## ANN ARBOR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

## **Staff Report**

ADDRESS: 500 S Seventh Street, Application Number HDC18-149

**DISTRICT:** Old West Side Historic District

**REPORT DATE:** August 16, 2018

**REPORT PREPARED BY:** Jill Thacher, Historic Preservation Coordinator

**REVIEW COMMITTEE DATE:** August 13, 2018

OWNER APPLICANT

Name: Lara Kramer-Smith
Address: 500 S Seventh St

Ann Arbor, MI 48103 Ann arbor, MI 48103

Forward Design Build

6087 Jackson Rd S-100

**Phone:** (734) 761-8403

**BACKGROUND:** This two story craftsman features tan/yellow scored brick on the ground floor, full width front porch, and prominent chimney on the south side. It has a pedimented front porch roof, side-facing gables, and a wide, shallow shed dormers facing the street and rear. The house was first occupied by Walter and Emma Kurtz in 1923. Walter co-owned Weinberg & Kurtz contractors' supply yard, which was located behind the house at the end of Jefferson Court.

**LOCATION:** The site is located on the west side of South Seventh Street, between West Jefferson and Jefferson Court.

**APPLICATION:** The applicant seeks HDC approval to relocate a rear door opening and install several vents.

### **APPLICABLE REGULATIONS:**

## From the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation:

- (2) The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.
- (5) Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.
- (9) New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

## From the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (other SOI Guidelines may also apply):

## **Accessibility**

<u>Recommended</u>: Designing new or additional means of access that are compatible with the historic building and its setting.

### **Entrances and Porches**

<u>Recommended</u>: Designing and installing additional entrances or porches when required for the new use in a manner that preserves the historic character of the buildings, i.e., limiting such alteration to non-character-defining elevations.

<u>Not Recommended</u>: Cutting new entrances on a primary elevation. Altering utilitarian or service entrances so they appear to be formal entrances by adding paneled doors, fanlights, and sidelights.

## From the Ann Arbor Historic District Design Guidelines (other Guidelines may apply):

## **Residential Porches**

<u>Appropriate</u>: Installing a new porch and entrance on secondary elevations may be appropriate if it does not diminish the building's architectural character and the design and materials are compatible with the building and the site.

## **STAFF FINDINGS:**

- 1. The brick-walled back porch of the house has a rear door opening (with no fancy brickwork in the surround), and a single-lite wood door. The other brick porch wall has a milk chute.
- 2. The homeowners would like to move the door from the west facing porch wall to the one that faces north. The milk chute would remain. This change frees up considerable wall space in the kitchen by shifting the rear entry into an existing pantry. The bricks removed for the new door opening would be reused to infill the original opening. They should be installed by not toothing in bricks on the sides in order to leave a visual record that a door was once there.
- 3. Several vents required by new mechanicals are included in the application: one rear roof vent, one rear porch roof vent, and a 5" square dryer vent on the north foundation wall. Staff believes the proposed vents are in appropriate sizes and locations.
- 4. The rear porch is a character-defining feature of the house. Because the petition proposes to reuse the historic back door, and no historic features of the porch will be lost, this is a reasonable request to make interior space significantly more efficient.
- 5. Staff believes the alteration of the rear kitchen window into a door and installation of a skylight is compatible with the existing structure, neighboring buildings, and the surrounding historic district, and meets both the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and the *Ann Arbor Historic District Design Guidelines*.

**POSSIBLE MOTIONS:** (Note that the motion is only a suggestion. The Review Committee, consisting of staff and at least two Commissioners, will meet with the applicant on site and then make a recommendation at the meeting.)

I move that the Commission issue a certificate of appropriateness for the application at 500 South Seventh Street, a contributing property in the Old West Side Historic District, to move a rear door and infill the original opening, and install three mechanical vents. The proposed work is compatible in exterior design, arrangement, texture, material and relationship to the rest of the building and the surrounding area and meets *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation* and *Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*, in particular standards 2, 5, and 9, and the guidelines for accessibility and entries and porches, as well as the *Ann Arbor Historic District Design Guidelines*, particularly as they pertain to residential porches.

