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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

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BZA Application Form

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		General	i information		
The undersigned hereby petitions the Board of Zoning Appeal for the following:					
Special Permit:	X	Variance:	Appeal:		
PETITIONER: Ca	atherine Hayden and	I David Thurston			
PETITIONER'S ADDRESS: 30 Ash Street, Cambridge, MA 02138					
LOCATION OF P	LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 29 Ash St , Cambridge, MA				
TYPE OF OCCUPANCY: R-3 Single Family ZONING DISTRICT: Residence C-1 Zone					
REASON FOR PE	ETITION:				
/Dormer/					
DESCRIPTION	OF PETITIONER'S	S PROPOSAL:			
Extension of living	space into the base	ement, proposed	egress window wells and dormer additions.		
SECTIONS OF Z	ONING ORDINANCE	E CITED:			
Article: 5.000 Article: 8.000 Article: 10.000	le: 8.000 Section: 8.22.2.d & Sec. 8.22.2.c (Non-Conforming Structure)				
		riginal gnature(s):	(Petitioner (s) / Owner) Catherne + Woel (Print Name)		
	Te		617-840-7566 thornhouse90@gmail.com		

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BZA APPLICATION FORM - OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

To be completed by OWNER, signed before a notary and returned to The Secretary of the Board of Zoning Appeals.
I/We Catherine Huyden + David Thurston
Address: 30 Ash St
State that I/We own the property located at 29 ASUST,
which is the subject of this zoning application.
The record title of this property is in the name of Catherine Huyden David Thurston
*Pursuant to a deed of duly recorded in the date 5 1723 Middlesex South
County Registry of Deeds at Book 81543 , Page 43 ; or
Middlesex Registry District of Land Court, Certificate No
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SIGNATURE BY LAND OWNER OR AUTHORIZED TRUSTEE, OFFICER OR AGENT* *Written evidence of Agent's standing to represent petitioner may be requested.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, County of Norfolk
The above-name Catherine Hayden David Thurston personally appeared before me,
this 16th of August, 2023, and made oath that the above statement is true.
<u>Chlormanna</u> Notary
My commission expires November 30 2029 (Notary Seal).
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• If ownership is not shown in recorded deed, e.g. if by could order deed, or inheritance, please include documentation.
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BZA Application Form

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>29 Ash 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 existing house is non-conforming on a non-conforming lot. The setbacks remain the same for the dormer additions. One proposed window well will have a minor side yard violation, however this will not impact the ordinance as it is at grade and not visible from the street. The extension of living space into the basement is within the existing building envelope.

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

There is no change in use of the property or structure.

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:

There is no change in use of the property or structure.

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:

There is no change in use of the property or structure.

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 dormer additions and chimeny removals have been approved by the Cambridge Historical Commission.

*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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BLA Application Form

DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION

Applicant: Location:

Catherine Hayden and David Thurston

29 Ash St, Cambridge, MA

Present Use/Occupancy: R-3 Single Family

Zone: Residence C-1 Zone

Phone: 617-840-7566

Requested Use/Occupancy: R-3 Single Family

		Existing Conditions	Requested Conditions	Ordinance Requirements	
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA:		2,491 SF	3,518 SF	2,180 SF	(max.)
LOT AREA:		2,906 SF	2,906 SF	5,000 SF	(min.)
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA: ²		.86	1.21	.75	
LOT AREA OF EACH DWELLING UNIT		2,906 SF	2,906 SF	1,500 SF	
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	45'	45'	50'	
	DEPTH	64.85'	64.85'	64.85'	
SETBACKS IN FEET:	FRONT	23.1'	40.2'	21.7'	
	REAR	1.3'	1.3'	17.4'	
	LEFT SIDE	19.7'	16.1'	17.4'	
	RIGHT SIDE	2.9'	2.9'	17.4'	
SIZE OF BUILDING:	HEIGHT	31.9'	31.9'	35.0'	
	WIDTH	55.3'	55.3'	55.3'	
	LENGTH	22.4'	22.4'	22.4'	
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:		30.3%	30.3%	30%	
NO, OF DWELLING UNITS:		1	1	1	
<u>NO. OF PARKING</u> SPACES:		2	2	1	
NO. OF LOADING AREAS:		0	0	0	
DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG. ON SAME LOT		NA	NA	NA	

