## ANN ARBOR PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

For Planning Commission Meeting of April 5, 2016

SUBJECT: Kingsley Parkside Site Plan for City Council Approval (213 West Kingsley Street) File No. SP15-034

#### PROPOSED CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MOTION

The Ann Arbor City Planning Commission hereby recommends that the Mayor and City Council approve the Kingsley Parkside Site Plan.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the site plan be **approved** because it complies with all local, state and federal laws and regulations; the work would not cause a public or private nuisance and would not have a detrimental effect on public health, safety or welfare. No natural features exist on site and none are proposed to be impacted off-site as a result of this proposal.

#### LOCATION

The site is located on the south side of West Kingsley Street between North First Street and North Ashley Street (Downtown Planning Area, DDA, Allen Creek Watershed)

#### **DESCRIPTION OF PETITION**

The site is currently developed with an unoccupied single-family home, a shed, and a garage. The existing dwelling is in disrepair due to substantial water damage that has rendered it unusable. The proposed development will include three residential units containing 1,540-1,890 square feet of floor area, two enclosed lower level parking spaces for two of the units and one enclosed lower level parking space for the third unit. The units will be condominiums.

The existing curb cut will be expanded to 30 feet at the sidewalk (40 feet at the curb) to allow access to three parking bays at grade. The drive area will be concrete within the right-of-way and brick pavers on-site. In addition to vehicle parking, the lower level garage space will also provide a Class A bicycle parking space for each unit and space for three solid waste containers per unit. A five-foot wide sidewalk is provided along the frontage of the site.

The Allen Creek Drain is located just to the west of the site. The Allen Creek floodplain encompasses the entire property and the floodway runs through the northwest corner of the site. The cover sheet of the plan set states "The proposed building has been located on the site to minimize the impacts of the floodplain. The lower level parking area will be constructed in the floodplain in a manner as to provide a net cut in grading. The residential units are situated on a podium above the base flood elevation. Excavation of material will be required to construct the lower level parking garage and will result in an increase of storage area available in the Kingsley Parkside SP Page 2

floodplain." In addition, openings are located on the east and west elevations at grade, and through interior garage walls, to allow water to flow through the building in a large rain event.

The owner notified 212 residents and owners within 500 feet by postcard of the proposed project. Abutting neighbors were hand-delivered the same information, and one of those neighbors made inquiries and is receiving project updates from the petitioner.

	EXISTING	PROPOSED	REQUIRED/PERMITTED
Zoning	D2 (Downtown Interface)	D2 (Downtown Interface)	D2 (Downtown Interface)
Gross Lot Area	3,186 sq ft	3,186 sq ft	No MIN
Floor Area	913 sq ft	6,372 sq ft	6,372 sq ft MAX
Floor Area in % of Lot Area	28.66%	200%	200% MAX
Character Overlay District	Kerrytown	Kerrytown	Kerrytown
Streetwall Height	n/a	3 stories	3 stories MAX/2 stories MIN
Maximum Building Height	20 ft	58 ft	60 ft MAX/24 ft or 2 stories MIN
Building Frontage	Front Yard	Front Yard	Front Yard
West Kingsley Street	14.61 ft	9.75 ft	15 ft or 6.65 feet if averaged*
Parking	Special Parking District	Special Parking District	Special Parking District
Parking – Auto	1	5	0 MIN
Parking – Bicycle	0	3 Class A	3 Class A

#### **COMPARISON CHART**

\*Table 5:10.20B Additional Requirements and Exceptions #5 allows the average of the established front setback of buildings within 100 feet may be used, if less than 15 feet. Average setback of buildings within 100 feet = (4.99' + 8.30')/2 = 6.65 feet.

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	LAND USE	ZONING
NORTH	Office / Residential	M-1 Limited Industrial R4-C Multiple-Family Dwelling
EAST	Residential	D2 (Downtown Interface) Kerrytown Character Overlay
SOUTH	Residential	D2 (Downtown Interface) Kerrytown Character Overlay
WEST	Park	D2 (Downtown Interface) Kerrytown Character Overlay

# SURROUNDING LAND USES AND ZONING

## HISTORY

The first reference staff could find to the house on the site was when blacksmith John Karberg lived there in 1868 per the Chapin City Directory. At that time the address was listed as "North end of Second". Ashley Street was previously Second Street. (Two blocks west was West Second Street, which is the Second Street we know today.) By 1874 his address was called "End of North Street at Second". North Street was so named because it was the north limit of the original Allen and Rumsey plat of Ann Arbor. The lot was later numbered 13 West North Street, then 213 West Kingsley in 1897.

John Karberg was a founding member of the Arbeiter Verein in 1866, the oldest German society in Ann Arbor. The Society was open to any German workingman, and in 1898, the *Ann Arbor Argus Democrat* explained that low annual dues insured a payment of \$4.00 per week for up to six months in case of illness or injury rendering the member unable to work. In case of death, \$75 was paid to the widow, plus \$500 from the umbrella state organization. John's wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Karberg, was born in Germany in 1838 and occupied the house until 1920.

## PLANNING BACKGROUND

The work is in keeping with the goals of the Downtown Plan, including encouraging dense land use and development patterns which foster an active street life, contributing to functioning urban residential neighborhoods, and supporting a sustainable transportation system.

Specifically, the proposed project coincides with a number of goals listed in the Downtown Plan, including:

## Land Use

**Goal:** Encourage a diversity of new downtown housing opportunities and the expansion of the downtown resident population to strengthen downtown's role as a neighborhood. Continue to seek to encourage a range of age groups and income levels in the downtown.

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#### Interface Area

**Goal:** Preserve and enhance incremental transitions of land use, density, building scale, and height in the Interface Areas located between downtown's neighborhood edges and Core Areas.