## **MOTION WORKSHEET:**

I move that the Commission issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the work at <u>500</u> South Seventh Street in the Old West Side Historic District

Provided the following condition(S) is (ARE) met: 1) STATE CONDITION(s)

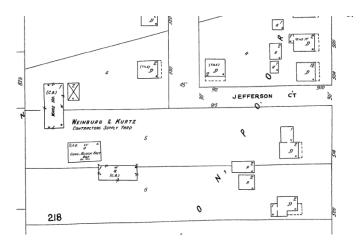
The work is generally compatible with the size, scale, massing, and materials and meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, standard(S) number(S) (circle all that apply): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

ATTACHMENTS: application, drawings, photos.

500 S Seventh Street (2008 Survey Photo)



## 1925 Sanborn Map (see 500 S Seventh at top right, and Weinburg & Kurtz)



## 1947 Aerial Photo



# Pictures Will be exaited



## **HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

City Hall: 301 E. Huron St. Ann Arbor, MI 48104-6120 *Mailing:* P.O. Box 8647, Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8647

Phone: 734.794.6265 ext. 42608 Fax: 734.994.8460 jthacher@a2gov.org

## APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY

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Describe in detail each proposed exterior alteration, improvement and/or repair (use additional	al paper, if necessary).
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For Further Assistance With Required Attachments, please visit www.a2gov.org/hdc	



## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION APPLICATION

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DESCRIPTION		
STAFF REVIEW FEES	FEE	
Application for Staff Approval	\$35.00	
Work started without approvals	Additional \$50.00	
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION FEES		
All other proposed work not listed below	\$100.00	
Work started without approvals	Additional \$250.00	
RESIDENTIAL - Single and 2-story Structure		
Addition: single story	\$300.00	
Addition: taller than single story	\$550.00	
New Structure - Accessory	\$100.00	
New Structure – Principal	\$850.00	
Replacement of single and 2-family window(s)	\$100 + \$25/window	
COMMERCIAL – includes multi-family (3 or structures	more unit)	
Additions	\$700.00	
Replacement of multi-family and commercial window (s)	\$100 + \$50/window	
Replacement of commercial storefront	\$250.00	
DEMOLITION and RELOCATION		
Demolition of a contributing structure	\$1000.0	
Demolition of a non-contributing structure	\$250.00	
Relocation of a contributing structure	\$750.00	
Relocation of a non-contributing structure	\$250.00	

## FOR COMMISSION REVIEWS:

- Application withdrawals made before public notice is published will qualify for a 50% refund of the application fee.
- Application withdrawals made after public notice is sent but before the public hearing will qualify for a 25% refund of the application fee.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS**

All HDC applications must be signed by the property owner and the applicant, if different, with the exception of staff approvals, which may be signed by only the applicant.

All completed HDC applications and their attachments may be submitted to Planning and Development Services by mail, in person (paper or digital), faxed, or via email to <a href="mailto:building@a2gov.org">building@a2gov.org</a>.

We accept CASH, CHECK, and all major credit cards. Checks should be made payable to "City of Ann Arbor"

HDC applications that are incomplete or not submitted with the required documentation or payment will not be processed or approved.

