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Materials shown in italics are included in the Commission packet only. A complete copy of the packet is available from the Community Development Department.

114 Washington Circle

Consideration of a request for approval of a two-story rear and side addition, demolition of the existing detached garage, and construction of a replacement garage. A building scale variance is also requested.

Property Owners: Jim and Eileen Swartout

Project Representative: Michael Breseman, architect

Staff Contact: Jen Baehr, Assistant Planner

Description of Property and Existing Residence

This property is located at on the west side of Washington Circle, north of Ryan Place. The character of this neighborhood is defined by the pre-war housing stock built mostly in the first two decades of the 1900s. Most of the housing is vernacular interpretations of a few predominant architectural styles popular at the time and affordable to the working class residents who built and occupied homes in this area. The property that is the subject of this request is 10,715 square feet and is generally rectangular in shape. The residence on the property was built in 1910 and is a two and a half story single family home with a detached two car garage.

Summary of Request

This is a request for approval of a two-story addition on the west side, to the rear and side of the existing home, and a small expansion of the laundry room on the east side, the front of the house. A building scale variance is also requested to allow for the proposed additions. The two-story addition is comprised of a family room, dining area and mudroom on the first floor and a master suite and office on the second floor.

Demolition of the existing detached garage, and a replacement two car detached garage located generally located in the area of the existing garage, is also requested.

The petitioners purchased the property in August of this year a prior short term owner completed work on the house, some of it without approvals or proper permits, and re-sold the property.

The proposed additions and garage are intended to make the home more functional and meet the needs of the new property owners. The statement of intent and supporting materials submitted by the petitioner are included in the Board packet and more fully explain the overall project.

Staff Evaluation

An evaluation of the project based on the applicable standards and staff recommendations are offered below for the Board's considerations.

Proposed Garage Demolition

The existing detached garage is proposed to be demolished in its entirety. As described in the petitioner's statement of intent, the existing garage has a very low ceiling and in its current condition does not provide the space needed for the petitioner's large vehicles. The existing garage is also located partially within the side and rear yard setbacks, not in conformance with current zoning requirements for an accessory structure. Based on available City records and information provided by the petitioner, findings in response to the demolition criteria are reviewed below.

Criteria 1 – The existing structure itself, or in relation to its surroundings, does not have special historical, architectural, aesthetic or cultural significance to the community.

This criterion is met. The existing garage was built in 1971 and does not have any special historical, architectural, aesthetic or cultural significance.

Criteria 2 – Realistic alternatives, including adaptive reuses, do not exist because of the nature or cost of work necessary to preserve the structure or to realize any appreciable part of its value. This criterion is met. As noted above, with the low ceiling height of the garage and overhead garage door, the petitioner cannot park their vehicles in the existing garage. The work necessary to make the garage functional for the property owner would ultimately result in a large portion of the garage being demolished and rebuilt. Reuse or modification of the existing garage is impractical.

Criteria 3 – The structure in its present or restored condition is unsuitable for residential, or a residentially compatible use; or fire or other casualty damage or structural deterioration has rendered the structure (and/or remains) an immediate health or safety hazard.

This criterion is not fully met. The existing garage could continue to be used, although in its current

This criterion is not fully met. The existing garage could continue to be used, although in its current condition does not meet the specific needs of the property owners.

Criterion 4 – The demolition and/or the replacement structure will not adversely impact the value of property within the neighborhood.

This criterion is met. No evidence has been presented that the proposed demolition or proposed replacement garage will adversely impact the values of the properties in the neighborhood.

Criterion 5 – The demolition and replacement structure will be compatible with and not adversely impact the neighborhood character.

This criterion is met. The proposed replacement garage is designed in a manner that is compatible with the character of the existing home and surrounding neighborhood.

Staff finds that the criteria for demolition are satisfied.

Review and Evaluation of Applicable Standards

Site Plan – This standard is met.

The proposed two-story addition is located mostly behind the existing house on the rear elevation. To avoid encroaching into the side yard setback, the proposed addition is shifted south of the existing home. The existing home partially encroaches into the setback on the north side of the property.

Paver stoops are proposed on the rear of the proposed addition. The proposed laundry room expansion on the east side, the front of the house, will enclose space that is currently part of the open porch.

The proposed replacement garage is in the southwest corner of the site, generally in the location of the existing garage, but slightly shifted east in order to comply with zoning setback requirements. The existing driveway and curb cut are not proposed to change.

Building Massing and Height – A building scale variance is requested.

Based on the lot size, a residence of up to 2,800 square feet is permitted on the site with an allowance of 576 square feet for a garage and 280 square feet for design elements. Design elements are defined as those elements that provide human scale to a residence and help to mitigate the appearance of mass and include elements such as covered entries and open porches.

- The existing residence totals 1,728 square feet.
- The existing garage is 583 square feet and exceeds the allowance of 576 square feet for a garage by 7 square feet.
- The existing house has a total of 306 square feet of design elements, and exceeds the 280 square foot allowance for design elements by 26 square feet. The excess 26 square feet of design elements is incorporated into the overall square footage of the home.
- The existing residence including the garage and design element overages, totals 1,761 square feet and complies with the allowable square footage.
- The proposed replacement garage is 575 square feet, and is in conformance with the 576 square foot garage allowance, therefore no portion of the new garage contribute to the overall square footage of the residence.
- The proposed additions total 592 square feet on the first floor area and 586 square feet the second floor area.
- A new covered entry on the rear elevation of the addition contributes an additional 12 square feet to the overall square footage since the design element allowance is fully used by features on the existing house.
- In total, the additions add 1,190 square feet to the residence.
- The square footage of the existing residence, with the proposed additions, is 2,944 square feet. The total square footage exceeds the allowable by 144 square feet, equal to 5% of the allowable square footage.

Review of Building Scale Variance Standards and Staff Recommendation

The City Code establishes standards that must be used in evaluating requests for a variance from the building scale provisions in the City Code. The Code requires that in order to grant a variance, Standard 1 and at least one additional standard be met. The Code does not require that all five standards be met. These standards recognize that each project is different as is the context of each site. A staff review of the standards is provided below.

Standard 1 – The project is consistent with the design standards of the City Code.

This standard is met. The proposed additions feature simple massing and detailing that is compatible with the existing residence and the character of the surrounding neighborhood.

Standard 2 – Mature trees and other vegetation on the property effectively mitigate the appearance of excessive height and mass of the structure and as a result, the proposed development is in keeping with the streetscape and overall neighborhood.

This standard is met. There is an existing mature Spruce tree on the southeast corner of the existing home and large Maple trees in the parkway in front of the property that will mitigate the appearance of the mass and height of the addition as viewed from the street. These trees should be protected throughout construction to improve their chances of survival after the work is completed. New landscaping is also proposed along the property lines to provide some screening between the property and the adjacent homes to the north and south.

Standard 3 – New structures or additions are sited in a manner that minimizes the appearance of mass from the streetscape. In addition, the proposed structures or additions

will not have a significant negative impact on the light to and views from neighboring homes.

This standard is met. The two-story addition is proposed on the southwest side of the house, and partially behind the existing home. The addition is also set back 25 feet from the front of the home, helping to minimize its impact on the streetscape.

Standard 4 – The height and mass of the residence, garage, and accessory structures will generally be compatible with the height and mass of structures on adjacent lots, buildings on the street and on adjacent streets, and other residences and garages in the same subdivision.

This standard is generally met. The two-story addition is 27 feet and 3 inches tall, and is 2 feet and 6 inches lower than the height of the existing home. A previous concept submitted by the petitioner proposed a taller addition but after some study, the height of the addition was lowered in an effort to lessen the appearance of mass and allow the addition to be subordinate to the existing home.

Standard 5 – The property is located in a local historic district or is designated as a Local Landmark and the approval of a variance would further the purpose of the ordinance. This standard is not met. The property is not located in a local historic district or designated as a Local Landmark.

Standard 6 – The property is adjacent to land used and zoned as permanent open space, a Conservation Easement, or a detention pond and the structures are sited in a manner that allows the open area to mitigate the appearance of mass of the buildings from the streetscape and from neighboring properties.

This standard is not met. The property is not located adjacent to land used as permanent open space.

In summary, the first criteria and three additional criteria are satisfied as detailed in the findings presented above.

The maximum building height for this property is 30 feet. The highest point of the existing house, as measured from the lowest point of the existing grade is 29 feet and 9 inches. The highest point of the proposed addition is 27 feet and 3 inches.

Elevations – This standard is met.

The elevations of the two-story addition reflect simple massing and detailing that match the existing house. The replacement garage presents a one and a half story massing with a gable roof, matching the roof form on the main house. The front elevation of the garage presents a carriage style double width garage door with a shed dormer above. A small bump out on the rear elevation of the garage is proposed to provide additional storage space in the garage.

Type, color, and texture of materials — This standard is met.

The proposed exterior materials are visually consistent with those on the existing residence. The existing home has aluminum siding that was installed in 1978 based on City permit records. In an effort to incorporate a material more consistent with the surrounding neighborhood, the petitioner is proposing fiber cement siding for the additions and garage. The new siding will match the exposure of the existing siding on the house. The roof on the addition and garage will be architectural asphalt shingle and will match the roof

on the existing house. Aluminum-clad double hung windows with interior and exterior muntins are proposed. To match the existing home, aluminum fascia and soffits are proposed.

Landscaping – This standard is met.

The proposed work is not expected to impact any existing trees on the site. A landscape plan was submitted by the petitioner and is included in the Board's packet. The plan shows the existing landscaping on the property with new plantings around the foundation of the existing home, proposed addition and replacement garage. New plantings are also proposed along the north and south property lines and in the front yard. New plantings include Maple and Redbud trees, a variety of shrubs, grasses and ornamental plantings.

Public Comment

Public notice of this petition was provided in accordance with the City requirements and practices. Notice was mailed by the Community Development Department to surrounding property owners and the agenda for this meeting was posted at various public locations. As of the date of this writing, two letters were received from neighboring property owners and the letters are included in the Board's packet.

Recommendation

Recommend approval of the additions to the residence, demolition of the existing garage, construction of a replacement garage and a building scale variance based on the findings detailed in this report. Approval is recommended subject to the following conditions:

- 1. If any modifications are made to the plans that were presented to the Board, either in response to Board direction, or as the result of final design development, the modifications shall be clearly called out on the plan and a copy of the plan originally provided to the Board shall be attached for comparison purposes. Staff is directed to review any changes, in consultation with the Chairman as appropriate, to determine whether the modifications are in conformance with the Board's direction and approval prior to the issuance of any permits.
- 2. A final landscape plan shall be submitted and will be subject to review and approval by the City's Arborist. Particular attention shall be paid to assuring sufficient screening along the property lines either through existing vegetation or, additional plantings if it is determined by the City's Certified Arborist that additional screening can be accommodated to reasonably screen the appearance of the additions and garage.
- 3. Details of any exterior lighting that is proposed shall be provided with the plans submitted for permit. Cut sheets of all light fixtures shall be provided and all fixtures shall direct light downward and the source of the light shall be fully shielded from view by the fixture or by sight obscuring glass. All exterior lights, except for motion detector lights for security purposes, shall be set on timers to turn off no later than 11 p.m.
- 4. A plan for construction parking and materials' staging shall be submitted for review and will be subject to approval by the City's Certified Arborist, City Engineer and Director of Community Development.

THE C!TY OF LAKE FOREST BUILDING REVIEW BOARD -- BUILDING SCALE INFORMATION SHEET

Address	114 Washington Circle		_	Owner(s)		Jim and	d Eileen Swa	rtout	
Architect	hitect Michael Breseman		_	Reviewed by:		Jen Baehr			
Date	10/7/2020		_						
Lot Area	10715 sq. ft.				25				
Square Footag	ge of Existing Residence:								
1st floor	819 + 2nd floor	802 +	3rd floor	107		=	1728	_sq. ft.	
Design Eleme	ent Allowance =	230 sq. ff	t.						
Total Actual D	esign Elements =	306 sq. ft			Excess	=	26	_sq.ft.	
Garage (Existing)	sf actual ;	576 sf al	lowance	(F	Excess		7 o be Remove	_sq. ft.	
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(Existing) Basement Are		18,900 sf or less in	size.			=	0	_sq. ft.	
Accessory bui	ldings					=	0	_sq. ft.	
Total Square F	ootage of Existing Resid	ence				=	1761	_sq. ft.	
Square Footag	e of Proposed Additions:								
1st floor	592 + 2nd floor	586 + 3	3rd floor	0		=	1178	_sq. ft.	
New Garage A	Areasq. ft.				Excess	=	00	_sq. ft.	
New Design E	lements 12	sq. ft.			Excess		12	_sq.ft	
TOTAL SQUAR	RE FOOTAGE				:	=	2944	_sq. ft.	
TOTAL SQUAR	RE FOOTAGE ALLOWED				:	=	2800	_sq. ft.	
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ESIGN ELEM	ENT EXEMPTIONS						····		
Desi	ign Element Allowance:	280	_sq. ft.						
	Front & Side Porches =	306	sq. ft.						
Rear	& Side Screen Porches = _	0	sq. ft.						
	Covered Entries = _ Portico =	12	sq. ft.						
	Porte-Cochere =	0	sq. ft. sq. ft.						
	Breezeway =	0	sq. ft.						
	Pergolas = _	0	sq. ft.						
	Individual Dormers =	0	sq. ft.						
	Bay Windows = _	0	sq. ft.						
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THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST BUILDING REVIEW BOARD APPLICATION

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APPLICATION TYPE					
RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS	COMMERCIAL PROJECTS				
New Residence New Accessory Building Addition/Alteration Building Scale Variance Other	New Building				
Property Owner Information	ARCHITECT/BUILDER INFORMATION				
Owner of Property	Name and Title of Person Presenting Project				
Owner's Street Address (may be different from project address)	Name of Firm				
City, State and Zip Code	Street Address				
113 517 9192 Van Phone Number Fax Number	City, State and Zip Code				
Email Address EMAILETANTO YELAN. COM	Phone Number Fax Number				
Owner & Signature	Email Address Representative's Signature (Architect/Builder)				
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STATEMENT OF INTENT

Michael E. Breseman Architects, Ltd., are requesting a certificate of appropriateness for an addition, as well as a GFA variation on the property located at 114 Washington Circle, Lake Forest, Illinois. Jim and Eileen Swartout just purchased the home the beginning of August of this year.

Property home history:

I was not able to come across much of any history in regard to the home early history and when it was built. The structure does appear in the 1939 aerial map of Lake County. It is apparent from the structure in the basement, which is a maze of brick piers and rough wood beams, it has the markings of 1920-30s "farmhouse". The home does not have a convention structure with steel beams and posts. The floor joists are actual 2" x 8" and not dimensional lumber.

The previous homeowner purchased the home in 2018. The interior of the home was renovated by updating all the bathrooms and the kitchen. All the rooms were painted, and all the wood floors were refinished. All the windows were replaced with vinyl and mutin strips within the panes of glass. The window fenestration was not reviewed or approved by the City. The existing aluminum siding was painted to its current color – white. The front porch was screened in and had a lower horizontal sided knee wall. The panels and knee walls were removed to the current open porch.

General overview of current home and the issues:

The Swartouts were in the market to downsize from their previous home at 215 Maple Court, Lake Forest . They were charmed by the simplicity of the "farmhouse", the open front porch with views to the neighborhood, and it was move in ready.

They knew going into the purchase because of the size of the family, four children ranging from 12-19 years old, an addition of some sort was required to make this home comfortable.

Some of the issues that they identified at the time of placing their bid was:

- The existing two car garage with low ceiling height and overhead garage doors would not fit larger SUVs.
- There was no dining or family rooms and an existing staircase divided the rear kitchen space from the front living room.
- The home lacked a fourth bedroom.
- The "master bedroom" was 9' wide and not able to accommodate even a queen bed. It also lacked closet storage and just a 24" single vanity.



Proposed addition:

The program requirement is to add a family room off the existing kitchen, which also incorporates a separate staircase to the master bedroom and a dining nook built under the stair as a space safer. The removal of the existing eat in kitchen allows for an island to complement it and make it more functional. The entrance to existing powder room is changed to add additional cabinets in kitchen as well. Finally, on the first floor, the requirement is to add a rear entry/mudroom and a separate modest stair to the existing basement and basement addition. The current home has no direct stair from the interior of the home, and it is only from the exterior south facing shed off the driveway.

The second-floor addition provides for a relocated master bedroom suite. The suite contains a walk thru master closet which is narrower in width for space savings. The new master bathroom has all the functions of a current sized master bathroom but is efficiently laid out. Finally, a small home office, a must in the time of Covid.

The new two car garage is of appropriate size and is self-contained (only for cars). It is not oversized in width or depth. There is a rear storage area/shed incorporated into the overall design of the garage. The height of the structure and overhead doors are designed for today's vehicles. The garage is not over the garage allowance for this lot.

Massing:

The existing home is fairly straight forward in massing. The main block of the home is two stories with a simple gable. The roof line runs from east to west. The wrap around porch provides a transition element cutting the massing on the south and east elevations. The porch hides the main structure which is very tall (9'-6" 1st floor ceiling height). This can be seen by the uninterrupted two-story gable on the existing west elevation. Besides the functionality of shade from western sun, the proposed canopies break up the verticality of the western gable of the addition.

The addition is offset from the north property line for zoning setback reasons. With the main addition (family room) offset, the other spaces are accommodated by the cross gable facing south. This allows for a neat termination of the existing open porch and lower roof line into the addition.

The overall roof height of addition was reduced an additional 1'-4" to 2'-7" below existing ridge based on staff recommendations. The addition steps down one riser from the house on second floor and incorporating lower roof spring points and having clipped ceilings in the addition, functionally reducing the perceptible massing of addition but also reduces the requested GFA overage by 138 SF. The roof forms of the addition are the same as the existing house.



Massing (continued):

The new garage borrows the roof forms from the main house. The gable is orientated in north south direction so the attached lower shed roof blends with the main garage roof to the rear. The shed is placed in the rear, so it is unseen.

Materials & Details:

The exterior materials will be matching the existing, from the asphalt shingles, horizontal vinyl siding, aluminum clad trim and fascia. The project will also incorporate aluminum gutters and downspouts to match existing.

After consultation with Lake Forest staff, the new windows will match the existing windows which were replaced by the previous owner in 2018. Although not optimum, the consistency of material (vinyl), mutin pattern(not historical), and in glass mutins were the overarching reason.

The canopies are designed to be streamlined with no pitched roofs held up by iron rods. This design concept is consistent with the overall simplicity of the "farmhouse" and does not detract from the original asphalt pitched porch roof.

Request for a variation on maximum floor area:

We are request an overage of the allowable GFA of 49 SF on a bulk requirement of 2,800.01 SF or 1.8%

Mitigating factor not considered in standards

The home has almost 100 SF of bulk in the attic. The existing wrap around porch is almost 20 SF over the entire allowance for design elements. These two existing attractive and strong design themes for the home subtract from the top line over 4% from the "livable" GFA or twice the overage we are requesting.