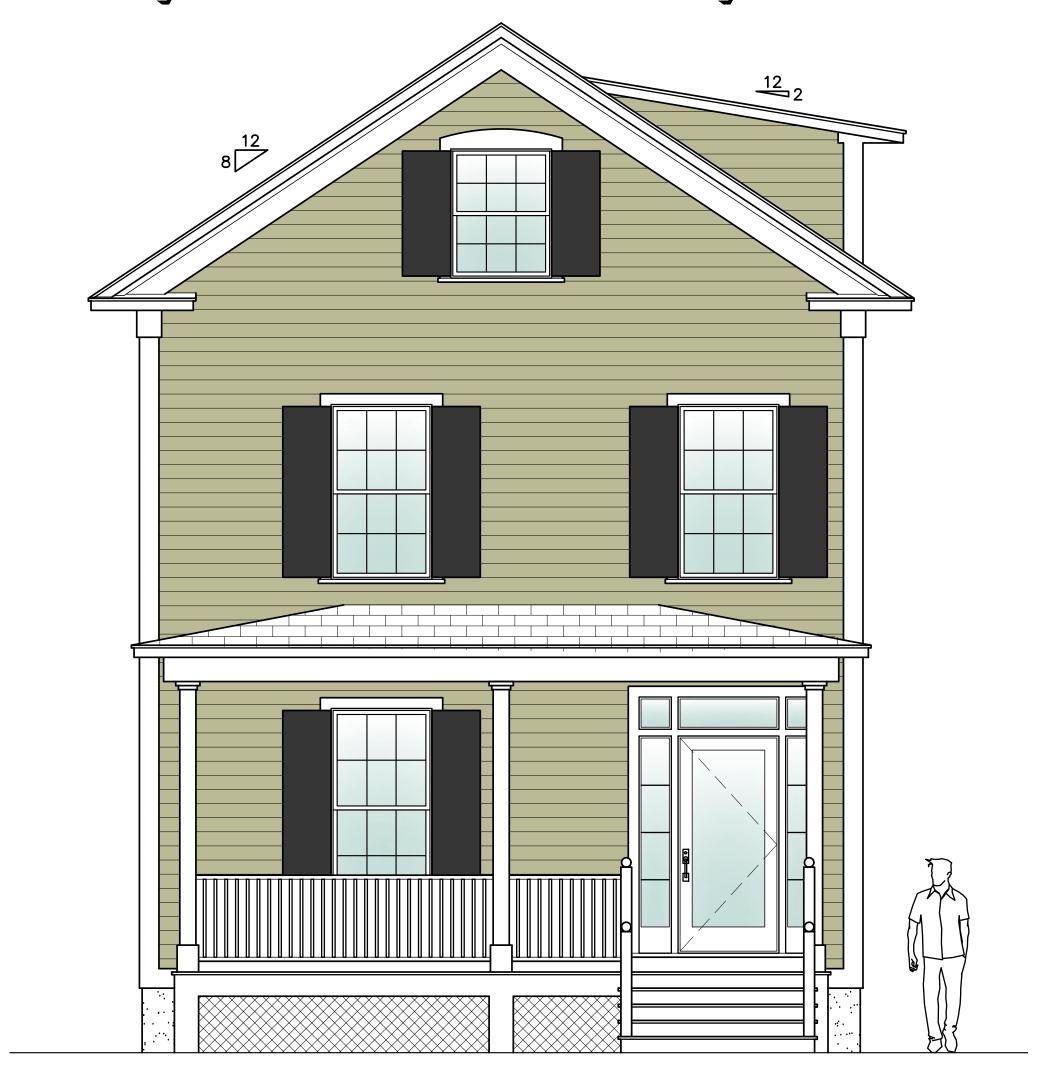
Describe where applicable, other occupancies on the same lot, the size of adjacent buildings on same lot, and type of construction proposed, e.g; wood frame, concrete, brick, steel, etc.:

NA

- 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'.

EXTENSION OF LIVING SPACE INTO BASEMENT AND DORMER ADDITION

29 ASH STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS



KEY

SMOKE DETECTOR

CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR

1 HR FIRE-RATED WALL FROM EXTERIOR

HEAT DETECTOR

45 MIN. DOOR

1-1/2 HOUR DOOR

1 HOUR CLG. ABOVE

EX'G WALL TO REMAIN

WALL TO BE REMOVED

WINDOW TYPE

NEW WALL

FAN

LOCUS MAP

Mt Auburn St

ZONING SUMMARY

ZONE: RES C-1

Existing	Propo
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A = A IIowed F = Forbidden C = Conditional

Dimensional Regulations: Table					
	Code Requirement		Existing Condition	Proposed Project (Dormers, Window Wells)	Notes
RES C-1	Use 1	Any Other Use			
Max FAR	0.75		0.86	1.21	EX 2,491 SF PRO 3,518 SF
Lot Area Minimum	5,000 SF		_		
Min Lot Area per Unit	1,500 SF		_	_	
Total Required Lot Size	5,000 SF		2,906 SF	2,906 SF	
Min Required Lot Width	50'		45'	45'	
Min Front Yard	21.7'		23.1'	23.1'	3 2 .0 '(H)+5 4 .9 '(L) /4 = 2 1.7 '(c l S T R E E T) O R 10 'M IN .
Min Side Yard	17.4'		19.7' / 2.9'	16.1' / 2.9'	3 2 .0 ' (H)+5 4 .9 ' (L) <i>l</i> 5 = 17 .4 '
Min Rear Yard	17.4'		1.3'	1.3'	3 2 .0 ' (H) + 5 4 .9 ' (L) <i>l</i> 5 = 17 .4 '
Max Building Height	35'		32.0'	30.2'	
Ratio of Open Space to Lot Area	30.0%		30.3%	30.3%	881SFNDCHANGE