# DEPARTMENT COMMENTS PENDING, DISMISSED OR UNRESOLVED

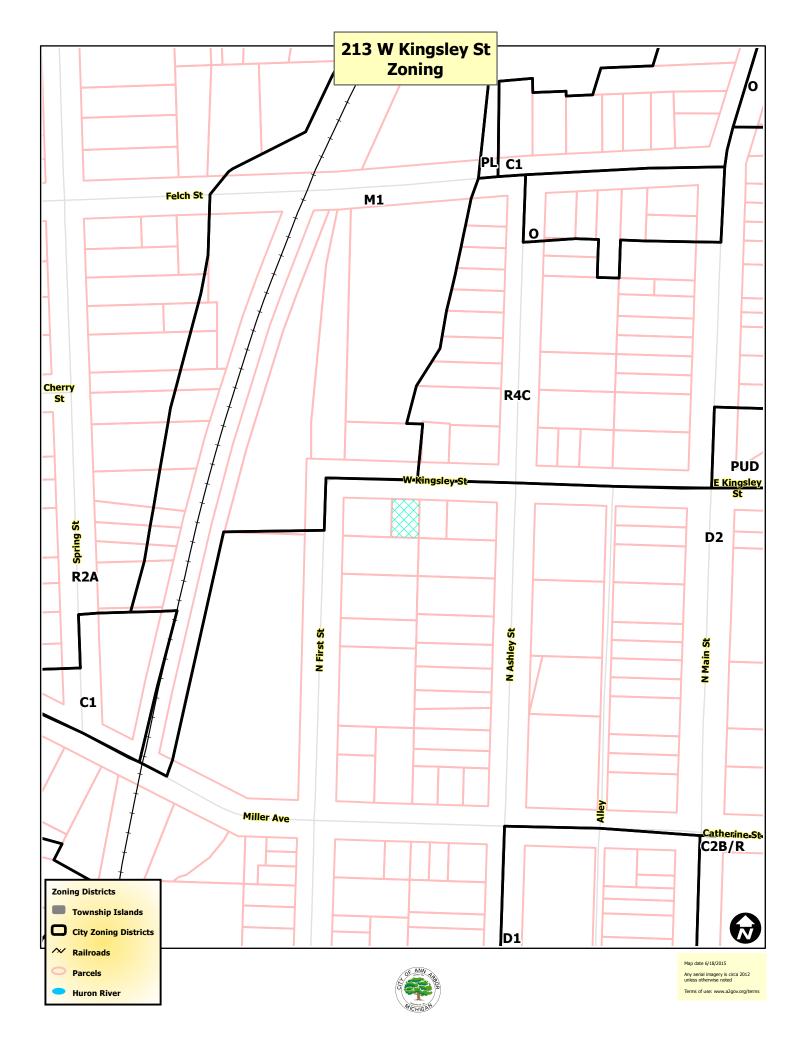
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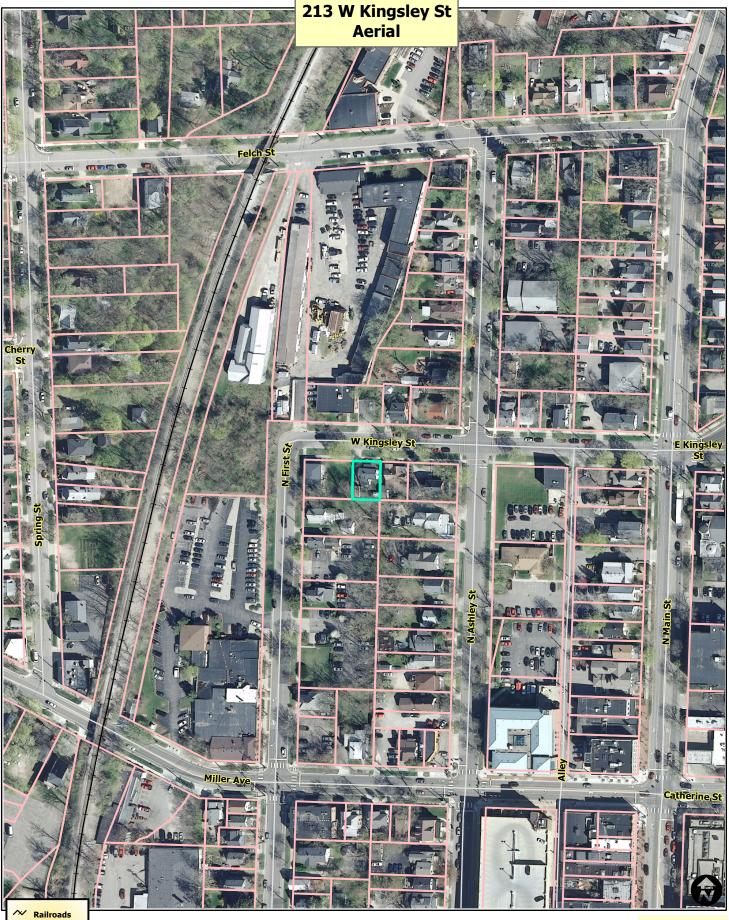
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- Attachments: Zoning/Parcel Maps Aerial Photo S-1 Boundary and Topo Plan SP-03 Site Plan, Layout and Landscaping A1-2 Floorplans A3-5 Elevations Citizen Participation Report
- c: Petitioner/Owner: James + Werner, LLC William Davis, III 417 N. Maple Road Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Petitioner's Representative: Perimeter Engineering, LLC Kathy Keinath, PE 11245 Boyce Street Chelsea, MI 48118

