

# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL 831 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139 617 349-6100

**BZA APPLICATION FORM** 

Plan No: BZ

BZA-014466-2017

**GENERAL INFORMATION** 

The undersigned hereby petitions the Board of Zoning Appeal for the following:							
Special Pe	pecial Permit : Variance : Appeal :						
PETITIONE	R: Mark Lech	nmere, LI	C - C/O James J. Raffe	rty, Esq.			
PETITIONE	R'S ADDRESS :	675 Ma	ssachusetts Avenue Cam	bridge, MA 02139			
LOCATION	OF PROPERTY :	207 & 2	27 Cambridge St Cambri	dge, MA			
TYPE OF OCCUPANCY:			ZONING DISTRICT: Business A Zone				
REASON F	OR PETITION :						
	Parki	ng					
DESCRIPT	ION OF PETITIONER	'S PROPOS	SAL:				
			equired amount of park a general retail use (	ing for proposed dimensionally CVS).			
SECTIONS	OF ZONING ORDINA	ANCE CITE	D:				
Article	6.000	Section	6.35.1 (Reduction in H	Required Parking).			
Article	6.000	Section	6.36.5.A.1 (Table of	Parking Requirements).			
Article	10.000	Section	10.40 (Special Permit)				
			Original Signature(s) :	(Petitioner(s) / Owner)			
			_	James J. Rafferty			
				(Print Name)			
			Address :	675 Massachusetts Avenue			
				Cambridge, MA 02139			
			Tel. No. :	(617) 492-4100			
			E-Mail Address	jrafferty@adamsrafferty.com			
Date :	9/18/17						

### OWNERSHIP INFORMATION FOR BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL RECORD

To be completed by OWNER, signed and returned to Secretary of Board of Appeal

Mark !	Lechmere, LLC	
	ner or Petitioner)	
Address: <u>c/o James J. Rafferty 675 Mas</u>	ssachusetts Avenue, Cambridge MA 021	39
Location of Premises: 207 & 227 C	ambridge Street	
the record title standing in the name of $\underline{ ext{N}}$	Mark Lechmere LLC	
whose address is 57 River Street, We	elleslev. MA 02481	
(Street)	(City or Town) (State & Zip	Code)
by a deed duly recorded in the Middlese Book65660 Page 168 and E		
	Mark Lechmere, LLC By: Amadan Management, LLC, Management	jer •
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On this day of September, 2017, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Robert S. Korff, Manager of Amadan Management, LLC, Manager of Mark Lechmere, LLC. proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which were to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that they signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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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 207 & 227 Cambridge St Cambridge, MA (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:

  Section 6.35.1 authorizes the BZA to reduce the amount of parking required when, as in this case, the site is proximate to an MBTA Transit Station.
- 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:

A reduction of required parking will not change patterns of access or egress in the area. A parking demand analysis prepared by VHB revealed that the proposed

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:

Nearly all the retail uses along Cambridge Street do not provide off street parking or loading. Those uses will not be adversely affected by a reduction in parking at this location.

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:

A reduction in required parking will not create any detriment to the public's health or safety. To the contrary, reducing automobile usage by constraining the parking supply is consistent with the City's traffic policies.

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 retail building at this location complies with all of the use and dimensional requirements of the Business A Zoning District.

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### **DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION**

APPLICANT: Nirvana PRESENT USE/OCCUPANCY: Bank

LOCATION: 207 & 227 Cambridge St Cambridge, MA ZONE: Business A Zone

PHONE: **REQUESTED USE/OCCUPANCY:** Retail **EXISTING** REQUESTED **ORDINANCE CONDITIONS CONDITIONS** REQUIREMENTS 10,557 13,957 21,192 TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA: (max.) 21,192 no change none (min.) LOT AREA: .5 .66 1.0/1.75 RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA (max.) TO LOT AREA: 600 sf N/A N/A (min.) LOT AREA FOR EACH DWELLING UNIT: 200+/no change none SIZE OF LOT: WIDTH (min.) 82+/no change N/A DEPTH 0\* 0\* none FRONT (min.) SETBACKS IN FEET: 0\* 102.7'+/-\* none REAR (min.) 0\* 0\* none LEFT SIDE (min.) 0\* 0\* none RIGHT SIDE (min.) 33.5' 35' unknown HEIGHT (max.) SIZE OF BLDG.: 129' N/A LENGTH varies varies 97.31 N/A WIDTH N/A N/A none RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE (min.) TO LOT AREA: N/A N/A N/A (max.) NO. OF DWELLING UNITS: 21+/-16 28 NO. OF PARKING SPACES: (min./max) 1 1 unknown NO. OF LOADING AREAS: (min.) unknown N/A N/A DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG. (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.

