

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

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BZA Application Form

BZA Number: 285446

		<u>Gener</u>	al Information
The undersigned	hereby petitions	the Board of Zoning	Appeal for the following:
Special Permit: _	X	Variance:	Appeal:
PETITIONER: A	lice Hoffman C/C	James J. Rafferty	
PETITIONER'S	ADDRESS: 907 N	/lassachusetts Aven	ue, Cambridge, MA 02139
LOCATION OF F	ROPERTY: 15 A	<u>sh St , Cambridge</u>	<u>, MA</u>
TYPE OF OCCUPANCY: single family ZONING DISTRICT: Residence A-2 Zone			
REASON FOR P	ETITION:		
/Additions/ /Con	version to Additi	onal Dwelling Units	5/
DESCRIPTION	OF PETITION	ER'S PROPOSAL	:
	exterior basemer		basement of pre-existing single-family dwelling. Work to de yard setback in order to access the apartment and
SECTIONS OF Z	ONING ORDINA	NCE CITED:	
Article: 4.000 Article: 5.000 Article: 10.000	Section: 5.31 (Accessory Apartmer Table of Dimensiona (Special Permit).	
		Original Signature(s):	(Petitioner (s) / Owner) James J. Rafferty, Attorney for Petitioner
		Address: Tel. No.	(Print Name) 907 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 300 Cambridge, MA 02139 617.492.4100

E-Mail Address:

jrafferty@adamsrafferty.com

Date: August 21, 2024

OWNERSHIP INFORMATION FOR BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL RECORD

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

Alice Hoffman

(Owner or Petitioner)

Address: c/o James J. Rafferty 907 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge MA 02139

Location of Premises:

15 Ash Street

the record title standing in the name of

Alice Hoffman

whose address is

15 Ash Street, Cambridge, MA 02139

(Street)

(City or Town)

(State & Zip Code)

by a deed duly recorded in the Middlesex South County Registry of Deeds in

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or

Registry

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On this day of August, 2024, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Alice Hoffman proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which were

, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that they signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

SAMANTHA MOORE Notary Public

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
My Commission Expires 01/17/2031

Notary Public

My commission expires:

1/17/2031

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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>15 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:

Section 4.22.1 allows for the conversion of the basement into an accessory dwelling unit, when, as in this case, there will not be any additional GFA created outside the envelope of the existing structure and the size of the apartment is considerably less than 900 sf. Sec 4.22.1 authorizes the Board to waive applicable yard setback and height restrictions.

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 creation of an accessory apartment in this dwelling will not alter traffic patterns on Ash Street or the surrounding neighborhood.

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 nearly all much larger residential dwellings. The creation of a 1 bedroom accessory dwelling unit will not have any adverse affect.

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 access stairs and accessory apartment will be constructed in accordance with 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 proposed accessory dwelling unit meets all four of the requirements of Sec. 4.22.1.

^{*}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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DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION

Applicant:

Alice Hoffman

Location:

15 Ash St, Cambridge, MA

Phone:

617.492.4100

Present Use/Occupancy: single family

Zone: Residence A-2 Zone

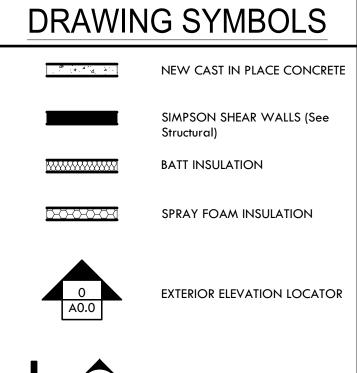
Requested Use/Occupancy: single family w/ accessory dwelling unit

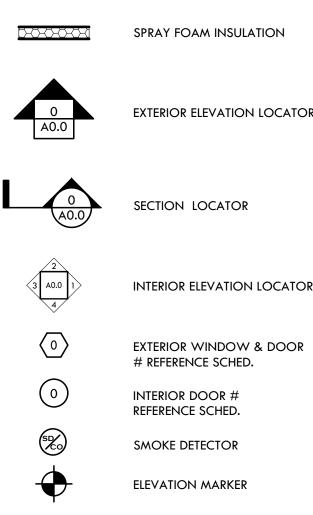
		Existing Conditions	Requested Conditions	<u>Ordinance</u> <u>Requirements</u>	
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA:		2,054 sf	no change	2,498 sf	(max.)
LOT AREA:		4,995 sf	no change	6,000 sf	(min.)
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA: ²		.41	no change	.5	
LOT AREA OF EACH DWELLING UNIT		4,995 sf	no change	4,500 sf	
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	45'	no change	65' min	
	DEPTH	111'	no change	N/A	
SETBACKS IN FEET:	FRONT	13' 7"	no change	20' min	
	REAR	41' 1"	no change	25' min	
	LEFT SIDE	11' 10"	no change	10' min	
	RIGHT SIDE	4' 9"	no change	10' min	
SIZE OF BUILDING:	HEIGHT	21' 3"	no change	35'	
	WIDTH	56' 3"	no change	N/A	
	LENGTH	28' 3"	no change	N/A	
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:		34.8	32.7	50	
NO. OF DWELLING UNITS:		1	2	1	
NO. OF PARKING SPACES:		2	no change	N/A	
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'.**