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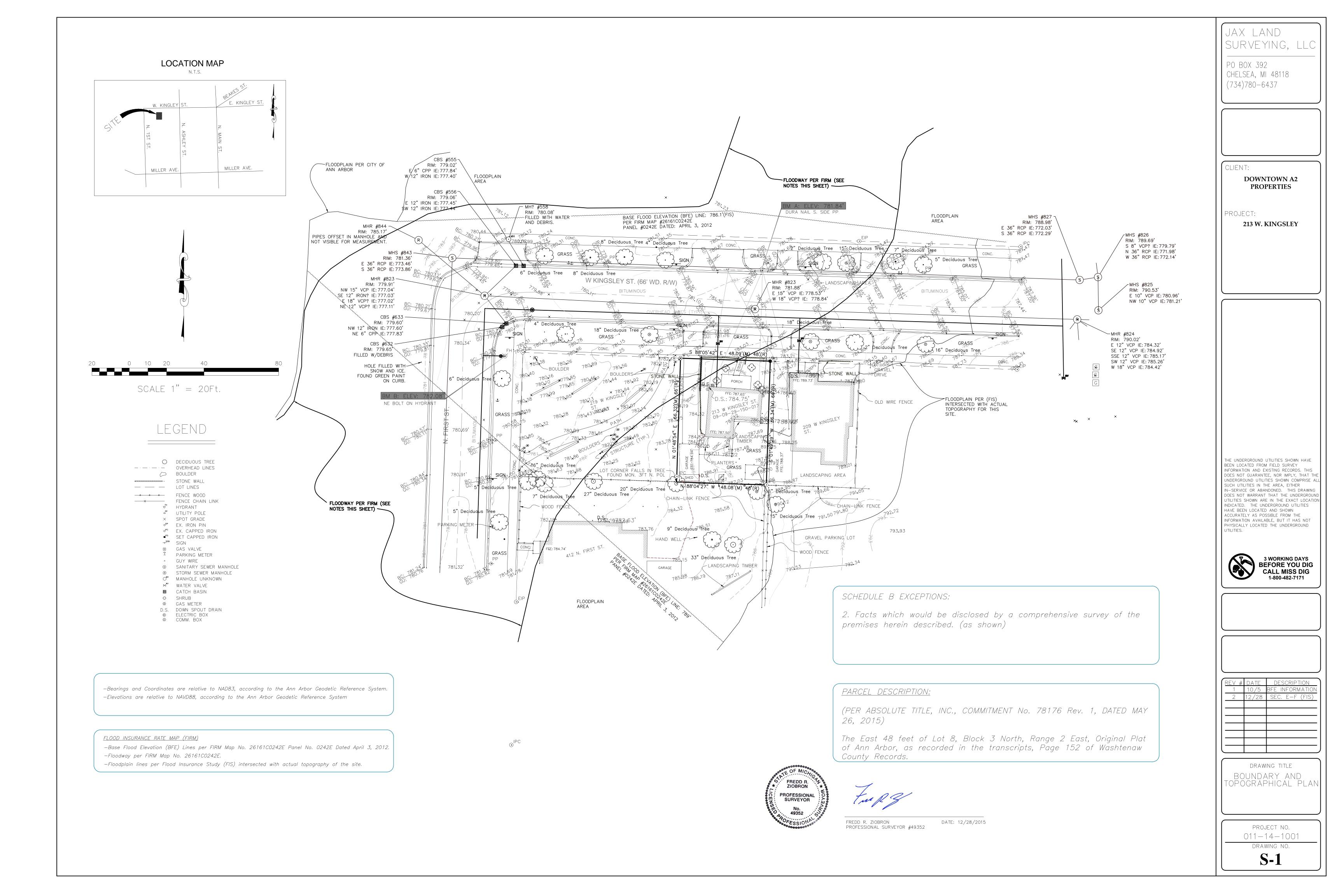