\*The lot has three front setbacks on Cambridge Street, Gore Street and Third Street.

ON SAME LOT:

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.

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



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TYPE OF O	CCUPANCY:		ZONING DISTRICT: Business A Zone					
REASON F	OR PETITION:							
	Parki	ng						
DESCRIPTION OF PETITIONER'S PROPOSAL :								
Petitioner seeks reduction in required amount of parking for proposed dimensionally								
conformi	ng building cor	taining a general reta	il use (CV	<u>/S).</u>				
SECTIONS	OF ZONING ORDIN	ANCE CITED :						
Article	Article 6.000 Section 6.35.1 (Reduction in Required Parking).							
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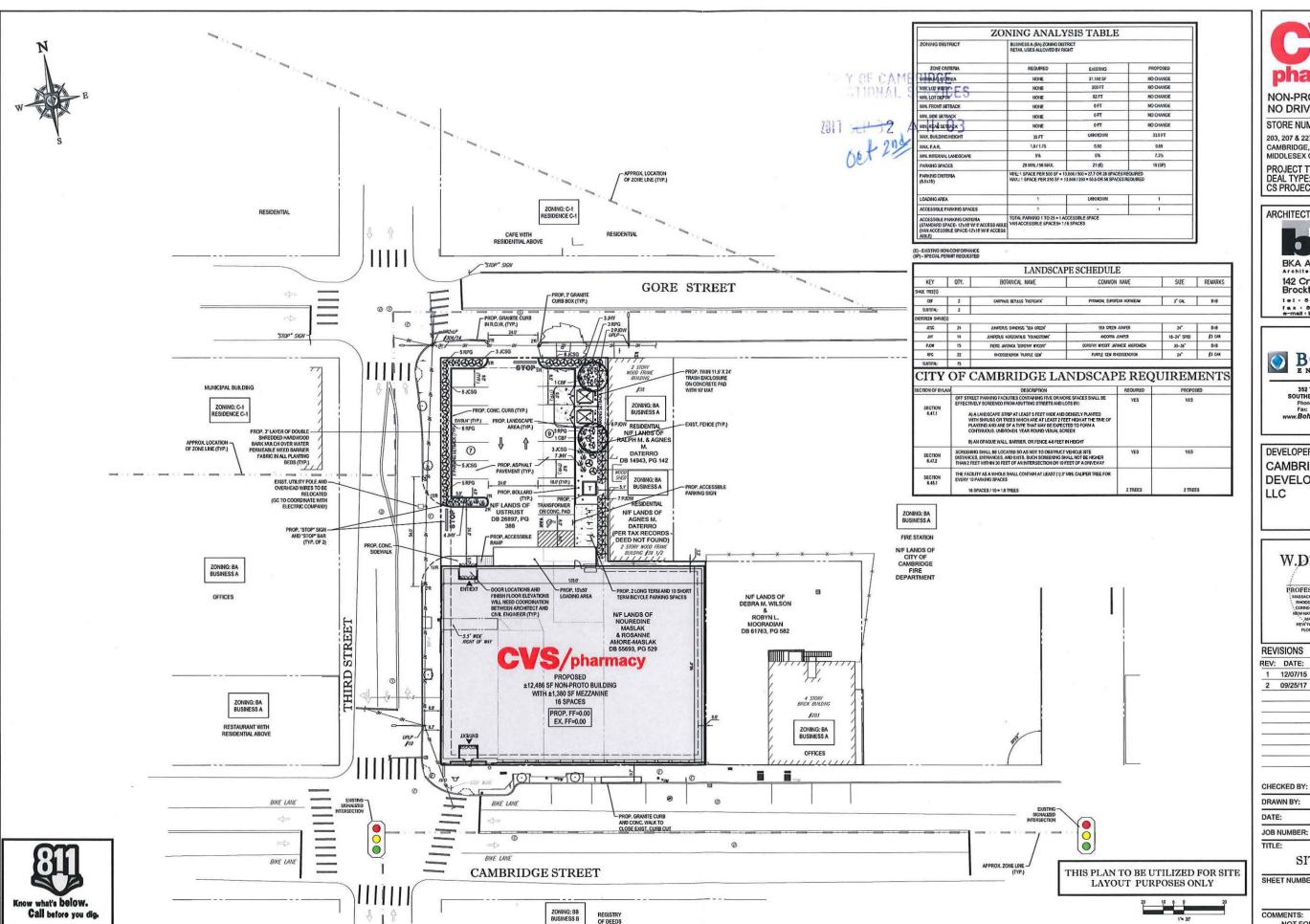
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STORE NUMBER:

