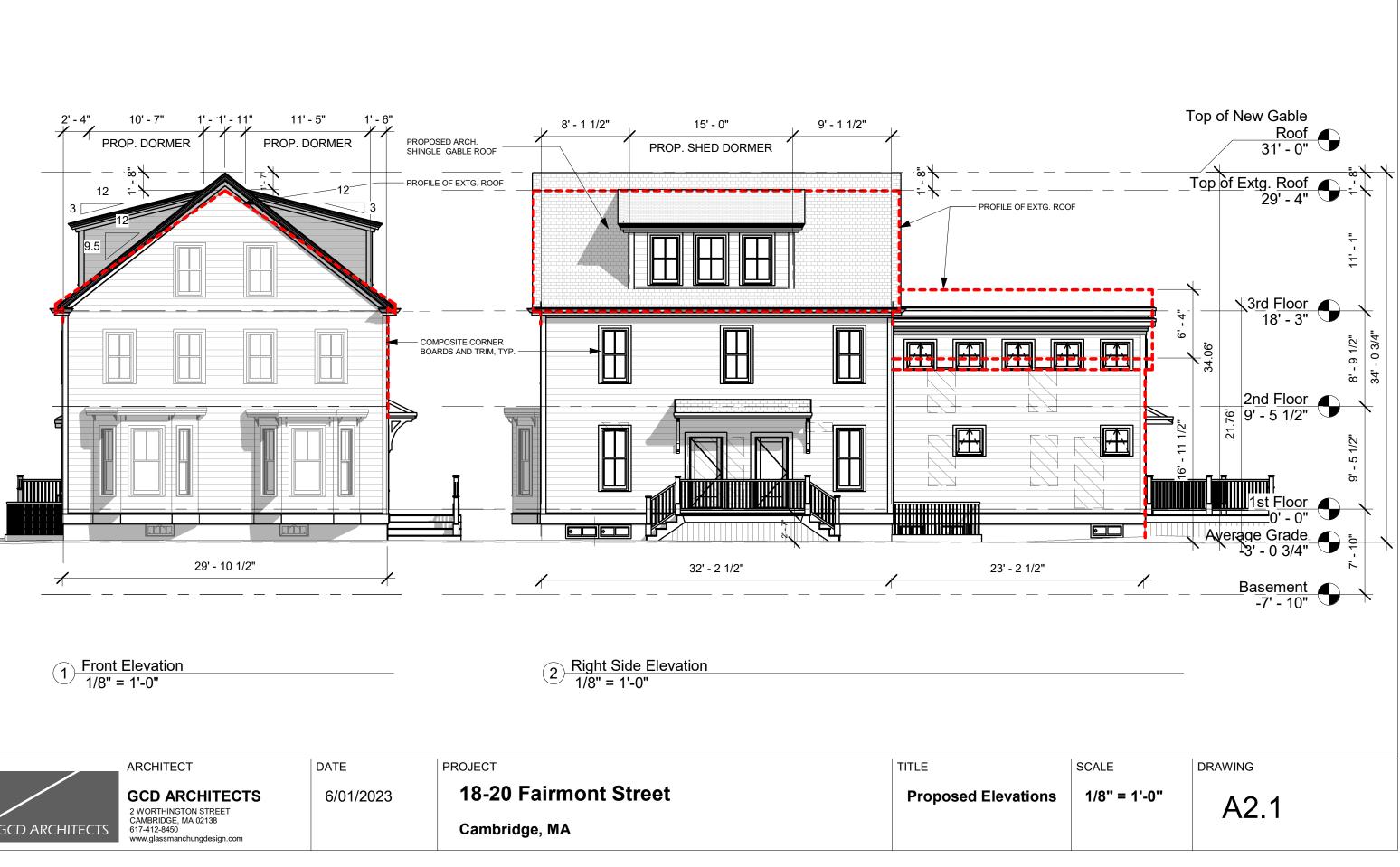




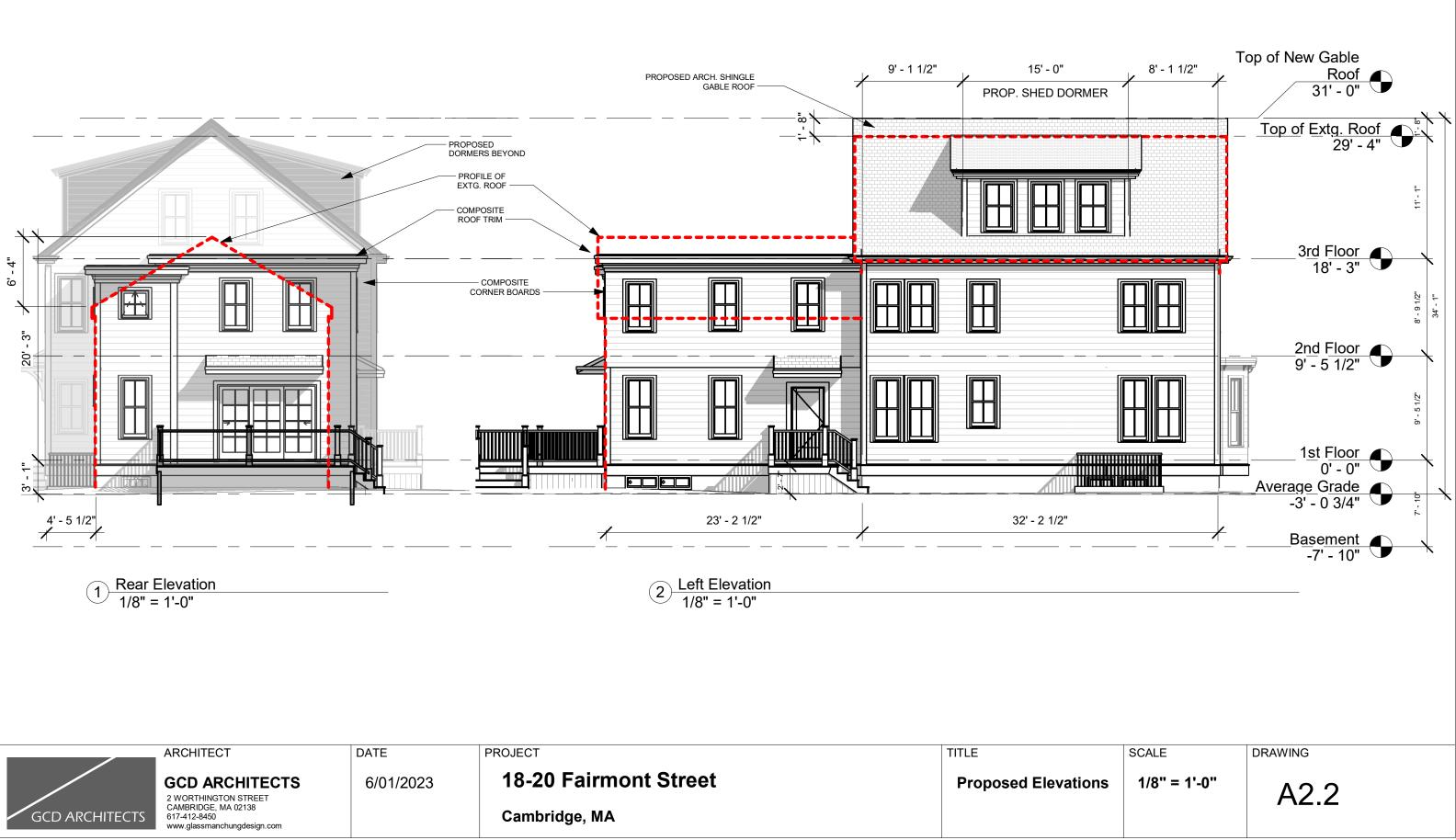




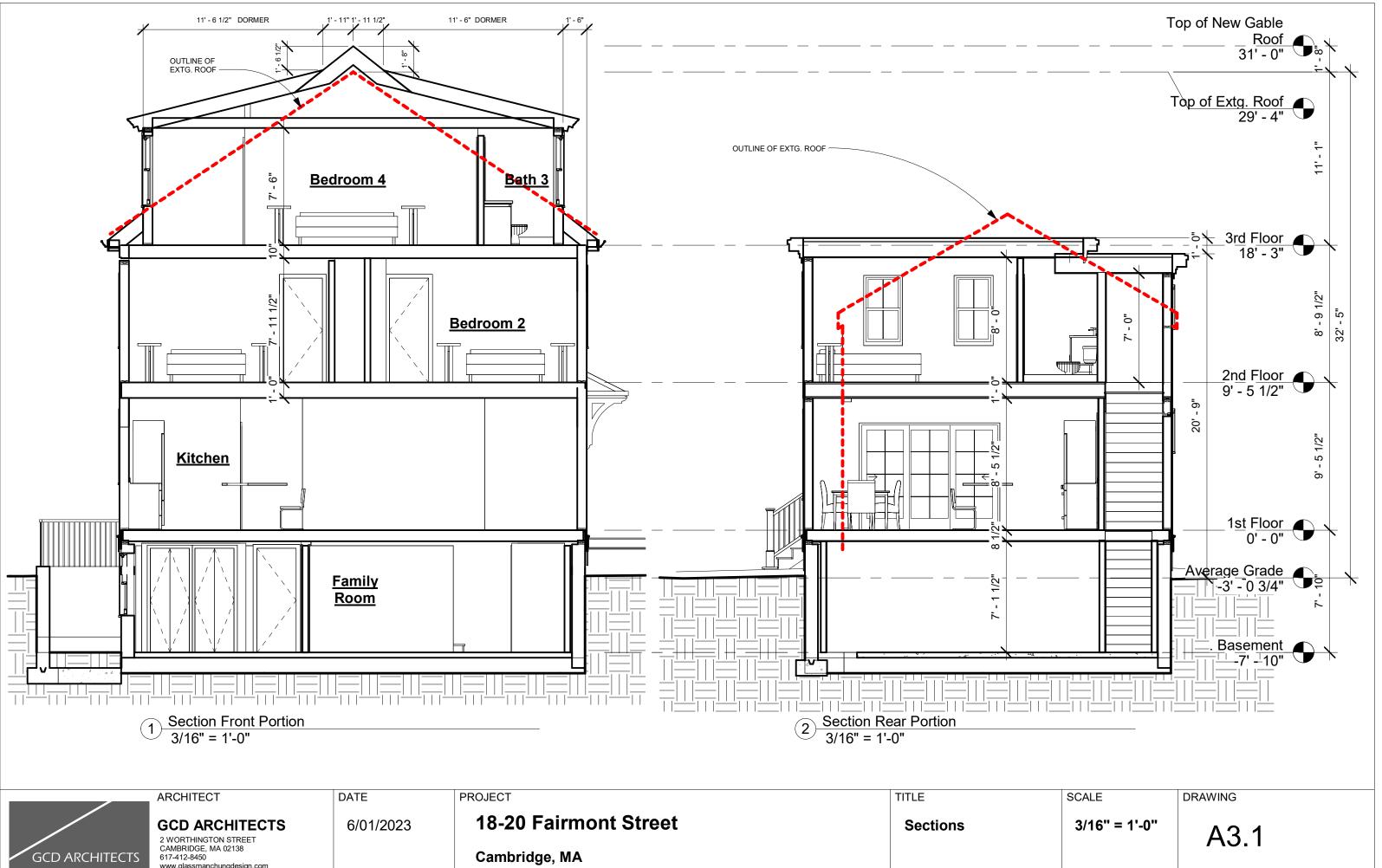
