@	At	HOR.	Horizontal
&	And	HVY.	Heavy
A.F.F.	Above Finish Floor	JSTS.	Joists
A/C	Air Conditioning	LVL	Laminated Veneer Lumber
BD.	Board	MAX.	Maximum
B.O.	Bottom of	M.O.	Masonry Opening
BATTS	Fiberglass Insulation	MAS.	Masonry
BLDG.	Building	MTL.	Metal
C.I.P.	Cast-in-place	MIN.	Minimum
CL.	Clear	O.C.	On Center
CLG	Ceiling	O.H.	Overhang
CLO.	Closet	P.T.	Pressure Treated
CONC.	Concrete	PLYWD	Plywood
CONSTR.	Construction	R.	Riser
CONT.	Continuous	R.A.	Return Air
D	Diffuser	R.O.	Rough Opening
DBL.	Double	REG	Register
DF	Douglas Fir	RT	Roof Truss
DIA.	Diameter	S.A.	Supply Air
DIV.	Divided	SBW	Stud Bearing Wall
DN.	Down	SPF	Spruce Pine Fir
DWGS.	Drawings	STL.	Steel
EL.	Elevation	STRUCT	Structural
EPS	Extruded Polystyrene	T.	Tread
EPDM	Ethylene Propylene Diene	T&G	Tongue and Groove
	Monomer (rubber)	T.O.	Top of
EQ	Equal	TJI	Engineered Truss Joist
F.O.	Face of	TYP.	Typical
FDN.	Foundation	UN.	Unless Otherwise Noted
FIN.	Finish	VERT.	Vertical
GAR	Garage Elevation	W/	With
HDR.	Header	WD.	Wood Welded Wire Fabric
HRDWD		WWF	

PF	ROJECT DI	RECTORY	-	
ARCHITECT				
FOLEY FIORE ARCHITECTURE (FFA)				
316 CAMBRIDGE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141				
617.547.8002				
pfiore@foleyfiore.com				
CONTRACTOR				
CRAIG STADELMANN				
617-876-8286				
craigs@shconstruction.com				

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SITE SURVEY - SCALED AS NOTED MINIMUM AREA AND DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS: ZONE: RESIDENCE A-2 DISTRICT (A-2) PROPOSED 4,995 S.F. 35.3 FT. **ACACIA STREET** 4,500 S.F. MINIMUM LOT AREA MINIMUM FRONTYARD SETBACK MINIMUM SIDEYARD SETBACK *4.8 FT. MINIMUM REARYARD SETBACK 25 FT. 61.7 FT. *EXISTING NONCONFORMING 66.00' 111.00' LEGEND: ·BAY WINDOW MAP 167 LOT 76 DRILLHOLE FOUND 13 ASH STREET IRON ROD N/F W & P ASH SREET NOW OR FORMERLY REALTY TRUST PICKET FENCE STONE STEP BK. 63373, PG. 584 STOCKADE FENCE VERTICAL GRANITE CURBING MAP 167 LOT 38 6 ACACIA STREET N/F WILLIAM B. & TÉRESA P. HELLER BK. 60860, PG. 108 MAP 167 BRICK DRIVEWAY PLAN REFERENCES: RECORD OWNER: LOT 77 ROBERT T. MORRIS NORFOLK COUNTY 4,995 S.F.± & INGRID V. BASSETT REGISTRY OF DEEDS GARAGE PROPOSED 18 ASH STREET PLAN NO. 270 OF 1943 (18 S.F.) 7'X14' EGRESS CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138 PLAN NO. 772 OF 1946 1.5 STORY STAIRWAY BOOK 82212, PAGE 112 PLAN NO. 526 OF 1990 WOOD LAND COURT PLAN 12990-A (98 S.F.)¬ (1,215 S.F.) 66.00' 111.00' 177.00' 1 INCH=20 FT. MAP 167 LOT 40 PLAN OF LAND 19 ASH STREET N/F SOYOUN K. SHOWING PROPOSED ADDITION & MEGAN B. SONG 15 ASH STREET BK. 63002, PG. 521 TH OF MASSA CAMBRIDGE, MASS. **PLAN NOTES:** 1. THIS PLAN IS BASED ON A FIELD SURVEY PERFORMED BY TOOMEY TOOMEY LAND SURVEYING LLC I CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN IS BASED ON LAND SURVEYING LLC IN JULY & AUGUST, 2024. **JAMES** AN ACTUAL FIELD SURVEY PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYING 2. LOCUS IS LOCATED WITHIN ZONE X (UNSHADED) AS SHOWN ON THE TOOMEY 48 SUMMIT AVENUE, WALPOLE, MA 02081 FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP FOR CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, No. 49662 COMMUNITY PANEL NUMBER 25017C0557E, DATED JUNE 4, 2010. JTOOMEY@TOOMEYSURVEYING.COM (617) 877-1043 . THERE WERE NO WETLAND RESOURCE AREAS OBSERVED DURING THE FIELD SURVEY. DATE: AUGUST 16, 2024 JOB NO. 24-40 SCALE: 1"=20'

GENERAL NOTES TO CONTRACTOR

1. ALL WORK SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL BUILDING CODES, AMENDMENTS, RULES, REGULATIONS, ORDINANCES, LAWS, ORDERS, AND APPROVALS THAT ARE REQUIRED BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES HAVING JURISDICTION OVER THE WORK. IN THE EVENT OF CONFLICT, THE MOST STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS SHALL APPLY.

2. BEFORE COMMENCING WORK, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL VISIT THE SITE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE OWNER AND ARCHITECT, AND SHALL NOTE THE EXISTING CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE WORK. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL EXAMINE ADJOINING WORK FOR ASSURANCE THAT NO CONDITIONS EXIST TO PREVENT THE COMPLETION OF FIRST CLASS WORK. IF CONTRACTOR OBSERVES FIELD CONDITIONS THAT ARE AT VARIANCE WITH THE WORK SHOWN IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, THE ARCHITECT SHALL BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY IN WRITING SO THAT ACTION MAY BE TAKEN TO ACCOMMODATE THE CONDITION PRIOR TO BEGINNING CONSTRUCTION.

