## GENERAL INFORMATION

Special Permit:	Variance: _	<u>X</u>	Appeal:
PETITIONER: Robert Purdy	у		
PETITIONER'S ADDRESS: 15	Westwood Road, Somerv	ille, MA 02143	3
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 55	Regent Street Cambridge		
TYPE OF OCCUPANCY: Resid	ential / Multifamily	ZONING DIST	TRICT: Res B
REASON FOR PETITION:			
X Additions			New Structure
Change in U	se/Occupancy		Parking
Conversion	to Addi'l Dwelling	Unit's	Sign
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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 Robert Purdy
(OWNER)
Address: 15 Westwood Road, Somerville, MA 02143
State that I/We own the property located at
which is the subject of this zoning application.
The record title of this property is in the name of 55 Regent Street L.L.C.
*Pursuant to a deed of duly recorded in the date $\_06/08/2016$ , Middlesex South
County Registry of Deeds at Book <u>67393</u> , Page <u>210</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
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My commission expires 3.6.2026 (SPEA).  South that the above statement is true.  Notary  Seal).
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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:

Increases in construction cost and loss of viable interior area have resulted from poor site conditions and the shape and size of the existing structure. A literal enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinance would make the desirable renovation of the existing structure infeasible. Section 5.28.2 of the Ordinance has been created to encourage the "economic reuse of buildings that may be substantially out of conformance" but does not fully address the conditions encountered at 55 Regent Street.

B) The hardship is owing to the following circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape or to pograp hy 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:

Hardship is owing to both soil conditions and shape of existing structure. Soils at 55 Regent Street and in the adjacent properties contain large amounts of peat and high seasonal watertable levels. These conditions have dramatically increased the cost of foundation construction on the site. The position of the existing structure relative to the Property Line and neighboring structures has due to privacy concerns of neighbors, forced the creation of interior courtyards for light and ventilation reducing the available interior Gross Floor Area. We are requesting a modest increase in GFA to enhance access to Rooftop Deck provided as part of the Ordinance Open Space requirements.

#### C) DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:

1) Substantial detriment to the public good for the following reasons:

The additional GFA requested at the 3rd Floor Level meets all of the District Setback and Height requirements. We have taken substantial measures to ensure that the privacy of the adjacent neighbors is not impacted by the careful placement and orientation of outdoor areasonugh the use of privacy fencing at rooftop decks and by enclosing many of the existing exterior openings. In addition a non-conforming Commercial Use will be transformed to a conforming use in keeping with the uses existing in the neighborhood.

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

The additional GFA requested is modest in nature and does not increase to total Interior / Salable area of the existing building. The addition proposed will meet the Setback and Height requirement of the District. The relief will enhance the rehabilitation and re-purposing of a significantly outdated structure and use as encourage by Section 5.28.2.

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

#### **DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION**

APPLICANT: Boyes-Watson Architects PRESENT USE/OCCUPANCY: Commercial

ZONE: Residence B Zone

PHONE: REQUESTED USE/OCCUPANCY · Residential

LOCATION: 55 Regent St Cambridge, MA

PHONE:		REQUESTED USE/OCCUPANCY : Residential					
		EXISTING CONDITIONS	REQUESTED CONDITIONS	ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS <sup>1</sup>			
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA:		9180	9965	2500	(max.)		
LOT AREA:		5000	5000	5000	(min.)		
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA: <sup>2</sup>		1.84	No Change		(max.)		
LOT AREA FOR EACH DWELLING UNIT:		n/a	1666	2500	(min.)		
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	50	No Change	50	(min.)		
	DEPTH	100	No Change	100			
SETBACKS IN FEET:	FRONT	9.8'	9.8'	10'	(min.)		
	REAR	0'	0'	25 '	(min.)		
	LEFT SIDE	0'	0'	7 ' - 6 "	(min.)		
	RIGHT SIDE	0'	0 1	71-611	(min.)		
SIZE OF BLDG.:	HEIGHT	24' - 10"	35'	35'	(max.)		
	LENGTH	100	100	n/a			
	WIDTH	50	50	n/a			
RATIO OF USABLE OPE	EN SPACE	<u> </u>	42.1	40	(min.)		
NO. OF DWELLING UNITS:		n/a	3	2	(max.)		
NO. OF PARKING SPAC	CES:	0	6	3	(min./max)		
NO. OF LOADING AREA	<u> 18 :</u>	1	0	0	(min.)		
DISTANCE TO NEAREST	BLDG.	n/a	n/a	n/a	(min.)		

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

The existing building structure is load bearing brick over stone masonry at the exterior walls and wood frame interior structure and roof. The proposed addition will be typical wood frame construction. There are no additional occupancies or structures on the lot.

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

TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA (INCLUDING BASEMENT 7'-0" IN HEIGHT AND ATTIC AREAS GREATER THAN 5')
DIVIDED BY LOT AREA.

<sup>3.</sup> OPEN SPACE SHALL NOT INCLUDE PARKING AREAS, WALKWAYS OR DRIVEWAYS AND SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM DIMENSION OF 15'.

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The undersigned hereby petitions the Board of Zonting Appeal for the following:
Special Permit: Variance: X Appeal: 3:33
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PETITIONER'S ADDRESS: 15 Westwood Road, Somerville, MA 02143
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 55 Regent Street Cambridge
TYPE OF OCCUPANCY: Residential / Multifamily ZONING DISTRICT: Res B
REASON FOR PETITION:
X Additions New Structure
Change in Use/Occupancy Parking
Conversion to Addi'l Dwelling Unit's Sign
Dormer Subdivision
Other:
DESCRIPTION OF DESCRIPTION AS PROPOSIT.
DESCRIPTION OF PETITIONER'S PROPOSAL:
Renovation and Addition of an existing commercial structure to 3 Dwelling Units with below grade parking at
the basement level. Construction includes an addition to the 3rd Floor / Roof Level which is outside the
existing building envelope.
SECTIONS OF ZONING ORDINANCE CITED:
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Inspectional Services Department must attach a statement concerning the reason for the appeal
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(Petitioher(s)/Owner)
Robert Purdy (Print Name)
Address: 15 Westwood Road
Somerville, MA 02143
Tel. No.: 617-733-4425
E-Mail Address: purdyconstruction@yahoo.com
Pate: 10/27/17

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10 PARK PLAZA
BOSTON, MA 02116

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56 REGENT STREET UNIT #3
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02140



## **CAMBRIDGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

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#### Jurisdiction Advice

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To the Owner of Property at55 Regent	Street	
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cc: Applicant Inspectional Services Commissioner		

#### **Demolition Delay Ordinance and Application Information**

The Demolition Delay Ordinance (Chapter 2.78, Article II of the Cambridge Municipal Code) was adopted by the City Council in 1979 to afford public review of demolition permit applications for potentially significant buildings. When the Historical Commission determines that a building is significant and should be preserved, demolition will be delayed for up to six months so that solutions can be sought to preserve the building indefinitely. The Ordinance covers all buildings over 50 years old, city-wide. The Historical Commission archives provide dates of construction for all properties in the City.

