

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

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BZA Application Form

BZA Number: 174527

		<u>General lı</u>	<u>nformation</u>		
The undersigned hereby petitions the Board of Zoning Appeal for the following:					
Special Permit: _	<u>X</u> Var	iance: <u>X</u>	Appeal:		
PETITIONER: Pa	atrick Downes and Jessic	ca Kensky C/O	James J. Rafferty		
PETITIONER'S A	DDRESS: 907 Massach	usetts Avenue,	Cambridge, MA 02139		
LOCATION OF P	ROPERTY: 241 Grove S	<u>St , Cambridge</u>	<u>, MA</u>		
TYPE OF OCCU	PANCY: <u>single family</u>		ZONING DISTRICT: Residence A-2 Zone		
REASON FOR PI	ETITION:				
/Additions//Con	version to Additional Dw	elling Units/			
DESCRIPTION	OF PETITIONER'S P	ROPOSAL:			
	o create a second dwellii of expanded garage into		wer level of pre-existing single family dwelling and ck.		
Petitioner seeks to	o construct a rear additio	on to existing no	on-conforming single family dwelling.		
SECTIONS OF Z	ONING ORDINANCE CI	TED:			
Article: 4.000 Article: 5.000 Article: 5.000 Article: 8.000 Article: 8.000 Article: 10.000 Article: 10.000	Section: 4.31.B (Two Financial Section: 5.26 (Convers Section: 5.31 (Table of Section: 8.22.2.d (Non-Section: 8.22.3 (Non-consection: 10.30 (Variance Section: 10.40 (Special	ion). Dimensional Reconforming Structions conforming Structions ce).	ructure).		
	Origin Signa	nal ture(s):	(Petitioner (8) / Owner) James J. Rafferty, Attorney for Petitioner		
			(Print Name)		

Address:

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907 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 300 Cambridge, MA 02139

OWNERSHIP INFORMATION FOR BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL RECORD

To be completed b	y OWNER, s	signed and	d returned to Se	ecretary o	f Board of Appeal
	Patrick Dow		Jessica Kensky or Petitioner)		
Address: <u>c/o Jame</u>	s J. Rafferty	907 Mass	sachusetts Aven	ue, Camb	oridge MA 02139
Location of Premis	es: <u>241 G</u>	Grove Stre	et		
the record title sta	nding in the	name of _	J & P Grove S	Street Realt	y Trust
whose address is _		Street, Ca			(0) (0)
	(Street)		(City or Town)		(State & Zip Code)
by a deed duly rec	orded in the	Middlese	x South County	Registry	of Deeds in
Book <u>79088</u> Page _.	386	_ or		_ Registr	У
District of Land Co	urt Certificat	e No	Boo		Page
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CATHERINE M. WILLIAMS **Notary Public** Commonwealth of Massachusetts My Comm. Expires March 21, 2025

Notary Public

My commission expires: 3/21/2025

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SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR A VARIANCE

EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR A VARIANCE MUST BE ESTABLISHED AND SET FORTH IN COMPLETE DETAIL BY THE APPLICANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL 40A, SECTION 10.

A) A literal enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance would involve a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner or appellant for the following reasons:

A literal enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance would preclude the lower level of the structure from being used as an accessory dwelling unit because at 1,459 sf, the existing gross floor area of the home is below the 1,800 sf minimum requirement of Section 4.22.1.2.

The garage expansion is needed to accomodate handicap accessible vehicles.

The hardship is owing to the following circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape or topography of such land or structures and especially affecting such land or structures by not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located for the following reasons:

The hardship is directly related to the topography of the lot and the impact the slope of the lot has on the portion of the basement walls that are above-grade. Similarly, the location of the existing dwelling on the lot limits the ability to site the garage within the required setbacks.

C) DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:

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

The creation of a second dwelling and expanded garage will not cause any detriment to the public good.

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

Even with the construction of the proposed addition and creation of a second dwelling unit, the structure will still comply with the minimum lot area per dwelling unit, private open space and off street parking requirements of the Residence A-2 Zoning District.

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

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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>241 Grove 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:

Section 8.22.2(d) allows for the construction of the proposed conforming addition to the pre-existing non-conforming structure upon the issuance of a Special Permit since the addition will not create any new non-conforming conditions. The existing structure does not comply with the side setback requirements. The proposed addition does comply with those requirements.

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 proposed addition will not alter traffic patterns.

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 adjacent uses are largely single family dwellings which will not be affected by the proposed addition.

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 additions will be constructed in accordance with all the requirements of the State Building Code.

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 intensity and use of this dwelling will not be materially altered as a result of the proposed addition. As a result, there will not be any detrimental effect upon the neighborhood.

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

Tel. No. 617.492.4100

E-Mail Address: jrafferty@adamsrafferty.com

Date: May 12, 2022

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DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION

Applicant: Patrick Downes and Jessica Kensky Present Use/Occupancy: single family

Location: 241 Grove St., Cambridge, MA Zone: Residence A-2 Zone

Phone: 617.492.4100 Requested Use/Occupancy: two family

		Existing Conditions	equested onditions	Ordinance Requirements	
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA:		1,459 sf	3,264 sf	5,040 sf	(max.)
LOT AREA:		10,080 sf	no change	6,000 sf	(min.)
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA: ²		0.145	0.324	0.500	
LOT AREA OF EACH DWELLING UNIT		10,080 sf	5,040 sf	4,500 sf	
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	84'	no change	65'	
	DEPTH	120'	no change	N/A	
SETBACKS IN FEET:	FRONT	24'9"	15'3"	20'	
	REAR	68'	40' 1"	30'	
	LEFT SIDE	10'	no change	10' (sum 25')	
	RIGHT SIDE	10'5"	no change	10' (sum 25')	
SIZE OF BUILDING:	HEIGHT	19' 8"	20' 11"	35'	
	WIDTH	N/A	N/A	N/A	
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:		78.4	54.2	50	
NO. OF DWELLING UNITS:		1	2	2	
NO. OF PARKING SPACES:		1	2	2	
NO. OF LOADING AREAS:		N/A	N/A	N/A	
DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG. ON SAME LOT		N/A	N/A	N/A	

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

N/A

- 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'.

Pacheco, Maria

174527

From:

diana macarthur <ddmacarthur@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, June 9, 2022 11:58 AM

To:

Pacheco, Maria

Subject:

6/9/22 variance meeting for 241 Grove Street

Hello Ms. Pacheco,

The following is a letter to the Board of Zoning Appeal in regard to the meeting scheduled tonight. We at 255 Grove Street, Duncan & Diana MacArthur, are not able to attend due to our daughter's CRLS graduation tonight. Thank you!

Dear Zoning Board Members,

We are writing to ask you to postpone/continue the meeting for the multiple variance requests for 241 Grove Street.

We at 255 Grove, Duncan and Diana MacArthur, feel we would like more time to discuss the owners' plans in detail. We were only notified of their plans on May 31. Our daughter's CRLS graduation is tonight and the prior 8 days have been intense with end of year commitments. We have not had proper time to digest the 20+ pages of plans and variance requests in that time. We were hoping that there would have been a more generous attempt at community outreach considering the time that they've had the property and that they are asking for a lot of relief.

Also our older neighbor, the direct abbutter at 245, is away and wanted to be at the meeting.

To be able to support Patrick and Jessica of 241 Grove, we would like more time to discuss our concerns such as siding materials, window manufacturer, the second dwelling unit/conversion to a 2 family and discrepancies between their variance application and supplied plans.

We have had an email exchange with the owners asking them to postpone the meeting and they replied that they will try. During this postponement we believe we will have time to go over the details, not present on the plans, without being rushed to decide our support.

We at 255 would like to have Patrick and Jessica as neighbors, but we feel rushed to decide with too many questions and request more time to discuss their details.

As it stands, if the meeting were to continue tonight, we do not support their plans going forward.

Respectfully, Duncan & Diana MacArthur 255 Grove Street

- apparently since composing this email there has been a decision on continuance and I am including the email exchange...

From: Patrick Downes < downesp@gmail.com >

Date: June 9, 2022 at 11:14:34 AM EDT

To: Duncan < dmacarthur@maccoco.com>

Subject: Re: 241 Grove

Duncan,

I just got word that we have asked for a continuance until 6/30. We have done

Please send us specifics about your concerns with respect to the setbacks ar your support of our project.

Thank you, Patrick

On Thu, Jun 9, 2022 at 9:28 AM Duncan < dmacarthur@maccoco.com> wrote Hi Patrick.

Do you know if Jim had success postponing? Thanks

Duncan MacArthur 617 648 6014 Cell 617 648 6014 Office

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<u>Dmacarthur@maccoco.com</u> (building)

617 864 2234

<u>Duncan.MacArthur@commonmoves.com</u> (real estate) 617 864 4600

On Jun 8, 2022, at 11:19 AM, Patrick Downes < downesp@gmail.com

Duncan,

As you know, the timeline with this type of project is both critical and ϵ continuance dates, per your request. Our hope would be that once yo comfortable supporting our project in the same neighborly spirit.

In addition, Jim would be happy to find a time to talk with you. This ob continuance date.

Shiplap is our current siding material, but we have not locked that in.

Thoughtfully, Patrick & Jessica

Mrs. Carol A. Pechet 245 Grove Street Cambridge, MA 02138

June 27, 2022

Dear Jessica and Patrick,

I am writing to provide my support for your proposed construction plans at 241 Grove Street, as amended and filed on June 27, 2022.

While I still have concerns about the size of the footprint that will extend to the rear of the property, I appreciate your compromise to withdraw the second dwelling unit application.

Following the conversation's, we have had, my expectations are that:

- You will provide reparations to any damage to my landscaping during construction
- That there will be communication and consideration to any concerns I may have during construction

I am appreciative of the time you have taken to discuss your plans with me, and to listen to my apprehensions.

I am very much looking forward to having you as neighbors.

Yours sincerely,

Kitty Pechet

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Telephone (617) 492-4100 Fax (617) 492-3131

June 8, 2022

Ms. Maria Pacheco Board of Zoning Appeal 831 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge, MA 02139

> RE: BZA Case No. 174527 241 Grove Street

Dear Ms. Pacheco:

Please accept this correspondence as a request by the Petitioner to continue the above-captioned case Thursday, June 30, 2022.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

ery truly yours

ames J. Rafferty

JJR/pwc

cc: Patrick Downes and Jessica Kensky

KENSKY & DOWNES RESIDENCE

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JESSICA KENSKY & PATRICK DOWNES

241 GROVE ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 01238

EXTENDING FLOOR PLATE OF AN EXISTING 50'S RANCH LAYOUT TO CREATE AN ACCESSIBLE LAYOUT WITH APPROPRIATE CLEARANCES AND ACCESSILE UNIT IN BASEMENT BELOW.





PROJECT #: 2111-0241

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GENERAL CONTRACTOR:

FRESH START CONTRACTING
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BURLINGTON, MA 01803
(P) 617-833-9202



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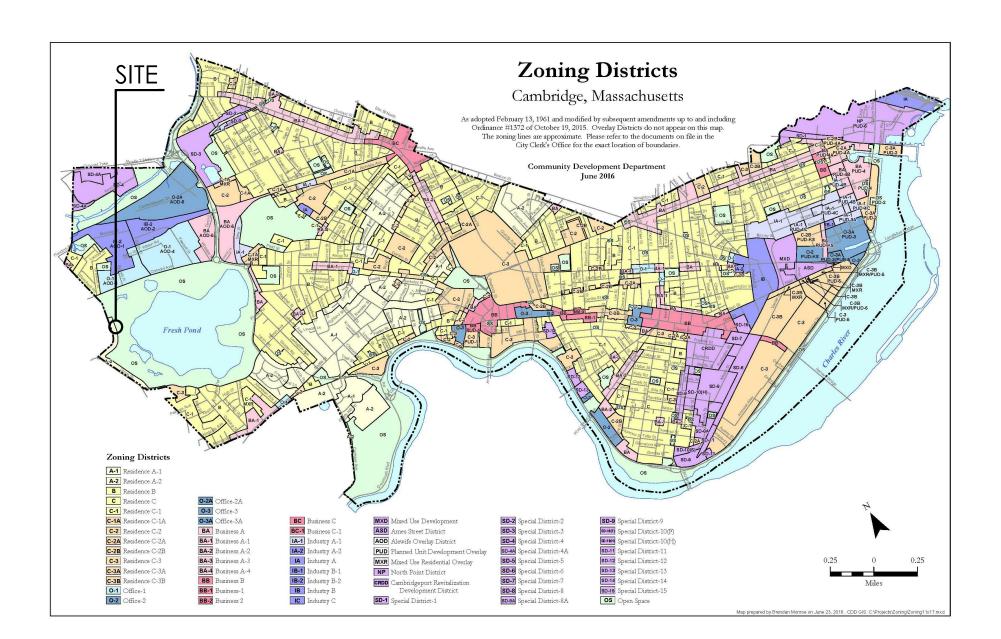
SIEGEL ASSOCIATES 860 Walnut St. Newton, MA 02459 (P) 617-244-1612

SIEGEL ASSOCIATES STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS ZONING ATTORNEY:

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BZA-000	COVER	SKA	
BZA-001	AREA PLANS	SKA	
BZA-002	SITE PLANS	SKA	
BZA-003	EXISTING & PROPOSED SITE AXON	SKA	
BZA-005	STREETSCAPE	SKA	
BZA-006	SHADOW STUDY	SKA	
BZA-100	BASEMENT	SKA	
BZA-101	LEVEL 1	SKA	
BZA-102	ATTIC PLAN	SKA	
BZA-103	ROOF PLAN	SKA	
BZA-200	ELEVATION WEST (FRONT)	SKA	
BZA-201	ELEVATION SOUTH	SKA	
BZA-202	ELEVATION EAST (BACK)	SKA	
BZA-203	ELEVATION NORTH	SKA	
BZA-300	RENDER VIDEO	SKA	
BZA-301	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	SKA	
BZA-302	PLOT PLAN	SKA	



ZONE: A2

F.A.R. CALCULATIONS

LAND AREA: 10,080 SQFT

EXISTING LIVING AREA: 1,459 sqft

PROPOSED LIVING AREA: 3,264 sqft

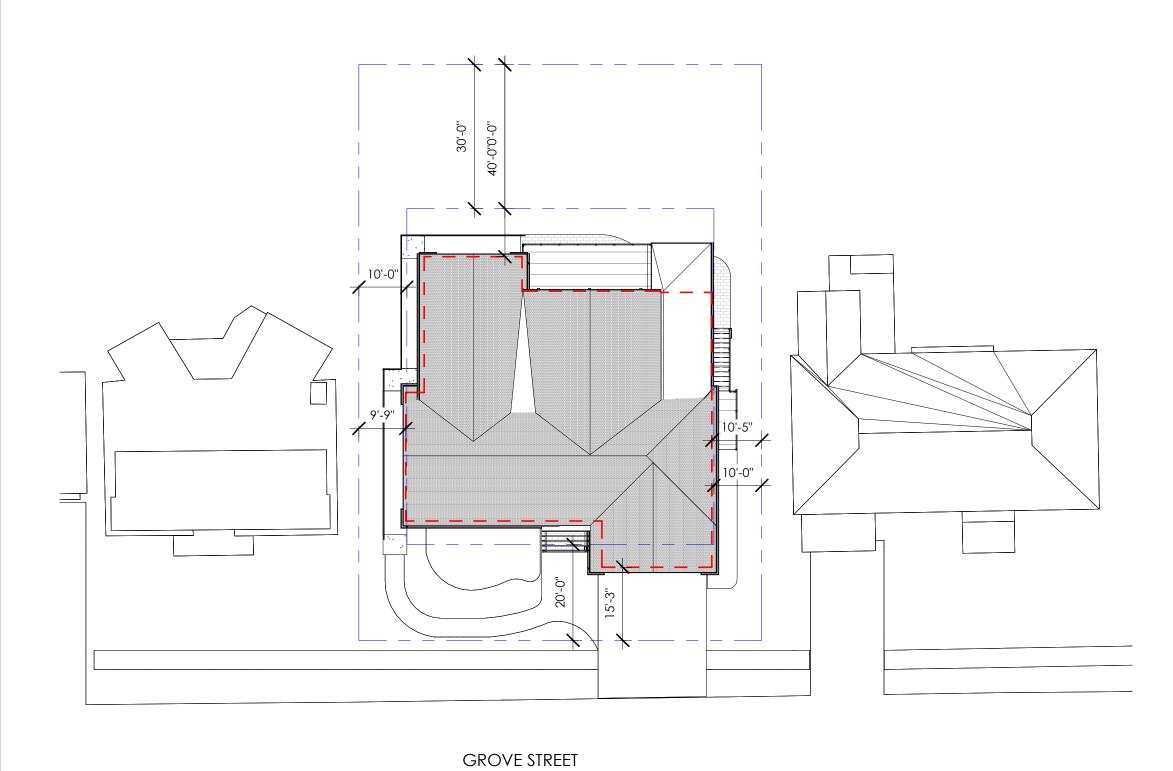
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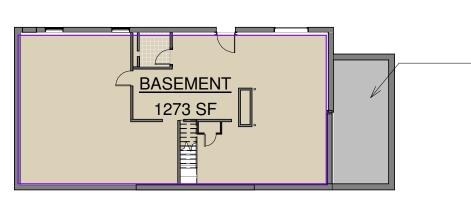
OPEN SPACE CALCULATIONS

EXISTING OPEN SPACE: 7,903 SQFT PROPOSED OPEN SPACE: 5,460 SQFT

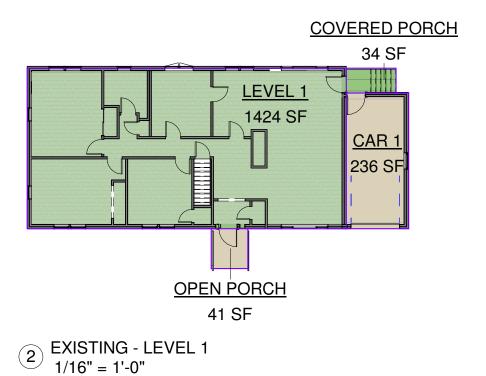
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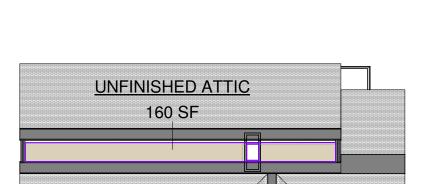
SETBACK	ALLOWED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
FRONT (WEST)	20'-0''	24'-9''	15'-3" *
SIDE (NORTH)	10'-0''	10'-0''	10'-0''
SIDE (SOUTH)	10'-0''	10'-5''	10'-5''
SIDE SUM	25'-0''	20'-5" *	20'-5" *
REAR (EAST)	30'-0''	68'-0''	40'-1''
HEIGHT	35'-0''	19'-6'"	20'-11''





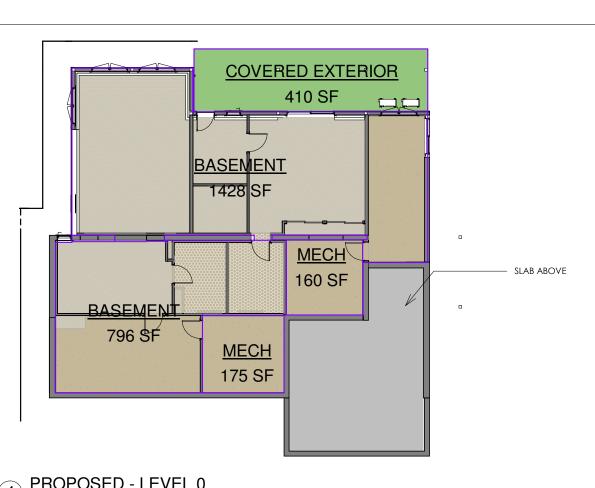
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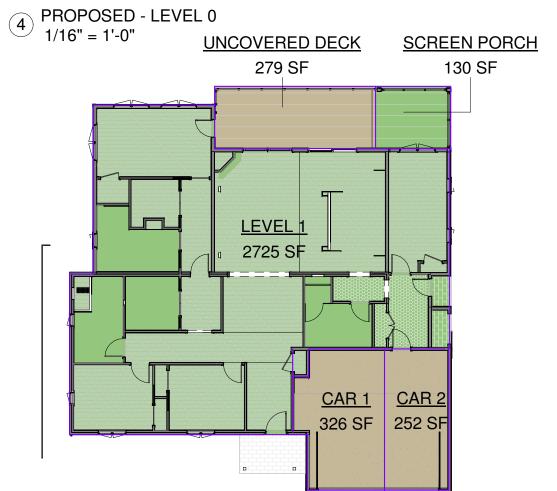