Finally, after consulting with staff we significantly trimmed the vertical massing and reduced the GFA overage by about 130 SF. We also pulled in the floor plans as well, but the savings were slight. Further floor plan cuts will affect the functionality of the proposed spaces. The roof lines cannot be reduced further because of window head heights, sill heights lower than code, and ceiling spring points creating functional issues. We have made great pains and efforts to minimize the overage which is now being requested and further reductions would start to be detrimental to the design and its livability.



Standards for variation:

Standard #1

As laid out in the previous section, we believe we have shown our commitment to the original home by our respectful and thoughtful reuse of the original vocabulary of the home - its massing, detailing, and consistent use of materials.

Standard #2

Not applicable

Standard #3

The new addition is offset form the north property because of the side yard building setback. The addition will not impact the light of vent for either the property owners to the north and south. In fact, we took into consideration the northern property owner's request to not obstruct his views from his second floor living area. The addition is completely in the building box and does not encroach upon any setbacks.

Standard #4

The addition is subservient to the existing structure on the property by dropping the addition's ridgeline down 2'-7" below the existing main roof line.

As seen by neighborhood photos there is an eclectic mix of architectural styles and massing types. The addition is compatible with the main structure and the south cross gable ties into the existing porch and its lower roof line.

Standard #5

Not applicable

Standard #6

Not applicable

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We thank you for the opportunity to present our proposed renovation project to the City of Lake Forest Building Review Board and look forward to transforming this home and making it relevant for the next generation.



THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST BUILDING REVIEW BOARD APPLICATION DESCRIPTION OF EXTERIOR MATERIALS

Façade I	Material		
C	Brick Wood Clapboard Siding		Wood Shingle Aluminum Siding Vinyl Siding Synthetic Stucco Other HARDIE BOARD
Window	Treatment		
Pr	rimary Window Type	Fini	sh and Color of Windows
	Casement Sliding	□ ⊠ □ Colo	Wood Aluminum Clad Vinyl Clad Other r of Finish_BLACK
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Trim Mate	rial		
Door	Trim	Wind	low Trim
	Limestone Brick Wood Synthetic Material Other ALUMINUM CLAD		Limestone Brick Wood Synthetic Material Other _ALUMINUM CLAD
Fasc	ias, Soffits, Rakeboards Wood Other_ALUMINUM (MATCH EXISTING) Synthetic Material		

THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST BUILDING REVIEW BOARD APPLICATION DESCRIPTION OF EXTERIOR MATERIALS – CONTINUED

Chimney N	<i>l</i> laterial	
	Brick Stone N/A Stucco Other	
Roofing		
Prim	nary Roof Material	shing Material
	Wood Shingles Wood Shakes Slate Clay Tile Composition Shingles Sheet Metal Other _ASPHALT SHINGLE (MATCH EX	Copper Sheet Metal Other
Color	of Material	
Gutters and	Downspouts	
	Copper Aluminum Other	
Driveway M	aterial	
	Asphalt Poured Concrete Brick Pavers Concrete Pavers Crushed Stone Other	
Terraces an	d Patios	
	Bluestone Brick Pavers Concrete Pavers Poured Concrete Other NATURAL STONE	





CLIENT ORDER NUMBER: 18044410IL

DATE: 06/25/18

BUYER: PATRICK LENIHAN

SELLER: 104114 WASHINGTON CIRCLE LLC

CERTIFIED TO:

PATRICK LENIHAN; NETWORK TITLE

THAT PART OF LOT 300 IN ORIGINAL SUBDIVISION IN CITY OF LAKE FOREST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 300; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 185.1 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY PARALLEL WITH THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 300; 60 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY PARALLEL WITH THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 176.0 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 300, THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 300,60.7 FEET, MORE OR LESS, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

NONE VISIBLE

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FIELD WORK DATE: 6/25/2018

REVISION DATES: (REV.1 6/25/2018)

18062705 **BOUNDARY SURVEY** LAKE COUNTY

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Use of this Survey other than Intended, without Writen Verification, will be at the User's Sole Risk and without Liability to the Surveyor. Nothing hereon shall be Construed to give ANY Rights or Beneifts to Anyone than those Certified

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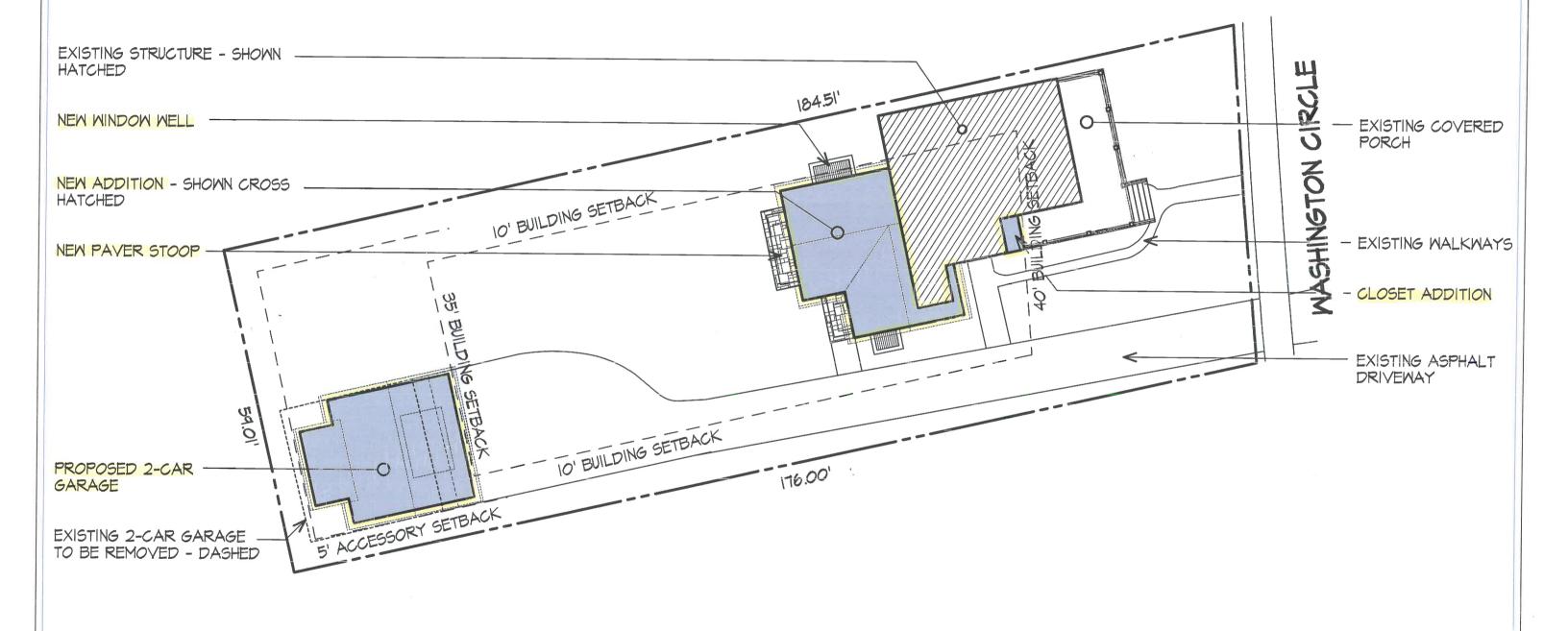
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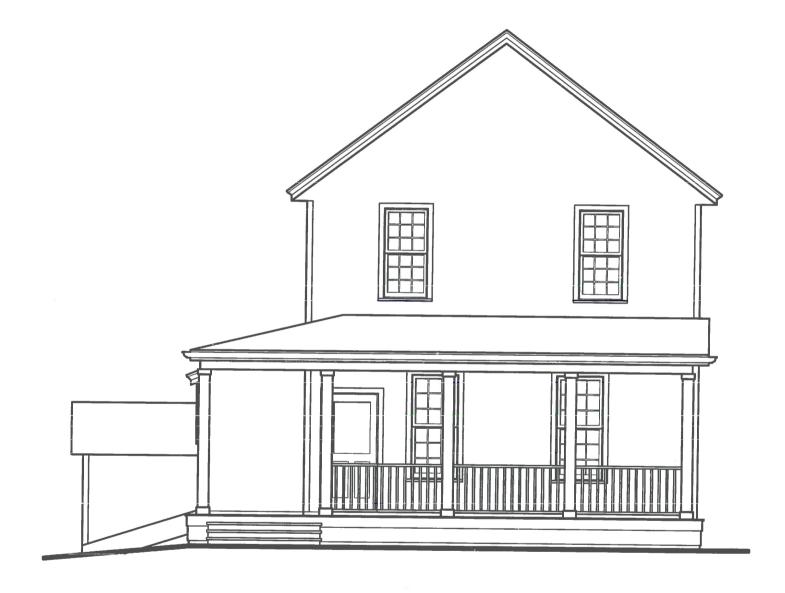
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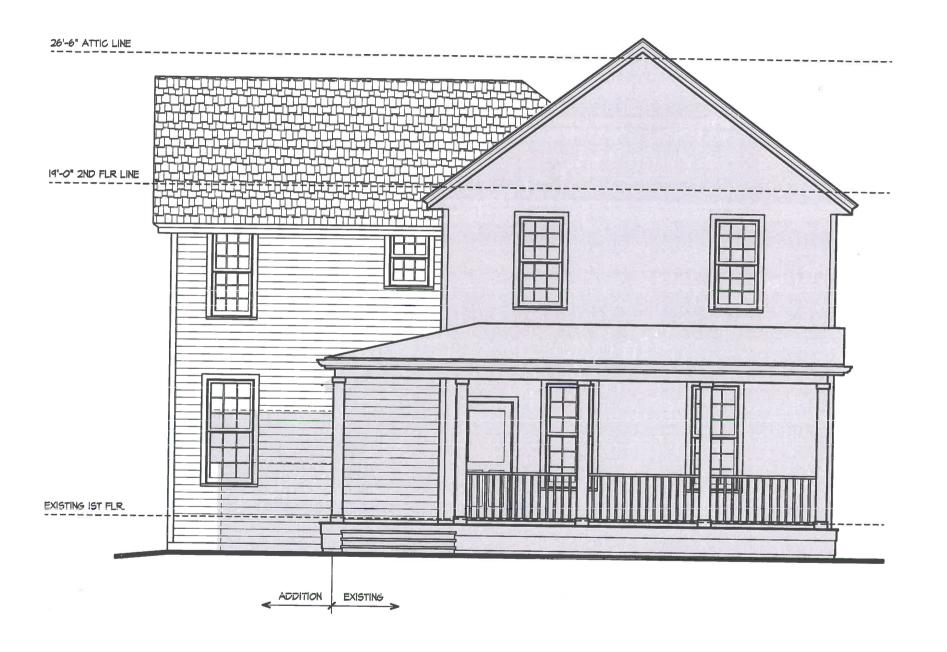
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Front Elevation Overlay





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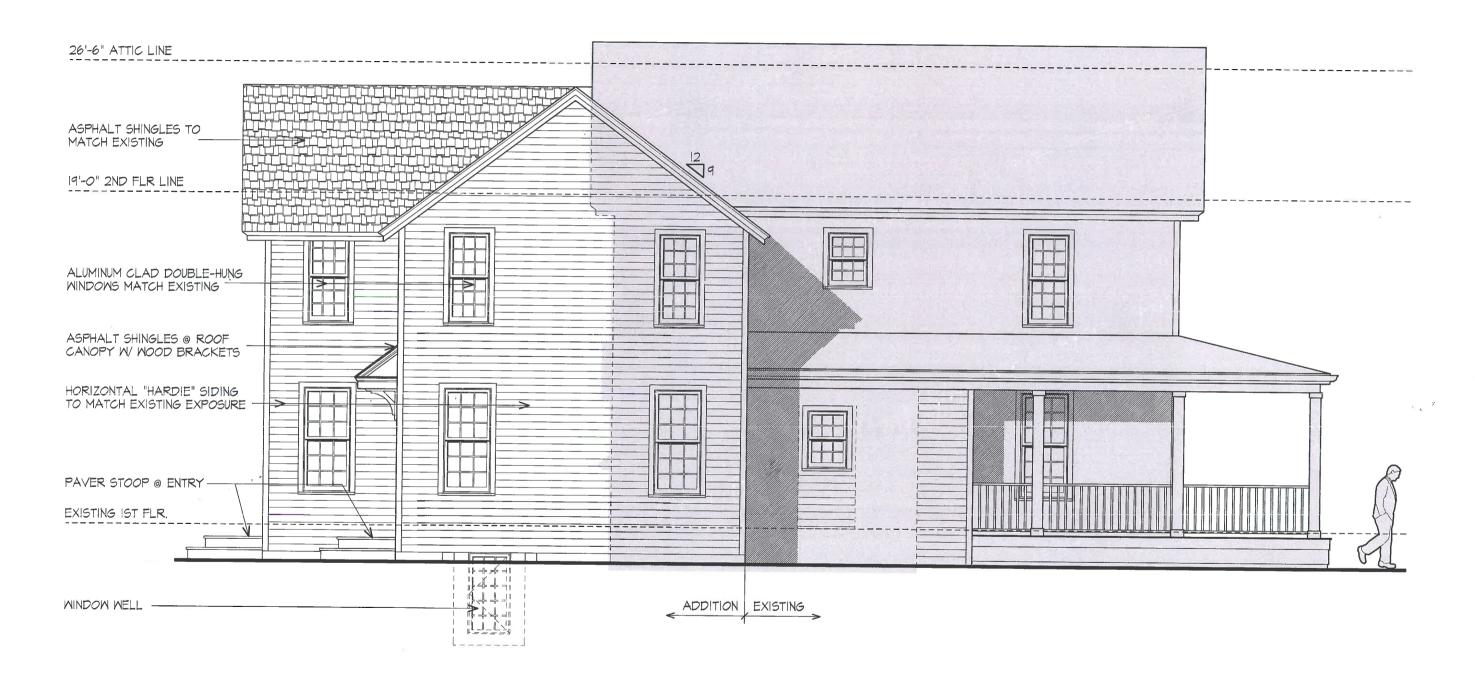
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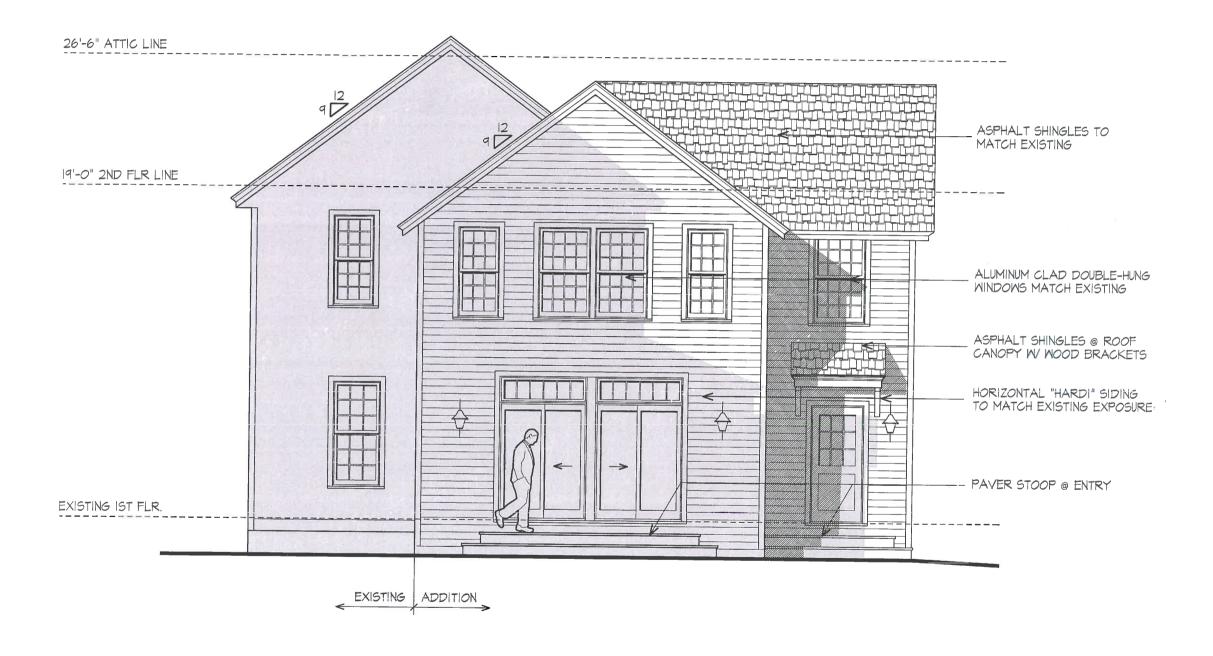


