

### **CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**

BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

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#### **BZA Application Form**

**BZA Number: 289881** 

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The undersigned h	nereby petitions t	he Board of Zoning	Appeal for the following:
Special Permit:	X	Variance:	Appeal:
PETITIONER: Th	e Laguna De Lo	s Tres Nominee Tru	st C/O Sarah Like Rhatigan, Esq., Trilogy Law LLC
PETITIONER'S A	DDRESS: 12 Ma	rshall Street, Bosto	n, MA 02108
LOCATION OF PI	ROPERTY: 316 I	Pearl St , Cambrid	g <u>e, MA</u>
TYPE OF OCCUP	PANCY: Two-fam	ily dwelling	ZONING DISTRICT: Residence C Zone
REASON FOR PE	ETITION:		
/Additions/			
DESCRIPTION	OF PETITION	ER'S PROPOSAL:	
		asing preexisting nonconforate, requiring special perm	orming GFA/FAR and construct exterior basement stair within front setback nit relief.
SECTIONS OF Z	ONING ORDINA	NCE CITED:	
Article: 5.000 Article: 8.000 Article: 10.000	Section: 8.22.2.	Table of Dimensiona d (Alteration to Pre- (Special Permit).	I Requirements). existing non-conforming 2-family).
		Original Signature(s):	(Petitioner (s) Owner)  Sarah Like Rhatigan on behalf of Petitioner  (Print Name)
		Address:	Trilogy Law LLC, 12 Marshall St., Boston, MA 02108

617-543-7009

sarah@trilogylaw.com

Tel. No.

E-Mail Address:

Date: September 20, 2024

#### 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/WeJohn Felix, Trustee for Laguna De Los Tres Nominee Trust (OWNER)
Address: 306 Pearl Street, Cambridge, MA 02139
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 Laguna De Los Tres Nominee Trust
*Pursuant to a deed of duly recorded in the date, Middlesex South
County Registry of Deeds at Book <u>82489</u> , Page <u>423</u> ; or
Middlesex Registry District of Land Court, Certificate No
BookPage
For authority of signatory, also see Declaration of Trust recorded at Book 82489, Page 429, as affected by First Amendment to Declaration of Trust recorded at Book 82603, Page 293.  SIGNATURE BY LAND OTHER OR
*Written evidence of Agent's standing to represent petitioner may be requested.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, County of MiddleSeX
The above-name
thisof September, 2024, and made oath that the above statement is true.
Notary Notary
My commission expires January 03,2031 (Notary Seal).
If ownership is not shown in recorded deed, e.g. if by court order recent deed, or inheritance, please include documentation.

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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>316 Pearl 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:

#### INTRODUCTION:

The Petitioner recently purchased this 19<sup>th</sup> century home and seeks a special permit in order to renovate, update and modestly expand the home for their family's future residence.

Located on a corner lot abutting (abutting Pearl Street and Pearl Street Place, a private way), the home is a legally preexisting nonconforming two-family structure that already exceeds the allowable Gross Floor Area/Floor Area Ratio for this Residence C district (at 0.81 FAR) and is sited within the front yard setbacks. The Height is 34.09 ft, so less than the maximum for the district.

The interior layout is constrained due to the age and condition of the structure, requiring a complete rehab in order to bring the property up to code and improve the living conditions for family living.

The Petitioner recently received City Council approval of a Curb Cut Application (File No. 279574) to allow for parking of one vehicle. The approved Curb Cut Plan meets all zoning requirements and is filed as an exhibit to this BZA Application.

#### THE PROPOSAL:

The proposed alterations will increase the total Gross Floor Area by 392 square feet due to modest additions to the first floor (109 sf), second floor (5 sf) and third floor (376 sf), which allow for upgrading of the kitchen, code-compliant stairways and the addition of third floor home offices and a small bathroom. The construction of an exterior stairway down to the basement will create a second means of egress for the occupants who include young children. It will also provide access for bicycle/equipment storage and direct access to the mechanical room for equipment service and repairs. The exterior basement stairs result in a minor decrease in the average grade around the foundation and thus a modest increase in the calculated Height of the building; although overall planned Height of the structure will not exceed the maximum of 35 ft. for the district.

The proposed alterations otherwise comply in all respects to the zoning requirements of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance (CZO) and do not create any *new* nonconformities. Thus, the proposal qualifies for a special permit under Section 8.22.2.d of the CZO for minor alterations to a non-conforming single or two-family structure.

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 project meets the general special permit criteria in that it will not substantially impact the established neighborhood character, nor cause congestion hazard, or negative impacts in terms of traffic generated or patterns of access or egress. The proposed additions are relatively modest in size, do not protrude out beyond the existing setbacks of the existing structure, do not create any new nonconformities, and will not negatively impact neighboring uses. The exterior basement

stairwell will have a safety railing surrounding the opening and be screened from view by fencing. The lighting for the stairwell will be minimal, limited to low lighting for safe egress, and thus the basement stair egress should not cause any negative impacts on the neighborhood character or otherwise disturb neighboring uses.

The increase in GFA/FAR that results is quite minimal and thus should not cause any harm to the neighborhood in terms of traffic, congestion, or the like concerns.

The changes proposed are modest and will be in keeping with similar residential homes in the area and will improve (and not harm) the neighborhood character. The exterior design is envisioned to follow the turn of the century Queen Ann style which was its original intent.

There will otherwise be no change to access or egress patterns to and from the home.

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 continued operation of or development of adjacent uses will not be adversely affected by this proposal. In fact, the renovation and modest expansion that is proposed will result in quality family housing for the benefit of the Petitioner and all future owners.

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:

No nuisance or hazard will be created by the granting of the requested special permit relief, for the reasons described above. The home has been abandoned for over 25 years and the neighbors have had numerous concerns about the squatters and pests who have occupied the building while it has been abandoned. The proposal will remove this nuisance and is in keeping with the residential development and density and nature of uses envisioned for the neighborhood.

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 requested special permit relief can be granted without impairing the integrity of the districts or adjoining districts, because it will allow for modest changes to a pre-existing non-conforming structure that will be in keeping with the neighborhood uses and beneficial in providing a much-needed, quality housing for the benefit of the 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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#### **DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION**

Applicant: The Laguna De Los Tres Nominee Trust

Location: 316 Pearl St., Cambridge, MA

**Phone:** 617-543-7009

Present Use/Occupancy: Two-family dwelling

Zone: Residence C Zone

Requested Use/Occupancy: Single-family dwelling

		Existing Conditions	Requested Conditions	Ordinance Requirements	
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA:		3,638	4,030	2,700	(max.)
LOT AREA;		4,500	 4,500	5,000	(min.)
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA: <sup>2</sup>		0.81	0.90	0.60	
LOT AREA OF EACH DWELLING UNIT		2,250	4,500	 1,800	
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	50	50	50	
	DEPTH	90	90	n/a	
SETBACKS IN FEET:	FRONT	6.7/7.8	6.7/7.8	(H+L)/6 - min 10	
	REAR	n/a	n/a	n/a	
	LEFT SIDE	27.4	27.4	(H+L)/7 - min 7.5, sum 20	
	RìGHT SIDE	20.5	15.0	(H+L)/7 - min 7.5, sum 20	
SIZE OF BUILDING:	HEIGHT	34.1	35.0	35.0	
	WIDTH	50.5	50.5	n/a	
	LENGTH	26.5	31.0	 n/a	
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:		0.48	0.43	0.36	
NO. OF DWELLING UNITS:		2	1	2	(max.)
NO. OF PARKING SPACES:		1 (City Council Approved)	1	 0	
NO. OF LOADING AREAS:		0	0	0	
DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG. ON SAME LOT		n/a	 n/a	(H+L)/10	

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.:

Construction will be wood frame standard residential construction.

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#### CITY OF CAMBRIDGE INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

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#### Via Email

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

Re:

BZA Case No. 289881-2024

BZA Application: 316 Pearl Street, Cambridge, MA

Dear Ms. Pacheco:

Enclosed please find for filing in connection with the BZA Application referenced above, the following originals:

- Architectural Plan Set REVISED
- Dimensional Information -- REVISED

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Sarah Like Rhatigan, Esq.

**Enclosures** 

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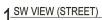
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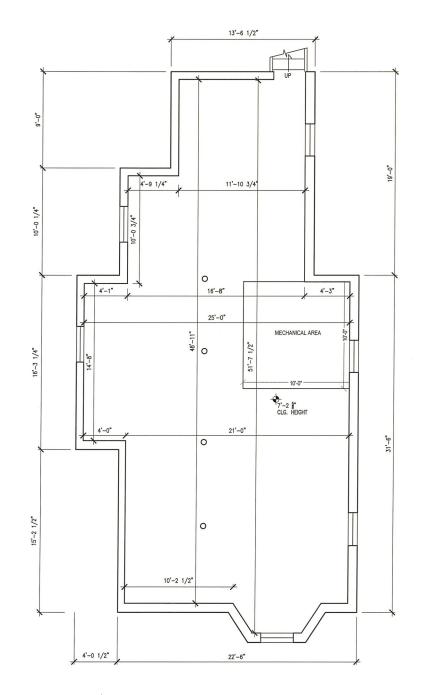


