BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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January 27, 2025

6:00 PM

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the Minutes for November 4, 2024

Approval of the Minutes for November 18, 2024

Approval of the Findings of Fact for November 4, 2024

Approval of the Findings of Fact for November 18, 2024

Public Hearings

Case No. 13033 – Melissa Burbage

seeks a special use exception for a commercial dog kennel (Section 115-72 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located East of Pyle Center Road. 911 Address: 35025 Pyle Center Road, Frankford. Zoning District: B-1. Tax Parcel: 533-6.00-25.00

Case No. 13034 – Karin Kemper and Isabel Lavadenz

seeks a variance from the side yard setback for a proposed structure (Section 115-183 and 115-25 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The property is located on west side of Sandalwood Drive within the Sandalwood Subdivision. 911 Address: 4 Sandalwood Drive, Rehoboth Beach. Zoning District: AR-1. Tax Map: 334-13.00-346.00

Case No. 13035 – Brian Cox

seek a variance from the side yard setback for a proposed structure. (Section 115-183 and 115-42 of the Sussex County Zoning Code). The proper-ty is located on the west side of Misty Lane. 911 Address: 32952 Misty Lane, Lewes DE 19958. Zoning District: GR. Tax Map:334-11.00-95.00

Additional Business

-MEETING DETAILS-

In accordance with 29 <u>Del. C.</u> §10004(e)(2), this Agenda was posted on January 20, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. and at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.

The Agenda was prepared by the Director of Planning and Zoning and is subject to change to include the additional or deletion of items, including Executive Sessions, which arise at the time of the meeting.

Agenda items may be considered out of sequence.

The meeting will be streamed live at https://sussexcountyde.gov/council-chamber-broadcast

The Board of Adjustment meeting materials, including the "packet" are electronically accessible on the County's website at: https://sussexcountyde.gov/.

If any member of the public would like to submit comments electronically, these may be sent to pandz@sussexcountyde.gov. All comments are encouraged to be submitted by 4:30 P.M. on January 23, 2025.

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Board of Adjustment Application Sussex County, Delaware

Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department 2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947 302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax

Type of Application: (please check all applicable)	
Variance Special Use Exception Administrative Variance Special	Existing Condition Proposed Code Reference (office use only)
Site Address of Variance/Special Use Exception:	ukford, Do. 19945
Variance/Special Use Exception/Appeal Requested:	
Tax Map #: 5-33-6,00-25.00	Property Zoning:
14x Map # 3 = 55 = 670 = 6 3 × 645	Property Zoning: 1
Applicant Information	
Applicant Name: Melvssch Burbage Applicant Address: 30529 Quillen Pt rd City Oceannew State 12 Zip: Applicant Phone #: 4432357991 Applicant e-ma	19970 nil: Missf.burbage 220 gmout.com
Owner Information	gmout cons
Owner Name: John Gilman Owner Address: 35025 Pule Center Rd	7945 Purchase Date:
Agent/Attorney Information	
Agent/Attorney Name: Agent/Attorney Address: City State Zip: Agent/Attorney Phone #: Agent/Attorney	v e-mail:
Signature of Owner/Agent/Attorney	
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Sussex County, DE - BOA Application

Criteria for a Special Use Exception: (Please provide a written statement regarding each criteria)