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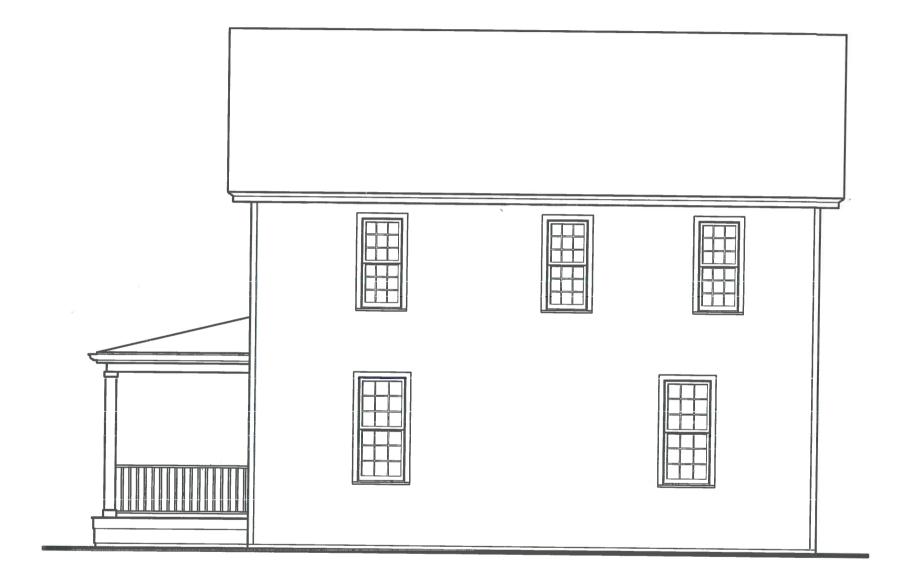
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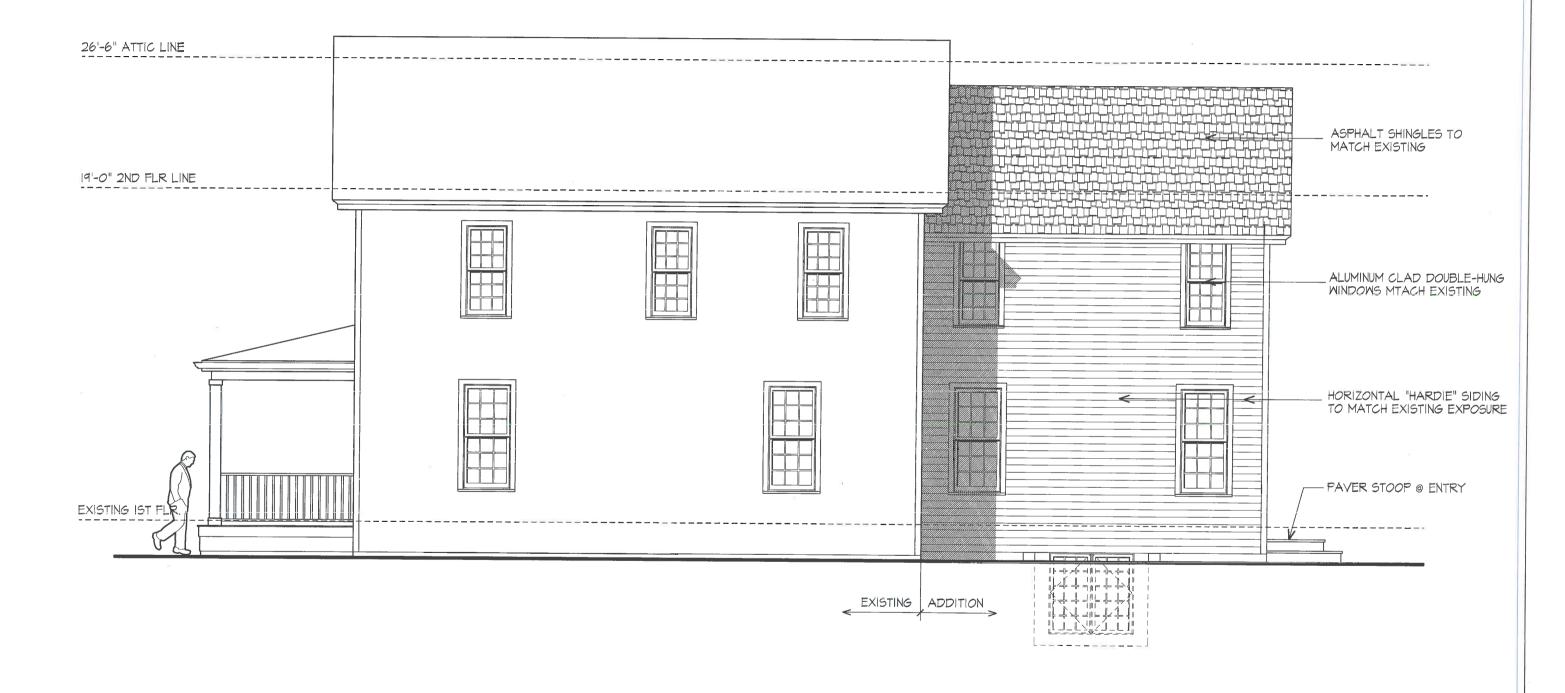


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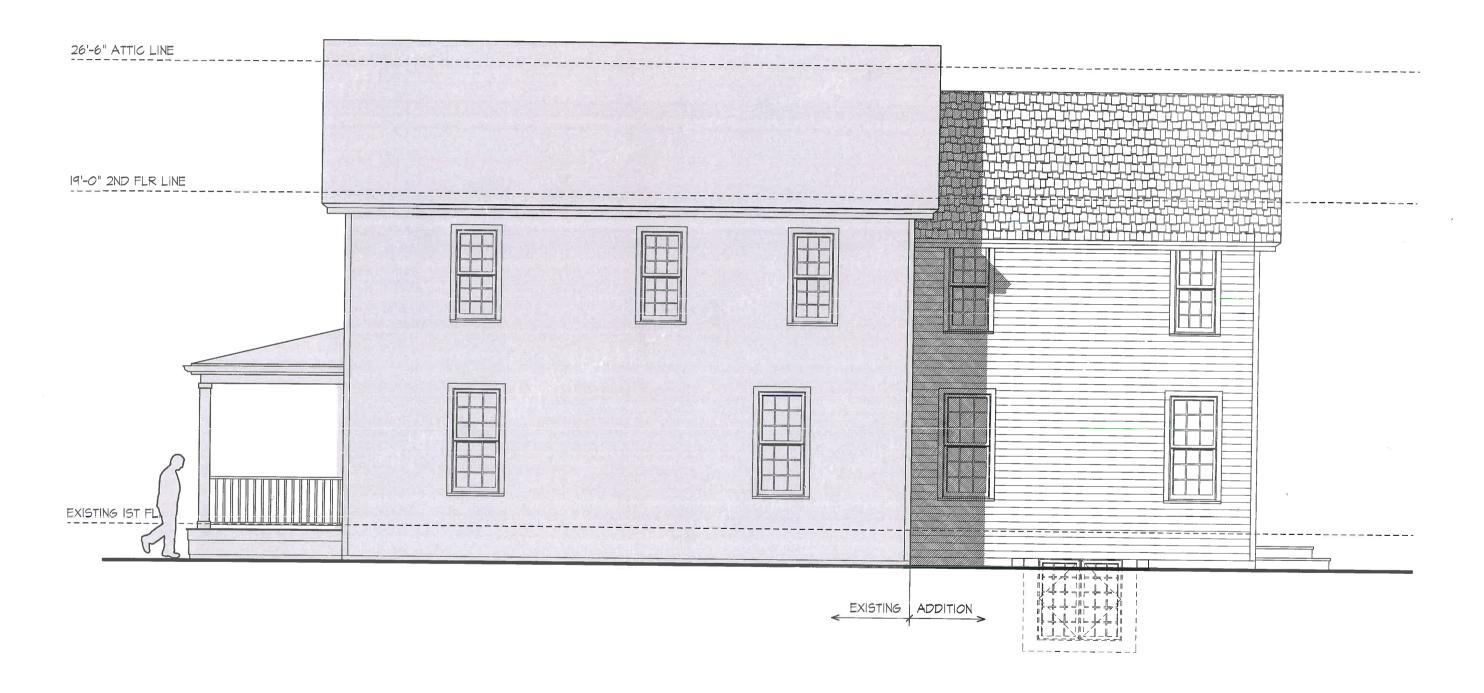


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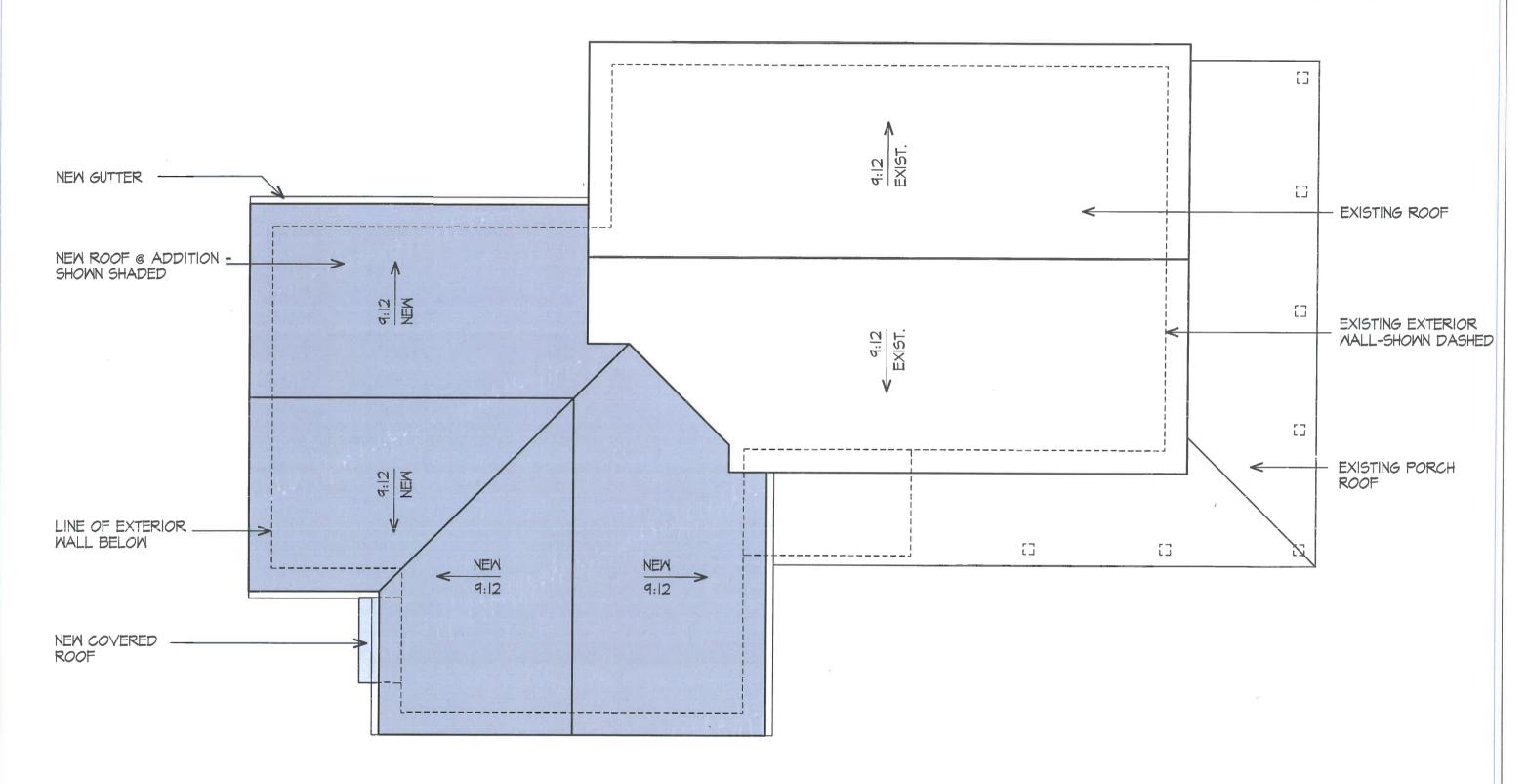
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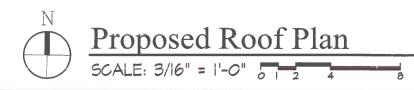
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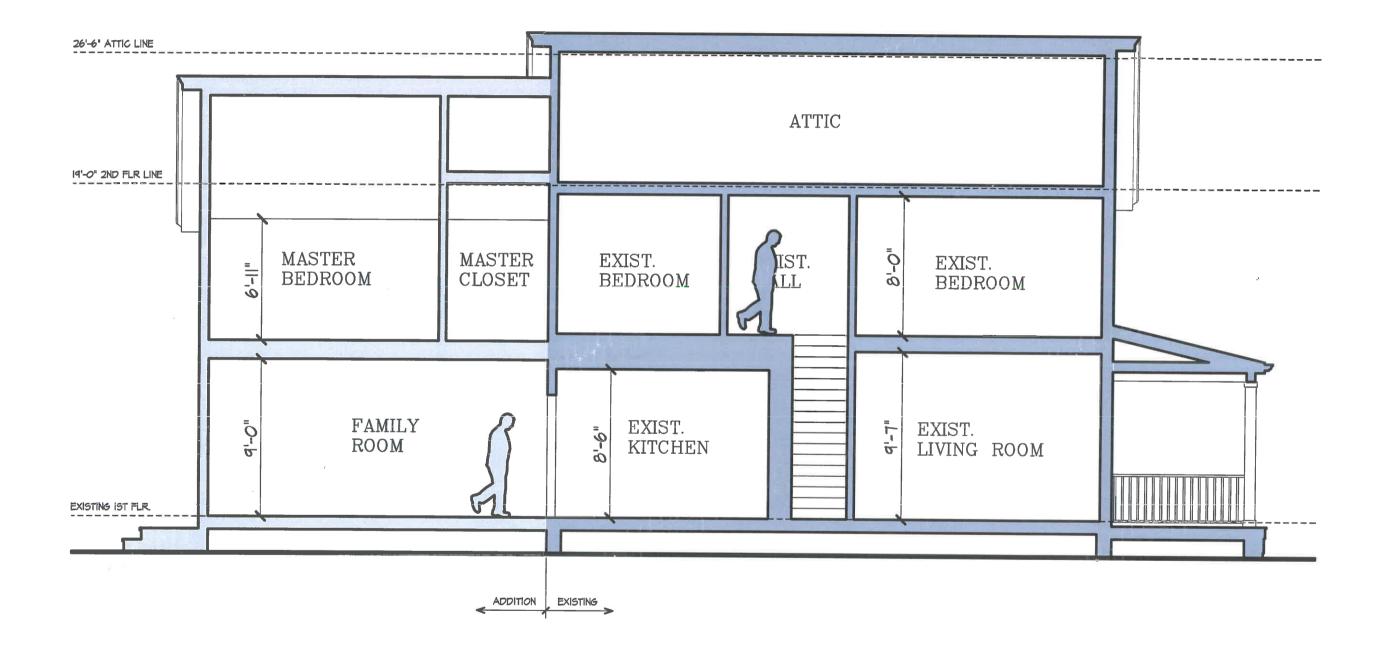
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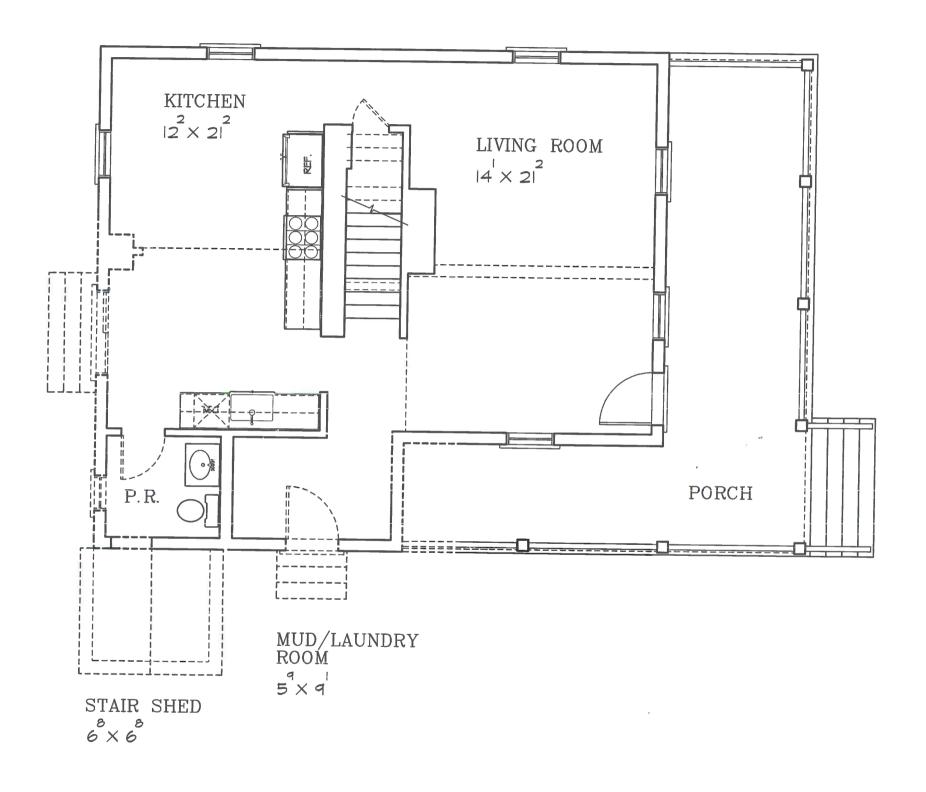




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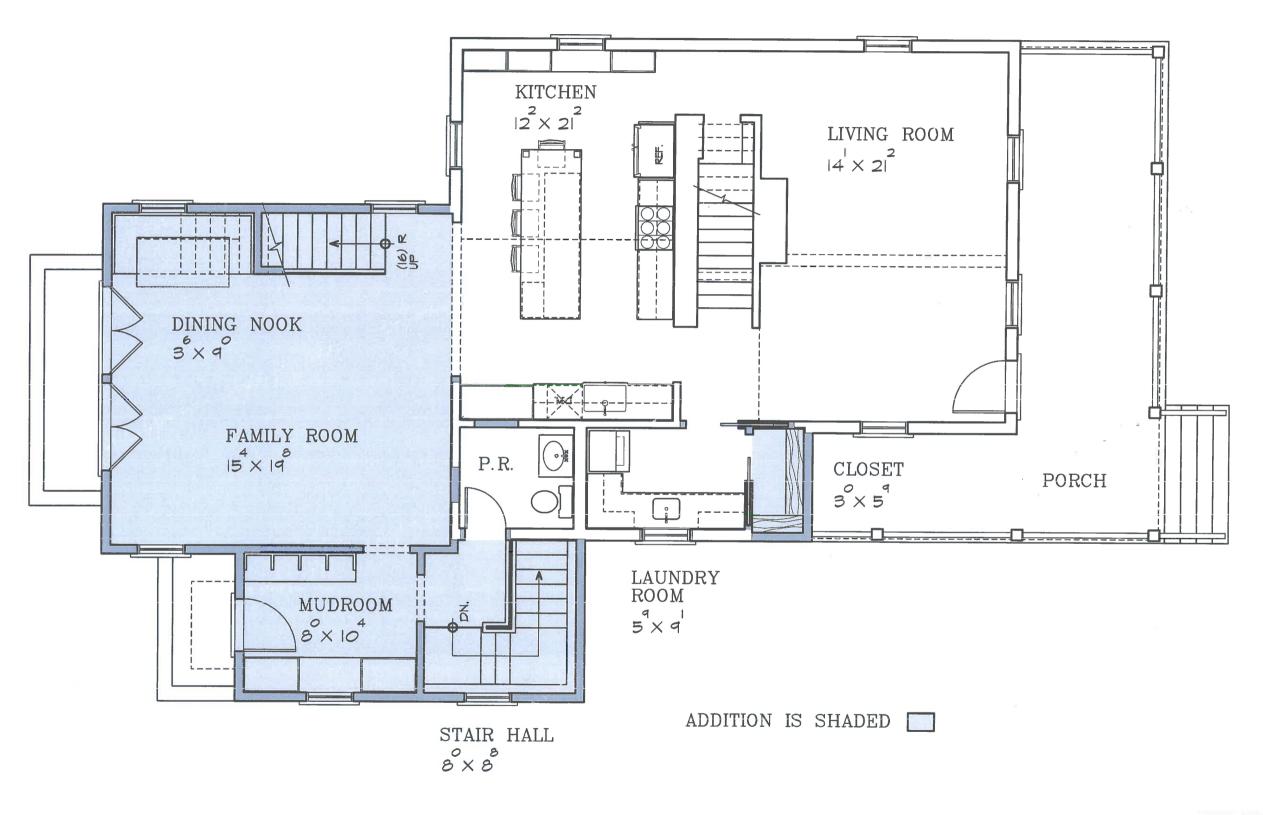
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Existing First Floor & Demolition Plan