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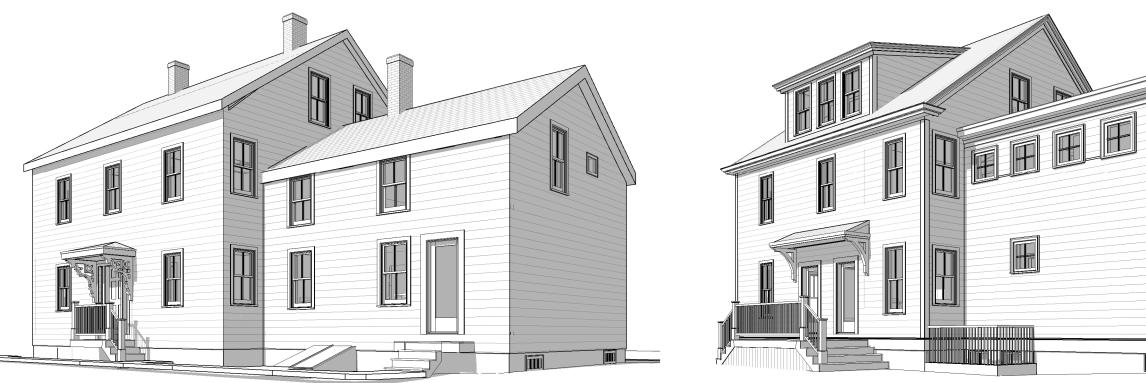
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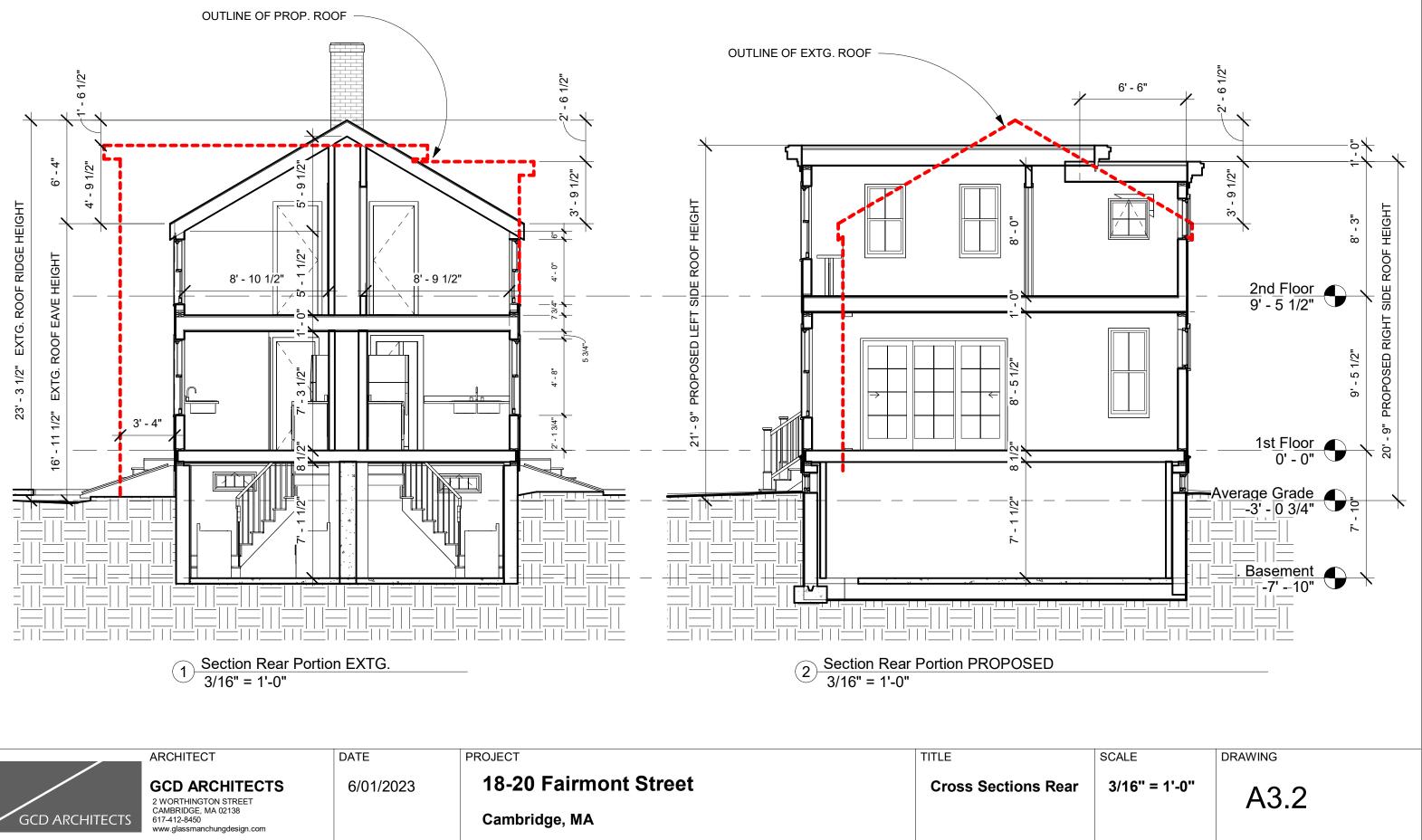