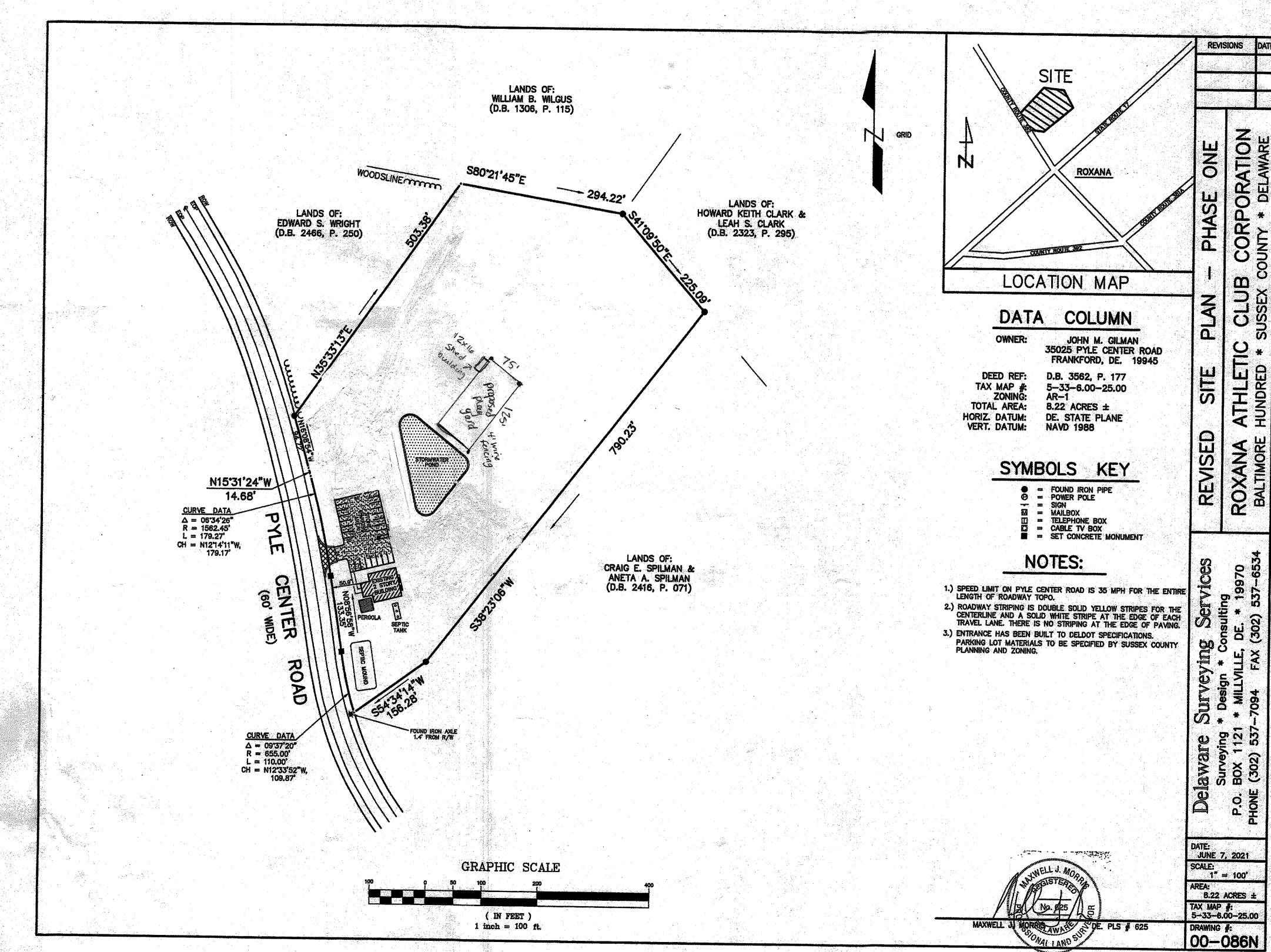
You shall demonstrate to the Board of Adjustment that the property meets <u>all</u> of the following criteria for a Special Use Exception to be granted.

1. Such exception will not substantially affect adversely the uses of adjacent and neighboring property. The dog park would net adversely affect the property or neighbors

2. Any other requirements which apply to a specific type of special use exception as required by the Sussex County Code. (Ex. Time limitations – 5 year maximum)



Basis for Appeal: (Please provide a written statement regarding reason for appeal)



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Board of Adjustment Application Sussex County, Delaware

Case # 13034 Hearing Date 2.24.25 202418237

Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department 2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947 302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax

Type of Application: (please check all applicable)	
Variance Special Use Exception Administrative Variance Appeal	Existing Condition Proposed Code Reference (office use only)
Site Address of Variance/Special Use Exception: 4 Sandalwood dr., Rehoboth Beach, DE, 19971	
Variance/Special Use Exception/Appeal Requested: 5' variance into 15' setback on	side
Tax Map #: 334-13.00-346.00	Property Zoning: AR-1
Applicant Information	
Applicant Name: Zach Kuhns Applicant Address: 27436 Oak Meadow Dr.	
City Millsboro State DE Zip: 1	9966
	nail: kuhnsconstructionde@gmail.com
Owner Information	
Owner Name: Karin Kemper & Isabel Lavadenz	
Owner Address: 4 Sandalwood Dr.	
City Rehoboth Beach State DE Zip: 1	9971 Purchase Date:
Owner Phone #: (571) 426-6197 Owner e-mai	
Agent/Attorney Information	
Agent/Attorney Name:	
Agent/Attorney Address:	
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Sussex County, DE - BOA Application

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1. Uniqueness of property:

That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property and that the exceptional practical difficulty is due to such conditions and not to circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located.

Due to the pool location the structure would have to be closer to the property line.

2. Cannot otherwise be developed:

That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code and that the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property.

The addition would be to small for proper functionality without variance, due to the pool location. Without the variance, the structure would be to close to the pool.

3. Not created by the applicant:

That such exceptional practical difficulty has not been created by the appellant.

The home was purched from previous owner. Applicant did not create difficulty of existing structure location on property.

4. Will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood:

That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located and nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use of development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare.

Addition will be placed in rear of home and will match existing home style and colors. An existing 6' fence will also partially cover the rear addition from the street view.

5. Minimum variance:

That the variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum variance that will afford relief and will represent the least modification possible of the regulation in issue.

we will need a minimum of 5' into the 15' setback.

