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## **MOTION TEMPLATE GRANT VARIANCE**

#### **RESOLUTION TEMPLATE**

Moved by: Seconded by:

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Yeas: Nays:

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### **MOTION TEMPLATE DENY**

Moved by: Seconded by:

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#### Be <u>denied</u> for the following reason(s):

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Yeas: Navs:

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## **MOTION TEMPLATE POSTPONE**

Moved by: Seconded by:

### RESOLVED, that the variance request for [applicant name, address or location], for [request]

Be <u>postponed</u> for the following reason(s):

Yeas: Nays:

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### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING AGENDA

Michael Bossenbroek, Chair, Thomas Desmond, Vice Chair Aaron Green, David Eisenbacher, Mahendra Kenkre, Jim McCauley, Tyler Fox, Barbara Chambers, Alternate, Jeffrey Forster, Alternate

JULY 16, 2024	7:00 P.M.	COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- 1. ROLL CALL
- 2. <u>PROCEDURE</u>
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES June 18, 2024
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 5. <u>HEARING OF CASES:</u>
  - A. 233 NOTTINGHAM, JASON MCFALL FOR WAYNE CRAFT INC. A variance request to allow a proposed home addition to be constructed 38.34 feet from the rear property line, where the Zoning Ordinance requires the addition to be setback 45 feet from the rear property line.

ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION: 4.06 C, R-1B Zoning District

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- 6. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>
- 7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 9. ADJOURNMENT

On June 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., Chair Bossenbroek called the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to order.

1. ROLL CALL

<u>Present:</u> Michael Bossenbroek Barbara Chambers David Eisenbacher Jeffrey Forster Tyler Fox Mahendra Kenkre James McCauley

<u>Also Present:</u> Paul Evans, Zoning and Compliance Specialist Allan Motzny, Assistant City Attorney

Board Member Green arrived at 7:04 pm and replaced Alternate Chambers. Alternate Chambers remained in audience for balance of the meeting.

- 2. <u>PROCEDURE</u>- read by Mr. Eisenbacher
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Moved by Green Second by Kenkre

RESOLVED, to approve the May 21, 2024 draft minutes.

Yes: All

MOTION PASSED

- 4. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u> Remove items 5C & 5D.
- 5. <u>HEARING OF CASES:</u>
  - A. <u>4095-4115 CROOKS, CINDY RHODES VICTOR FOR THE VICTOR FIRM, PLLC –</u> The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at Troy City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver, Troy MI 48084, on June 18, 2024, 7:00 pm, to consider the following appeal of a decision made by the Zoning Administrator: The applicant's appeal specifically requests that the Zoning Board of Appeals reverse the the Zoning Administrator's April 9, 2024 finding ..."that the development does not comply with Section 5.06.3 c" which states "Any building, or portion of a building, on a parcel abutting a one-family residentially zoned parcel shall not exceed 2.5-stories, 30 feet in height. Multiple portions of the building(s) as measured from the foundations to the peak of roof exceed 30 feet in height"

Moved by Fox Second by McCauley

RESOLVED, to affirm the April 9, 2024 decision of the Zoning Administrator as printed in the agenda.

Yes: All

MOTION PASSED

B. <u>310 BURTMAN, PAUL SCHILLER FOR ITALY AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION</u> - A variance request to allow a proposed detached accessory structure (garage) be set back 3 feet from the side property line, where the Zoning Ordinance requires the proposed garage be set back 6 feet from the side property line

Moved by McCauley Second by Fox

RESOLVED, to grant the request.

Yes: All

MOTION PASSED

- 6. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> None.
- 7. <u>MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS</u> The Board, after discussion, concurred that consider a Zoning text modification was not warranted.
- 8. <u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u> None
- 9. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u> The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting ADJOURNED at 9:10pm

