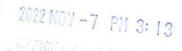


CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

831 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge MA 02139

617-349-6100



BZA Application Form

BZA Number: 198928

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PETITIONER'S A	DDRESS: 2 Brewer St	, MA, Cambrid	ge 02138	
LOCATION OF P	ROPERTY: 2 Brewer S	<u>St , Cambridge</u>	<u>e, MA</u>	
TYPE OF OCCU	PANCY: Mixed		ZONING DISTRICT	: Residence C-1 Zone
REASON FOR P	ETITION:			
/Proposed Garage	e/			
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			THEODORE	(Print Name)
	Addr Tel. I E-Ma	No.	2 BRZWZZ 617-576-2500 tg@galantearchitecture	

Date: _____ 3. 22

DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION

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Phone: 617-576-2500

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Pursuant to a deed of duly recorded in the date July 31, 2014, Middlesex South County Registry of Deeds at Book 64010 , Page 155 ; or Middlesex Registry District of Land Court, Certificate No Book Page SIGNATURE BY LAND OWNER OR AGENT *Written evidence of Agent's standing to represent petitioner may be requested.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, County of Middle Self
The above-name Theodore Galant personally appeared before me, this 4 of Ott , 2002, and made oath that the above statement is true. Notary
My commission expires (Notary Sealth, Notary Public, Commonwealth of Massachusetts My Commission Expires November 4, 2022

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Theodore Galante 2 Brewer Street Cambridge, MA 02138

November	28,	2022
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TO: Maria Pacheco
COMPANY City of Cambridge, ISD

RE: 198928 Board of Appeal (BZA) Special Permit/Variance

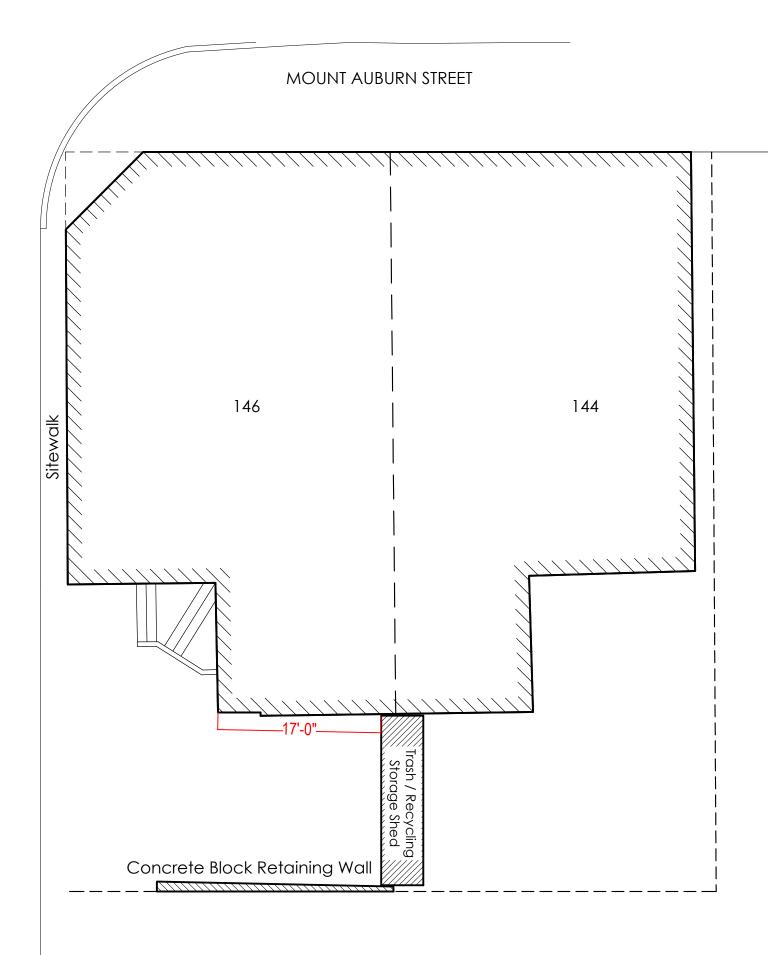
VIA EMAIL: mpacheco@cambridgema.gov

Dear Ms. Pacheco

Thank you for your help to date on the application for variance #198928. I respectfully withdraw this application to build a garage. Please let me know if any additional information is required.

Thank you,

Ted Galante



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Existing Conditions Site Plan

Date/Issued For 07.06.21

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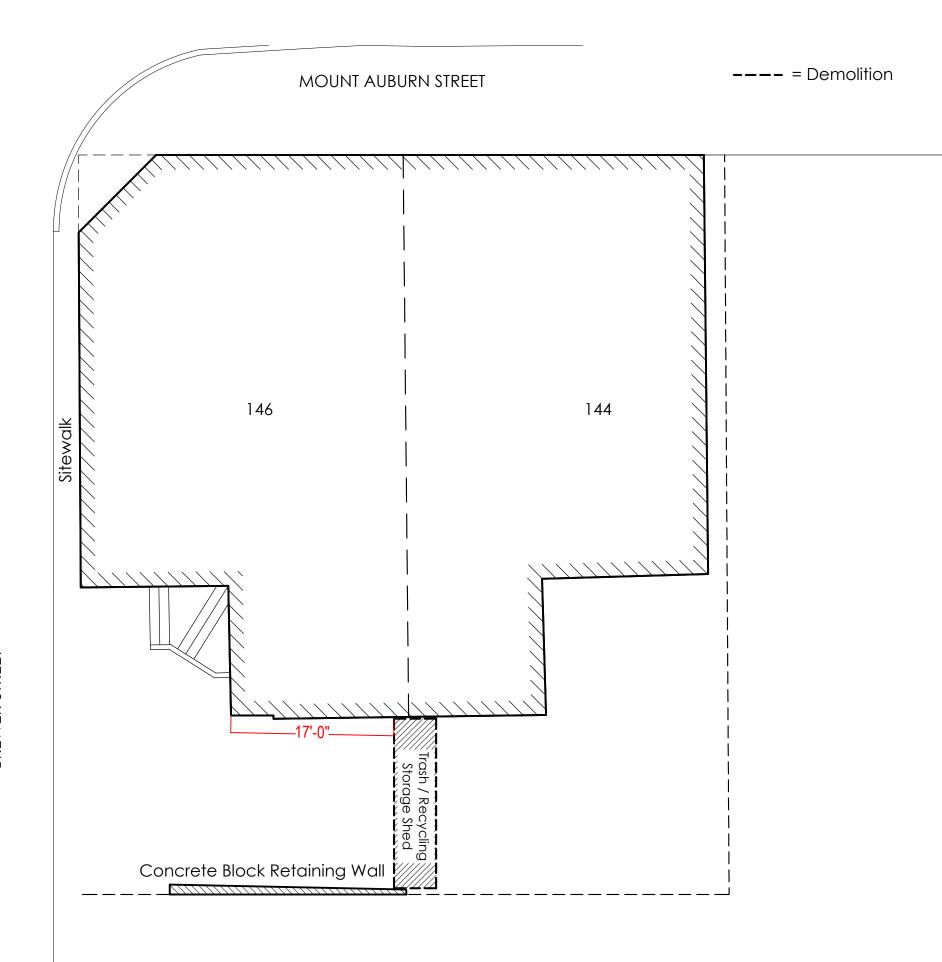
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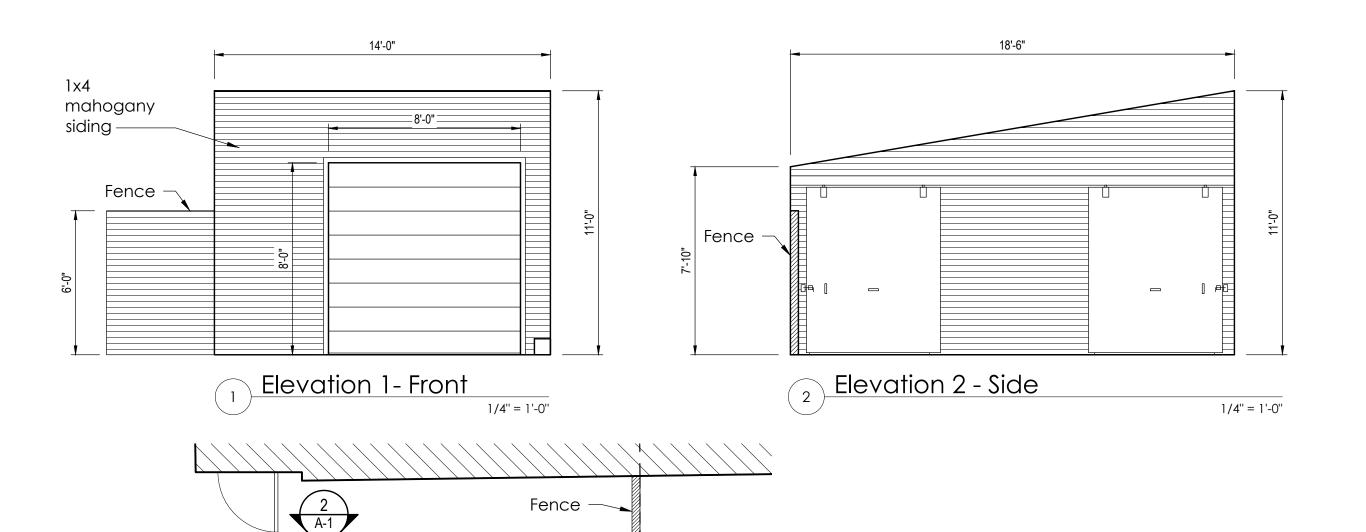
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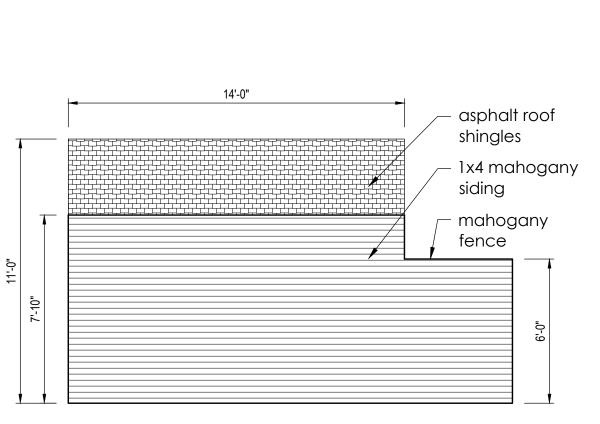
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1/4" = 1'-0"