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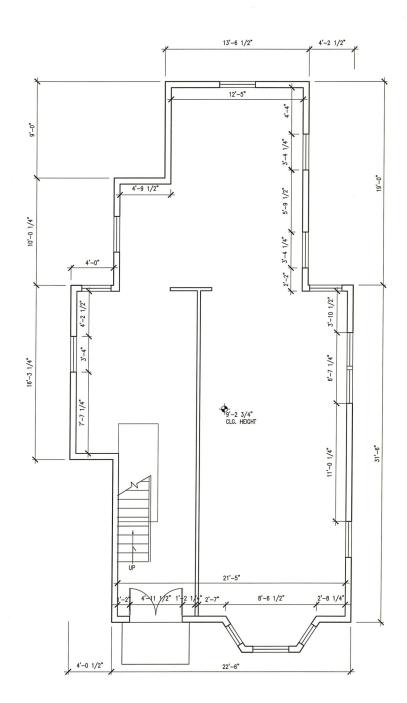
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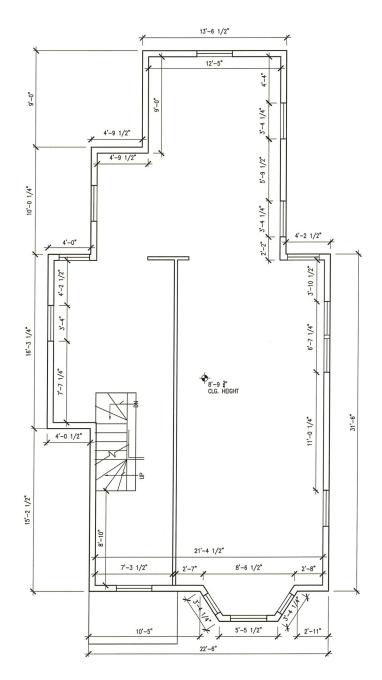
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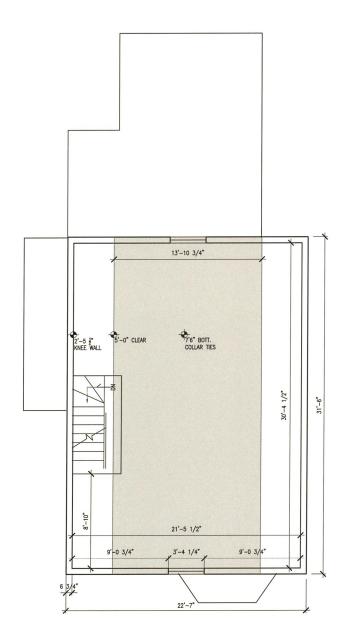
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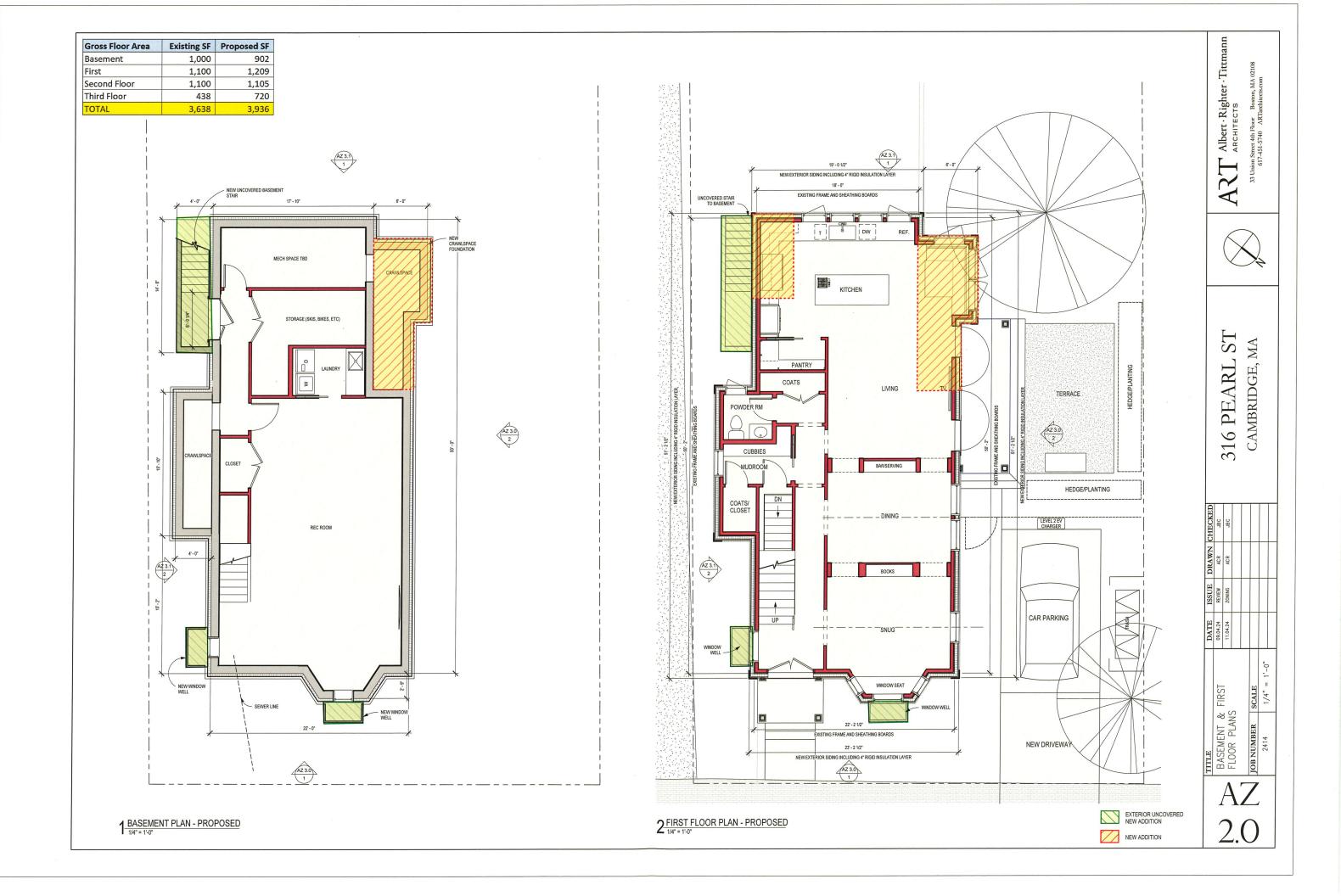
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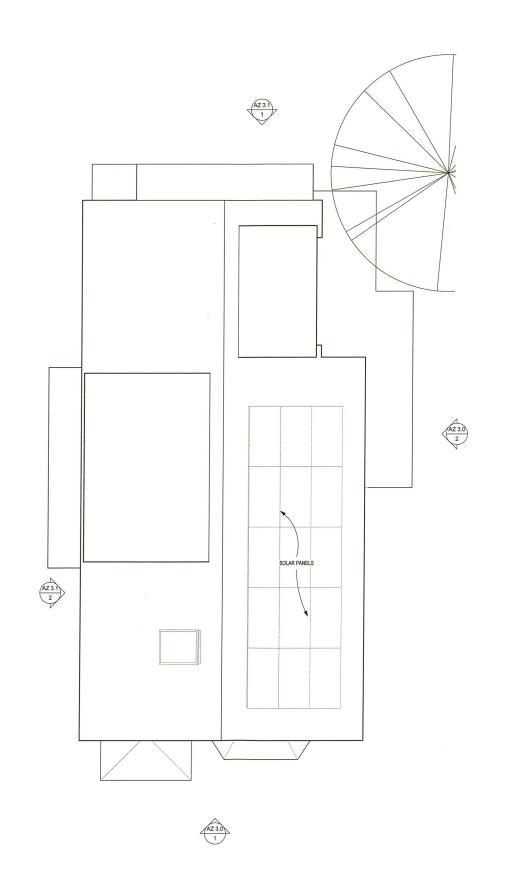
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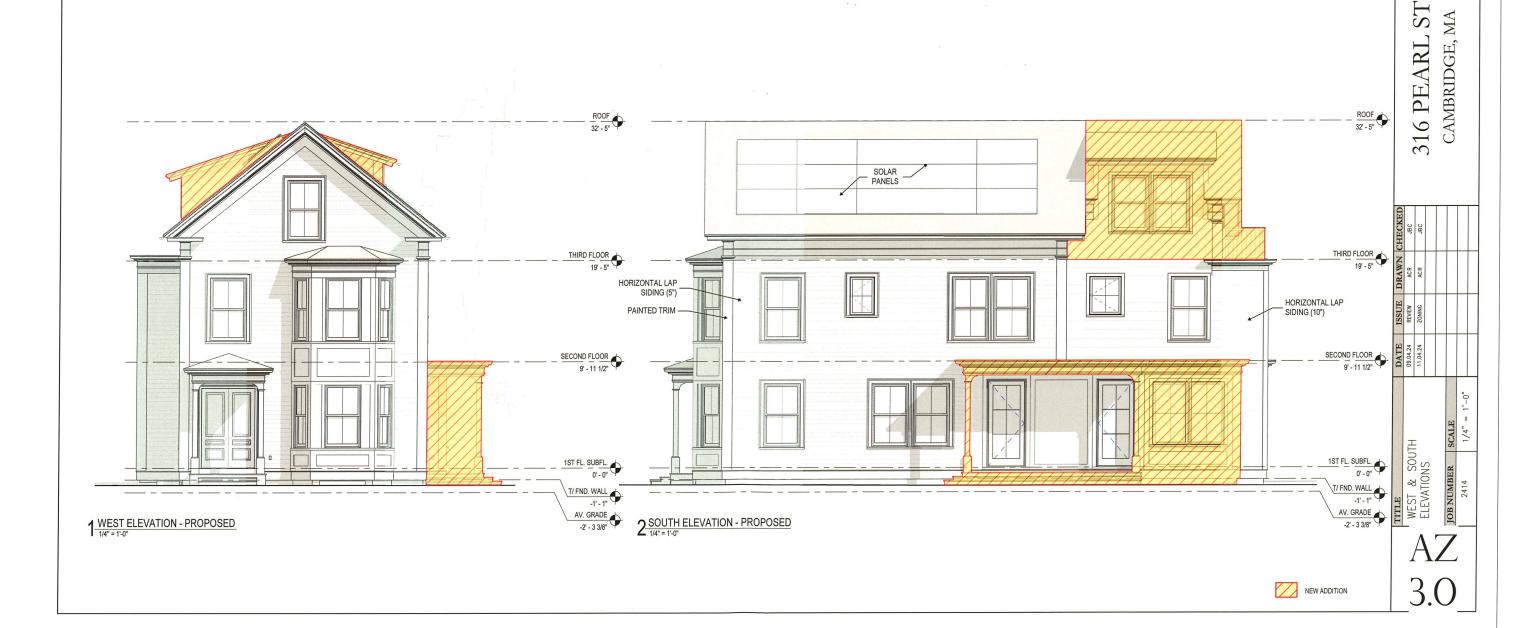