203, 207 & 227 CAMBRIDGE STREET MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MA

PROJECT TYPE: TK DEAL TYPE: RELO CS PROJECT NUMBER: 88186

ARCHITECT OF RECORD:



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DEVELOPER CAMBRIDGE DEVELOPMENT, LLC

## W.D. GOEBEL

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

REVISIONS

REV: DATE: COMMENT: 1 12/07/15 NEW BUILDING CFD 2 09/25/17 NEW BUILDING CFD

CHECKED BY RMM/JGS CFD DRAWN BY: 10/20/2015 DATE:

SITE PLAN

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COMMENTS: NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

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To: David Roache, PE
Vice President of Development
Mark Investment, LLC
57 River Street, Suite 106
Wellesley, MA 02481

Date: August 31, 2017

Memorandum

Project #: 13407.00

From: Sean Manning, PE Re: 227 Cambridge Street
Ryan White, PE Parking Study

VHB has prepared a parking demand analysis for the planned CVS Project at 227 Cambridge Street in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This retail/pharmacy project, proposed by Mark Lechmere, LLC, includes an approximately 12,303 square foot (SF) retail building with a 1,654 SF storage mezzanine, 16 off-street parking spaces, a defined off-street loading zone, required bicycle parking, and landscaped areas. The underlying zoning for the Site requires that two parking spaces be provided for each 1,000 SF of building developed (or 28 total off-street parking spaces required by zoning). As currently proposed, the Project is contemplated to be supported by 16 parking spaces for a parking rate of 1.30 spaces per 1,000 SF of ground floor/retail area or 1.15 spaces per 1,000 SF of total gross building area including storage mezzanine. In addition to the proposed off-street parking, there are many 2-hour meter parking spaces along both sides of Cambridge Street in the Project vicinity and along a single side of Second and Third streets, south of the Cambridge Street. The project is located in a dense-walkable neighborhood that is well served by public transportation as detailed herein.

The project driveways will utilize existing curb-cuts on Third Street and Gore Street. A third curb-cut on Cambridge Street, currently serving the Project Site, will be permanently closed and will allow for one to two additional on-street metered parking spaces to be added back into the inventory of nearby public parking spaces.

This memorandum has been prepared to help substantiate the proposed parking supply of 1.30 spaces per 1,000SF of ground floor area using the following methodology:

- Investigate available alternative means of transportation in close proximity to the Project Site
- Summarize parking demand data from other existing Cambridge area retail/pharmacies with similar neighborhood characteristics (residential density, transit access, parking opportunities, etc.)
- Document the availability of on-street parking along streets within two blocks of the Site

## **Local Commuting Trends**

The Project Site is approximately an eighth of a mile from the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Lechmere Station, which is served by the Green Line. In addition, there are several MBTA buses within close proximity of the site including:

- Route 69: serving Harvard Square via Cambridge Street
- Route 80: serving Arlington Center via Powder House Square and Tufts University
- Route 87: serving Arlington Center and/or Clarendon Hill via Union Square (Somerville) and Davis Square
- Route 88: serving Clarendon Hill via Davis Square

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In addition to MBTA buses, the Charles River Transportation Management Association (TMA) operates the EZRide Shuttle. During the morning (6:00 AM – 11:00 AM) and evening (3:00 PM – 8:00 PM) service schedules, the shuttle connects Lechmere Station with North Station, Kendall Square, and Cambridgeport.