3. IF UNUSUAL CONDITIONS ARE ENCOUNTERED DURING CONSTRUCTION, SUCH AS CONFLICTS BETWEEN NEW CONSTRUCTION AND EXISTING UTILITIES. ANY OF WHICH HAVE TO BE REPOUTED OR MODIFIED. OR ANY OTHER SUBSTANTIAL COMPLICATION WHICH COULD NOT BE FORESEEN AT THE OUTSET OF CONSTRUCTION, THE OWNER, ARCHITECT, CONTRACTOR AND AFFECTED SUBCONTRACTORS SHALL MEET TO DETERMINE A FAIR AND EQUITABLE SOLUTION AS EACH ISSUE OCCURS. CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY ARCHITECT OF ANY DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THE DRAWINGS AND EXISTING CONDITIONS BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF WORK, CONTRACTOR ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY SUCH WORK UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT NOTIFYING AND RECEIVING APPROVAL FROM THE ARCHITECT.

4. ASBESTOS ABATEMENT, LEAD PAINT REMOVAL, AND OTHER HAZARDOUS MATERIAL REMOVAL IS NOT IN THE CONTRACT. SHOULD THE CONTRACTOR ENCOUNTER THE PRESENCE, OR POSSIBLE PRESENCE, OF POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE OWNER FOR INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO CONTINUING WORK.

5. WORK SHALL BE PERFORMED IN A SAFE AND ORDERLY MANNER WITH DUE CONSIDERATION FOR THE SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF ALL PERSONNEL, EXISTING SURFACES, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT. DUST PROTECTIVE DEVICES SHALL BE INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED AS NECESSARY AND AS REQUIRED BY THE OWNER OR AUTHORITIES.

6. DEBRIS SHALL BE CONTAINERIZED AND REMOVED FROM THE SPACE AND BUILDING ON A REGULAR BASIS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN AGREEMENT MADE BETWEEN THE OWNER AND THE CONTRACTOR.

7. SAFETY MEASURES: AT ALL TIMES, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE SOLELY AND COMPLETELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDITIONS OF THE JOB SITE. INCLUDING THE SAFETY OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY, AND FOR ALL NECESSARY INDEPENDENT REVIEWS OF THESE CONDITIONS. THE ARCHITECT'S, ENGINEER'S OR OWNER'S JOB SITE REVIEW IS NOT INTENDED TO REVIEW THE ADEQUACY OF THE CONTRACTOR'S SAFETY MEASURES.

8. BUILDING SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN WEATHERPROOF & SECURE CONDITION THROUGHOUT WORK.

9. VERIFY THAT NO CONFLICTS EXIST IN LOCATIONS OF ANY AND ALL MECHANICAL, PHONE, ELECTRICAL, LIGHTING AND PLUMBING AND THAT ALL REQUIRED CLEARANCES FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT ARE PROVIDED.

10. DIMENSIONS SHALL BE FROM FACE OF FRAMING, UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.

11. DO NOT SCALE DRAWINGS. IF A DIMENSION IS IN QUESTION, CONTACT THE ARCHITECT FOR CLARIFICATION. WRITTEN DIMENSIONS SHALL TAKE PRECEDENCE, LARGE SCALE DRAWINGS SHALL TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER SMALLER SCALE DRAWINGS. CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY EXISTING DIMENSIONS AS NECESSARY AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATION WITH NEW WORK. NO WORK SHALL BEGIN UNTIL SUCH COORDINATION HAS BEEN PERFORMED.

12. GENERAL CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING AND INFORMING TRADES OF THEIR SEQUENCE OF WORK OPERATIONS, AND MAKING CERTAIN THAT THEY HAVE COORDINATED THEIR WORK WITH ONE ANOTHER. GENERAL CONTRACTOR SHALL SEQUENCE WORK IN THE MOST ECONOMICAL AND EFFICIENT MANNER TO BENEFIT THE OWNER. OUT OF SEQUENCE WORK WHICH IS REQUIRED TO MEET THE INTENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS, OR DIRECTED BY THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT CAUSE THE OWNER ANY ADDITIONAL EXPENSE.

13. ERECT AND INSTALL ALL WORK LEVEL, PLUMB, SQUARE, TRUE, STRAIGHT AND IN PROPER ALIGNMENT.

14. PATCH AND REPAIR FINISHES DISTURBED OR DAMAGED BY REMOVAL OR NEW WORK OPERATIONS, OR AS REQUIRED TO ACCOMMODATE NEW FINISHES. WHERE REMOVAL OF WORK EXPOSES HOLES, CRACKS, ANCHORAGE INSERTS, OR OTHER IMPERFECTIONS, THEY SHALL BE SUITABLY REPAIRED BY THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR TO MATCH THE EXISTING ADJACENT SURFACES. OPENINGS IN CEILINGS, FLOORS, AND WALLS AS A RESULT OF REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING MECHANICAL, PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL WORK SHALL BE INFILLED. PATCH AS REQUIRED TO MATCH ADJACENT FINISHES OF EXISTING CONSTRUCTION. PATCHING MATERIALS SHALL COMPLY WITH FIRE RATED CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS WHERE APPLICABLE.

15. WHEN PROJECT IS COMPLETE, CLEAN AND POLISH GLASS, HARDWARE, AND OTHER SUCH ITEMS WITH FACTORY FINISHES. REMOVE ALL DUST WITH TREATED DUST CLOTHS OR VACUUM CLEANERS. WASTE AND REFUSE CAUSED BY THE WORK SHALL BE REMOVED FROM PREMISES AND DISPOSED OF BY CONTRACTOR. CLEAN SITE AT END OF PROJECT. REMOVE DUST, DEBRIS, OILS, STAINS, FINGERPRINTS, AND LABELS FROM EXPOSED SURFACES, INCLUDING GLAZING.