CODE SUMMARY

EX'G TYPE 5 CONSTRUCTION EX'G R-3 USE GROUP (SINGLE-FAMILY)

SOIL TESTING

NOTE: THERE HAS BEEN NO SOIL TESTING PROVIDED TO THIS OFFICE FOR THIS PROJECT. THE SOIL BEARING CAPACITY OF THIS FOUNDATION SYSTEM AS DESIGNED IS BASED ON A 2 TON MINIMUM SOIL BEARING CAPACITY. SOIL BORINGS SHOULD BE PERFORMED TO VERIFY THAT THE MINIMUM DESIGN BEARING CAPACITIES ARE ACHIEVABLE. IF A SUITABLE SOIL THAT CAN NOT WITHSTAND A 2 TON BEARING CAPACITY IS NOT AVAILABLE, THAN THIS OFFICE SHOULD BE CONTACTED BY THE CONTRACTOR OR OWNER FOR A FOUNDATION REDESIGN.

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Company Inc.

One Billings Road Quincy, MA 02171

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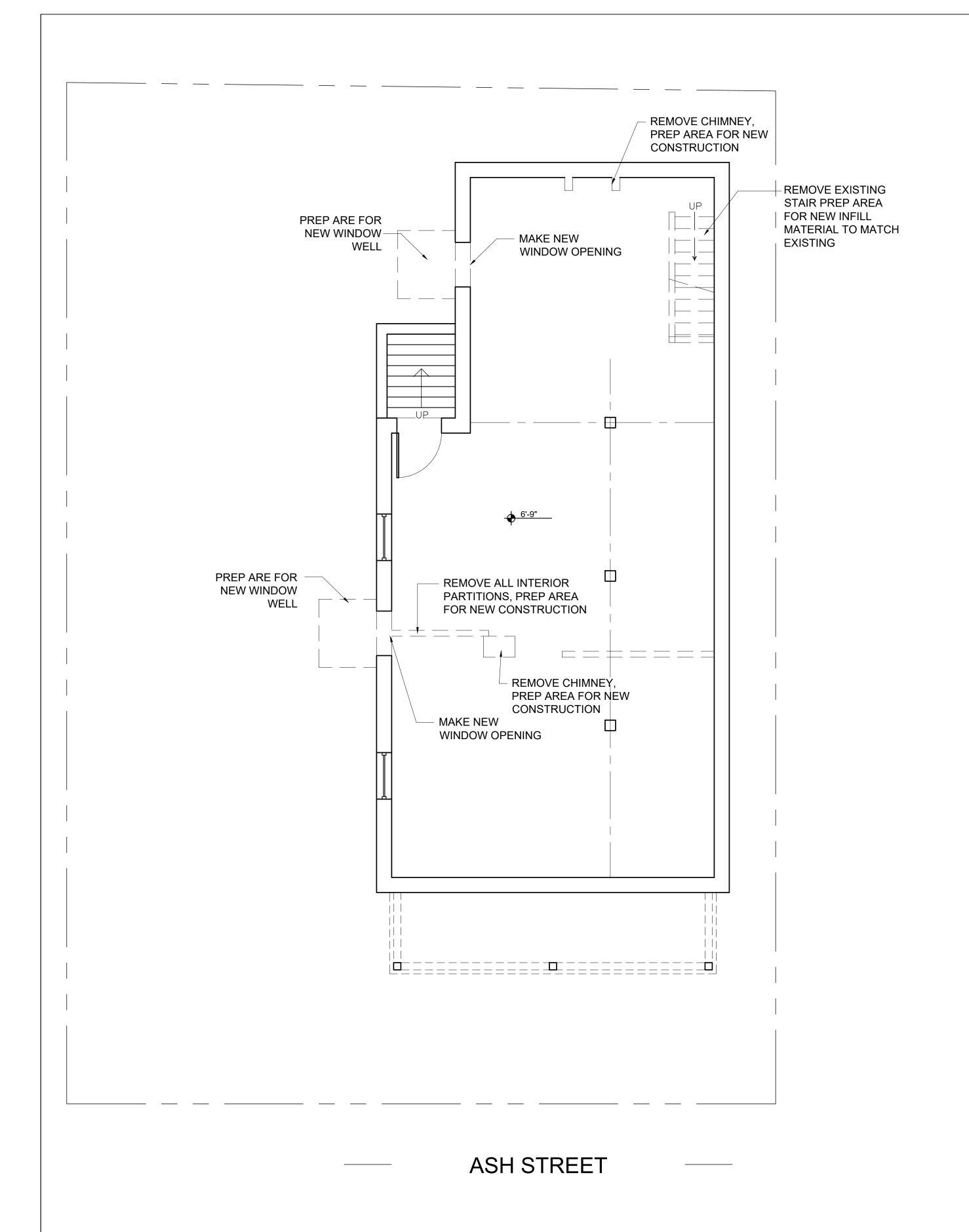
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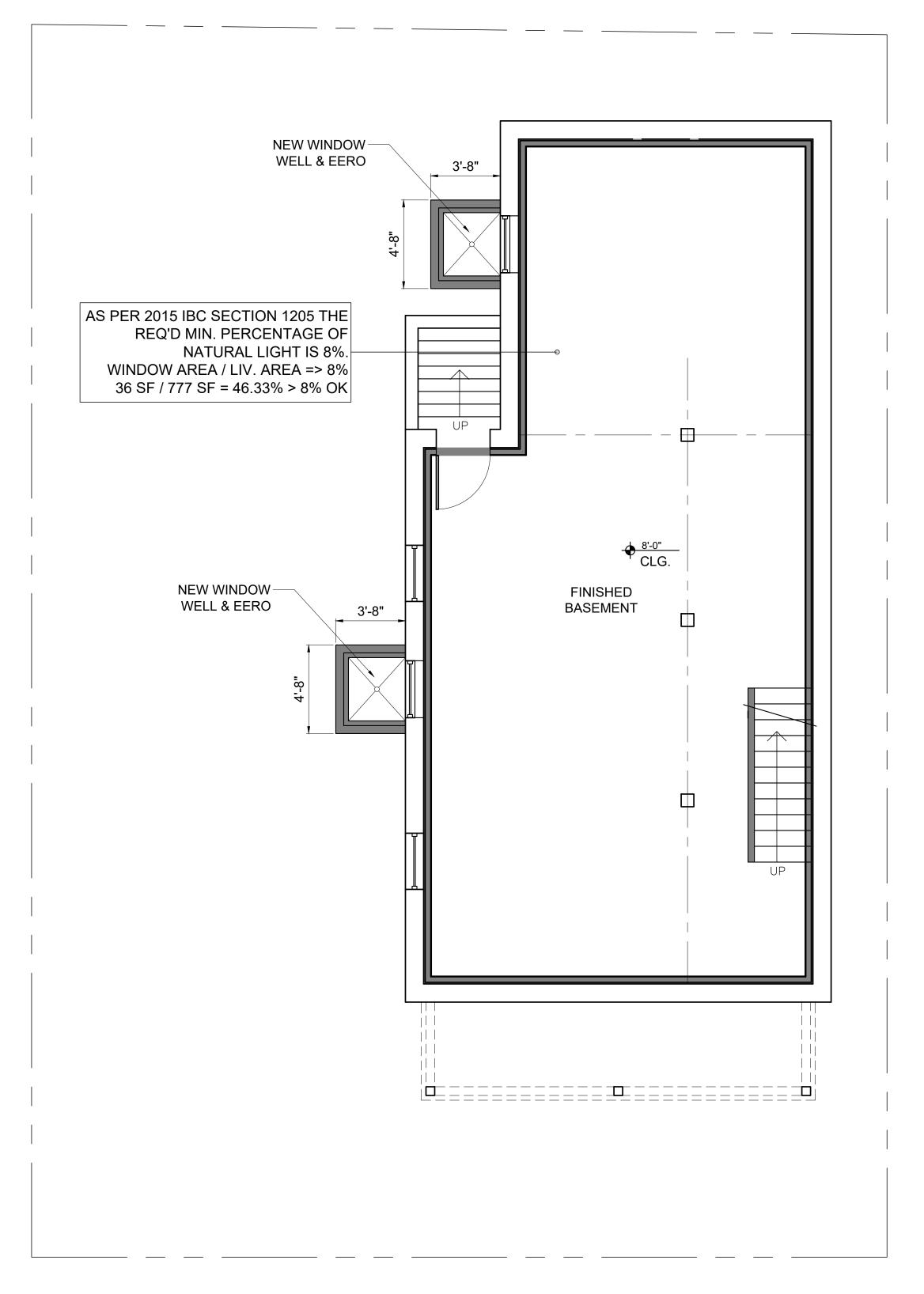
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ASH STREET

1 EXISTING/DEMO BASEMENT PLAN - 0 SF

PROPOSED BASEMENT PLAN

1/4" = 1'-0"