Bicycling is also a popular mode of transportation in Cambridge and continues to grow as a preferred means travel as Cambridge improves on- and off-street bicycle accommodations. Currently, there are bike lanes along Cambridge Street adjacent to the Site. There is a Hubway bicycle sharing station in close proximity to the Project Site at Lechmere Station. This station, and all Cambridge locations, will be open year-round. The Project will encourage patrons to bicycle by providing an off-street bicycle racks adjacent to the store entrance.

Further, there are many convenient other retail/restaurant locations located along Cambridge Street around the Project Site.

## **Comparable Sites Parking Analysis**

VHB investigated other comparable Cambridge-area retail/pharmacy locations with similar neighborhood characteristics (residential density, transit access, parking opportunities, etc.) as the proposed location to determine a parking demand ratio of similar land uses and see if other locations experience a two parking space per 1,000SF of retail area parking demand. Because some of the comparable store gross floor areas include dedicated storage space and these storage spaces vary, the parking demand study ratios were calculated based on the comparable ground floor retail area. The average retail size of these stores at 12,729 SF is similar to the proposed store at 12,303 SF. **Table** 1 summarizes the average and peak parking demand ratios based on the observations.

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Table 1
Other Similar Cambridge Area Retail/Pharmacy Locations

	Gross Ground		Parking	Avg. Parking Demand		Peak Parking Demand	
Location	Bldg Size(sf)	Floor Area(sf)	Space Supply	Occupancy	rate/ksf	Occupancy	rate/ksf
CVS, 400 Tremont St, Boston	16,472	11,962	9	5	0.42	8	0.67
CVS, 1249 Boylston St, Boston	17,195	17,195	14	8	0.47	11	0.64
Rite Aid, 1740 Mass Ave, Cambridge	16,756	8,378	8	6	0.72	8	0.95
Rite Aid, 330 River St, Cambridge	14,034	13,426	30	14	1.04	18	1.34
Rite Aid, 530 Somerville Ave, Somerville	13,636	13,420	37	14	1.04	20	1.49
Walgreens, 16 Beacon St, Somerville	21,216	11,994	27	14	1.17	20	1.67
Average	16,551	12,729	22	10.6	0.83	14.8	1.16

Source: VHB

Results shown in **Table 1** indicate that despite many retail/pharmacy locations having similar, constrained parking supplies, many of these spaces go unused - even during peak periods. Observations show these locations experience an average parking demand of 0.83 spaces per 1,000SF of ground floor retail area with an average peak demand of 1.16 spaces per 1,000SF. These observed rates suggest that the amount of parking that is proposed for the CVS at 227 Cambridge Street (1.30 spaces/ 1,000 SF) is a reasonable and appropriate amount of parking given its location and proximity to other viable modes of travel.

## **On-Street Parking Availability**

VHB also conducted an on-street meter parking inventory/availability during the peak weekday demand period (3:00 PM – 7:00 PM). Observations were made within two blocks of the Site. This inventory captured the typical and minimum number of available on-street metered parking spaces that could potentially be used by patrons during peak times, if the parking lot is full. **Table 2** summarizes the number of available metered parking spaces in close proximity of the Site.

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Table 2
On-Street Metered Parking Space Availability

Street	Metered Spaces	Avg. Number of Available Spaces	Min. Number of Available Spaces
Cambridge Street (North)	36	15	8
Cambridge Street (South)	33	20	16
Second Street	8	7	4
Third Street	6	4	1
Total	83	46	29