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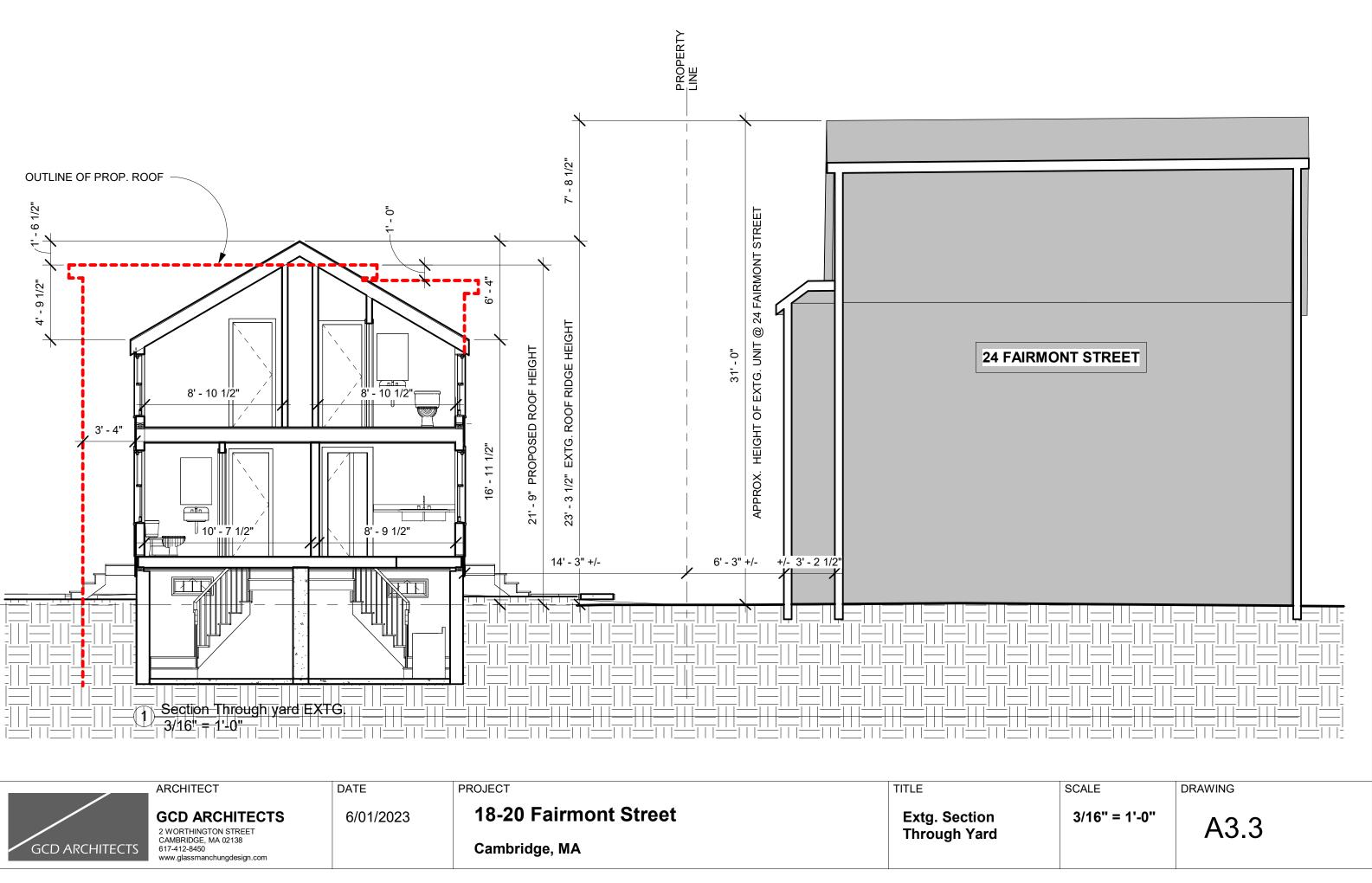
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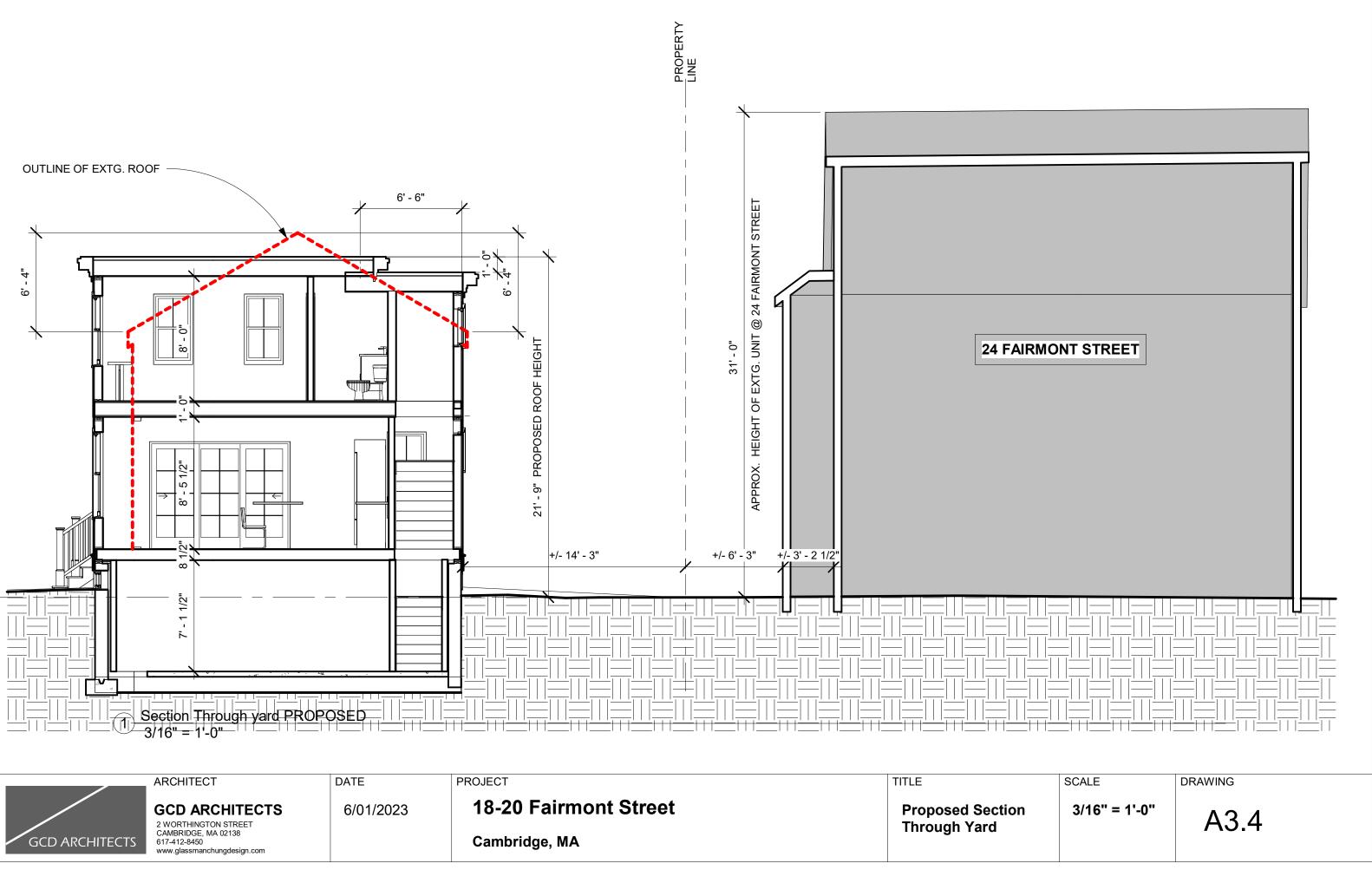














June 05 2023

Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeals

831 Mass Ave.

Cambridge MA 02139

To the Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeals,

We are the residents at 22 and 24 Fairmont Street, the direct right side abutters to 18-20 Fairmont Street.

Over the past few months, we have been working directly with the developer Fraser Allan and his architect Adam Glassman of GCD Architects to make their proposed project more responsive to our concerns about our exposure to natural light, direct sunlight, and privacy.

Given the changes they have made to improve the scale and character of this project, we support this project in its current iteration with a new gable roof with 15'-0" dormers, and the expansion of the existing rear bump out to the left and a raised roof to be a flat 2-story roof as per the plans. The planes of the right side exterior walls will not move closer to the right side lot line and as a condition the owner has agreed not to construct a 3<sup>rd</sup> floor roof deck on the rear of the house.

We are pleased to see this project move forward per the final plans submitted to the file on June 02 2023.

Thank you,

22 Fairmont Street Phone: 9177752242

Saudra Fergusou

24 Fairmont Street Phone 2022815291

Emily Holman

#### Ratay, Olivia

From:	Adam Glassman <ajglassman.ra@gmail.com></ajglassman.ra@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, May 9, 2023 12:59 PM
To:	Fraser Allan; Pacheco, Maria; Ratay, Olivia; Singanayagam, Ranjit
Subject:	18 Fairmont Street
Follow Up Flag:	Follow up
Flag Status:	Flagged

Hi Olivia,

Special Permit vs a Variance, zones C vs C-1,

I asked you this question shortly after our first bza hearing and you confirmed for me that we are allowed to choose between our zones C and C-1 and therefore we are correct in applying for a special permit for our increase in existing non-conforming FAR.

Similarly, the multiple planes method for set back calculations is not required but is an option. Nevertheless, at the Abutters' request, for the first hearing, we provided set back calculations according to the multiple plane method, in addition to the more simple equation method. If you look at the set back plans and calculations we provided you will see that our right side set back is existing nonconforming no matter how we calculate it. This is why I provided all options for calculating the side set backs in my application material.

Additionally, these application based objections related to the special permit application and the setback calculations, coming in from the Abutters now, or last week, are the same objections they and their supporters raised before the first hearing, which we resolved to your satisfaction at that time.

Finally, none of the abutter objections communicated to ISD between the first hearing and today have been posted to the portal so I have had no opportunity to review them or respond to them. For these questions to come to our attention today, and for the second time after having been previously addressed, is improper.