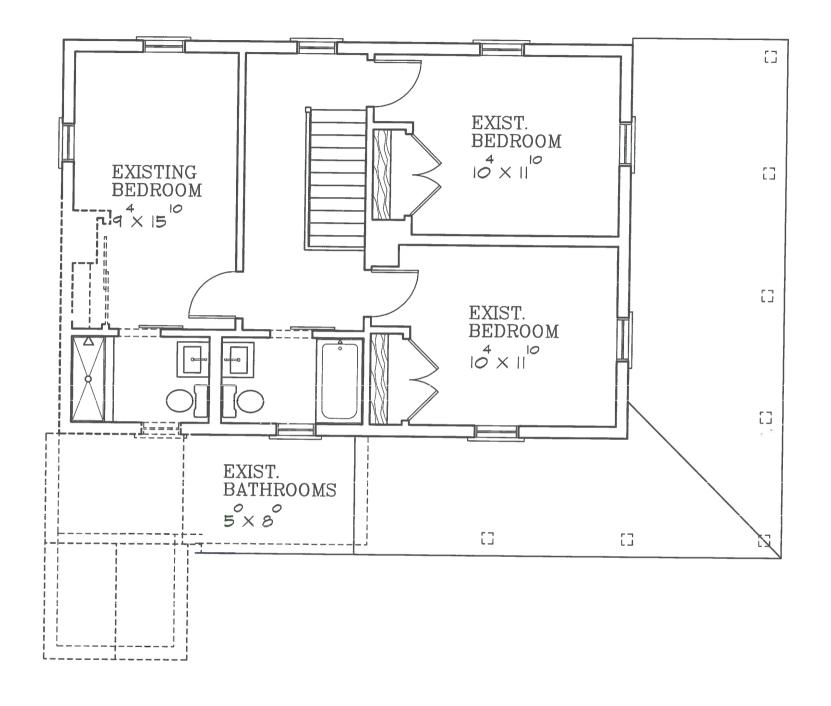
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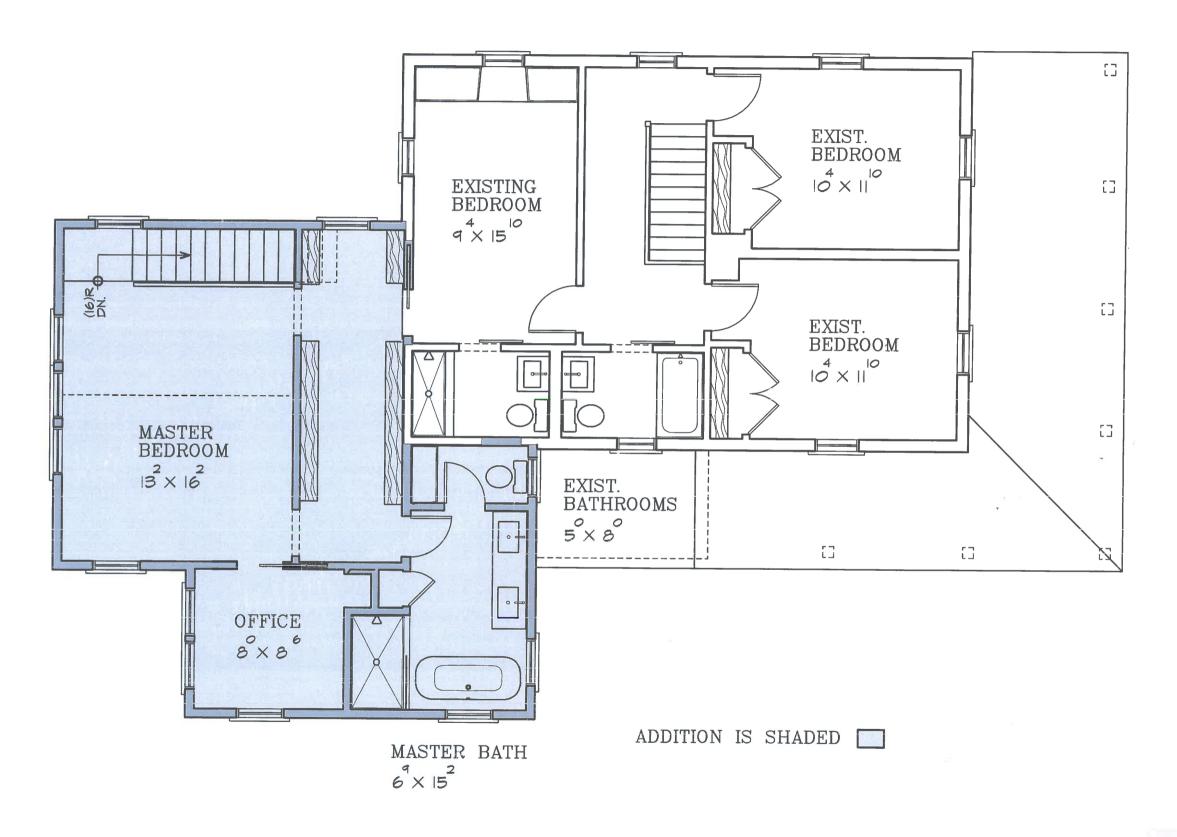




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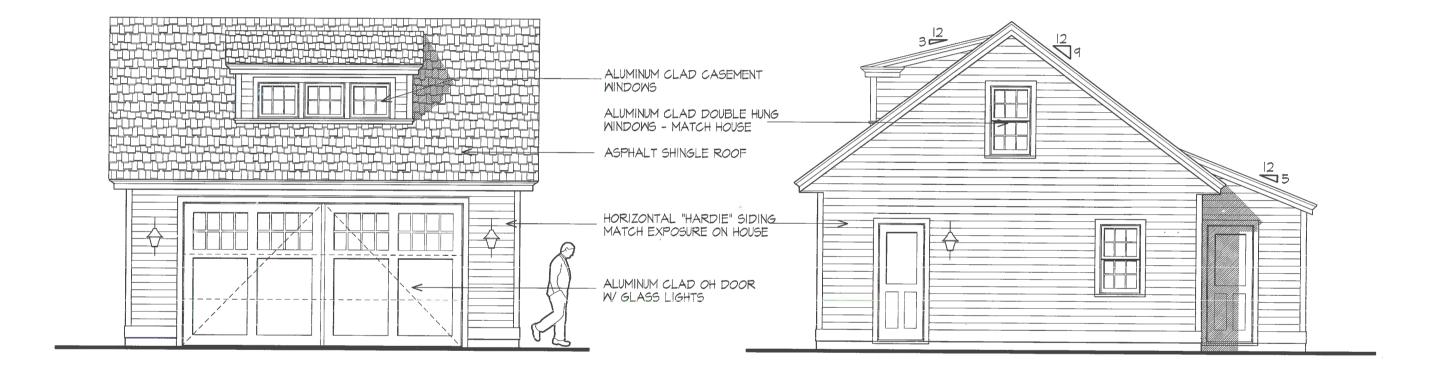


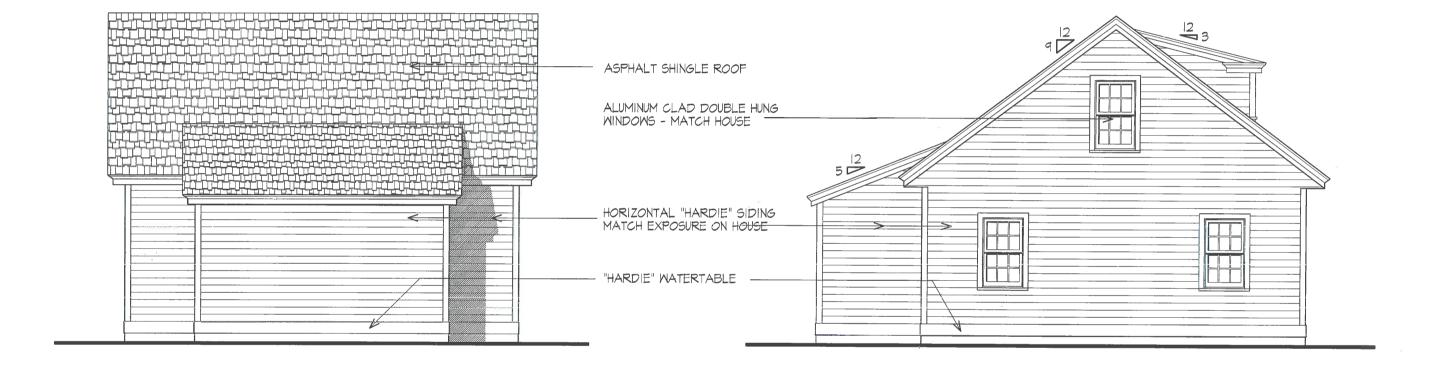






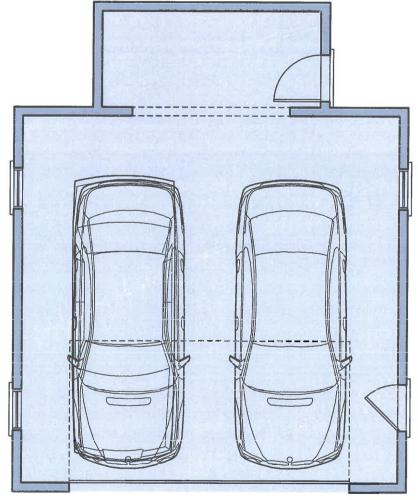
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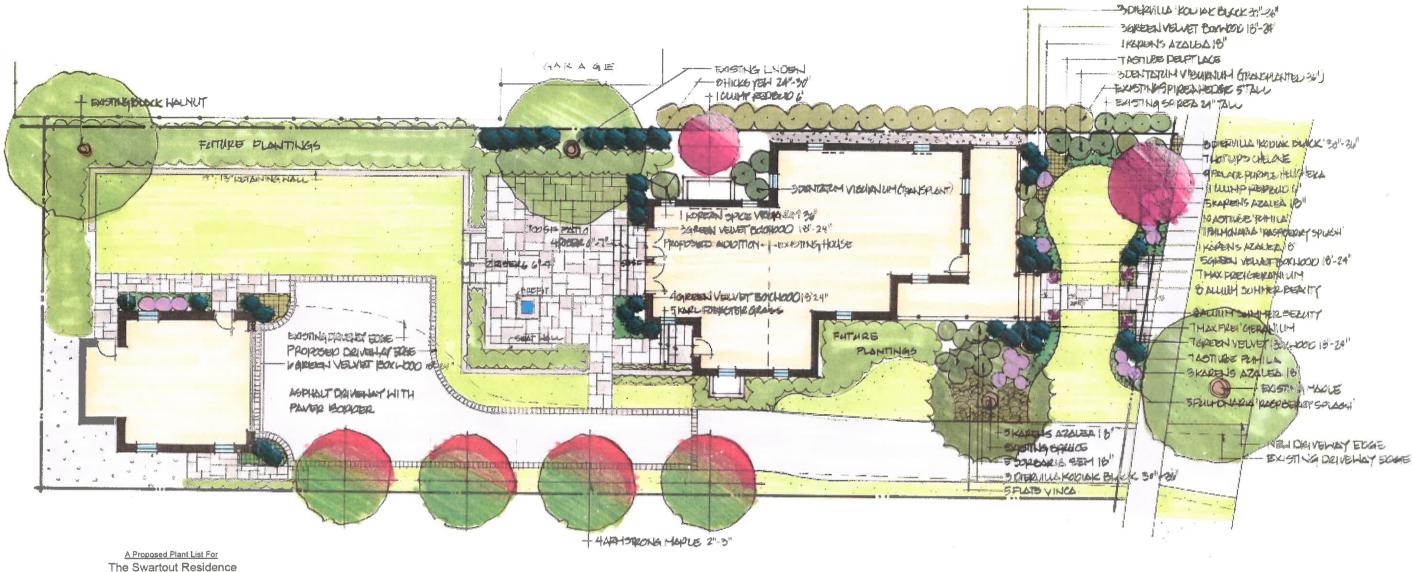






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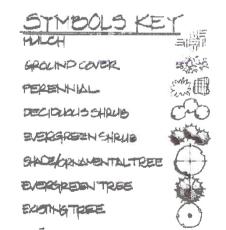
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Landscape Plan







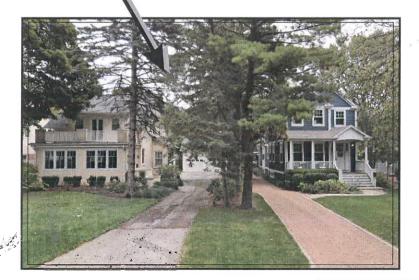












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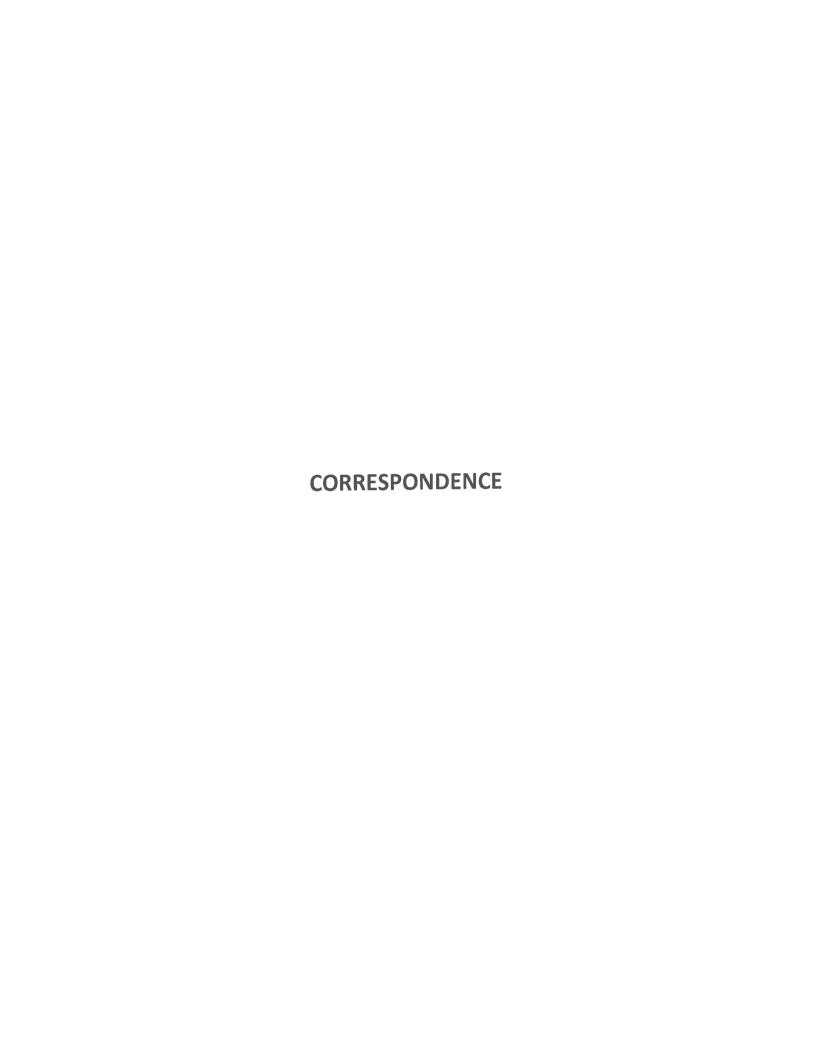












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WAYNE LASSON <w.lasson@att.net>

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Friday, October 2, 2020 10:32 AM

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Baehr, Jennifer WAYNE LASSON

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114 washington circle addition

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to whom it may concern:

my wife and i have lived at 126 washington circle for 22 years

i look down form my mancave above our 2 car garage at 114 [and 104]

126 was totally renovated in 1997- -so much so that liberty mutual deemed it a new house for insurance purposes. 104 was a new house 2 years ago

so the proposed addition at 114 will be a welcomed enhancement to a house that is just too small in size

the city pushed for 114 renovation [versus tear down] due to the beautiful front porch. now is the time to approve 114 to become larger which will have no negative impact on 126 to include the views from my mancave.

104, 114, and 126 will be three success for the our city!

Regards, Wayne lasson 847 482 0714

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Dear Building Review Board Members,

We are Judy and Tom Westberg, the neighbors at 104 Washington Circle to the immediate south of the Swarthout Family at 114 Washington Circle.

We understand the Swarthout's have submitted drawings for a proposed addition to the existing home along with a new garage.

We have studied the renderings and elevations that were sent out by the city for the house addition and the garage and feel they will both enhance the property very nicely. We also understand that the architect has been working with community development to meet the requirements for the project.

It is clear that Jim and Eileen Swarthout's intentions are to make this property a family home for the long haul. They have already paid great attention to maintenance and every detail on the home. We are very excited to see their willingness to invest in the home to fulfill the long term space needs of their family.

We feel the additions to the property are very much in tune with the neighborhood, and we fully support this project.

Judy & Tom Westberg

Best Regards,

Tom Westberg



Agenda Item 4 1088 Griffith Road Demolition & Replacement Residence

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Proposed First Floor Plan

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Impervious Surface Calculations

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Conceptual Landscape Plan

Streetscape Elevation

Images of Existing Residence

Images of Surrounding Homes

Correspondence

Materials shown in italics are included in the Commission packet only. A complete copy of the packet is available from the Community Development Department.

1088 Griffith Road

Consideration of a request for approval of the demolition of a single family residence and construction of a replacement residence and attached garage. Approval of a conceptual landscape plan and overall site plan is also requested.

Property Owners: Brian and Jennifer Harbison Project Representative: Ruben Anastacio, architect

Staff Contact: Jen Baehr, Assistant Planner

Description of Property

This property is located on the west side of Griffith Road, between Rose Terrace and Woodland Road. The surrounding neighborhood contains modest size homes of varying architectural styles built in the early 1900s. The parcel that is the subject of this request totals 4,168 square feet and is rectangular in shape. This parcel is a "through lot" located east of McKinley Road and west of Griffith Road, with frontage on both streets. Through lots are lots having a pair of opposite lot lines along two or more parallel streets. The existing residence on the property is a two-and-a-half story Four Square style home built in 1912.

Summary of Request

The petitioner proposes to demolish the existing house and construct a replacement residence and an attached single car garage. The proposed residence, as presented by the petitioner, is described as a Colonial Revival style home.

The statement of intent and supporting materials submitted by the petitioner are included in the Board packet and more fully explain the overall project. An evaluation of the project based on the applicable standards and staff recommendations is offered below for the Board's consideration.

Zoning setback variances were recently supported by the Zoning Board of Appeals, on September 28th, to allow the replacement residence to encroach into the front, side and rear yard setbacks based on the fact that the property was reduced in size many decades ago when McKinley Road was shifted to the east, away from the railroad tracks.