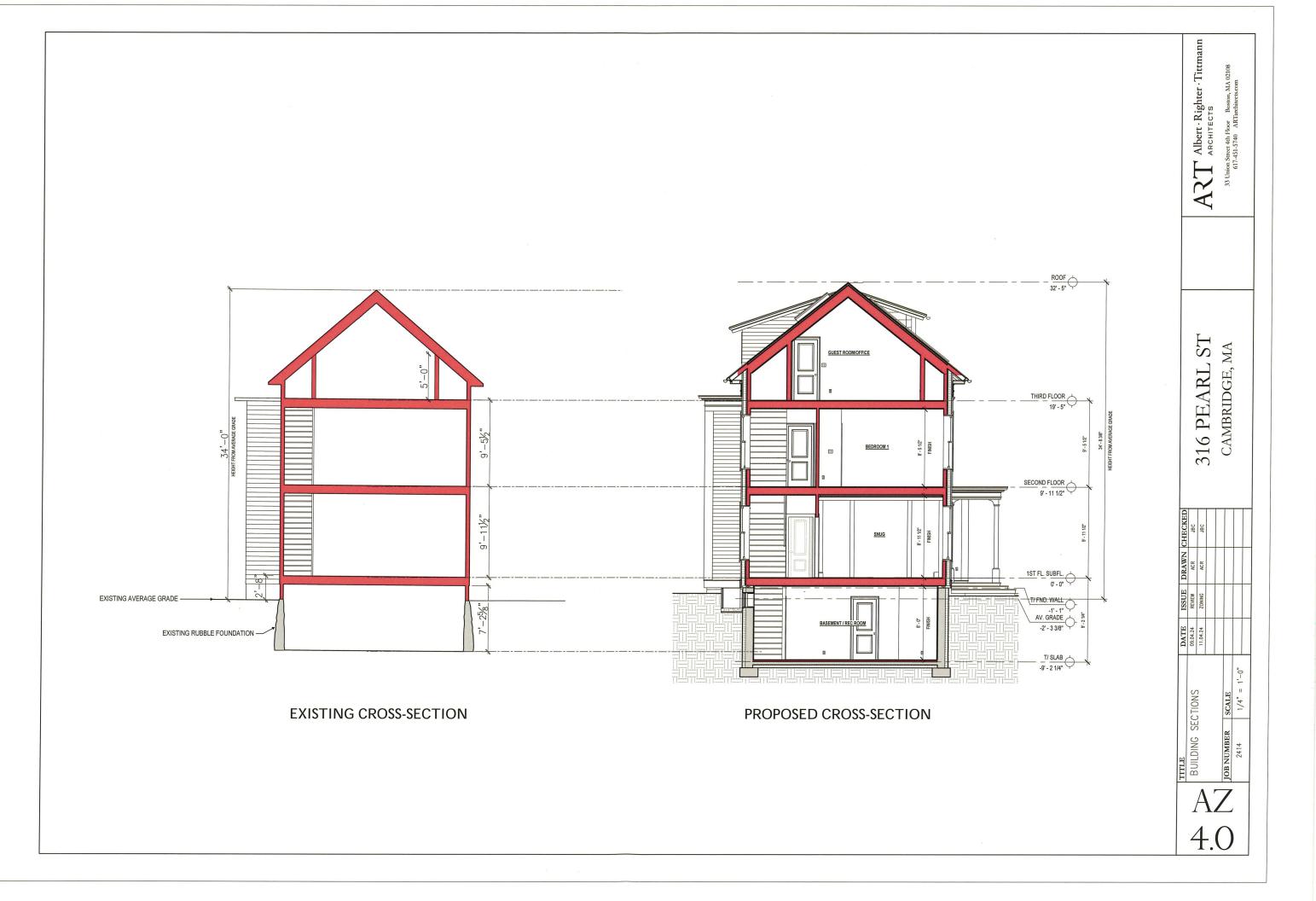


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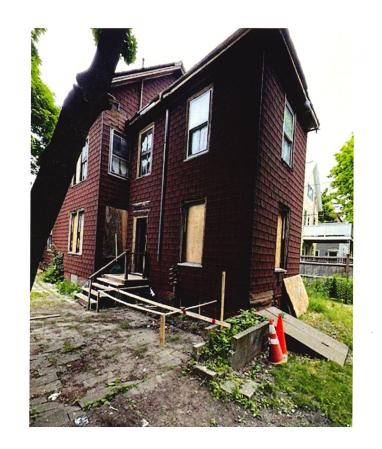
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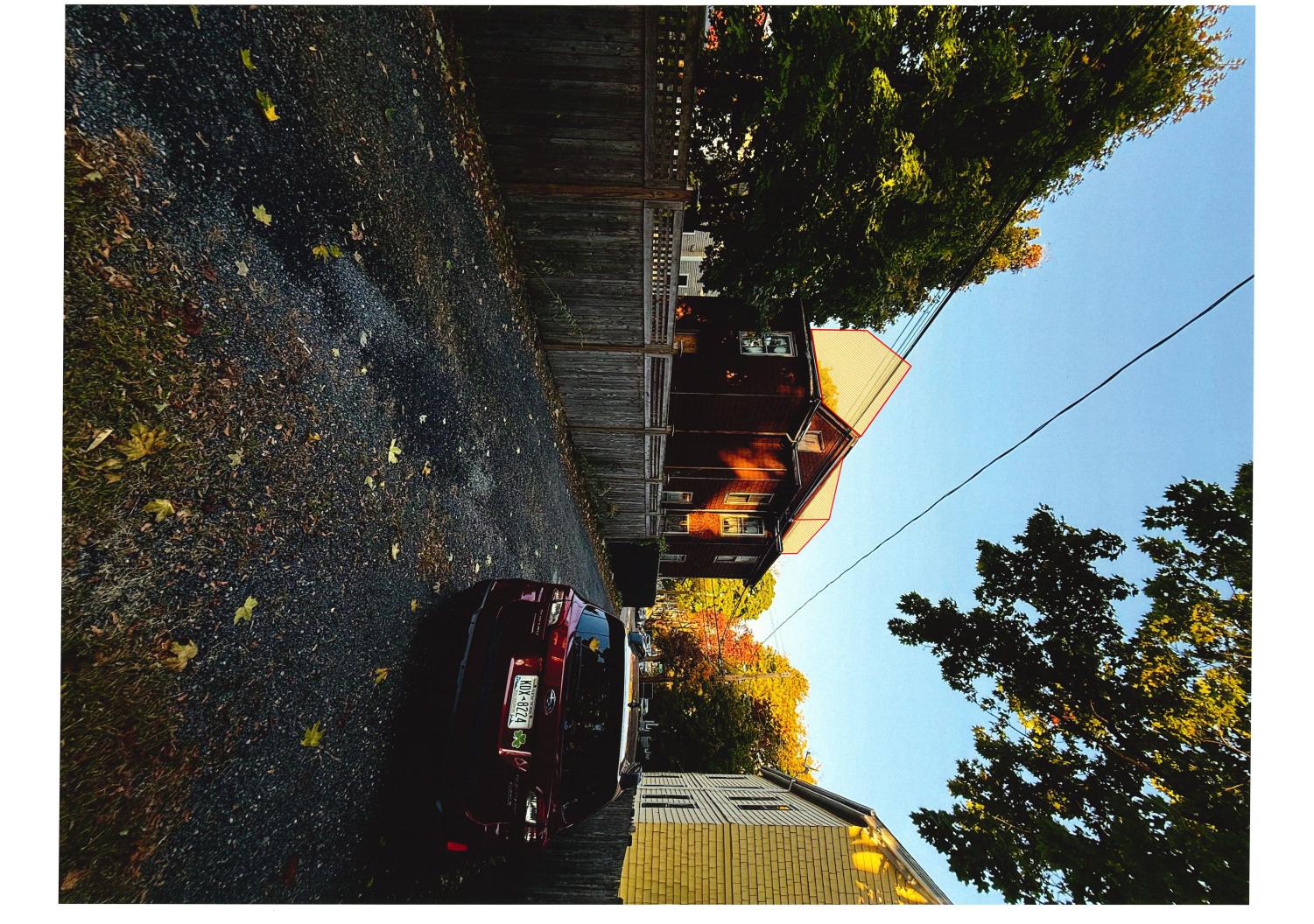