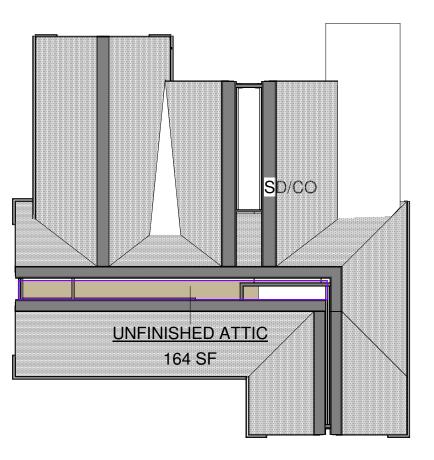
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EXISITNG - AREA PLANS				
Name	Area			
CALCULATED IN FAR				
COVERED PORCH	34 SF			
LEVEL 1	1424 SF			
1459 SF				
EXCLUDED FROM FAR				
BASEMENT	1273 SF			
CAR 1	236 SF			
OPEN PORCH	41 SF			
UNFINISHED ATTIC	160 SF			
	1709 SF			
Grand total	3167 SF			





5 PROPOSED - LEVEL 1 1/16" = 1'-0"



6 PROPOSED - LEVEL 2 1/16" = 1'-0"

PROPOSED - AREA PLANS			
Name	Area		
CALCULATED IN FAR			
COVERED EXTERIOR	410 SF		
LEVEL 1	2725 SF		
SCREEN PORCH	130 SF		
	3264 SF		
EXCLUDED FROM FAR			
BASEMENT	1428 SF		
BASEMENT	796 SF		
MECH	175 SF		
MECH	160 SF		
CAR 1	326 SF		
CAR 2	252 SF		
UNCOVERED DECK	279 SF		
UNFINISHED ATTIC	164 SF		
	3579 SF		
Grand total	6844 SF		



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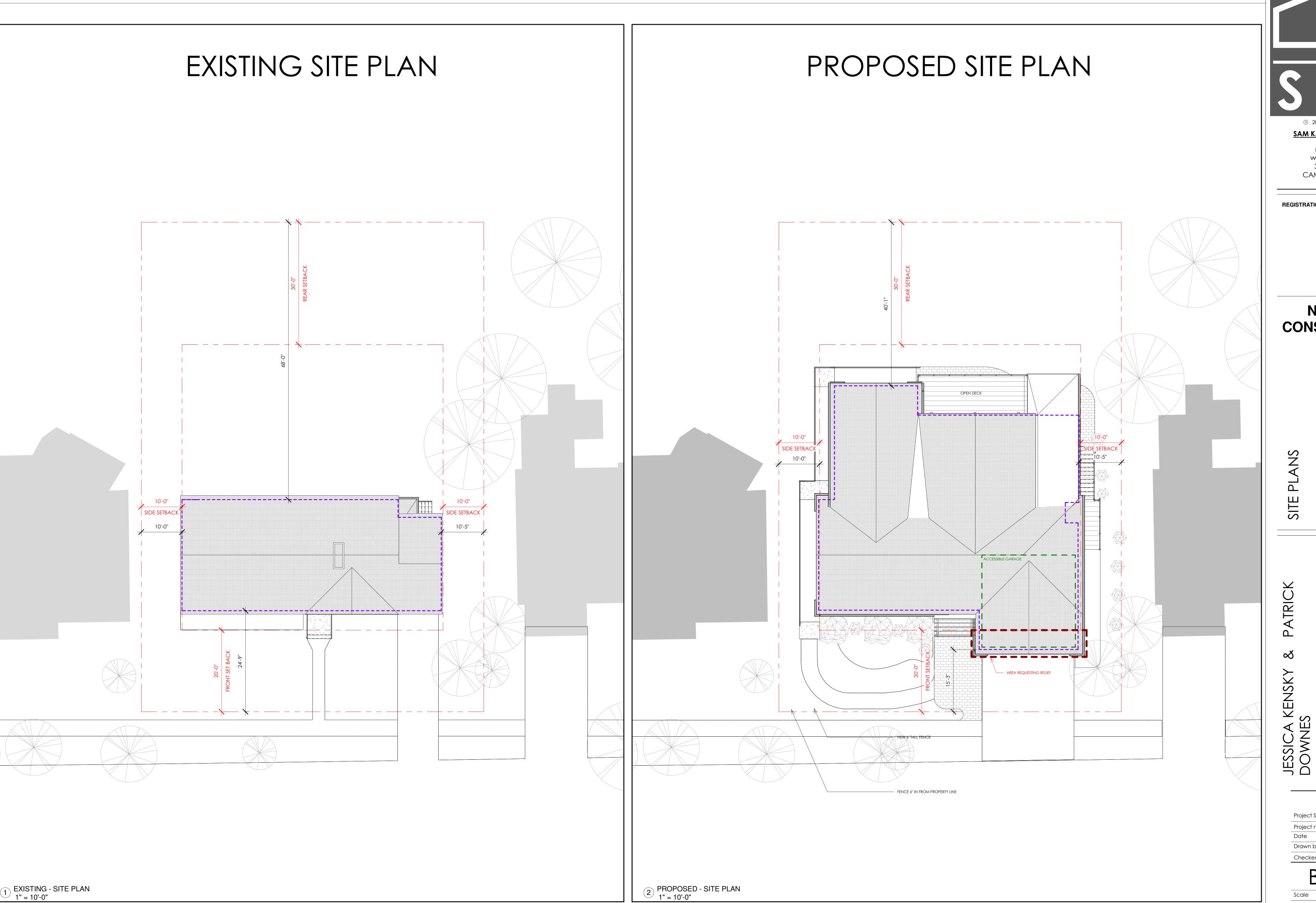
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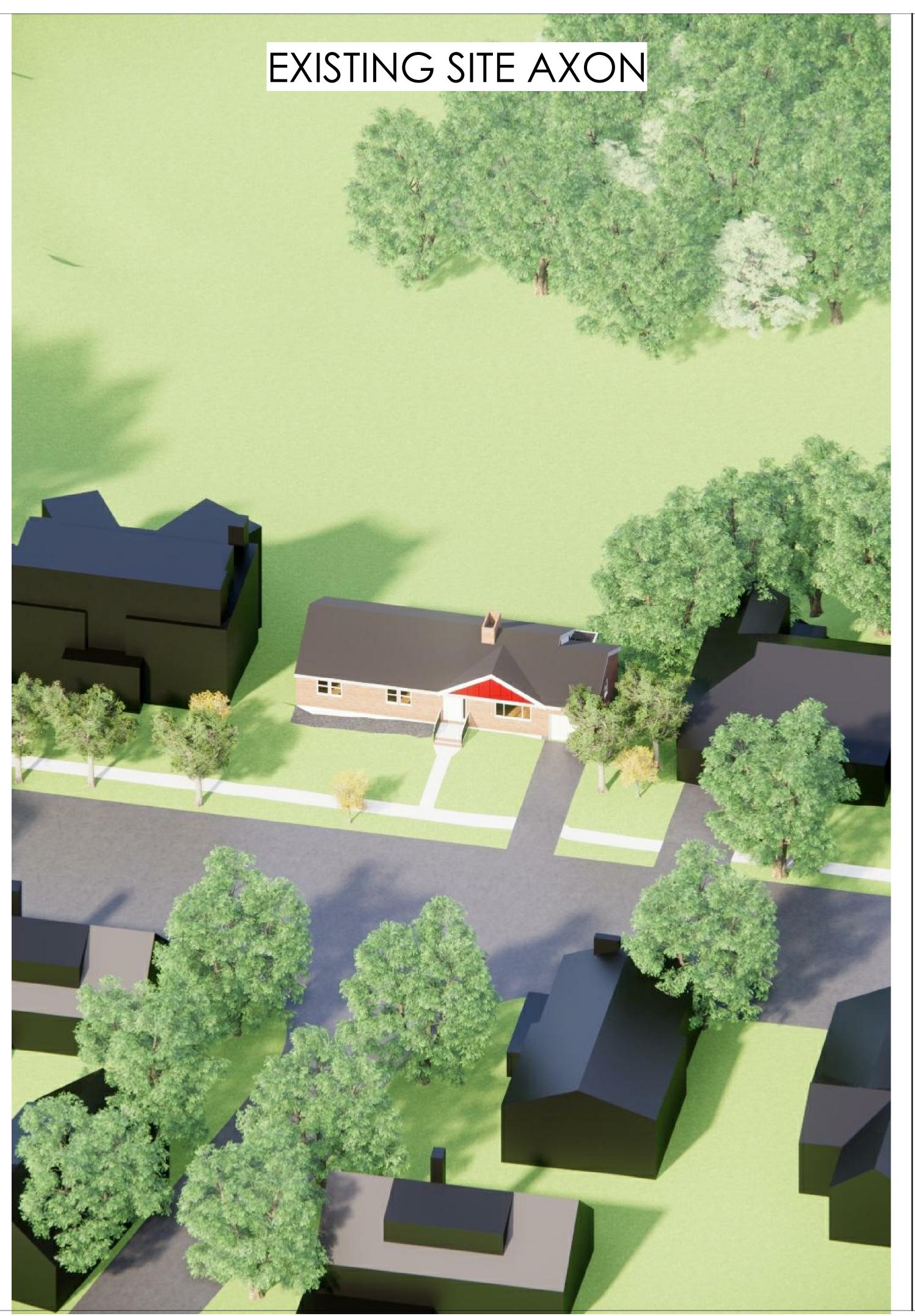
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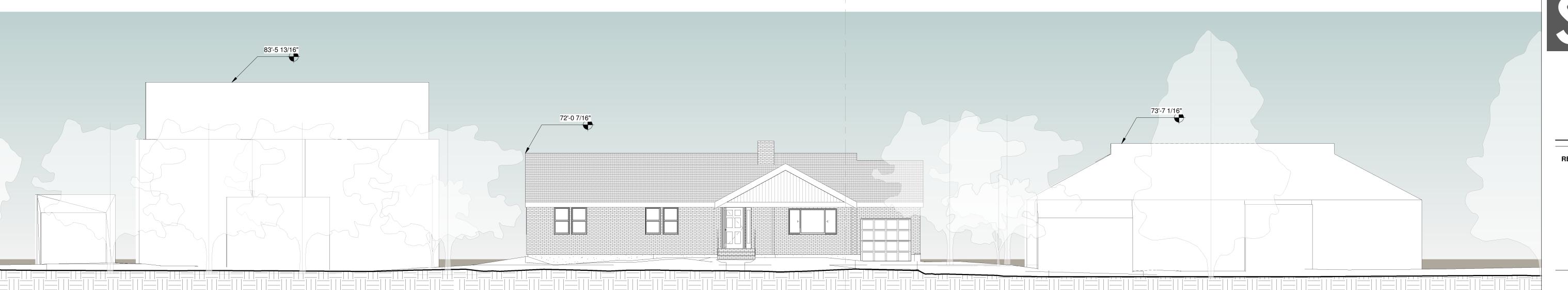
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EXISTING STREETSCAPE



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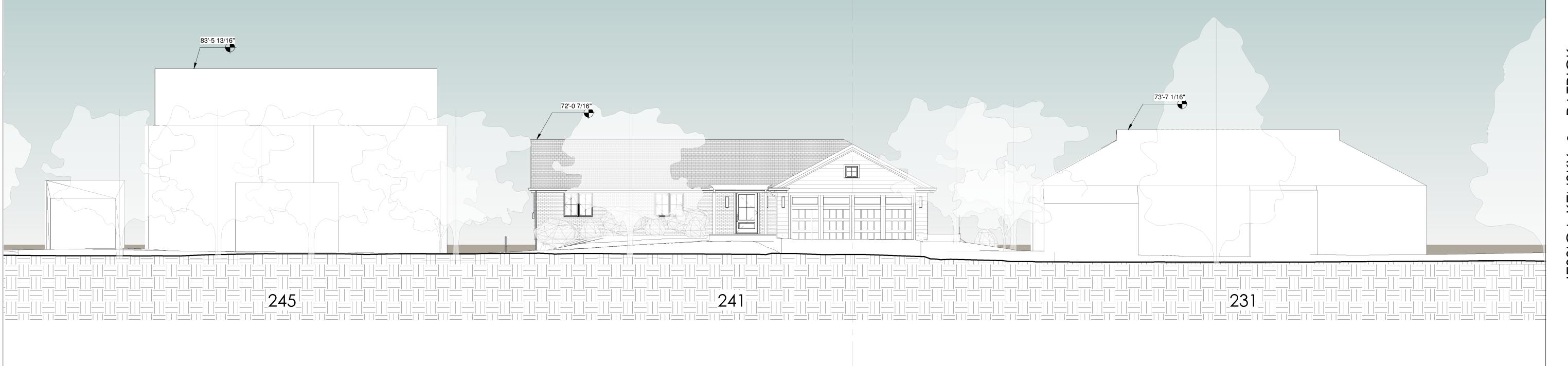
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PROPOSED STREETSCAPE



EXISTING - STREETSCAPE 1/8" = 1'-0"