Demolition is defined in the ordinance as "the act of pulling down, destroying, removing or razing a building or commencing the work of total or substantial destruction with the intent of completing the same." The Inspectional Services Commissioner has provided further guidelines to outline what actions require a demolition permit. In addition to complete demolition of a building, the following actions may require a demolition permit,

- removal of a roof,
- removal of one side of a building,
- gutting of a building's interior to the point where exterior features (windows, etc.) are impacted, and
- removal of more than 25% of a structure.

Please contact the building inspector or a staff member of the Historical Commission if you have questions about whether a demolition permit is required for a particular project.

Demolition permit applications can be obtained from the Inspectional Services Department. The completed application should be submitted to the Historical Commission, where the staff will review the application. If the Executive Director of the Historical Commission makes an initial determination that the building is significant, a public hearing will be scheduled with Historical Commission. If the staff makes an initial determination that the building is not significant, the application is released for further review by the Building Commissioner.

More information about the demolition permit application procedures is available on the Historical Commission's web site or by calling or dropping by the Historical Commission office.

July 2003

Cambridge Historical Commission 831 Massachusetts Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl. Cambridge, MA 02139 Ph: 617/349-4683 or TTY: 617/349-6112 http://www.cambridgema.gov/Historic



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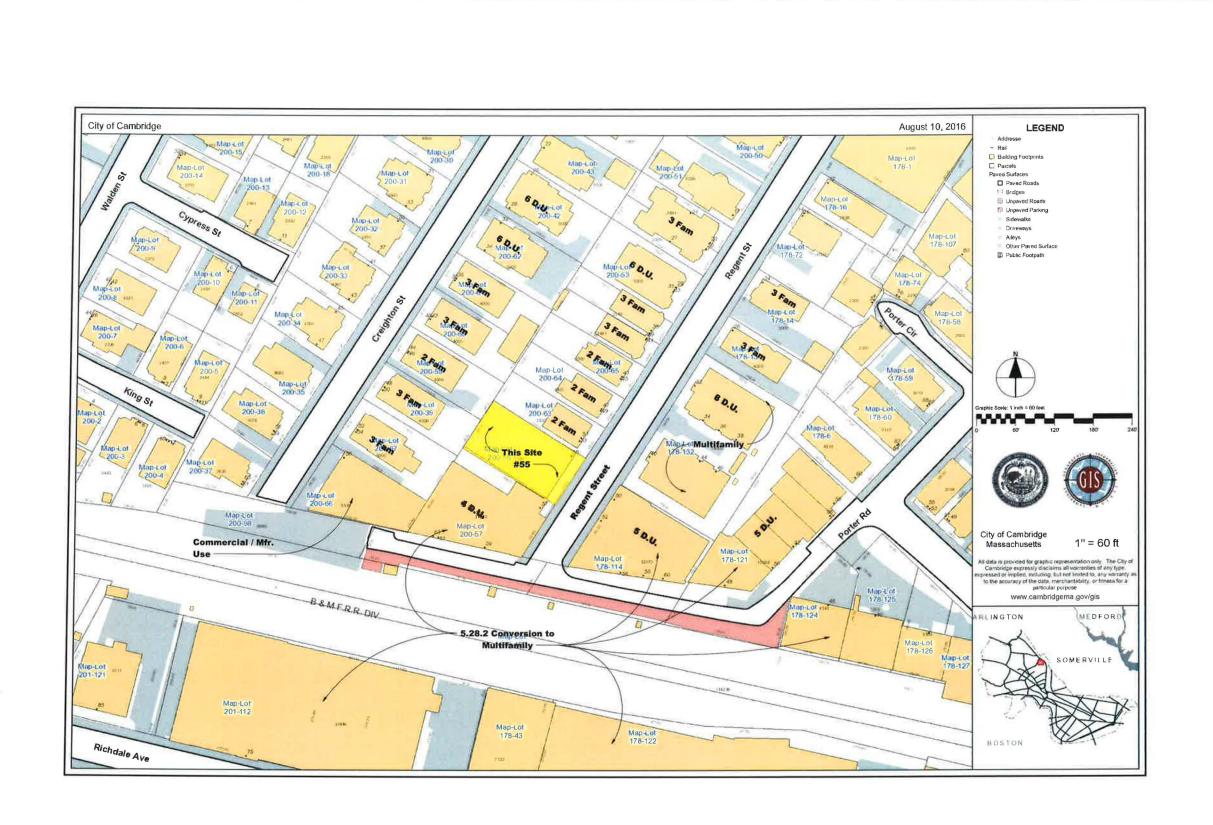


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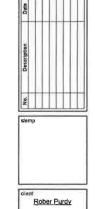


















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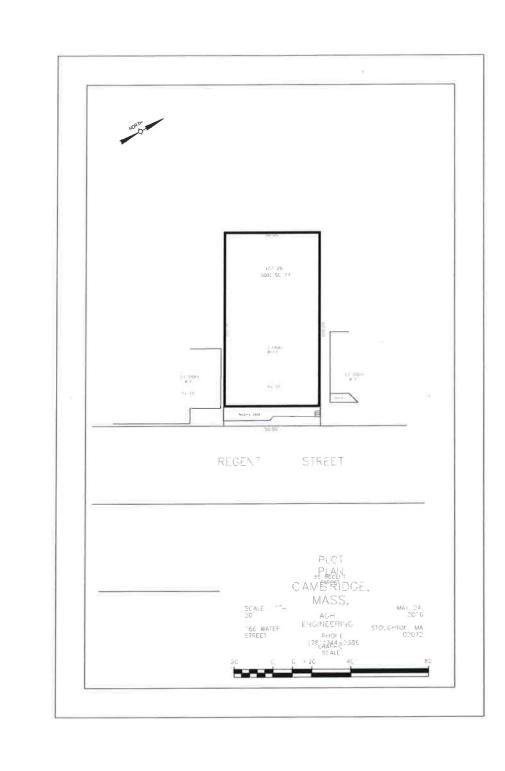