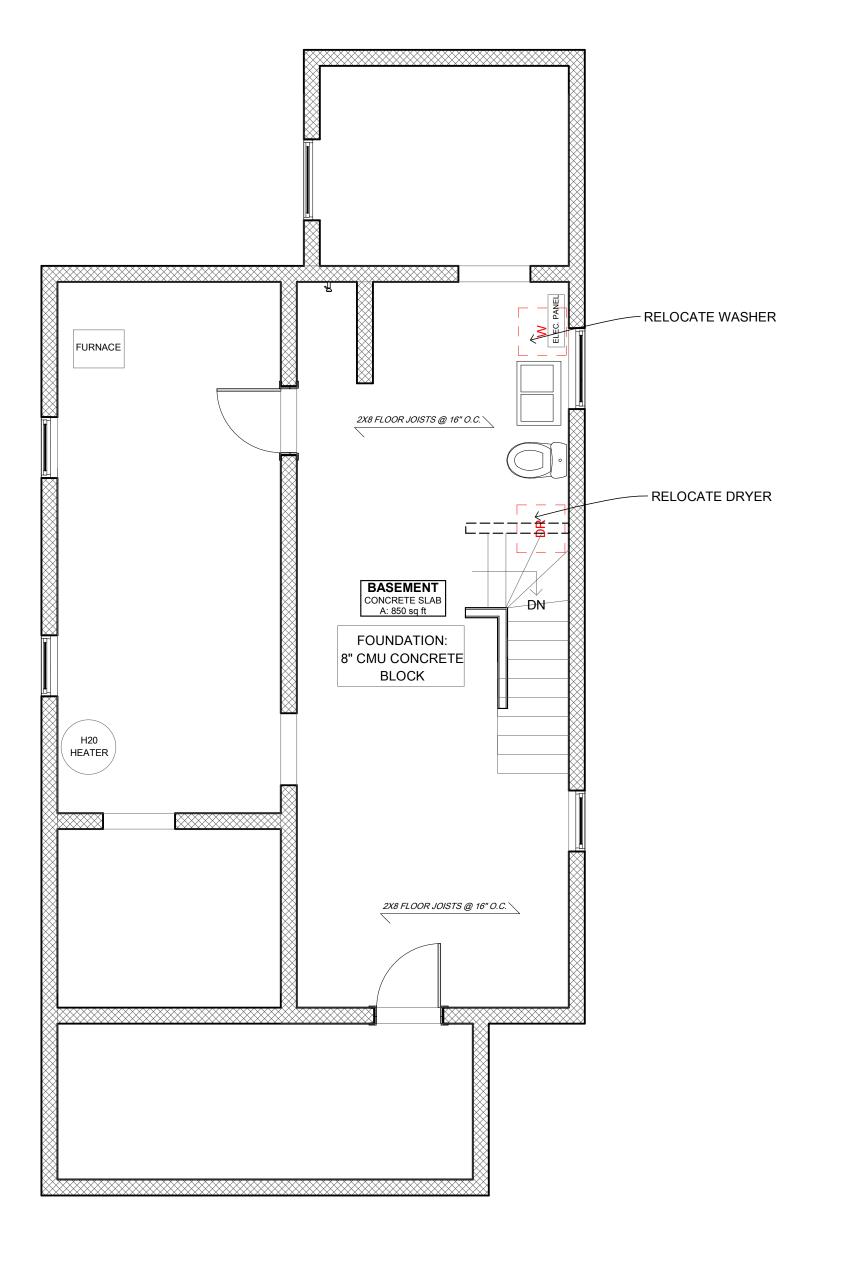
#### **APPLICATION EXPIRATION**

HDC applications expire three (3) years after the date of approval.