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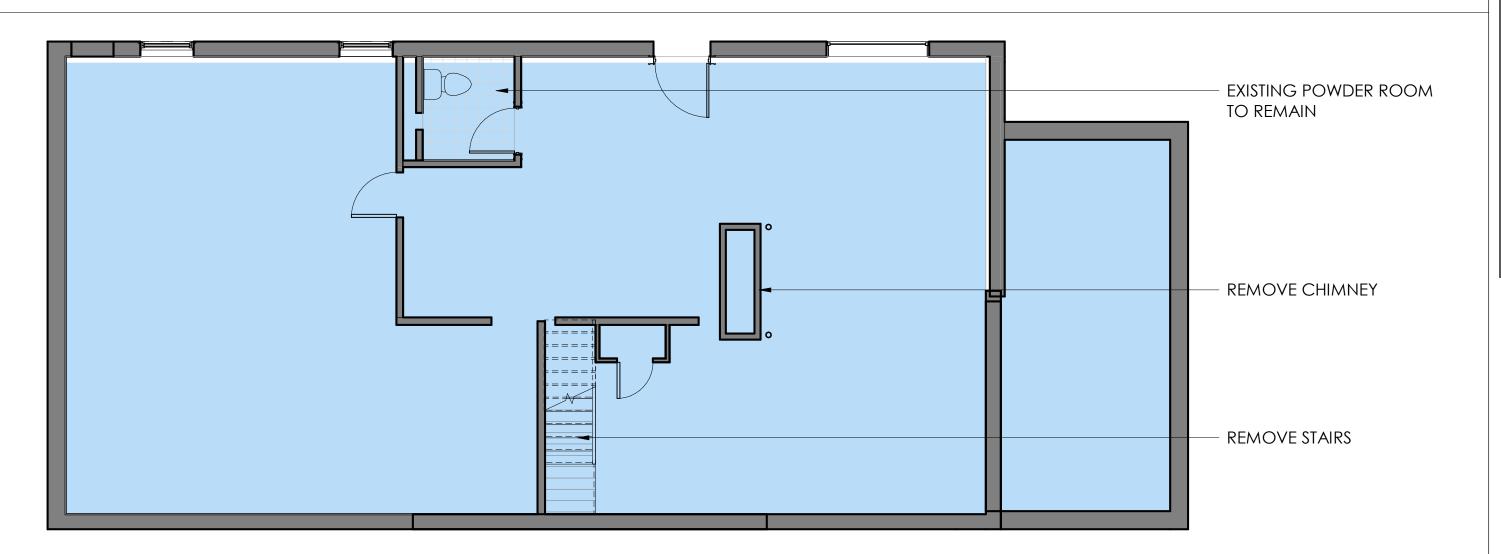
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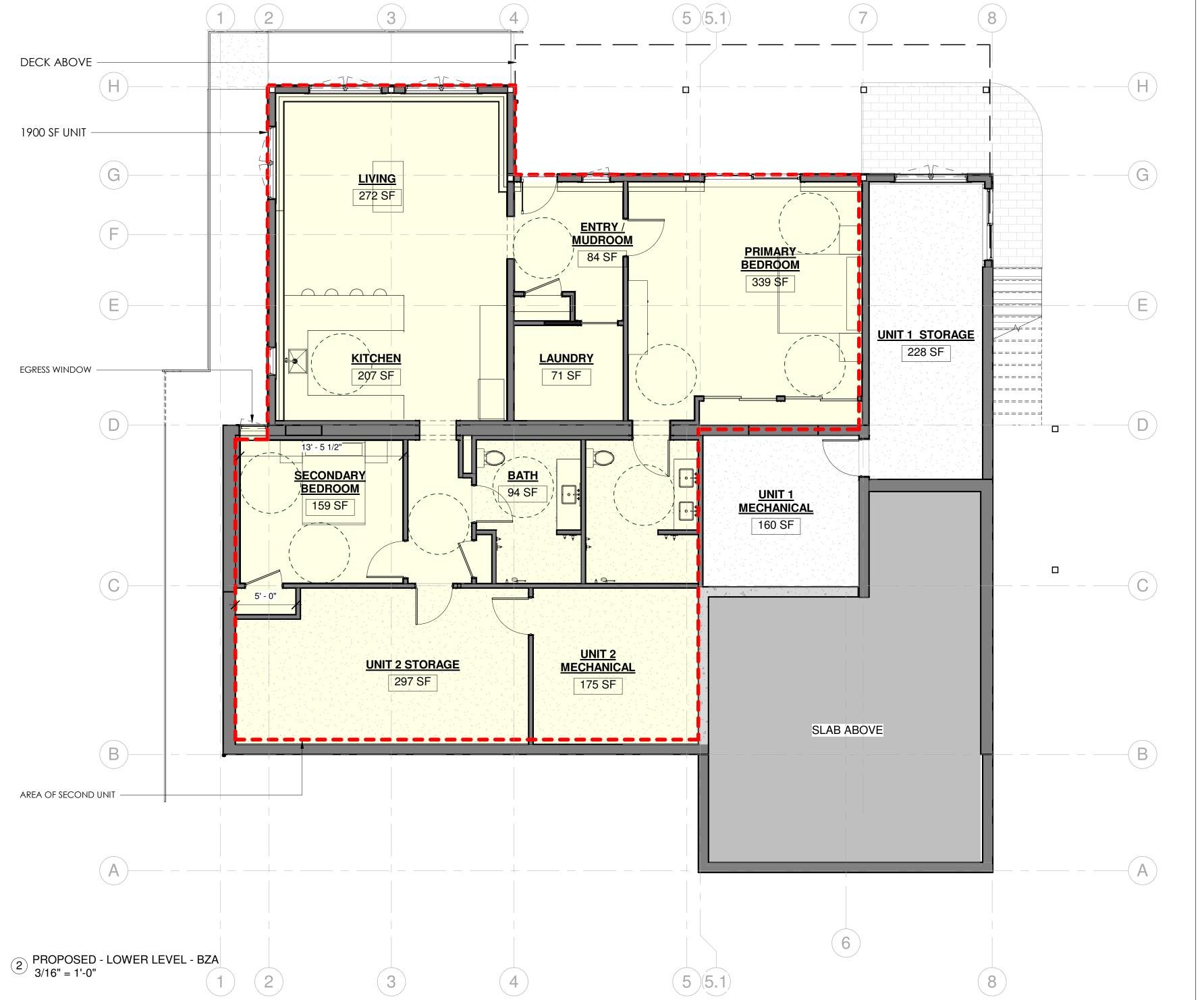
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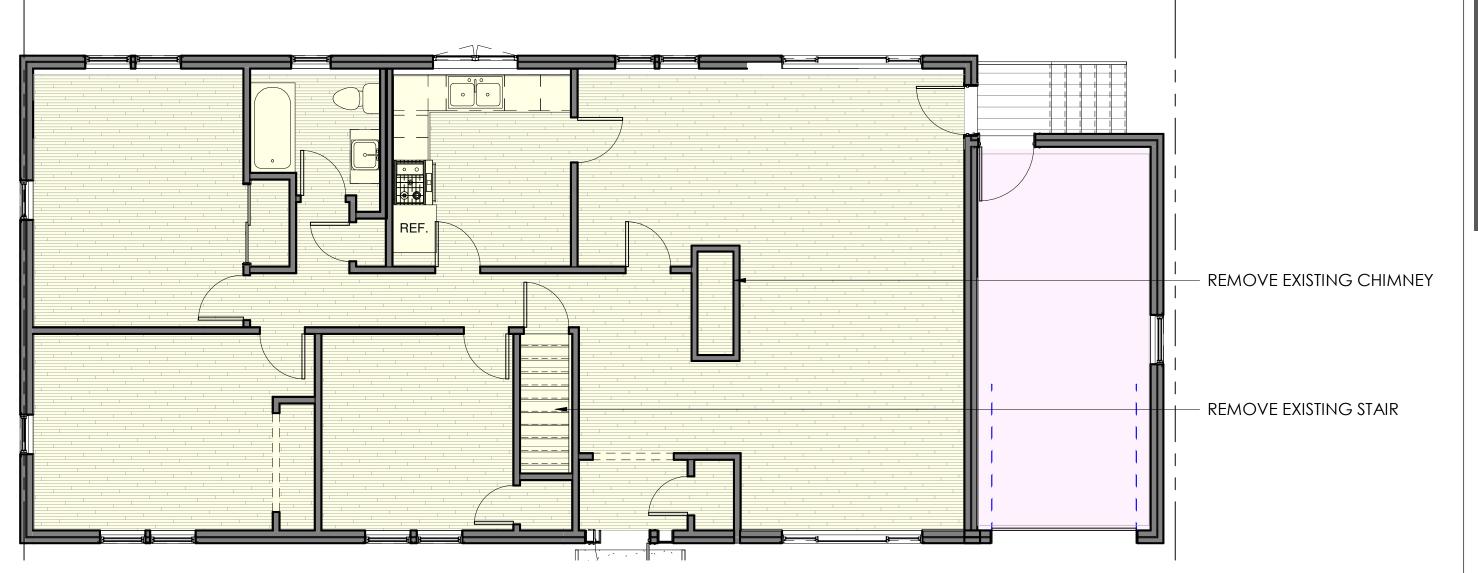
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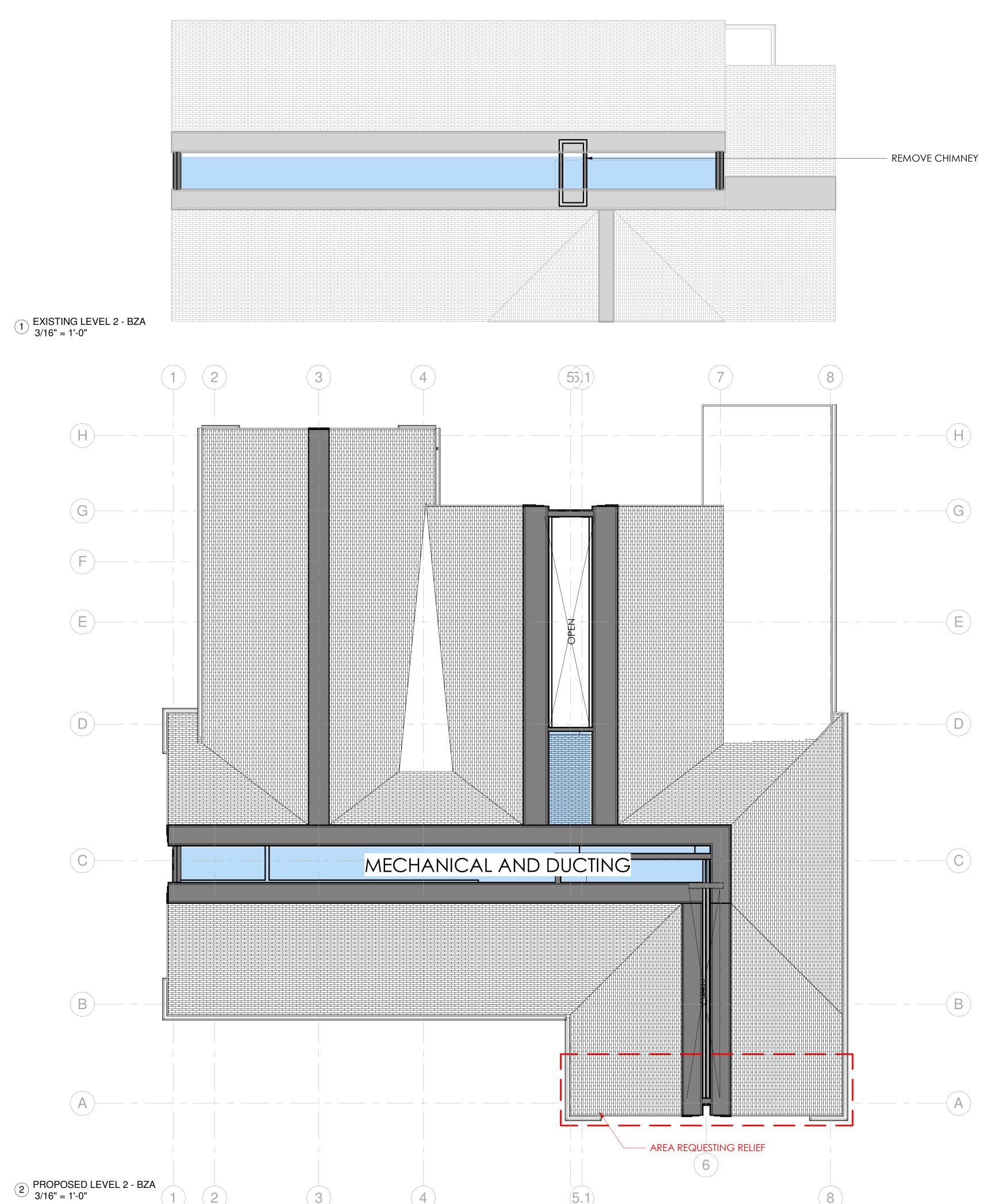
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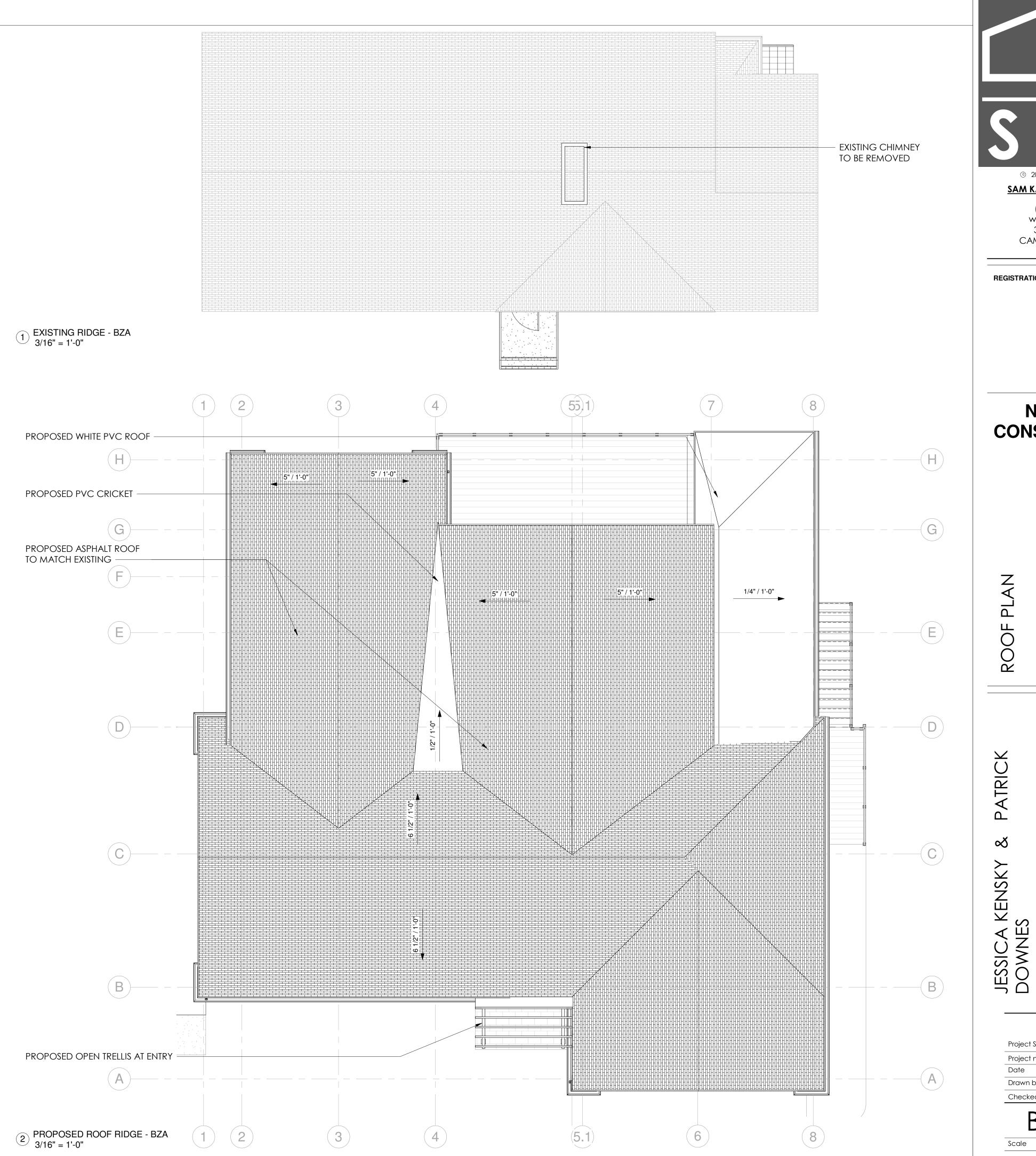
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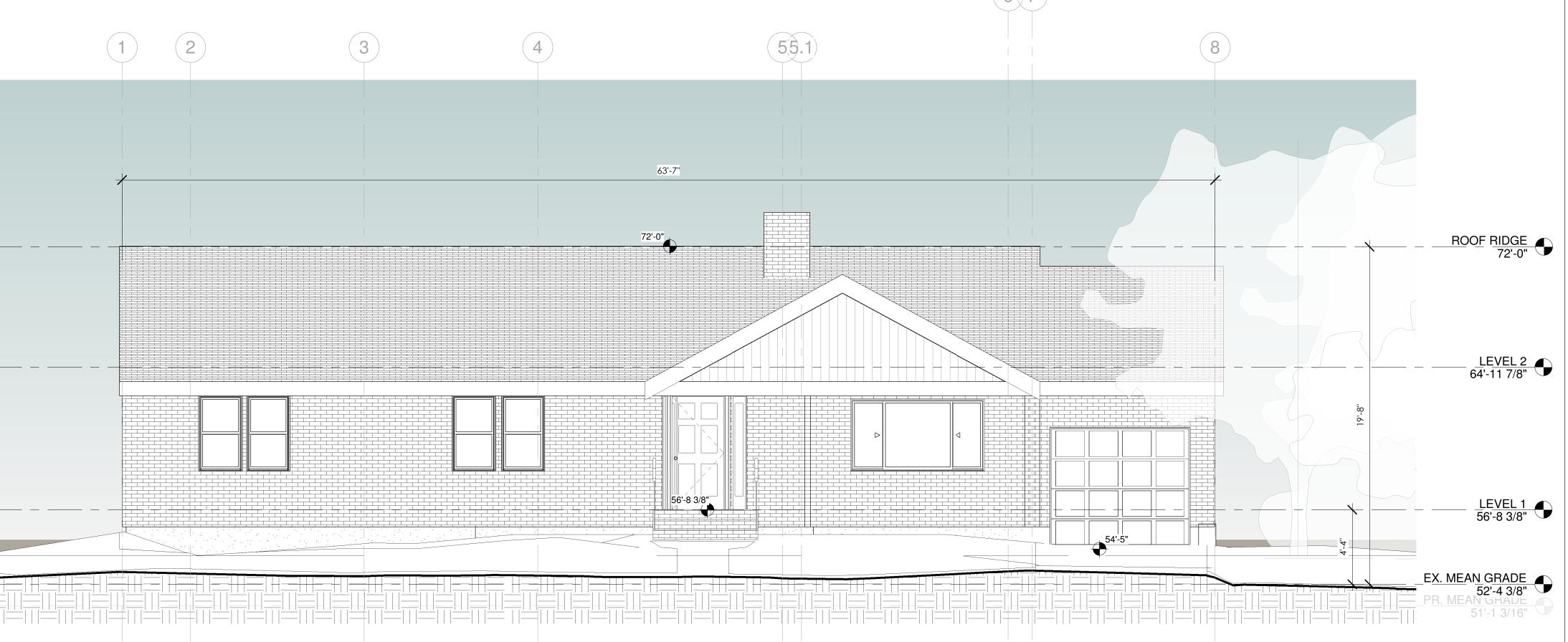
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BZA- EXISTING WESTERN ELEVATION 1/4" = 1'-0"

PROPOSED





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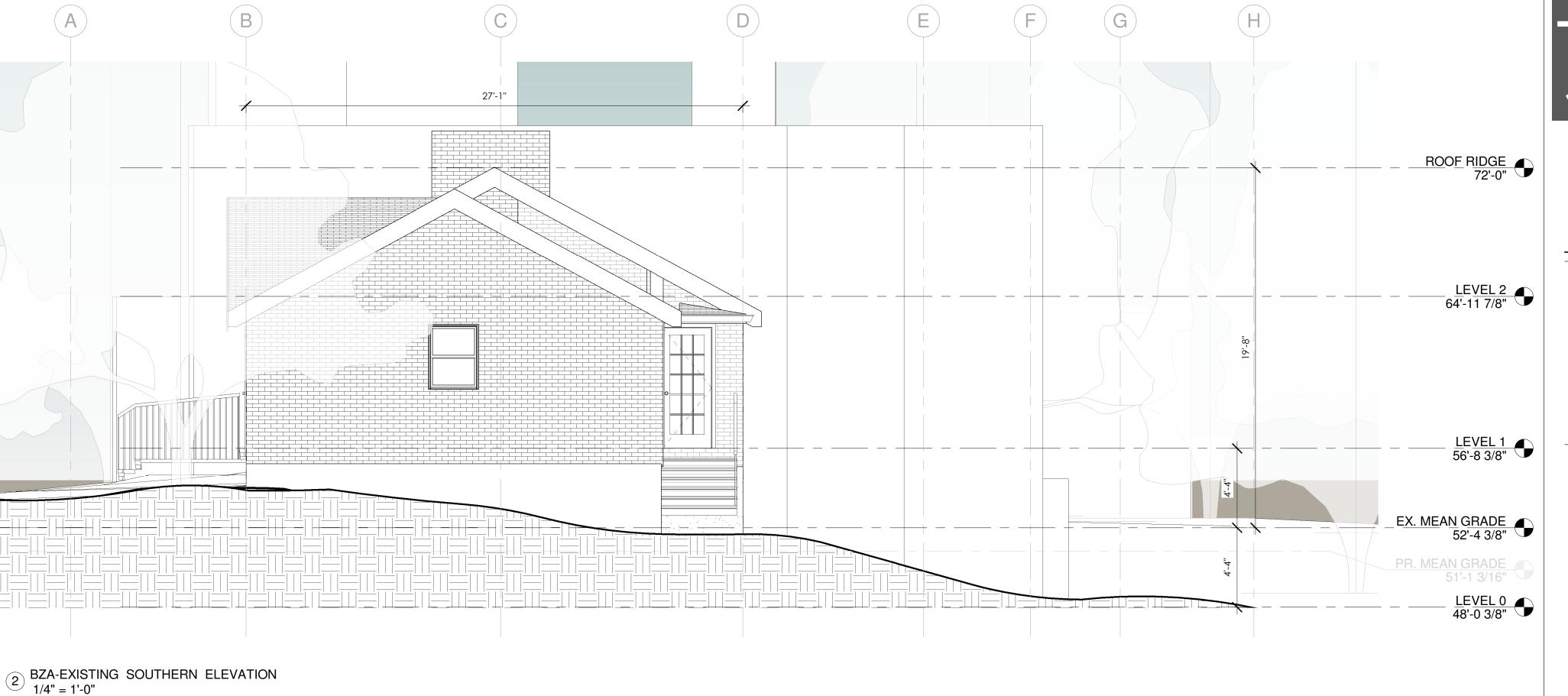
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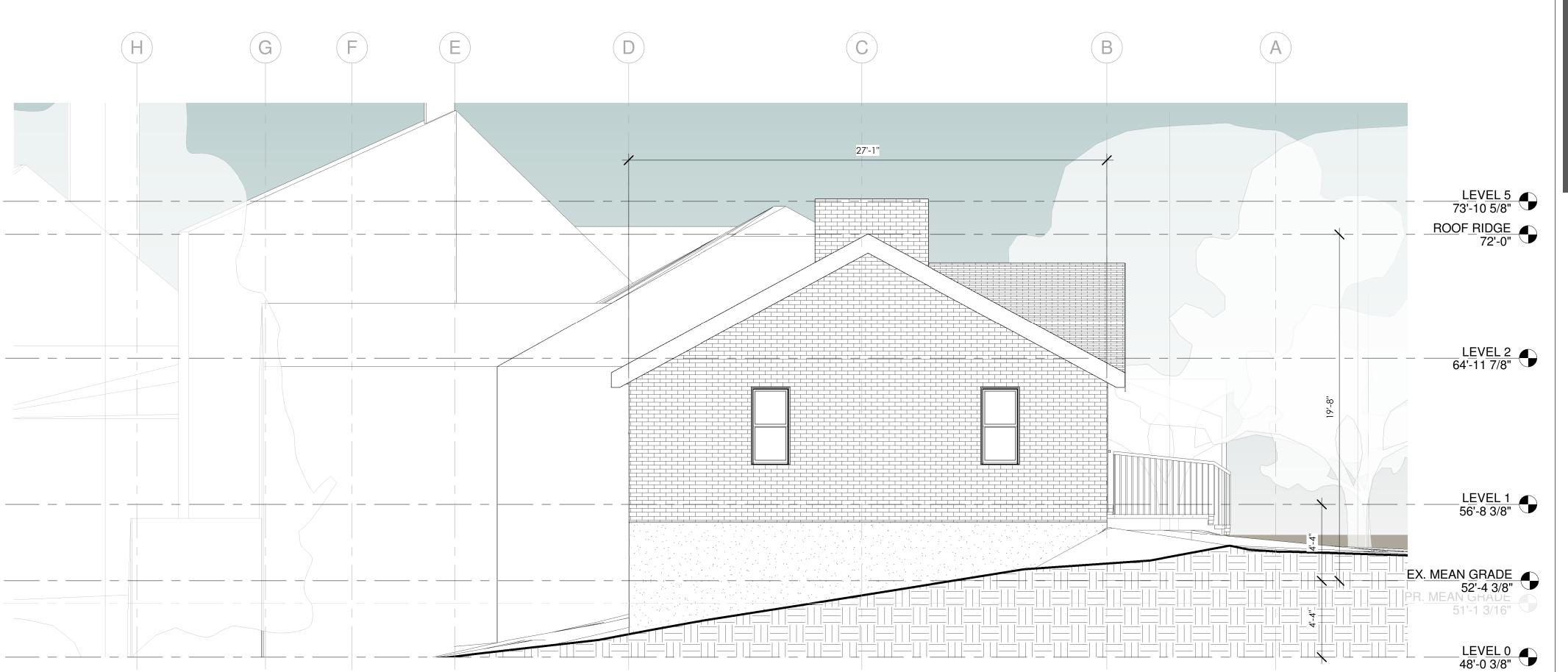
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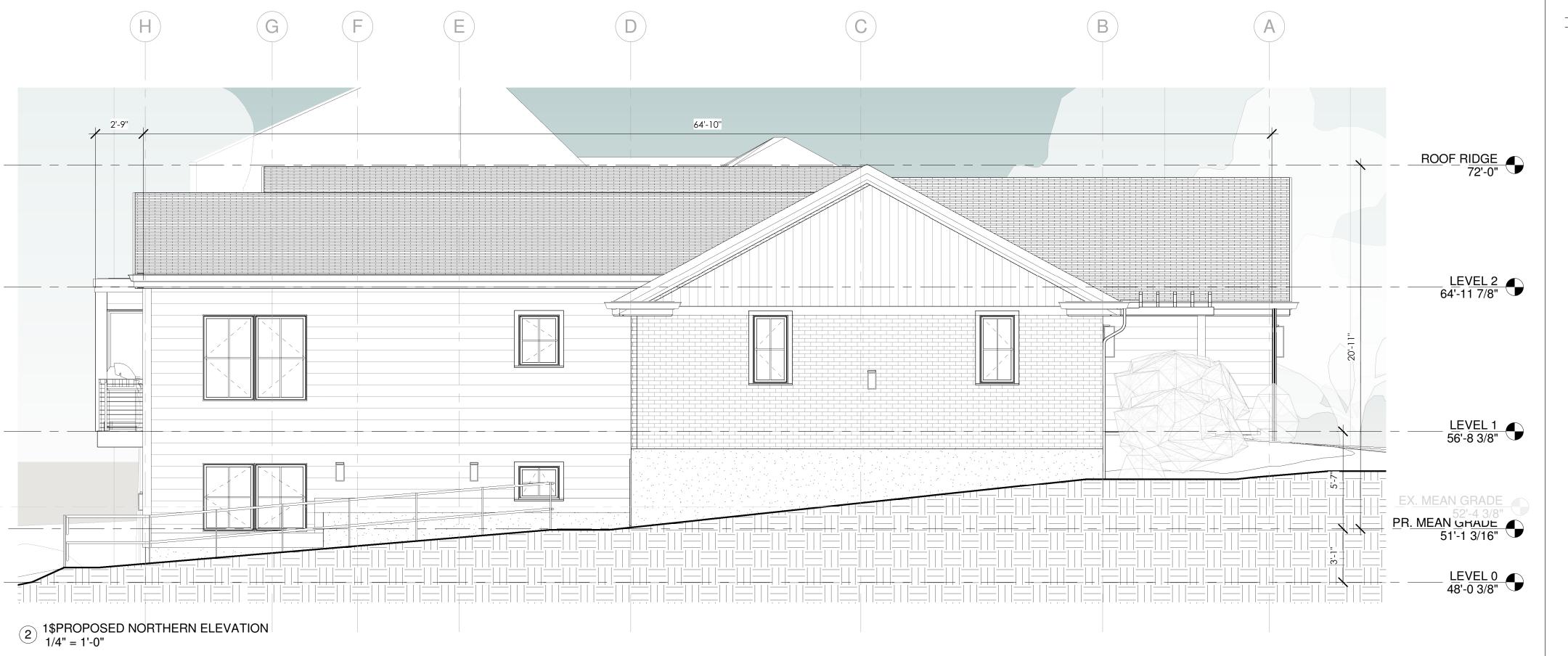