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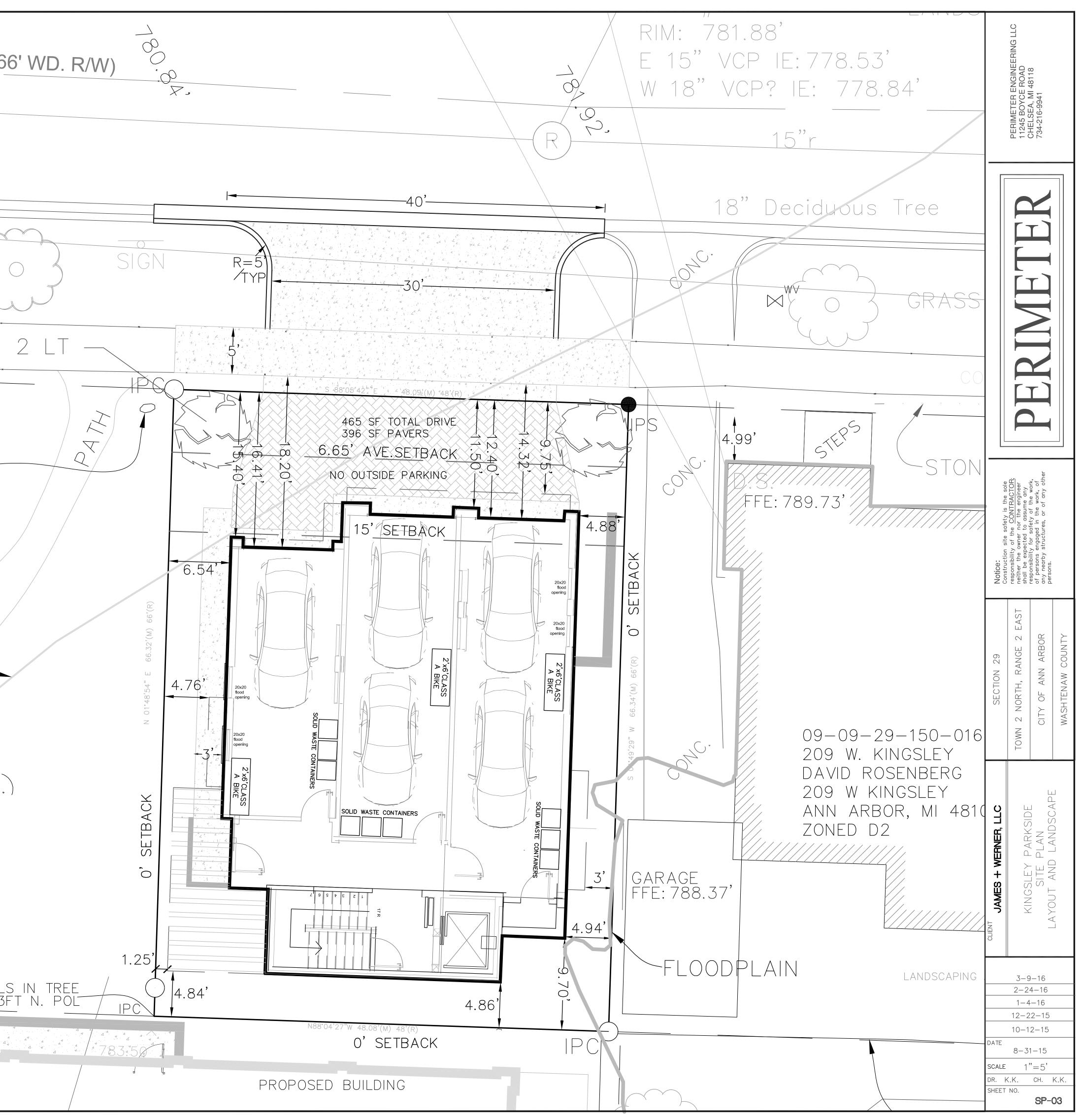
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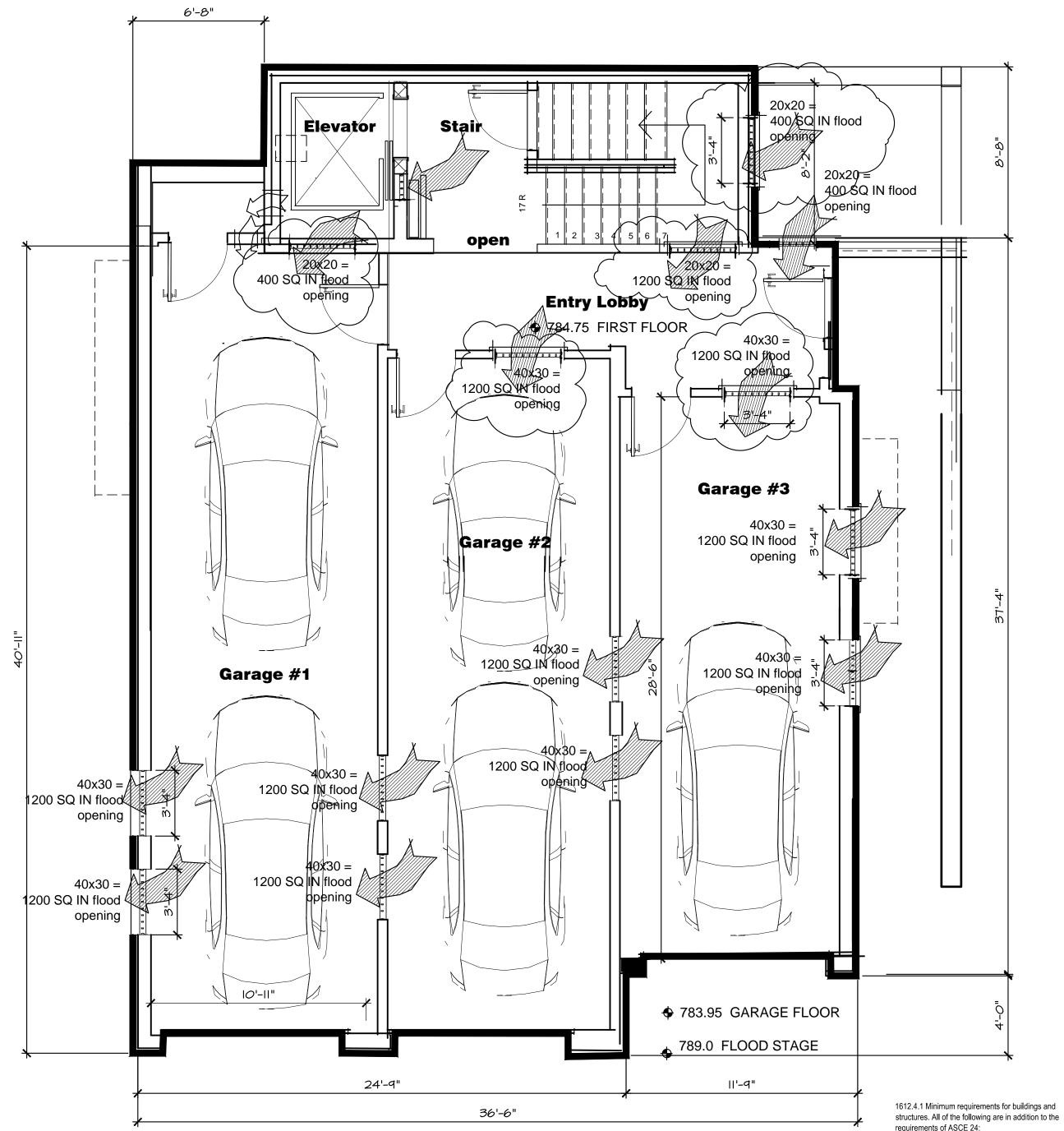