Sussex County, DE - BOA Application

Criteria for a Special Use Exception: (Please provide a written statement regarding each criteria)

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2. Any other requirements which apply to a specific type of special use exception as required by the Sussex County Code. (Ex. Time limitations – 5 year maximum)

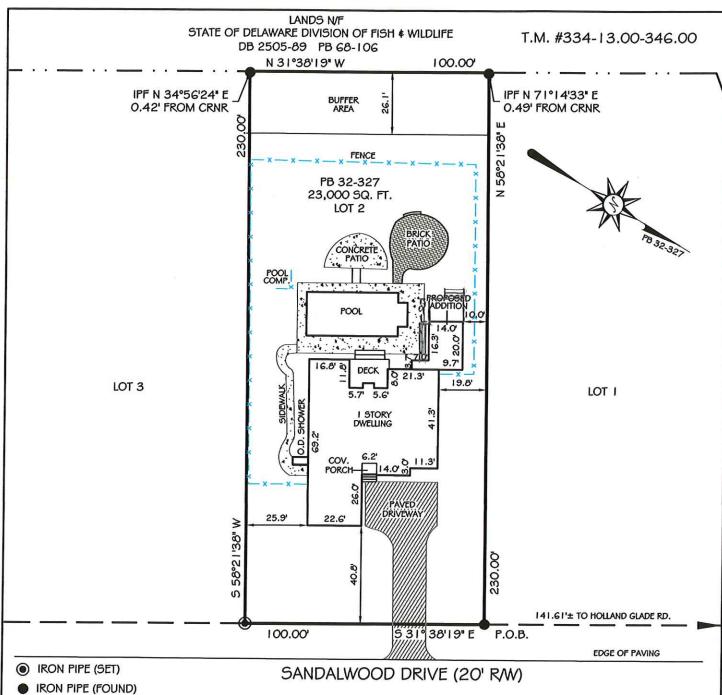
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Check List for Applications

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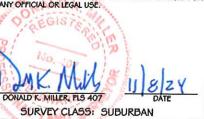
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V .	Provide a survey of the property (Variance)
	 Survey shall show the location of building(s), building setbacks, stairs, deck, etc.
	 Survey shall show distances from property lines to buildings, stairs, deck, etc.
	 Survey shall be signed and sealed by a Licensed Surveyor.
•	Provide a Site Plan or survey of the property (Special Use Exception)
·	Provide relevant Application Fee (please refer to fees effective July 1, 2022)
·	Provide written response to criteria for Variance or Special Use Exception (may be on a separate document if not enough room on the form)
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·	Optional - Additional information for the Board to consider (ex. photos, letters from neighbors, etc.)
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	subject site and County staff will come out to the subject site, take photos and place a sign on the site stating the date and time of the Public Hearing for the application.
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is filed with call the Pla	advised that the decision of the Board of Adjustment is only final when the written decision h the Board's secretary. To determine whether the written decision has been filed, you may anning & Zoning Department at 302-855-7878. The written decision is generally completed irty (30) to sixty (60) days following the Board's vote on the application or appeal. Please include the case number when calling about the decision.
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I, DONALD K. MILLER REGISTERED AS A PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE, HEREBY STATE THAT THE INFORMATION SHOWN ON THIS PLAN HAS BEEN PREPARED UNDER MY SUPERVISION AND MEETS THE STANDARDS OF PRACTICE AS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE OF DELAWARE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS. ANY CHANGES TO THE PROPERTY CONDITIONS, IMPROVEMENTS, BOUNDARY OR PROPERTY CORNERS AFTER THE DATE SHOWN HEREON SHALL NECESSITATE A NEW REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION FOR ANY OFFICIAL OR LEGAL USE.



BOUNDARY SURVEY & CONCEPT PLAN FOR ISABEL LAVADENZ PACCIERI, TRUSTEE & KARIN ERIKA KEMPER, TRUSTEE

4 SANDALWOOD DRIVE, REHOBOTH BEACH, DE 1997 I
LOT #2 OF "SANDALWOOD" SUBDIV.
LEWES & REHOBOTH HUNDRED SUSSEX COUNTY
STATE OF DELAWARE
SCALE I" =40' NOVEMBER 6, 2024

PREPARED BY:

PH: 302-629-9895 FAX: 302-629-2391

MILLER LAND SURVEYING

1560 MIDDLEFORD RD.

SEAFORD, DE. 19973



Project

RehobothBeach4

Energy Code:

2018 IECC

Location:

Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Construction Type:

Single-family

Project Type:

Addition

Project SubType:

Climate Zone:

None

Permit Date:

4 (4341 HDD)

Permit Number:

All Electric

false

Is Renewable

false

Has Charger

false

Has Battery:

false

Has Heat Pump:

false

Construction Site: 4 Sandalwood Dr Rehoboth Beach, DE Owner/Agent:

Addition

Designer/Contractor: **Architectural Plans**

Compliance: Passes using UA trade-off

Compliance: 1.5% Better Than Code

Maximum UA: 135

Your UA: 133

Maximum SHGC: 0.40

Your SHGC: 0.25

The % Better or Worse Than Code Index reflects how close to compliance the house is based on code trade-off rules.

It DOES NOT provide an estimate of energy use or cost relative to a minimum-code home.

Slab-on-grade tradeoffs are no longer considered in the UA or performance compliance path in REScheck. Each slab-on-grade assembly in the specified climate zone must meet the minimum energy code insulation R-value and depth requirements.