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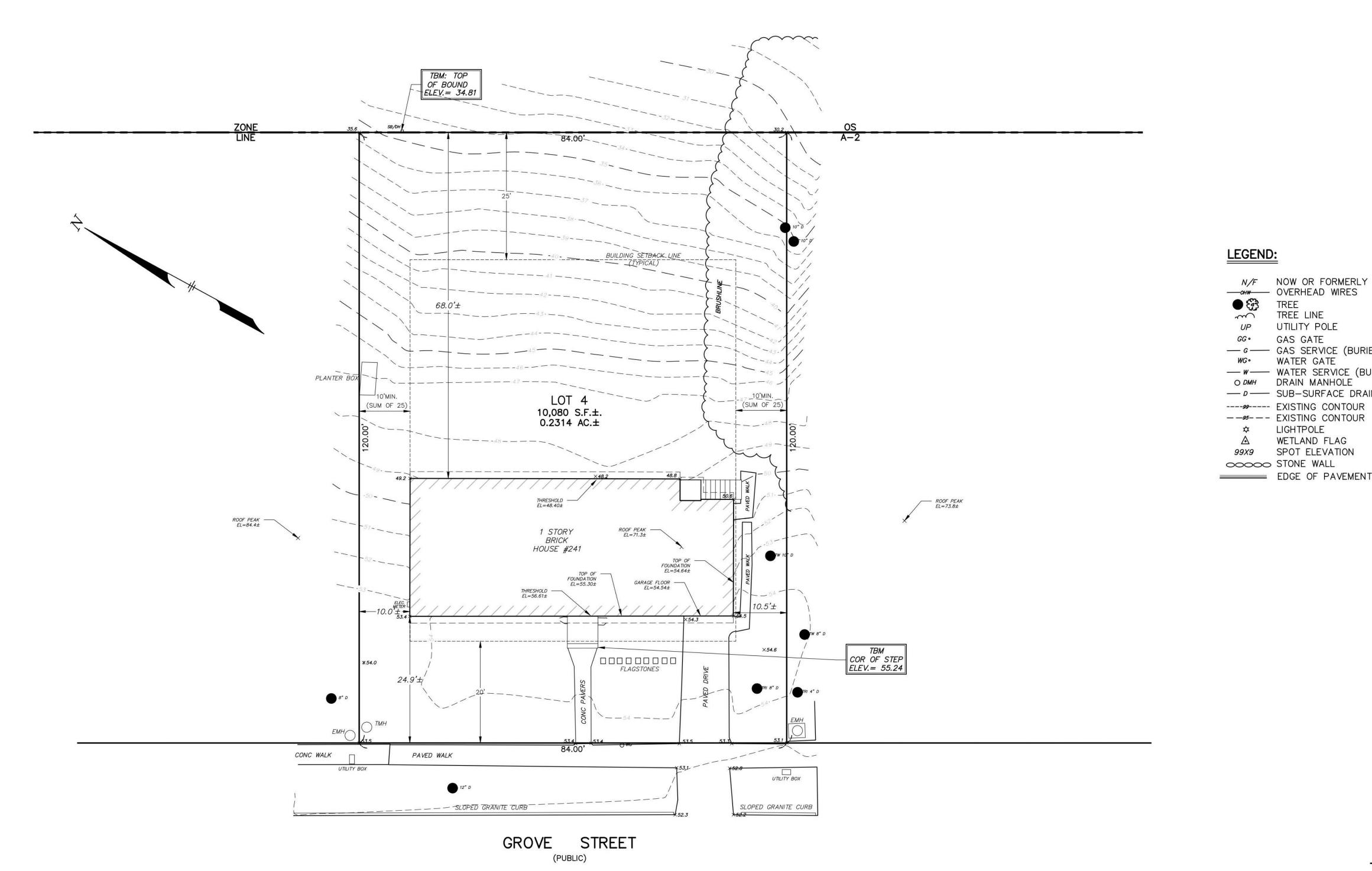
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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

FOR: DOWNES SCALE: 1"=10' MARCH 22, 2022

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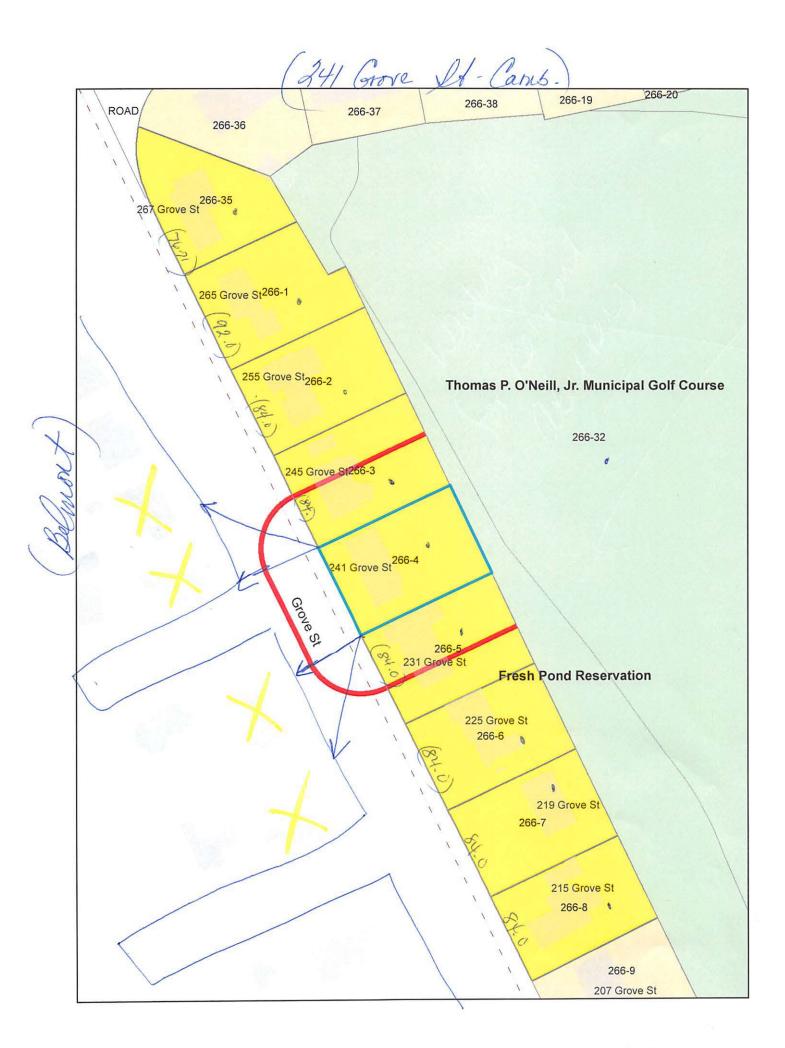
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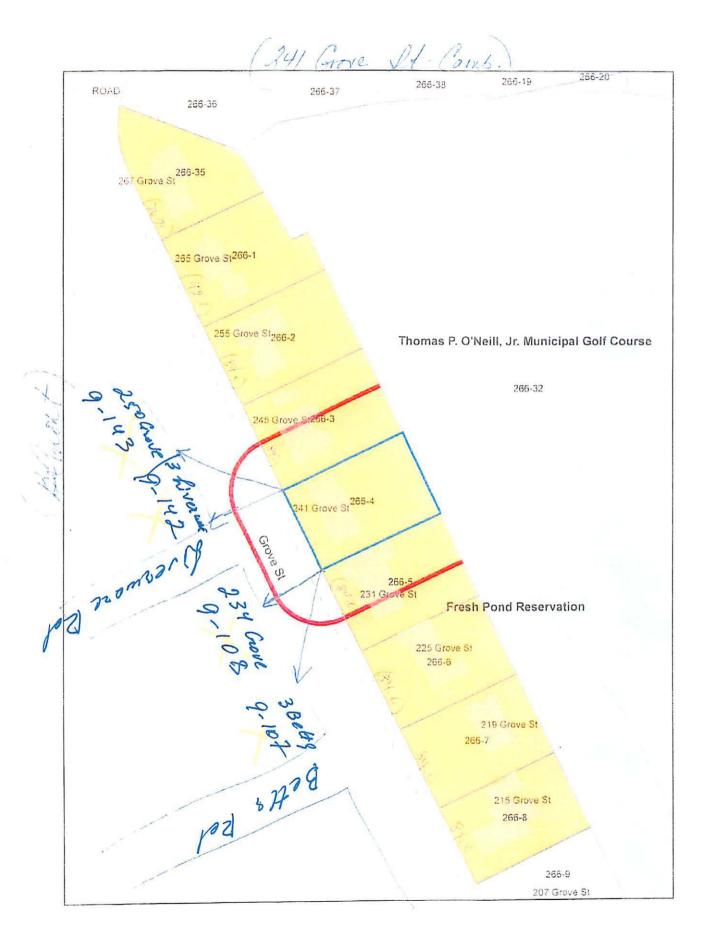
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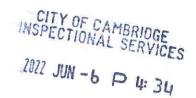






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Board of Zoning Appeal 831 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge, MA 02139

> Re: Board of Zoning Appeal Case No. 174527 241 Grove Street Cambridge, MA

Dear Chairman Sullivan and Members of the Board:

Please find delivered herewith revised plans and dimensional information for the above-captioned application.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yery truly yours,

ames J. Rafferty

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Cc: Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes

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BZA Application Form

DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION

Applicant:

Patrick Downes and Jessica Kensky

Present Use/Occupancy: single family

Location:

241 Grove St, Cambridge, MA

Zone: Residence A-2 Zone

Phone:

617.492.4100

Requested Use/Occupancy: two family

		Existing Conditions	Requested Conditions	Ordinance Requirements	
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA:		1,459 sf	3,264 sf	5,040 sf	(max.)
LOT AREA:		10,080 sf	no change	6,000 sf	(min.)
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA: ²		0.145	0.324 0.308	0.500	
LOT AREA OF EACH DWELLING UNIT		10,080 sf	5,040 sf	4,500 sf	
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	84'	no change	65'	
111	DEPTH	120'	no change	N/A	
SETBACKS IN FEET:	FRONT	24'9"	15'3"	20'	
	REAR	68'	40' 1"	30'	
	LEFT SIDE	10'	no change	10' (sum 25')	
	RIGHT SIDE	10'5"	no change	10' (sum 25')	
SIZE OF BUILDING:	HEIGHT	19' 8"	20' 11"	35'	
	WIDTH	N/A	N/A	N/A	
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:		78.4	54.2	50	
NO. OF DWELLING UNITS:		1	2	2	
NO. OF PARKING SPACES:		1	2	2	
NO. OF LOADING AREAS:		N/A	N/A	N/A	
DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG. ON SAME LOT		N/A	N/A	N/A	

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

N/A

- 1. SEE CAMBRIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 5.000, SECTION 5.30 (DISTRICT OF DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS).
- 2. TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA (INCLUDING BASEMENT 7'-0" IN HEIGHT AND ATTIC AREAS GREATER THAN 5') DIVIDED BY LOT AREA.
- 3. OPEN SPACE SHALL NOT INCLUDE PARKING AREAS, WALKWAYS OR DRIVEWAYS AND SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM DIMENSION OF 15'.

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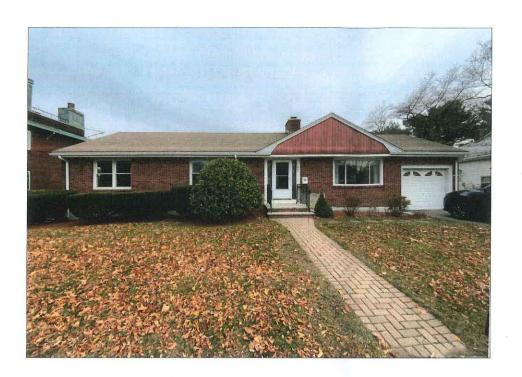
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EXTENDING FLOOR PLATE OF AN EXISTING 50'S RANCH LAYOUT TO CREATE APPROPRIATE CLEARANCES AND LAYOUT FOR ACCESSIBILITY. PROVIDE A SECOND ACCESSIBLE UNIT ON BASEMENT LEVEL.

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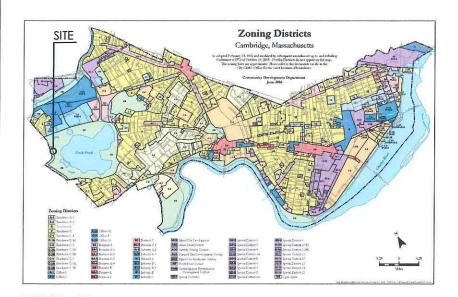
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ZONE: A2 F.A.R. CALCULATIONS

LAND AREA: 10,080 sqft EXISTING LIVING AREA: 1,459 sqft PROPOSED LIVING AREA: 3,105 sqft

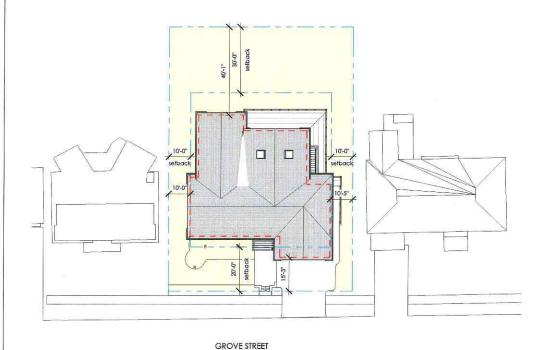
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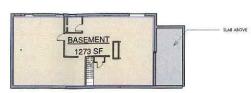
OPEN SPACE CALCULATIONS

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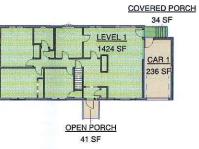
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SETBACK	ALLOWED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
FRONT (WEST)	20'-0"	24'-9"	15'-3" *
SIDE (NORTH)	10'-0"	10'-0"	10'-0"
SIDE (SOUTH)	10'-0"	10'-5"	10'-5"
SIDE SUM	25'-0"	20'-5" *	20'-5" *
REAR (EAST)	30'-0"	68'-0"	40'-1"
HEIGHT	35'-0"	19'-6"	20'-11"

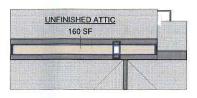




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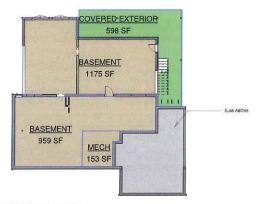


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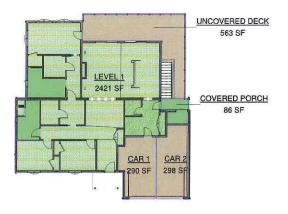


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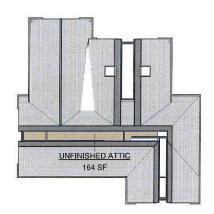
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COVERED PORCH	34 SF
LEVEL 1	1424 SF
EXCLUDED FROM FA	1459 SF R
BASEMENT	1273 SF
CAR 1	236 SF
OPEN PORCH	41 SF
UNFINISHED ATTIC	160 SF
	1709 SF
Grand total	3167 SF



PROPOSED - LEVEL 0
1/16" = 1'-0"



5 PROPOSED - LEVEL 1 1/16" = 1'-0"



6 PROPOSED - LEVEL 2 1/16" = 1'-0"

PROPOS	SED - AREA PLANS
Name	Area
CALCULATED IN FAR	
COVERED EXTERIOR	598 SF
COVERED PORCH	86 SF
LEVEL 1	2421 SF
EXCLUDED FROM FAR	Not Placed
BASEMENT	1175 SF
BASEMENT	959 SF
MECH	153 SF
CAR 1	290 SF
CAR 2	298 SF
UNCOVERED DECK	563 SF
UNFINISHED ATTIC	164 SF
Grand total	3602 SF 6706 SF