959 SF

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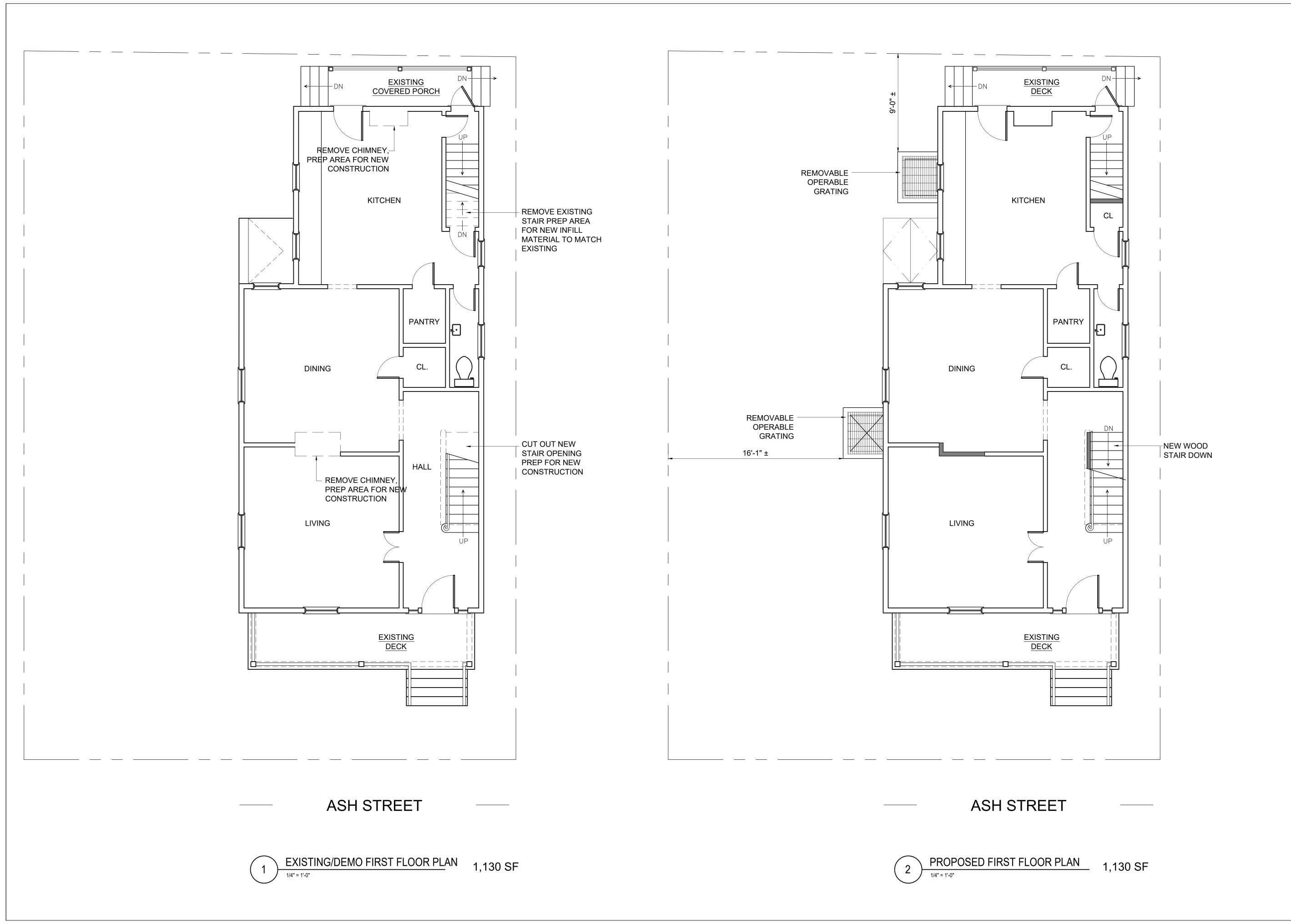
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One Billings Road Quincy, MA 02171