Envelope Assemblies

Assembly	Gross Area or Perimeter	Cavity R-Value	Cont. R-Value	Prop. U-Factor	Req. U-Factor	Prop. UA	Req. UA
Ceiling area of home forming top of insulation envelope: Flat Ceiling or Scissor Truss	307	30.0	0.0	0.035	0.026	11	8
Wall area of home forming sides of insulation envelope: Wood Frame, 16" o.c.	461	13.0	0.0	0.082	0.060	11	8
Energy efficient door unit: Glass Door (over 50% glazing) SHGC: 0.25	42			0.300	0.320	13	13
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Window area of home using energy efficient units: Vinyl Frame SHGC: 0.25	202			0.290	0.320	59	65
Subfloor of home forming bottom of insulation envelope: All-Wood Joist/Truss	307	19.0	0.0	0.047	0.047	14	14

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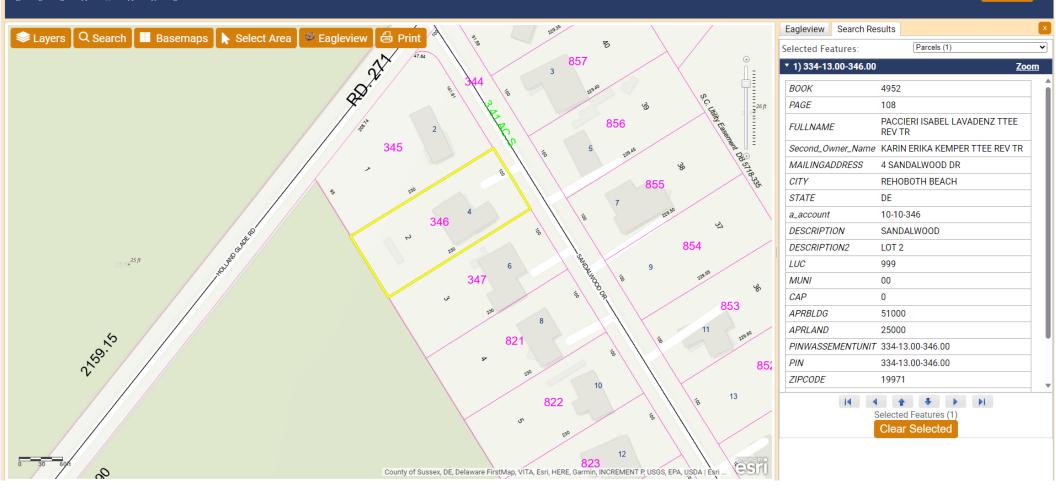
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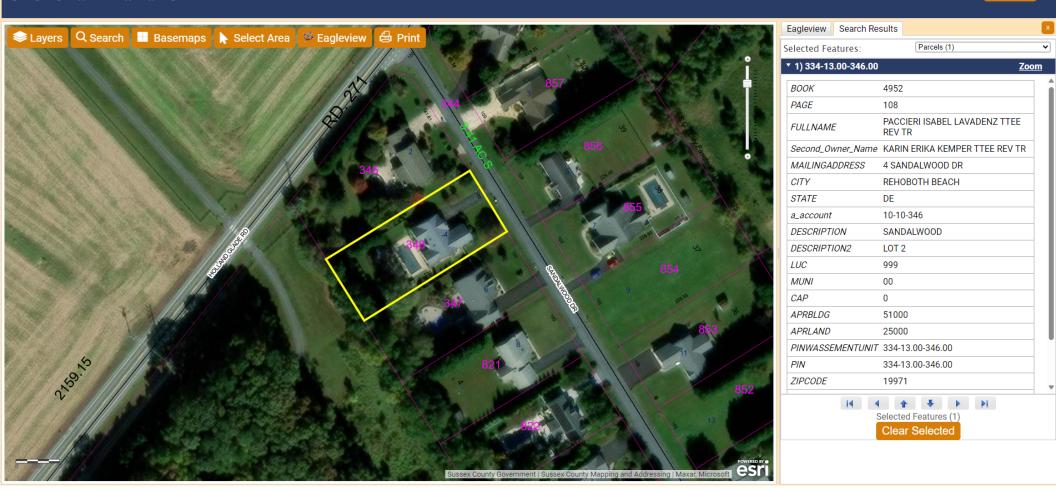
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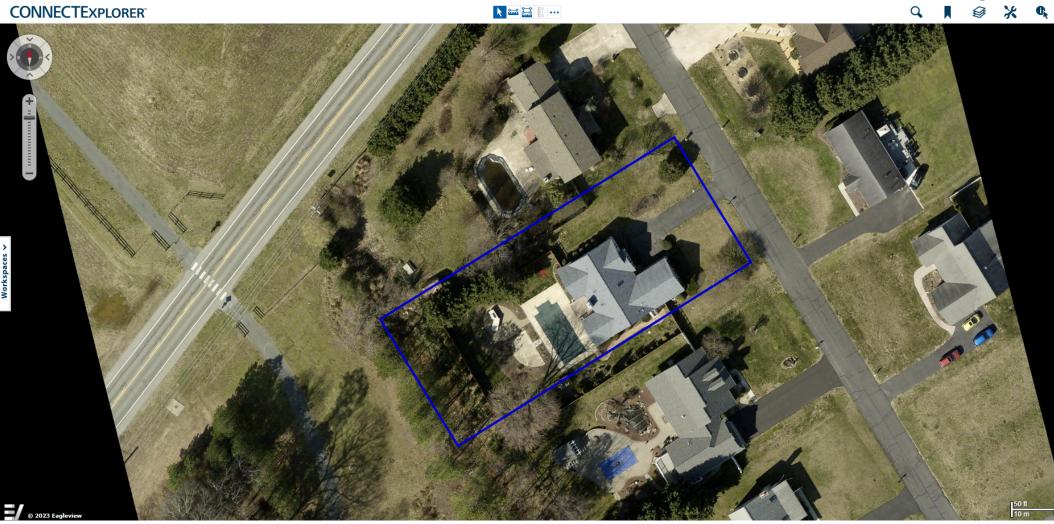
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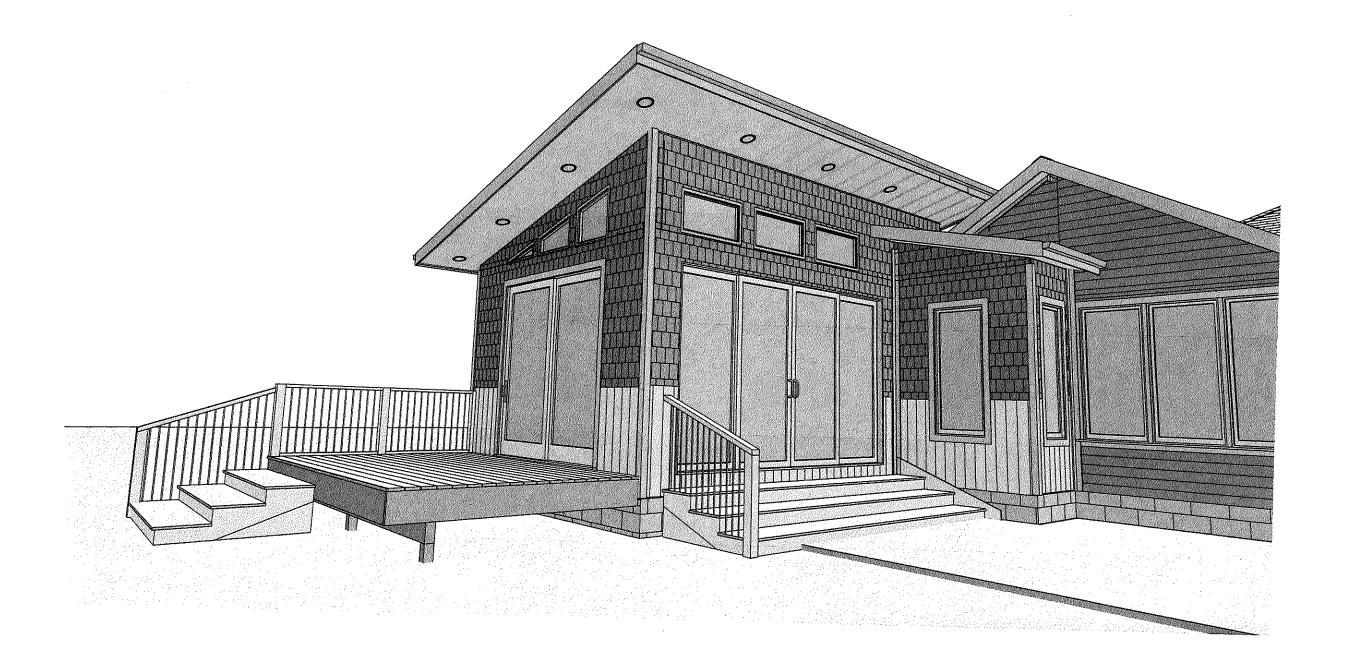
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PROPOSED STUDIO ADDITION