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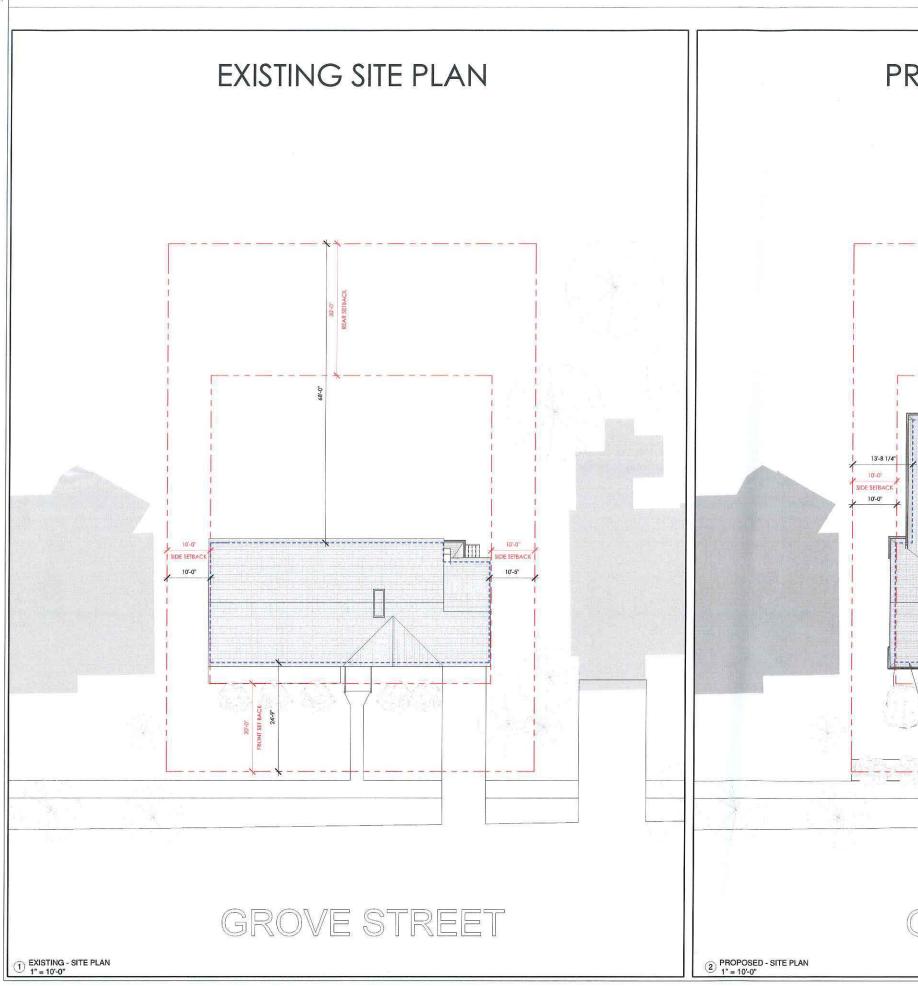
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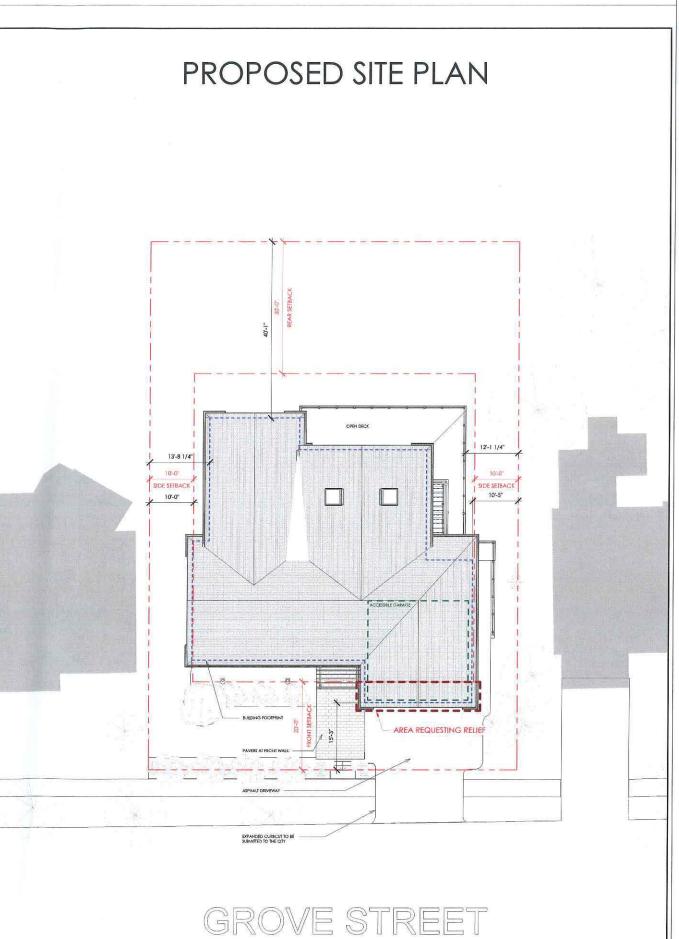
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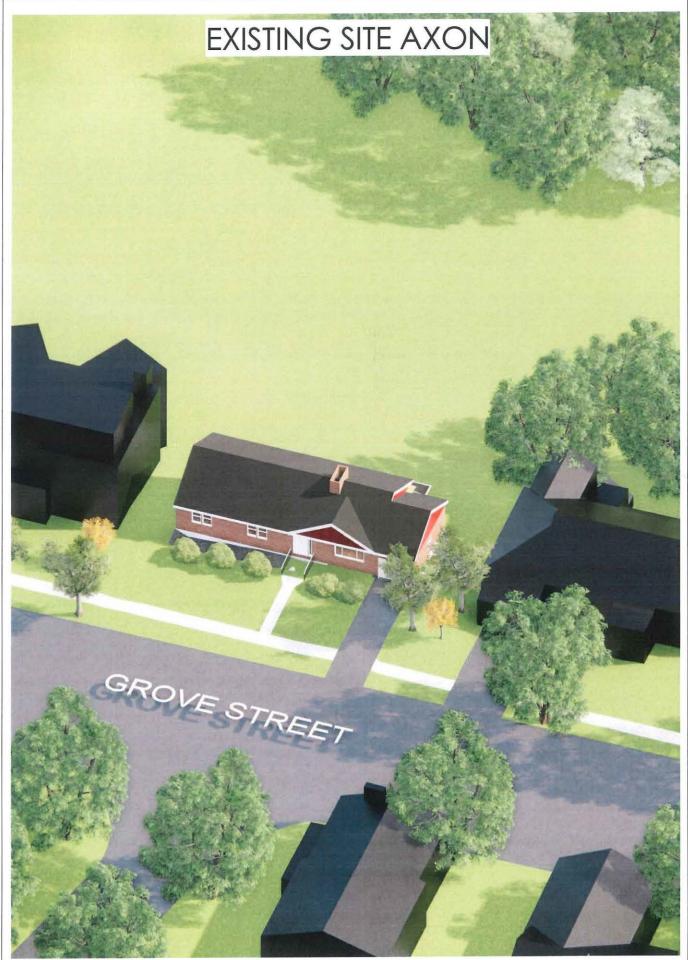
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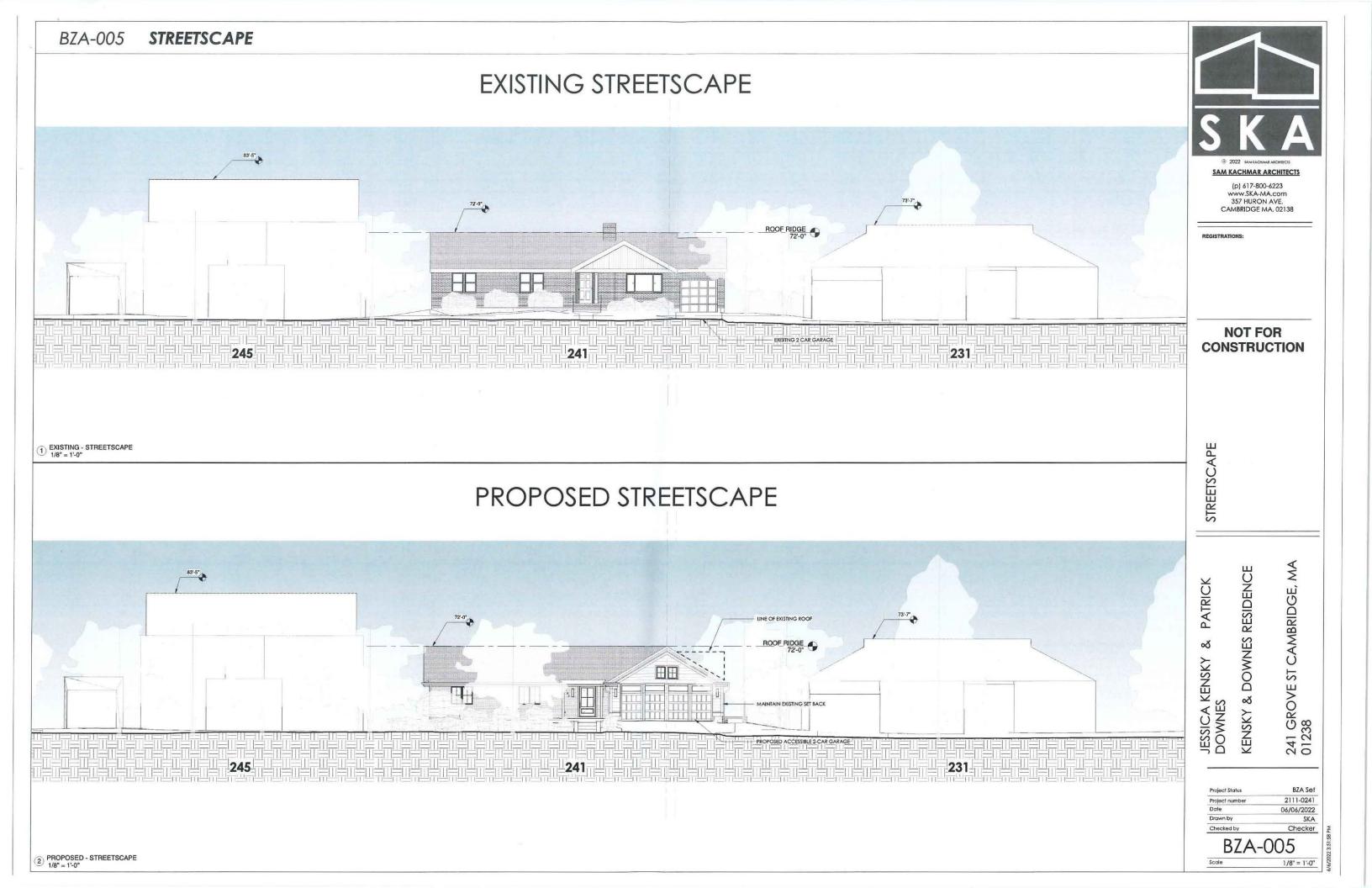
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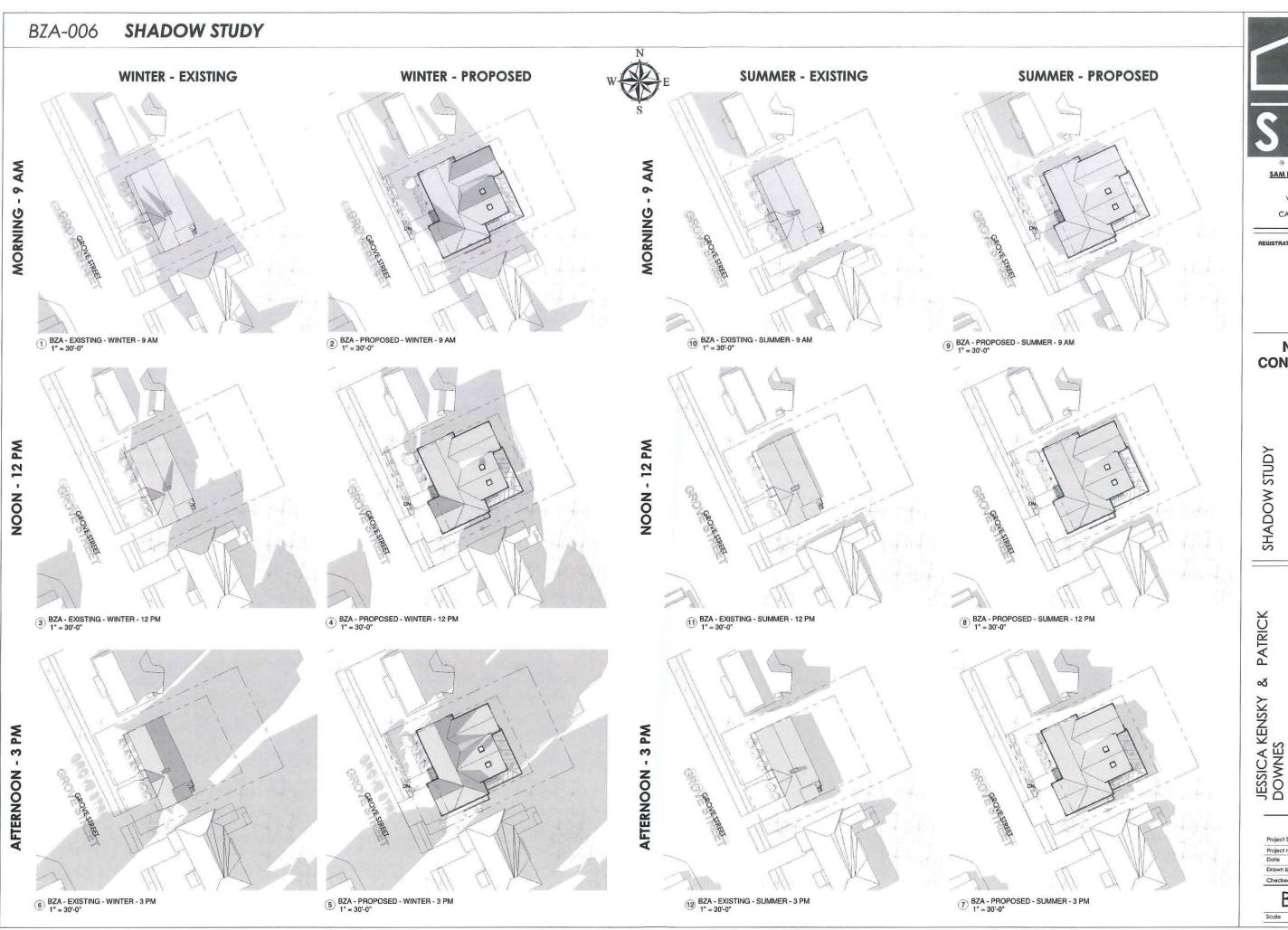
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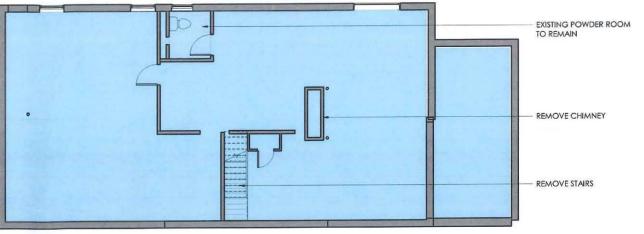
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1" = 30'-0"







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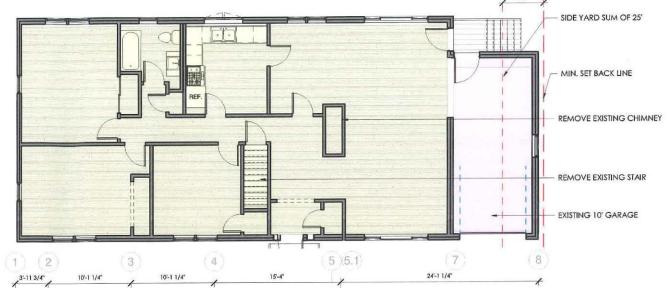
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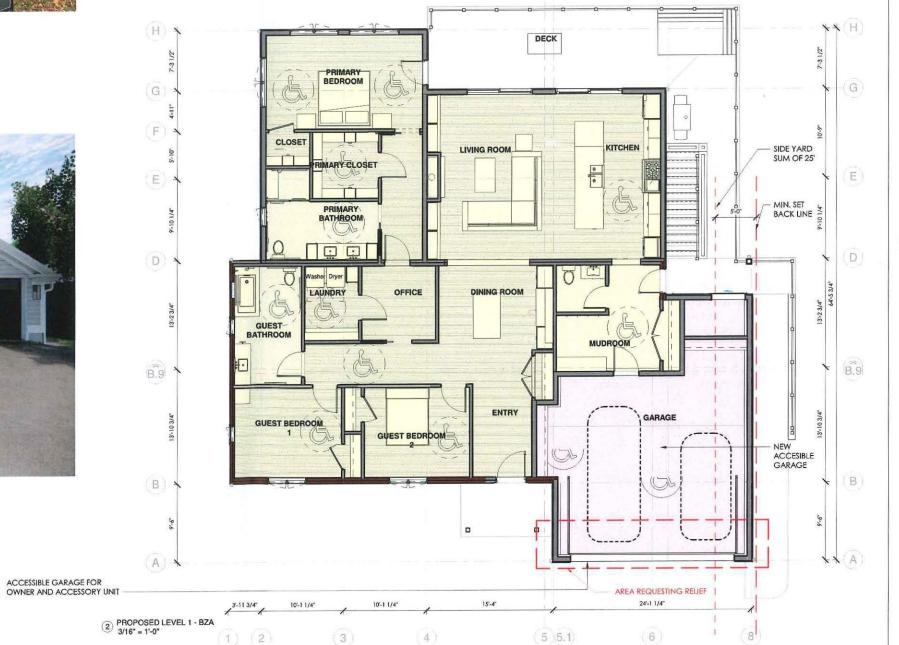


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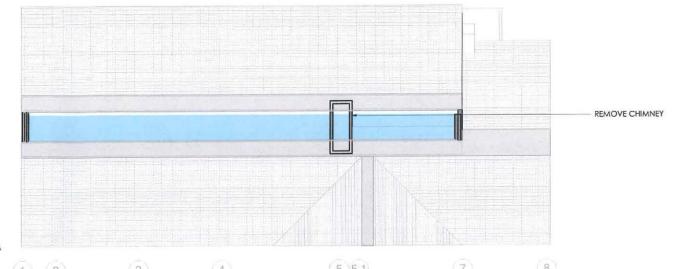
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2 PROPOSED LEVEL 2 - BZA 3/16" = 1'-0"

(7) (5 (5.1) (H)

G (G) SIDE YARD SUM OF 25' (E) MIN. SET BACK LINE (D) D (C) MECHANICAL AND DUCTING B.9 (B)

AREA REQUESTING RELIEF

5 (5.1)