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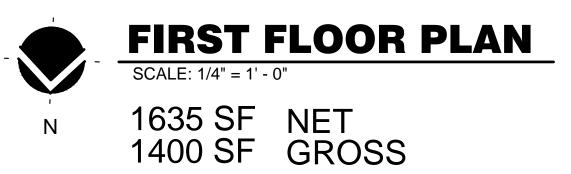
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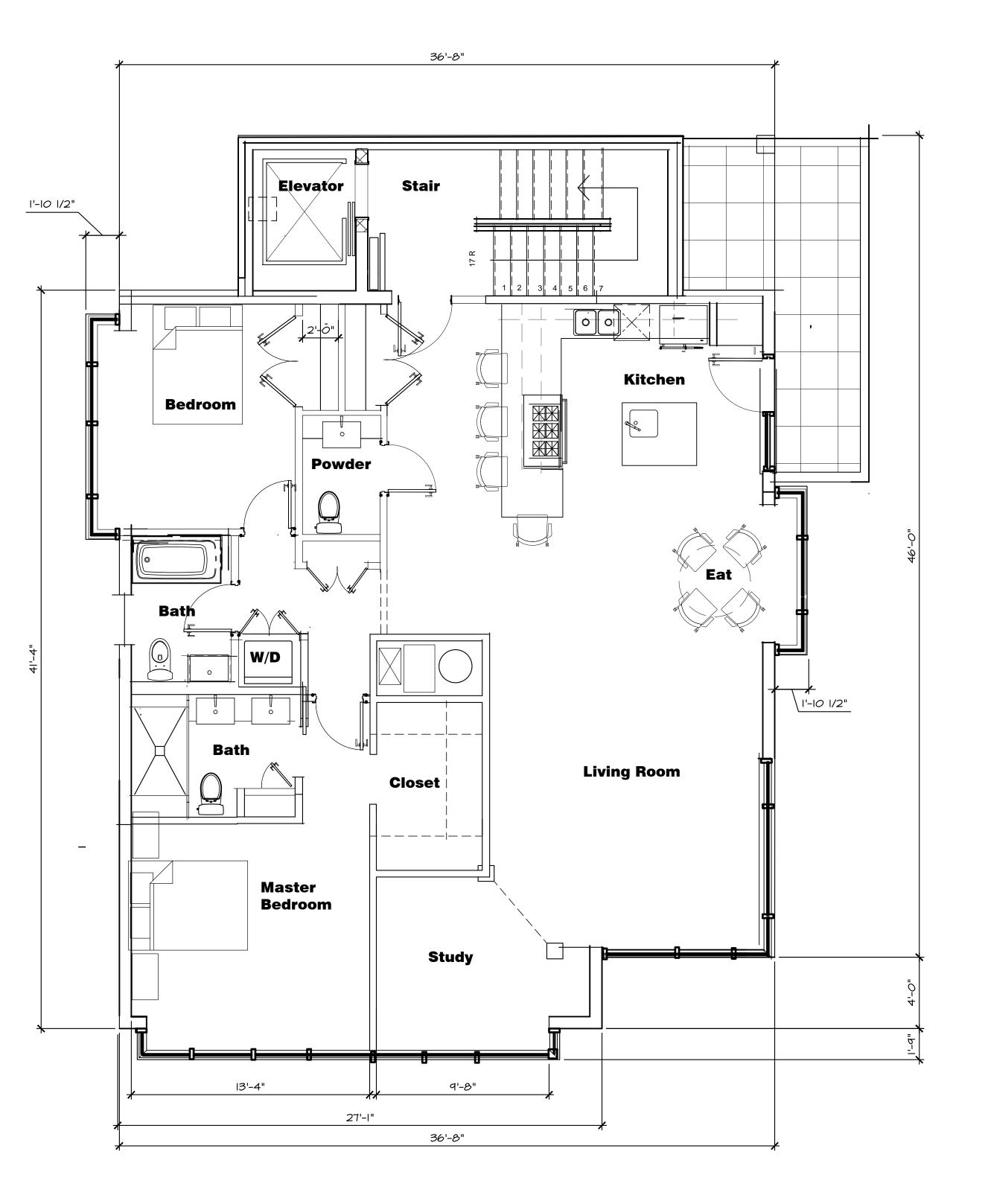


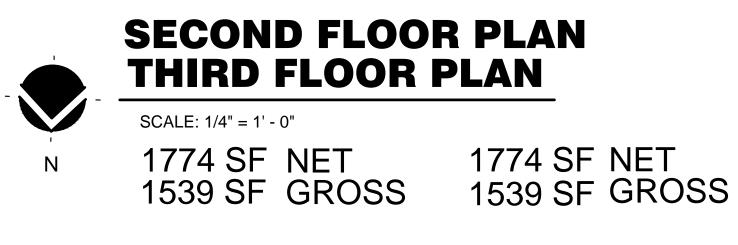
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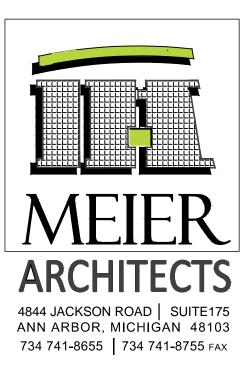


structures. All of the following are in addition to the requirements of ASCE 24: (1) Buildings and structures in flood hazard areas subject to high velocity wave action (zone V) shall be in compliance with the requirements of ASCE 24 for such flood hazard areas. (2) The lowest floors of structure category II buildings and structures shall be at or above the elevation specified in ASCE 24 or 1 foot (305 mm) above the design flood elevation, whichever is higher. (3) The lowest floors of structure category III and IV buildings and structures in flood hazard areas not subject to high velocity wave action (zone A) shall be at or above the elevation specified in ASCE 24 or 1 foot (305 mm) above the 500-year flood elevation, whichever is higher. For the purpose of this requirement, the 500-year flood elevation is the elevation of flooding having a 0.2% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. (4) Dry floodproofing for structure category II buildings and structures shall extend to or above the elevation specified in ASCE 24 or 1 foot (305 mm) above the design flood elevation, whichever