Sliding Doors

Bicycles

17'-6"



Garage Plan

Overhead

Existing Concrete

Block Wall

Door

8'-0"

Trash & Recycling

Elevation 3 - Rear 1/4" = 1'-0" TGAS THE GALANTE ARCHITECTURE STUDIO INC

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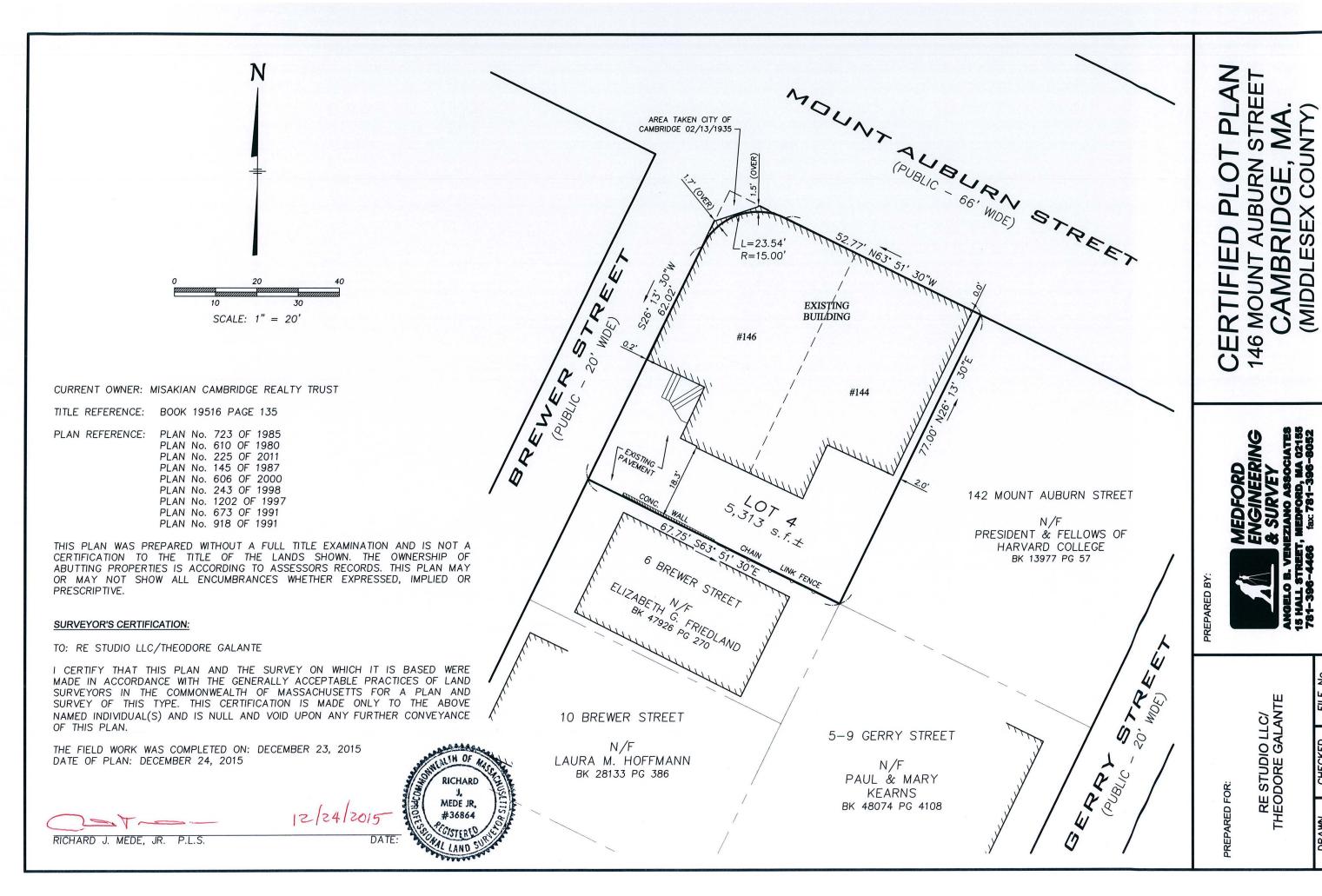
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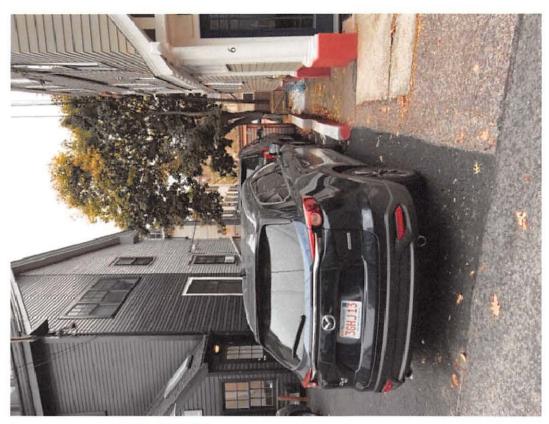
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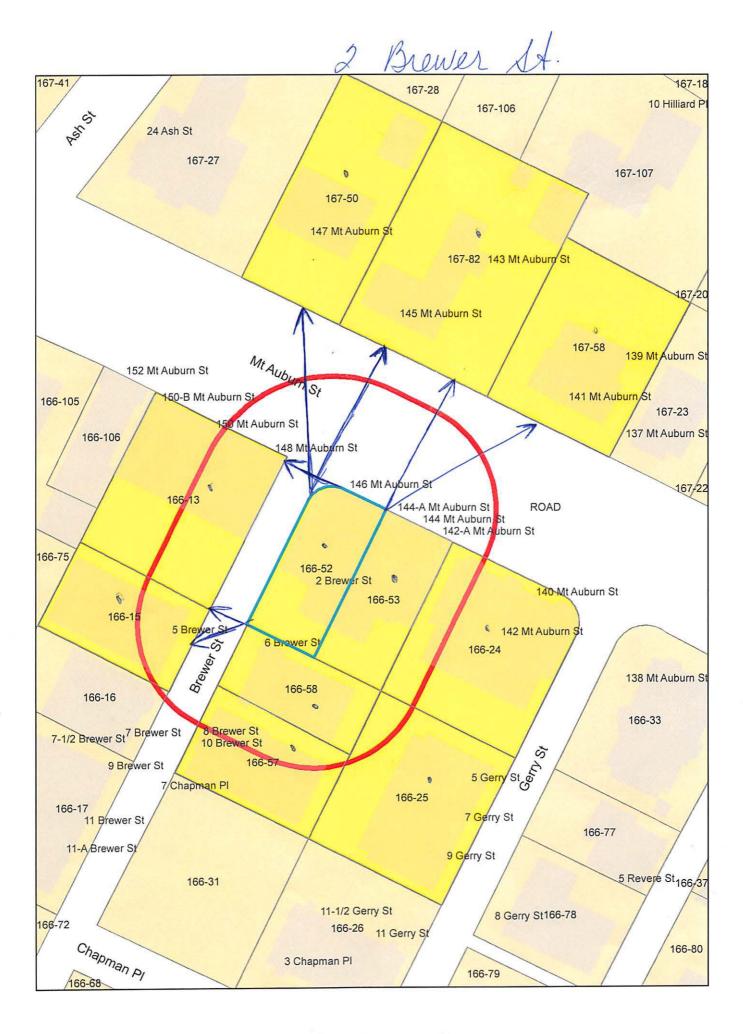