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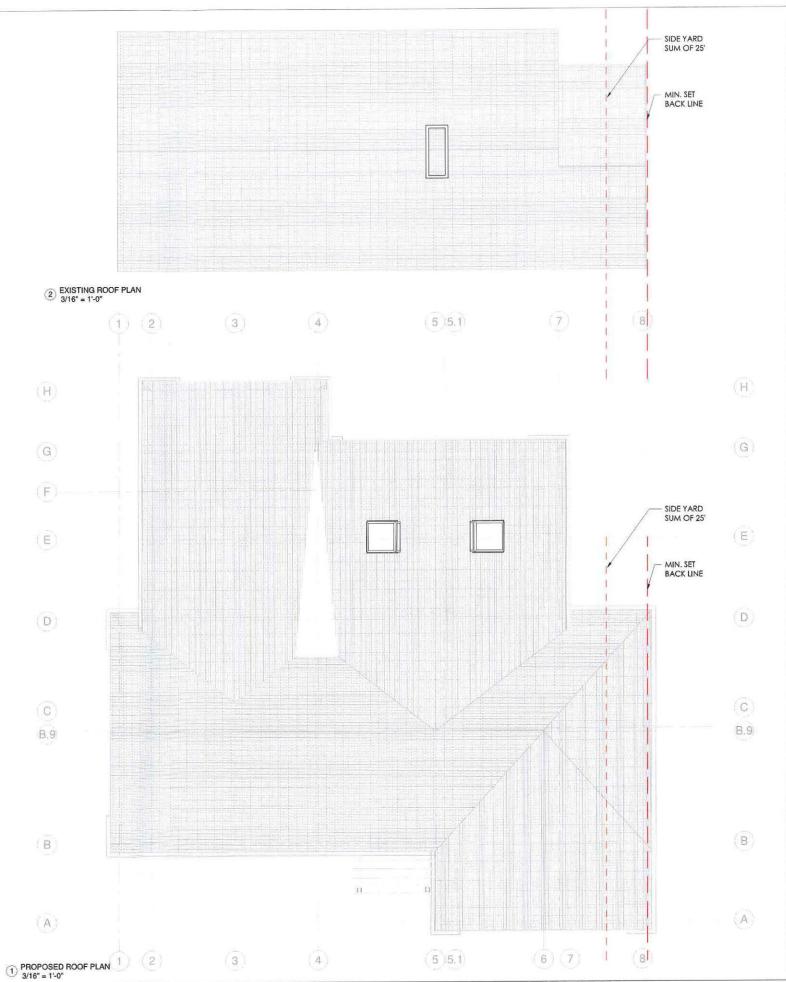
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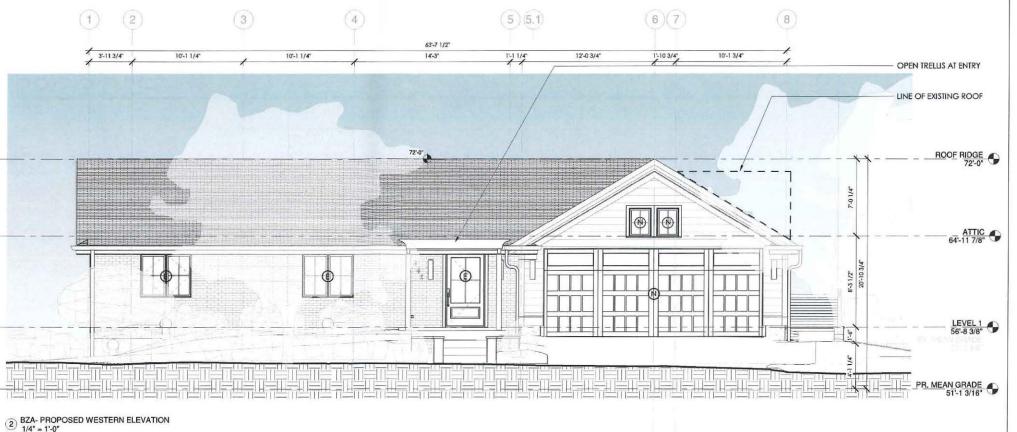
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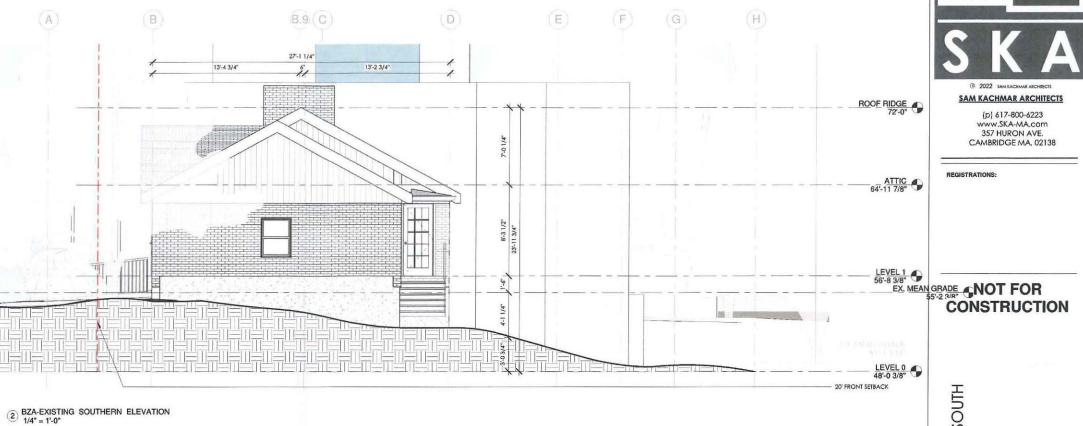
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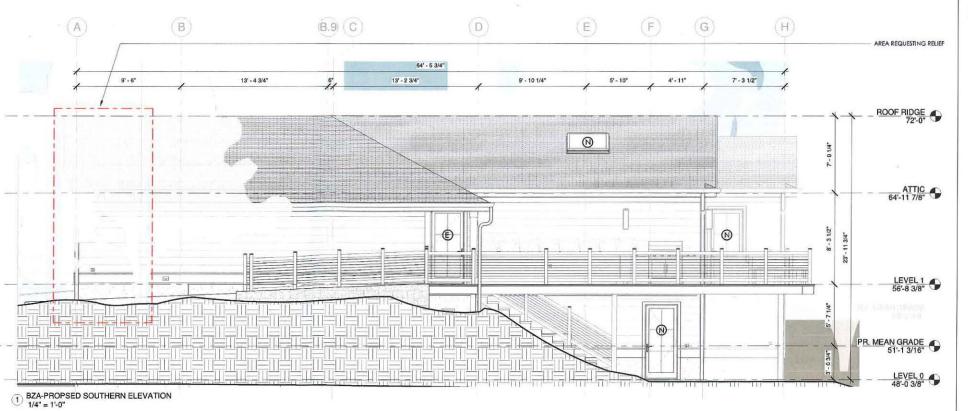
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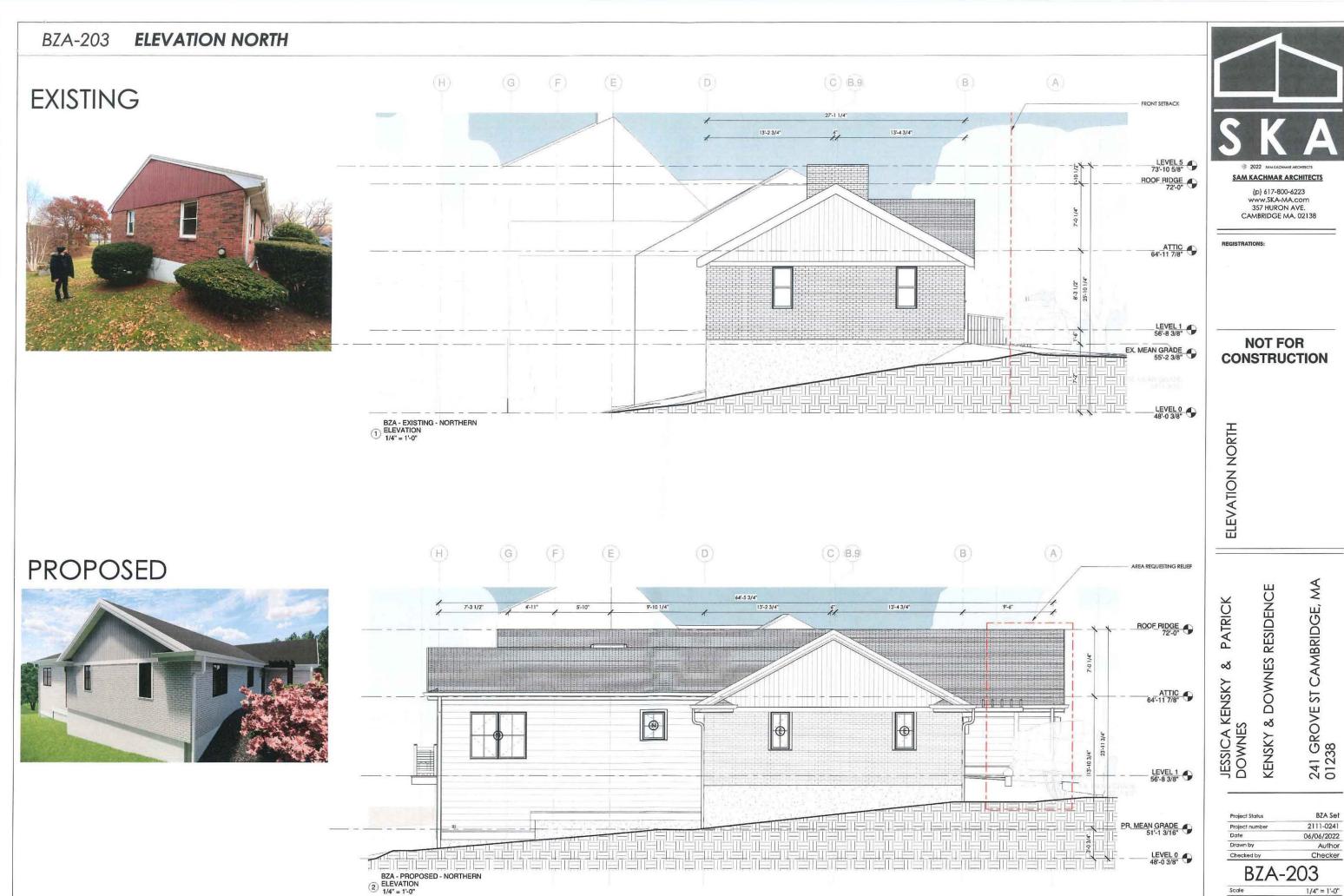
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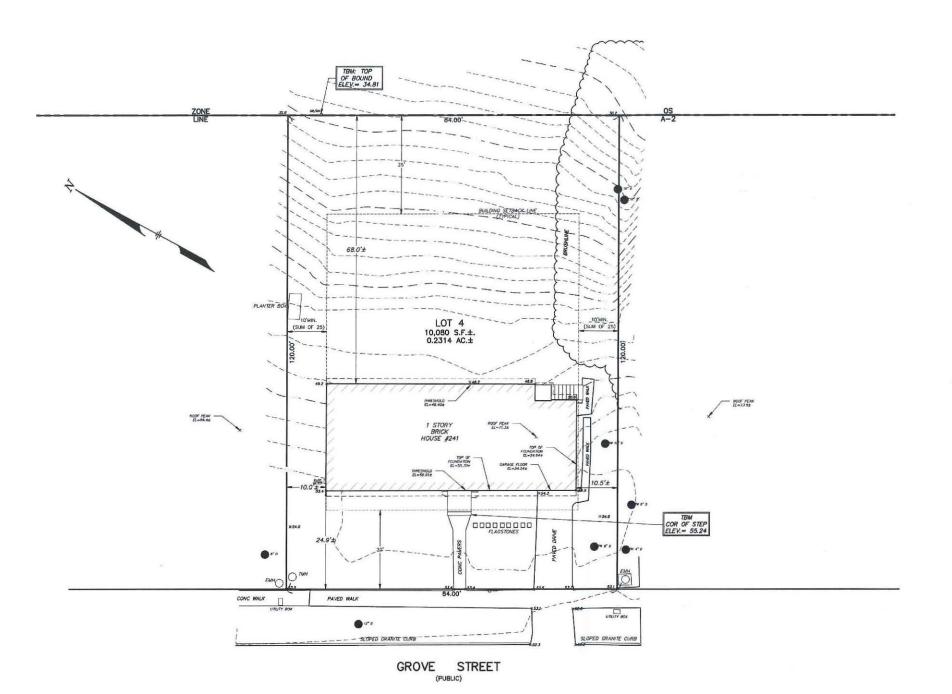
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● GB TREE LINE UTILITY POLE

GG+ GAS GATE
GG- GAS SERVICE (BURIED)
WG- WATER GATE
O DAM DRAIN MANHOLE

- D- SUB-SURFACE DRAIN LINE ---- EXISTING CONTOUR

EDGE OF PAVEMENT

LIGHTPOLE WETLAND FLAG 99X9 SPOT ELEVATION OOOOO STONE WALL

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

SCALE: 1"=10' MARCH 22, 2022

STAMSKI AND MCNARY, INC.

(6988work.dwg) 241 Grove Street SM-6988

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RECORD OWNER

J AND P GROVE STREET REALTY TRUST 241 GROVE STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA

NAVD OF 1988.

REFERENCE

MIDDLESEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS SOUTH DISTRICT DEED BOOK 79088 PAGE 386 PLAN No. 1922 OF 1951

ZONING DISTRICT RESIDENCE A-2 DATUM



Patrick Downes <downesp@gmail.com>

Support for variance

1 message

Kao, Ann,M.D. <AKAO@mgh.harvard.edu>
To: "downesp@gmail.com" <downesp@gmail.com>
Co: "Cash, Sydney S.,M.D." <SCASH@mgh.harvard.edu>

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Tue, May 31, 2022 at 10:18 PM

5-31-2022

Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeals:

Our names are Ann Kao & Syd Cash and we live at 219 Grove Street, Cambridge, MA 02138. We are writing to state our support for our neighbors: Patrick Downes & Jessica Kensky, in their application for a variance for their home at 241 Grove Street.

Sincerely,

Ann Kao & Syd Cash

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Patrick Downes <downesp@gmail.com>

241 Grove

1 message

AMY NADEL <kokiwilson@comcast.net>

Mon, Jun 6, 2022 at 7:08 AM

To: "downesp@gmail.com" <downesp@gmail.com>

Dear Jess and Patrick-

Ben and I write in support of your being granted the variances you would need to make the changes to your property at 241 Grove Street, as outlined in your letter on May 31, 2022. We look forward to seeing you in the neighborhood, soon.

Amy Nadel and Ben Wilson 265 Grove Street 617-642-7063 617-642-7083 Walid Khalidi 225 Grove St Cambridge, MA 02138

Tel: 617.868.5128 Fax: 617.661.1458

email ad:walidkhalidi225/a gmail.com

3/ June/ 2022

Dear Ms Jessica Kensky & Mr Patrick Downer

Welcome to crow Street. I am sony

I missed your call. You have chosen well.

We at 225 crow St have no objections

We appen planned removations at 241.

We look forward to you being best on neighbours & send you are very best wishes.

Very smarrly Warr Maris



Patrick Downes <downesp@gmail.com>

Proposed renovations at 241 Grove Street

1 message

hessakadet <hessakadet@comcast.net>
To: downesp@gmail.com

Mon, Jun 6, 2022 at 2:26 PM

Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeals

To whom it may concern:

My name is Hessa Kadet and I have lived at 215 Grove Street, Cambridge since 1994. Through the years I have seen many changes in the homes on the street including the rebuild of two colonial homes next door to 241 Grove into interesting contemporary homes. I have reviewed the plans proposed by the new owners of 241 Grove Street, Patrick Downes and Jessica Kensky, and see no reason why their proposed plans should pose any issue, particularly since they are not planning to increase the height of the home. I fully support their request which I think will likely add more beauty to the block. If I can be of any further assistance I can be reached at 617-840-7701. Sincerely,

Hessa Kadet



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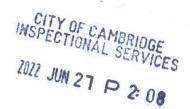
POSTING NOTICE - PICK UP SHEET

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

Name:	et Conse (Print)	Date: _	5/19
Address:	941 Grove St.		
Case No	ZA-174527		
Hearing Date:			
Thank vou,			

ADAMS & RAFFERTY

Attorneys At Law A Professional Association * 907 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 300 Cambridge, MA 02139



James J. Rafferty, P.C. jrafferty@adamsrafferty.com

Telephone (617) 492-4100 Fax (617) 492-3131

June 27, 2022

Brendan Sullivan, Chair Board of Zoning Appeal 831 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge, MA 02139

> Re: BZA Case No. 174527 241 Grove Street

Dear Chairman Sullivan and Members of the Board:

Enclosed please find amended plans and application for the above-captioned case.

Please note that the Petitioner's have withdrawn the portion of their application seeking a variance for a second dwelling unit. As a result, the application now seeks a Special Permit to construct a conforming addition to a single family dwelling and a variance to allow for an expansion of a wheel chair compatible two car garage into a portion of the front setback.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Mery truly yours.

James J. Rafferty

Cc: Patrick Downes and Jessica Kensky

Tel. No.

617.492.4100

E-Mail Address:

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BZA Application Form

DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION

Applicant:

Patrick Downes and Jessica Kensky

Present Use/Occupancy: single family

241 Grove St , Cambridge, MA

Zone: Residence A-2 Zone

Location: <u>241 Grove St , Cambridge, N</u> **Phone:** 617.492.4100

Requested Use/Occupancy: two family-

		Existing Conditions	Requested Conditions	Ordinance Requirements	
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA:		1,459 sf	3,264 sf 3,463	5,040 sf	(max.)
LOT AREA:		10,080 sf	no change	6,000 sf	(min.)
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA: ²		0.145	0.324 0.338	0.500	
LOT AREA OF EACH DWELLING UNIT		10,080 sf	5,040 sf	4,500 sf	
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	84'	no change	65'	
	DEPTH	120'	no change	N/A	
SETBACKS IN FEET:	FRONT	24'9"	15'3"	20'	
	REAR	68'	40' 1"	30'	
	LEFT SIDE	10'	no change	10' (sum 25')	
	RIGHT SIDE	10'5"	no change	10' (sum 25')	
SIZE OF BUILDING:	HEIGHT	19' 8"	20' 11"	35'	
	WIDTH	N/A	N/A	N/A	
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:		78.4	54.2 55.1	50	
NO. OF DWELLING UNITS:		1	-2-1	2	
NO. OF PARKING SPACES:		1	2	2	
NO. OF LOADING AREAS:		N/A	N/A	N/A	
DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG. ON SAME LOT		N/A	N/A	N/A	

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

N/A

- 1. SEE CAMBRIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 5.000, SECTION 5.30 (DISTRICT OF DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS).
- 2. TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA (INCLUDING BASEMENT 7'-0" IN HEIGHT AND ATTIC AREAS GREATER THAN 5') DIVIDED BY LOT AREA.
- 3. OPEN SPACE SHALL NOT INCLUDE PARKING AREAS, WALKWAYS OR DRIVEWAYS AND SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM DIMENSION OF 15'.



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AMENDED JUNE 27, 2022

BZA Application Form

BZA Number: 174527

General Information

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The undersigned	hereby petitions the	Board of Zoning	g Appeal for the follow	ing:
Special Permit:	X	Variance:	<u> </u>	Appeal:
PETITIONER: E	atrick Downes and	Jessica Kensky (C/O James J. Rafferty	
PETITIONER'S	ADDRESS: 907 Mas	ssachusetts Aver	nue, Cambridge, MA 0	2139
LOCATION OF I	PROPERTY: 241 Gr	ove St , Cambri	dge, MA	
TYPE OF OCCU	PANCY: single fami	ly.	ZONING DISTRIC	CT: Residence A-2 Zone
REASON FOR P	ETITION:			
/Additions/				
DESCRIPTION	OF PETITIONER	'S PROPOSAL		
/ariance: Petition	er seeks to constru	uct portion of ex	xpanded garage in tl	ne front setback.
Special Permit: Pe	etitioner seeks to o	onstruct a rear	addition to existing	non-conforming single family dwelling.
SECTIONS OF Z	ONING ORDINANC	E CITED:		
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Article: 8.000 Article: 10.000	Section: 8.22.3 (No Section: 10.30 (Va		tructure).	
Article: 10.000	Section: 10.40 (Sp		Λ	
		riginal	h	1/25
	S	ignature(s):	(P	etitioner (s) / Owner)
			James J. Raffe	rty, Attorney for Petitioner
			907 Massachusett	(Print Name) s Avenue, Suite 300
	А	ddress:	Cambridge, MA 02	

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INTERIOR DESIGNER:

KATE MALONEY

4 MT. VERNON ST. WINCHESTER, MA 01890 (p) 617-764-1054 GENERAL CONTRACTOR:

FRESH START CONTRACTING

30 B ST. BURLINGTON, MA 01803 (P) 617-833-9202



STRUCTURAL ENGINEER:

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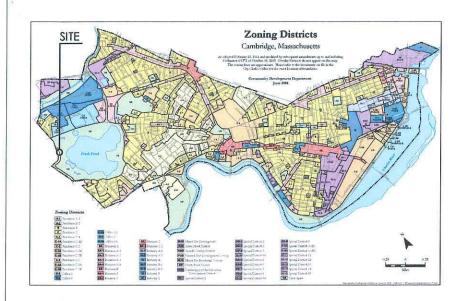


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ZONE: A2 F.A.R. CALCULATIONS

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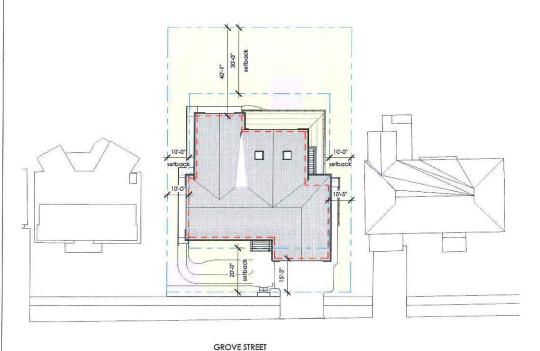
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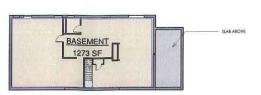
OPEN SPACE CALCULATIONS

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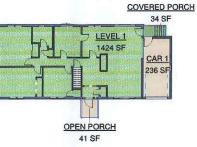
EXISTING OPEN SPACE RATIO 78.4% PROPOSED OPEN SPACE RATIO 55.1% ALLOWED OPEN SPACE RATIO: 50.0%

SETBACK	ALLOWED	CURRENT	PROPOSED
FRONT (WEST)	20'-0"	24'-9"	15'-3" *
SIDE (NORTH)	10'-0"	10'-0"	10'-0"
SIDE (SOUTH)	10'-0"	10'-5"	10'-5"
SIDE SUM	25'-0"	20'-5" *	20'-5" *
REAR (EAST)	30'-0"	68'-0"	40'-1"
HEIGHT	35'-0"	19'-6"	20'-11"





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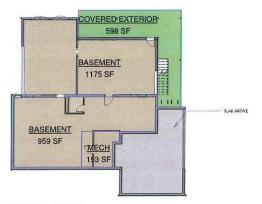


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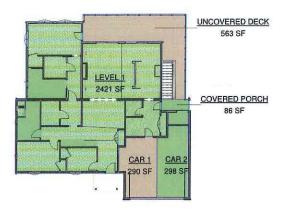