The abutters are clearly trying to obstruct this case in hopes that the owners will drop this application. These objections are without merit and are an abuse of the system.

Please post this letter to the portal.

Respectfully,

Adam

Adam Glassman, Architect

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**City of Cambridge Inspectional Services Department** 831 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge, MA 02139 Peter McLaughlin Acting Commissioner

May 9, 2023

**Board of Zoning Appeal** 

#### RE: Dimensional Standards for BZA Case #211208 18-20 Fairmont Street, Cambridge MA

Dear Board of Zoning Appeal Chair,

It has come to the attention of the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) Zoning staff, that Board of Zoning Appeal case #211208, 18-20 Fairmont Street, may not be correctly applying the dimensional standards to their structure. Inspectional Services Department (ISD) and the Community Development Department (CDD) are reviewing the proposed project to confirm that the method used to calculate the setbacks is accurate.

Sincerely,

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Olivia Ratay

**Zoning Specialist** 

### Pacheco, Maria

From:	Adam Glassman <ajglassman.ra@gmail.com></ajglassman.ra@gmail.com>
Sent:	Friday, June 2, 2023 7:56 AM
To:	Sandra Ferguson
Cc:	Ally Ladha; Emily Holman; Ian Ferguson; Pacheco, Maria; Ratay, Olivia; Singanayagam, Ranjit
Subject:	Re: 18 Fairmont Revised Plans

Great news, thank you Sandra!

And I hope you believe me when I say that this process made this a much better project and we appreciate your time and efforts.

Sincerely,

Adam Adam J. Glassman, R.A. Cambridge, MA C: 617.412.8450 www.glassmanchungdesign.com

On Fri, Jun 2, 2023 at 7:51 AM Sandra Ferguson <<u>sandra.y.ferguson@gmail.com</u>> wrote:

Hi Adam,

Thank you for the update and apologies for not following up on my last email. We did all see each other for dinner this week and agreed to a letter of support for the plans. I will organize and send them asap.

My best, Sandra

On Fri, Jun 2, 2023 at 6:35 AM Adam Glassman <<u>aiglassman.ra@gmail.com</u>> wrote: Dear right side abutters,

After many weeks of evaluating our plans and the questions you raised about our application, the building department has concluded (as of yesterday) that we need to add '2' to the denominator of our setback calculations using the single plane method for Zone Res-C, and that any existing conforming vertical plans must remain conforming or a Variance would be required.

Therefore we have adjusted our setback calculations and floor plans accordingly to maintain the existing left side set back conformity of the rear bump-out. Our request for a Special Permit remains unchanged. Please see the attached revised set.

Per these changes to the setback calculations there is still no required change to our previously proposed dormer additions or the rear bump-out roof modifications and various changes to the existing right side wall openings. The existing right side setbacks and the proposed conforming building heights will remain unchanged from the previously proposed.

The previous shadow studies remain unchanged.

FAR remains existing non-conforming and only slightly increased, both with and without the basement spaces included in the FAR calculations (1.03 to 1.07 with basements and .74 to .82 without). At this time we cannot fully commit to the new Cambridge Climate and Flood Mitigation design criteria for basements (brought to our attention yesterday) so we cannot exclude the basements from the FAR at this time as we had previously.

If you can give us your approval of the attached plans we will upload them to the portal as drawn with no rear conforming 3rd floor roof deck, a condition we have offered several times and will make permanent once we have your approval of the plans. Some of you have expressed that this condition is important to you and we would like to honor that.

We would need to know if we have the approval of both households no later than June 8th in order to be able to have all our final material uploaded to the file and hard copies delivered to ISD in time for the June 15 hearing.

Thank you for your continued attention to this matter,

Sincerely,

Adam

#### SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIRED:

1. NEW WINDOW OPENINGS & ENTRY CANOPY ADDITIONS ON LEFT AND RIGHT SIDES PER EXISTING NON-CONFORMING SETBACKS

2. INCREASE EXISTING NONCONFORMING FAR FROM 1.03 TO 1.07 (ZONE-C .60 MAX ALLOWABLE). PER FEBRUARY 2023 CHANGES TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE BASEMENTS OVER 7'-0" TALL MUST BE INCLUDED AS FAR, EXCLUDED ONLY PER THE NEW CLIMATE AND FLOOD MITIGATION DESIGN CRITERIA.

3. GABLE ROOF MODIFICATION AND 15'-0" DORMER ADDITIONS WITHIN THE EXISTING NONCONFORMING LEFT AND RIGHT SIDE SETBACKS.

4. NEW FLAT ROOF ON REAR PORTION OF HOUSE

5, INCREASE EXISTING NON CONFORMING STRUCTURE BETWEEEN 10%-25% OF EXISTING STRUCTURE AS OF 1940.



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## PROPOSED RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS

18-20 Fairmont Street Cambridge, MA



# **EXISTING STREET VIEW**

# **PROPOSED STREET VIEW**

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CONFORMING REQUIRED Dimension Regulation - ZONE RESIDENCE C PROPOSED EXISTING

MAX FAR	1.03		1.07		0.60	EXISTING NON CONFORMING
MIN. LOT SIZE	5,000 sq. ft.		5,000 sq. ft.		5,000 sq. ft.	YES
MIN. LOT AREA PER DWELLING UNIT	2,500 sq. ft.		2,500 sq. ft.		1,800 sq. ft.	YES
MIN. LOT WIDTH	50'		50'		50'	YES
MIN. FRONT SETBACK	30' - CENTER L.	15' - STREET L.	30' - CENTER L. 15' - STREET L. (H+L)/4 . MIN.10'	15' - STREET L.	(H+L)/4 MIN.10'	YES
MIN. LEFT SIDE SETBACK	10.4'		10.4'		(*) REQUIRED = 12' (**) PROPOSED = 12'	EXISTING NON CONFORMING
MIN. RIGHT SIDE SETBACK	9.9'		9.9'		(*) REQUIRED = 12' (**) PROPOSED = 12'	EXISTING NON CONFORMING
MIN. REAR SETBACK	26.8'		26.8'		20'	YES
MAXIMUM HEIGHT	32.4'		34.06'		35'	YES
RATIO OF PRIVATE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA	34%		40%		36%	YES