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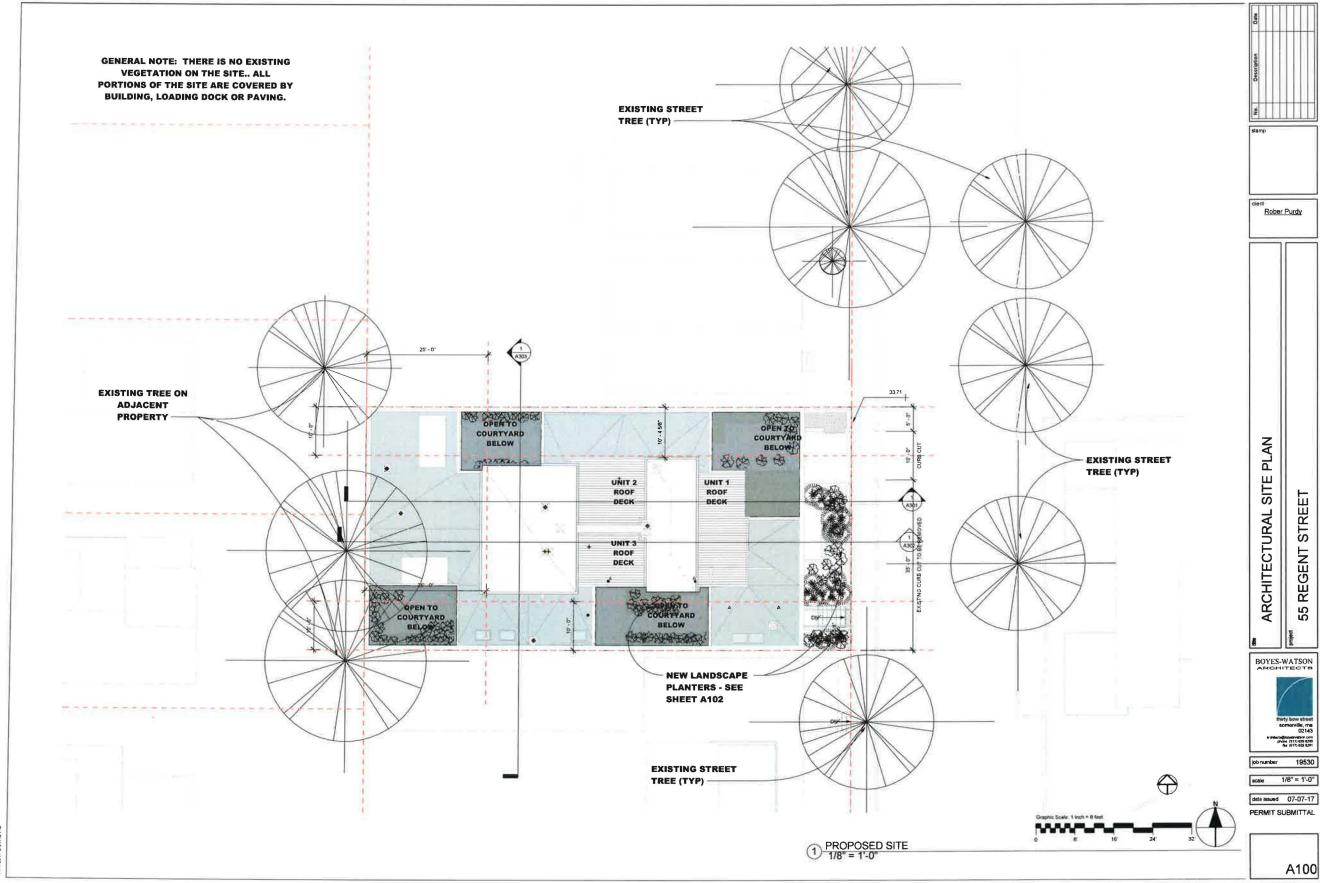
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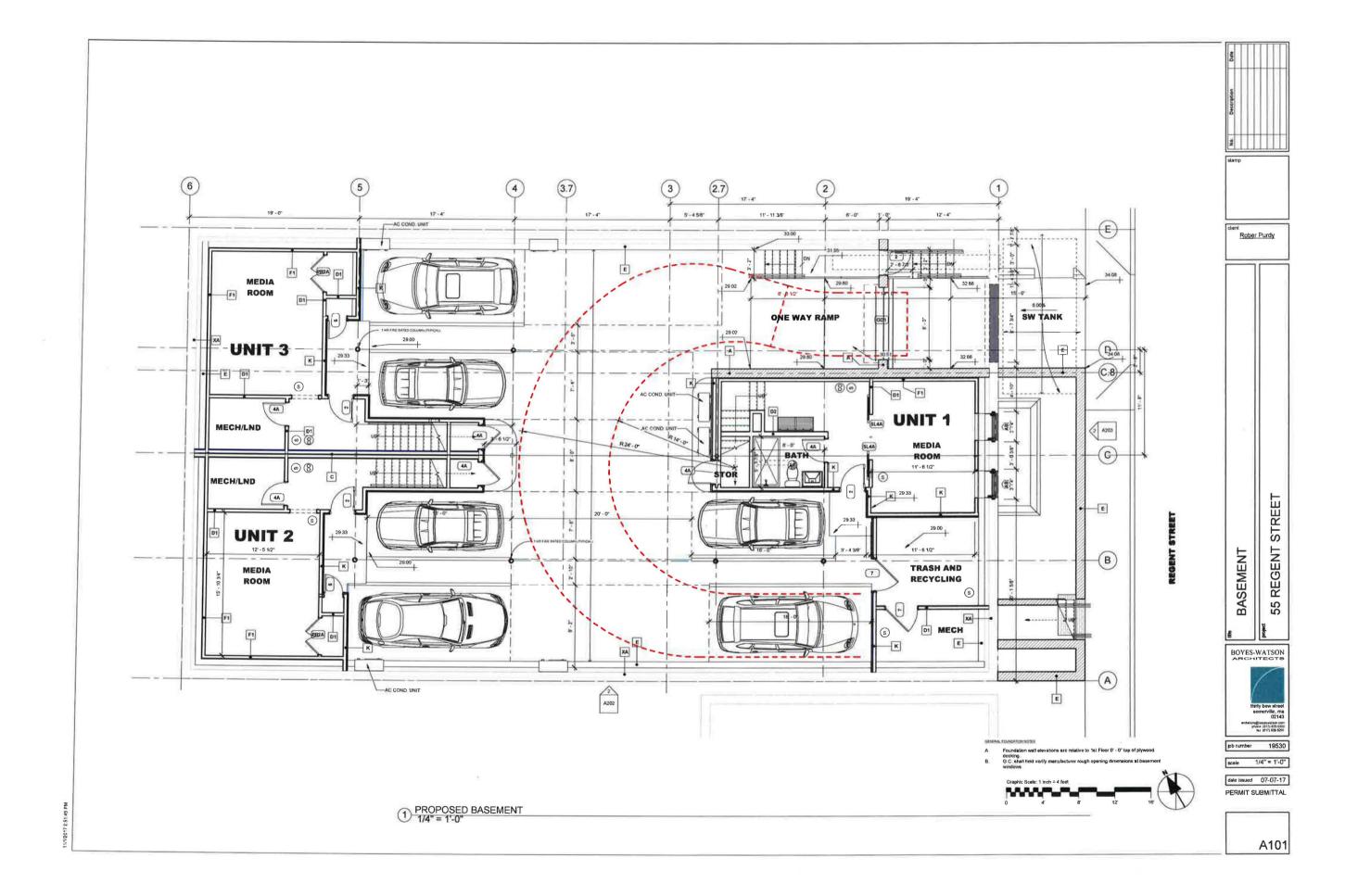