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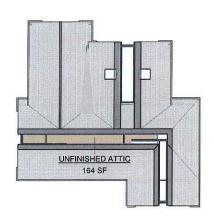
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COVERED PORCH	34 SF
LEVEL 1	1424 SF
	1459 SF
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BASEMENT	1273 SF
CAR 1	236 SF
OPEN PORCH	41 SF
UNFINISHED ATTIC	160 SF
	1709 SF
Grand total	3167 SF



4 PROPOSED - LEVEL 0 1/16" = 1'-0"



5 PROPOSED - LEVEL 1 1/16" = 1'-0"



6 PROPOSED - LEVEL 2 1/16" = 1'-0"

PROPOS	ED - AREA PLANS
Name	Area
CALCULATED IN FAR	
COVERED EXTERIOR	598 SF
CAR 2	298 SF
COVERED PORCH	86 SF
LEVEL 1	2421 SF
EXCLUDED FROM FAR	3403 SF
BASEMENT	1175 SF
BASEMENT	959 SF
MECH	153 SF
CAR 1	290 SF
UNCOVERED DECK	563 SF
JNFINISHED ATTIC	164 SF
Grand total	3304 SF 6706 SF



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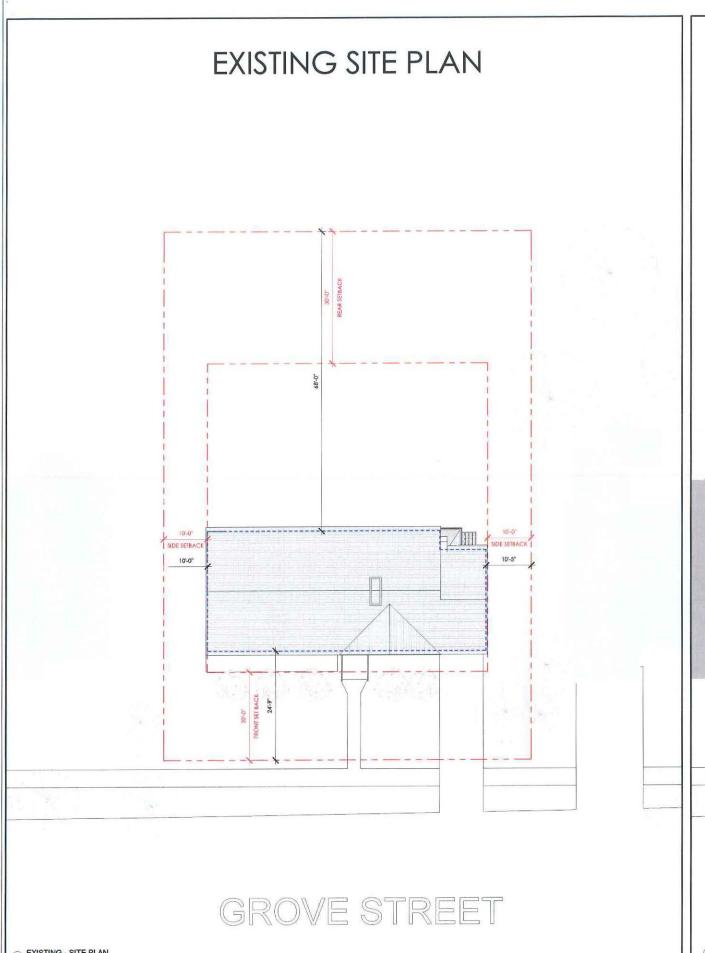
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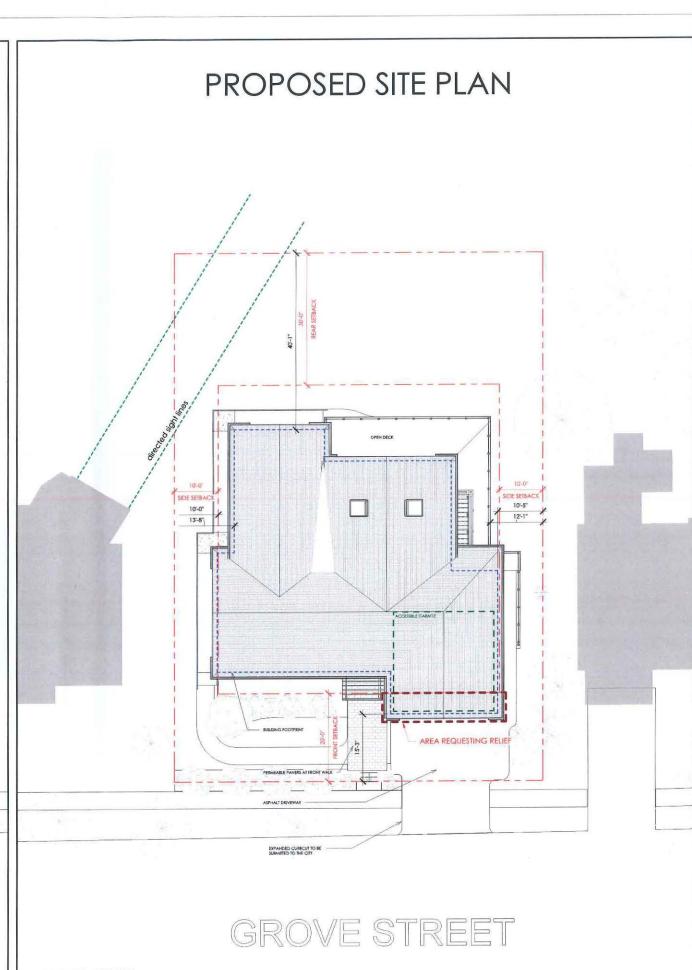
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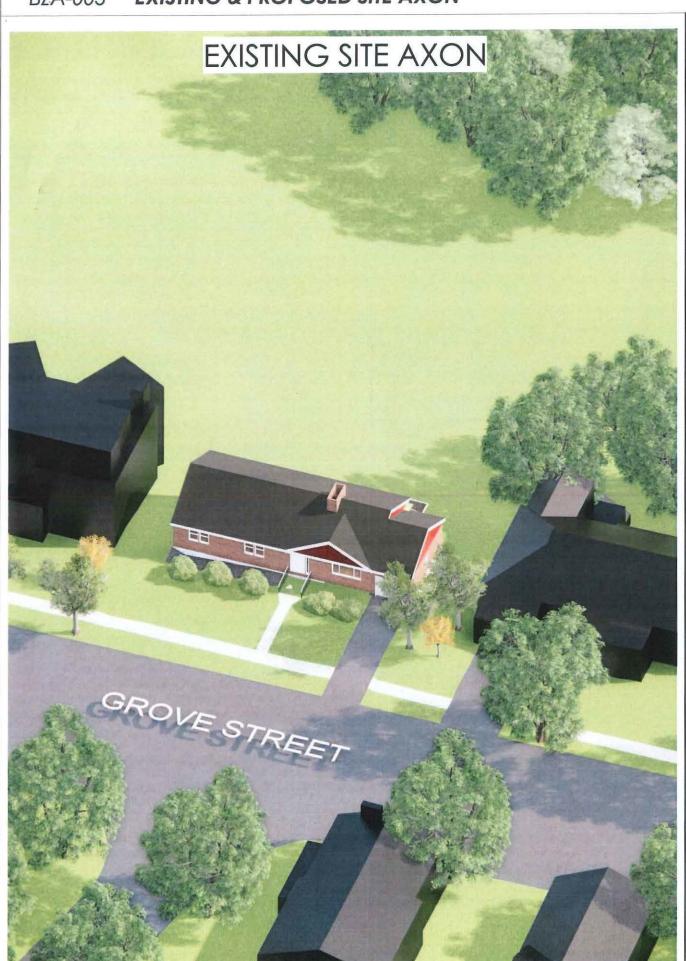


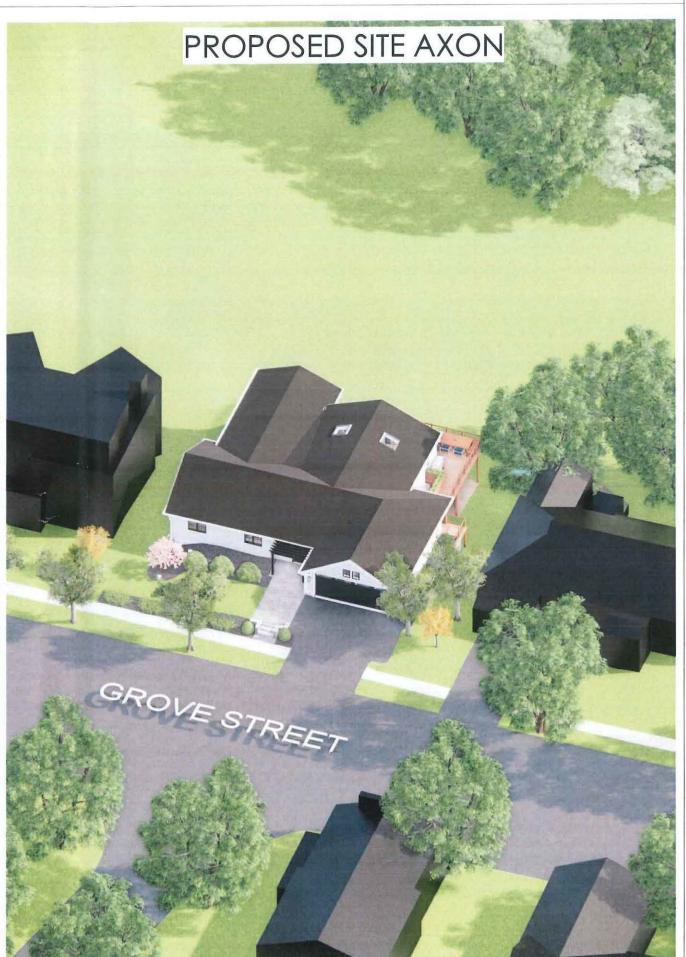
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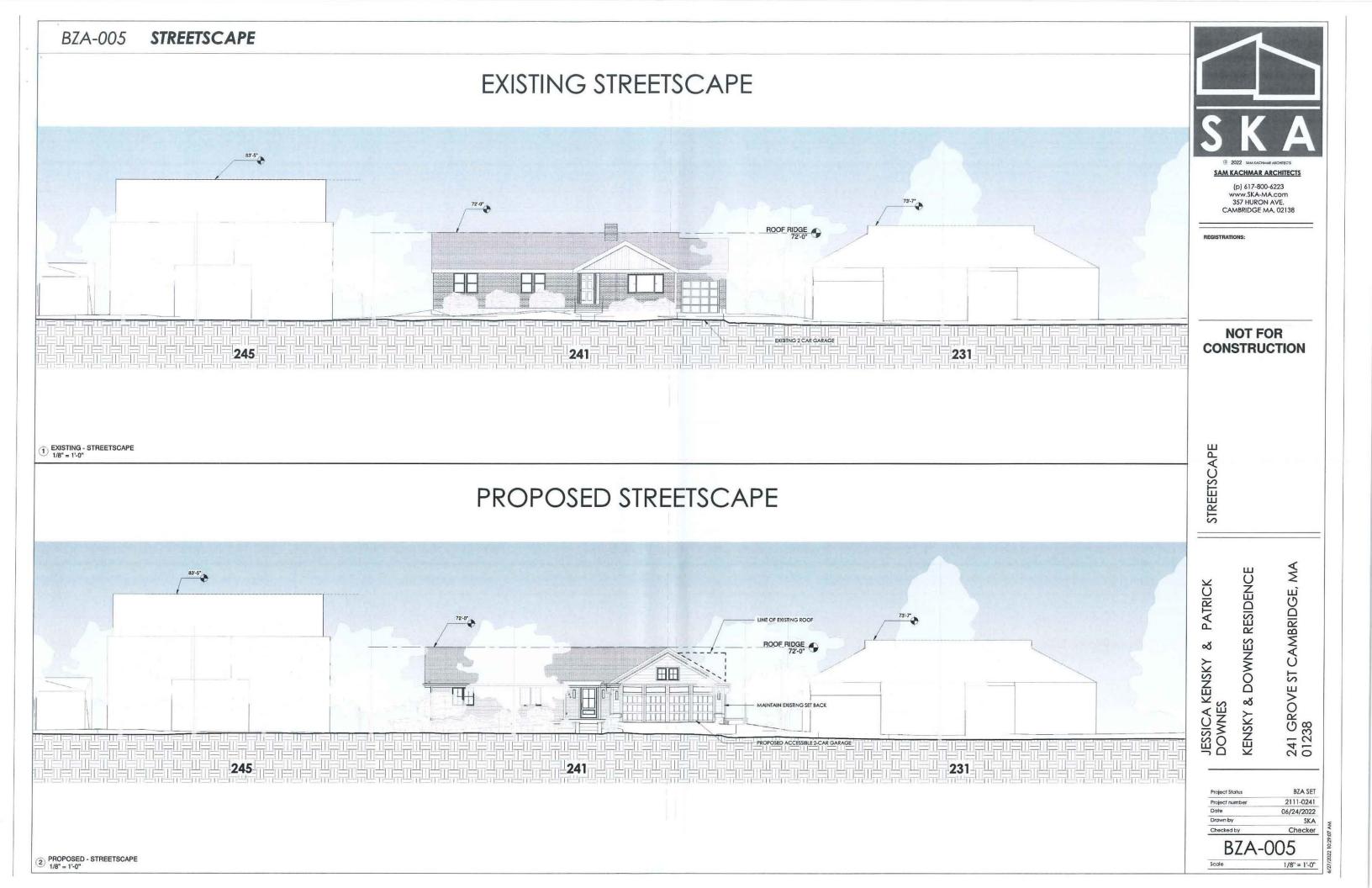
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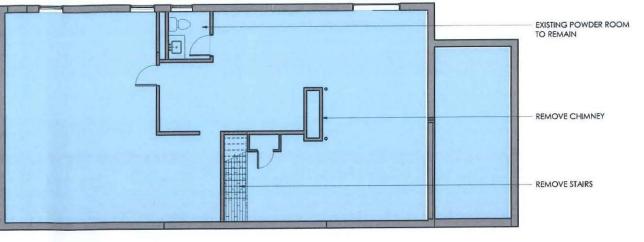
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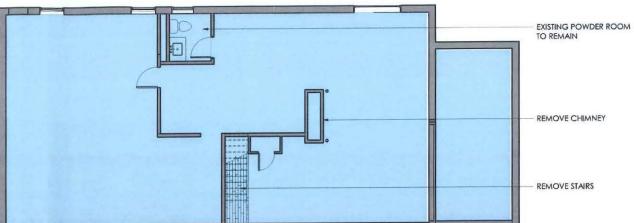
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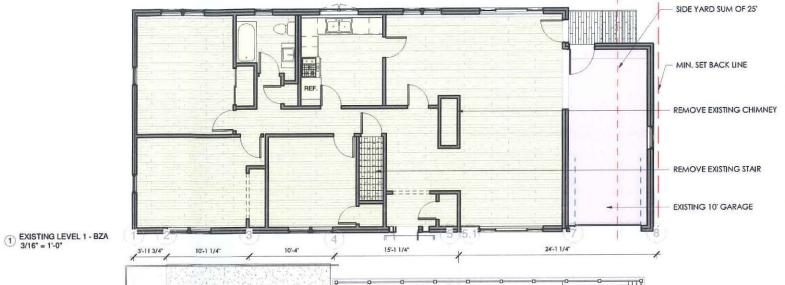
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LEVEL 1

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(H) * BEDROOM G G SIDE YARD SUM OF 25' MIN. SET BACK LINE PRIMARY BATH B.9 B.9 ENTRY GARAGE GUEST BEDROOM ACCESIBLE GARAGE B ACCESSIBLE GARAGE FOR OWNER AND ACCESSORY UNIT AREA REQUESTING RELIEF 24'-1 1/4" 10'-1 1/4" 15'-1 1/4"



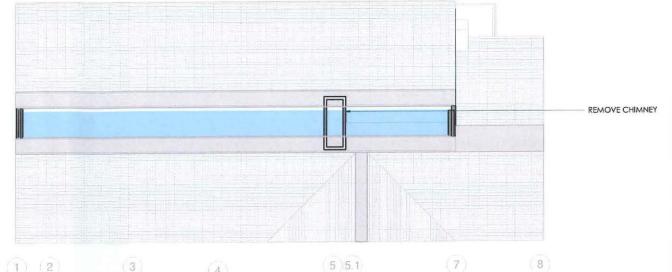
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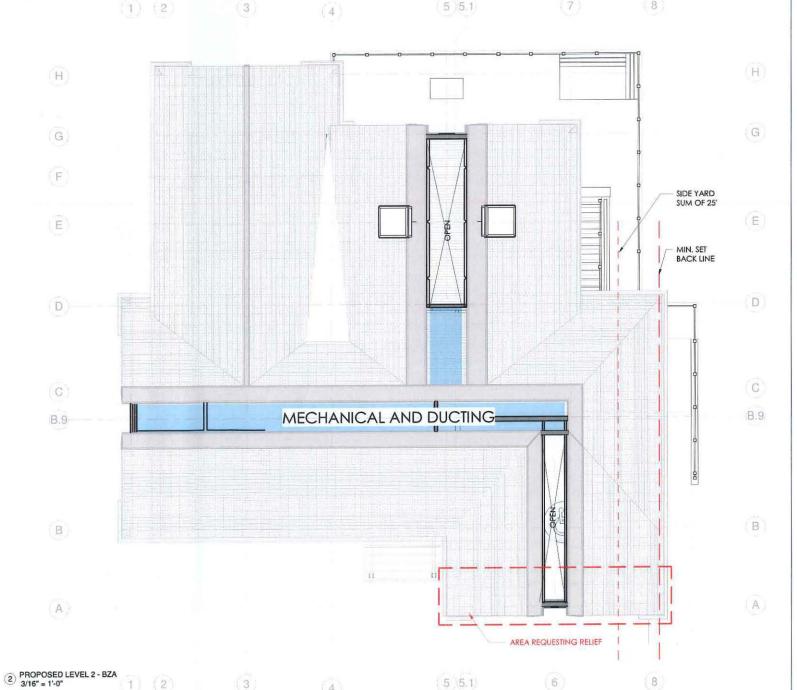
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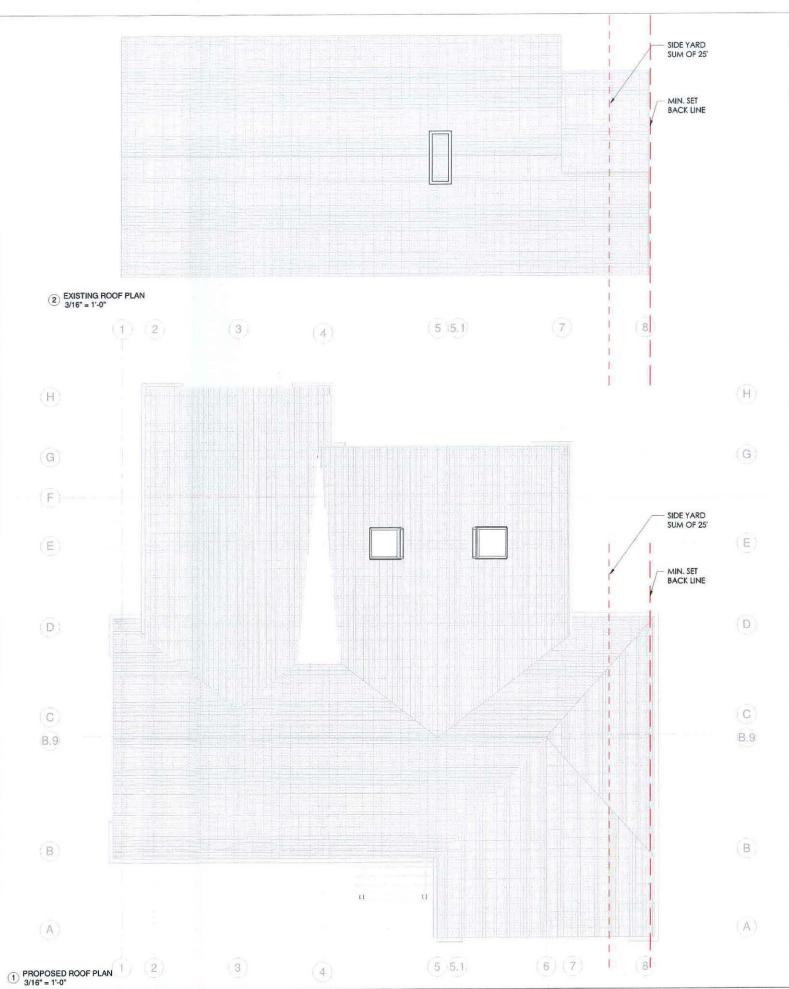
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ROOF PLAN