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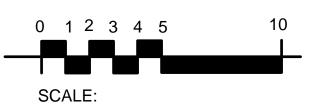
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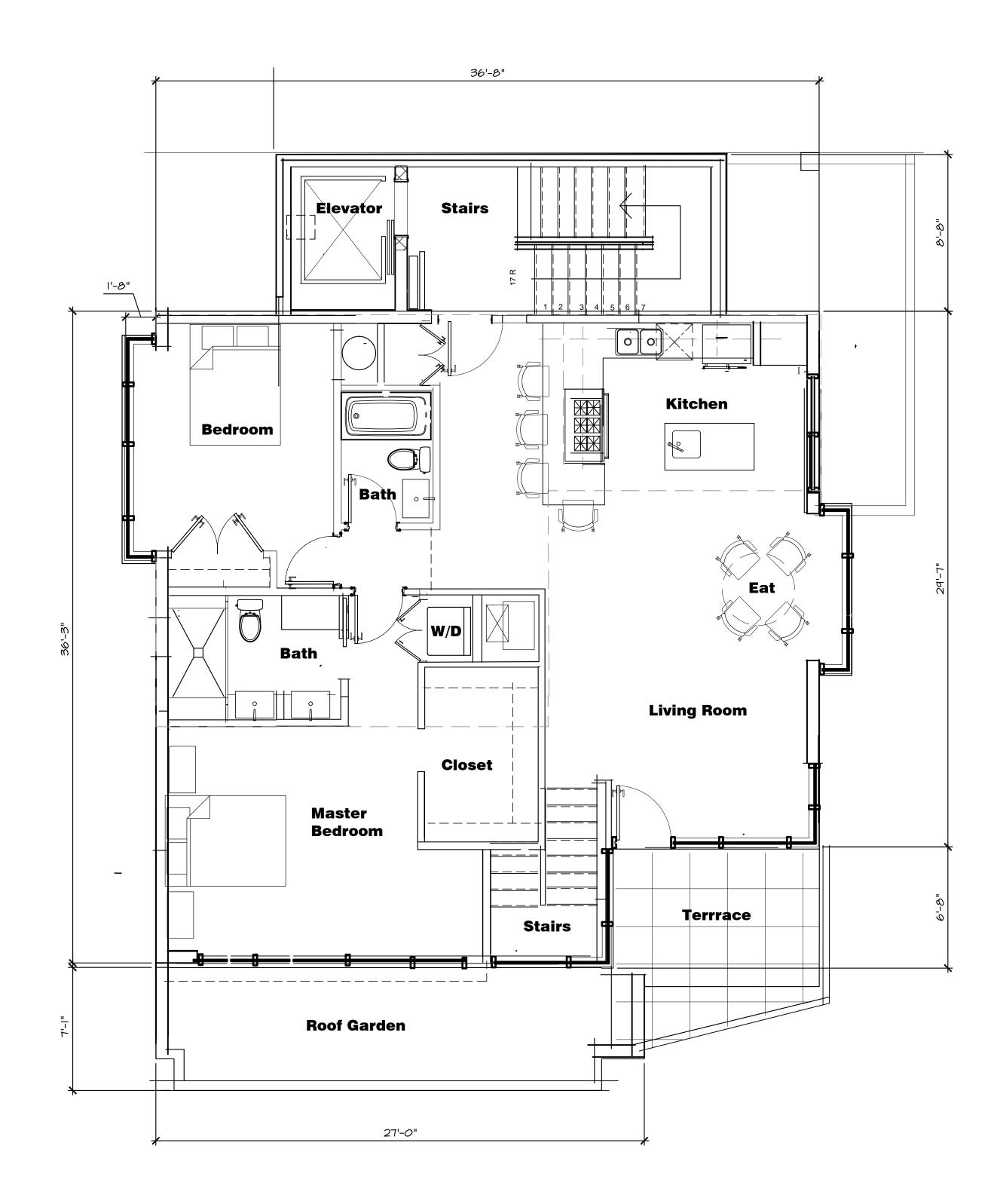
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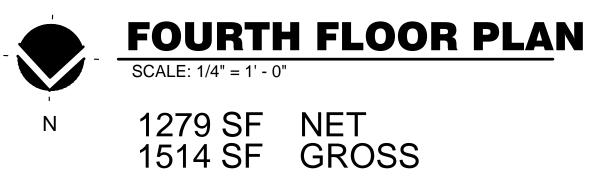
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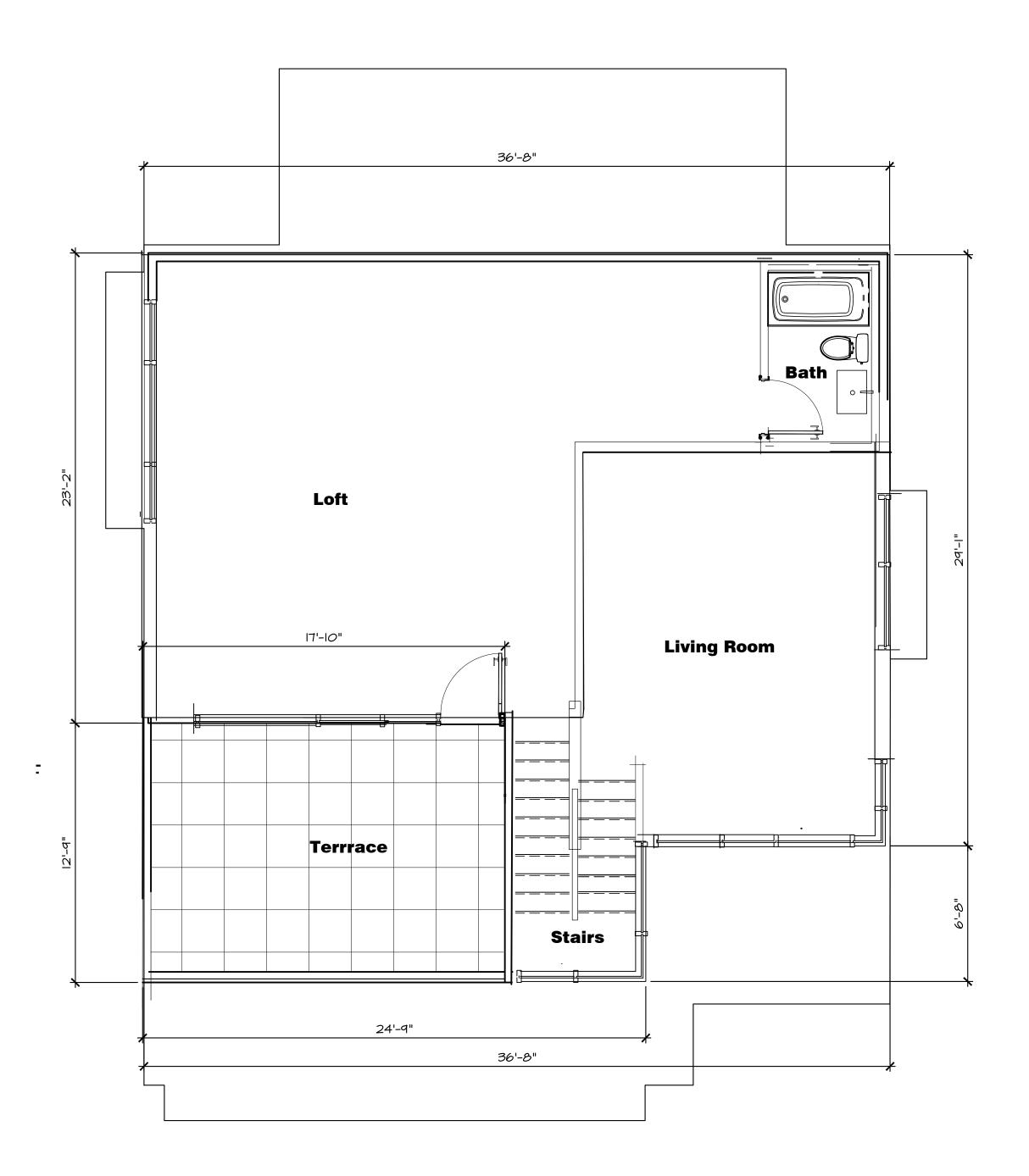