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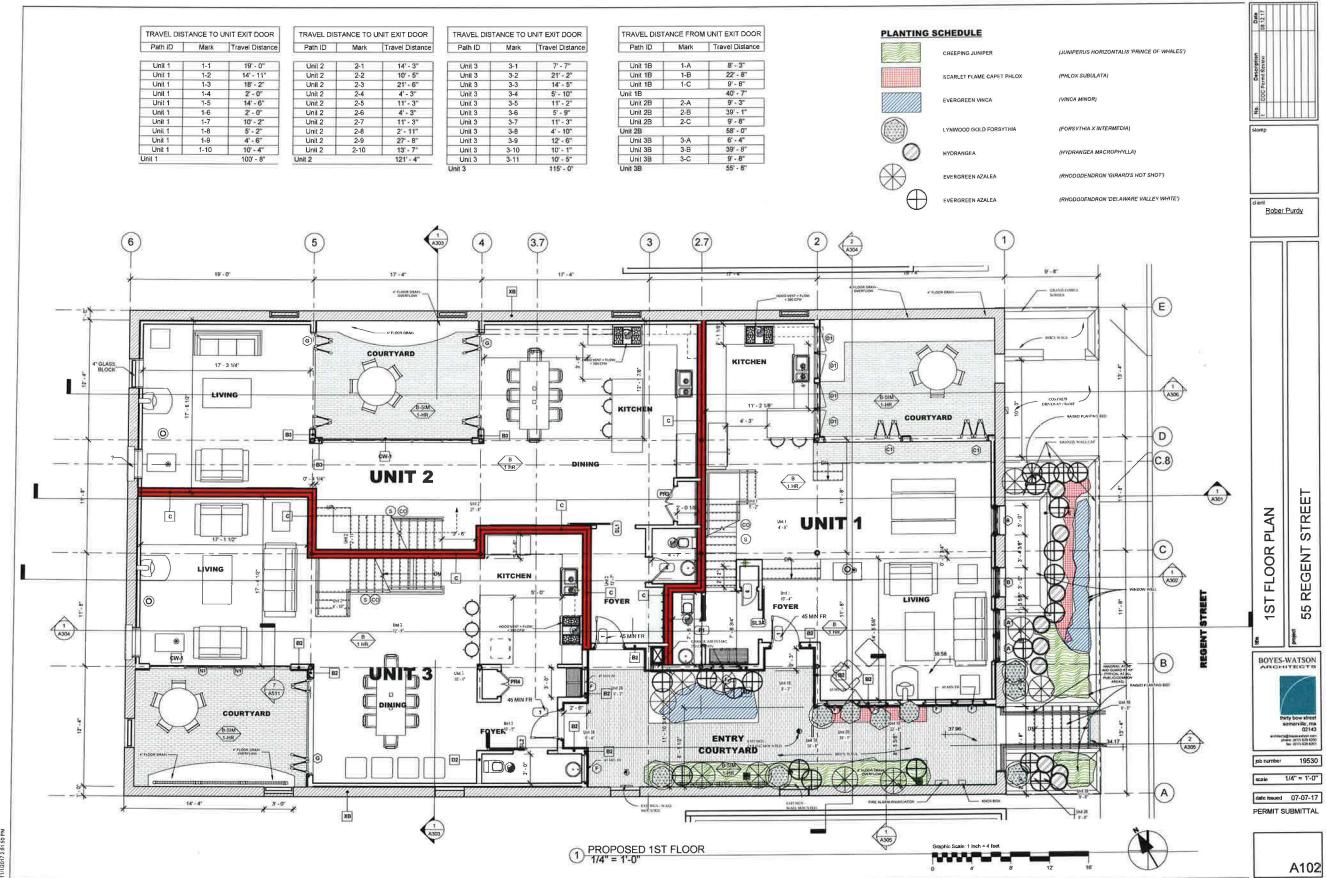
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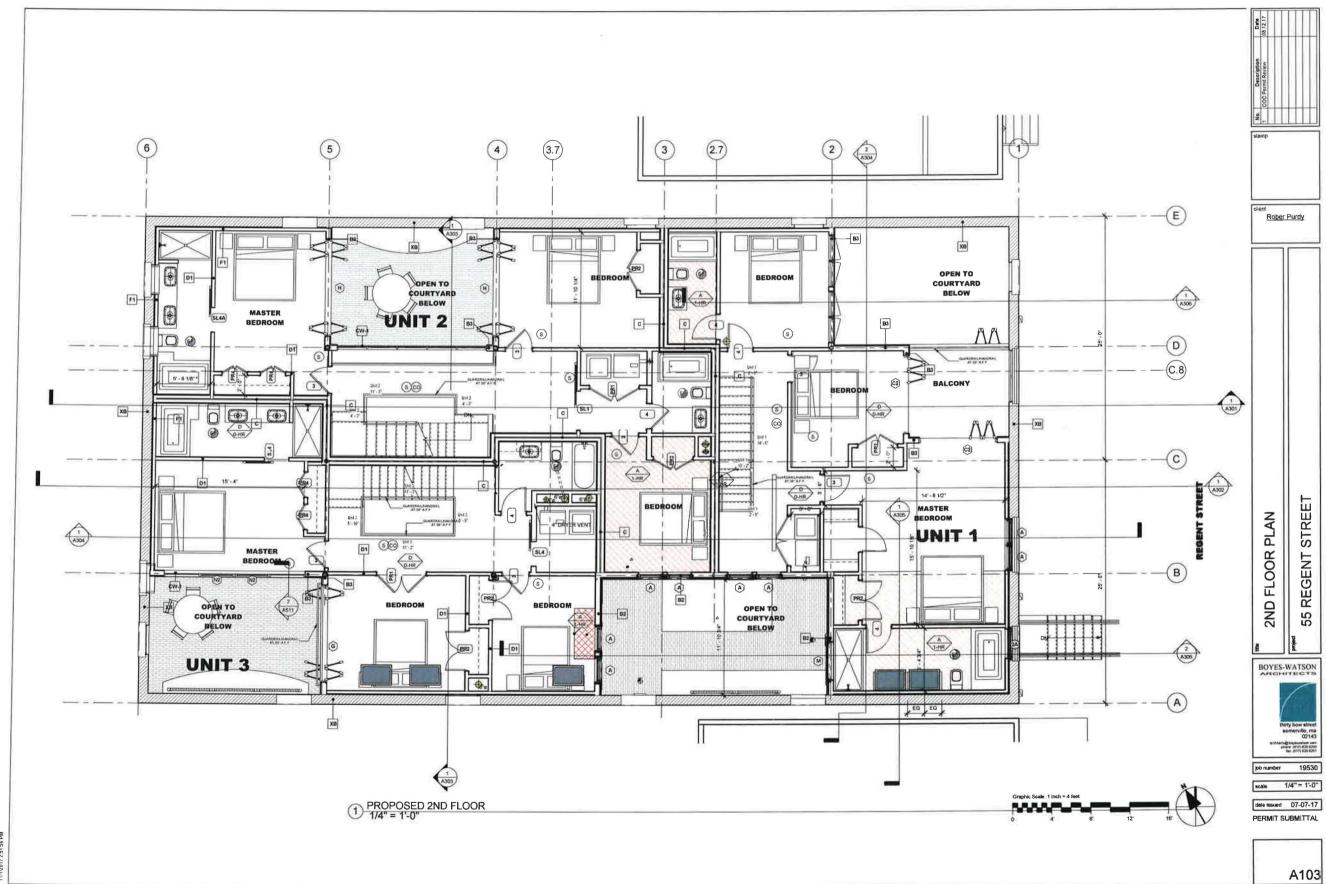