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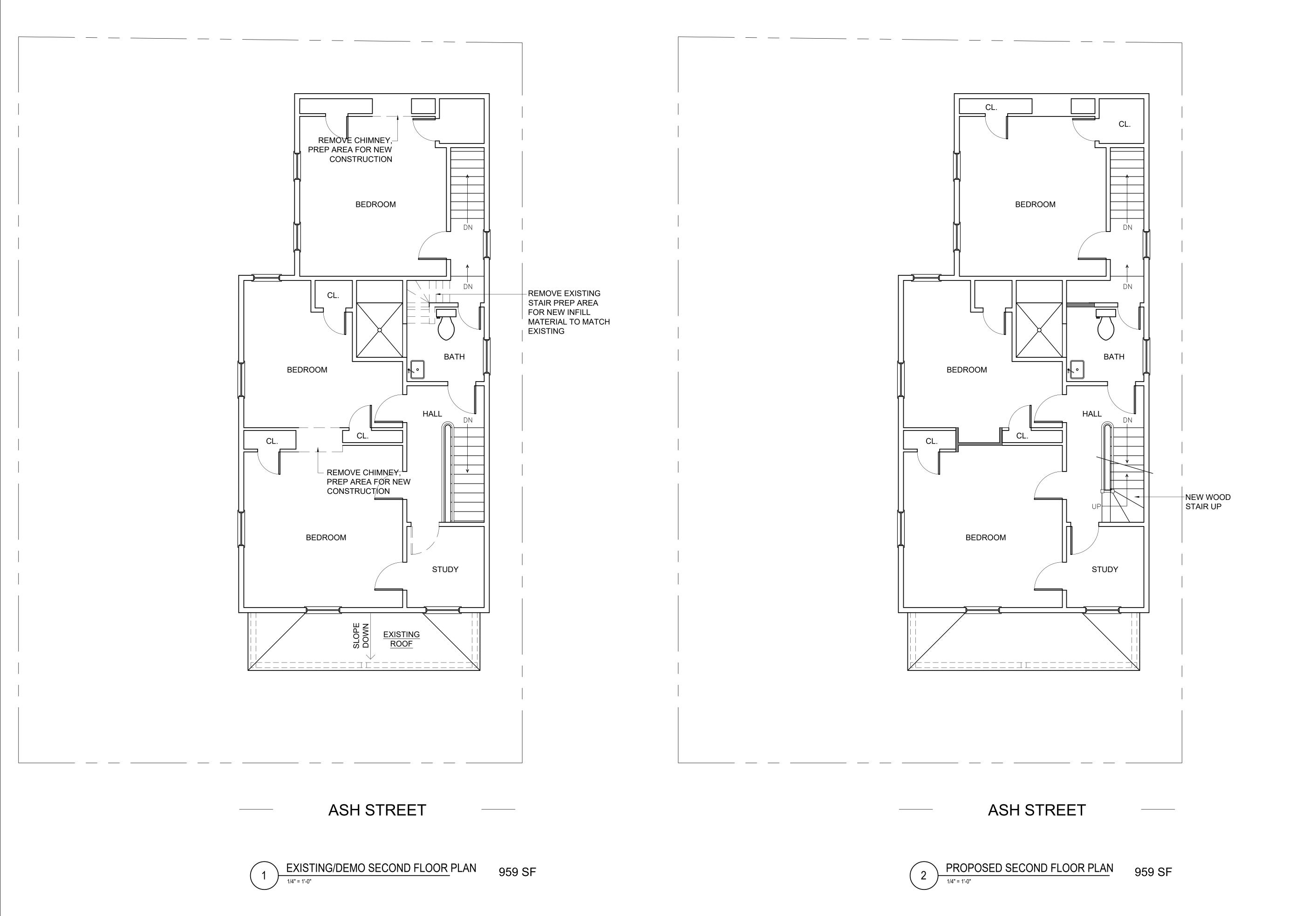
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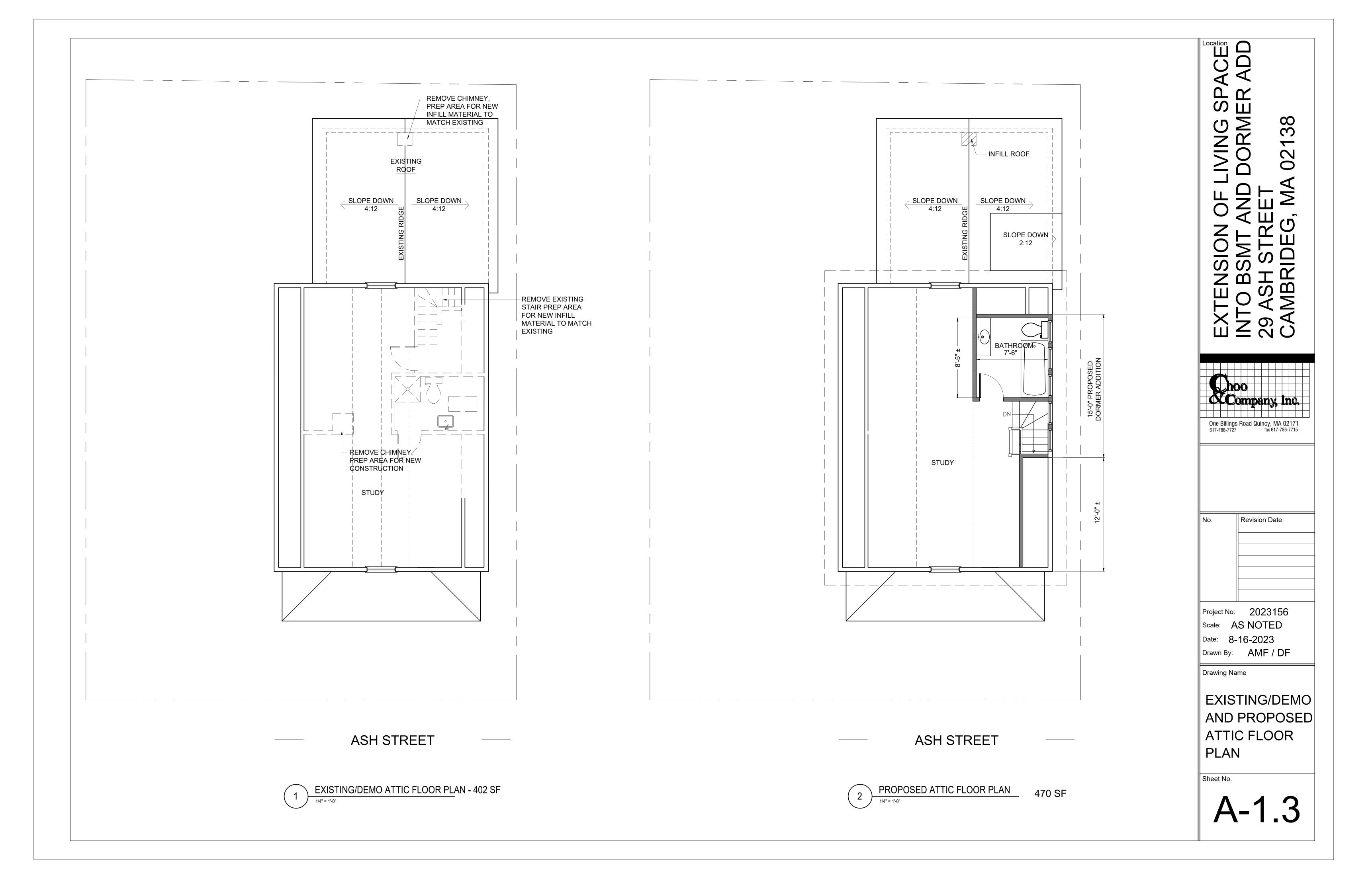