4 SANDALWOOD DRIVE REHOBOTH BEACH, DE 19971

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3 PROPOSED LAYOUT	
4 FOUNDATION & DETAILS 5 INT. ELEVATIONS & FRAMING	

HOMEOWNER & CONTRACTOR: TO VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS, STRUCTURAL DETAILS, AND BUILDING CODES, AND GRADE REQUIREMENTS.

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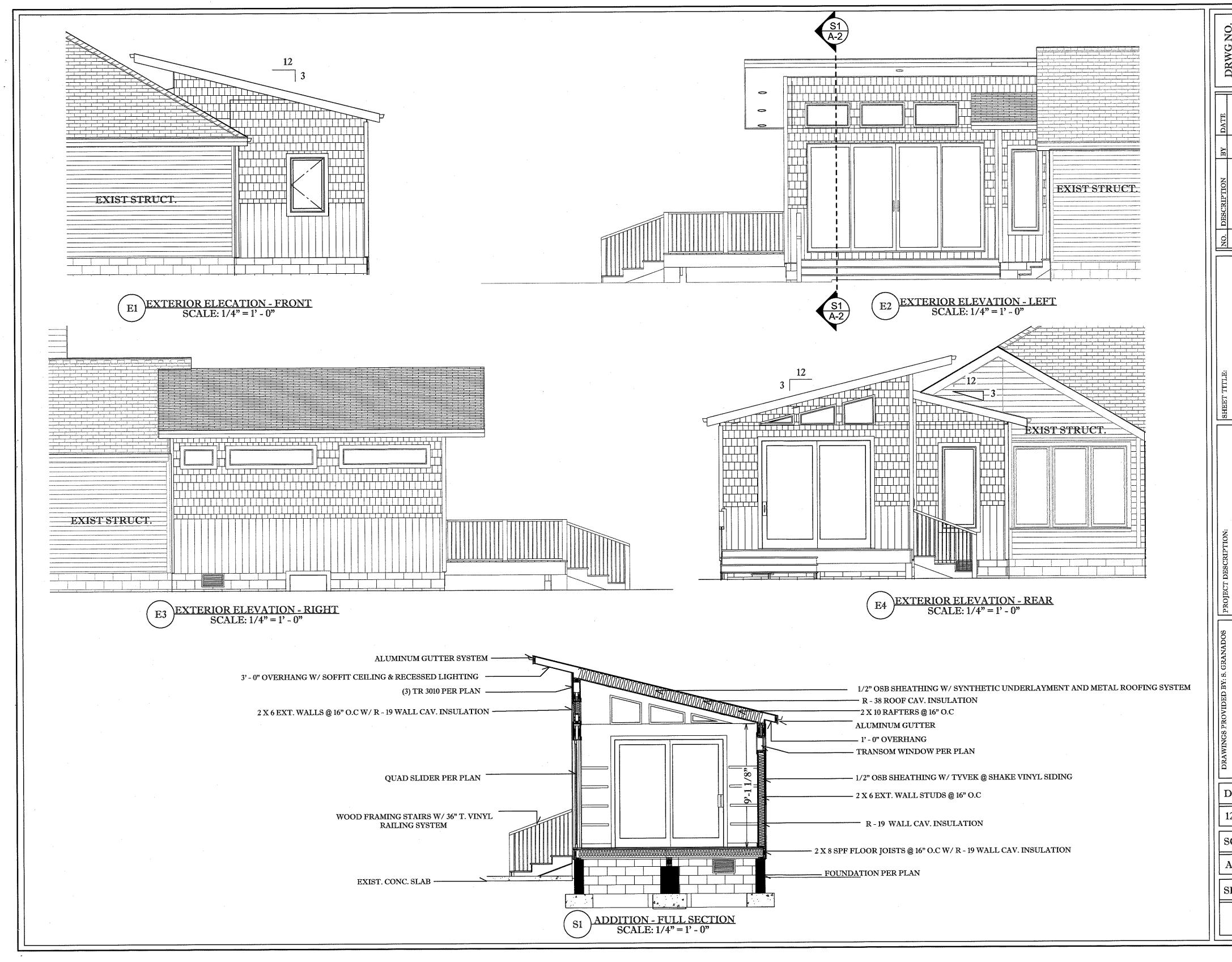
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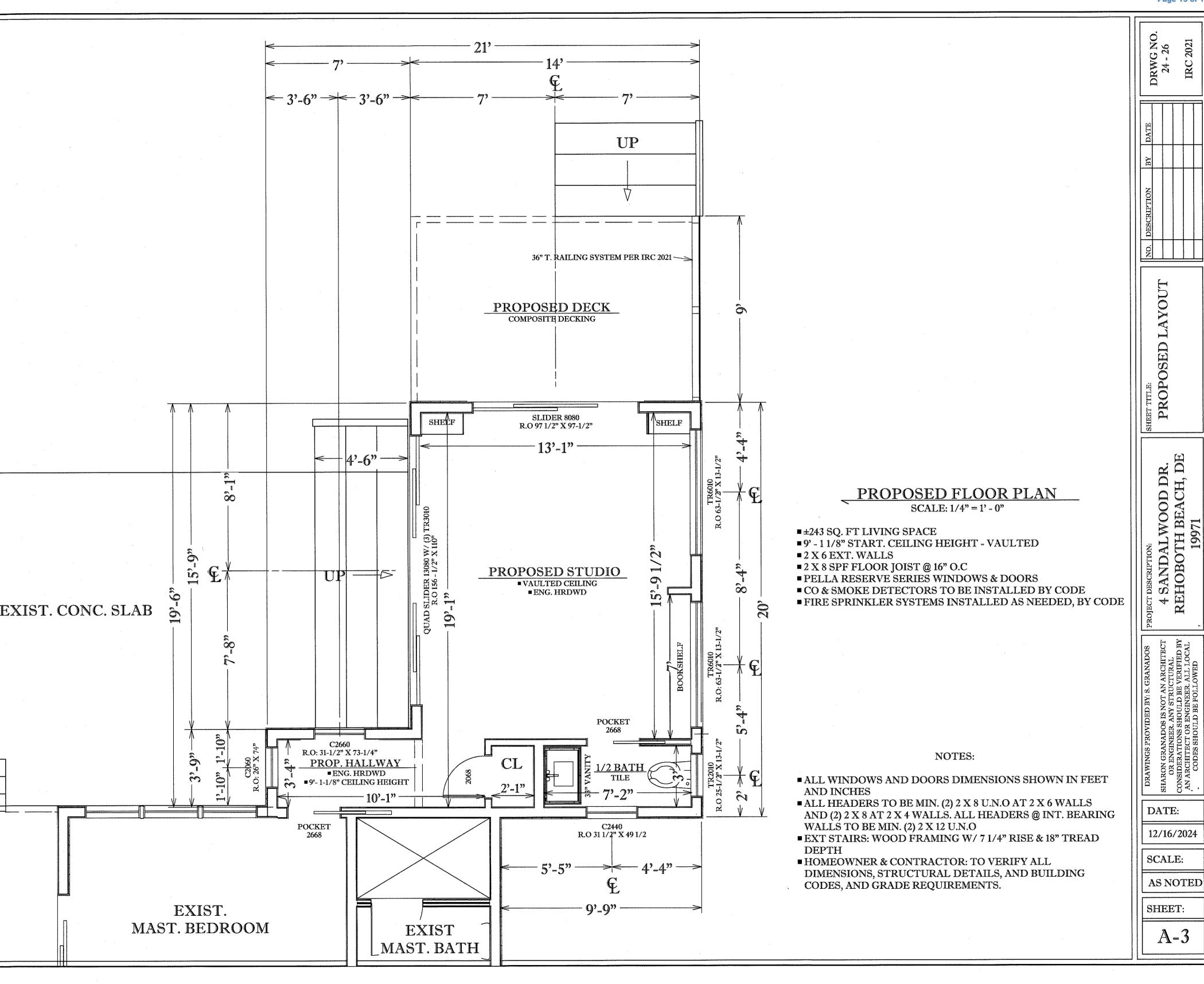