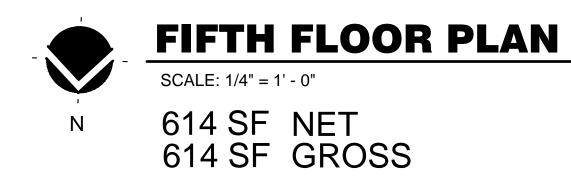


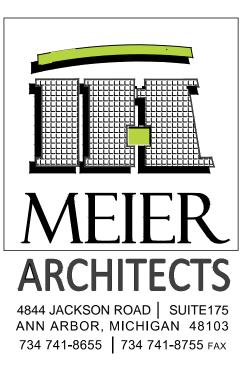
















 
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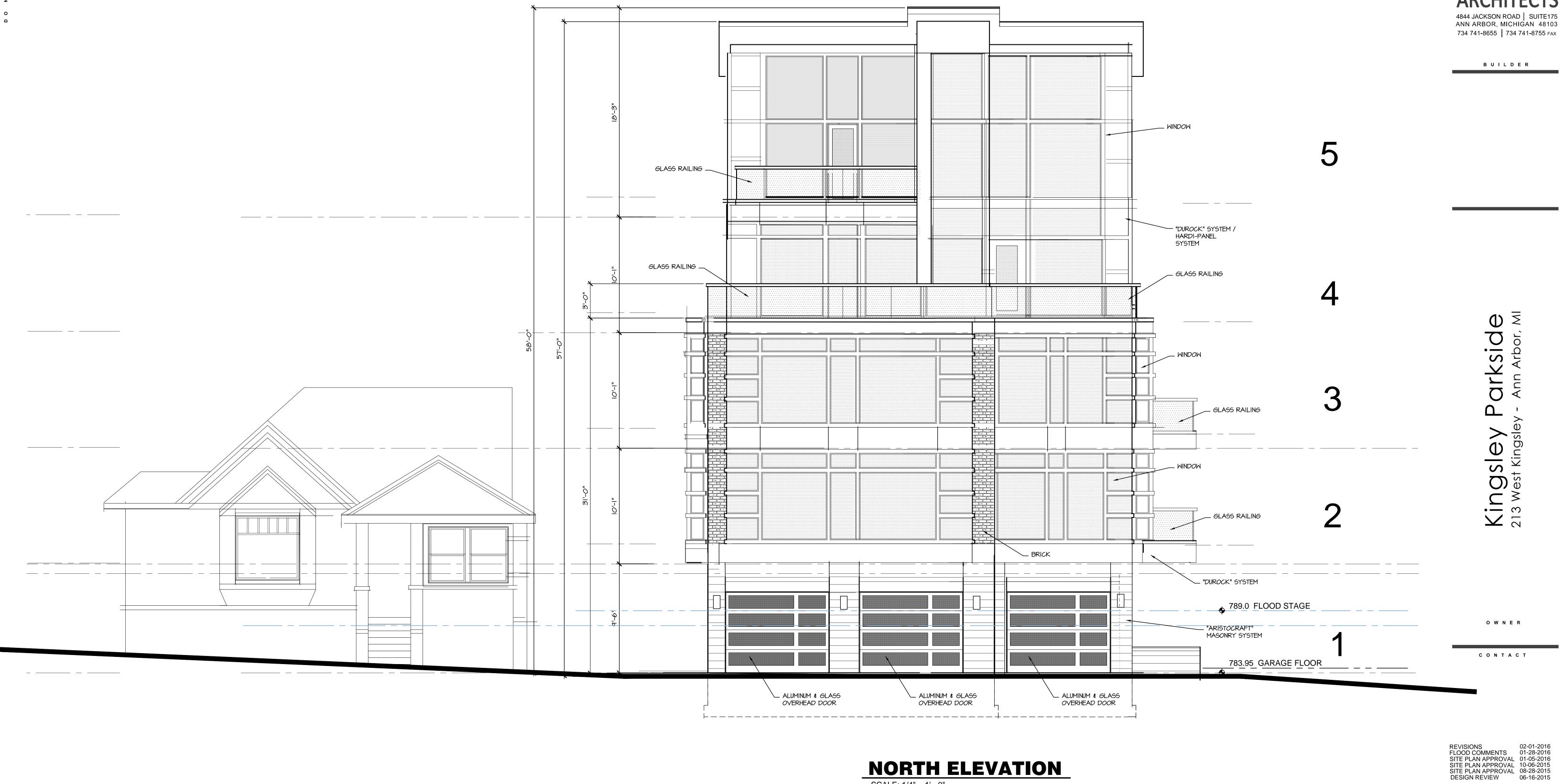