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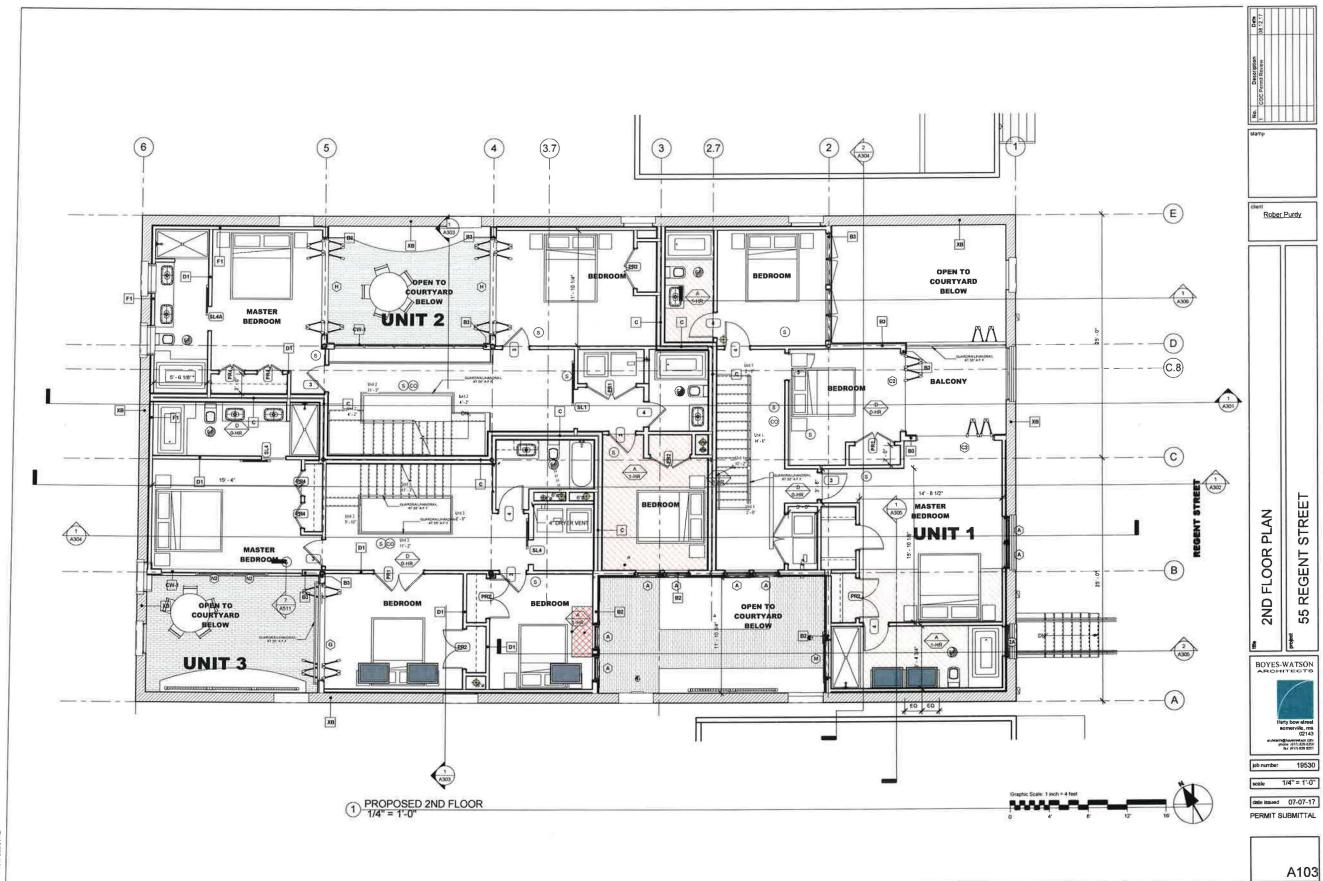
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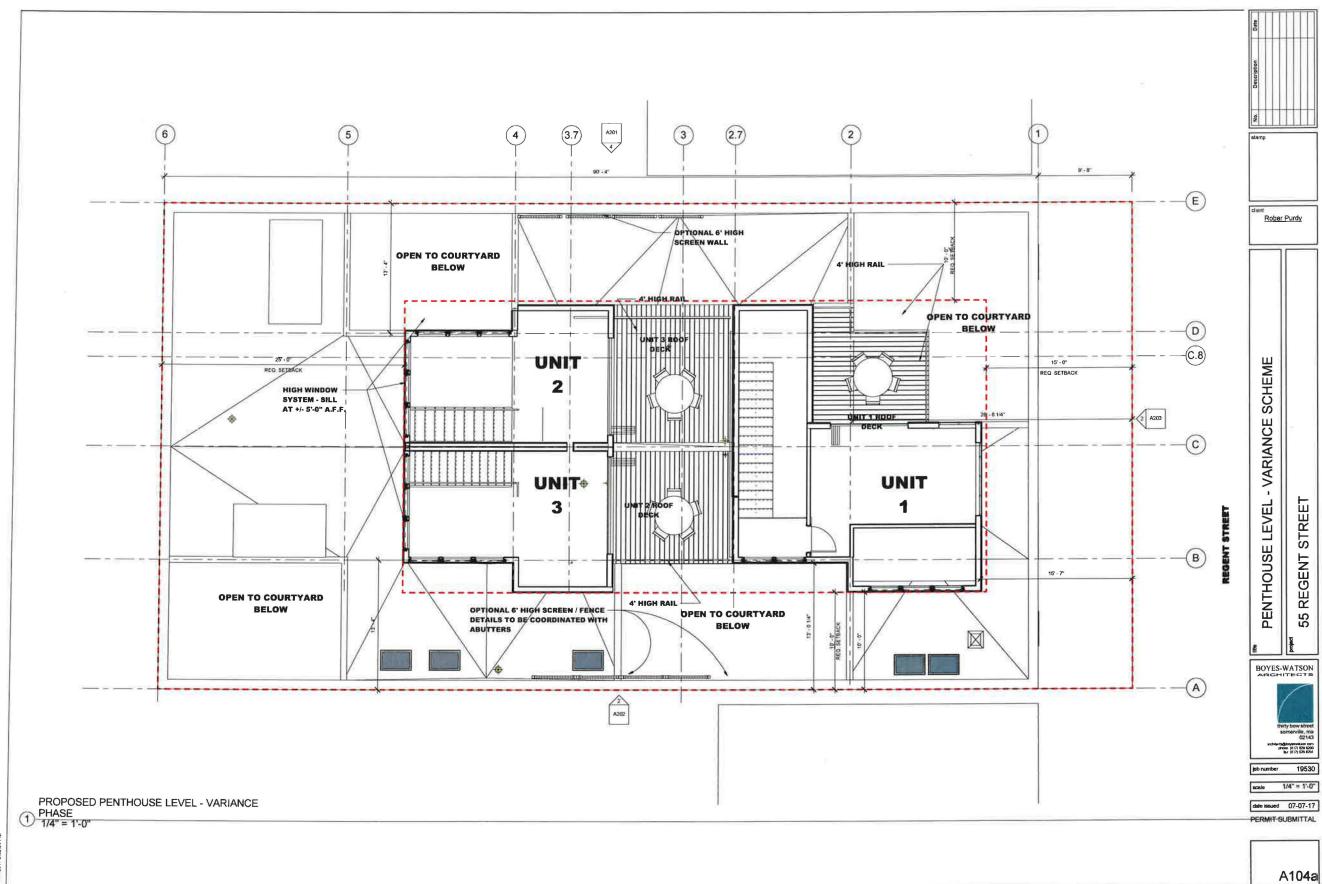