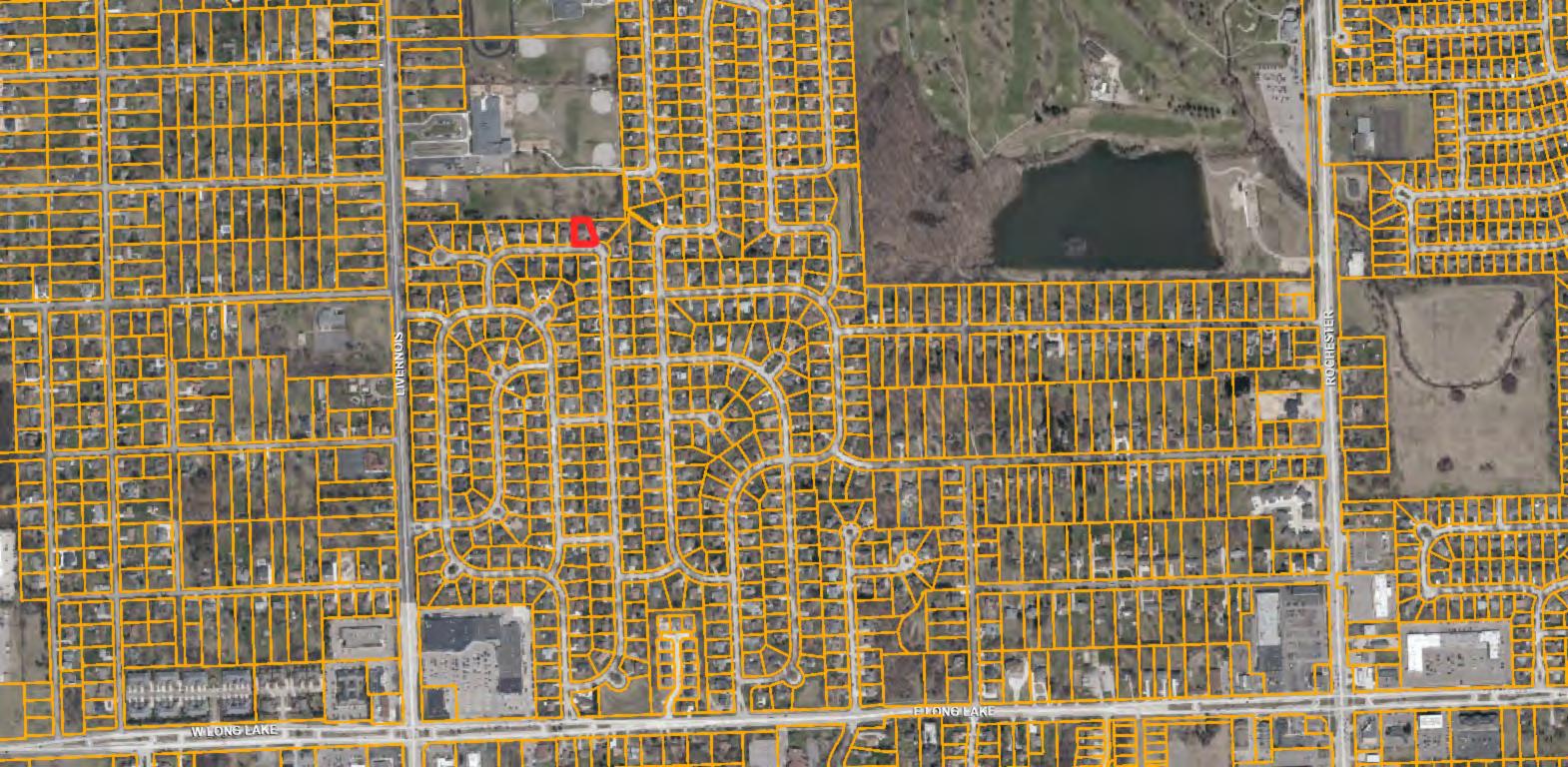
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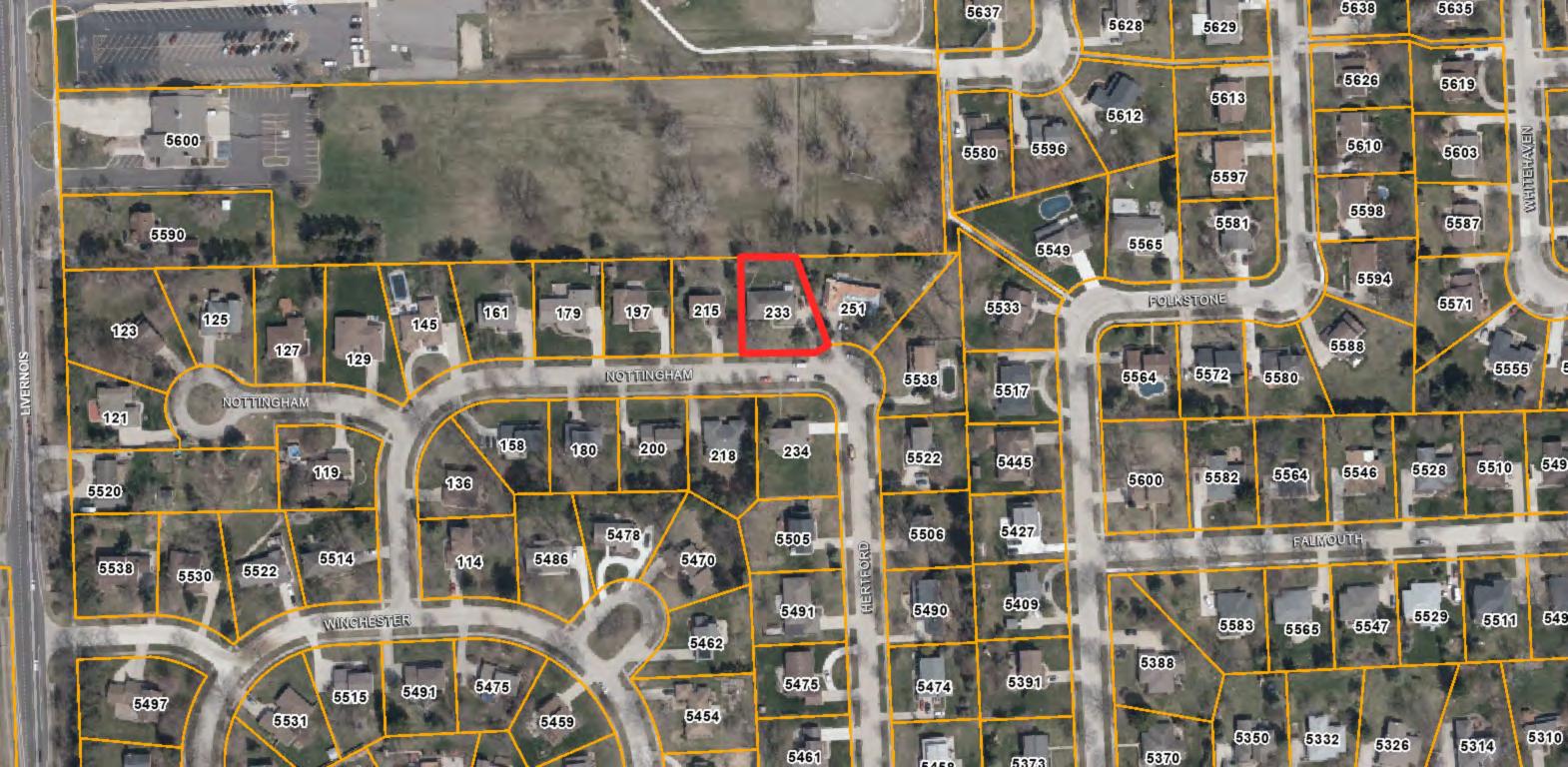
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Paul Evans, Zoning & Compliance Specialist

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CITY OF TROY | PLANNING DEPT. | 500 WEST BIG BEAVER | TROY, MI 48084 | 248-524-3364 Zoning Board of Appeals Application

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1. ADDRESS OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY: 23	33 Nottingham
2. PROPERTY TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER(S):	88-20-10-152-010
3. ZONING ORDINANCE SECTIONS RELATED TO	THE REQUEST: Article 4 Section 4.0
4. HAVE THERE BEEN ANY PREVIOUS APPEALS particulars: <u>NIA</u>	INVOLVING THIS PROPERTY? If yes, provide date(s) and
5. <u>APPLICANT:</u> NAME JOSON MCFAIL COMPANY Wayne Craft Inc ADDRESS 13525 Wayne Rd	
CITY LIVONIA PHONE (734)421-8800	STATE MI ZIP 48150
E-MAIL <u>CONTACT @ WAYNECS</u> AFFILIATION TO THE PROPERTY OWNER:	

Revised August 1, 2023



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6. PROPERTY OWNER:

NAME John Heinlen		
COMPANY		
ADDRESS 233 NOttingham		
CITY Troy		ZIP 48085
TELEPHONE (248) 229-4589		
E-MAIL johnheinlenehotmail	com	

The undersigned hereby declares under penalty of perjury that the contents of this application are true to the best of my (our) knowledge, information and belief.

The applicant accepts all responsibility for all of the measurements and dimensions contained within this application, attachments and/or plans, and the applicant releases the City of Troy and its employees, officers, and consultants from any responsibility or liability with respect thereto.

I, <u>WAYNE Craft, MC.</u> (APPLICANT) HEREBY DEPOSE AND SAY THAT ALL THE ABOVE STATEMENT'S CONTAINED IN THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED ARE TRUE AND CORRECT AND GIVE PERMISSION FOR THE BOARD MEMBERS AND CITY STAFF TO ENTER THE PROPERTY TO ASCERTAIN PRESENT CONDITIONS.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE	DATE 11/1/23
PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURE _ ful theh	DATE 11/7/23
PRINT NAME: John Heinen	

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June 11th, 2024

John Heinlen 233 Nottingham Troy, MI 48085

Re: Statement of Practical Difficulty

Dear Zoning Board of Appeals,

Thank you for taking the time to review our application for appeal. This letter will describe the practical difficulties John Heinlen faces in getting the home addition approved for the rear of his property.