HOFFMAN RESIDENCE

15 ASH STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

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EXISTING EAST ELEVATION
N.T.S.



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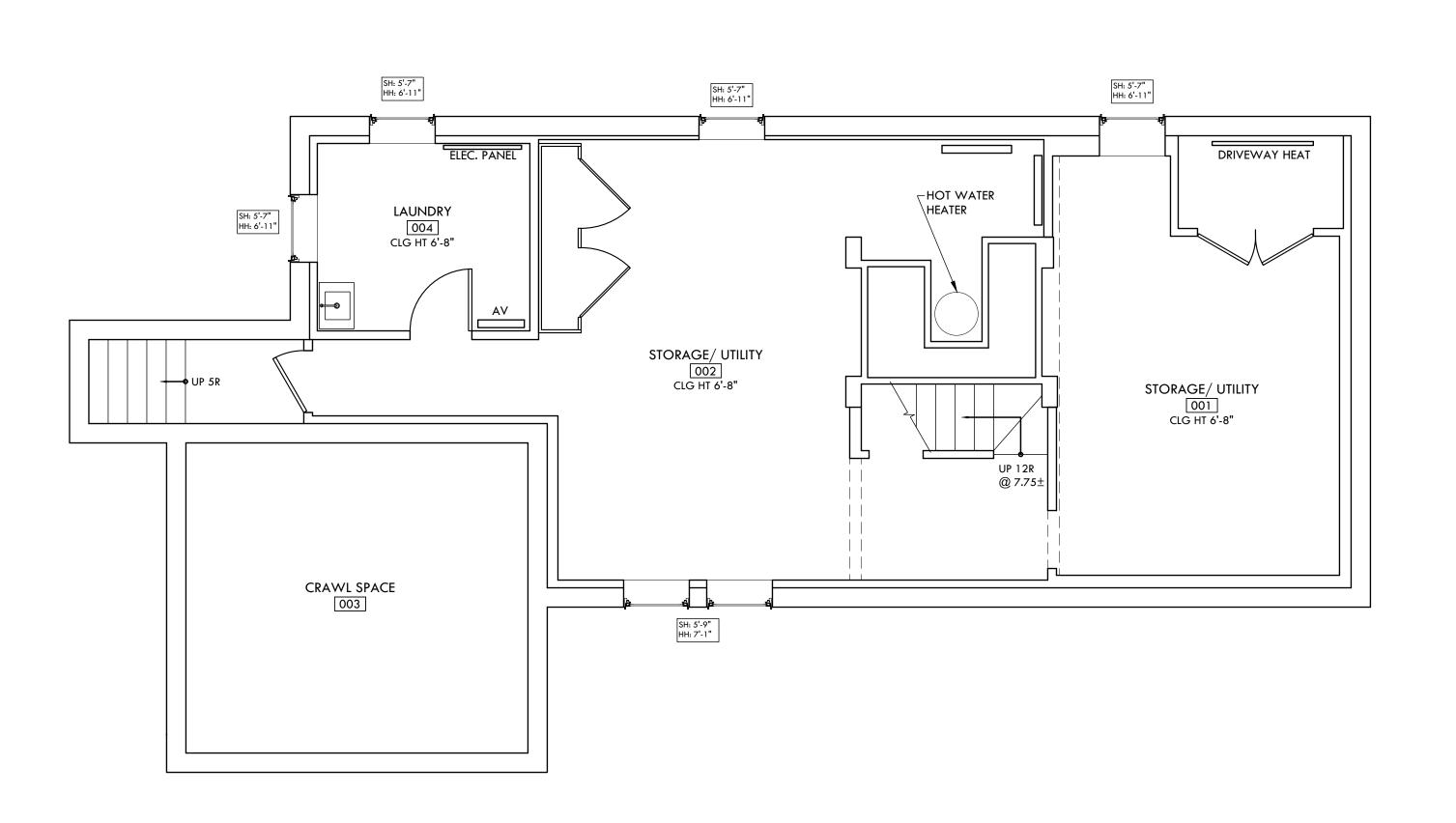
EXISTING WEST ELEVATION N.T.S.