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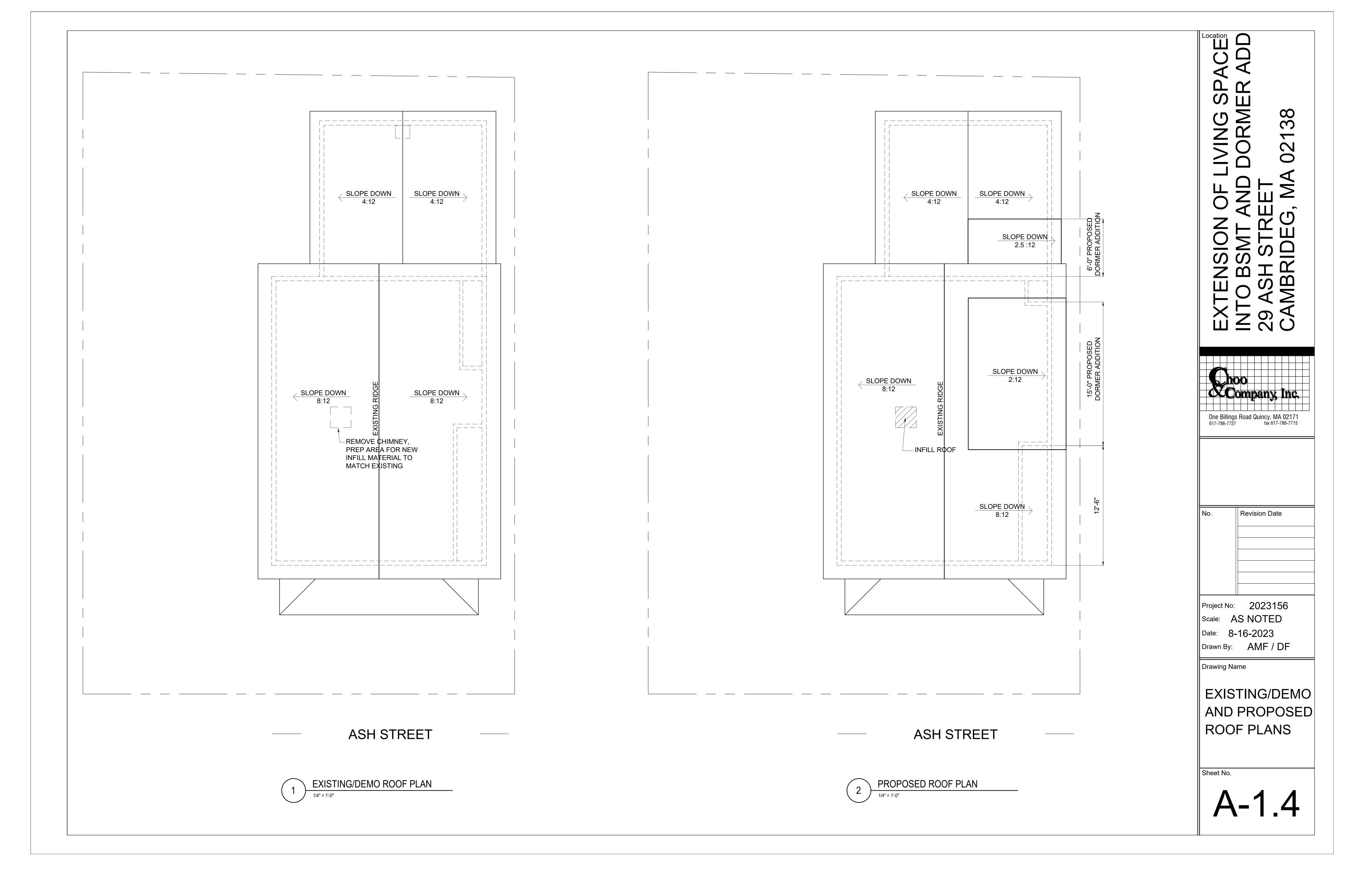
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23 May 2023