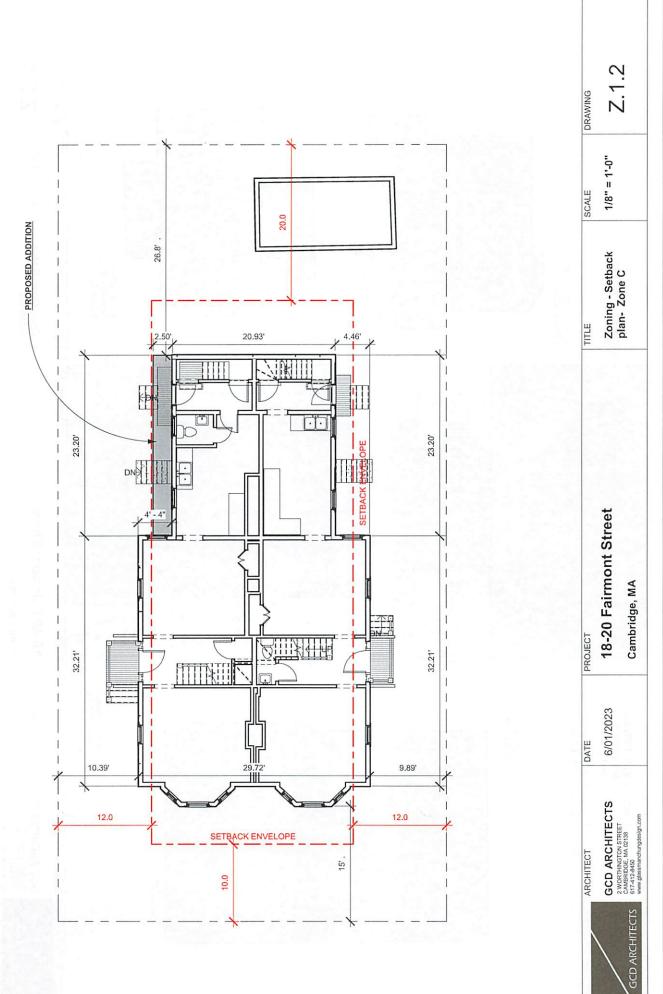
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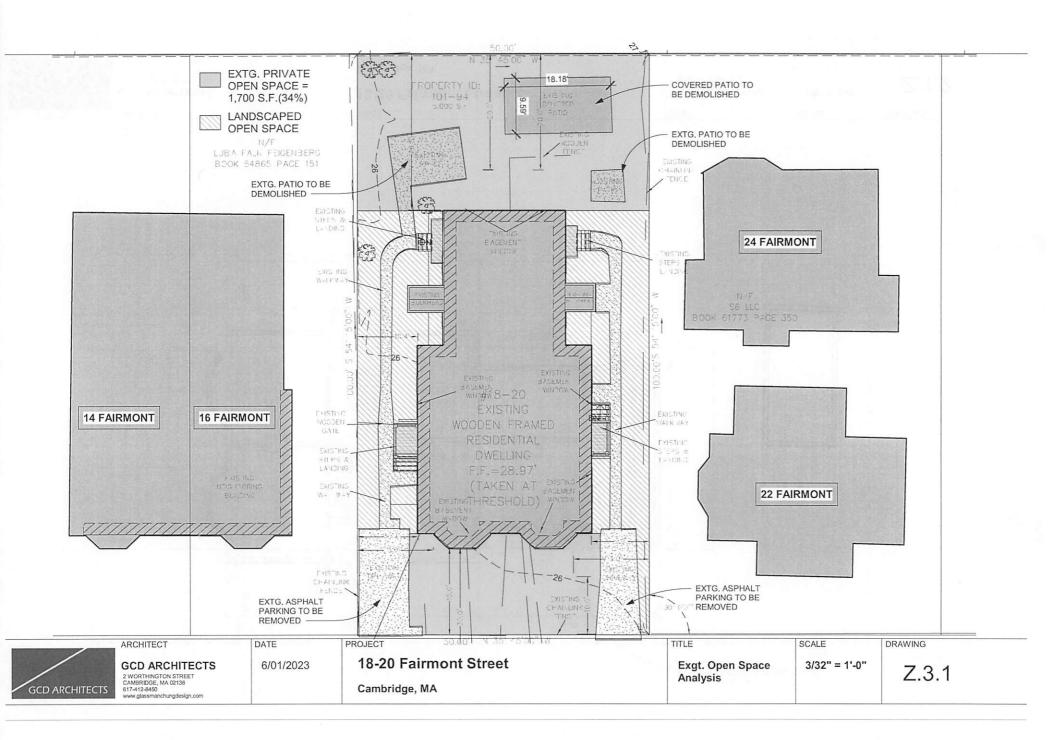
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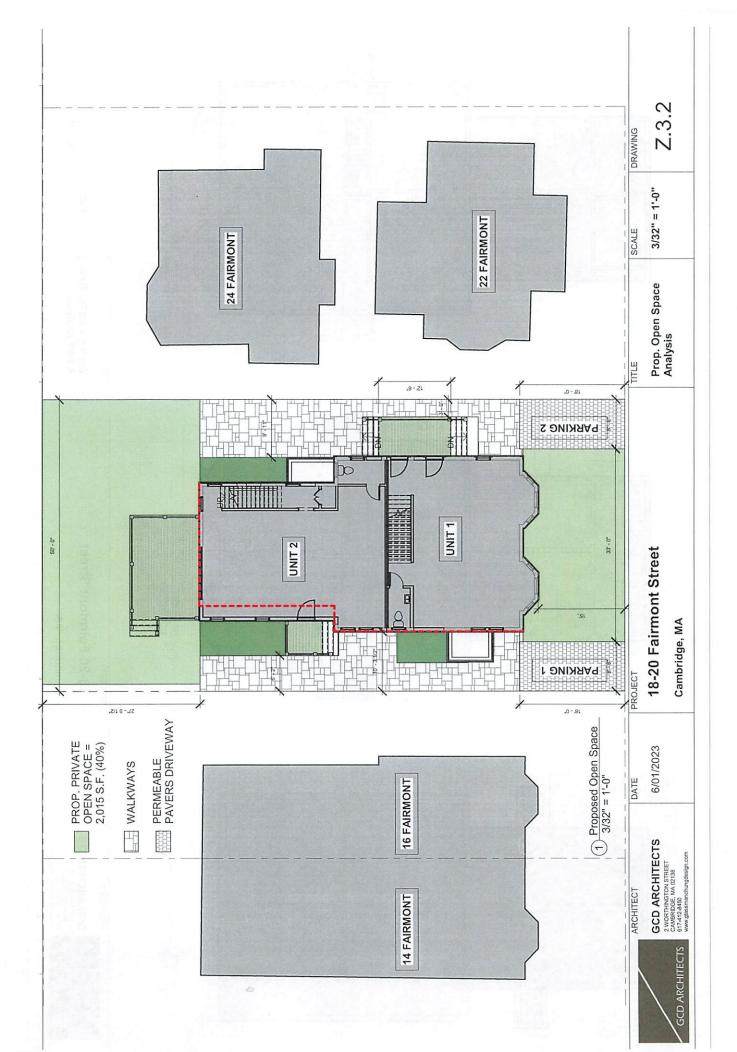
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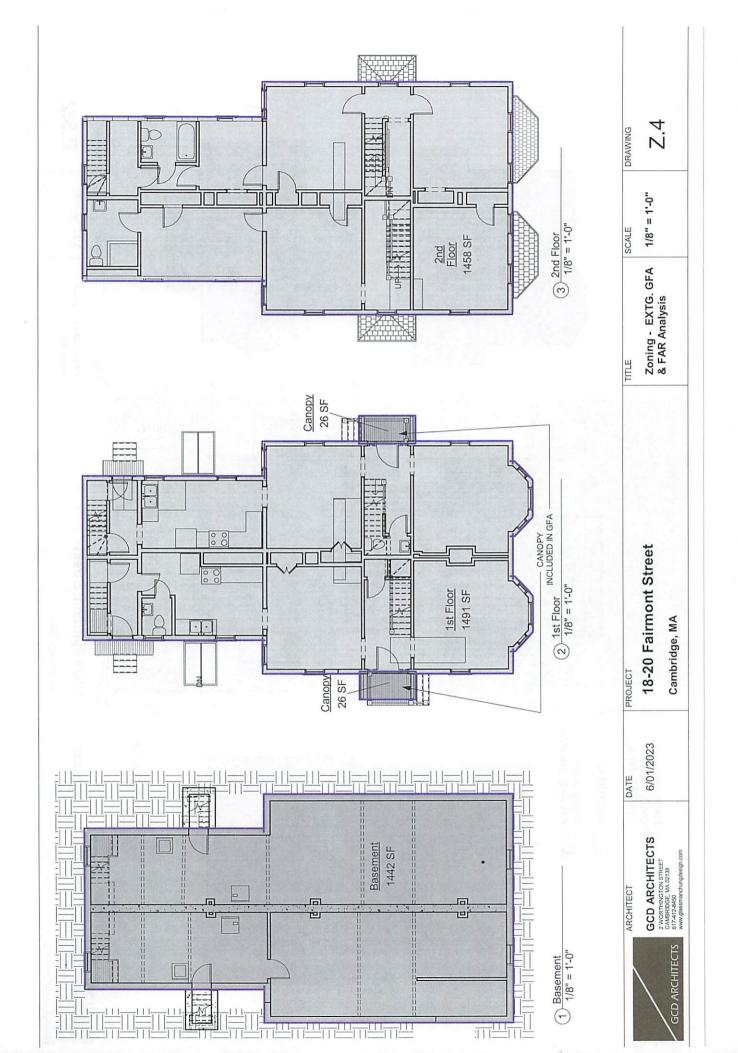
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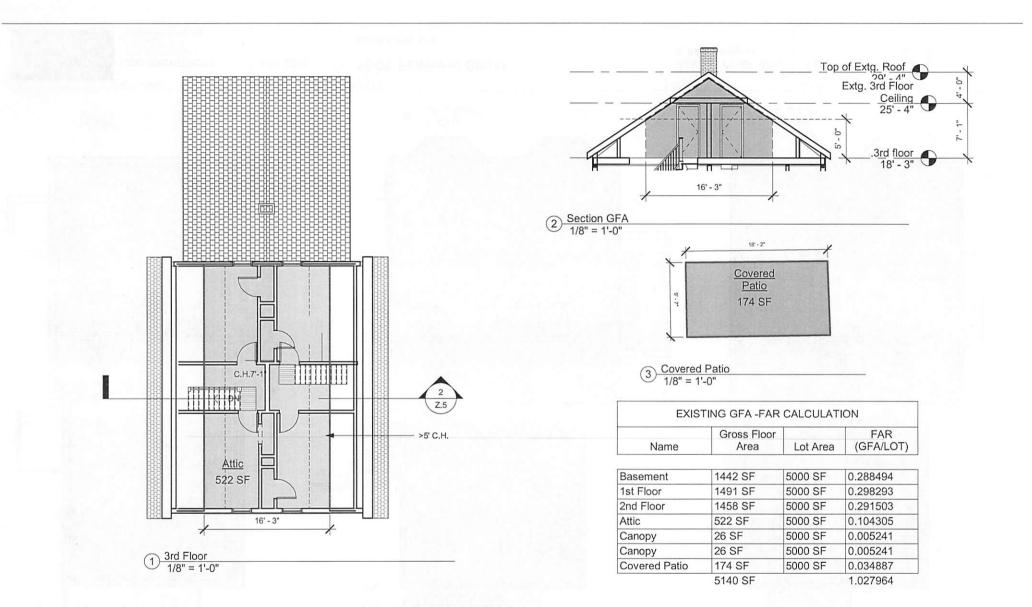
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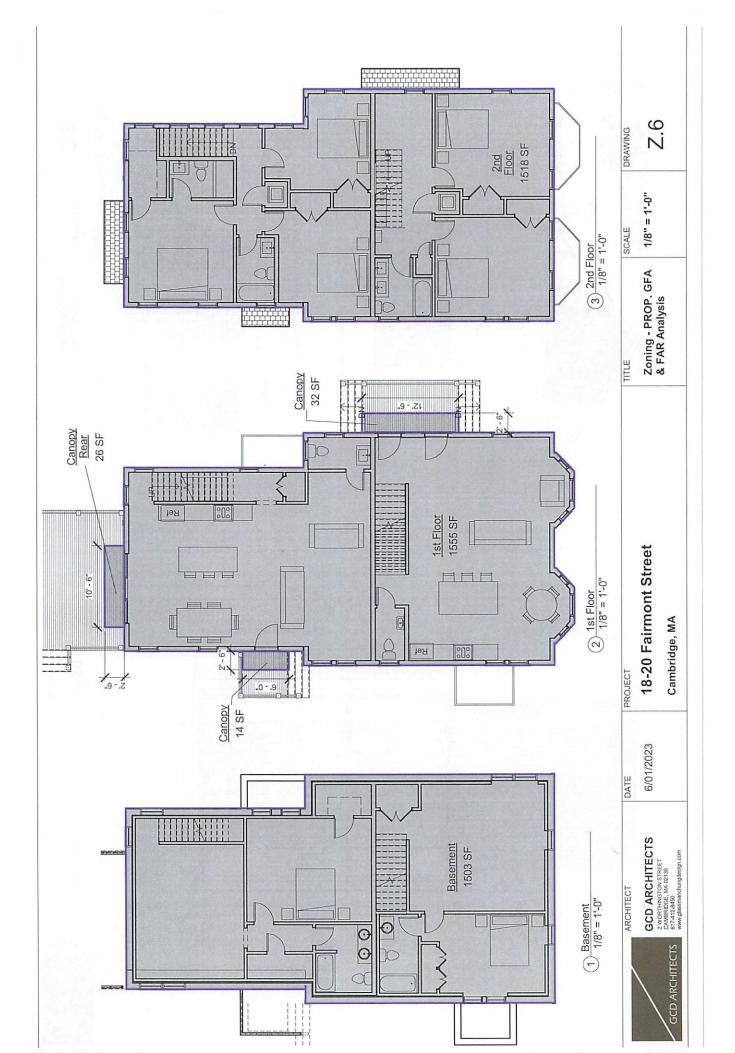