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Date of Hearing:			
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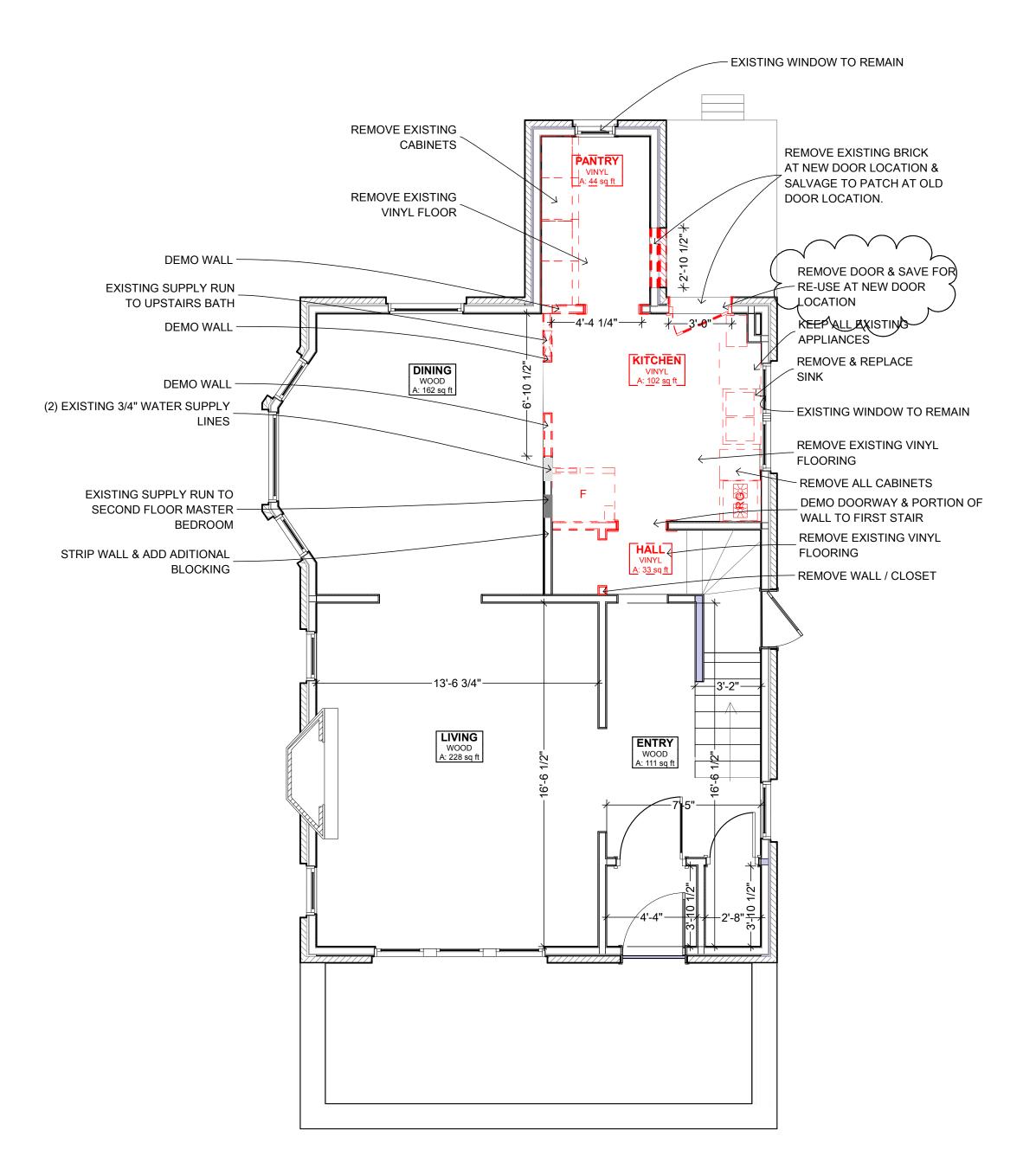
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DEMO FOUNDATION
PLAN