Proposed Demolition

The petitioner provided a review of the demolition criteria which is included in the Board's packets. The applicable criteria set forth in the Ordinance are reviewed by staff below.

Criteria 1 – The existing structure itself, or in relation to its surroundings, does not have special historical, architectural, aesthetic or cultural significance to the community.

This criterion is met. The existing residence is not architecturally, aesthetically, or historically significant. Records indicate that the residence was constructed in 1912. Although the existing residence is over 100 years old, the home does not contain the historic integrity that would make it worthy of preservation.

Criteria 2 – Realistic alternatives, including adaptive reuses, do not exist because of the nature or cost of work necessary to preserve the structure or to realize any appreciable part of its value.

This criterion is met. The petitioner engaged a structural engineer to conduct an evaluation of the condition of the existing home. The engineer's report is included in the Board's packet. The report identifies multiple structural issues and concludes that the cost to repair and renovate the existing home far exceeds the anticipated long term value.

Criteria 3 – The structure in its present or restored condition is unsuitable for residential, or a residentially compatible use; or fire or other casualty damage or structural deterioration has rendered the structure (and/or remains) an immediate health or safety hazard.

This criterion is met. Based on the structural engineer's report, significant repairs or complete replacement of various elements of the home are needed to make the home suitable for residential use.

Criteria 4 – The demolition and/or the replacement structure will not adversely impact the value of property within the neighborhood.

This criterion is met. There is no evidence to suggest that the proposed demolition or replacement residence will adversely impact the value of other properties in the neighborhood. The proposed replacement residence will likely enhance property values and contribute to the character of the neighborhood in a positive way.

Criteria 5 – The demolition and/or replacement structure will be compatible with and not adversely impact the neighborhood character.

This criterion is met. The proposed replacement residence appears to be generally compatible with the character of the existing neighborhood. The Board's review and direction are intended to assure that the new home will be consistent with the quality and character of the neighborhood.

Staff finds that the criteria for demolition are satisfied.

Replacement Residence

Site Plan - This standard is met.

The proposed residence is sited generally in the location of the existing home on the property. A site plan overlay showing the proposed replacement residence in relation to the existing house is included in the Board's packet. The existing home does not have a garage. The proposed replacement residence has an attached garage that is shifted to the rear of the home, toward McKinley Road, consistent with the existing development pattern in the surrounding neighborhood.

The existing driveway will be removed and replaced with a new asphalt driveway along the north side of the property. The new driveway will utilize the existing curb cut to minimize, to the extent possible, the impact of construction on the parkway trees. A concrete patio is proposed on the rear side of the residence.

The site plan and information submitted by the petitioner shows that the amount of impervious surface on the site will increase from coverage of 41 percent to 54 percent. The increase in impervious surface is mostly due to the larger building footprint with the attached garage and the proposed patio. The building footprint coverage increases from 848 square feet to 1,249 square feet.

The paved surfaces, including the driveway, walkway and patio, increases from 848 square feet to 1,018 square feet.

Consideration should be given to use of some pervious materials for the patio and driveway
to reduce the amount of impervious surface on the property give the heightened concern
about stormwater runoff particularly in small lot neighborhoods.

Building Massing and Height - This standard is met.

Based on the lot size, a residence of up to 1,883 square feet is permitted on the site with an allowance of 576 square feet for a garage and 188 square feet for design elements. Design elements are defined as those elements that provide human scale to a residence and help to mitigate the appearance of mass and include elements such as covered entries, dormers and screen porches.

- The replacement residence totals 1,665 square feet.
- The proposed garage totals 292 square feet, and is below the allowance of 576 square feet and therefore, does not contribute to the overall square footage of the home.
- In addition to the above square footage, a total of 21 square feet of design elements are incorporated into the design of the house.
- In conclusion, the proposed replacement residence is 228 square feet, equal to 12 percent, below the maximum allowable square footage for this property.

At its tallest peak, the residence as dimensioned on the elevations provided, from the lowest point of existing grade, is 29 feet and 7 inches. The maximum height allowed for a residence on this size lot is 30 feet as measured from the lowest point of existing grade to the tallest roof peak. Given that the house as proposed nearly reaches the maximum allowable overall height, careful review of the grading and building plans, including a detailed section of the house documenting the lowest point of existing grade, will be required prior to the issuance of a building permit. An as-built drawing will be required at various points in the construction process, to assure that the house, upon completion, does not exceed the allowable height.

Elevations – This standard is generally met.

The proposed residence reflects a two story mass with a simple hip roof. A front entry portico at the center of the front façade and quoin detailing are proposed consistent with the chosen Colonial Revival architectural style. The front elevation presents a balanced and aligned fenestration pattern. Other elevations of the home, particularly the side elevations, present a more irregular fenestration pattern that does not appear as balanced as the front elevation. The proportions of the windows on the side elevations also appear somewhat out of character with the style of the home. Typically, Colonial Revival homes have a consistent rhythm of vertical, double hung windows with traditional window muntin patterns on all elevations.

• Staff recommends further study of the proportions and style of windows in in an effort to more closely follow the architectural style of the home and present a more consistent appearance across all elevations of the home.

The garage features a single garage door on the east (front) elevation. The side elevations of the garage feature mostly solid walls with a single window opening on the north side, and entry door on the south side. The rear elevation of the garage is a solid wall.

Type, color, and texture of materials - This standard is generally met.

The exterior of the home and garage is brick, consistent with the architectural style of the home. Architectural asphalt shingle is proposed for the roof forms. Aluminum clad windows with interior and exterior muntins are proposed. Limestone is proposed for the window lintels and sills. The front portico, front door, fascia boards, and soffits will be wood. Aluminum gutters and downspouts are proposed. A metal overhead garage door is proposed. Roof vents are also proposed. Typically the use of a continuous ridge vent is required to avoid the appearance of multiple vents across the roof however, in this case, the length of the ridge may not be sufficient to allow for the use a continuous ridge vent.

The proposed color palette consists of a brown brick and beige for the front portico, trim and fascia boards. The windows will also be beige and the front door will be stained wood. A color elevation is provided in the Board's packet.

Landscape and Hardscape

With the house located generally in the area of the existing residence on the site, there are no trees within the building footprint that will be impacted. One Silver Maple and one Norway Maple are located in the rear yard and are proposed for removal. Based on the tree survey provided by the petitioner, the Silver Maple tree is 24 inches in diameter and is in fair condition. The Norway Maple tree is 6 inches in diameter and in good condition. Based on the condition, size and species of the trees proposed for removal, a total of 12 replacement inches are required to be planted on site to the extent possible. If the total replacement inches cannot be accommodated on site, a payment in lieu of on site plantings will be required to support the planting of trees in the parkways in the surrounding neighborhood.

A conceptual landscape plan was provided by the petitioner and is included in the Board's packet. The plan reflects new plantings at the front of the home. The new plantings include Redbud and Dogwood trees, evergreen shrubs and ornamental plantings. Additional shade or evergreen trees are needed to meet the minimum landscape requirements for new residences.

Public Comment

Public notice of this petition was provided in accordance with the City requirements and practices. Notice was mailed by the Community Development Department to surrounding property owners and the agenda for this meeting was posted at various public locations. As of the date of this writing, no correspondence was received regarding this request.

Recommendations

Recommend approval of demolition of the existing residence based on the findings presented above.

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Recommend approval of the replacement residence, garage, overall site plan and conceptual landscape plan based on the findings presented in this staff report and as further detailed during the Board's deliberations, subject to the following conditions of approval.

- 1. The plans shall be refined to address the following items if so directed by the Board.
 - a. Incorporate pervious materials into the hardscape plan to reduce the amount of impervious surface on the property.

- b. Study and refine the window style and proportions in an effort to more closely follow the chosen architectural style and to present a more consistent appearance across all elevations.
- 2. If additional modifications are made beyond those detailed above, either in response to Board direction, or as the result of final design development, the modifications shall be clearly called out on the plan and a copy of the plan originally provided to the Board shall be attached for comparison purposes. Staff is directed to review any changes, in consultation with the Chairman as appropriate, to determine whether the modifications are in conformance with the Board's direction and approval prior to the issuance of any permits.
- 3. The overall height of the house, in combination with any grade changes shall be clearly detailed on a section submitted at the time of application for permit to verify that the height does not exceed 30 feet from the point of lowest existing grade adjacent to the home, to the highest roof peak. As-built drawings shall be submitted at appropriate intervals as determined to be necessary by City staff, to verify compliance with the height limitations.
- 4. The final grading and drainage plan shall demonstrate the project is consistent with the applicable Code requirements subject to review and approval by the City Engineer. Grading or filling on the site should be kept to the absolute minimum necessary to meet good engineering practices to properly direct drainage.
- 5. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, a detailed, landscape plan shall be submitted and will be subject to review and approval by the City's Certified Arborist. The plan shall, at a minimum, meet the landscaping standards for new residences detailed in the Code and provide for the required 12 replacement inches on site to the extent possible using good forestry practices. If all replacement tree inches cannot be accommodated on the site, the number of remaining inches for which a payment in lieu of planting will be required must be noted on the plan. The full payment in lieu of on site plantings is required prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
- 6. Tree Protection Plan Prior to the issuance of a building permit, a plan to protect trees during construction must be submitted and will be subject to review and approval by the City. Careful attention shall be given to protecting parkway trees.
- 7. Details of exterior lighting shall be submitted with the plans submitted for permit. Cut sheets of all light fixtures shall be provided and all fixtures shall direct light downward and the source of the light shall be fully shielded from view by the fixture or by sight obscuring glass. All exterior lighting, except for security lights with motion detectors, shall be on timers to turn off no later than 11 p.m.
- 8. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, a materials staging and construction vehicle parking plan must be submitted to the City for review and will be subject to City approval in an effort to minimize and manage impacts on the neighborhood.

THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST BUILDING REVIEW BOARD -- BUILDING SCALE INFORMATION SHEET

Address	1088 Griffith Road	Owner(s)		Brian 8	Jennifer	Harbison	
Architect	Ruben Anastacio	Reviewed by:		Jen Ba	ehr		
Date	10/7/2020						
Lot Area	4168 sq. ft.						
Square Footag	ge of Proposed Residence:						
1st floor	893 + 2nd floor 762 + 3rd floor	or <u>0</u>		=	1655	sq. ft.	
Design Eleme	nt Allowance =sq. ft.						
Total Actual D	esign Elements = 21 sq. ft.		Excess	=	0	sq.ft.	
Garage	292 sf actual ; 576 sf allowance)	Excess	=	0	sq. ft.	
Garage Width		on lots					
Basement Are	18,900 sf or less in size. a			=	0	sq. ft.	
Accessory buil	dings			=	0	sq. ft.	
Total Square F	ootage of Proposed Residence			=	1655	sq. ft.	
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Allowable Heigl	nt: 30 ft. Actual Height 29	<u>'-7"</u> ft.				-	12.0% under the Max. allowed
ESIGN ELEME	NT EXEMPTIONS						
Desi	gn Element Allowance:sq. ft.						
	Front & Side Porches = 0 sq. ft.						
Rear 8	Side Screen Porches = 0 sq. ft.						
	Covered Entries = 21 sq. ft.						
	Portico = 0 sq. ft.						
	Porte-Cochere = 0 sq. ft.						
	Breezeway = 0 sq. ft.						
	Pergolas = 0 sq. ft.						
	Individual Dormers = 0 sq. ft.						
	Bay Windows = 0 sq. ft.						
Total Act	ual Design Elements = 21 sq. ft.	Excess De	esign E	lements	; =	0	sq. ft.









THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST BUILDING REVIEW BOARD APPLICATION

PROJECT ADDRESS 1088 GRIFFIT	*H Rp
APPLICATION TYPE	
RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS	COMMERCIAL PROJECTS
New Residence New Accessory Building Addition/Alteration Building Scale Variance Other	lete New Building Landscape/Parkins
PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION	ARCHITECT/BUILDER INFORMATION
BRIAN & JENNIFER HARBISON	Name and Title of Person Presenting Project
1044 EVERGREEN STREET Owner's Street Address (may be different from project address)	RUBEN ANASTACIO À ASSOC L'TO
City, State and Zip Code	4256 N. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS RO
(224) 277 - 41 BO Phone Number Fax Number	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL. 60004- City, State and Zip Code
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Statement of Intent

Building Review Board

August 27, 2020

Brian & Jennifer Harbison 1088 Griffith Road Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

The City of Lake Forest Building Review Board 800 N Field Drive Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

We are writing to provide our statement on intent regarding our property at 1088 Griffith Road. We purchased the property back in September of 2018. At the time of the purchase, there was no one living at the property – in fact, according to our real estate agent, she had advised no one had lived there for several years. At the time of purchase and as it stands today, without a significant investment in the existing infrastructure, the property is arguably uninhabitable and further not in alignment with the aesthetic standards within the Lake Forest community. As such, our intention is to demolish the full existing structure as it exists today and build a new house – our future retirement home.

In the preparation of our new home design and in parallel in collaboration with the Community Development Department, we have carefully considered all of the City of Lake Forest residential design guidelines, supporting requirements and constraints (as captured in this letter as well as detailed in the supporting materials within the overall application).

i. Character Analysis

The property at 1088 Griffith Road is located in the East Lake Forest neighborhood – where many of the existing houses were built back in the early 1900s. And while many of the houses in the neighborhood have maintained their original character of site and setting, the existing house at 1088 Griffith hasn't. In addition to the house not having been inhabited in over a decade, the house has reached its physical and functional obsolescence. The proposed construction of the new house and recessed attached garage along with a well landscaped yard will, for the most part, will be consistent with respect to the neighboring houses in size, style and materials.

ii. Design Goals and Objectives

In consideration of the design of the proposed construction of the new house and recessed attached garage, strong attention was applied to the architectural details to best ensure compatibility with the existing architectural qualities of not only the immediate neighborhood, but also the surround neighborhoods with the Lake Forest community. Further details and supporting evidence can be found within the drawings and layouts contained within the broader application.

iii. Guidelines

The residential guidelines as set forth by the City of Lake Forest provided a strong framework within which good design can flourish in context and enhance the existing character. On embarking on establishing a good design, some of the neighborhood characteristics related questions considered include, but were not limited to:

- What's the history and general timeframe of when the neighborhood was built?
- What are the overall lot characteristics?
- Do the existing houses follow the current setbacks?
- · What's the predominant façade material facing the street?
- What's the predominant roof pitch, type and material?
- How many floors do most of the houses have?
- What are the dominant architectural features?
- What type of houses sit on either side of the property?
- Are other garages in the neighborhood attached or detached?
- What's the current zoning limitation?

The above along with other considerations (rhythm of structures along Griffith Road, simplicity and hierarchy of massing, roof type and shape, scale, height, materials, orientation, style, entry way, windows, landscaping) led to the established design, as presented, to deliver a diverse architectural experience while further fostering the diversity for which the city of Lake Forest is known.

Regarding the architectural style chosen, in consideration of all applicable factors, it seemed the most appropriate and consistent to pursue the Colonial Revival. As can be seen in the Proposed Front Elevation drawing, several 'stock' characteristics of a Colonial Revival house can be seen, including but not limited to:

- Symmetrical façade, gable roof and rectangular shape
- Two stories
- Brick exterior with simple and classical detailing
- Subtle entrance, porch columns, dormer
- Little exterior ornamentation
- Center entry hall floor plan with living spaces on the first floor and bedrooms upstairs

We welcome and appreciate all of your feedback and look forward to moving forward expeditiously with the project – to realize our future home.

Regards,

Brian & Jennifer Harbison

Statement Addressing the Demolition Criteria Building Review Board

August 27, 2020

Brian & Jennifer Harbison 1088 Griffith Road Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

The City of Lake Forest Building Review Board 800 N Field Drive Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

We are writing to provide our statement addressing the demolition criteria regarding our property at 1088 Griffith Road. As noted in our Statement of Intent, at the time of purchase back in September 2018 and as it stands today, without a significant investment in the existing infrastructure, the property is arguably uninhabitable and further not in alignment with the aesthetic standards within the Lake Forest community. As such, our intention is to demolish the full existing structure as it exists today and build a new house.

In the preparation of the proposed demolition and in parallel in collaboration with the Community Development Department, we have carefully considered all of the City of Lake Forest demolition criteria, supporting requirements and constraints (as captured in this letter as well as detailed in the supporting materials within the overall application).

i. The existing structure itself, or in relation to its surroundings, doesn't have specific historical, architectural, aesthetic or cultural significance to the community.

The house located at 1088 Griffith Road doesn't have any specific historical, architectural, aesthetic or cultural significance to the community.

Additional attributes of the existing house for consideration are as follows:

- Age of structure: Over 100 years old built in circa 1910
- Architect: Wood framed stucco finished 2 story single family structure

- History of building and site: Residential house hasn't been inhabited in over a decade
- Past use, owners or occupants: As noted above, the house hasn't been inhabited in over a decade; no additional information is known about past owners/occupants
- Identification of distinctive architectural features: No distinctive architectural features to note
- Description of the architectural style: Traditional 2 story
- Description of building materials: Wood framed, stucco siding, shingle roof
- Information on importance of the site or building to the community:
 No information on the importance of the site or building to the community to note
- ii. Realistic alternatives, including adaptive re-uses, don't exist because of the nature or cost of work necessary to preserve the structure, or to realize any applicable part of its value.

At the time of purchase back in September 2018, an exercise was conducted to assess the renovations and the cost associated to make the existing house inhabitable. In short, the conclusion was that it would cost almost double that of the purchase price (as a result of significant exterior and interior changes, updates and repairs). Note: As further detailed in iii. below, the independent structural engineering report conducted earlier this month, August 2020, further validates the findings.

iii. The structure, in its present or restored condition, is unsuitable for residential or a compatible use; or fire or other casualty damage or structural deterioration has rendered the structure (and/or remains) an immediate health or safety hazard.

Referencing the structural engineer's report, the conclusion provided was: "It is our opinion that the cost to repair and renovate this structure far exceeds what should be spent on a house in this condition."

For consideration the below are some of the key findings as detailed and supported within the report:

Basement Observations

- The floor slab has settled and is extensively cracked and needs to be replaced
- All basement walls show signs of settlement, water leakage and out of plumb – need to repair or replace all walls
- Beam and columns need to be replaced and new footings need to be installed

First Floor Observations

- The first floor has numerous areas that show deflections that need to be addressed
- The pantry and kitchen show indications of water leakage and potential mold build-up

Exterior Observations

- On the north and west sides the soil has settled and is sloping toward the house
- The framed front porch shows settlement and severe deterioration and needs significant rebuilding

Roof Observations

- There is evidence of water infiltration over the entire roof with wood damage expected
- The entire roof structure needs to be removed and replaced with adequate support
- iv. The demolition and/or the replacement structure will not adversely impact the value of property within the neighborhood.

The below is a current snapshot from Zillow – that projects the current house values for the houses located in the neighborhood. Note: For quick reference – 1088 Griffith Road is identified by the green arrow.