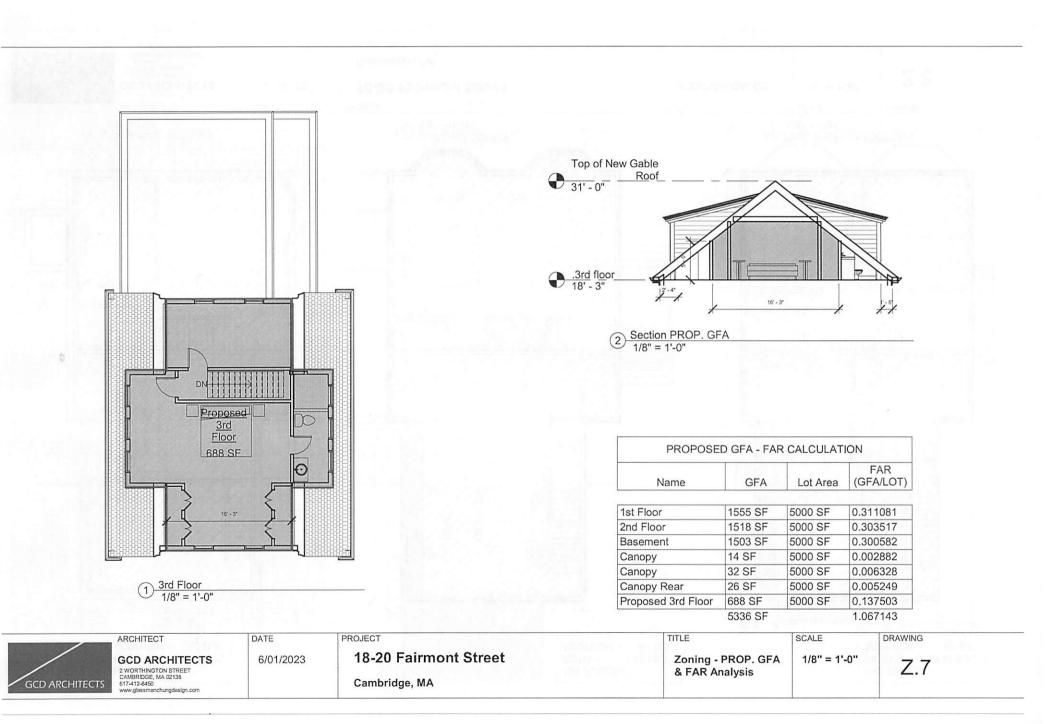


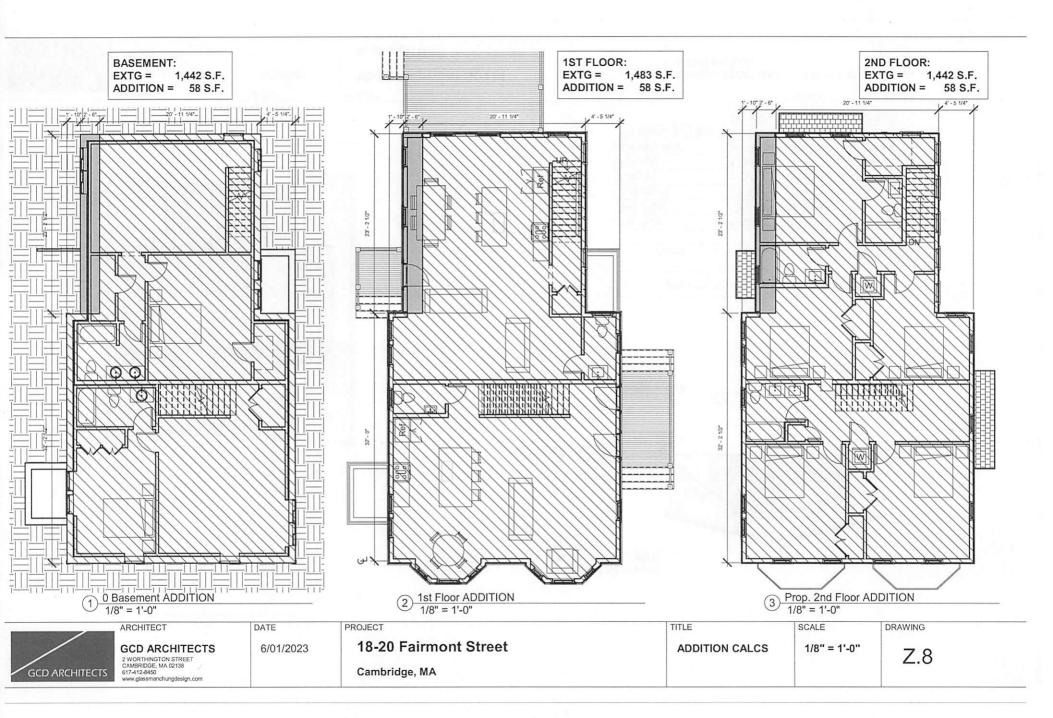


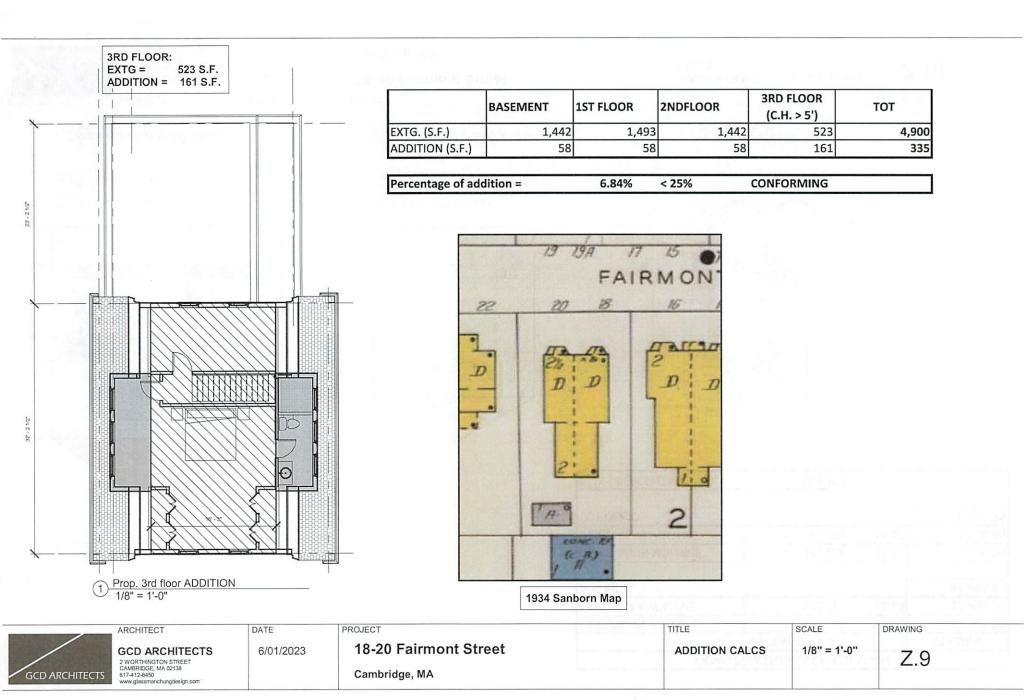


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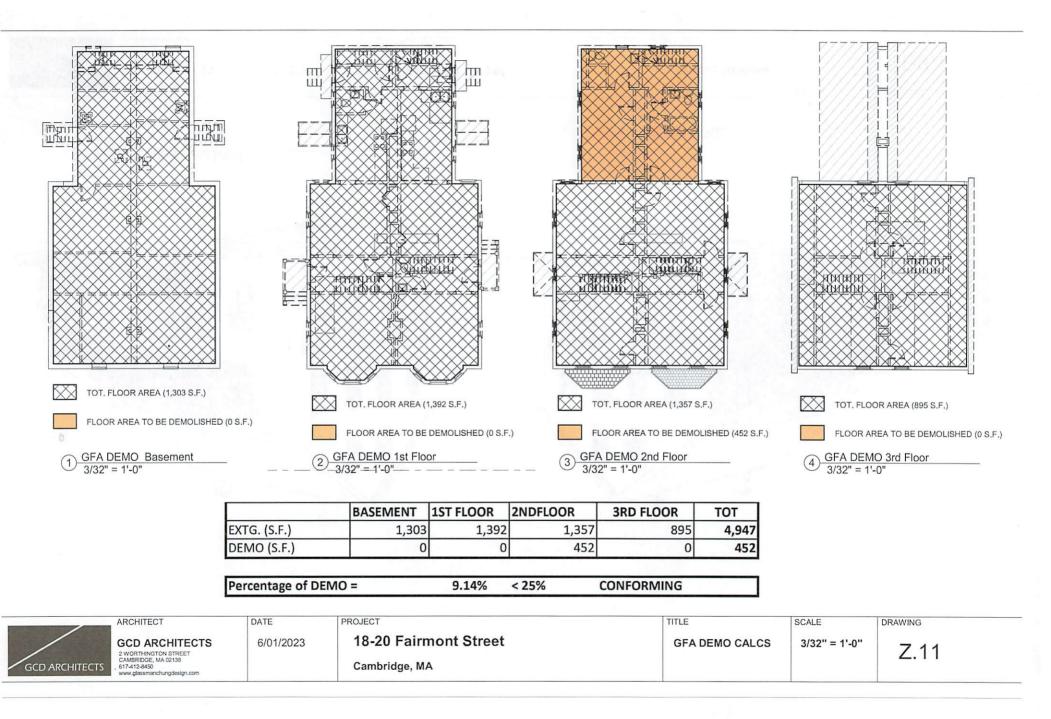