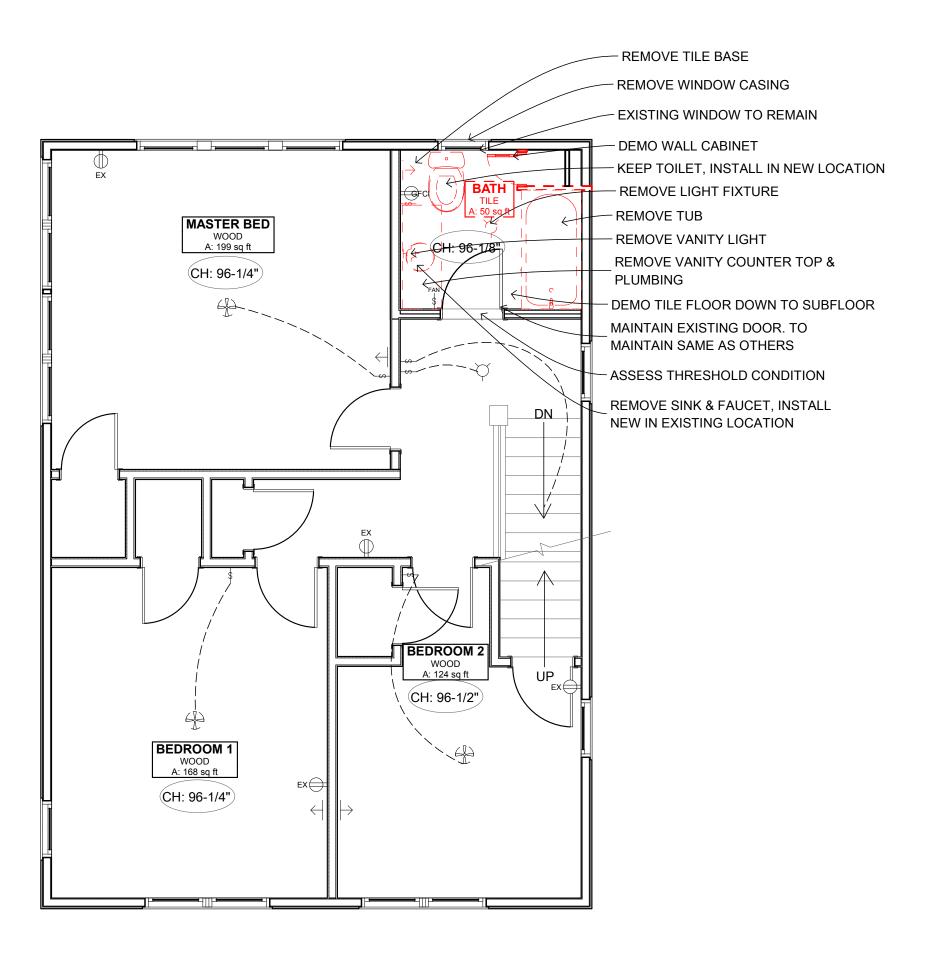
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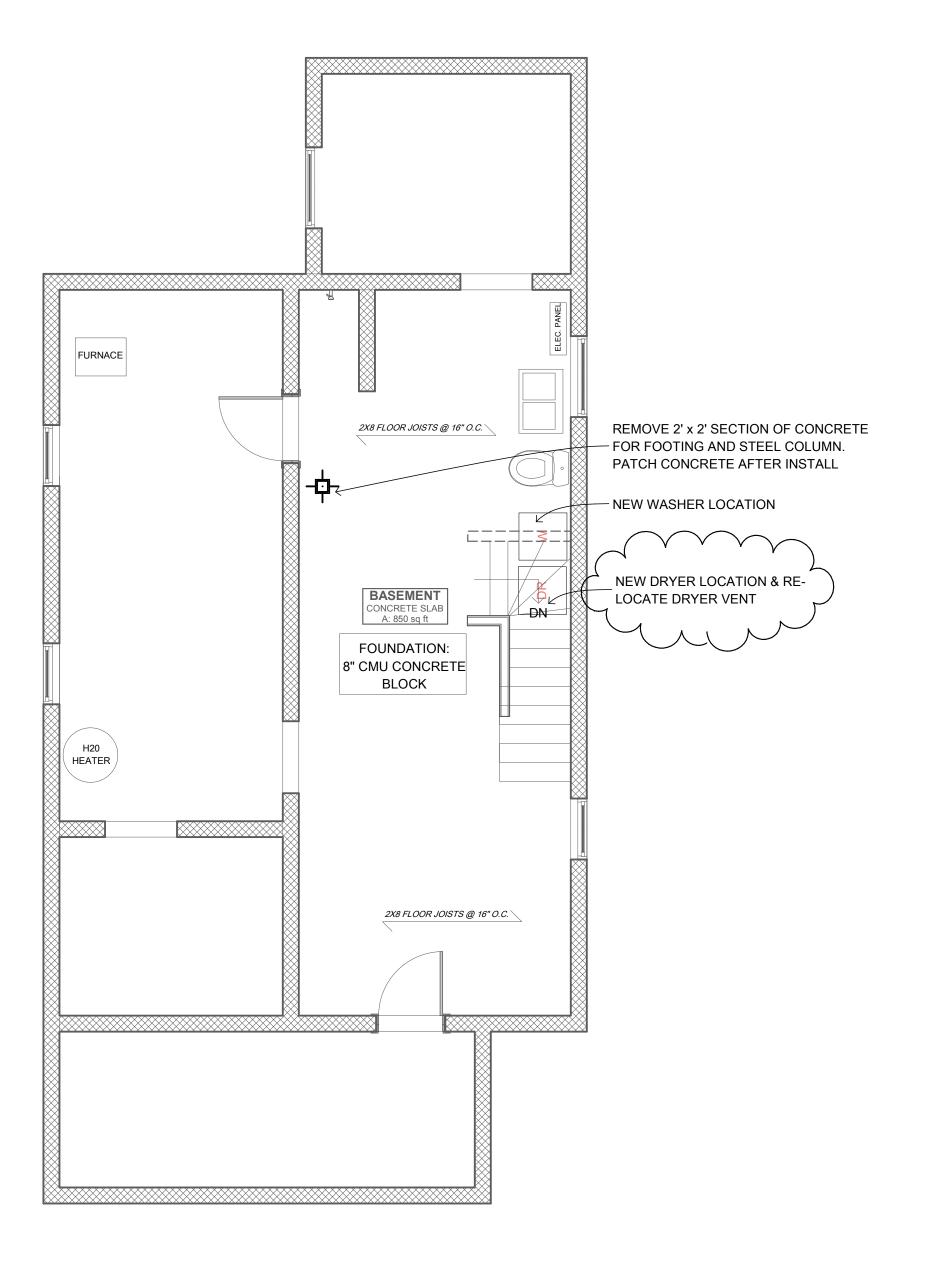