Based on the above, it's currently the second lowest valued property listed in the neighborhood (which includes properties valued over \$1M+ and a general average property value of approximately \$600K (calculated by the properties contained within the red rectangle (1088 Griffith Road isn't part of the calculation).

In an effort to assess what the potential value of the new construction at 1088 Griffith Road, the below are recent real estate comparables (since the beginning of 2020:16 houses in total) in the neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods.



\$624,900

5 bds 4 ba 2,558 sqft

1297 Burr Oak Rd, Lake Forest, IL 60045 Sold



\$316,000

3 bds 3 ba 1,585 sqft 1195 N Mckinley Rd, Lake Forest, IL 60045



\$565,000

4 bds 3 ba 2,092 sqft 892 Oakwood Ave, Lake Forest, IL 60045

Sold



\$860,000

4 bds 5 ba 3,164 sqft 1261 Edgewood Rd, Lake Forest, IL 60045

Sold



\$485,000

3 bds 3 ba 1,474 sqft

237 Noble Ave, Lake Forest, IL 60045 Sold



\$604,000

4 bds 4 ba 2,210 sqft

1291 Edgewood Rd, Lake Forest, IL 60045



\$917,000

-bds -ba -sqft

1155 Kelmscott Way, Lake Forest, IL 60045

Sold



\$745,000

3 bds 3 ba 2,695 sqft

352 E Wisconsin Ave, Lake Forest, IL 60045

Sold



\$997,500

5 bds 6 ba 3,208 sqft 53 Atteridge Rd, Lake Forest, IL 60045

Sold



\$595,000

3 bds 3 ba 1,968 sqft

1302 Edgewood Rd, Lake Forest, IL 60045

Sold



\$426,000

2 bds 3 ba 1,425 sqft 1214 Griffith Rd, Lake Forest, IL 60045

Sold



\$475,000

3 bds 2 ba 1,636 sqft

120 Atteridge Rd, Lake Forest, IL 60045

Sold



Sold

v. The demolition and/or the replacement structure will be compatible with and not adversely impact the neighborhood character.

Sold

In consideration of the design of the proposed construction of the new house and recessed attached garage, strong attention was applied to the architectural details to best ensure compatibility with the existing architectural qualities of not only the immediate neighborhood, but also the surround neighborhoods with the Lake Forest community. Further details and supporting evidence can be found within the drawings (ex. streetscape drawing, neighboring houses view) and layouts contained within the broader application. Note: No 3D massing model was created. All applicable details are captured within this document and/or the fore mentioned support evidence.

We welcome and appreciate all of your feedback and look forward to moving forward expeditiously with the project – to realize our future home.

Regards,

Brian & Jennifer Harbison



THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST BUILDING REVIEW BOARD APPLICATION DESCRIPTION OF EXTERIOR MATERIALS

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	Fascias, Soffits, Rakeboards					
		Wood Other Synthetic Material				

THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST BUILDING REVIEW BOARD APPLICATION DESCRIPTION OF EXTERIOR MATERIALS – CONTINUED

Chimney M	Material Material		
	Brick Stone Stucco Other **N. A.**		
Roofing			
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Driveway M			
	Asphalt Poured Concrete Brick Pavers Concrete Pavers Crushed Stone Other		
Terraces an	d Patios		
	Bluestone Brick Pavers Concrete Pavers Poured Concrete Other		

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August 17, 2020

Jennifer and Brian Harbison 1044 Evergreen Street Mundelein, IL 60060 <u>brianharbison@comcast.net</u> (224) 277-4130

Subject: Structural Inspection Single Family House 1088 Griffith Road Lake Forest, Illinois

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Harbison:

On Friday August 14, 2020 we performed an inspection at the subject address to determine the general condition of the structure. The structure is wood framed stucco finished two story single family structure built in circa 1910. The front of the house faces east.

This house exhibits many structural problems some of which are described below.

Exterior Observations

- On the north and west sides the soil has settled and is sloping toward the house. It does not appear that there is enough space to adequately regrade.
- The masonry retaining wall on the south side of the driveway at the front of the house needs to be rebuilt.
- Front stoop, concrete stairs and handrail are deteriorated and need replacement.
- The framed front porch shows settlement and severe deterioration and needs significant rebuilding. Flashing and roofing at the front of the porch is damaged and needs repair.

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Basement Observations

- Stairs to basement are not to code and structurally need to be replaced.
- The floor slab has settled and is extensively cracked and needs to be replaced.
- All basement walls show signs of settlement, water leakage, and out of plumb need to repair or replace all walls.
- Main floor support is with an inadequate main wood beam supported by temporary columns that bear on the existing slab. Beam and columns need to be replaced and new footings should be installed.
- Existing water heater appears to be in good condition.
- The existing furnace is obsolete and should be replaced for a variety of reasons.

First Floor Observations

- The first floor has numerous areas that show deflections that need to be addressed.
- The pantry and kitchen show indications of water leakage and potential mold build-up.
- Stairs to the second floor are not to code and structurally need to be replaced.

Roof Observations

- The roof supporting members are 2x4 joists spaced at 24" o.c. and 2x4 roof rafters with no collar ties or other intermediate supports.
- There is evidence of water infiltration over the entire roof with wood damage expected.
- The entire roof structure needs to be removed and replaced with adequate support.

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Conclusions

It is our opinion that the cost to repair and renovate this structure far exceeds what should be spent on a house in this condition.

If you have any questions or comments please contact me.

REGISTERED STRUCTURAL ENGINEER

Very truly yours,

Curtis A. McKey, S.E., P.E.

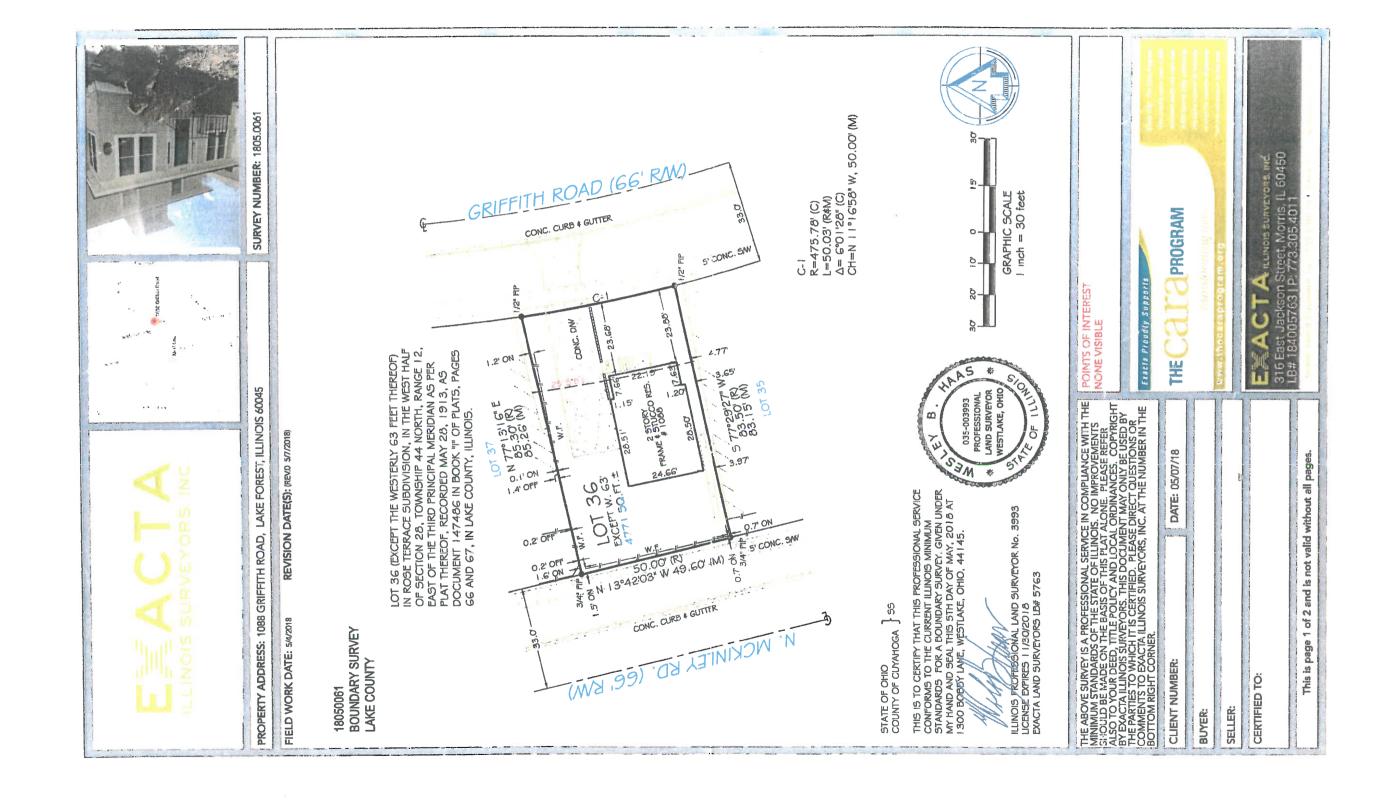
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Expires November 30, 2020

Professional License No. 62-34086

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cc.: Ruben Anastacio



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BUILDING DATA: LAND AREA = 4,167.80 SF. REQUIREMENTS PROPOSED FLOOR AREA (FAR) = 1,883,492 SF. = 1,828.96 S.F. (914.48 sf/floor) GARAGE EXEMPTION = 576.00 SF. = 313.17 S.F. = 2100 SF. LAND COVERAGE(30%): 1250.00 6F. . 1248.65 SF. MAX. HEIGHT = 29'-7" FRONT YARD SETBACK = 25'-0" SIDE YARD = 6'-0"/16'-0"/3'-0" REAR YARD = 25'-Ø" PROPOSED BUILDING DATA: FIRST FLOOR = 914.48 S.F. SECOND FLOOR = 914.48 SF. TOTAL FLR AREA = 1,828.96 S.F. (REQ. 1,883,492SF) GARAGE AREA 313.17 S.F. 21.00 S.F. PORCH(ENTRY) FIRST FLOOR 914.48 SF. TOTAL LC. = 1,248.65 SF. (REG. 1,250.008F)

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Proposed
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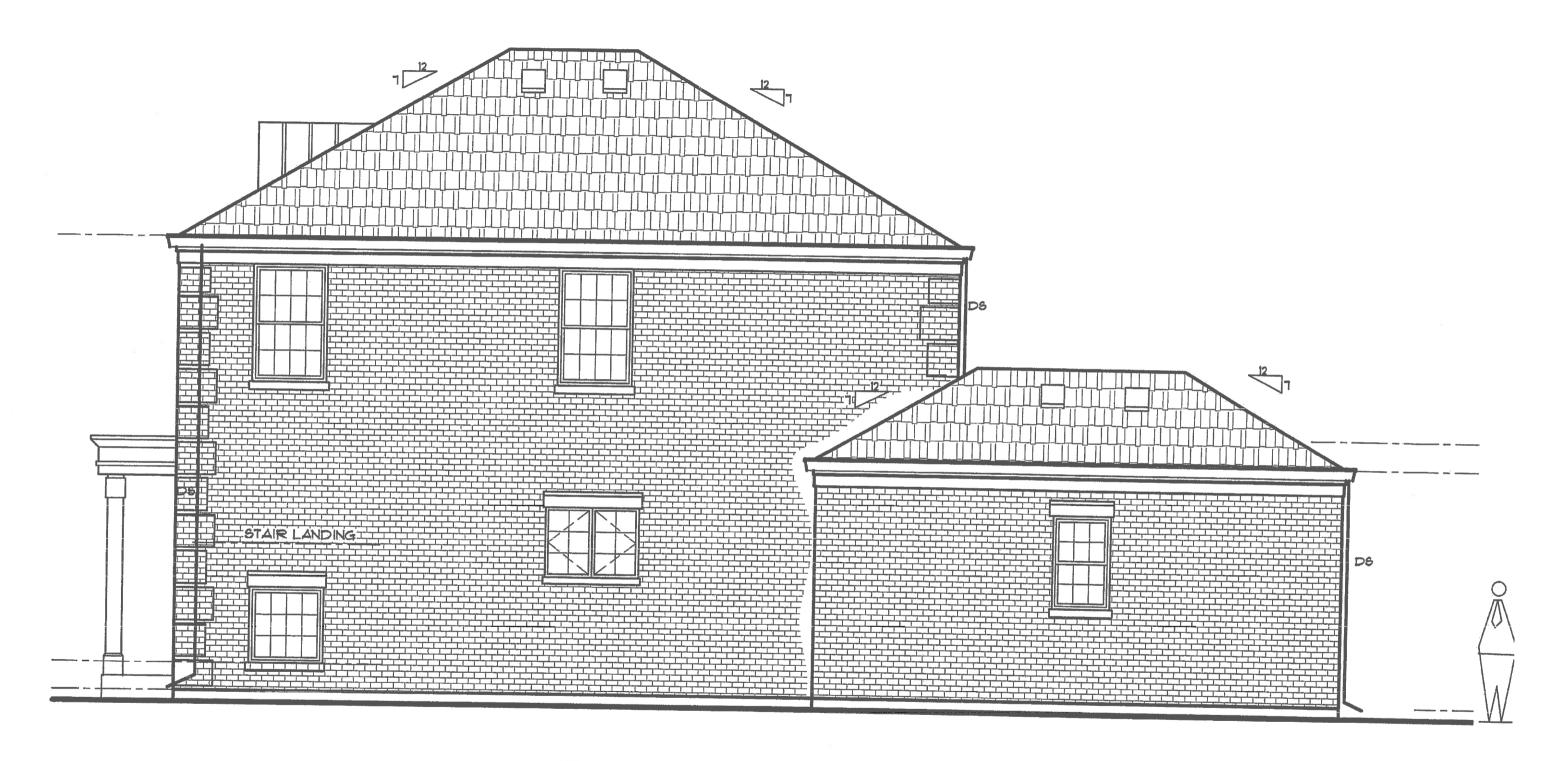


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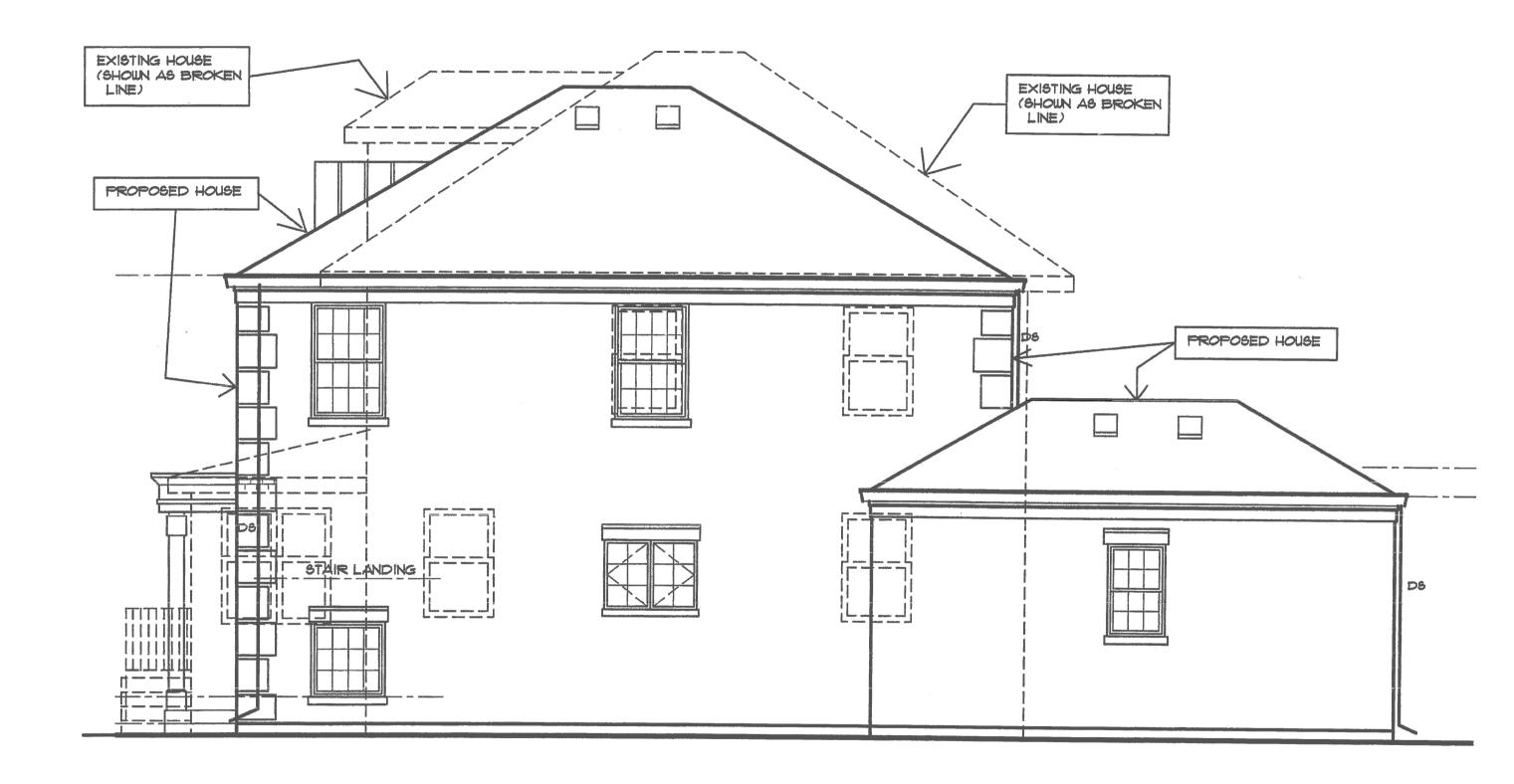
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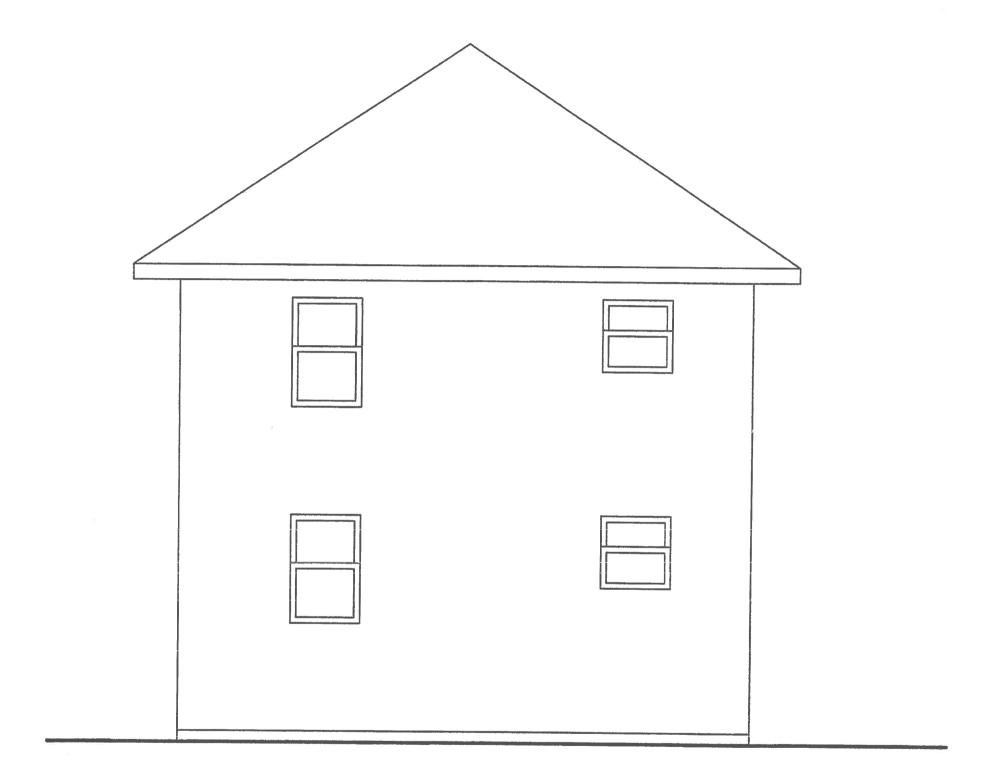