Section A: Gas Meter Location



The homeowner faces difficulty with his gas meter location as well as windows in the rear of the home. We cannot enclose a gas meter in a sunroom addition, nor can we enclose an emergency exit to a bedroom. These requirements limit us on the location the sunroom can be placed on the home. Due to these regulations, we cannot move the sunroom over nor extend the sunroom width wise. Instead, we have extended the projection to make a suitable and functional size sunroom for the homeowner to enjoy like other homeowners get to do.

Section B: This variance request is for the said property at 233 Nottingham Troy MI 48085.

### Awnings Railings Sunrooms Patio Covers Screen Rooms



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Section C: The characteristics that make compliance with dimensional requirements difficult are not of a personal nature. The homeowner is faced with difficulties complying due to the minimal allotted space to make new development in.

Section D: The characteristics that make compliance difficult were not created by the current or previous owners. They were created by the builders of the home and the location of the utilities.

Section E: The proposed variance will not be harmful or alter the essential character of the area in which the property is located. The addition is proposed on the rear of the property. The rear of the property backs up to an open field which is city property that will not be developed on. It does not affect or impair light and air to adjacent properties. It does not decrease the property value, it increases it.



With the above-mentioned facts about the practical difficulties at 233 Nottingham Dr, we kindly request that the City of Troy's Zoning Board consider the appeal and issue a variance to extend into the rear (45') setback.

Regards,

Wayne Craft, Inc. 13525 Wayne Rd Livonia MI 48150

#### contact

From: Sent: To: Subject:

Raymond L Tuttle <Raymond.Tuttle@troymi.gov> Monday, October 30, 2023 7:17 AM contact 233 Nottingham/DENIAL

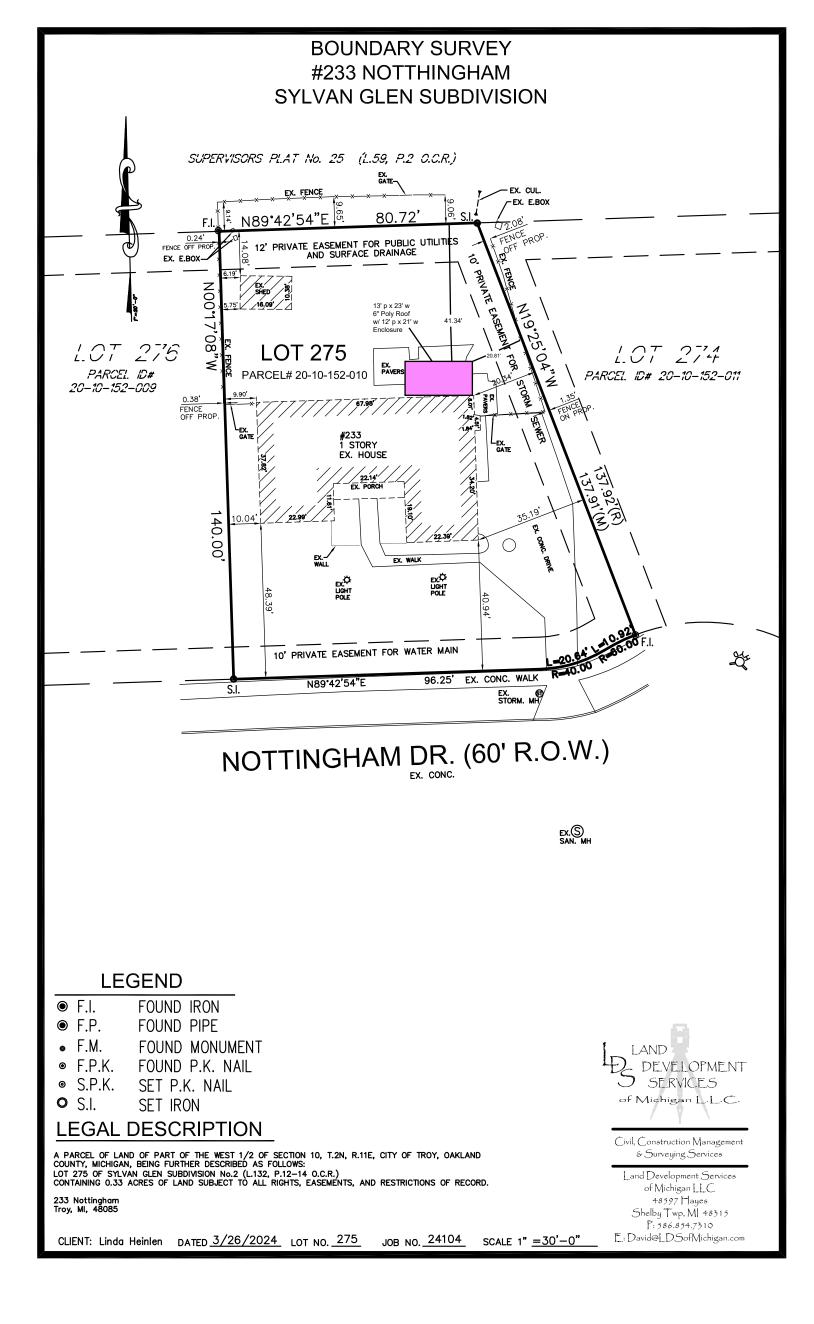
Applicant,

The proposed addition has been denied. R-1B zoned properties require a minimum 45' rear setback and a minimum 10' side with 25' least two.

It appears a variance would be needed to proceed.

Thanks,

Ray Tuttle Inspector City of Troy

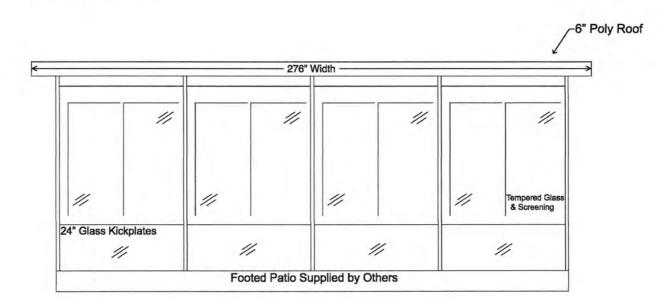




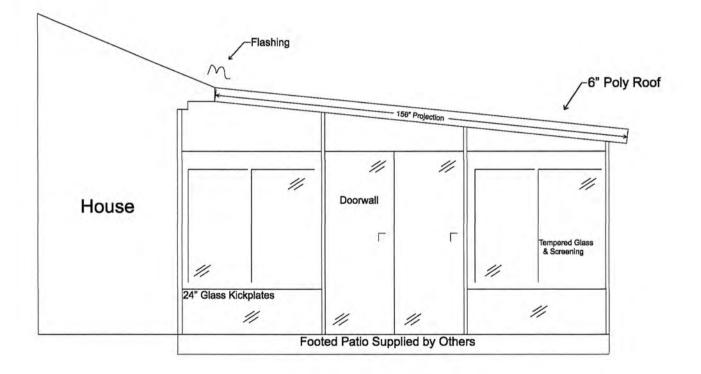


newly poured footed patio to be supplied by others.