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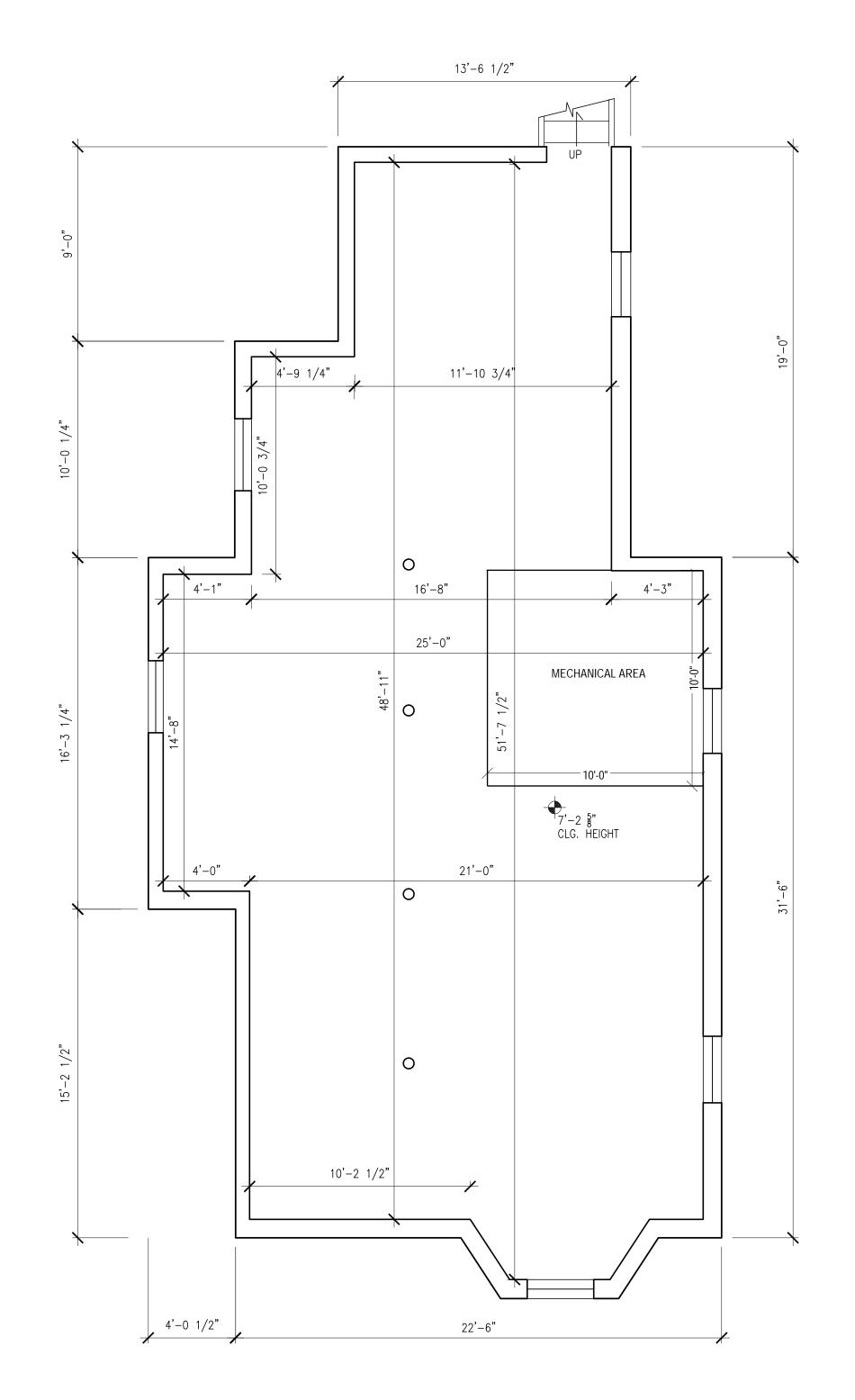
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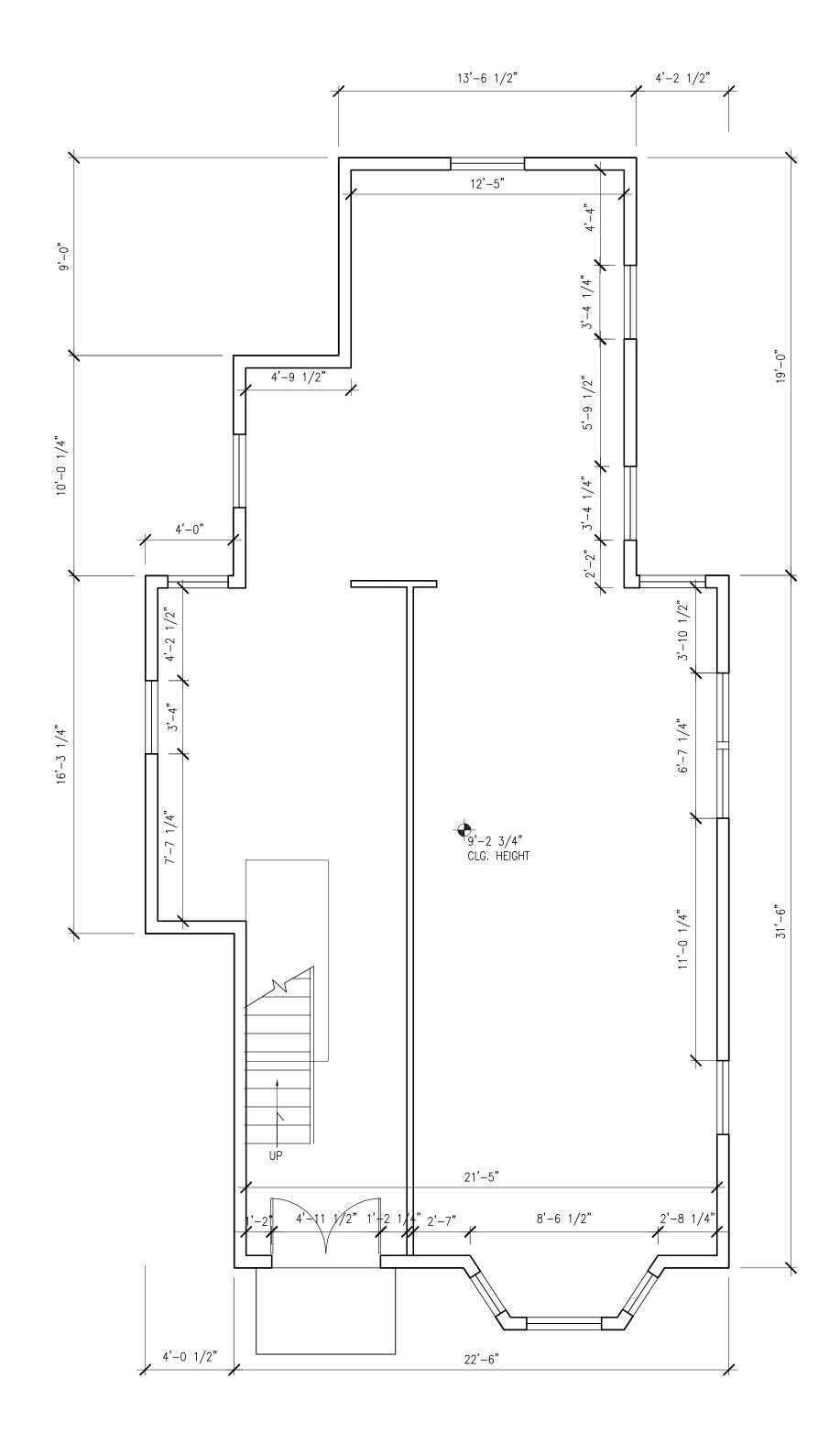
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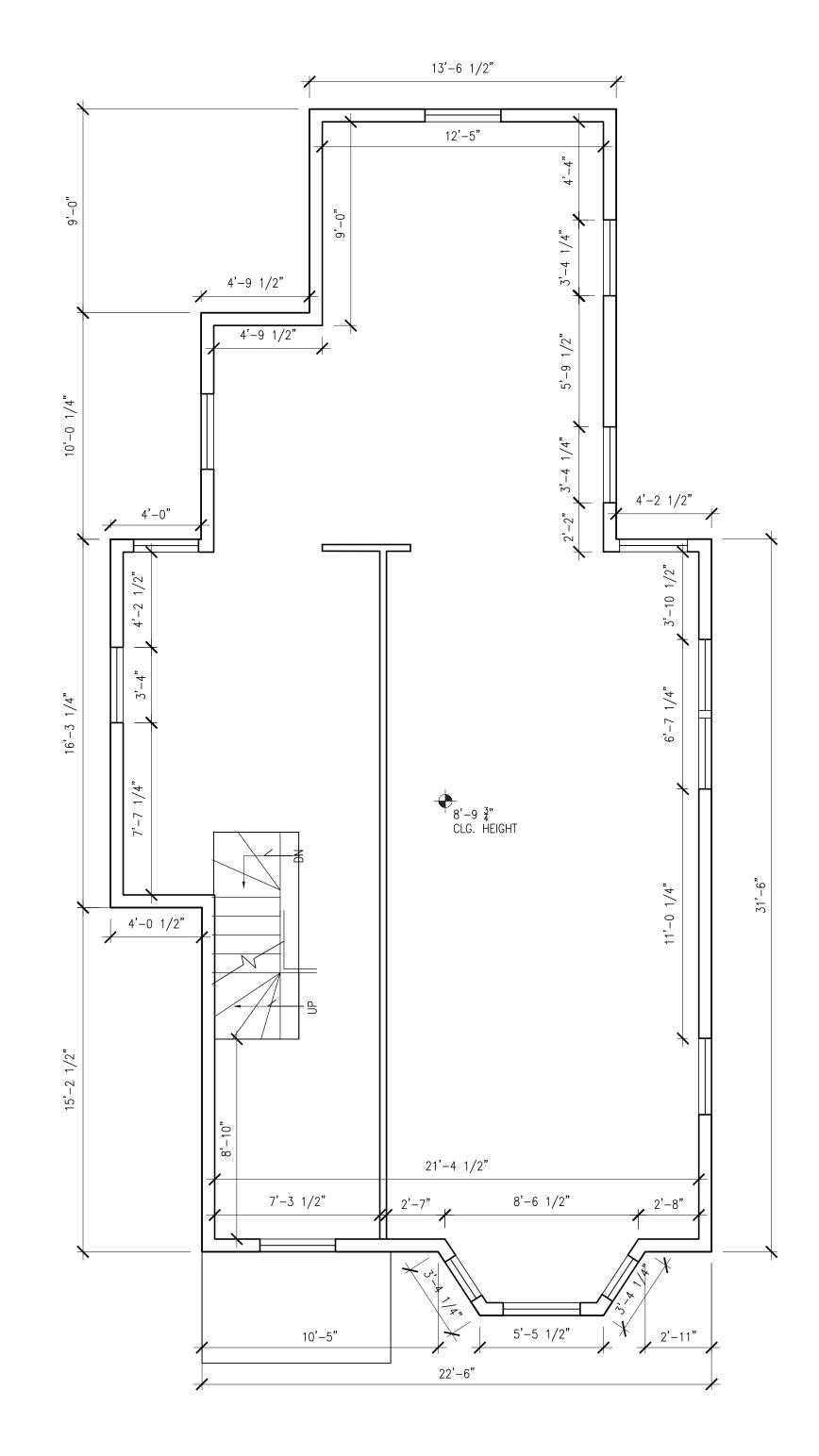
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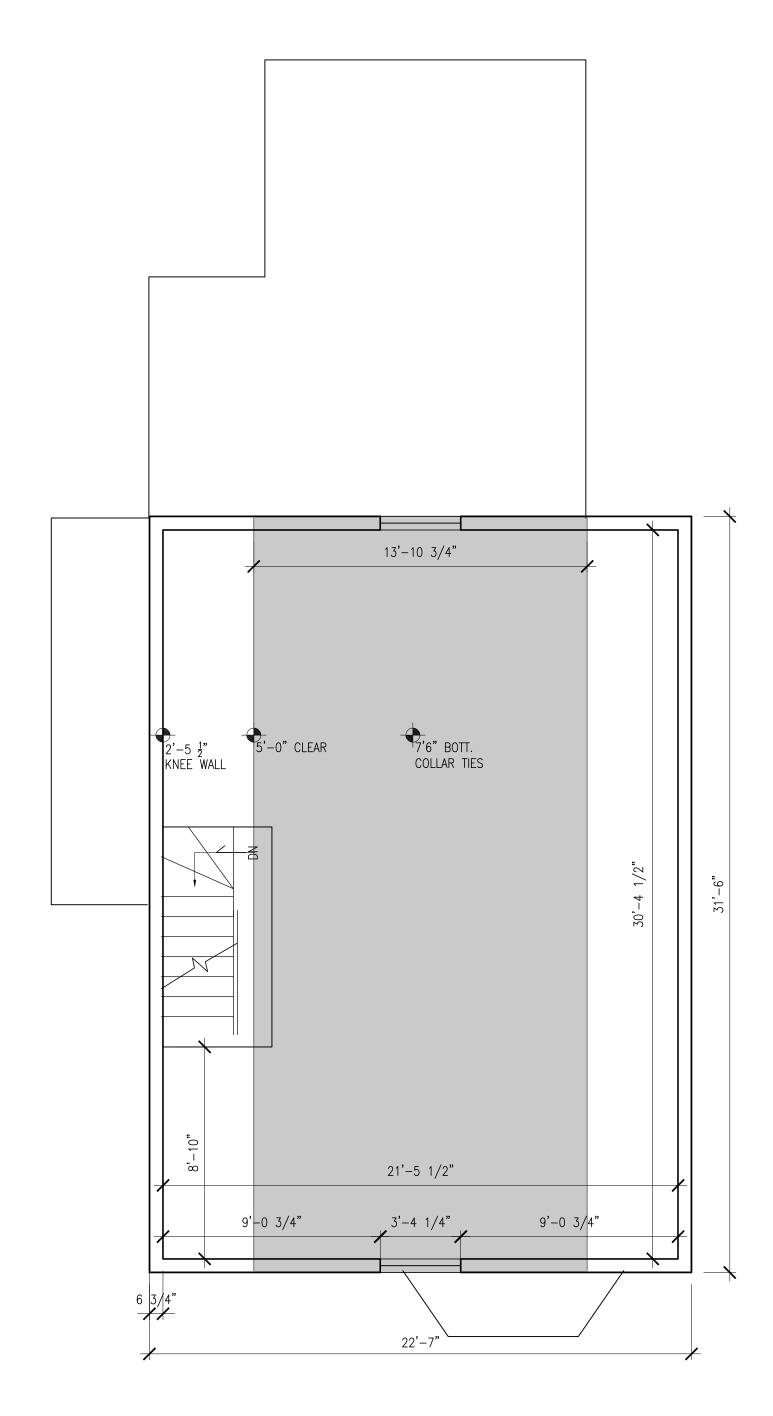