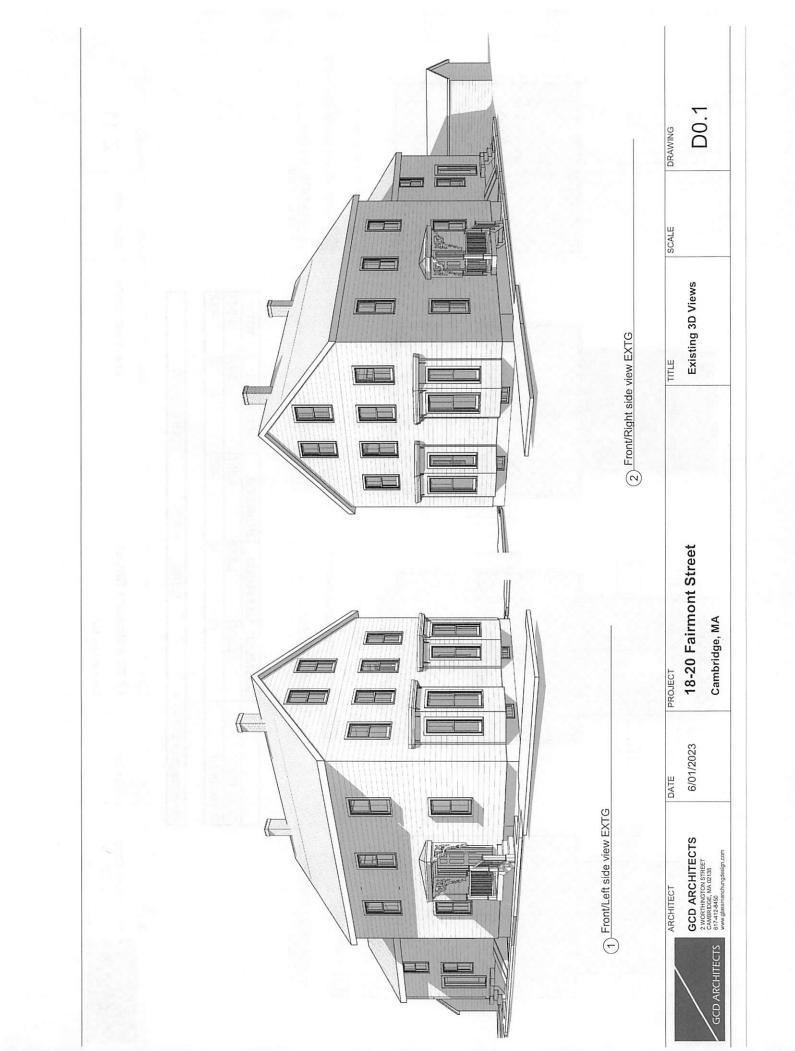


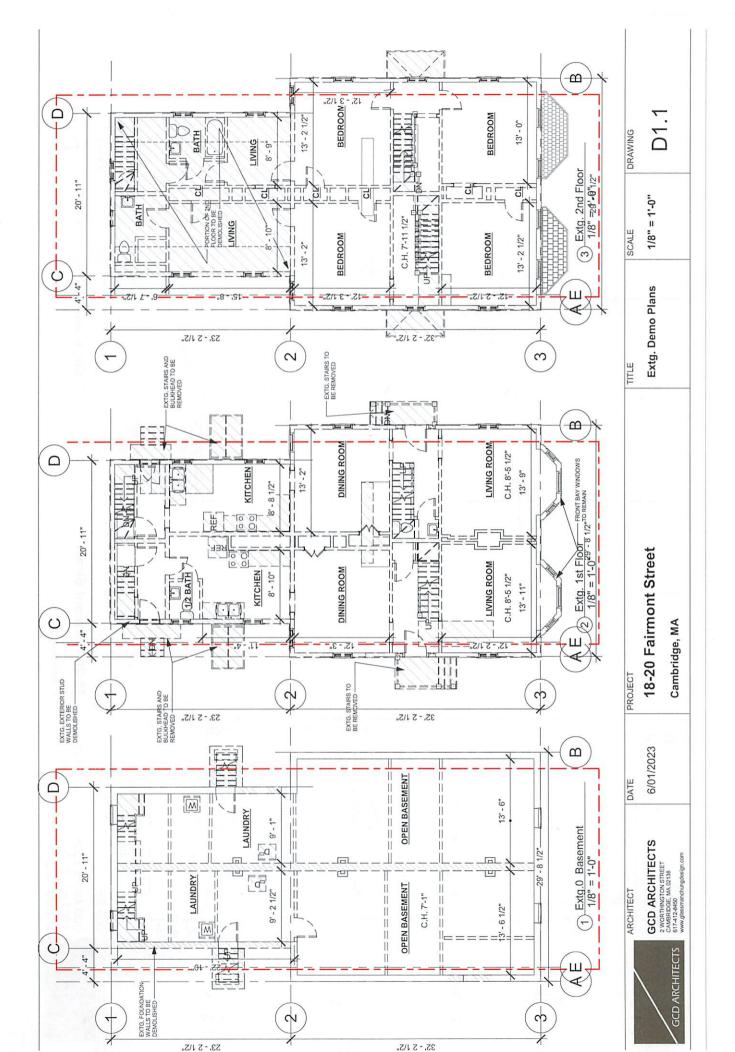


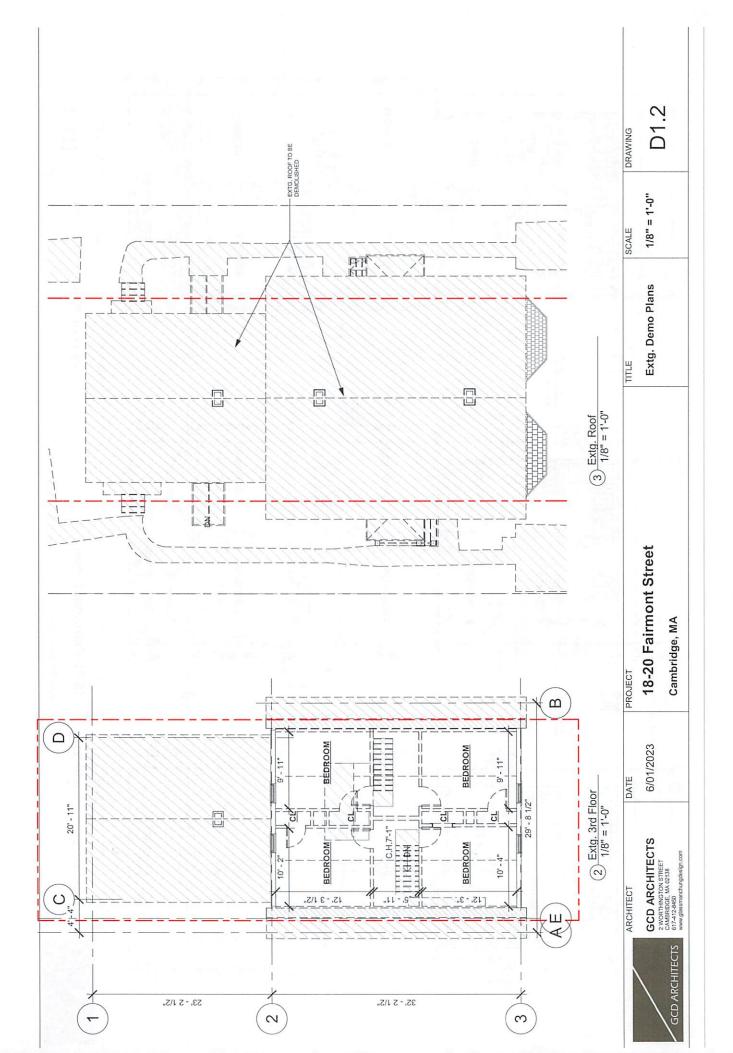


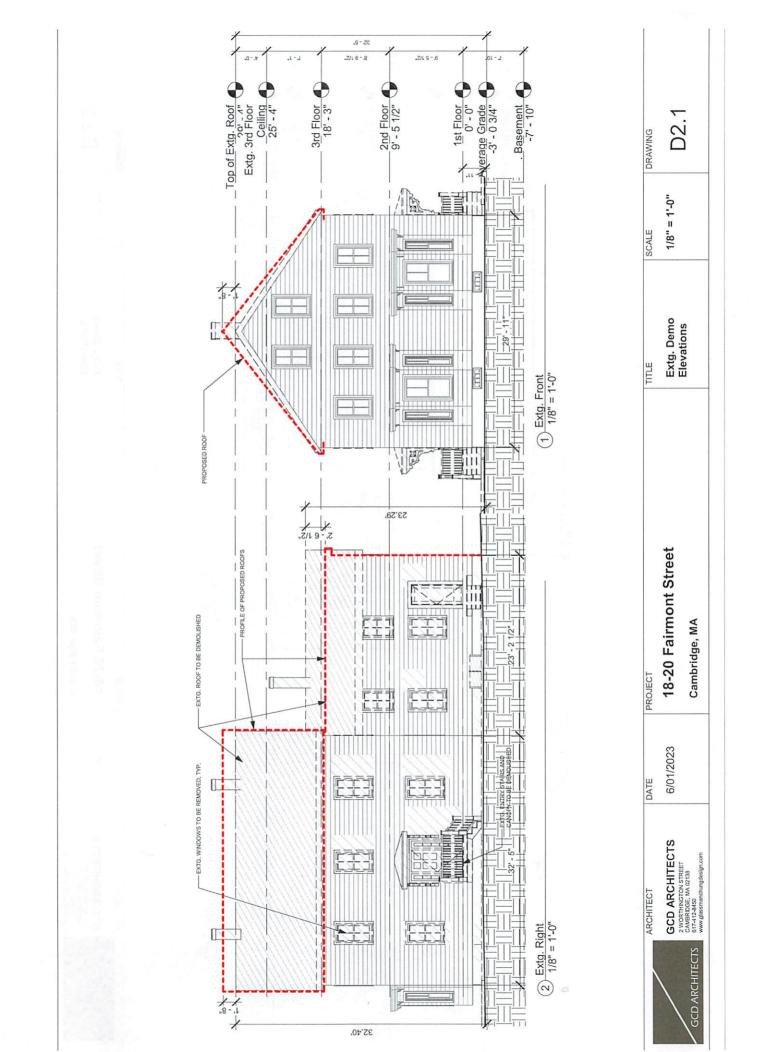
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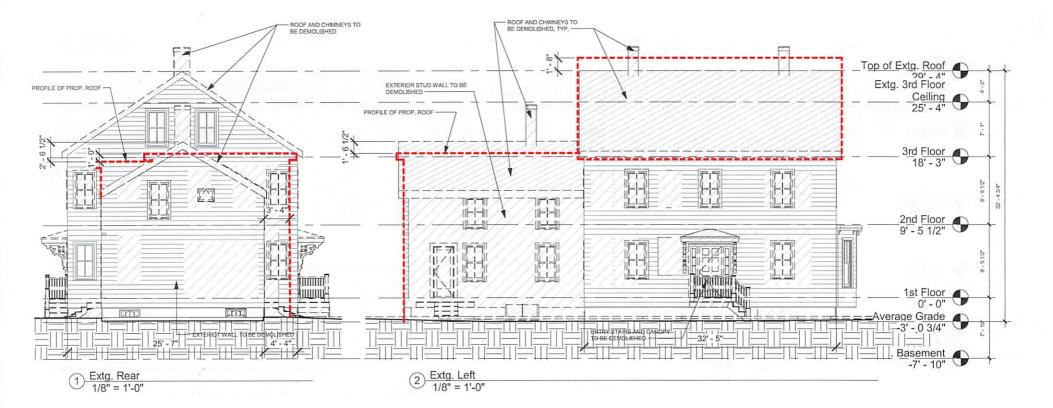