# Front view



# Side View



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<u>Also Present:</u> Paul Evans, Zoning and Compliance Specialist Nicole McMillan, Assistant City Attorney

- 2. <u>PROCEDURE</u>- read by Vice Chair Desmond
- 3. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> –

Moved by Green Second by Desmond

RESOLVED, to approve the November February 20, 2024 draft minutes.

Yes: All

MOTION PASSED

- 4. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u> Remove item 5B
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Moved by Green Second by McCauley

RESOLVED, to deny the request.

Yes: Bossenbroek, Chambers, Green No: McCauley, Eisenbacher, Kenkre, Desmond

#### **MOTION FAILED**

Moved by McCauley Second by Desmond

RESOLVED, to postpone the request.

Motion by Green Second by Desmond

RESOLVED, to amend the motion to specify postponement to the July 2024 ZBA meeting.

Yes: All

**MOTION PASSED** 

Moved by McCauley Second by Desmond

Amended resolution RESOLVED, to postpone the request to the July 2024 ZBA meeting.

Yes: All

**MOTION PASSED** 

- 6. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> Mr. Evans and Chair Bossenbroek directed to Board's attention to a ZBA-related publication by Michigan Association of Planning.
- 7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS -
  - 1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Moved by Eisenbacher Seconded by Green

RESOLVED, to reappoint Chair Bossenbroek, and Vice Chair Desmond.

Yes: All

MOTION PASSED

- 2. Training Presentation by City Staff
- 8. <u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u> None

9. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u> – The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting ADJOURNED at 9:19pm