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Pacheco, Maria

From:

Stephen Lawrence <stephenlawrence@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, November 27, 2022 8:05 PM

To:

Pacheco, Maria

Subject:

Opposition to variance request BZA #198928

Attachments:

2brewerstbza198928documents.pdf

Hello Ms. Pacheco,

I'm writing to voice my opposition to BZA #198928, a petition for a variance for a proposed garage at 2 Brewer St., Cambridge, MA 02138, submitted by RE Studio LLC C/O Theodore Galante AIA LEED AP. I have attached the application to this email for easy reference.

I am the Trustee of the Holly Moody Lawrence III Trust, which owns Unit #2 at 6 Brewer St., which is adjacent to 2 Brewer Street. Along with the other two owners of 6 Brewer St., I am opposed to this variance being granted.

The applicant is requesting to build a new garage with a wall directly on the property line between our properties. There are several ways in which this would negatively impact our property.

- 1) Water flow toward the foundation of our property. Currently, a short retaining wall along the property line directs water which falls in the parking space to flow toward Brewer Street. Replacing the retaining wall with a large garage, whose roof slopes toward Gerry St., will likely result in a significant increase in water from rain and melting snow directed toward our building. We already struggle with water and damp issues in the basement and I fear this could damage our foundation.
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The applicant argues that this proposal does not detract from the intent of the ordinance, because of the environmental benefit of having a covered garage. On the contrary, I believe that maintaining sufficient open light and space between buildings is exactly the function of this section of the ordinance.

Additionally, though I am not an expert, the described environmental benefits seem likely to be negligible, and likely to be negated by the environmental impact of the construction.

I am confused by the applicant's suggestion that the garage would increase parking space from 3 cars to 4 cars. The images which the applicant attached to the application show 4 cars parked on the property in the current configuration, with what appears to be room for a 5th, while the drawing of the proposed garage only shows room for 4.

I plan to attend the hearing on December 1 to further discuss these issues. Please let me know if you have any questions about these concerns which you would like me to address prior to the meeting. I appreciate you taking the time to read through my concerns.

Thank you, Stephen Lawrence 1-512-508-0011 stephenlawrence@gmail.com



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Date: 1. 3. 22

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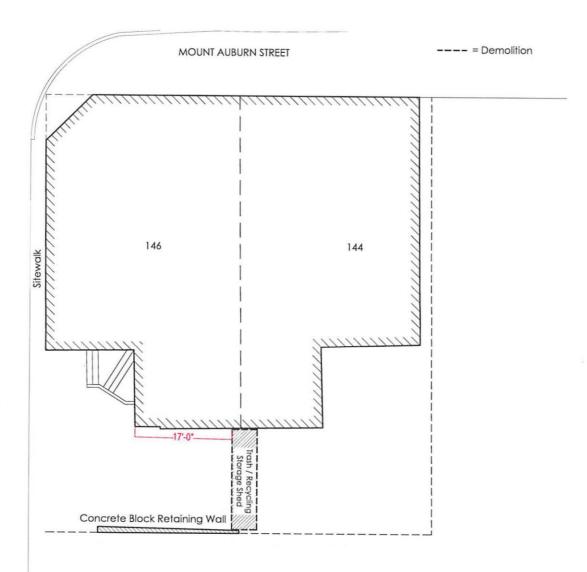
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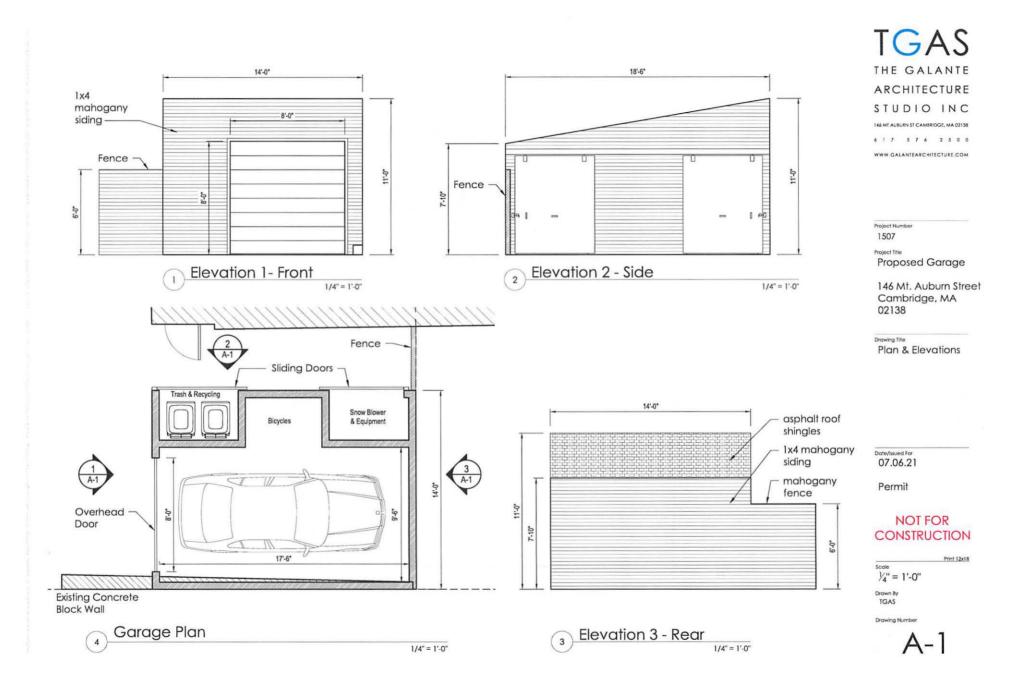
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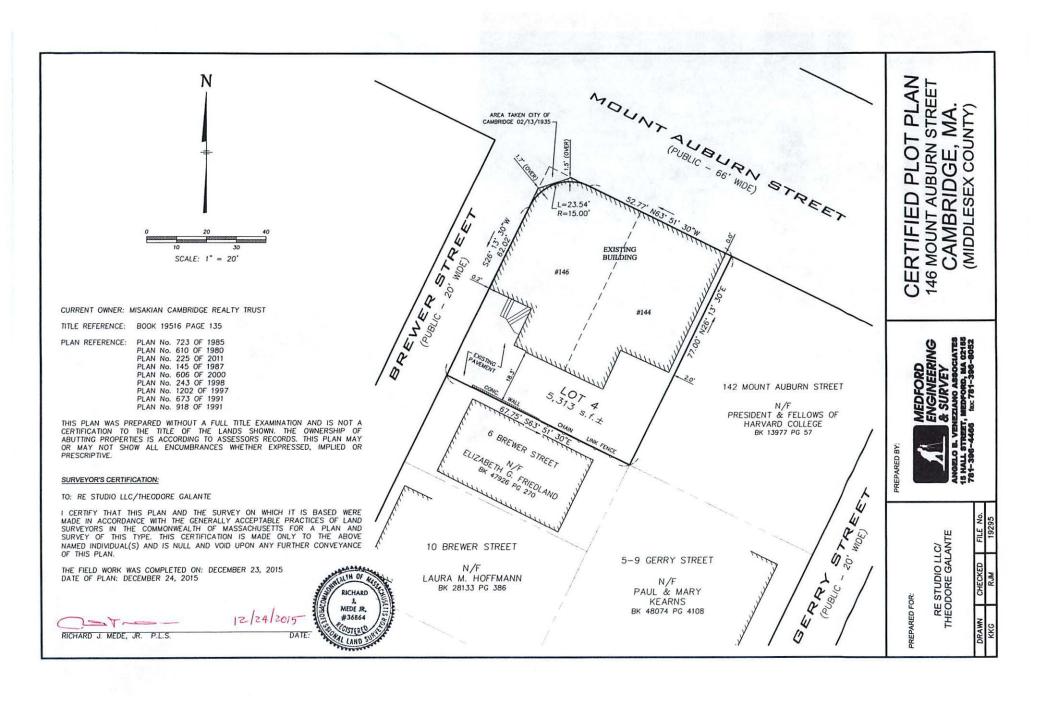
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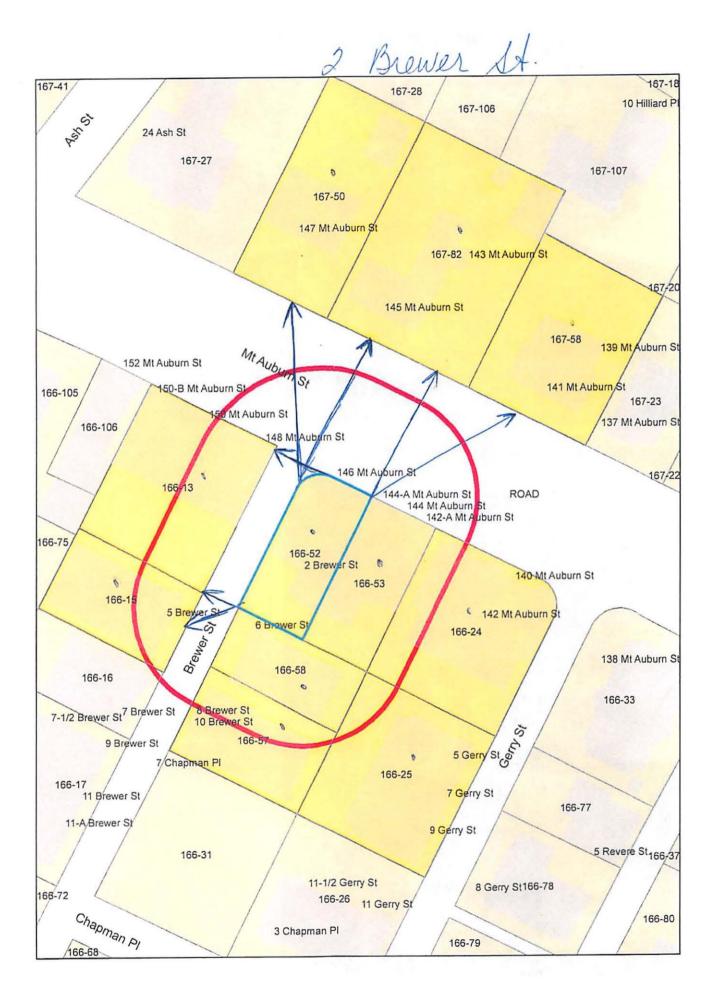
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Subject:

Opposition to variance request BZA #198928

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Dear Ms. Pacheco and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals,

We are writing in opposition to BZA #198928, a petition for a variance for a proposed garage at 2 Brewer St., Cambridge, MA 02138, submitted by RE Studio LLC C/O Theodore Galante AIA LEED AP. For reference, the petition is attached to this email.

We are the Trustees of the 6 Brewer Street Unit 3 Realty Trust, which owns Unit #3 at 6 Brewer Street, which is adjacent to 2 Brewer Street. We are also former long-time residents of Brewer Street, and we are deeply concerned about the negative impact both on our property and on the character and safety of the Brewer Street neighborhood, should the petitioner's variance be granted.

The petitioner's application proposes erecting an 11-foot high one-car garage extending along the property line between 2 Brewer Street and 6 Brewer Street, in direct violation of the long-standing setback requirements for our residential neighborhood. While the petition acknowledges that this proposed structure would require multiple zoning variances, the petition fails to disclose that the resulting structure would create a long, narrow alley between the proposed garage and the 6 Brewer residence.

Like most of the buildings on Brewer Street, 6 Brewer is a three-story wood-frame residential building constructed more than 100 years ago, well before current zoning regulations were enacted. The 6 Brewer Street residence is situated only three feet from the property line, consistent with a number of the similar surrounding residences on Brewer Street, including adjacent properties at 5 Brewer Street and 8-10 Brewer Street, and in keeping with the building standards for the neighborhood in the late 1800's and early 1900's.

As the members of the Zoning Board know well, Cambridge has over the past century created and enforced numerous setback regulations in its residential neighborhoods to limit the building density and maintain an open, safe, livable environment for its residents. The petitioner's application proposes to overturn those quality-of-life principles through the granting of a variance – not to enhance quality of life in the neighborhood, but simply to cover the petitioner's car during business hours. In the process, the proposed garage would create significant and permanent damage to his neighbors at 6 Brewer Street and to the safety and character of the Brewer Street neighborhood.

The construction of a one-car garage, as proposed in the petitioner's application, would create a negative impact on 6 Brewer Street and the surrounding neighborhood in numerous ways:

- <u>Creation of a long, narrow alleyway between 2 Brewer Street and 6 Brewer Street</u>. Given the existing configuration of
 the 6 Brewer Street building, the construction of the proposed garage would create a long 3-foot wide alley! This
 narrow alleyway would stretch nearly 18 feet between the properties, and it would, from the street, tower at a height
 of 11 feet. Creation of a narrow alley contravenes both the letter and the underlying intent of the zoning setback
 regulations for the Brewer Street neighborhood.
- Loss of sunlight and view for 6 Brewer residents. There are a number of first-floor windows at 6 Brewer that face out toward 2 Brewer Street. These windows currently provide natural light and an open view for both the first-floor residents at 6 Brewer as well as for the 6 Brewer entrance foyer and stairway. The proposed garage would block sunlight to most of those windows and replace the open view with a monolithic blank wall only three feet away from those 6 Brewer Street windows. This would create a permanent quality-of-life impingement on the residents of 6 Brewer Street.
- Enclosure of the 6 Brewer exterior walkway. The walkway along the side of the 6 Brewer Street residence is used regularly, primarily to provide access between the street and the rear entrance to the building. The building's rear entrance provides the only direct passage to the basement, where residents store their possessions, including bicycles. The addition of a tall wall directly abutting the property line will effectively close in the walkway, thus making it more difficult for 6 Brewer residents to move their bicycles and other possessions in and out of the building. The closing in of the walkway on both sides will also make the new alley a natural collection point for leaves, branches, litter, and other debris, which will further impede the ability of 6 Brewer residents to use the walkway.
- Water flow toward the 6 Brewer Street building foundation. The Brewer Street neighborhood slopes down from Mt. Auburn Street toward the Charles River, and the current low retaining wall at the edge of the 2 Brewer Street parking lot directs rainwater toward the street. Replacing the low retaining wall with a large garage, with a roof sloping backward toward the adjacent parking lot behind 144 Mt. Auburn Street, will likely result in a significant increase in water from rain and melting snow flowing toward the back part of the 6 Brewer foundation. As with most of the buildings in the neighborhood (including 2 Brewer Street), 6 Brewer has a century-old stone and masonry foundation that is prone to dampness and leaks; increasing the amount of water flow toward our basement will likely add to those issues and potentially damage our foundation.
- Loss of an off-street parking space. Despite the petitioner's claim that "Off street parking is maintained as it is currently used", the petitioner regularly parks FIVE cars in the 2 Brewer Street lot. As the petitioner's own application clearly indicates, the construction of the proposed garage would reduce the available off-street parking to a maximum of FOUR vehicles. As such, a current off-street parking space would be eliminated, worsening the existing on-street parking issues in the neighborhood.
- Exacerbation of an existing hazard to pedestrians. Already, the petitioner struggles to properly park four (or five) vehicles in the 2 Brewer parking lot; whenever two vehicles are parked front-to-back, the vehicles must be parked bumper-to-bumper to fit into the lot. When larger vehicles are parked front-to-back in the lot, the vehicles closest to the street often protrude across the sidewalk and occasionally even into Brewer Street, which is a narrow one-way street. The addition of an enclosed garage structure will exacerbate this situation, as it will by definition take up more space than a single car. The inevitable result will be that cars parked at 2 Brewer will more frequently block the sidewalk forcing pedestrians to walk into the street to get past the parked cars. At worst, a large vehicle, such as a contractor's van, could potentially extend far enough into the street to impede the passage of emergency vehicles.
- Loss of open space in the neighborhood. Due to the historical density of residences on Brewer Street, the largest open areas are parking lots, not only at 2 Brewer but also behind 144 Mt. Auburn, across the street behind Darwin's, and two buildings away at 8-10 Brewer Street. The construction of an 11-foot-high garage (to cover only the petitioner's vehicle) would diminish and break up the already limited open space, thus detracting from the livability and character of the neighborhood.