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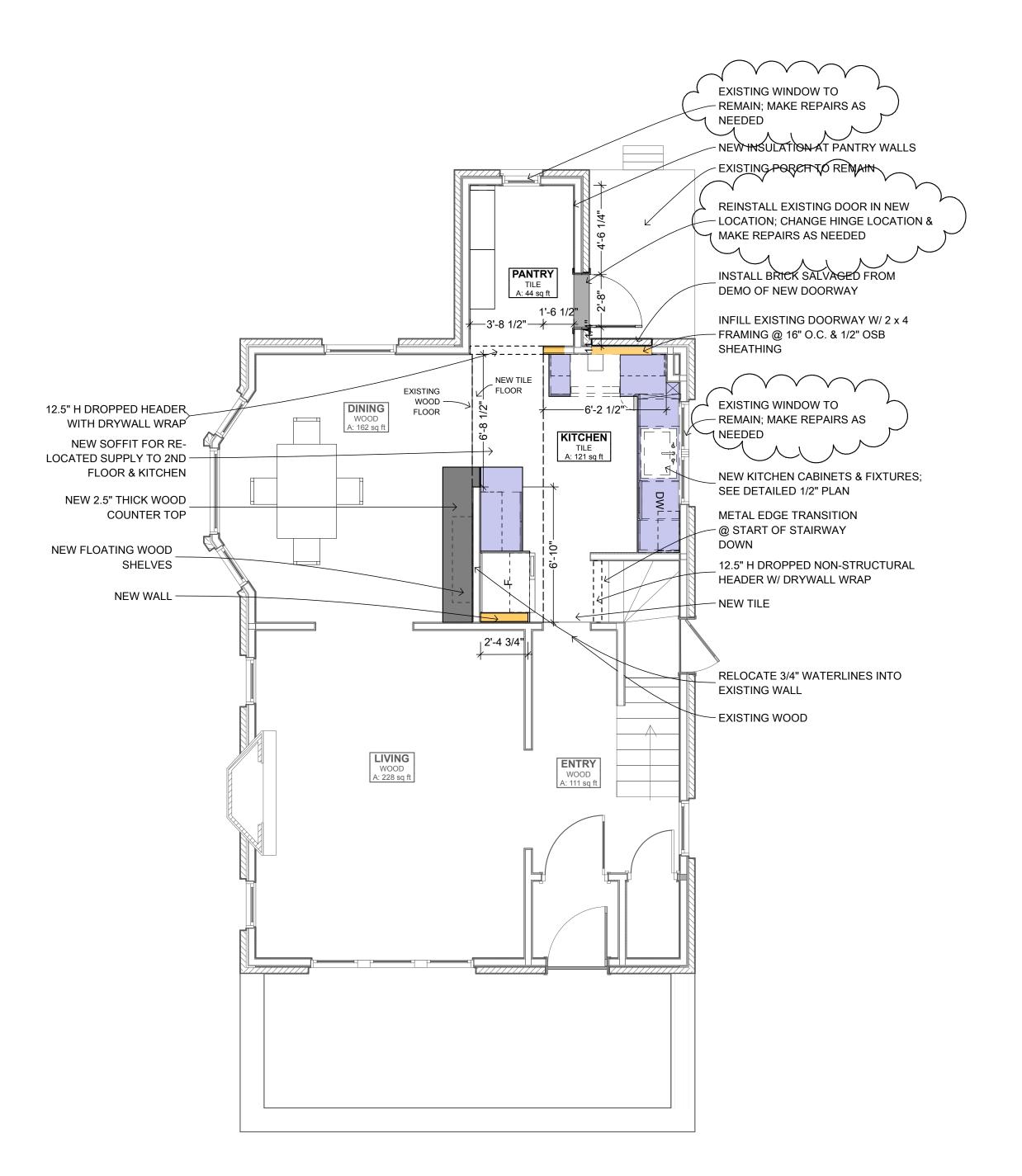
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