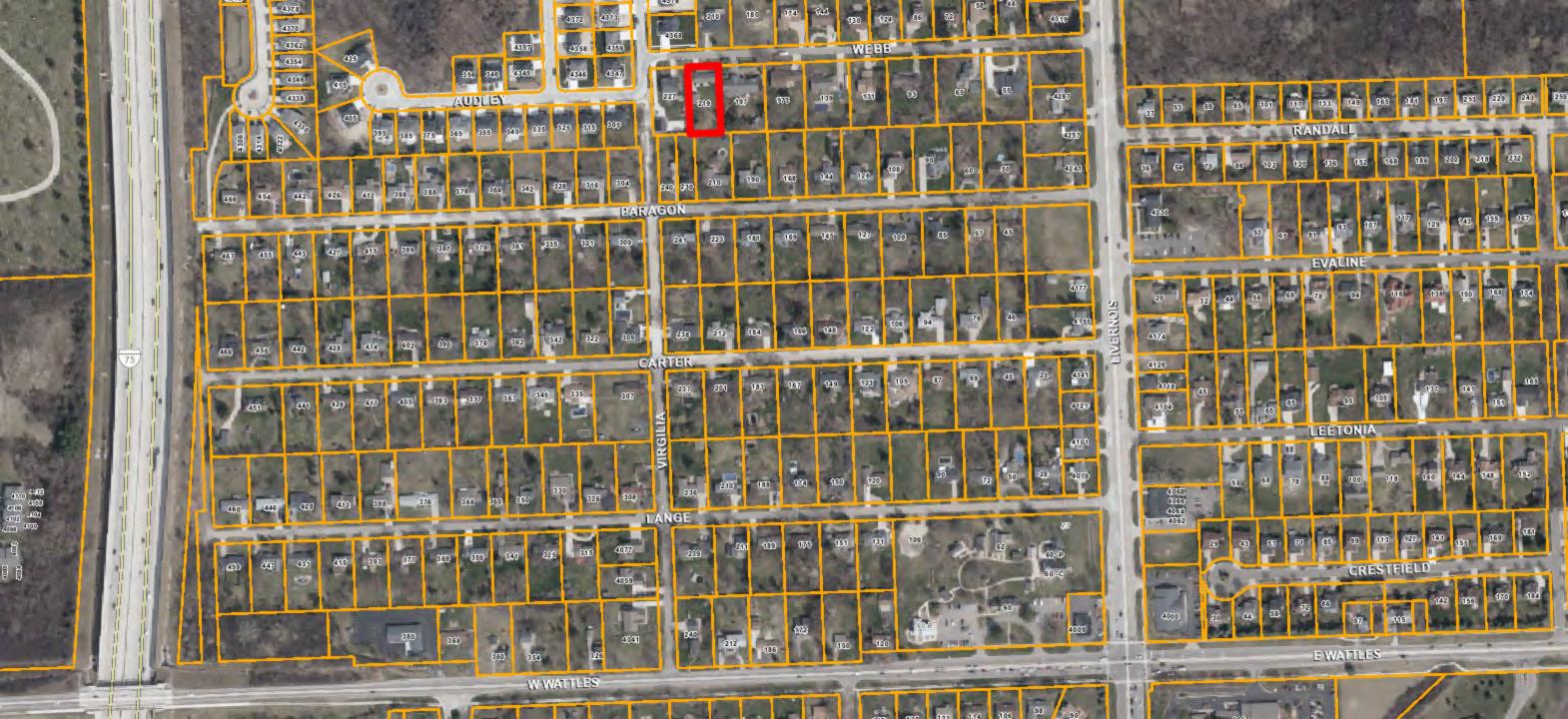
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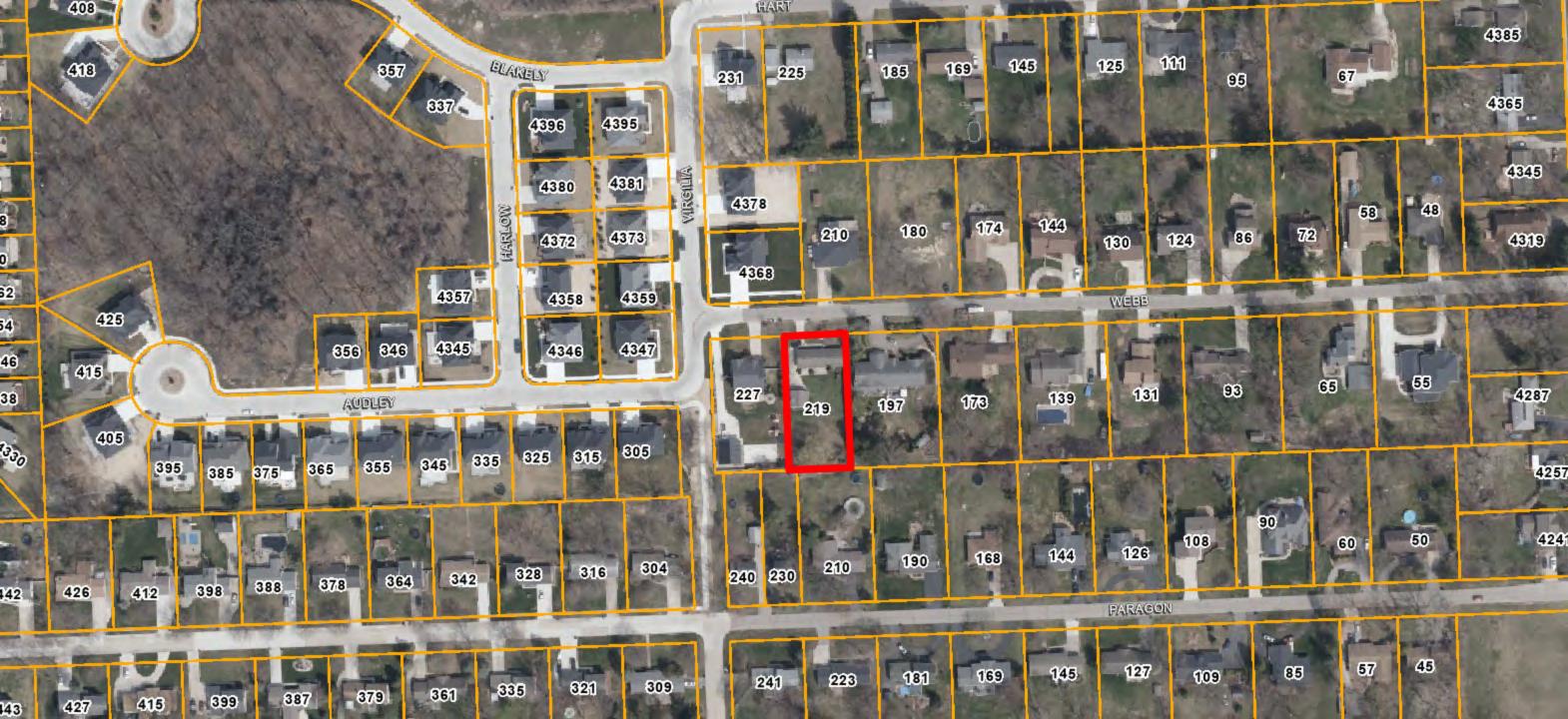
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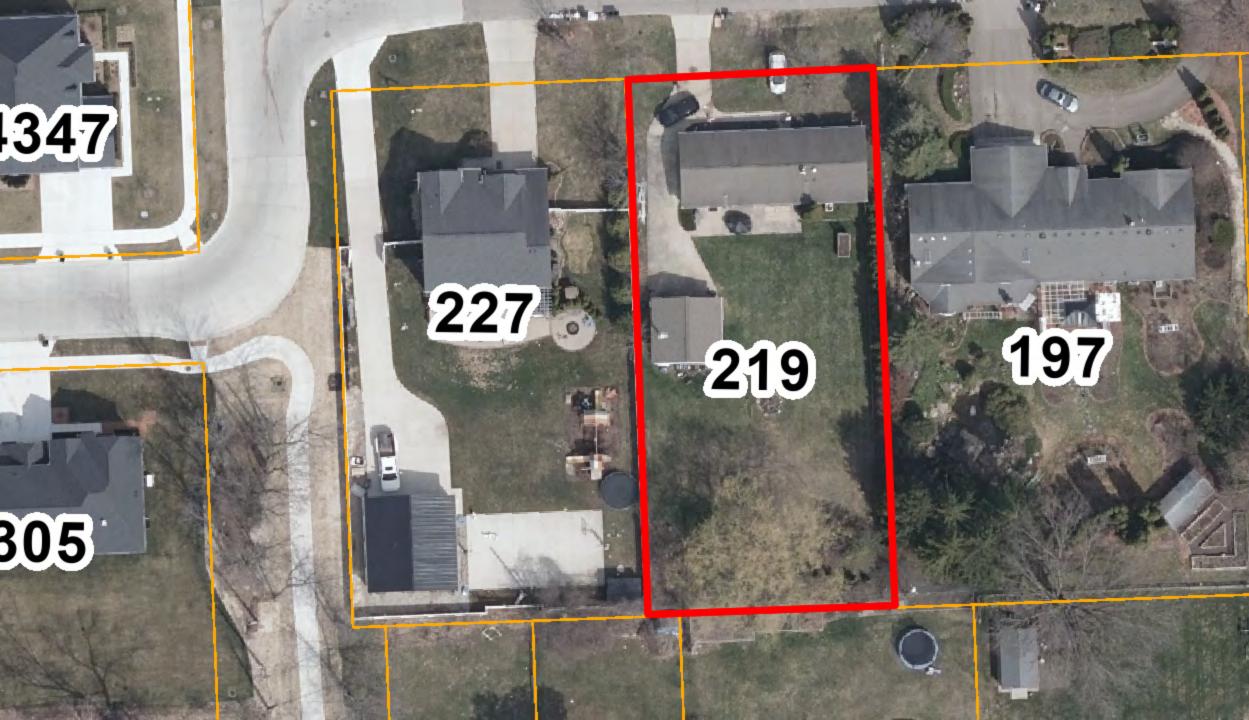