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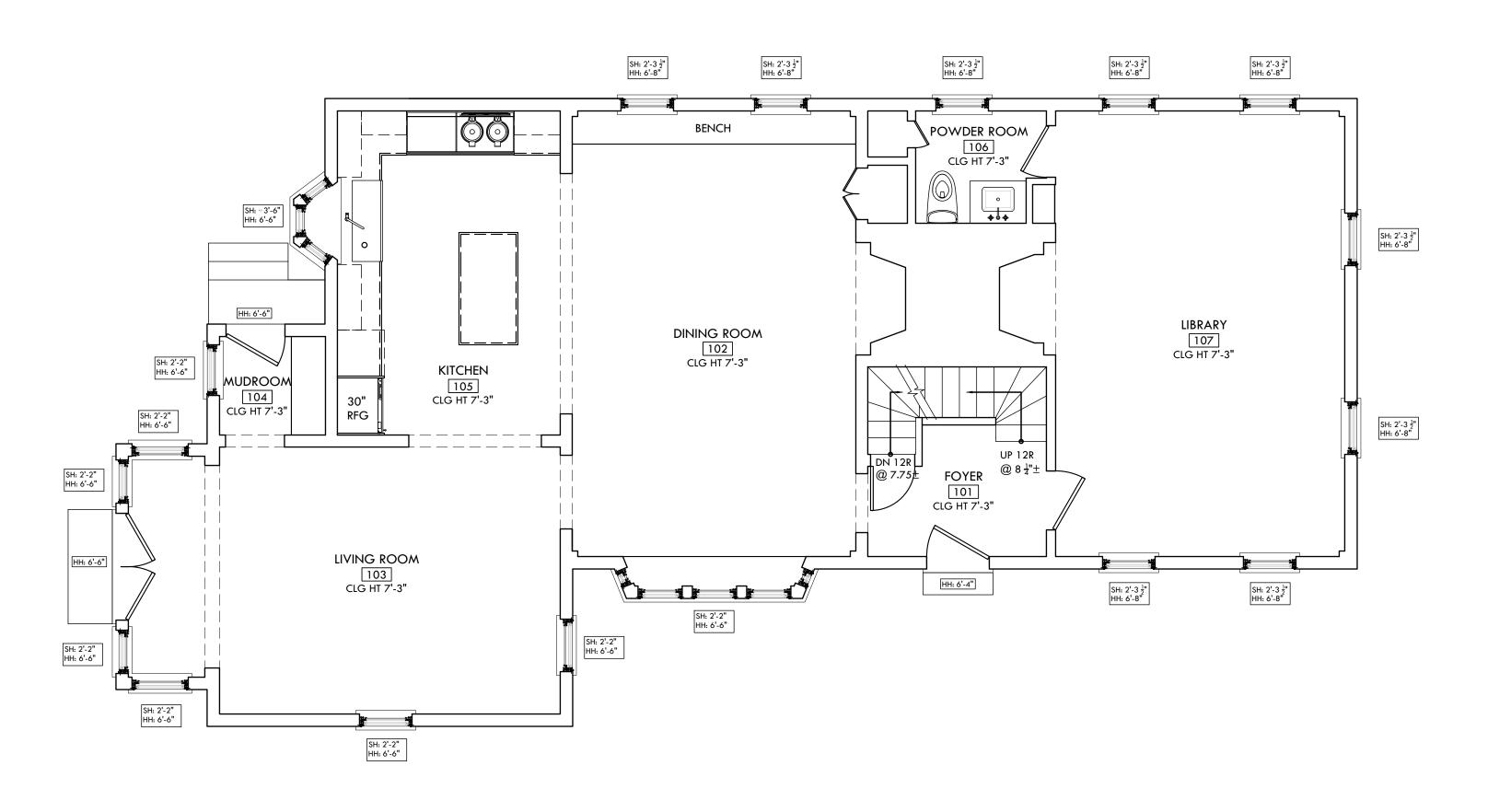
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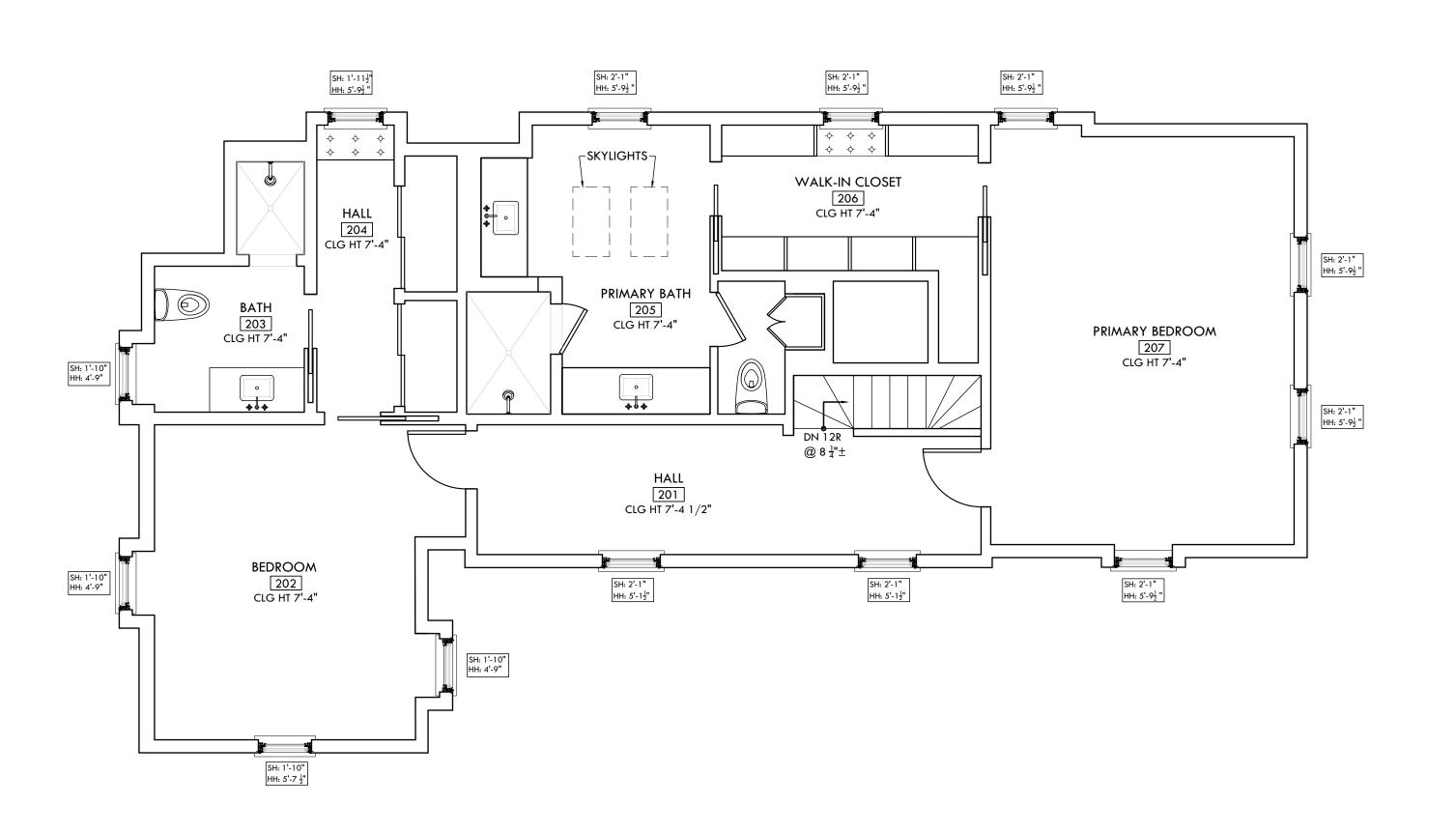
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1 EXISTING SECOND FLOOR PLAN
1/4" = 1'-0"