Half Crown-Marsh Neighborhood Conservation Commission

831 Mass. Avc.

Cambridge MA 02139

Dear Members of the Commission,

I am writing in warm support of Catherine Hayden's and David Thurston's proposal at 29 Ash Street to add a dormer to the east roof, decrease the slope of the roof on the rear ell, and remove old chimneys.

Sincepely,

James Woodman

27 Ash Street

JAMES WOODMAN

27 ASH STREET, CAMERIDGE MA 02138

janut_toodman@roment.net 617.661.7033

Half Crown-Marsh Neighborhood Conservation Commission 831 Massachusetts 2rd floor Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Members of the Commission,

We are writing in support of Catherine Hayden's proposal at 29 Ash St to add a dormer to the east roof, to decrease the slope of the roof on the rear ell and remove old chimneys.

Sincerely,

Anne Gergen David Gergen Joseph S/18/23

31 Ash St

Half Crown-Marsh Neighborhood Conservation Commission 831 Massachusetts 2nd floor Cambridge , MA 02139

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Sincerely,

Eirene Kontopoulos

Anthony Philippakis

32 Ash st

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Sincerely,

Jane Kervick John Costello

36 Ash st # 100

5/18/25

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Sincerely,

Sharissa Jones Daniel Medwed

154 Mt Auburn St

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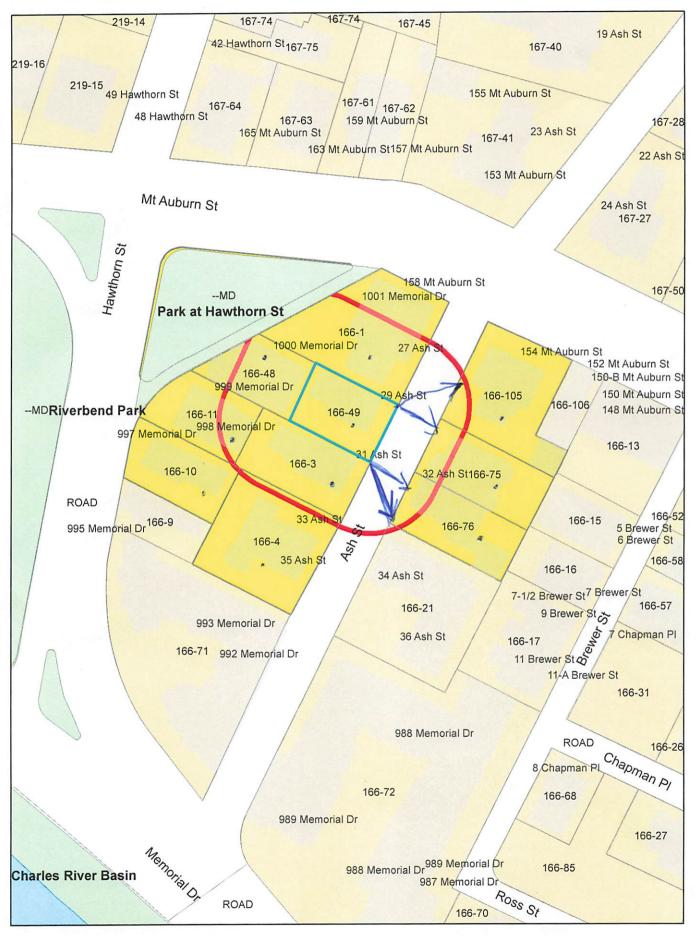
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Park at Hawthorn St C/O City of Cambridge Megan Bayer City Solicitor Petitioner

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