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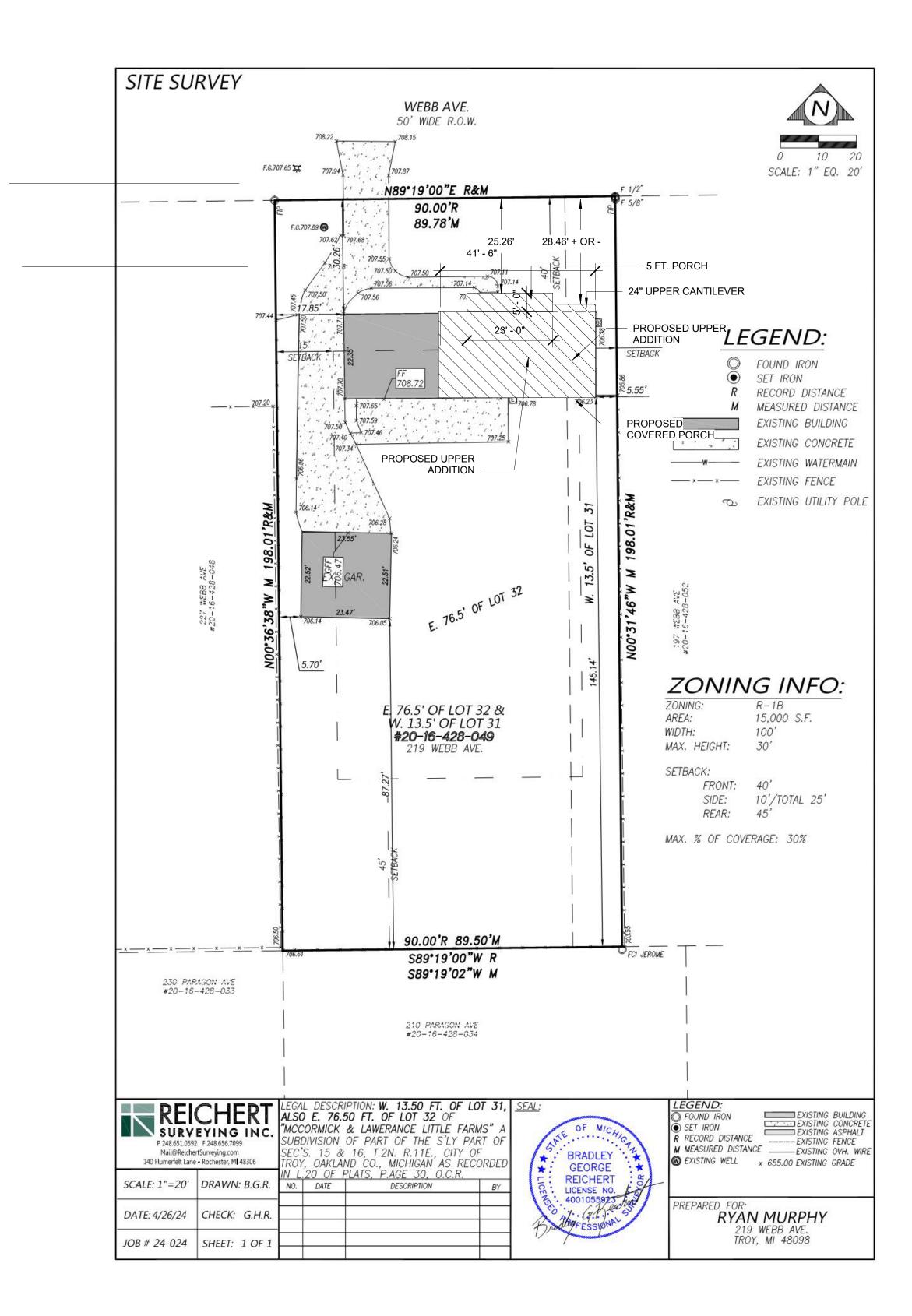
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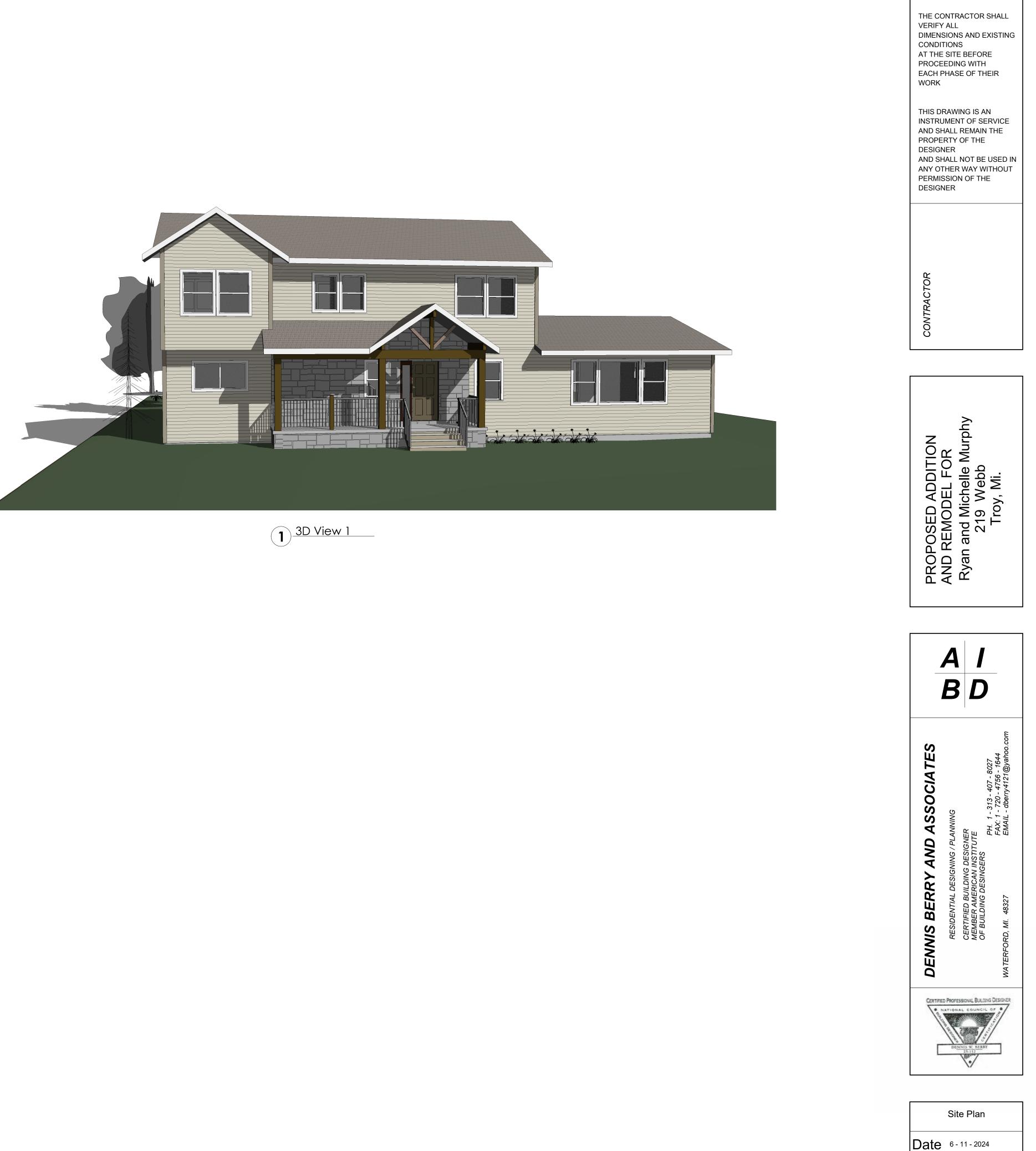