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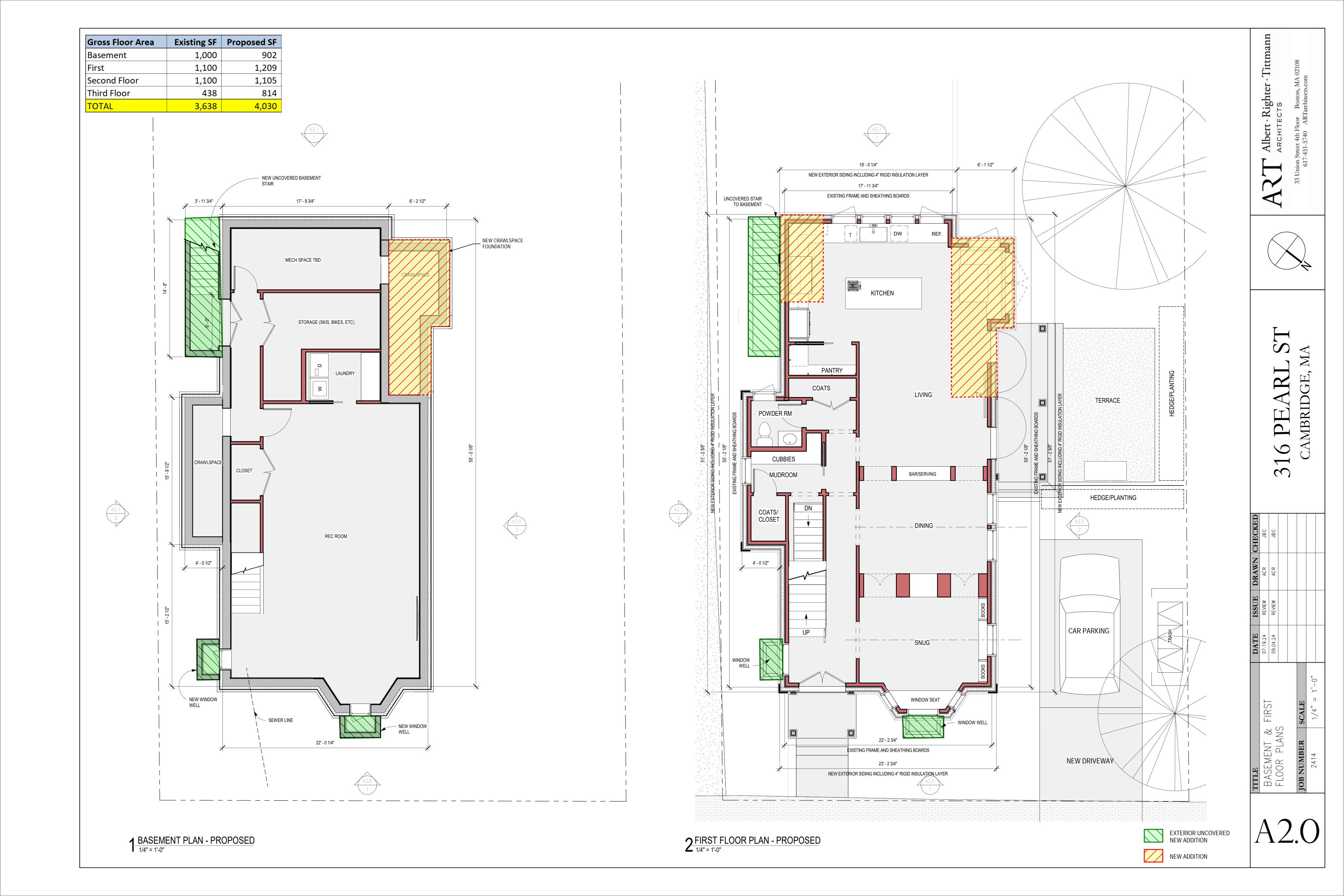
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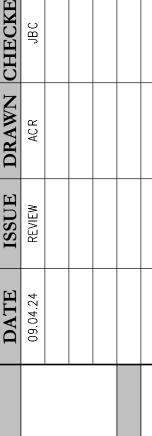
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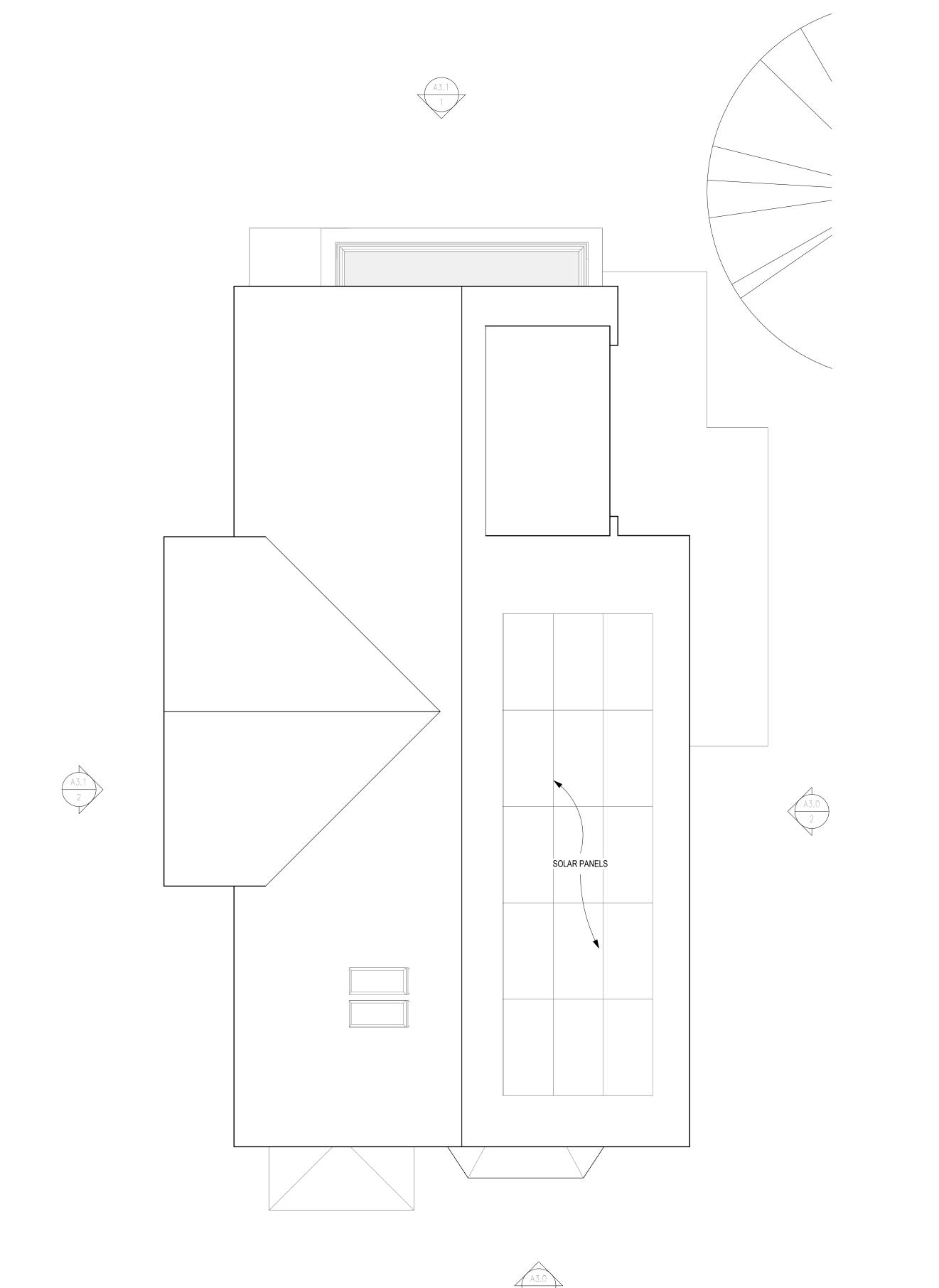