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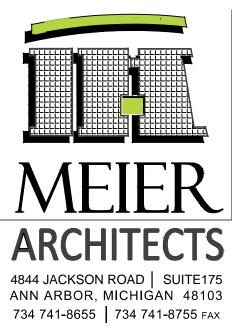
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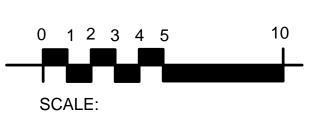
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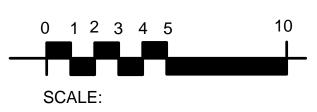
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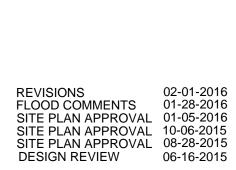


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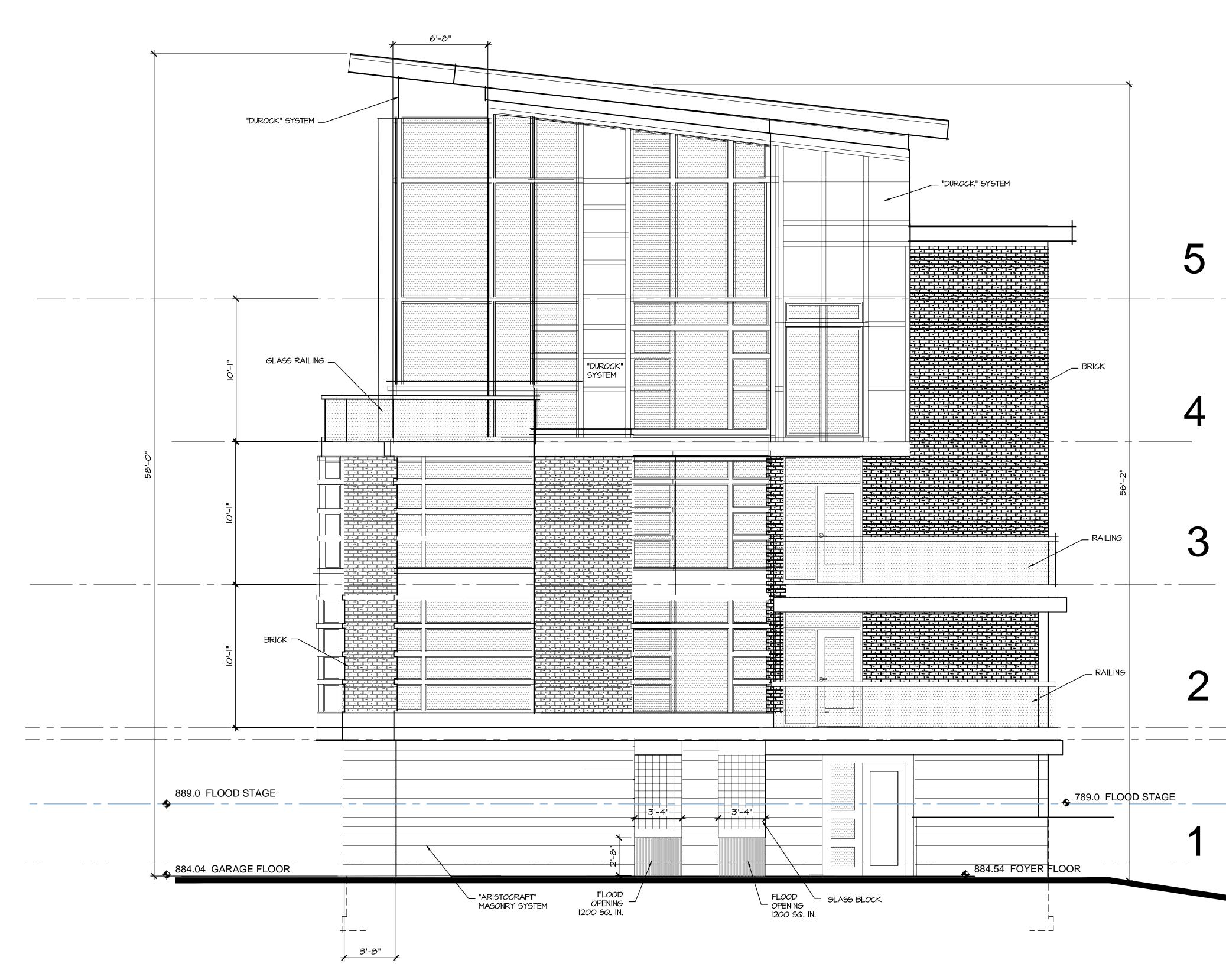
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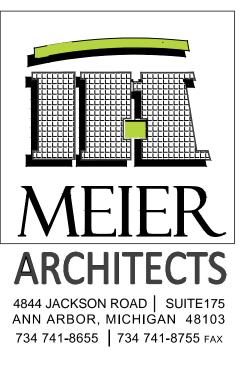
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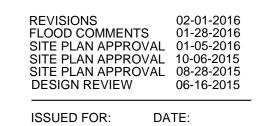
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James & Werner, LLC 417 N Maple Rd Ann Arbor, MI 48103

February 2, 2016

City of Ann Arbor Planning Department Attn: Jill Thacher 301 E Huron St Ann Arbor, MI 48107

Re: Kingsley Parkside Citizen Participation Ordinance Compliance Report

Dear Ms Thacher,

On June 26, 2015 approximately 212 postcards were sent by the Developer to neighbors within a 500 foot radius of the project to addresses provided by the Planning Department. Per the Ordinance, the postcards contained the following:

 A notice that a petition has been submitted with a written description of the proposal and a conceptual sketch of the development and site plan.
 How those sent notices will be provided an opportunity to discuss the application with the petitioner and express any concerns, issues, or problems they may have with the proposed project.

The postcards gave a project description, a visual rendering of the proposed building and contact information (phone number and email) for the Developer in order for neighbors to express concerns or ask questions. As a result of the postcards there were zero inquiries from neighbors.

In addition to the postcards, for neighbors with adjoining property lines, the Developer hand-delivered a flyer with the same information contained in the postcard on or about June 18, 2015. One neighbor, at 209 W Kingsley, responded with questions related to scheduling and construction fencing. A dialog was initiated and information continues to be updated and given to our neighbor as the project progresses.

Sincerely,

/W. Davis/

William Davis Managing Member