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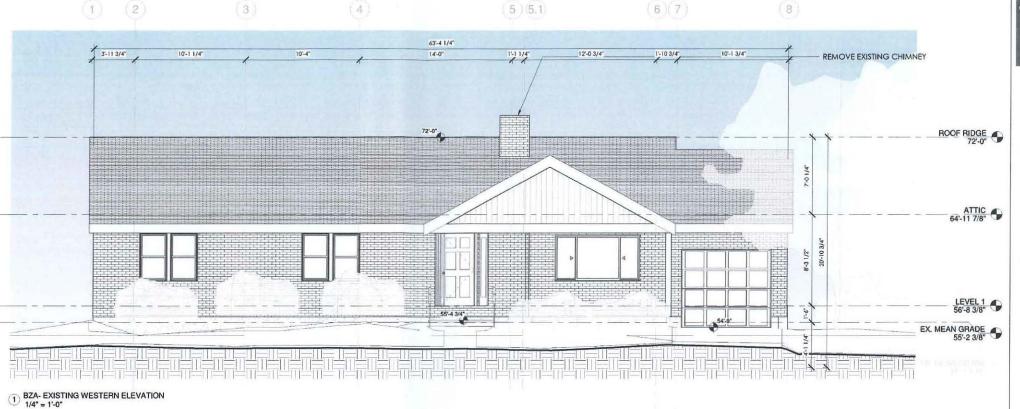
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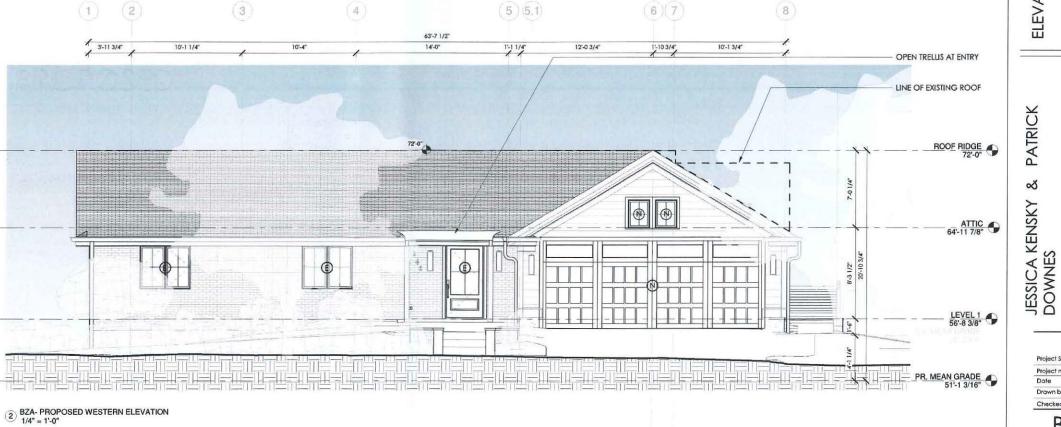
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ELEVATION WEST (FRONT)

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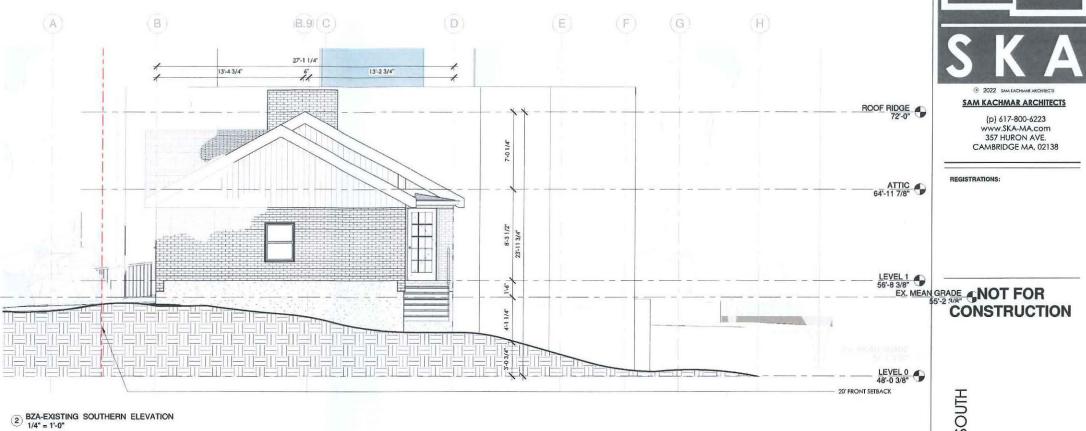
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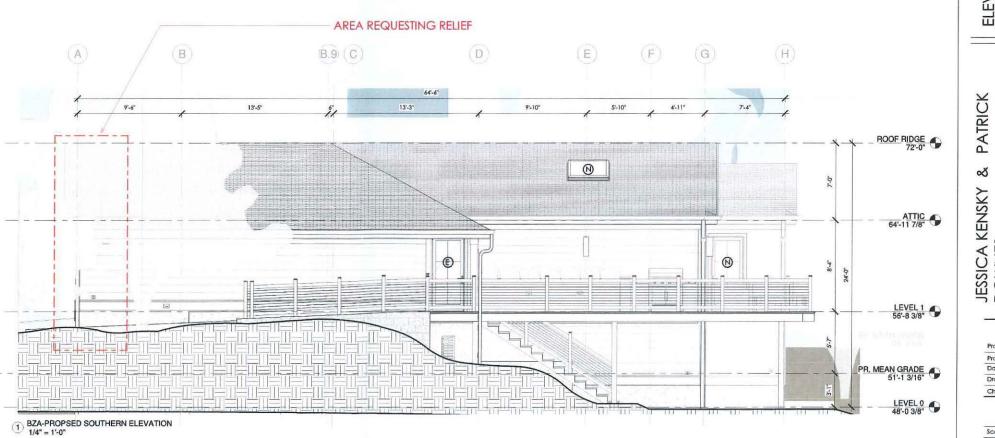
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241 GROVE ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 01238 KENSKY & DOWNES RESIDENCE JESSICA KENSKY DOWNES

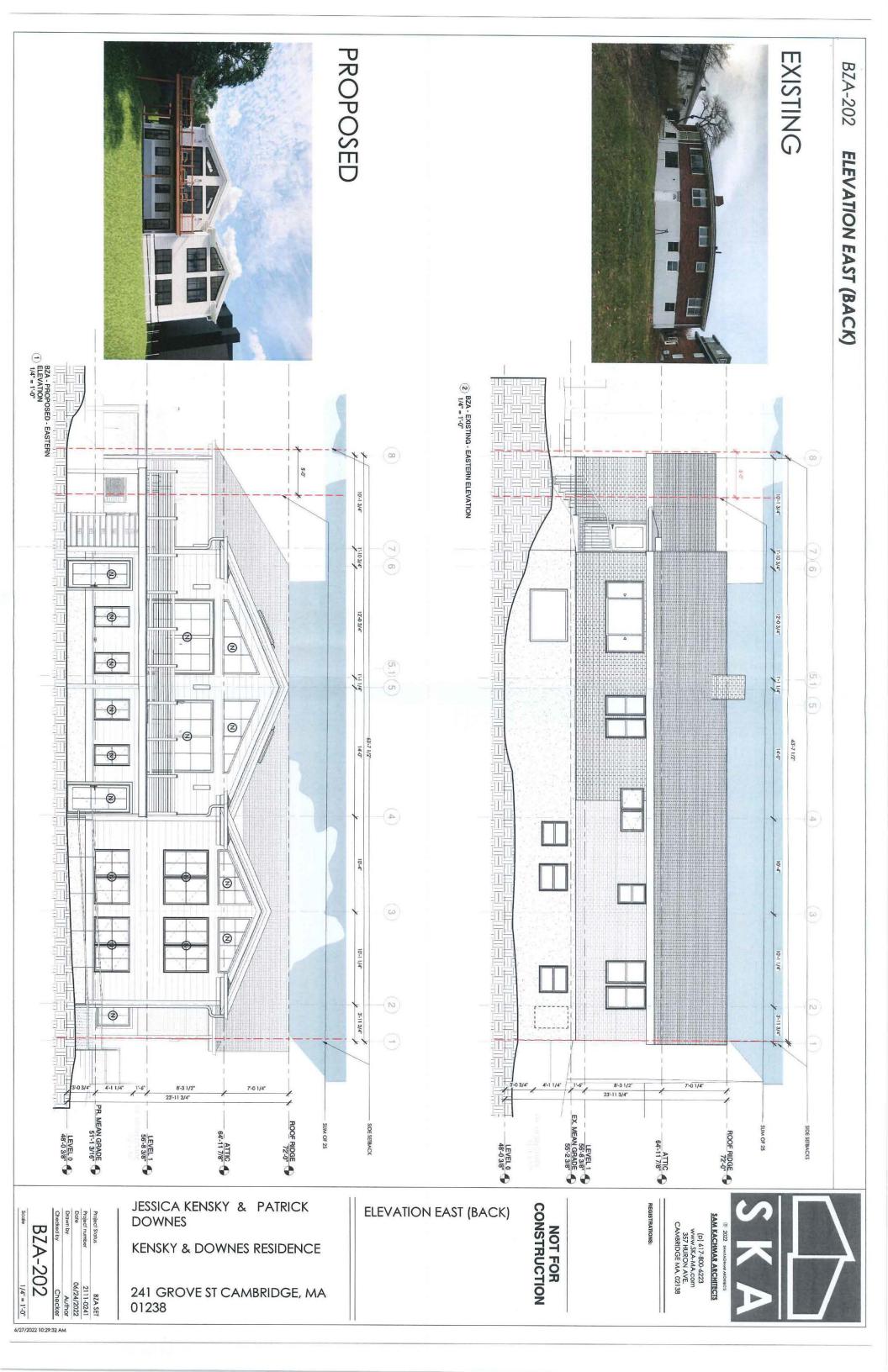
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1/4" = 1'-0"





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END OF PRESENTATION

SCAN CODE BELOW WITH PHONE TO VIEW 241 GROVE EXTERIOR VIDEO RENDER



SUPPLEMENTARY SHEETS FOR REFERENCE FOLLOW



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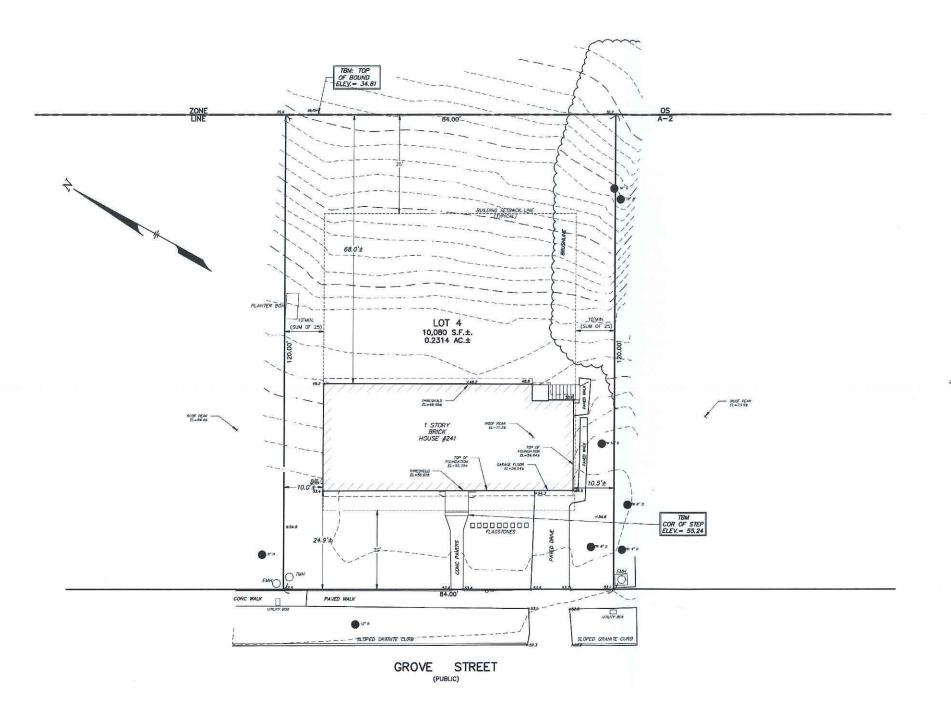
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

KENSKY & DOWNES RESIDENCE **PATRICK** JESSICA KENSKY & DOWNES

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LEGEND:

N/F NOW OR FORMERLY OVERHEAD WIRES TREE LINE UTILITY POLE GG GAS GATE

GG GAS GATE

GAS SERVICE (BURIED)

WG WATER GATE

O DAM DRAIN MANHOLE - - SUB-SURFACE DRAIN LINE ----- EXISTING CONTOUR
----- EXISTING CONTOUR

LIGHTPOLE WETLAND FLAG SPOT ELEVATION OOOOO STONE WALL EDGE OF PAVEMENT

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

DOWNES SCALE: 1"=10' MARCH 22, 2022

> STAMSKI AND MCNARY, INC. 1000 MAIN STREET ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS ENGINEERING - PLANNING - SURVEYING

(6988work.dwg) 241 Grove Street SM-6988

TOPOGRAPHIC PLAN OF LAND

(MIDDLESEX COUNTY)

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PLOT PLAN

Σ¥ KENSKY & DOWNES RESIDENCE **PATRICK** 241 GROVE ST CAMBRIDGE, 01238 ৹ KENSKY **DOWNES**

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RECORD OWNER

REFERENCE

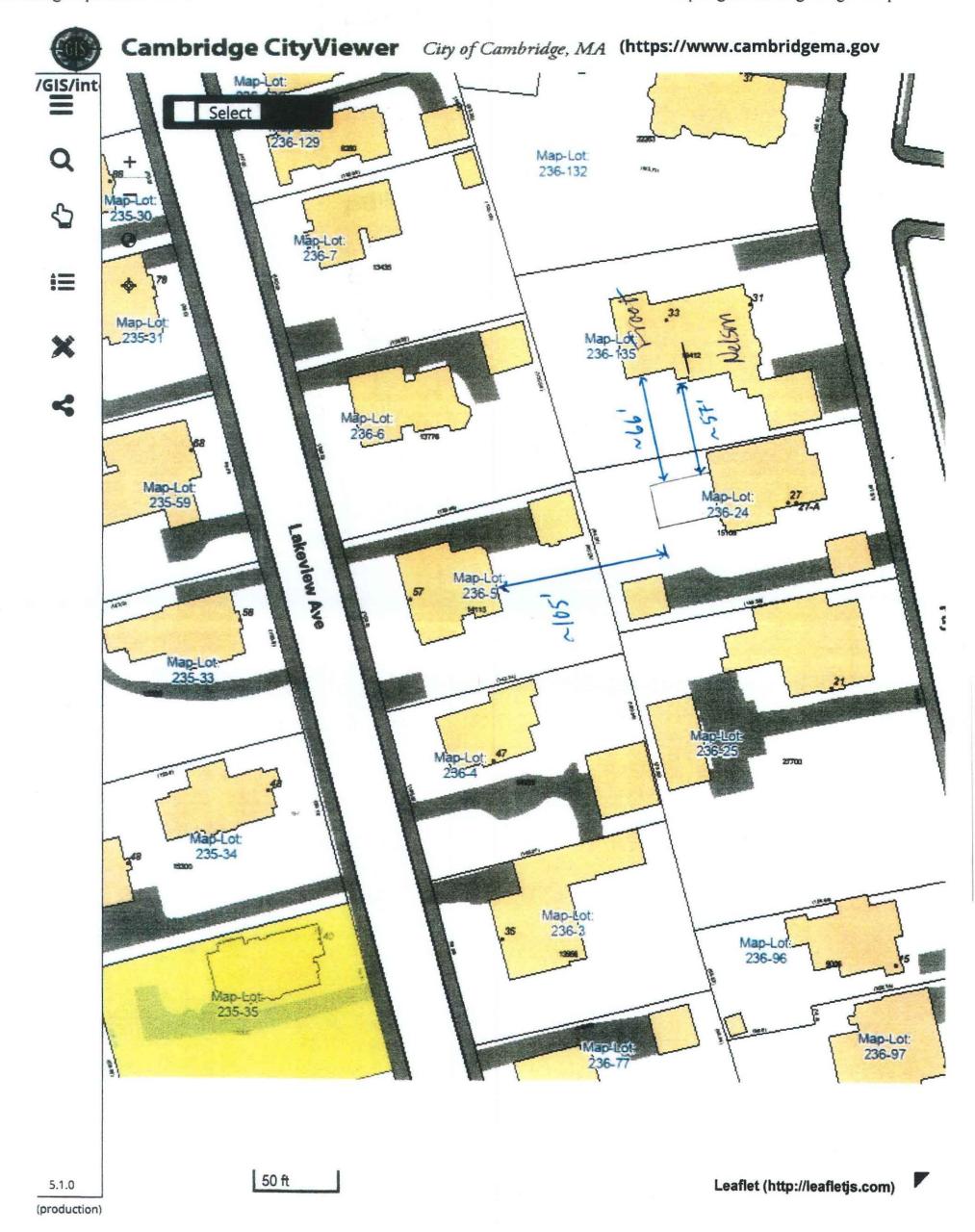
J AND P GROVE STREET REALTY TRUST 241 GROVE STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA

ZONING DISTRICT RESIDENCE A-2

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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

B7A-174527

Address: 941 (nove st

□ 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 Dwner, Petitioner, or 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: 6/9/22

Signature

Pacheco, Maria

From:

Eduardo Berlin <eberlin.post@gmail.com> on behalf of Eduardo Berlin

<eberlin@post.harvard.edu>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 7, 2022 1:15 PM

To:

Pacheco, Maria

Pia Agliati

Cc: Subject:

Opposition to two-family-dwelling in 241 Grove Street

Dear Miss Pacheco,

I am writing in opposition to the application for a variance that would allow for a two-family dwelling in 241 Grove Street, Cambridge, MA 02138, an area zoned for single-family exclusively (Residence A-2 Zone). I am a direct neighbor of the petitioner, have lived in my current address (267 Grove Street) and have been a Cambridge Resident since for 13 years.

I am a Registered Architect with the State of Massachusetts and a close collaborator with the Cambridge Community Development department (CDD), as the company I co-founded - Mapdwell - provides rooftop solar mapping for the City, allowing thousand of neighbors to access detailed information and modeling for clean energy in their homes.

I feel strongly about this case. As much as I empathize with the new neighbors moving in, and their need to adapt the existing non-conforming home to their needs, their petition is divided in two very different asks:

- one for Special Permit to construct an addition, which I support; and
- one for a Variance to allow for a second dwelling unit on the property which I strongly oppose.

While special permits and requirements to make homes adapted to our needs are quantitative improvements or modifications, a variance for man additional dwelling unit is a <u>qualitative difference</u>, which has nothing to do with adaptation, but simply modifies the nature of the property from a commercial standpoint, allowing to speculate and develop in areas that were zoned with clear rules.

I appreciate our neighborhood for what it is, and one of the reasons my family and I invested in this area was precisely because of what could and could not be allowed here. This is a single family, lower density area, in the edge of a valuable preservation land. It should stay like this or the City should allow for a public process with democratic involvement if there's a desire to modify this.

I understand that if the need is not commercially speculative, there are ways to allow for "in-laws apartments" within the Zone in question which could serve to accommodate family members, if that were the need. However, the addition of an additional dwelling unit as a separate entity should be entirely ruled out.

Allowing for this variance would directly affect my family and myself personally, would amount to an unfair playing field where some neighbors can build a second home to sell and some could not, and set a negative precedent for the preservation efforts of the Fresh Pond Park.

I am submitting this letter in strong opposition of this request and appeal to the Zoning Board to uphold the zoning standards that are preset for this land, and not provide allowances that have no bearing in quality of life but, rather, serve the needs of speculators or residents looking for financial gain beyond established and fair rules.

Sincerely,

Eduardo

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