EXISTING SOUTH ELEVATION



EXISTING EAST ELEVATION | 1/4" = 1'-0"

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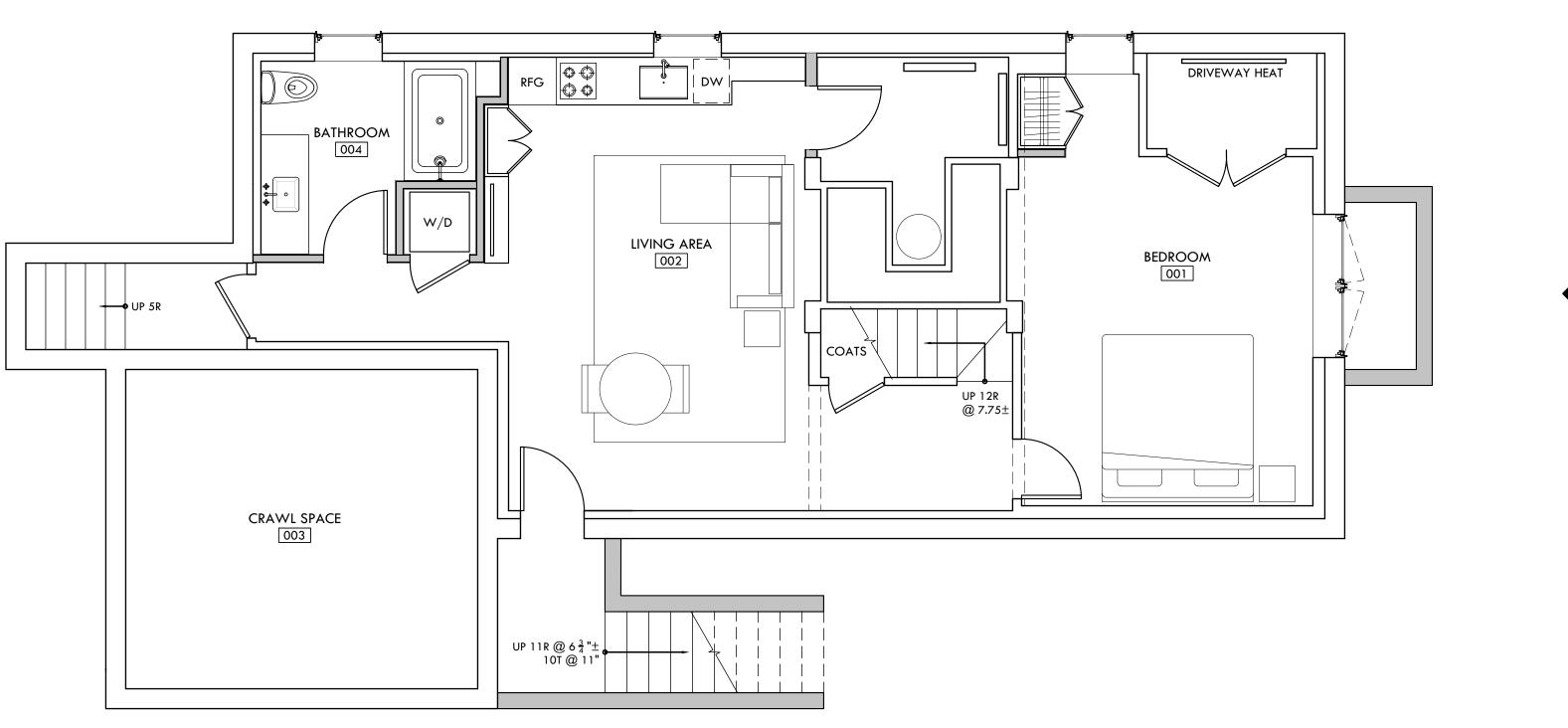
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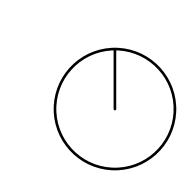
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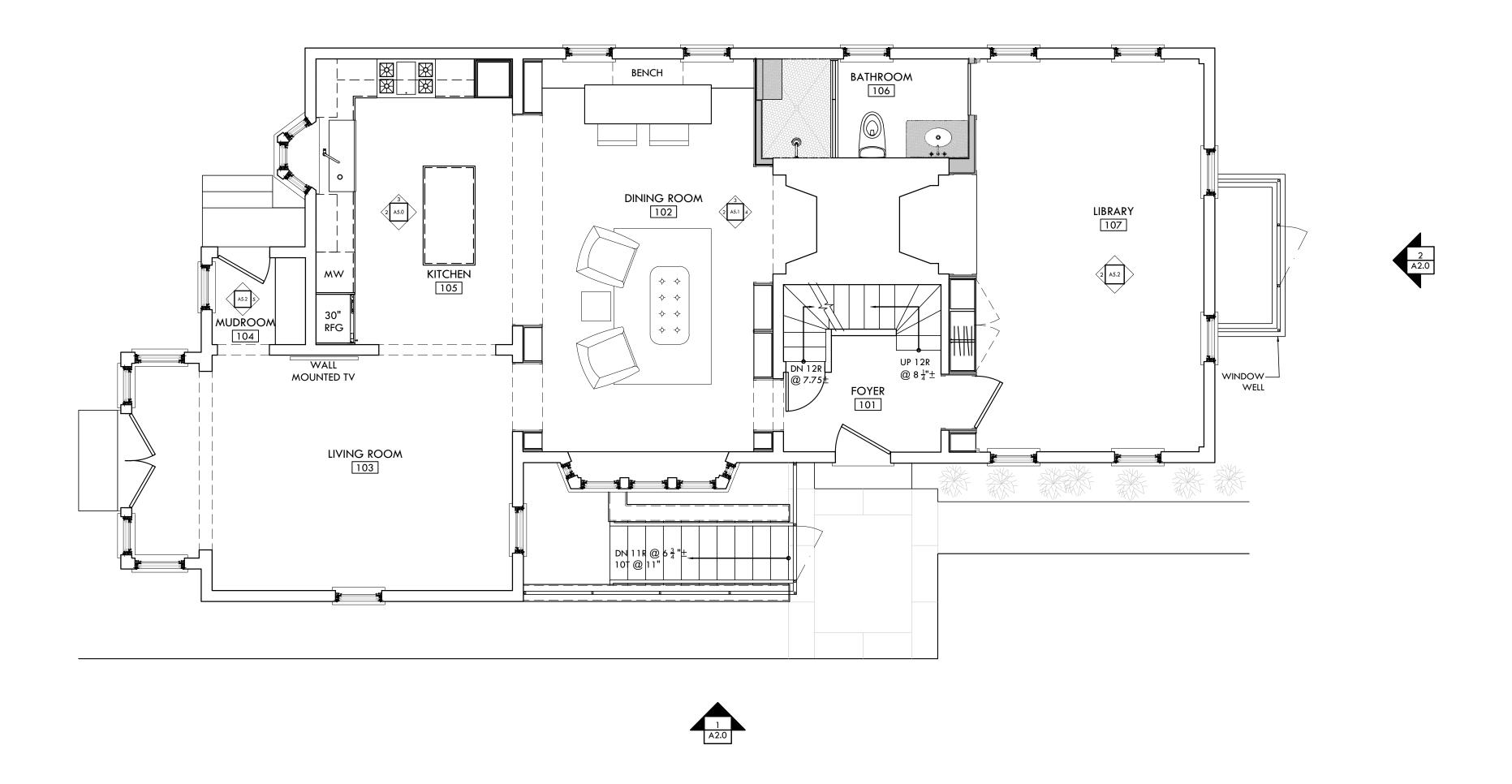