• Creation of a potential safety issue for the neighborhood. Because the parking lots at 2 Brewer and 144 Mt. Auburn collectively create a significant open space between the buildings, any activity in the 2 Brewer and 144 Mt. Auburn parking lots or on the 6 Brewer walkway is easily visible, thus discouraging any illicit activities such as vandalism, public urination, vagrancy, and loitering. However, the construction of the proposed garage will create two narrow enclosed spaces — the 17-foot-long alleyway between the garage and 6 Brewer and another 17-foot-long dead-end alley between the 2 Brewer main structure and the garage — as well as hiding the parking lot at 144 Mt. Auburn from street view. Both of the new narrow passageways and the newly-shielded parking lot at 144 Mt. Auburn would be ongoing magnets for illicit activity, detracting from the safe character of the neighborhood and endangering neighborhood residents and visitors. In particular, the 6 Brewer Street entrance would be directly adjacent to the newly-created alleyway, posing a safety risk to the residents of 6 Brewer (most of whom are 60+ years old) every time they enter or exit their home.

While the petitioner makes no mention of any of these negative impacts on his immediate neighbors or on the surrounding Brewer Street neighborhoods, he makes highly self-serving assertions about the benefits. He claims that his proposed garage "matches other properties with garages in the neighborhood", but in fact there are NO other garages on Brewer Street. He claims having a single car covered will "significantly" reduce the overall city heat island effect — an absurd overstatement in a city of 115,000 residents — but disguises the negative environmental impact of a lost off-street parking space. He asserts that "snow removal is reduced by the size of one parking space"... but of course the snow does not magically disappear — it simply slides off his sloped garage roof onto the parking lot of a neighbor, who will now have to remove that snow.

But most egregiously, the petitioner claims that "This proposal... allows the Ordinance to help improve our City" when in fact the petitioner's proposal helps improve only HIS OWN situation, at the expense of his neighbors and in contravention of Cambridge zoning regulations. If the petitioner, who is an architect, truly wishes to cover his car, he could do so without violating the City's long-established setback regulations by modifying his structure at 2 Brewer rather than seeking a variance to build an oversized one-car garage that would sit only three feet from a multi-family residence. Instead, he seeks to maximize his benefit at the expense of his neighbors.

Tellingly, though the petitioner has been at 2 Brewer Street for many years, he has never once discussed his proposal with any of the owners or residents at 6 Brewer Street. In fact, though we have owned our 6 Brewer unit for 20+ years and are listed in the petitioner's application, the petitioner has to date not provided us with any notification of his intent to seek a variance, despite the fact that the 6 Brewer Street owners will clearly suffer the greatest negative impact if the variance is granted.

In summary, we urge the Zoning Board of Appeals to reject the petitioner's application, to prevent significant and permanent damage to his neighbors and a contravention of the City's zoning regulations.

Sincerely,

Christopher Rich & Natalie Ardeel

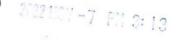


CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

831 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge MA 02139

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BZA Application Form

BZA Number: 198928

		Genera	I Information	
The undersigned	hereby petitions th	ne Board of Zoning	Appeal for the following	g:
Special Permit: _		Variance: X		Appeal:
PETITIONER: R	E Studio LLC C/O	Theodore Galante	AIA LEED AP	
PETITIONER'S A	DDRESS: 2 Brew	er St, MA, Cambrid	ige 02138	
LOCATION OF P	ROPERTY: 2 Brev	wer St , Cambridg	e, MA	
TYPE OF OCCU	PANCY: Mixed		ZONING DISTRICT	: Residence C-1 Zone
REASON FOR PI	ETITION:			
/Proposed Garage	e/			
DESCRIPTION	OF PETITIONE	R'S PROPOSAL:		
Remove a non-co	nforming shed and	d build a new single	e car garage while mair	ntaining all other off street parking
SECTIONS OF Z	ONING ORDINAN	CE CITED:		
Article: 5.000 Article: 8.000 Article: 4.000 Article: 10.000	Section: 8.22.3 (1	ble of Dimensional Non-Conforming St cessory Structure) ariance).	ructure)	
		Original Signature(s):	(Pe	titioner (s) / Owner)
			THEODORE	(Print Name)
		Address: Tel. No. E-Mail Address:	2 BRZWZC 617-576-2500 tg@galantearchitecture	51@331 e.com

Date: 1. 3. 22

DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION

Applicant:

RE Studio LLC

Present Use/Occupancy: Mixed

Location:

2 Brewer St , Cambridge, MA

Zone: Residence C-1 Zone

Phone: 617-576-2500

Requested Use/Occupancy: Mixed

		Existing Conditions	Requested Conditions	Ordinance Requirements	
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA:		4,656	4,915	1,927	(max.)
LOT AREA:		2570	2570	5,000	(min.)
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA: ²	_	1.45	1.48	.75	
LOT AREA OF EACH DWELLING UNIT		N/A	1,500	1,500	
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	33.96	33.96	N/A	
	DEPTH	62.03	62.03	N/A	
SETBACKS IN FEET:	FRONT	0	20	10	
	REAR	16'	0	20	
	LEFT SIDE	0	0	7.6	
	RIGHT SIDE	0	0	7.6	
SIZE OF BUILDING:	HEIGHT	35'	11'	35'	
	WIDTH	5.6'	18'-5"	N/A	
	LENGTH	34'	14'	50	
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:		0	30%	30%	
NO. OF DWELLING UNITS:		0	1	N/A	
NO. OF PARKING SPACES:		3	4	N/A	
NO. OF LOADING AREAS:		N/A	N/A	N/A	
DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG. ON SAME LOT		N/A	0	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.:

wood frame garage next to mixed use wood frame office / house

- 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'.

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_RE Studio. LLC / co Theodore Galante
Address: 2 Brewer St. Cambridge, MA 02138
State that I/We own the property located at <u>2 Brewer St. Cambridge, MA 02138</u>
which is the subject of this zoning application.
The record title of this property is in the name of RE Studio, LLC
*Pursuant to a deed of duly recorded in the date July 84, 2014, Middlesex South
County Registry of Deeds at Book 64010 , Page 155 ; 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 of Modern
The above-name Theodore Galante personally appeared before me,
The above-name Theodore, Galant, personally appeared before me, this 4 of 97, 2000, and made oath that the above statement is true.
The above-name Theodor, Gold, personally appeared before me, this 4 of 0000000000000000000000000000000000
The above-name Theodor, Gold personally appeared before me, this 4 of 0t , 2000, and made oath that the above statement is true. Notary
The above-name Theodor Gold personally appeared before me, this 4 of Ott , 2022, and made oath that the above statement is true. Notary My commission expires Of 4 2007 (Notary Sealth) Notary Public, Commonwealth of Massachundus.



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 provisions of this Ordinance would involve reduction of an off street parking space, thus placing hardship on the petitioner as well as the city

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

The house on the property was built in 1859 and then lifted up in 1900 and a masonry building was inserted below. The unplanned, residual area remaining on the property was all that was left for parking of cars, staring in the 1940's. Today in 2021 we can only fit so many cars.

C) DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:

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

Off street parking is maintained as it is currently used. However, as a LEED Accredited Professional, having one car is covered will require less air conditioning in summer, and less heat in winter, thus the overall city heat island effect is significantly reduced. Snow removal is also reduced by the size of one parking space, which reduces carbon producing snow removal, an environmental approval for the City

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

This proposal matches other properties with garages in the neighborhood, and hides another car. But moreover, the reduction of impact on the environment does the opposite of nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the ordinance, but instead allows the Ordinance to help improve our City

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^{*}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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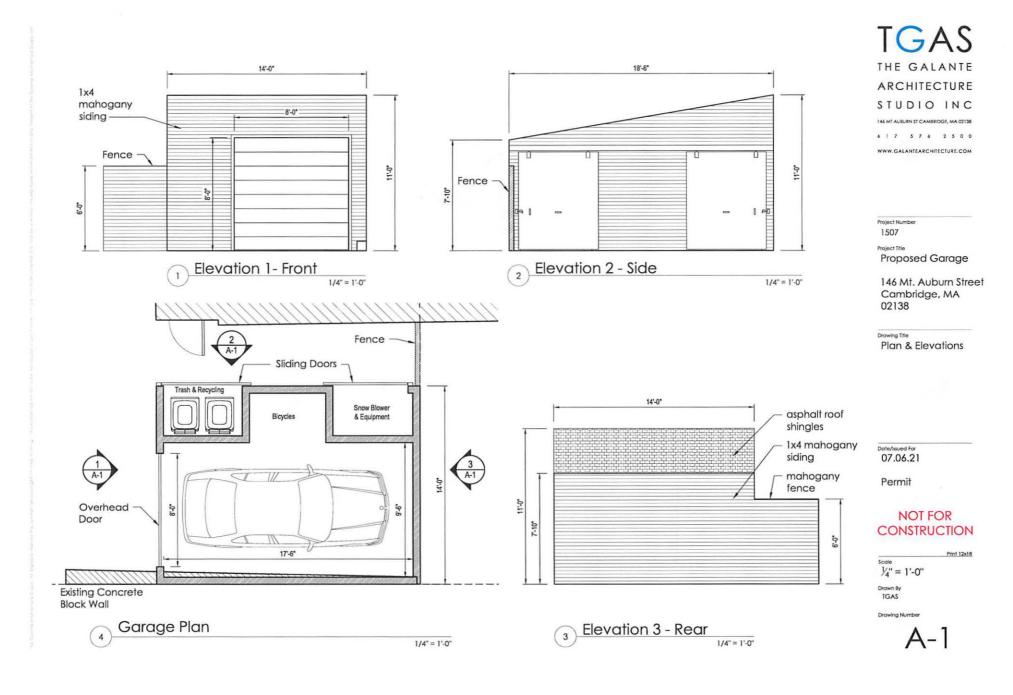
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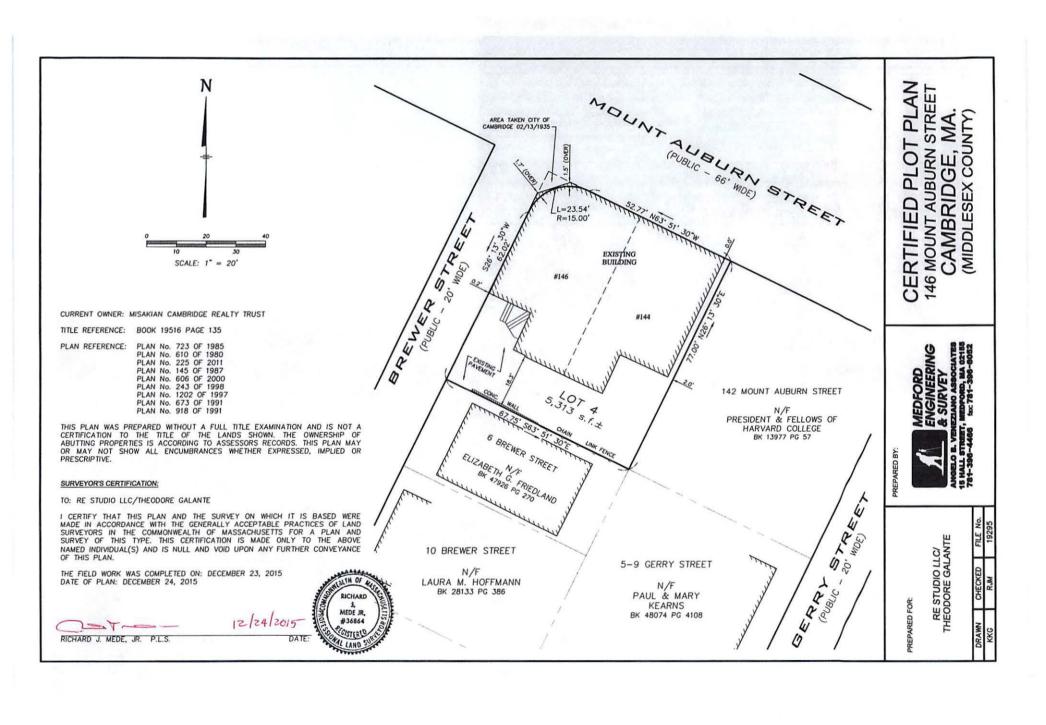
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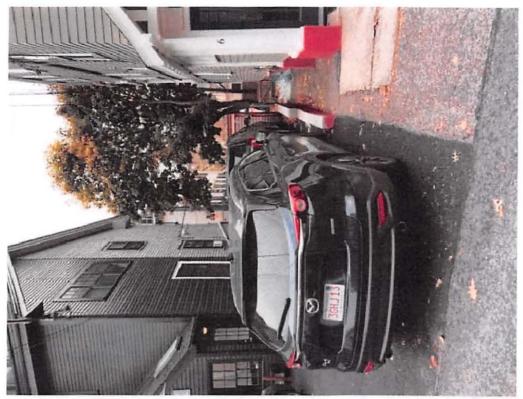
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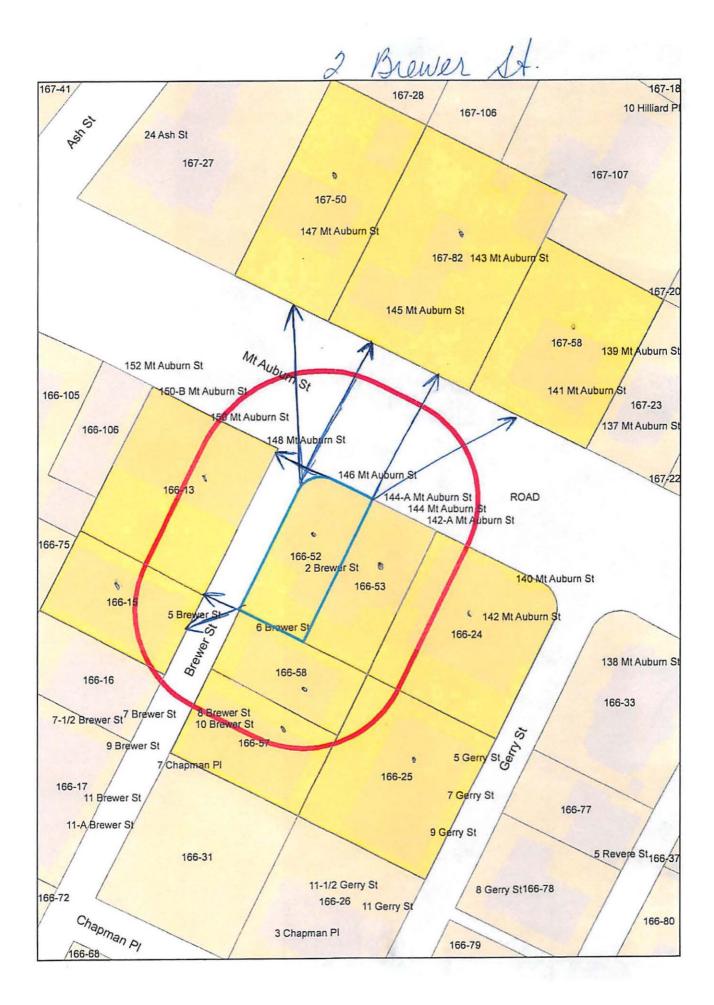


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To: Pacheco, Maria

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Attachments: 2brewerstbza198928documents.pdf

To: Mary Pacheco and members of the Board of Zoning Appeals

Re: Opposition to Variance Request BZA #198928

I am the owner/occupant of the abutting property at 6 Brewer Street, Unit #1 and am writing in opposition to the variance request submitted by RE Studio LLC C/o Theodore Galante AIA LEED AP. The petition is attached to this email, for reference. My primary concerns are:

Existing (Non-Conforming) Shed

- 1. The variance request comes from a petitioner who, as a professional architect, knowingly built a structure that clearly extends well beyond the property lines of 2 Brewer Street and, therefore, violates Zoning.
- 2. The removal of the non-conforming shed should not be considered an incentive to grant permission for a new garage structure. It is clear that the non-conforming shed should have been removed after its construction. Why wasn't the petitioner required to remove it immediately upon notification by the City of Cambridge?