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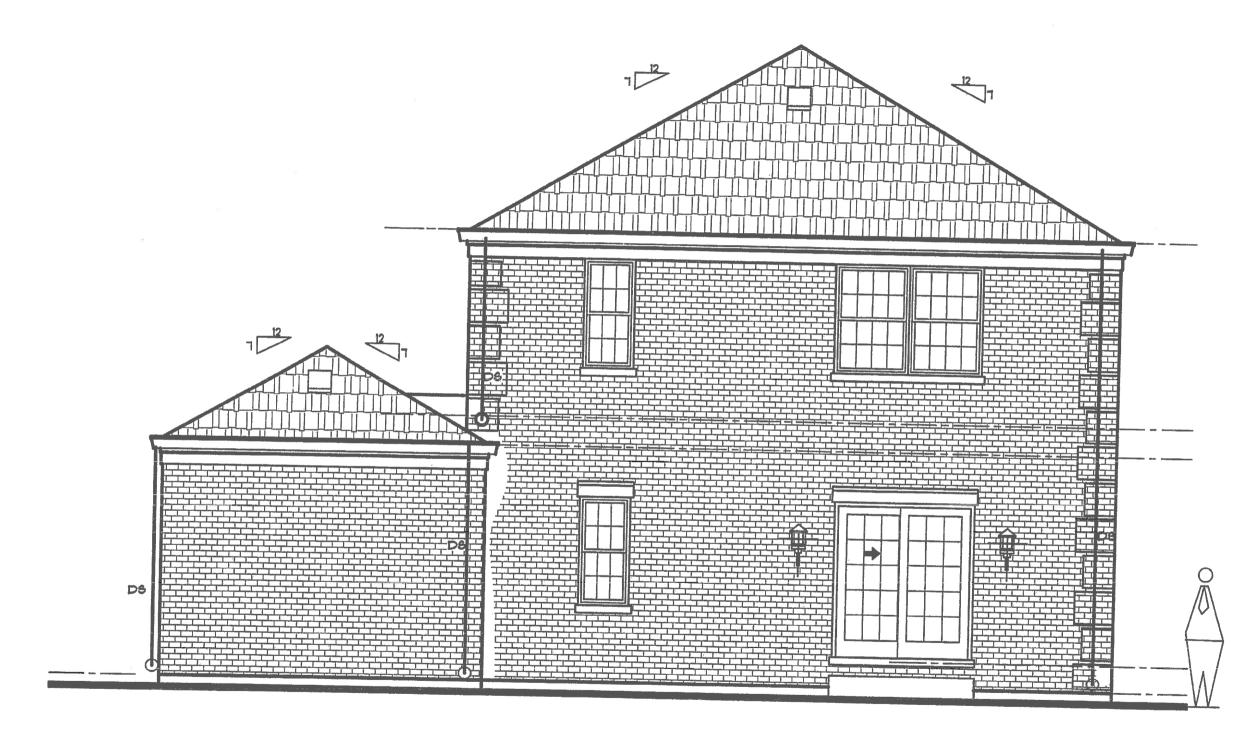


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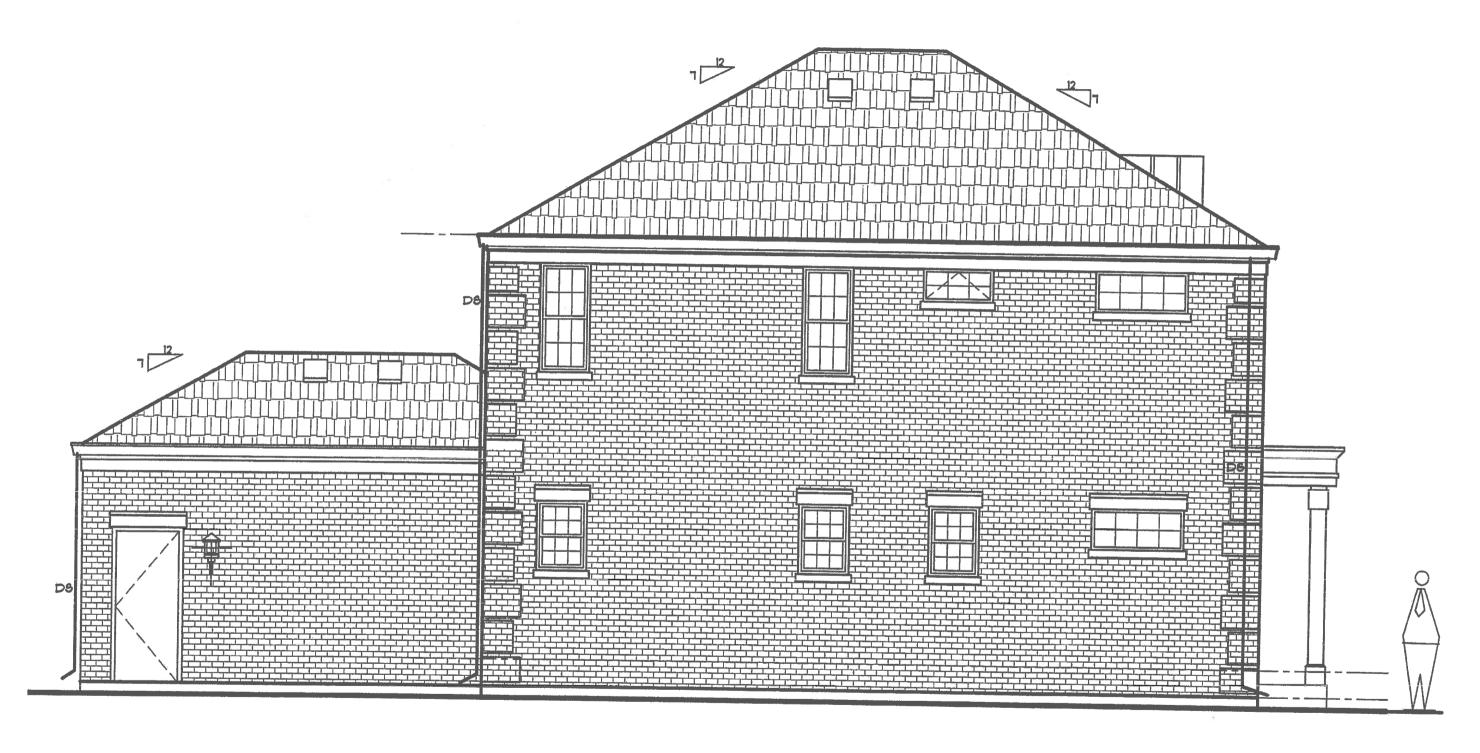




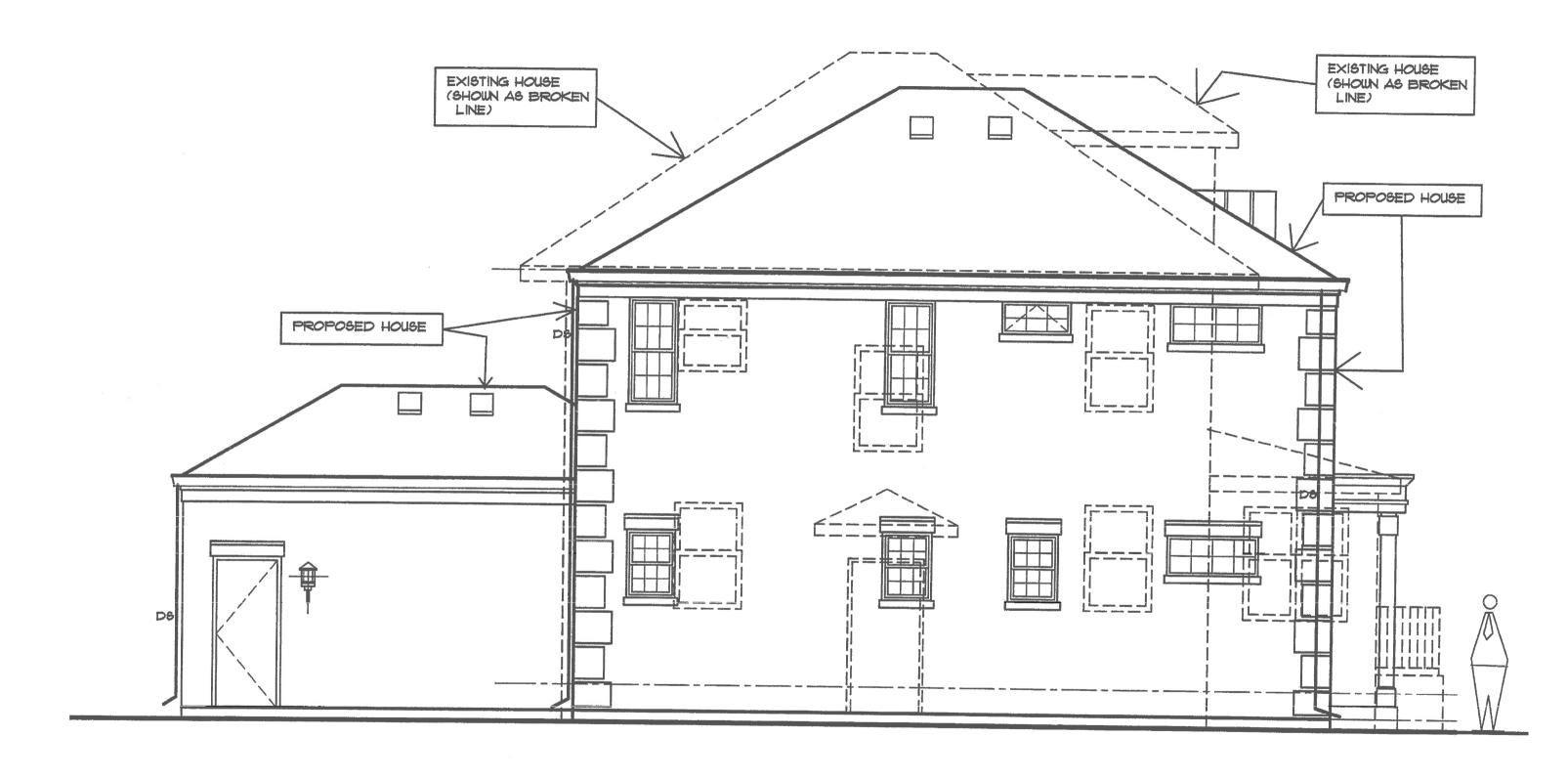


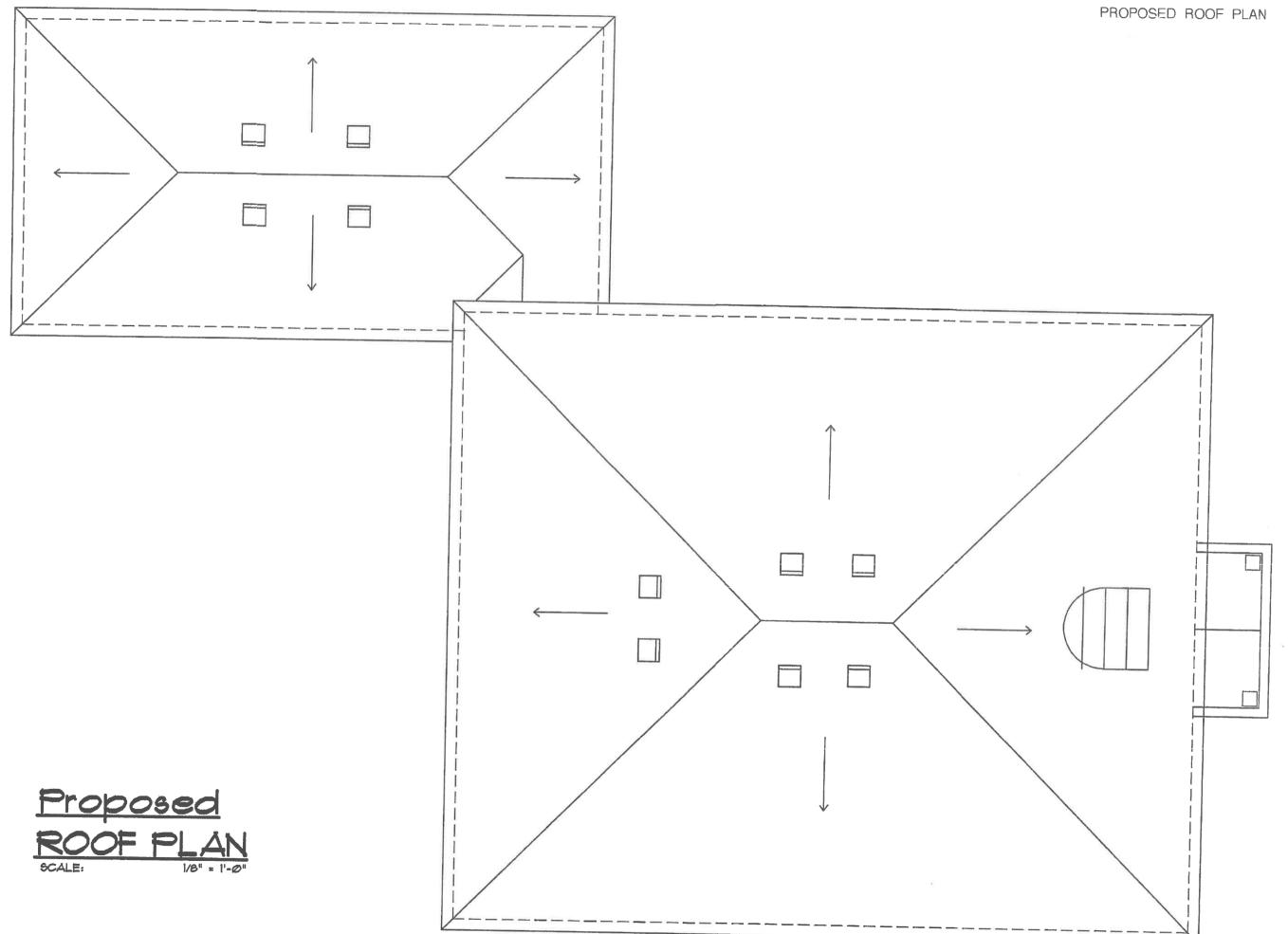
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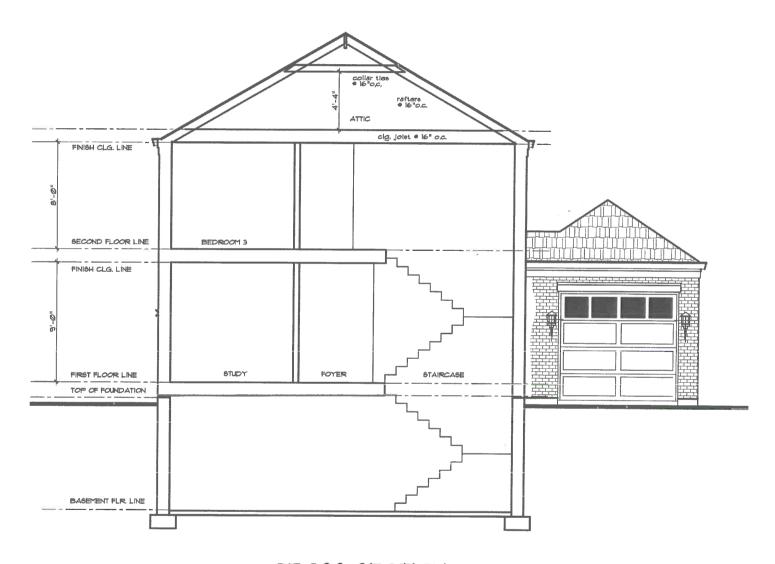
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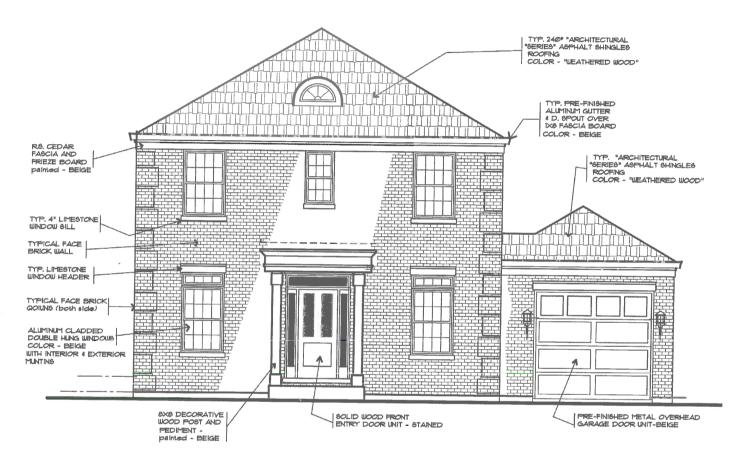