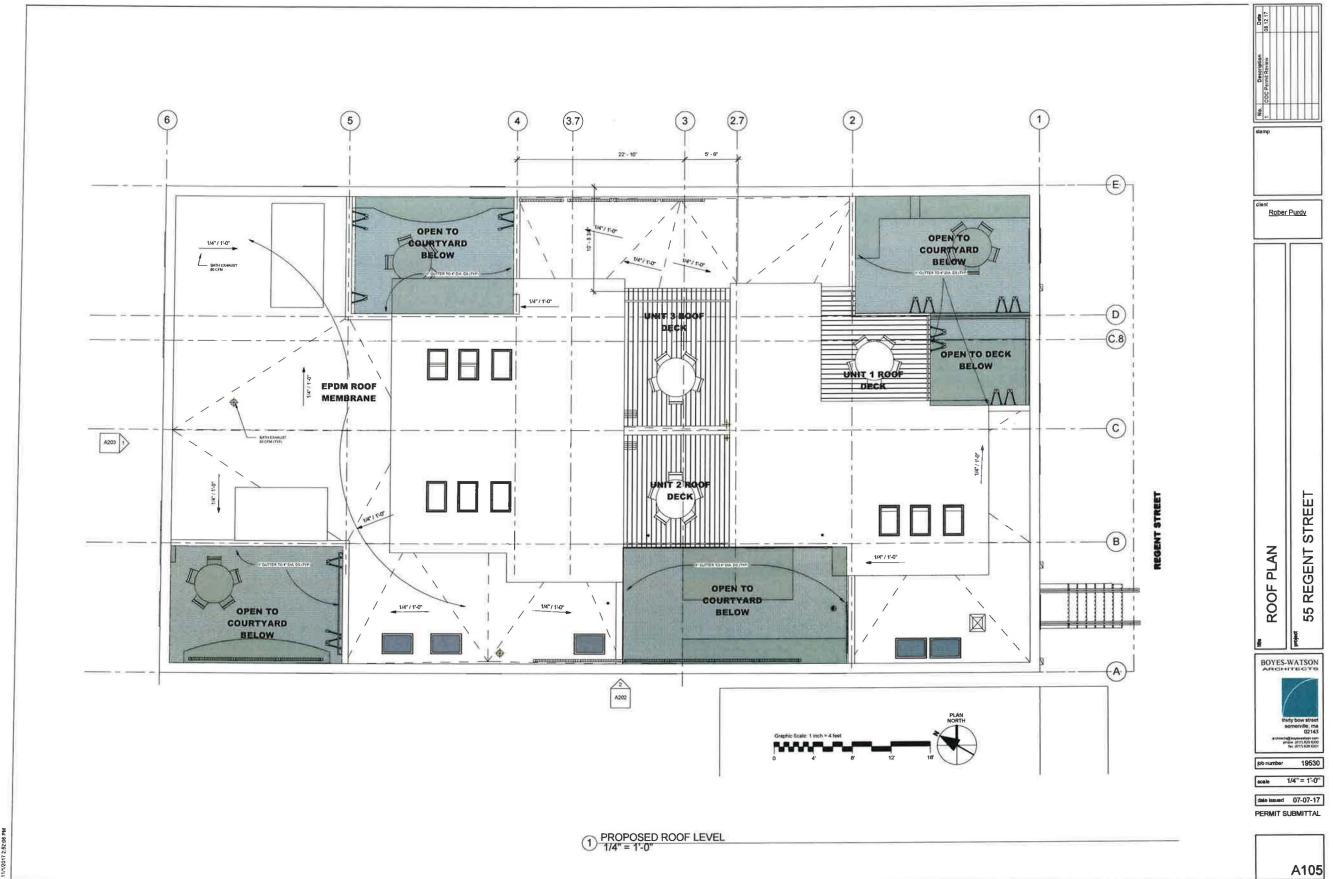


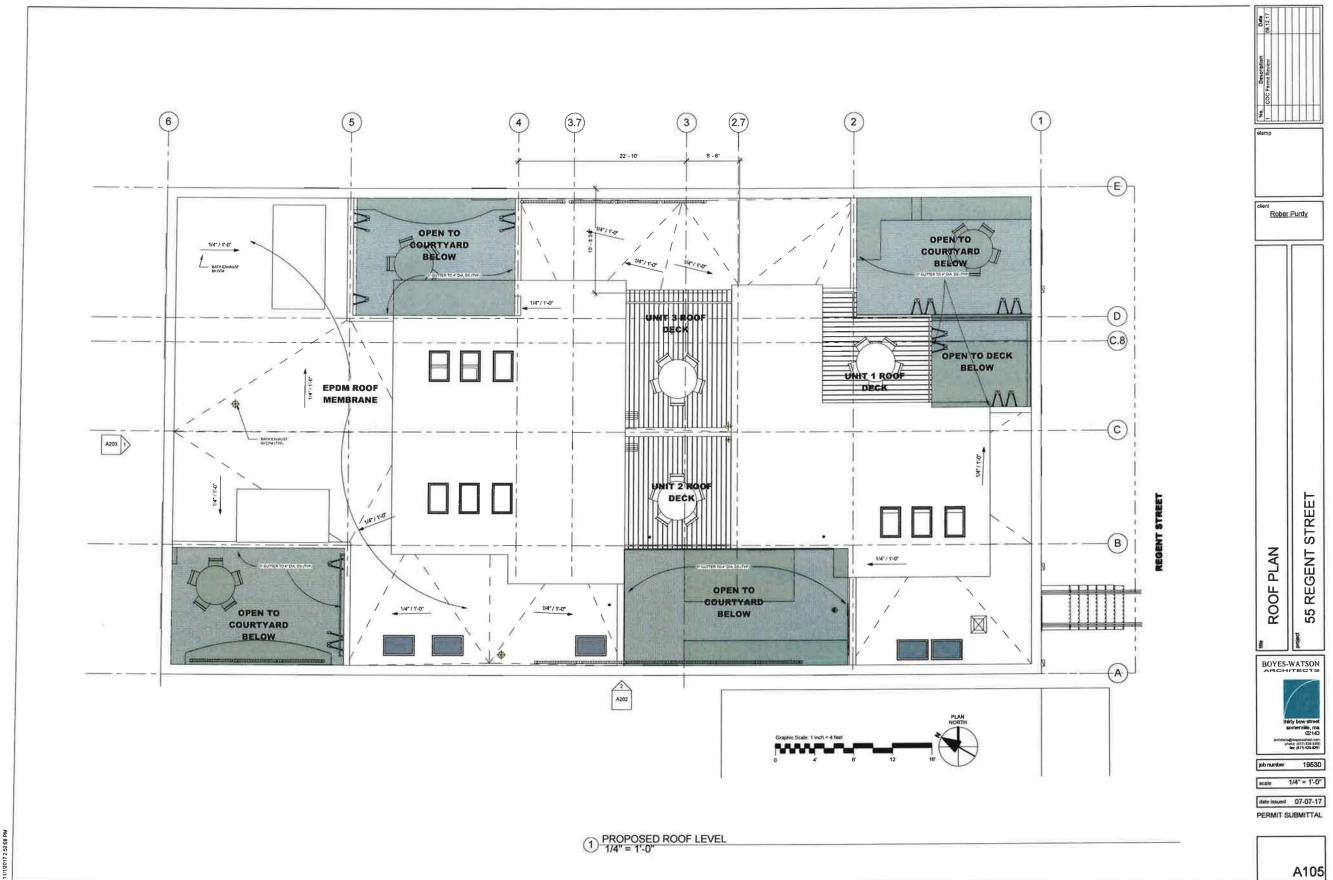


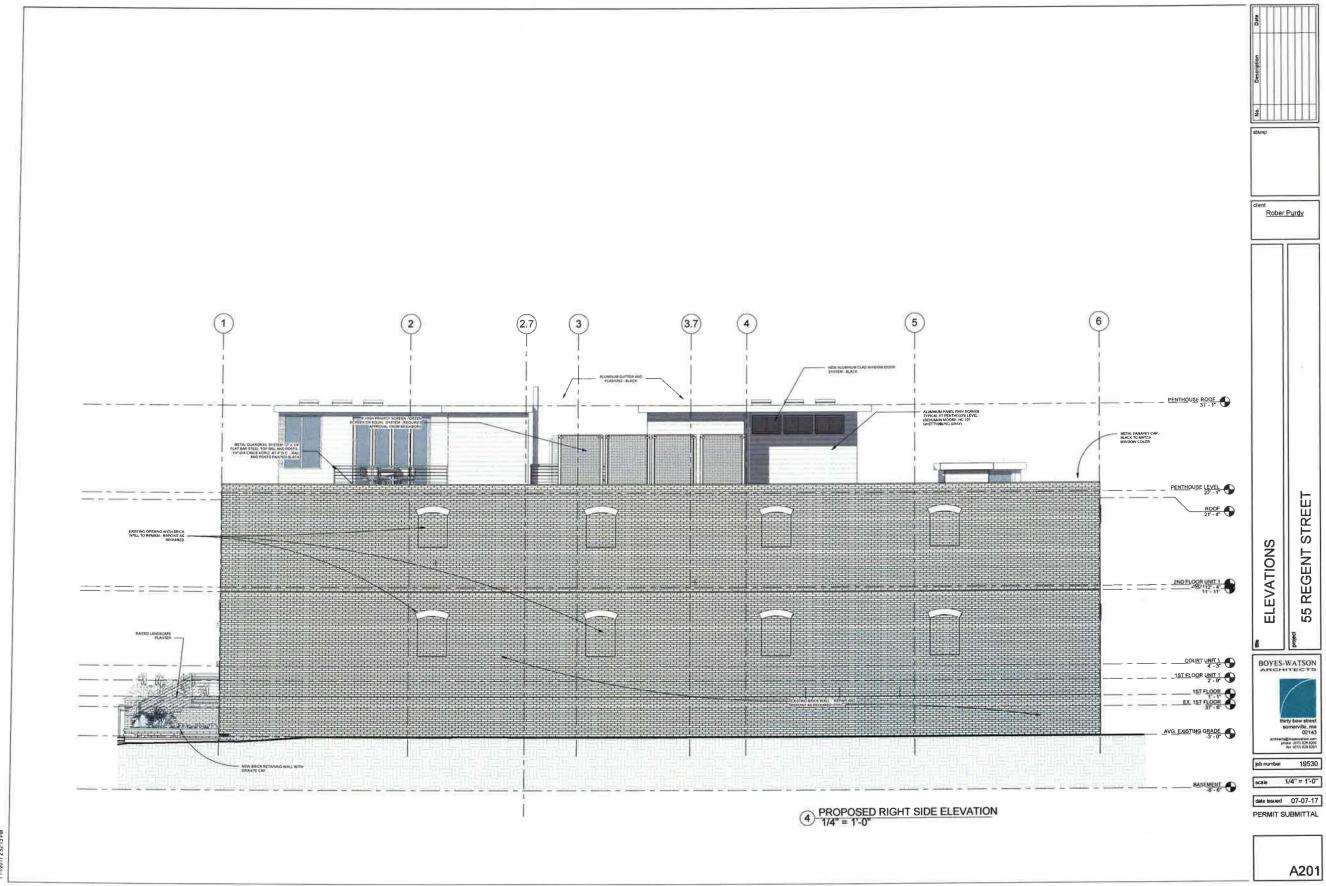
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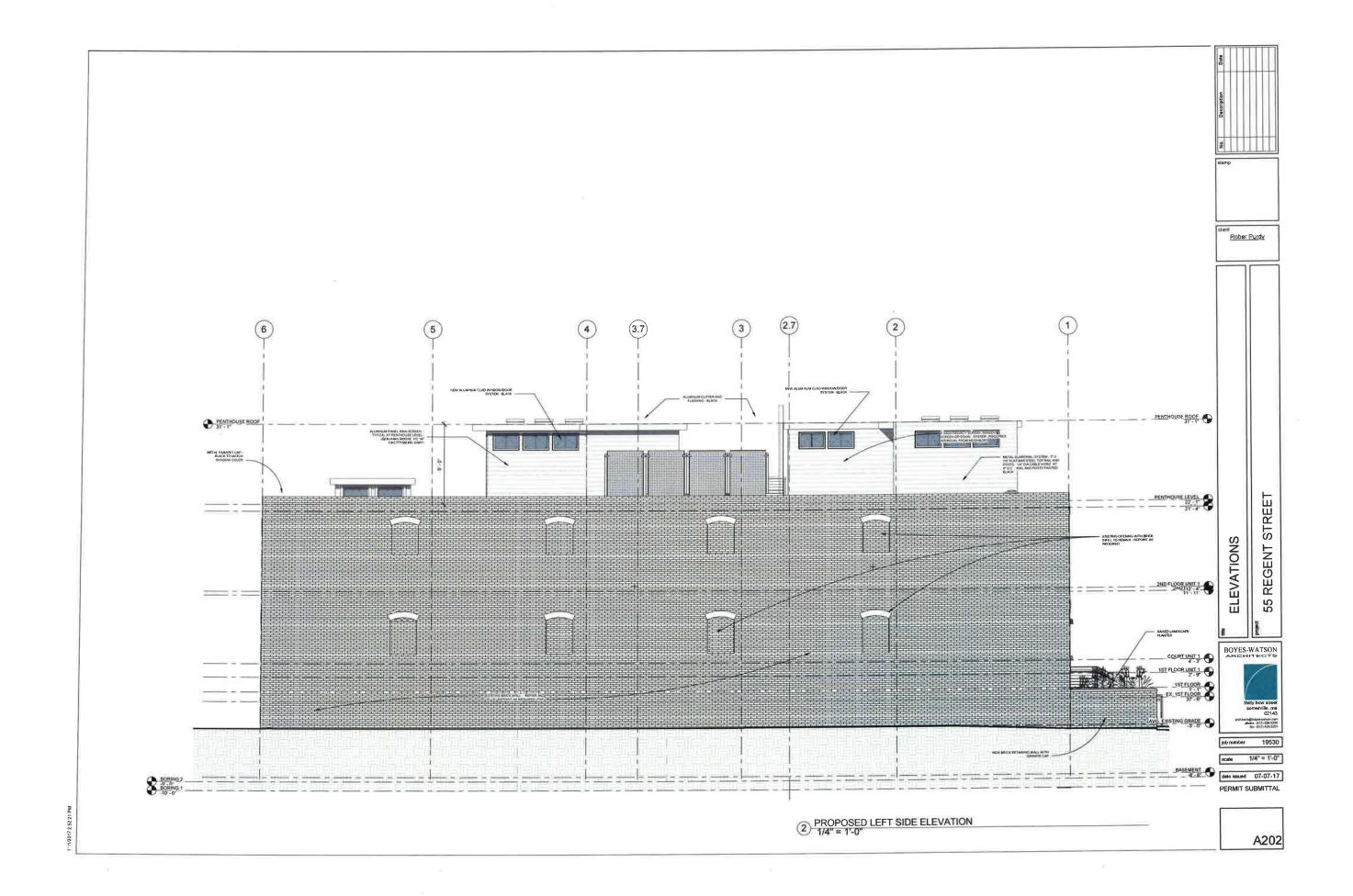
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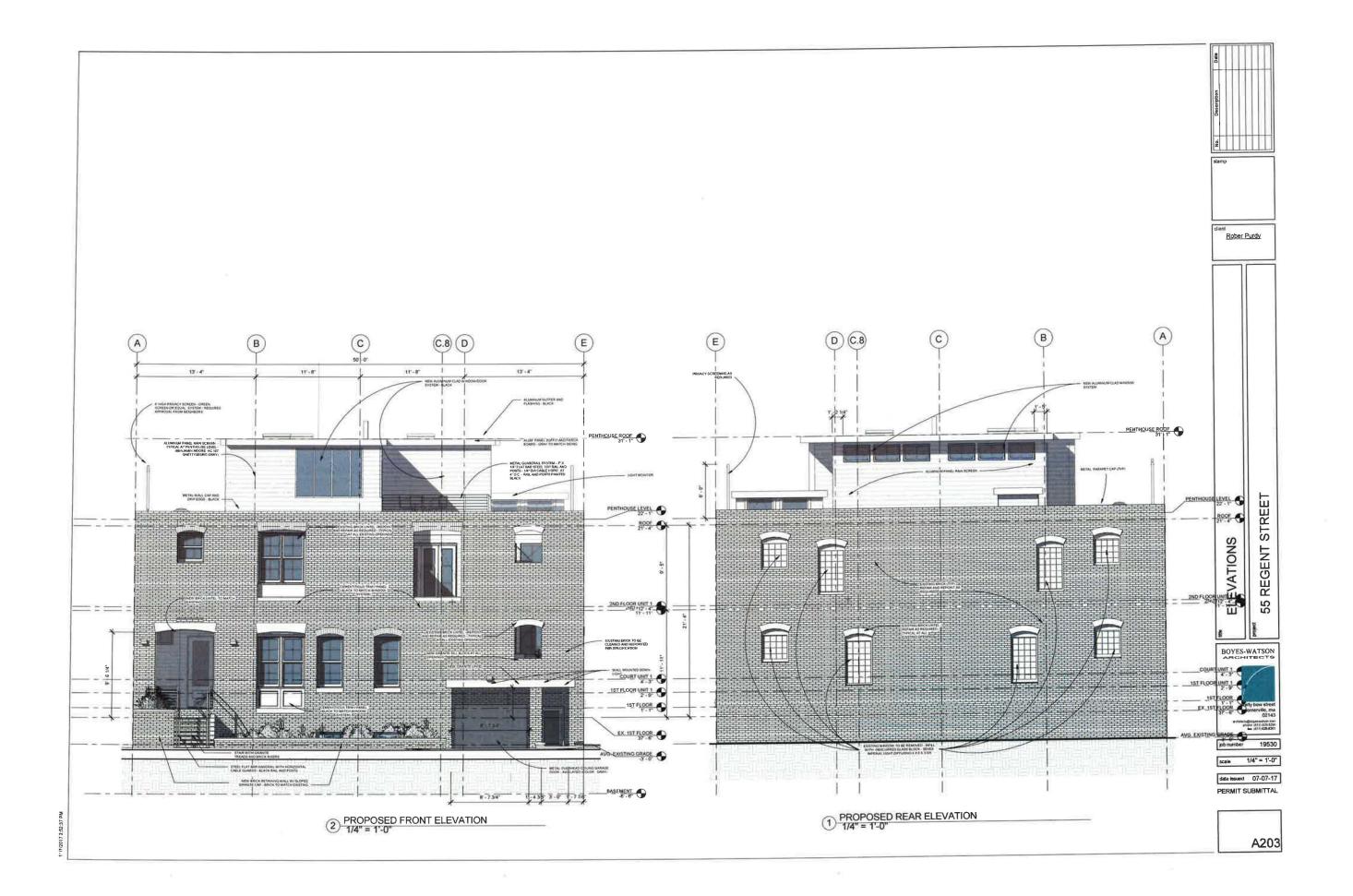






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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The undersigned hereby pet  Special Permit:	Variance:	X	Appeal:
PETITIONER: Robert Purdy	Robert Purdy		
PETITIONER'S ADDRESS: 15 W	estwood Road, Somervil	le, MA 02143	
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 55 Re	gent Street Cambridge		
TYPE OF OCCUPANCY: Residenti	al / Multifamily z	ONING DIST	RICT: Res B
REASON FOR PETITION:			
X Additions			New Structure
Change in Use	/Occupancy		Parking
Conversion to	Addi'l Dwelling	Unit's	Sign
Dormer			Subdivision
Other:			
	ting commercial structur	c to 3 Dwelling	Units with below grade parking at
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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	Robert Purdy									
				(OWNER)						
Address	:15 Westw	ood Road, So	merville, MA	02143						
State t	hat I/We ow	n the prop	perty loc	ated at	55 Re	gent Stree	t, Camb	oridge N	ИΑ	
which i	s the subje	ct of this	s zoning	applica	tion.					
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