Proposed Garage Structure

- 3. The drawing shows the proposed garage structure with 2 walls sitting on the abutting property lines 6 Brewer and 144 Mt Auburn, with no regard for setback requirements.
- * There is no elevation of the proposed garage structure on the south side, facing 6 Brewer. Was this intentional? Why was this elevation omitted?
- 4. On the south side of 2 Brewer north side of 6 Brewer, it is not clear whether all of the existing cement block retaining wall will be removed. The retaining wall is comprised of 2 levels. Looking at the proposed garage structure from the front (westerly) elevation, the edge of the lower retaining wall is in the drawing.
- 5. The 2 Brewer Street property is elevated and slopes down, and therefore a cement block retaining wall exists at the south side of the property. Obviously, the retaining wall is intended to serve a purpose with regard to the flow of water.
- * Who is going to be liable for potential damages to the 6 Brewer Street foundation?

Note: A similar retaining wall exists across the street, at the north side of 5 Brewer Street, since the adjacent property is also elevated and slopes down.

6. The proposed garage structure creates a narrow (roughly 3 feet) alleyway, at the north side of 6 Brewer, which would lead to a build-up of debris, water, and ice and snow in the winter, thereby hampering safe passage from the back egress along the north side of 6 Brewer.

The build-up of snow is already a problem in the area. The slope of the garage structure will result in snow accumulation on neighboring properties.

It also blocks light to 6 Brewer, presents a safety concern at night, and reduces building access in the event of an emergency.

7. There doesn't appear to be a precedence for new garage structures in the neighborhood. The very few that exist were grandfathered in.

- 8. The 100 + year old character of the Brewer Street neighborhood is not enhanced by blocking the open space that exists between Brewer and Gerry streets.
- 9. Cars parked at 2 Brewer Street, are end-to-end and can occasionally extend beyond the "sidewalk" it would appear that the garage structure as presented with a car in front of it would contribute to the 2nd car extension, depending upon its length.

Note: As an abutting resident neighbor, I am unaware of any attempt by the petitioner to communicate directly with me about this, as a matter of neighborly courtesy and respect for property.

I am urging Zoning Board of Appeals to reject the petitioner's application, to prevent damage to neighboring properties in addition to the concerns presented above.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Liz Friedland



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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BZA Application Form

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TYPE OF OCCUPANCY: Mixed		ZONING DISTRICT: Residence C-1 Zone		
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Remove a non-co	nforming shed and build a new sing	le car garage while maintaining all other off street parking		
SECTIONS OF Z	ONING ORDINANCE CITED:			
Article: 5.000 Article: 8.000 Article: 4.000 Article: 10.000	Section: 5.31 (Table of Dimensional Section: 8.22.3 (Non-Conforming Section: 4.21 (Accessory Structure Section: 10.30 (Variance).	Structure)		
	Original Signature(s):	(Petitioner (s) / Owner)		
		THEODORE GALANTE (Print Name)		
	Address: Tel. No. E-Mail Address:	2 BRZWZN STREET 617-576-2500 tg@galantearchitecture.com		

Date: 1. 3. 22

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DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION

Applicant:

RE Studio LLC

Present Use/Occupancy: Mixed

Location:

2 Brewer St , Cambridge, MA

Zone: Residence C-1 Zone

Phone:

617-576-2500

Requested Use/Occupancy: Mixed

		Existing Conditions	Requested Conditions	Ordinance Requirements	
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA:		4,656	4,915	1,927	(max.)
LOT AREA:		2570	2570	5,000	(min.)
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA: ²		1.45	1.48	.75	
LOT AREA OF EACH DWELLING UNIT		N/A	1,500	1,500	
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	33.96	33.96	N/A	
DEF	DEPTH	62.03	62.03	N/A	
	FRONT	0	20	10	
	REAR	16'	0	20	
	LEFT SIDE	0	0	7.6	
	RIGHT SIDE	0	0	7.6	
WID	HEIGHT	35'	11'	35'	
	WIDTH	5.6'	18'-5"	N/A	
	LENGTH	34'	14'	50	
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:		0	30%	30%	
NO. OF DWELLING UNITS:		0	1	N/A	
NO. OF PARKING SPACES:		3	4	N/A	
NO. OF LOADING AREAS:		N/A	N/A	N/A	
DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG. ON SAME LOT		N/A	0	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.:

wood frame garage next to mixed use wood frame office / house

- 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'.**

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 RE Studio, LLC / co Theodore Galante				
Address: 2 Brewer St. Cambridge, MA 02138				
State that I/We own the property located at <u>2 Brewer St. Cambridge, MA 02138</u> which is the subject of this zoning application.				
The record title of this property is in the name of RE Studio, LLC				
*Pursuant to a deed of duly recorded in the date <u>July 81, 2014</u> , Middlesex South County Registry of Deeds at Book <u>64010</u> , Page <u>155</u> ; 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 of Middle .				
The above-name Theodore, Galant personally appeared before me, this 4 of 0, 2002, and made oath that the above statement is true.				
Notary San Fants				
My commission expires (Notary Seal), Notary Public, Commonwealth of Massachunants My Commission Expires November 4, 2022				



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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 provisions of this Ordinance would involve reduction of an off street parking space, thus placing hardship on the petitioner as well as the city

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

The house on the property was built in 1859 and then lifted up in 1900 and a masonry building was inserted below. The unplanned, residual area remaining on the property was all that was left for parking of cars, staring in the 1940's. Today in 2021 we can only fit so many cars.

C) DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:

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

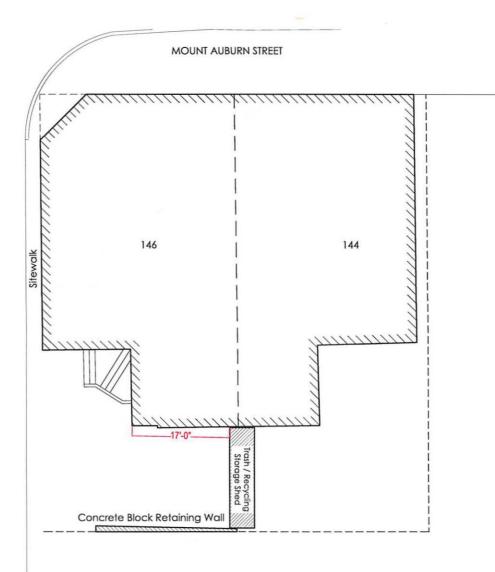
Off street parking is maintained as it is currently used. However, as a LEED Accredited Professional, having one car is covered will require less air conditioning in summer, and less heat in winter, thus the overall city heat island effect is significantly reduced. Snow removal is also reduced by the size of one parking space, which reduces carbon producing snow removal, an environmental approval for the City

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

This proposal matches other properties with garages in the neighborhood, and hides another car. But moreover, the reduction of impact on the environment does the opposite of nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the ordinance, but instead allows the Ordinance to help improve our City

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^{*}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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Project Title

Proposed Garage

146 Mt. Auburn Street Cambridge, MA 02138

Drawing Title

Existing Conditions Site Plan

Date/Issued For 07.06.21

Permit

NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION Print 12x18

Scale 1" = 10'