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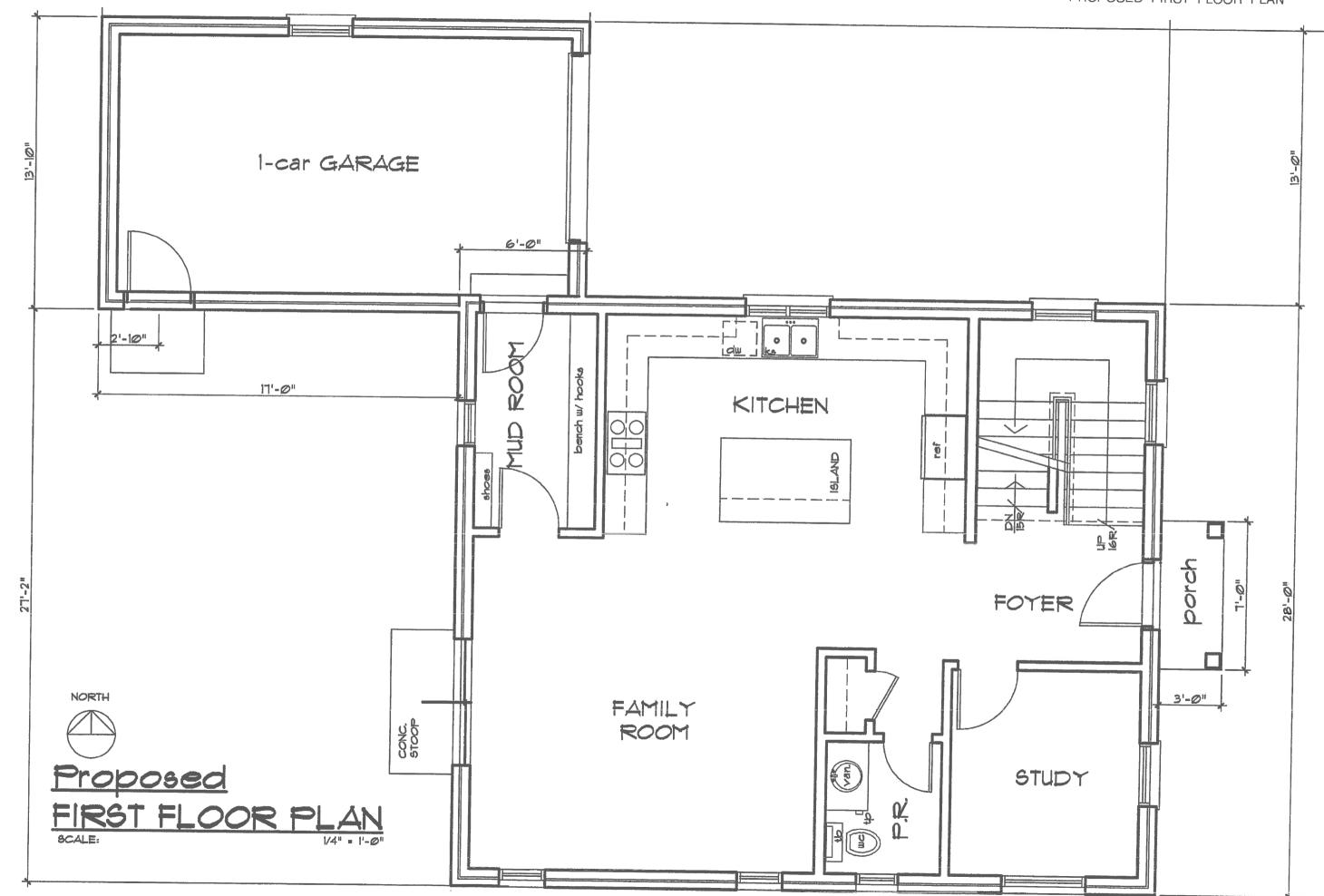
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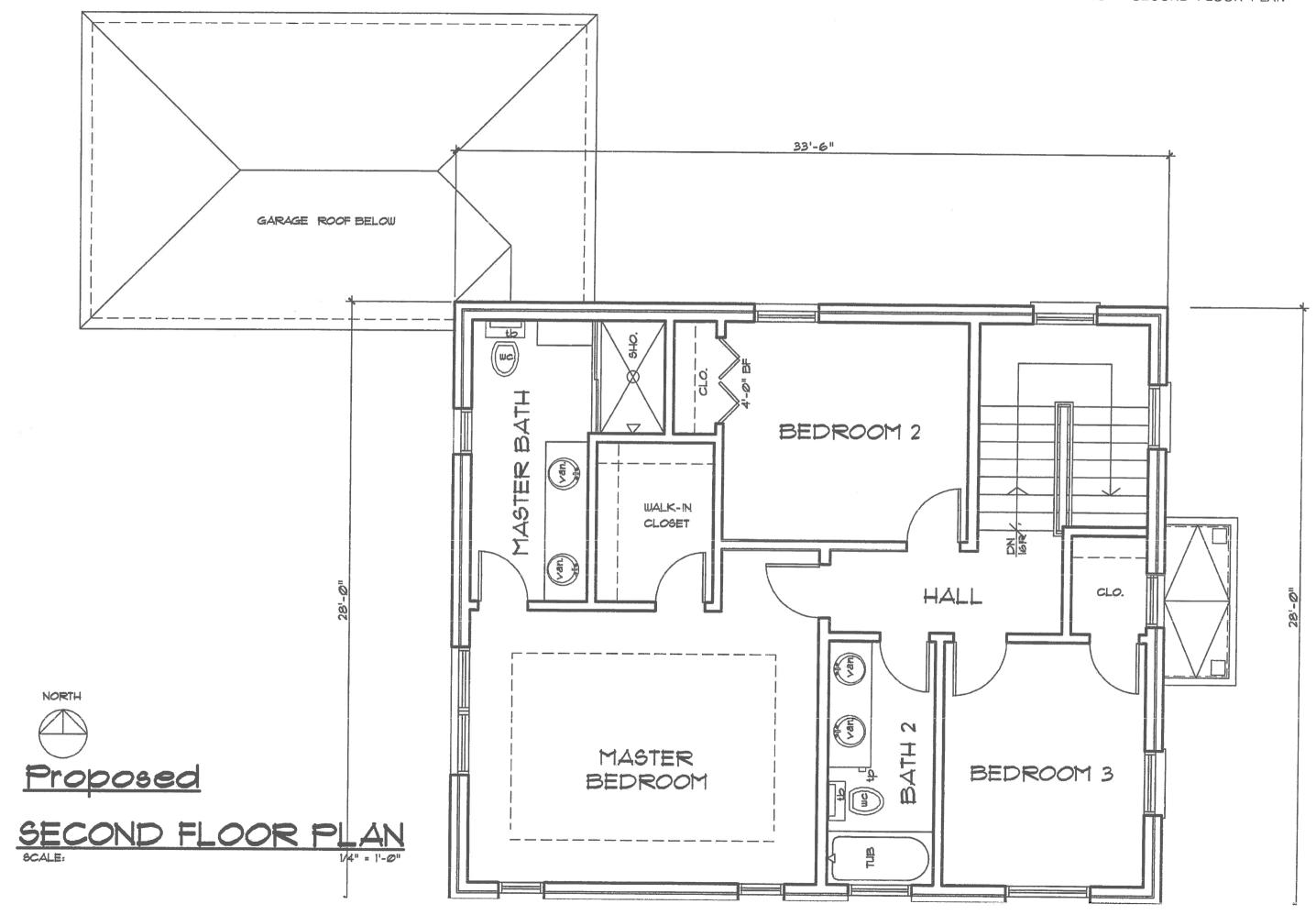
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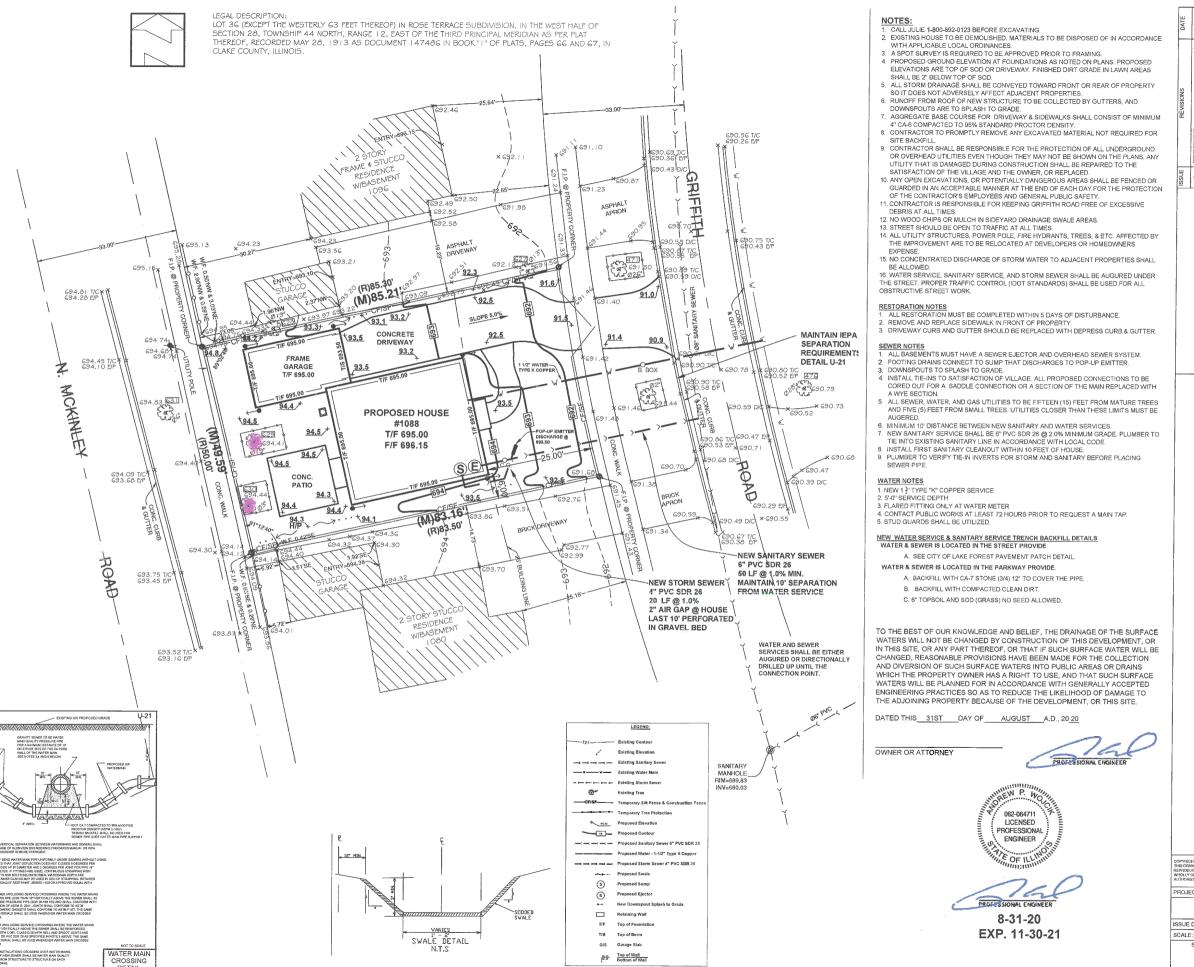




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PROPOSED GRADING & ENGINEERING PLAN SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE - 1088 GRIFFITH ROAD, LAKE FOREST,

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NEW

ROJECT NO.: 2

ISSUE DATE: AUG. 31, 2020 SCALE: 1"= 10"

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1088	GRIFFITH ROAD IMPERVIOU	S CALCULATIONS
Existing Lot Size		4167
	Existing Impervious Area	Proposed Impervious Area
	(sq. ft.)	(sq. ft.)
House	848.33	914.48
Garage	0.00	313.17
Portico	0.00	21.00
Driveway	715.70	675.95
Porch/Walks/Patio	132.55	342.36
TOTAL	1696.58	2266.96
% of Lot	40.7%	54.4%
	INCREASE 570 SF	INCREASE 13.7%

Tree Survey Building Review Board

August 27, 2020

Brian & Jennifer Harbison 1088 Griffith Road Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

The City of Lake Forest Building Review Board 800 N Field Drive Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

We are writing to provide the findings from the conducted tree survey and initial notification request for the removal of 2 trees on our property at 1088 Griffith Road.

The following details the key characteristics and findings for each identified tree:

Tree tag number:

629

Species of tree:

Silver Maple

Approximate size: 40 tall; 24" diameter

Location:

Centered in the back yard along the rear property line

(that runs along McKinley Road)

General condition: Fair - portion of the tree is encumbering the rear of

the existing house (2nd floor and above)

Tree tag number:

630

Species of tree:

Norway Maple 20' tall: 6" diameter

Approximate size: Location:

Left centered in the back yard along the rear property

line (that runs along McKinley Road)

General condition: Good

Both of the above identified tree tags are clearly identified on the submitted survey.

We welcome and appreciate all of your feedback and look forward to moving forward expeditiously with the project - to realize our future home.

Regards,

Brian & Jennifer Harbison

FOR: RESIDENCE BRICK STOREY S PROPOSED

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LAKE FOREST, IL

50.00' 14'X14' CONC. PATIO PROP. 1 car GARAGE ac O PROPOSED 2-sty. BRICK RESIDENCE 83.50, 12'-6"W DRIVEWAY 25' FYSB (per plat) 50.00°

GRIFFITH ROAD



PLANT SCHEDULE							
mark	qty.	size	mark				
(A)	1	8'H	red bud	cercis canadensis			
B	3	24"	dogwood	cornaceae			
0	8	24"	hicks yew	taxaceae			
0	4	18"	hydrangea	hydraneaceae			
(E)	3	18"	mugho pine	pinus mugo			
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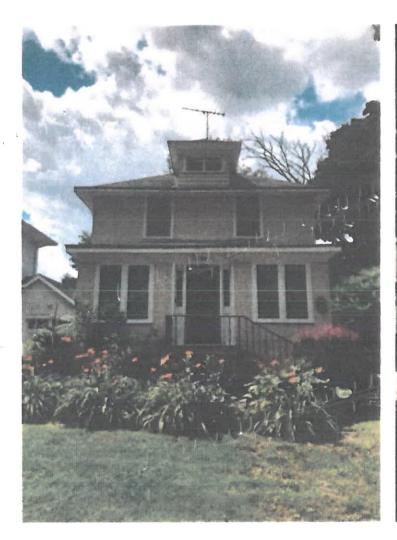
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Pictures Of Existing External Structure

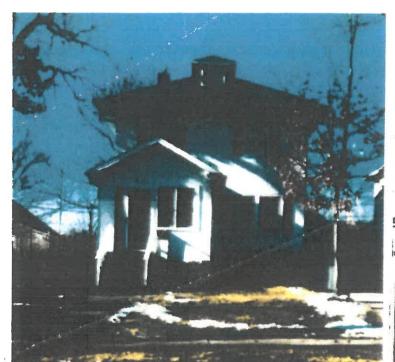


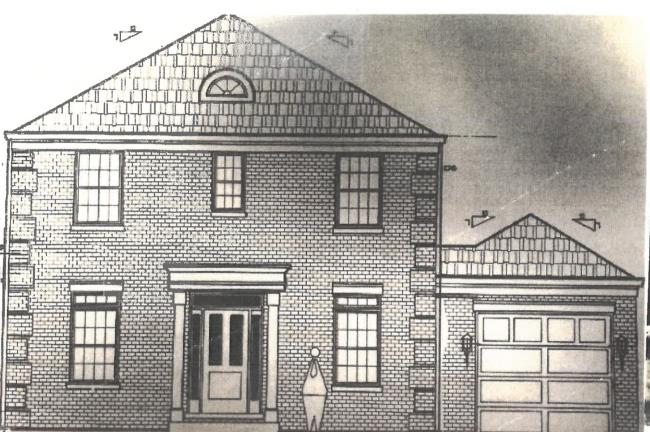






House next door (south side)









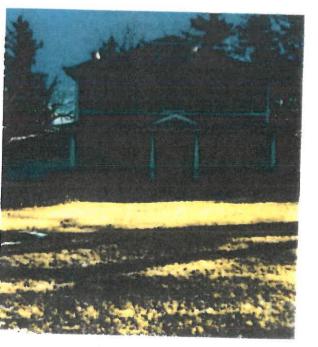
House across the street (south side)



House directly across the street



House across the street (north side)





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	Brian and Jennifer,								
	Thank you introducing yourselves and your beautiful family along with informing us of your intention to build at 1088. Very exciting and welcome to the neighborhood! The plan looks great and Linda and I are confident you will love the neighborhood.								
	We've got three girls too, with one boy(all in their twenties) and moved to Griffith from across town 3 years ago. We are enjoying our new home and particularly the short walks to town and the lakefront.								
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From: BRIAN HARBISON < brianharbison@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, August 3, 2020 8:53 PM
To: Bryan Bertola <<u>Bryan@masismore.com</u>>
Subject: Re: 1088 Griffith Rd

Bryan.

Good evening. Thanks so much for your feedback. Jen and I greatly appreciate it. As we're still finalizing the site plan (literally just met again earlier today with the city's Community Development Department), we'd be happy to share once finalized - should be before/by the end of this month. That being said, I can tell you that we didn't need to ask for any variance on the south side of the property. Further, we will do our best to ensure the utmost due diligence is taken throughout the entire process. Looking forward to being a part of the community. Thanks again.

Have a great night, Brian

On 07/30/2020 5:10 PM Bryan Bertola < bryan@masismore.com > wrote:

Dear Jennifer and Brian,

Thank you for the letter of intent regarding your property at 1088 Griffith. My wife Michele and I have been at 1080 since 2005 (our son since 2008) and love our neighborhood and the many personal relationships that we have formed. Even though it has been very quiet next door for the last 15 years the neighborhood would welcome the much needed facelift at 1088 and the people will welcome you warmly when you arrive. Thank you for the proposed elevation that you sent with the letter. Very nice. Would you be willing to send a site plan with the newly proposed building location shown after demo with dimensions/setbacks? The reason I ask is that as you may be aware 1088 was most likely built in the early 1900's and currently is non-conforming on the south property line according to the GR3 zoning requirements and the required 6' side yard setback. This creates an extremely tight condition next to our single car drive. Due to the limited space of these lots and the limited space of our single car garage, which contains most of our outdoor equipment (bikes, ladders, tools, balls, chairs, etc.), we rarely park in our garage and have two automobiles (one rather large) that are in the driveway full time between the two houses.

Given that no one has lived at 1088 since we have been here it usually isn't an issue, but since the landscaping has been being taken care of I noticed last fall that after the landscapers had been here they put a small dent and scratches in the rear right side quarter panel of my 2019 Silverado with their backpack leaf blower due to the tight proximity between property line and the south elevation of the current house. There will also be limited space for overlap of any construction equipment (ladders, scaffolding, etc.) during construction let alone debris falling in this area and there will need to be some steady oversight of the construction process to avoid damaging our vehicles. It is easy for owners and contractors to say they will do this, but when sub-contractors are left to their own devices they rarely take the precautions that the owner or the contractor try to demand of them.

rou will find that we are very reasonable people and we look forward to welcoming you as take Forest residents and in a home you love, but before giving our full support it would be helpful to see that you are improving the condition on the south side (our north side) by adhering to the required GR3 6' interior side yard setback with the new construction. It would also be helpful to have assurances that you will do your best to have all the trades respect the close proximity and take extra precautions while doing work along our shared interior side yard property line. Please let me know if you are able to provide the site plan information with setbacks and I can provide a follow up to this letter stating our full support with our concerns mentioned above. Thank you.

Bryan