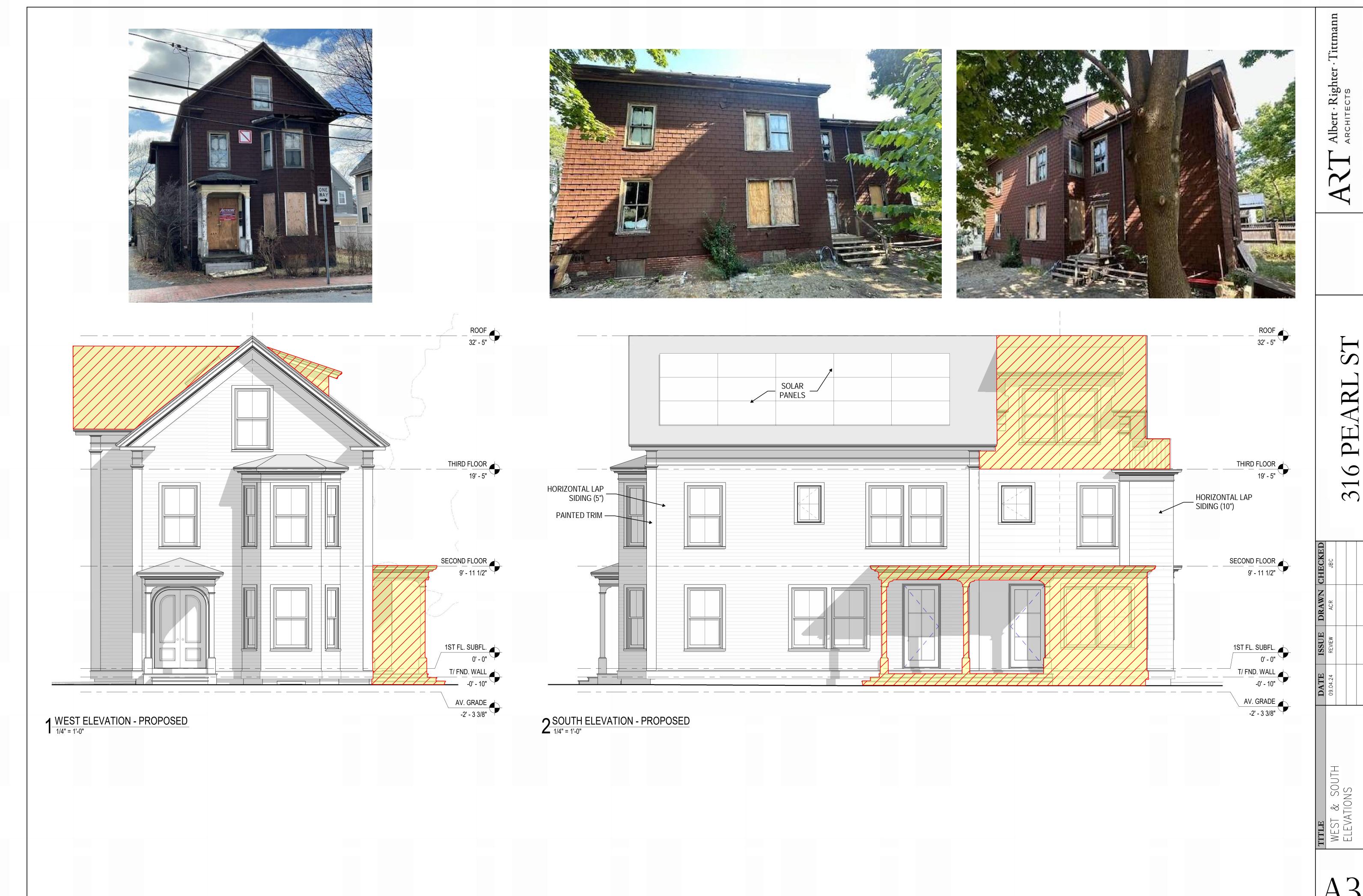


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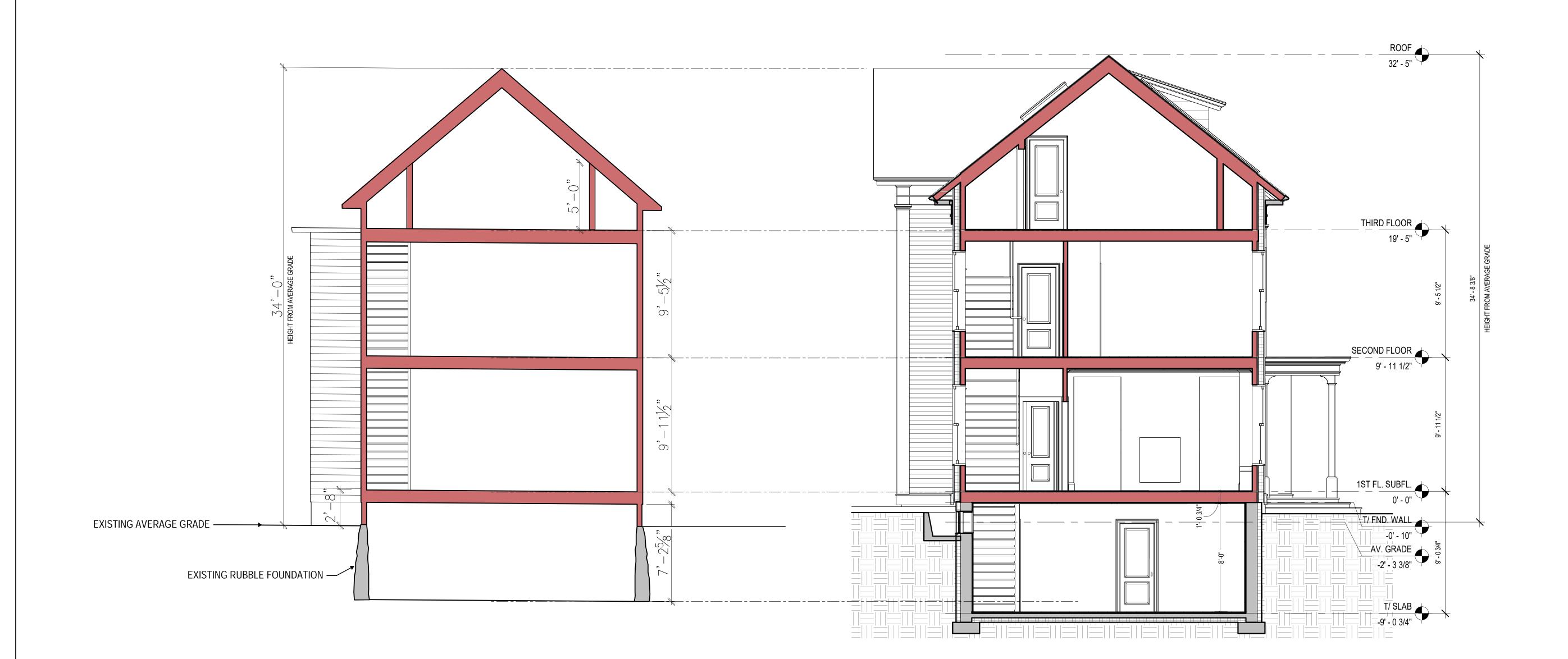






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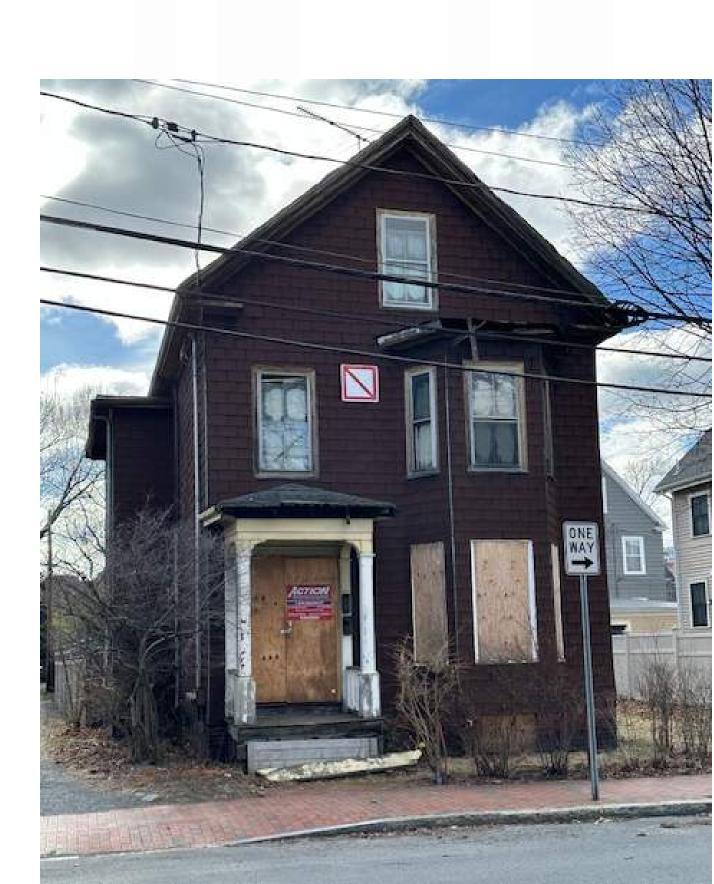


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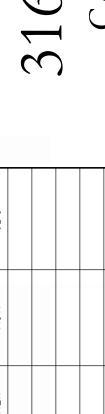
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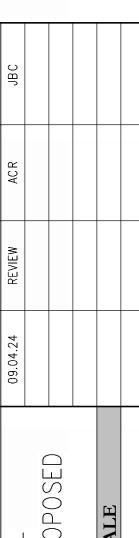
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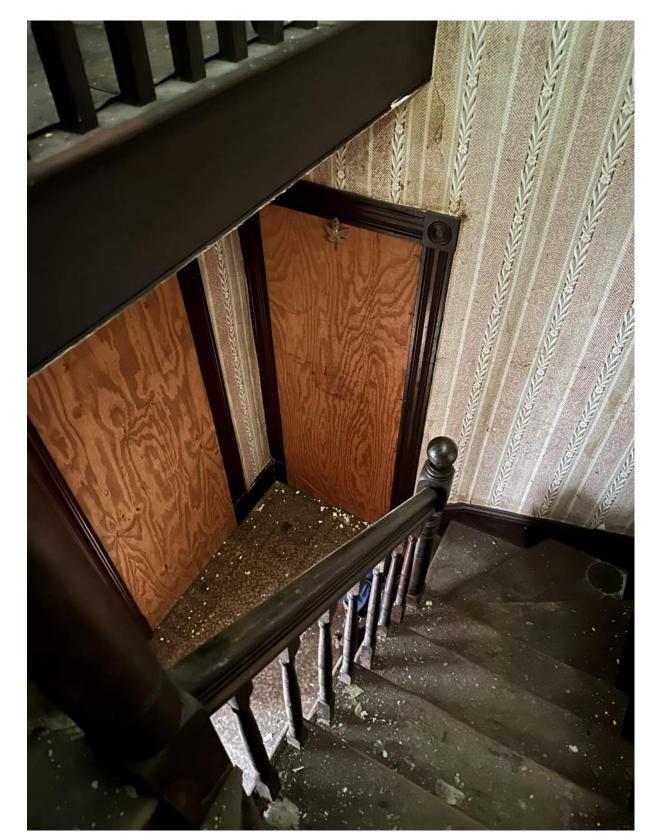


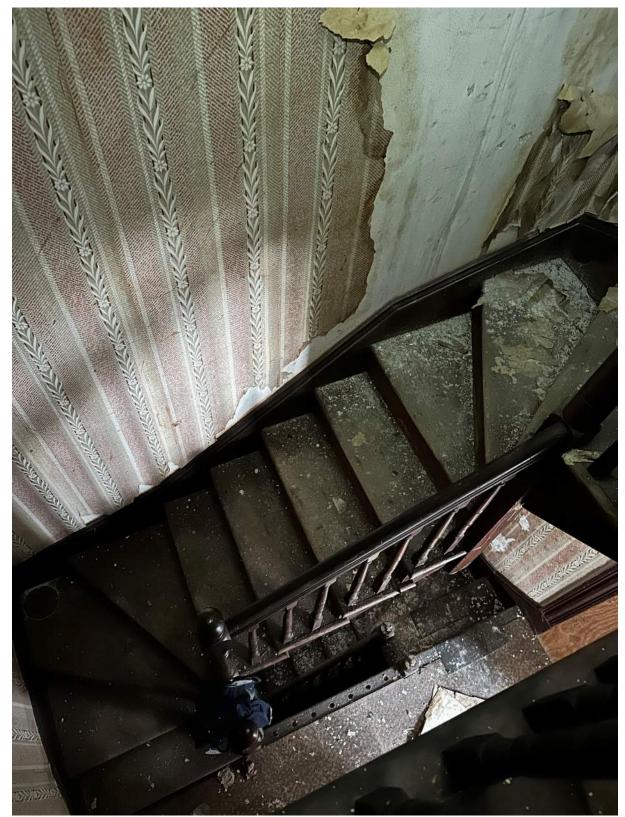






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#### Via Email and Federal Express

Ms. Maria Pacheco Zoning Administrator City of Cambridge Inspectional Services Department 831 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge, MA 02139

Re:

BZA Case No. 289881-2024

BZA Application: 316 Pearl Street, Cambridge, MA

Dear Ms. Pacheco:

Enclosed please find for filing in connection with the BZA Application referenced above, the following originals:

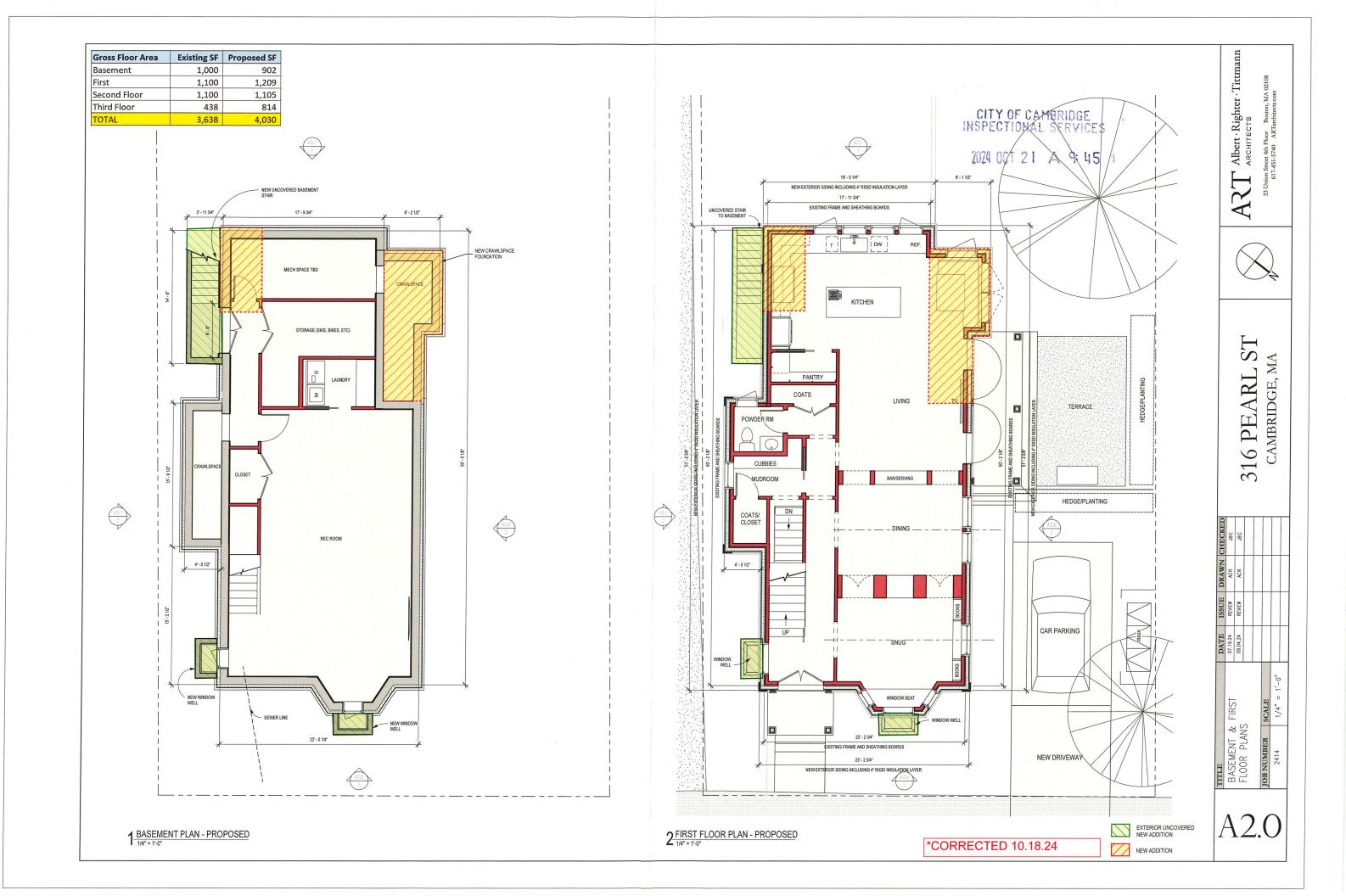
- Architectural Plan Page A2.0 Corrected
- Proposed Conditions Survey