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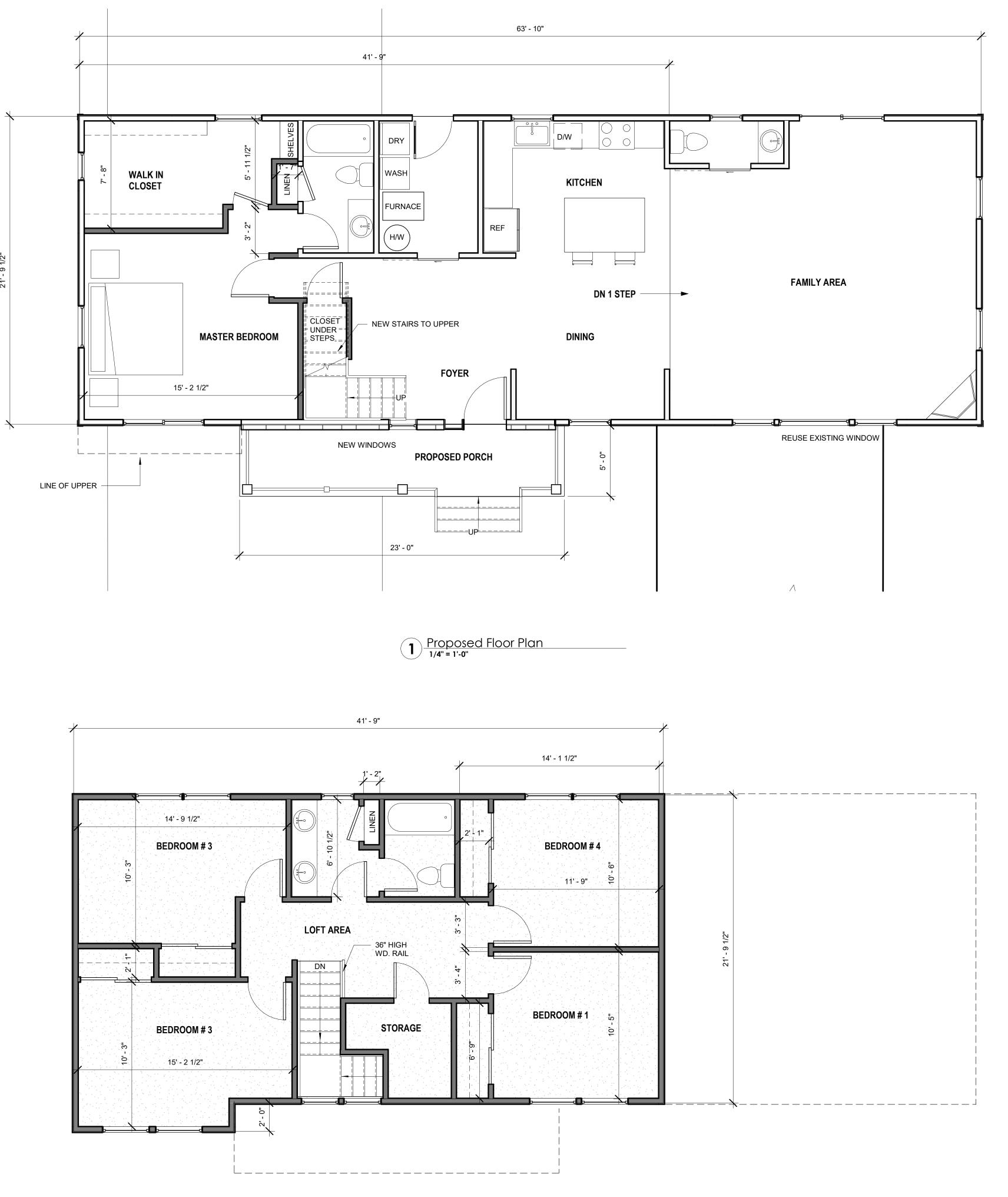
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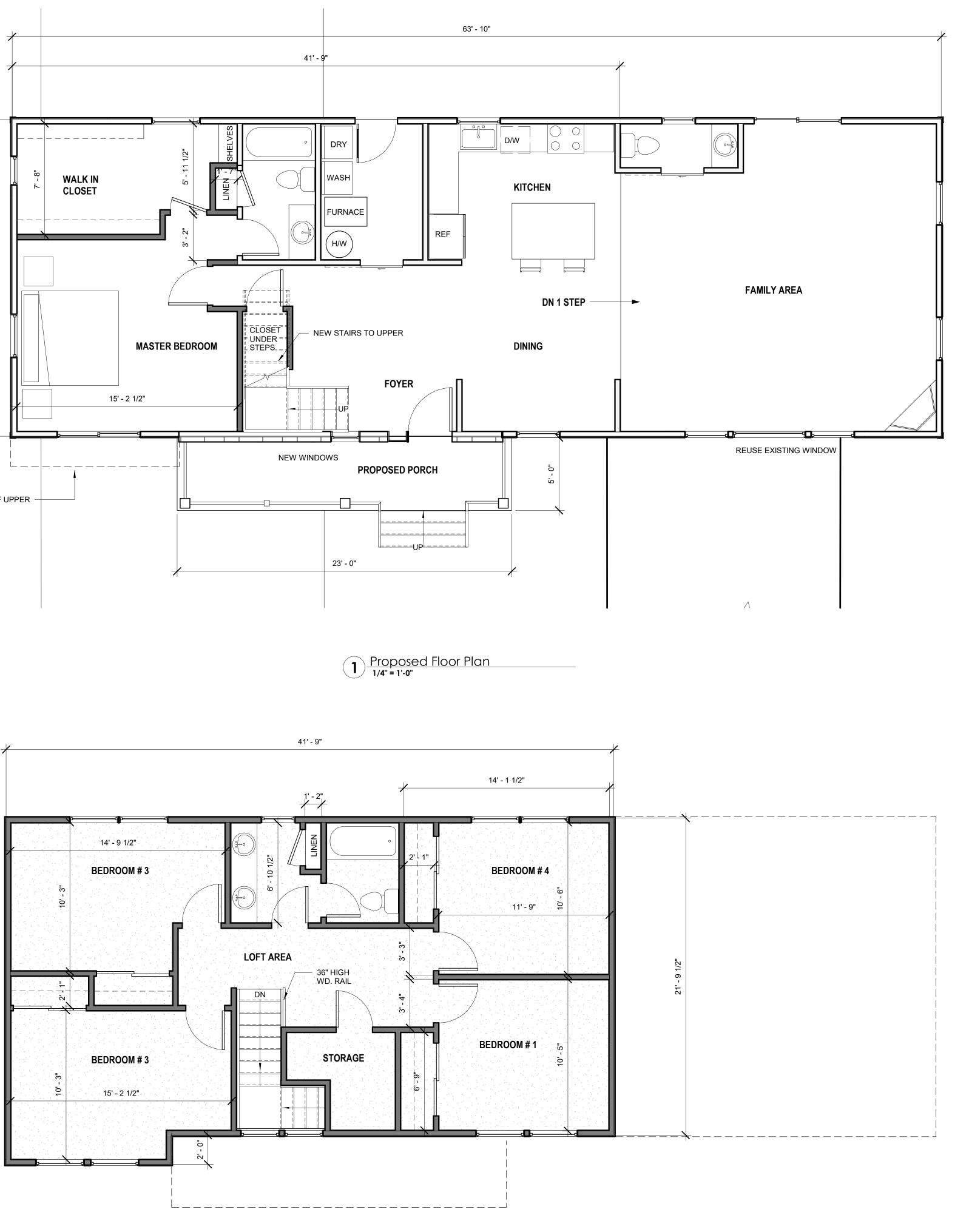