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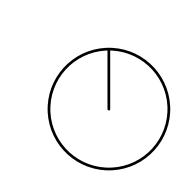
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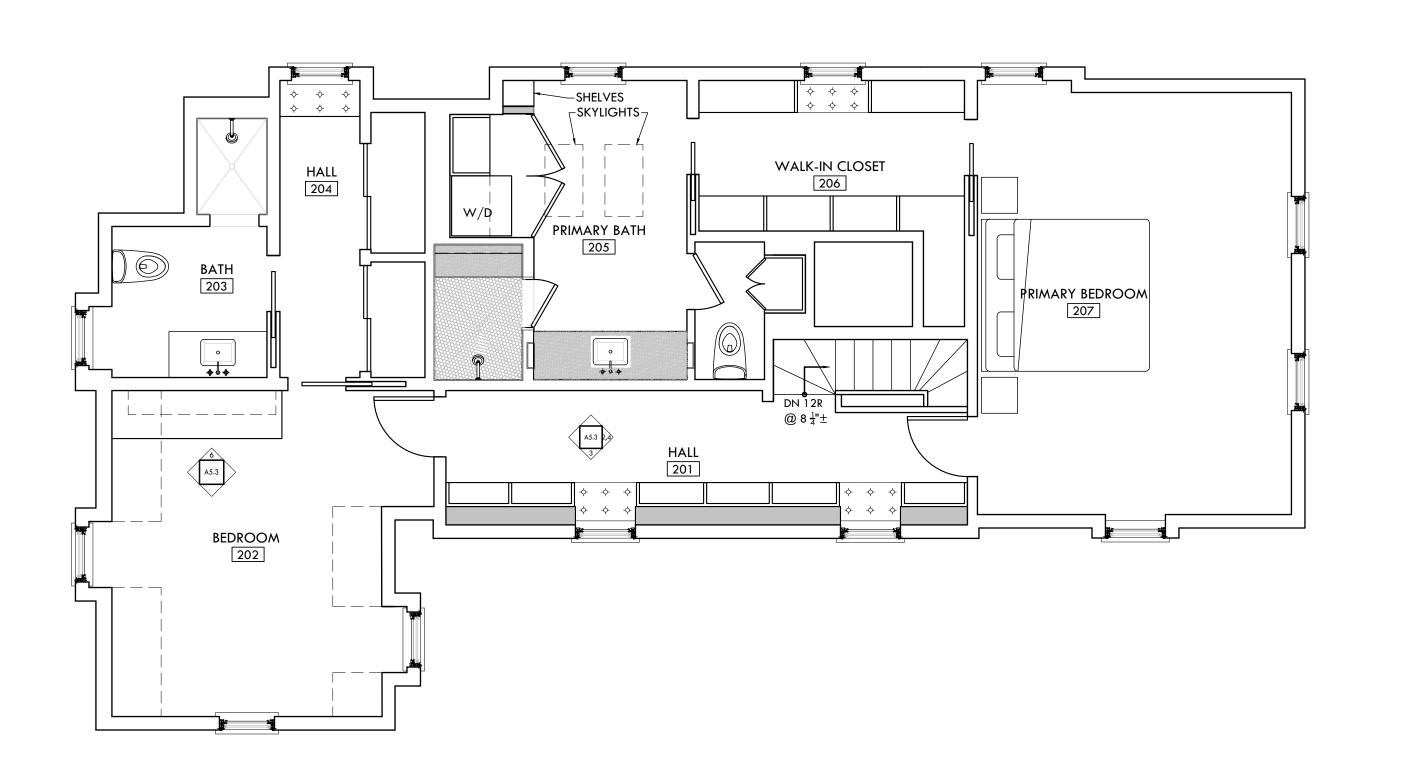
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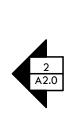
1 PROPOSED SECOND FLOOR PLAN