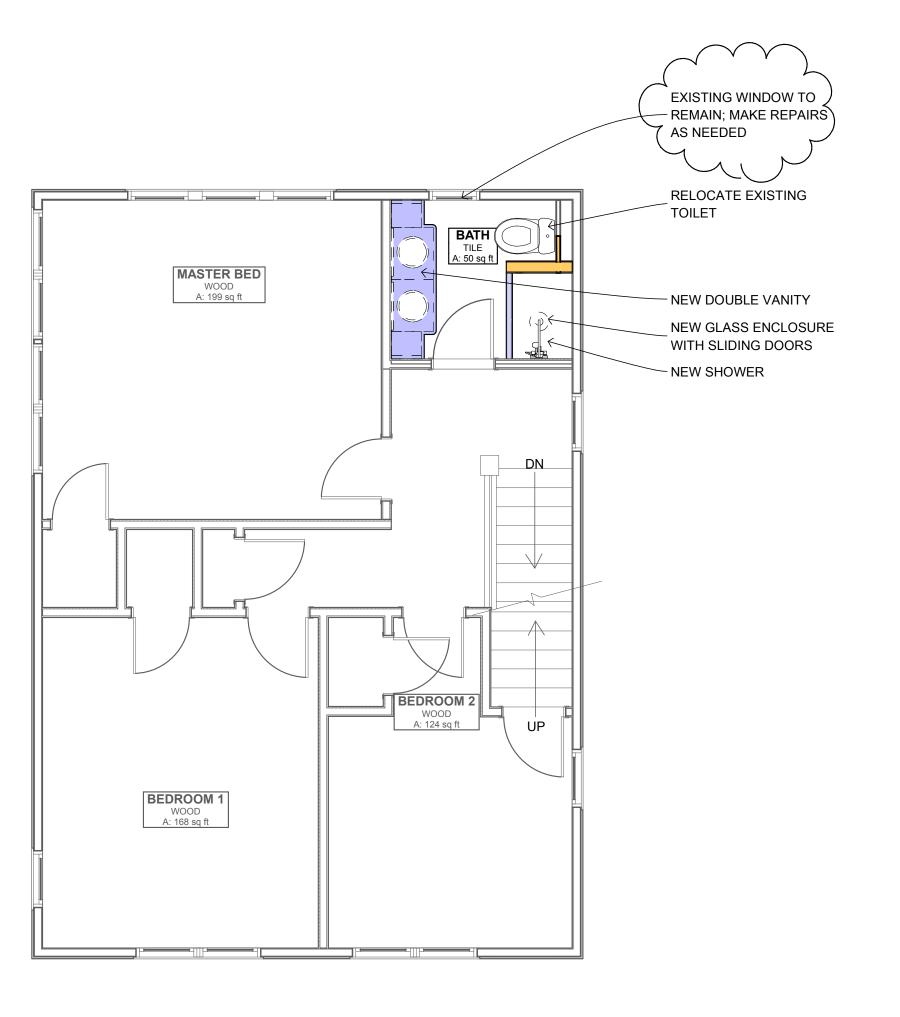
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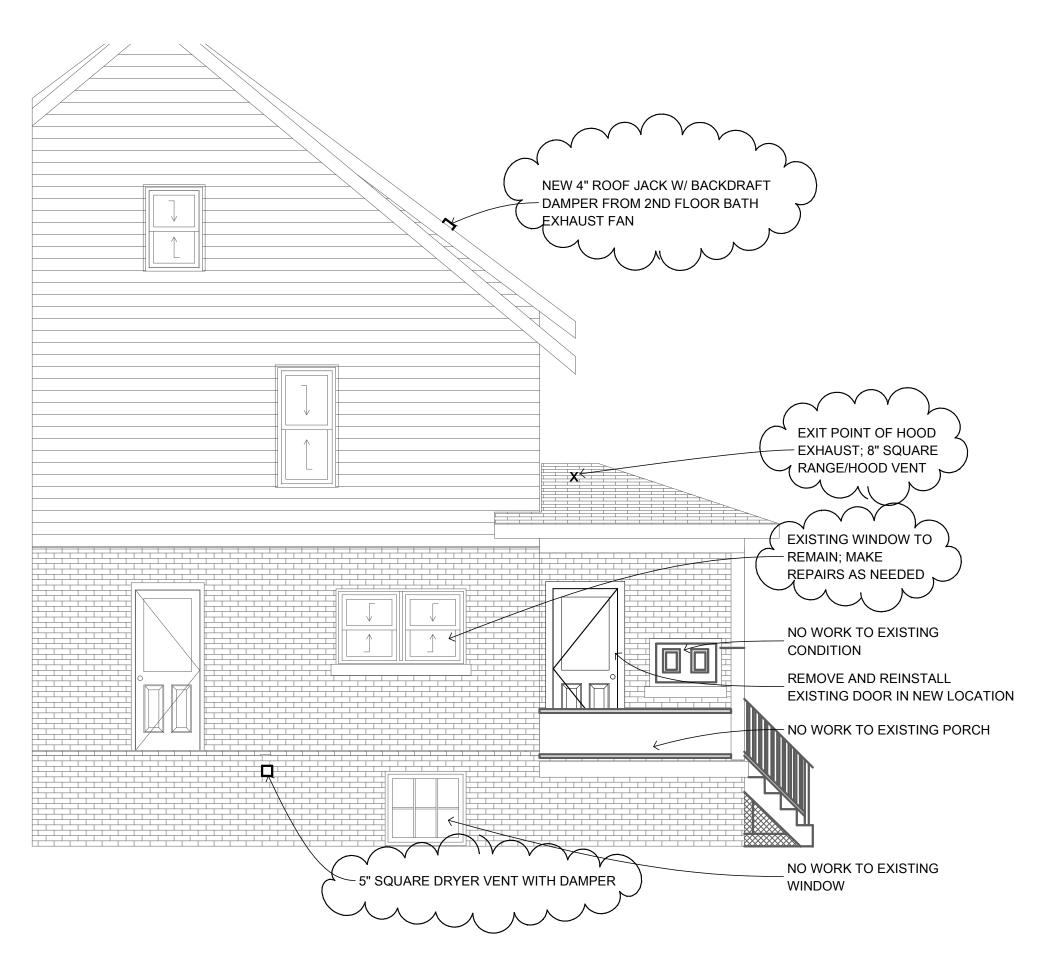