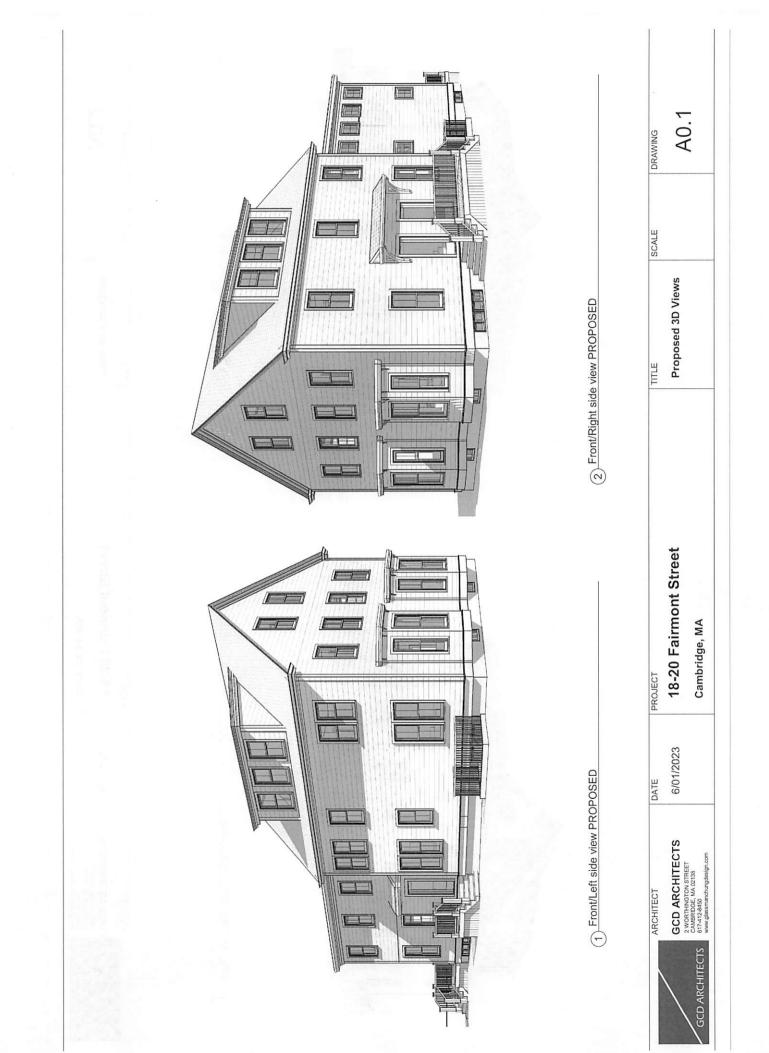








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(2) Rear Left View PROPOSED

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(1) Rear/ Right side view PROPOSED