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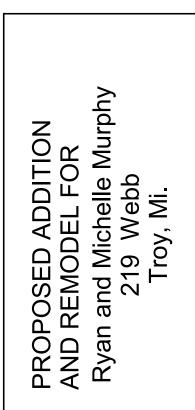


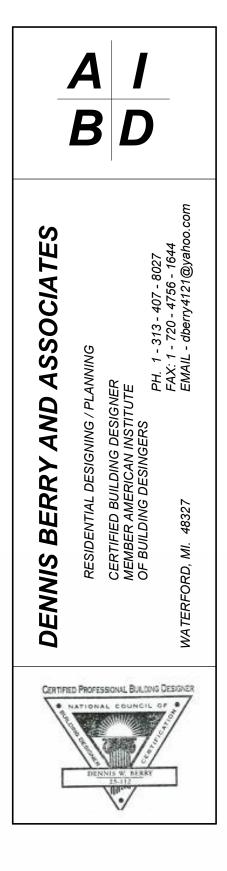


**2** Proposed Upper Floor Plan 1/4" = 1'-0946 SQ. FT.

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS AND EXISTING CONDITIONS AT THE SITE BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH EACH PHASE OF THEIR WORK

THIS DRAWING IS AN INSTRUMENT OF SERVICE AND SHALL REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE DESIGNER AND SHALL NOT BE USED IN ANY OTHER WAY WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE DESIGNER



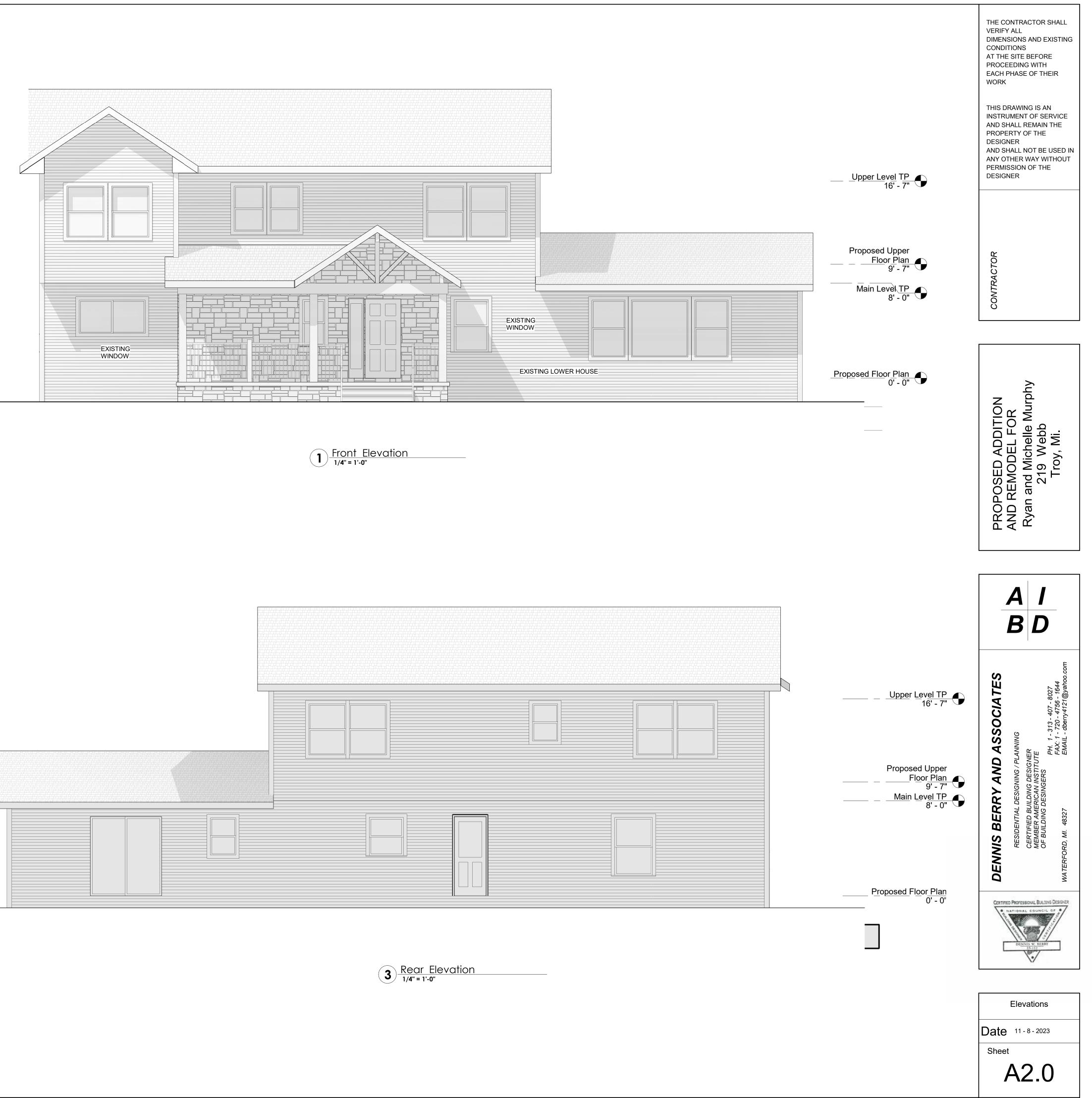


Proposed Floor Plan	
Date 6-11-2024	
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Statement of Practical Difficulty 6/17/2024 219 Webb Dr. Troy, MI 48098

a) Exceptional characteristics of property for which the variance is sought make compliance with dimensional requirements substantially more difficult than would be the case for the great majority of properties in the same zoning district. Characteristics of property which shall be considered include exceptional narrowness, shallowness, smallness, irregular shape, topography, vegetation and other similar characteristics.

We are requesting to add a second story addition to our existing home with no change to either side of the house. We are requesting variance for the front set back. Additionally, there will not be a foundation change needed. We purchased our home in 2019 and it was already on the lot.

# b) The characteristics which make compliance with dimensional requirements difficult must be related to the premises for which the variance is sought, not some other location.

The characteristics which make compliance with dimensional requirements difficult are related to the premises for which the variance is sought.

c) The characteristics which make compliance with the dimensional requirements shall not be of a personal nature.

N/A

# d) The characteristics which make compliance with dimensional requirements difficult must not have been created by the current or a previous owner.

The characteristics which make compliance with dimensional requirements difficult were not created by the current or a previous owner. Our house was built in 1956, which was the same year that Troy became a city. In 1956, the house was built to standard. The standards changed soon after our home was built and the new standards state that lots must be 100 feet wide, and our lot is only 90 feet wide.

e) The proposed variance will not be harmful or alter the essential character of the area in which the property is located, will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property, or unreasonably increase the congestion in public streets, or increase the danger of fire or endanger the public safety, or unreasonably diminish or impair established property value within the surrounding area, or in any other respect impair the public health, safety, comfort, morals or welfare of the inhabitants of the City.

We don't foresee that there should be any issues with the adjacent properties, with one house already being a double story home next to us. Our house is north facing with the back side south facing. As such, there would be no sunlight obstruction to either house next to us. The character of the neighborhood would not be altered since most of the existing houses are double story homes. Finally, with this addition, we will bring the house to a more conforming exterior aesthetically.