Drawn By TGAS

Drawing Number

Site 1

BREWER STREET

---- = Demolition MOUNT AUBURN STREET 146 144 Concrete Block Retaining Wall

BREWER STREET

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Proposed Garage

146 Mt. Auburn Street Cambridge, MA 02138

Drawing Title

Demolition Site Plan

Date/ssued For 07.06.21

Permit

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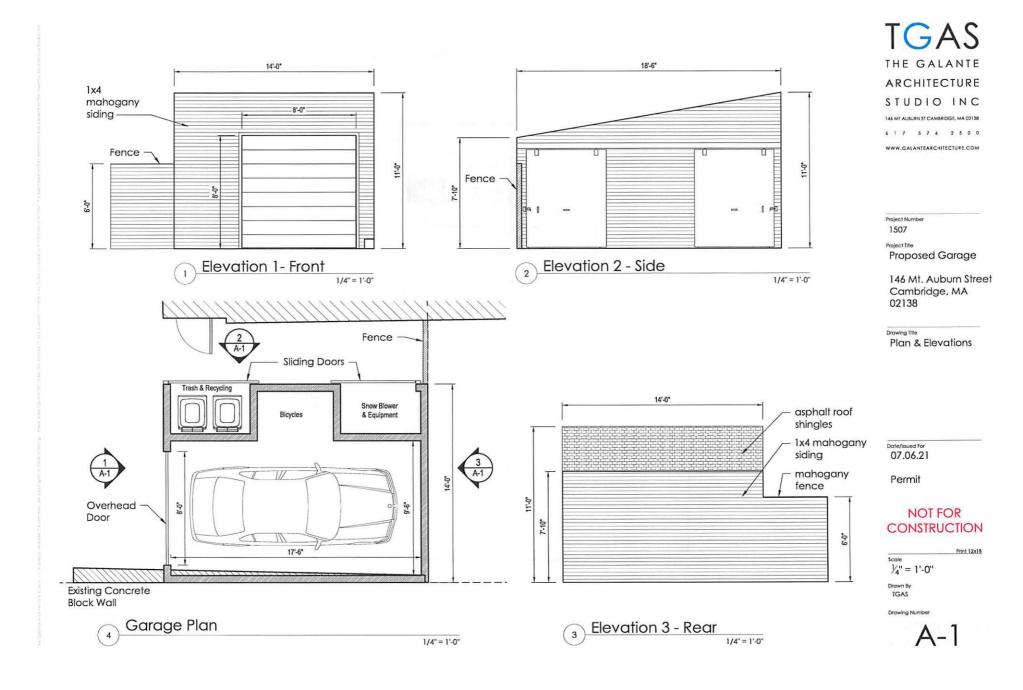
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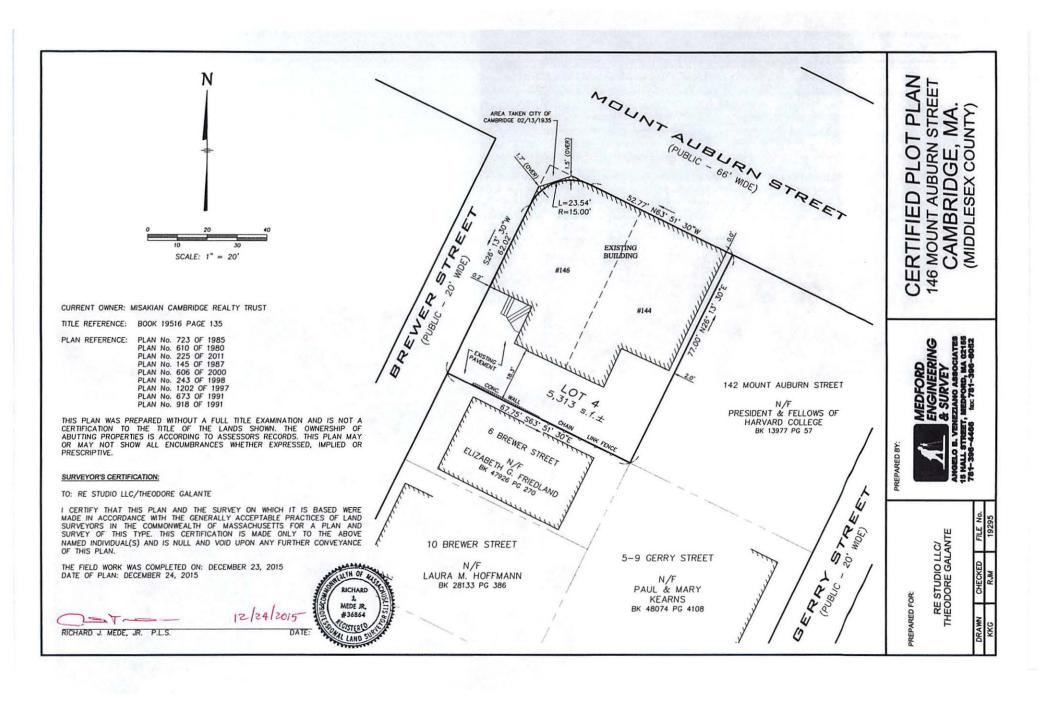
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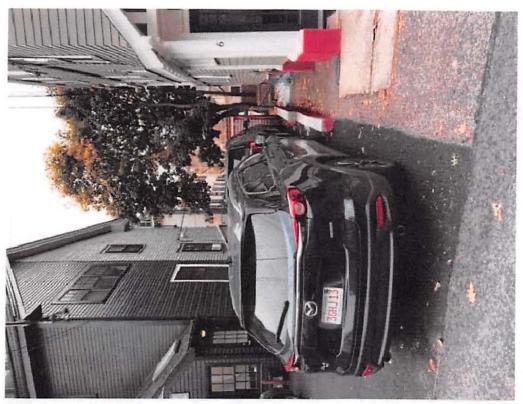
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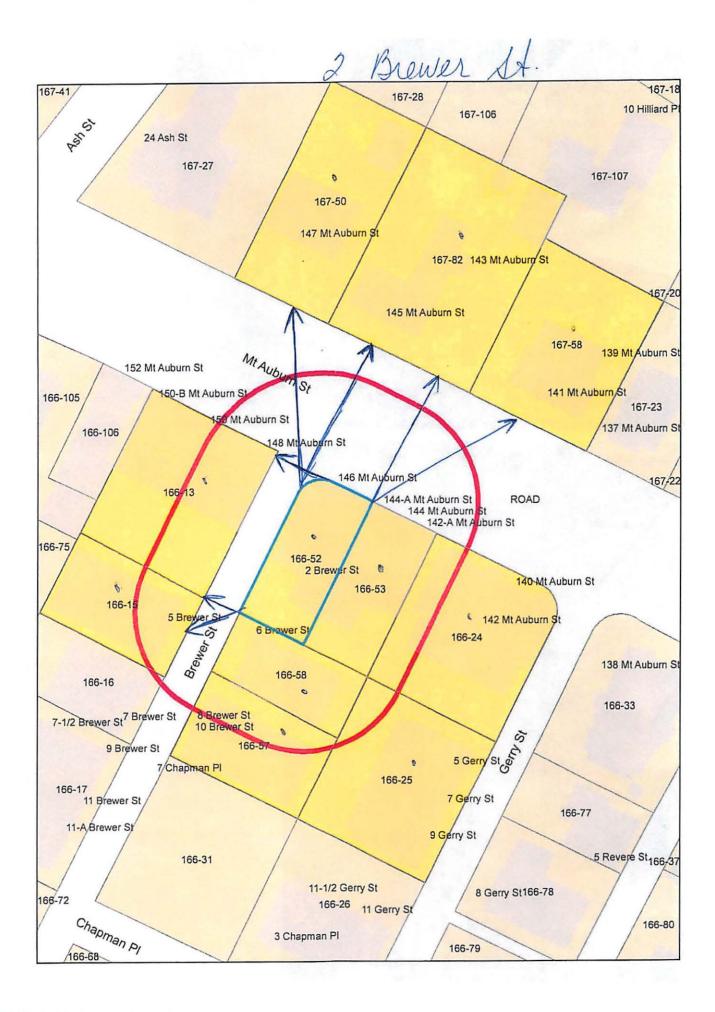












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Thank you, Bza Members