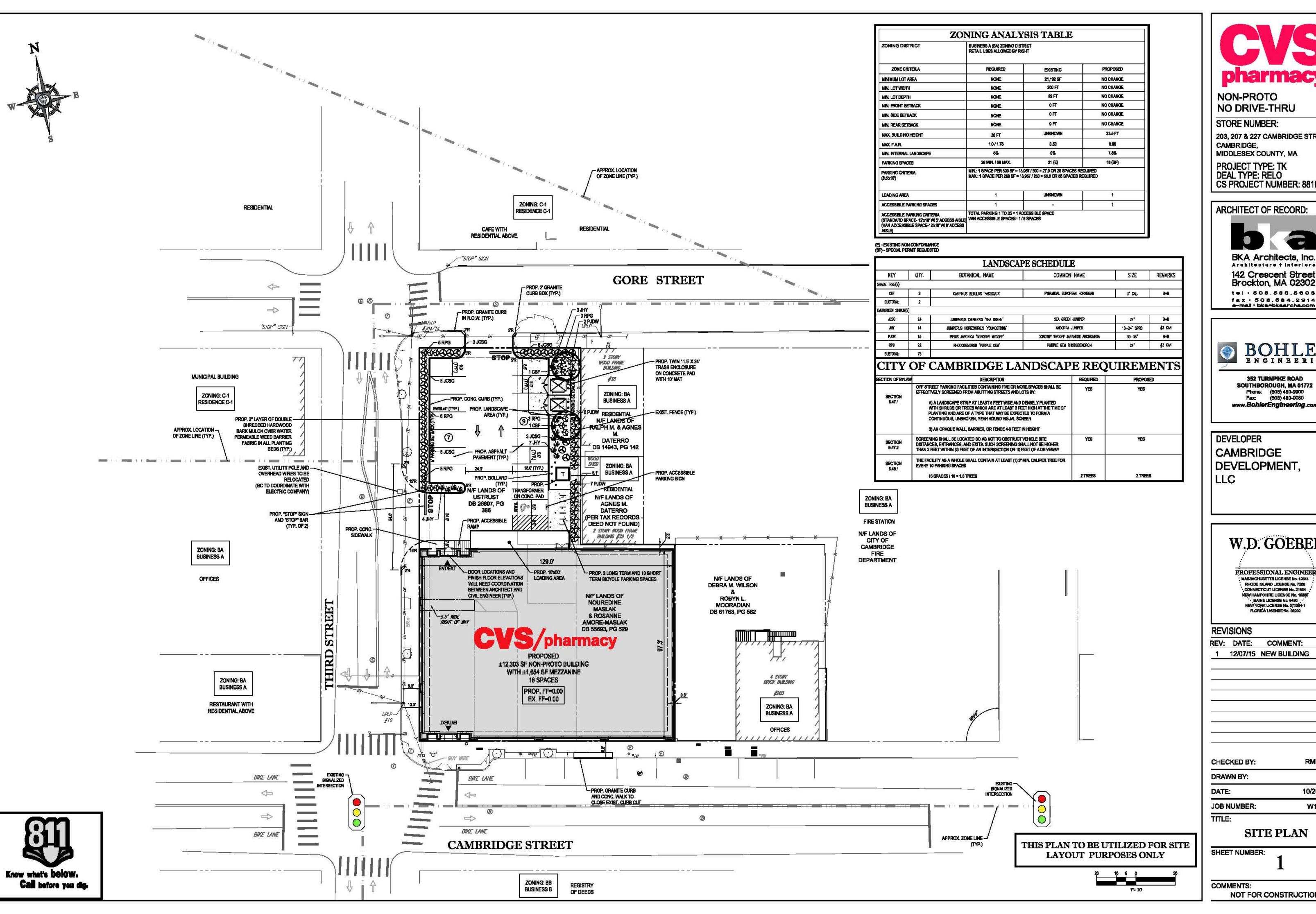
Source: VHB

The metered parking survey indicates that there were 46 on-street metered parking spaces (55% of total spaces) available on average and a minimum of 29 spaces (35% of total spaces) available during the peak weekday demand period for patrons within two blocks of the Project Site. While parking demand may exceed parking lot capacity briefly during peak periods, this survey indicates that there is ample on-street metered parking available to meet this additional demand.

### **Summary of Findings**

After review of the data summarized herein, we believe that a parking ratio of 1.30 spaces per 1,000SF of ground floor area will satisfy the parking demand at 227 Cambridge Street for most, if not all, business hours. During the busiest portions of the peak period when patron parking may not be accommodated completely on-site, there is ample onstreet metered parking in the immediate area to support those potential shortfalls. In addition, the Project Site is located in close proximity to Lechmere Station, bicycle facilities, and a Hubway station.

I hope this information is helpful and helps alleviate parking count and demand concerns associated with the 227 Cambridge Street Project given our findings herein. If you have any questions please feel free to call the office at 617-728-7777.





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