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

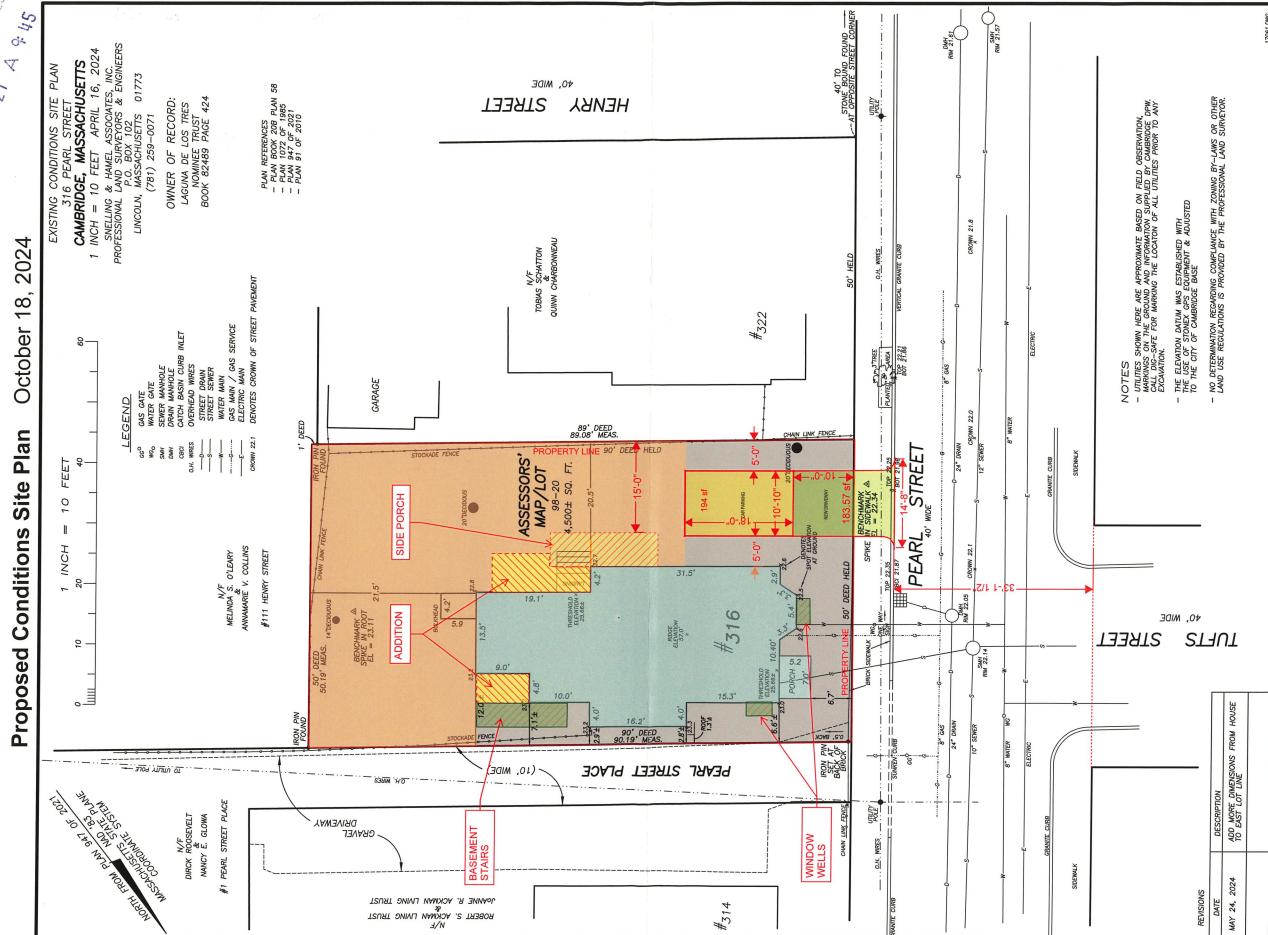
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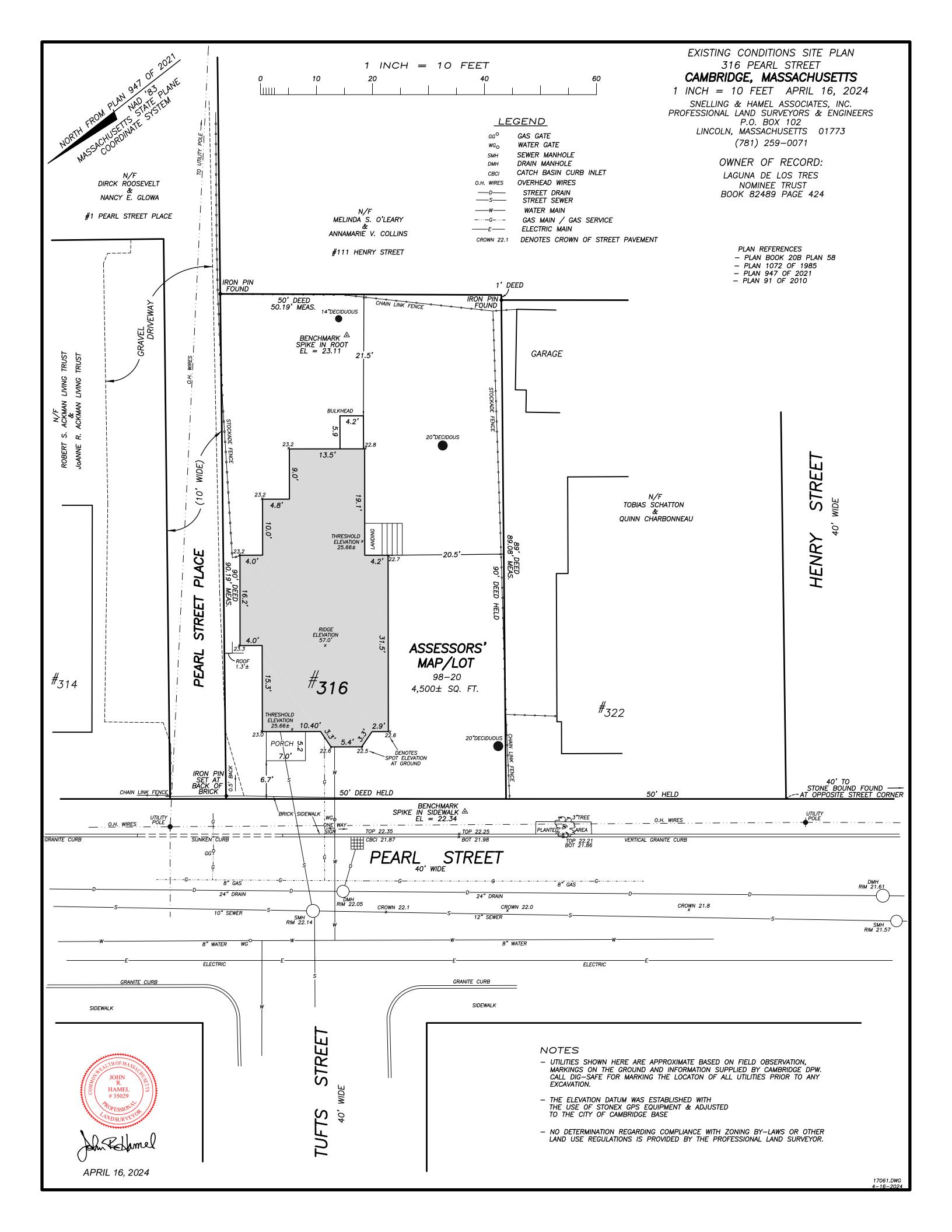
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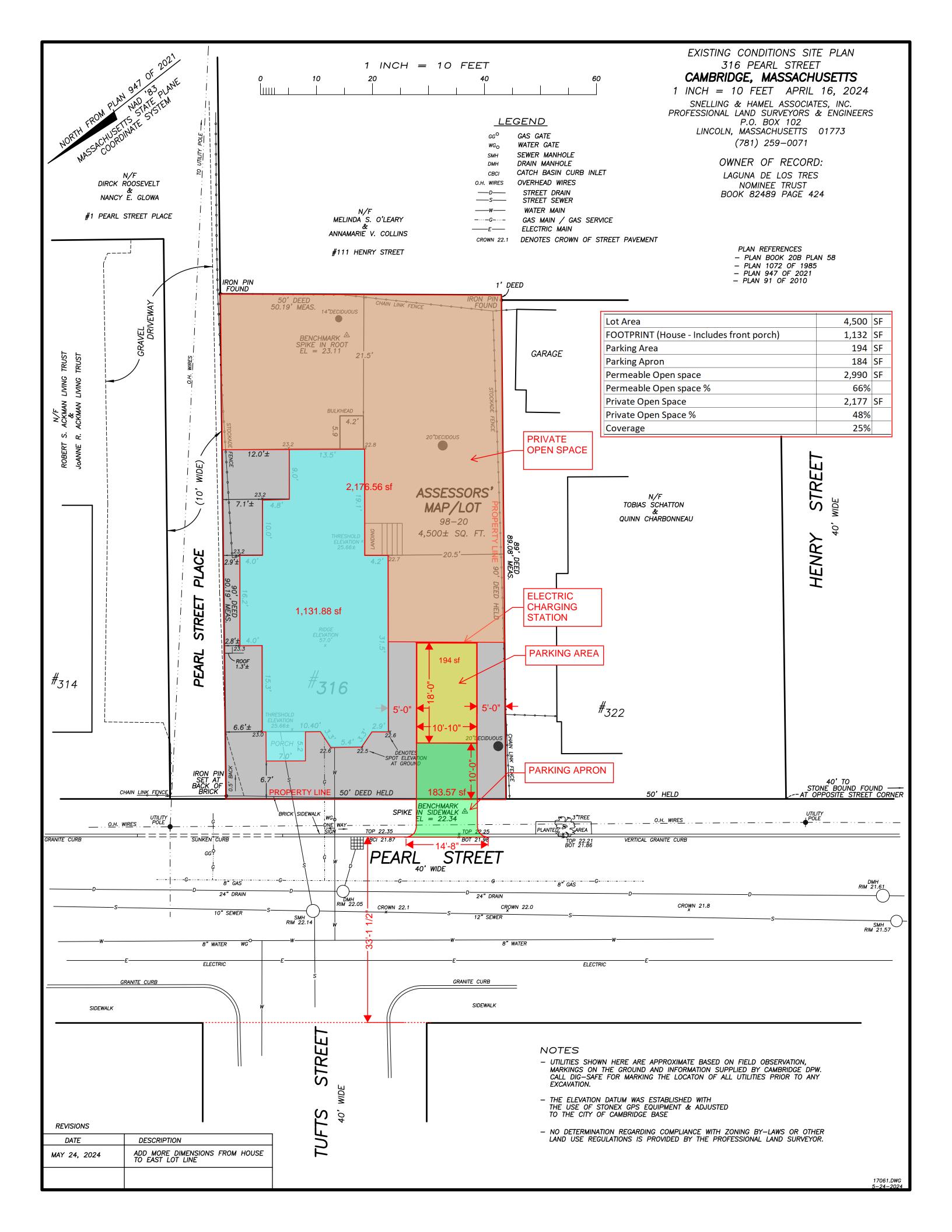