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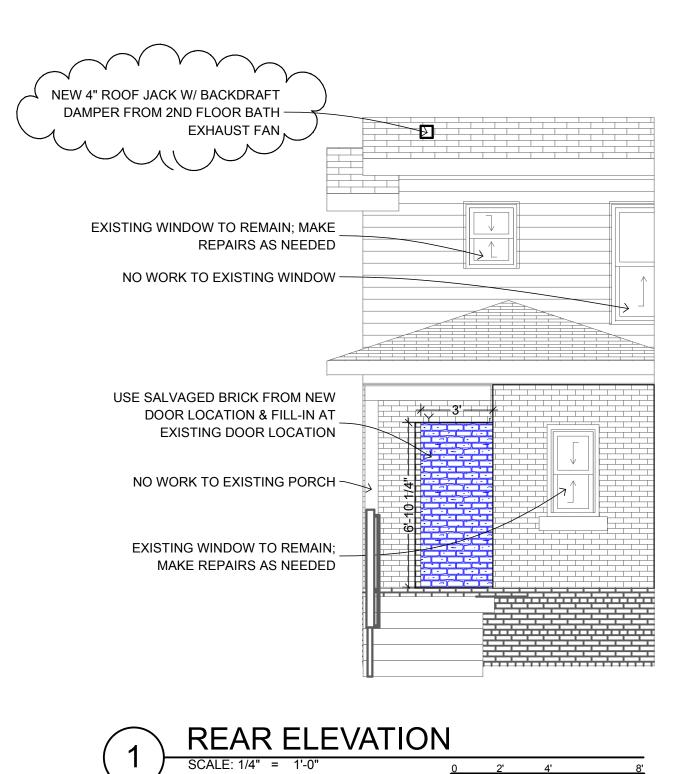
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