LEGEND

NEW WALLS

EXISTING WALL TO REMAIN









PROPOSED SOUTH ELEVATION 1 /4" = 1'-0"



PROPOSED EAST ELEVATION

| 1/4" = 1'-0"

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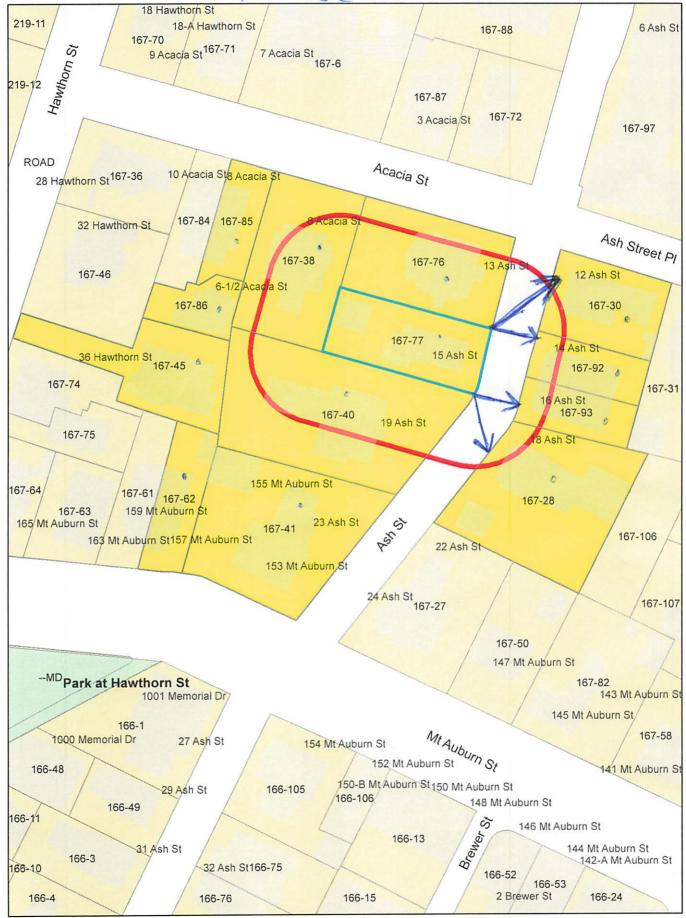
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Proposed Exterior Elevations

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15 Ash St



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BARBARA APPIGNANI 16 ASH ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138-4832

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COLLEGE HOLYOKE CENTER
1350 MASS AVE RM 1000
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

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167-28 MORRIS, ROBERT T. INGRID V. BASSETT 18 ASH ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

167-76 TRACKMAN, PHILIP C. & WINIFRED J. HENTSCHEL, TRUSTEES 13 ASH ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138 15 Ash St.

167-38 HELLER, WILLIAM B. & TERESA P. HELLER 3304 ALMAR DR. VESTAL, NY 13850

167-86 ZELLEKE, ANDARGACHEW S. & DINA G. ZELLEKE 6 1/2 ACACIA ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

167-30 STOVALL, JOHN & SIA STOVALL 12 ASH ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

167-45 TRIPPE, BLAIR L & DAVID R HARDING, TRS. 36 HAWTHORNE ST - UNIT 2 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

167-92 RABISON, SAMUEL RONNIE M. FUCHS TRS 14 ASH ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138 JAMES J. RAFFERTY, ESQ. 907 MASS AVENUE – SUITE 300 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

167-77 HOFFMAN, ALICE 15 ASH ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

167-45 BRUZELIUS, MARGARET 36 HAWTHORN ST UNIT 1 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

167-85 SINGH, DIPINDER & MEERA TRS THE DIPINDER & MEERA SINGH 2022 8 ACACIA ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

167-40 SONG, SOYOUN K. & MEGAN B. SONG 19 ASH ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

October 5, 2024

Dear Board of Zoning Appeals,

We are writing to comment on the request for a variance at 15 Ash Street. The request asks that the board grant relief to allow the owner to create a non-conforming accessory apartment in the basement of the property.

The owner has not shared these plans with the neighbors to be affected, and we are thus uncertain as to the purpose of the request. Creation of an accessory apartment to generate rental income for the owner should not qualify as justification for granting relief from hardship. Because the added apartment will be in an owner-occupied building, the potential exists for use as a short-term rental, such as an AirBnB. This use raises security concerns. Moreover, Ash St. is narrow, with very limited on-street parking. An additional rental unit will place added pressure on the availability of on-street spots.

Philip C. Trackers

We urge the Board to defer any decision until the owner has a chance to discuss this request and its rationale with us.

Sincerely,

Stephen Blacklow and Barbara Appignani

16 Ash St.

Winifred Hentschel and Philip Trackman

13 Ash Street



Thank you, Bza Members

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

831 Mass Avenue, Cambridge, MA. (617) 349-6100

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POSTING NOTICE – PICK UP SHEET

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

Name: Pagask Conte	Date:	9/18/24
Address: 15 Ash 14		·
Case No. 87A - 285-446		
Hearing Date:	*.	