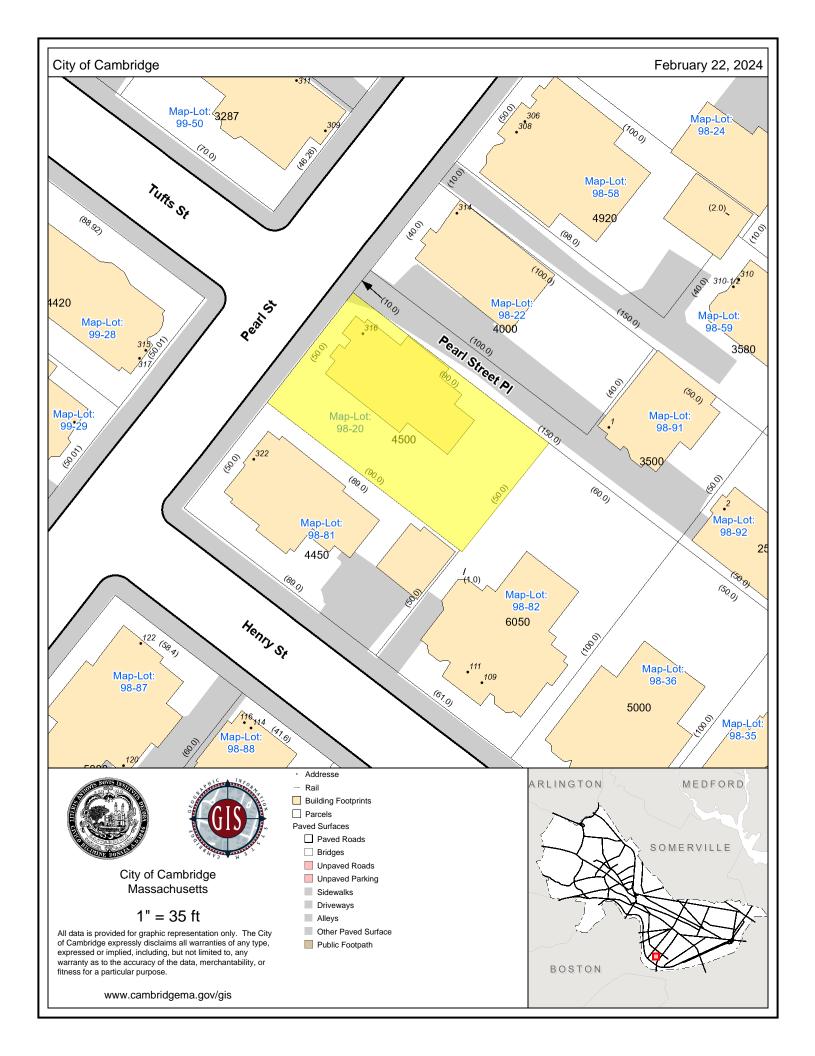


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## APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL September 9, 2024

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98-86 DAVIS, HENRIETTA RICHARD G BOCK 120 CHESTNUT ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

98-81 SCHATTON, TOBIAS & QUINN CHARBONNEAU 322 PEARL ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

#### Pacheco, Maria

From:

Rebecca Bowie <rsrbowie@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, October 4, 2024 4:13 PM

To:

Pacheco, Maria

Subject:

Support for 316 Pearl St (BZA-289881)

To the Board of Zoning Appeals,

I am writing in support of the special permit for 316 Pearl St (BZA-289881). I live on the other side of the block from this house, which has long been abandoned, and I am thrilled that people are working on it and going to live in it. It's a huge benefit to our neighborhood to have this house be livable again.

The family are friends of ours and our kids go to school together, and we're very excited to have them join our block. They have been proactive and communicative with neighbors about their plans, and the designs look lovely. I hope you'll allow them to make the renovations that will allow them to be comfortable in the house long-term.

Sincerely, Rebecca Bowie 3 Hastings Square Maria Pacheco Cambridge Zoning Board of Appeals City Hall 795 Massachusetts Ave Cambridge, MA 02139

October 14, 2024

Dear Members of the Zoning Board,

We are writing to express our enthusiastic & full support for the proposed renovation including a small expansion of the home located at 316 Pearl Street. As neighbors and residents of this community, for many decades, We believe the approval of this special permit will greatly benefit our neighborhood for the following reasons.

The property at 316 Pearl Street has been abandoned by the prior owners for over two decades, and during that time, it has posed significant safety and health risks, with numerous including squatters and ongoing pest infestations. This renovation will eliminate those problems and bring homeownership for a local family to the area, transforming an eyesore into a wellmaintained single-family residence. We strongly welcome this family and are happy to do so.

Additionally, the proposed additions and improvements are straightforward and in line with the historic architectural style of the neighborhood, preserving the communities character. The exterior design and materials are consistent with many other homes in the area and the changes are respectful of the original design of the house.

We also are pleased that this project will create much-needed family housing without negatively impacting traffic or neighborhood congestion. Overall, the revitalization of 316 Pearl Street will improve both the aesthetics and value of our community, and we encourage the Board to grant the requested Special Permit as soon as possible so that exciting improvements can begin quickly. We in this neighborhood have spent far to long worrying about this property, knowing this renovation & small expansion will be made and the house will be habitable is a huge relief.

Best.

Anne Davis - 321 Pearl St - resident at this address for over 6 decades, 7 decades in Cambridgeport

Denise Davis Sullivan - 321 Pearl St - life long resident at this address

Maria Pacheco Cambridge Zoning Board of Appeals City Hall 795 Massachusetts Ave Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Members of the Zoning Board,

I am writing to express my full support for the proposed renovation and small expansion of the home located at 316 Pearl Street. As a neighbor and resident of this community, I believe the approval of this special permit will greatly benefit our neighborhood for the following reasons.

We have lived across the street at 309 Pearl St. since 2000. The property at 316 Pearl Street has been abandoned for the entirety of our residency. During that time, we have watched the house fall farther and farther into decay, posing increasing safety and health risks each year. This renovation will eliminate those problems and bring homeownership for a local family to the area, transforming an eyesore into a well-maintained single-family residence.

Additionally, as a practicing architect, I find the proposed additions and improvements are straightforward and in line with the architectural style of the neighborhood, preserving the communities character. The exterior design and materials are consistent with many other homes in the area and the changes are respectful of the original design of the house.

I am also pleased that this project will create much-needed family housing without negatively impacting traffic or neighborhood congestion. Overall, the revitalization of 316 Pearl Street will improve both the aesthetics and value of our community, and I encourage the Board to grant the requested Special Permit.

Thank you for considering my support.

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Sincerely,

Sam Batchelor

309 Pearl St.

#### Pacheco, Maria

Alex & Courtney <316pearlst@gmail.com> From: Thursday, October 17, 2024 10:19 PM

Sent:

Pacheco, Maria; JoAnne Ackman; sarah@trilogylaw.com; courtney.albert6@gmail.com To:

316 Pearl St BZA Support Letter Subject:

Hi Maria, please see the letter below from 314 Pearl (cc'd).

Dear Members of the Zoning Board,

We are writing to offer our support for the proposed renovation and modest expansion of the property at 316 Pearl Street. Having lived next door to the home for many years, we are thrilled to see the opportunity for this long-neglected house to finally undergo much-needed improvements.

The property at 316 Pearl Street has sat vacant for over 20 years, and during that time, it has unfortunately attracted safety concerns, including unwanted trespassers and persistent pest issues. This renovation will not only address these hazards but will also breathe new life into a property that has been a source of concern for the neighborhood. It's exciting to think of this house becoming a safe and beautiful home for a local family.

The proposed updates are tasteful and thoughtfully planned, respecting the historical character of our neighborhood while enhancing its overall appearance. The changes, including the small addition, are in harmony with the architectural style of nearby homes, maintaining the unique charm that makes this area so special.

We are especially pleased to know that this project will add much-needed family housing without increasing traffic or adding strain to the neighborhood. The revitalization of 316 Pearl Street will not only improve the aesthetics but also add value to our community as a whole. We strongly encourage the Board to approve the Special Permit request.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our support.

Sincerely, JoAnne and Rob Ackman Neighbors at 314 Pearl Street City Hall 795 Massachusetts Ave Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Members of the Zoning Board,

I am writing to express my full support for the proposed renovation and small expansion of the home located at 316 Pearl Street. As a neighbor and resident of this community, I believe the approval of this special permit will greatly benefit our neighborhood for the following reasons.

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Additionally, the proposed additions and improvements are straightforward and in line with the historic architectural style of the neighborhood, preserving the communities character. The exterior design and materials are consistent with many other homes in the area and the changes are respectful of the original design of the house.

I am also pleased that this project will create much-needed family housing without negatively impacting traffic or neighborhood congestion. Overall, the revitalization of 316 Pearl Street will improve both the aesthetics and value of our community, and I encourage the Board to grant the requested Special Permit.

Thank you for considering my support.

Sincerely, Quinn Charbonneau & Tobias Schatton 322 Pearl Street, Cambridge MA 02139



**Bza Members** 

# City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

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

# **BZA**

# **POSTING NOTICE – PICK UP SHEET**

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

Name:	John Felix		10/9/24	
Address:	316 Pearl II.			
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## Board of Zoning Appeal Waiver Form

The Board of Zoning Appeal 831 Mass Avenue Cambridge, MA 02139

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RE: Case #
Address: 316 Pearl Street
□ Owner, □ Petitioner, or □ Representative: \aul   Kletigan, Eng
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Section 9 or Section 15 of the Zoning Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

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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.

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