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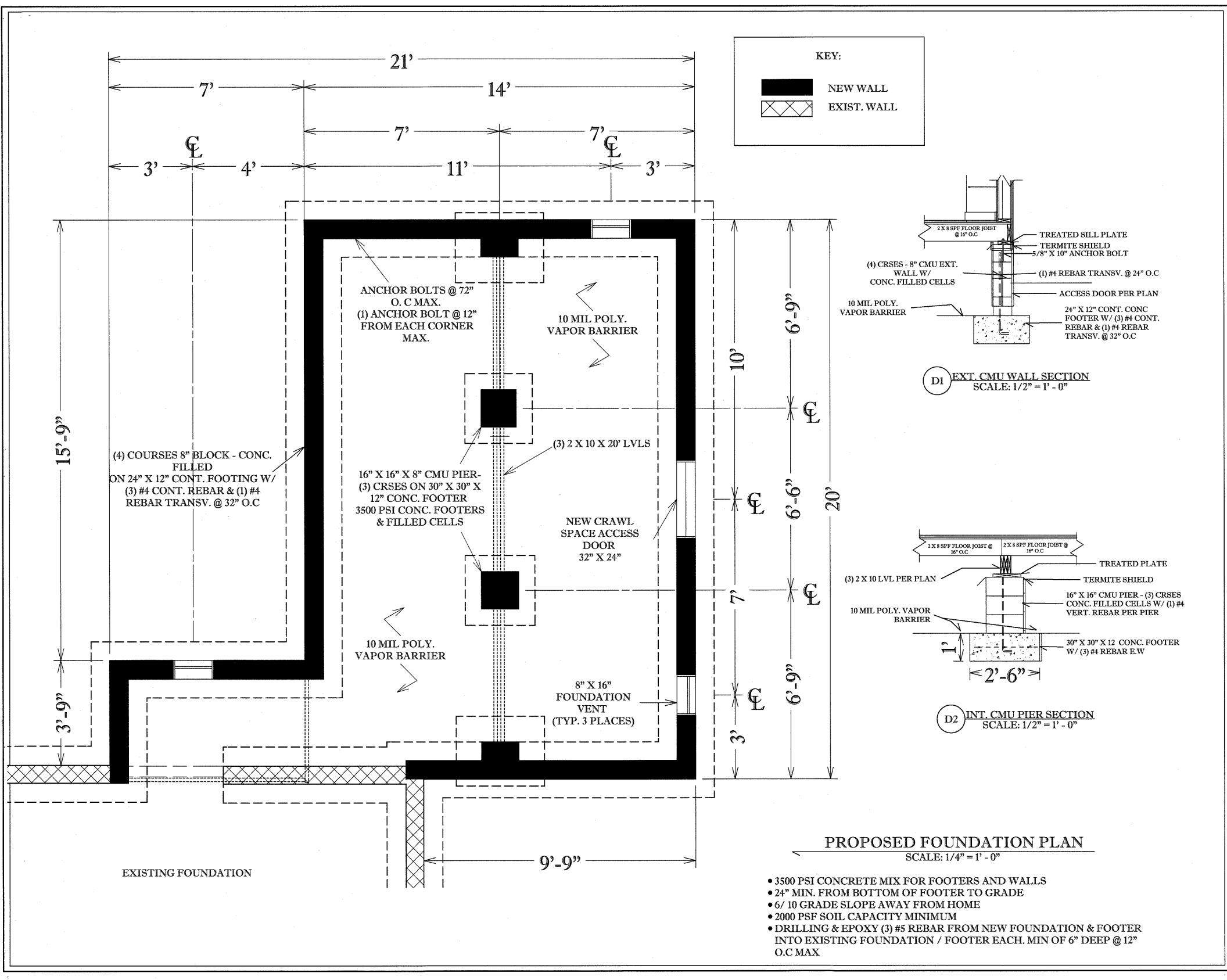
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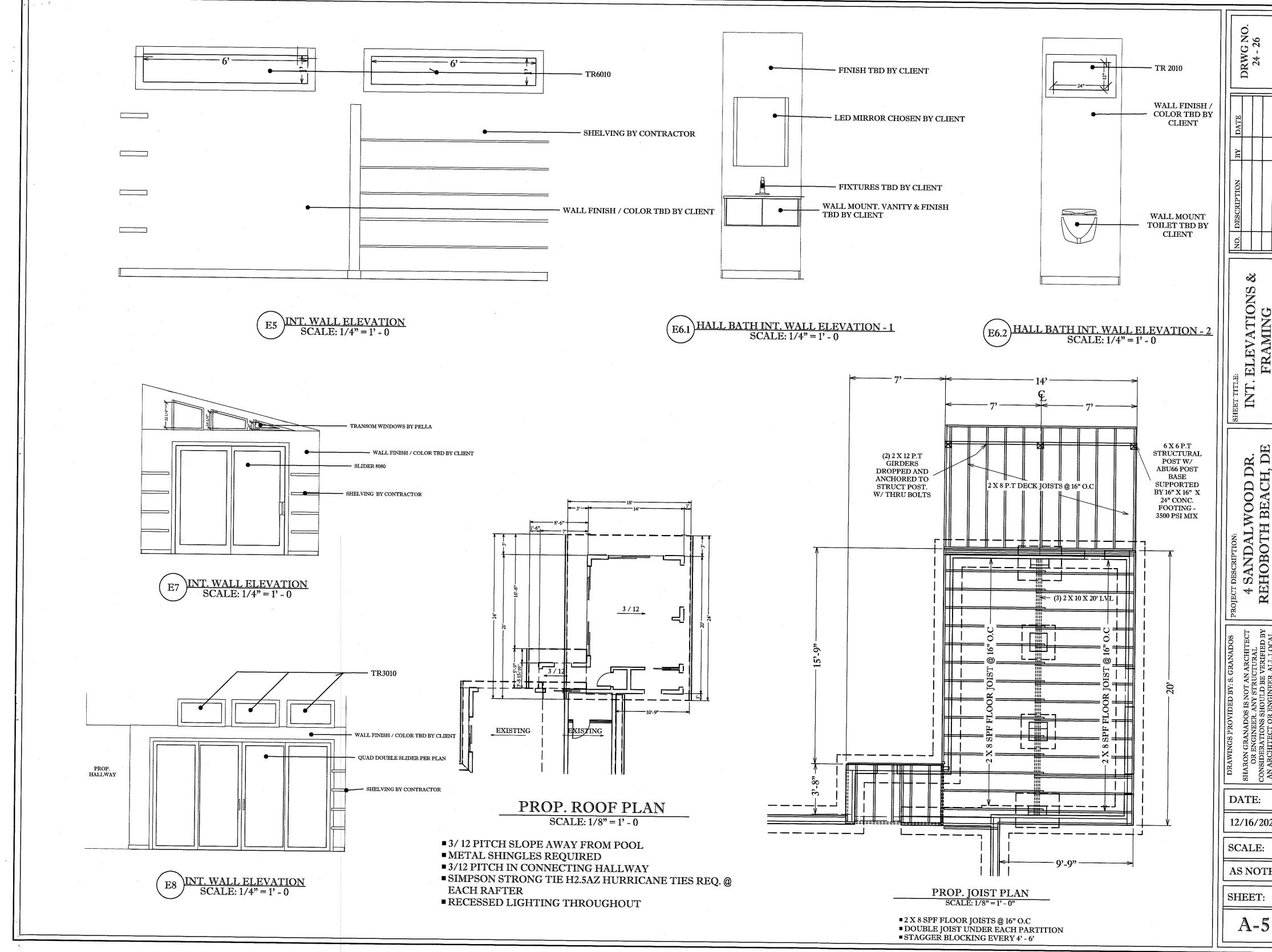
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Board of Adjustment Application Sussex County, Delaware

Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department 2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947 302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax Case # 13035 Hearing Date 1-27-1015 2024 18350

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Type of Application: (please check all applicable)	SUSSEX COUNTY
Variance Special Use Exception Administrative Variance Appeal	Existing Condition LANNING & ZONING Proposed Code Reference (office use only)
Site Address of Variance/Special Use Exception: 32952 Misty Lane, Lewes, DE 19958	
Variance/Special Use Exception/Appeal Requested: Request to allow an existing garage wall to be within the 10' Side Yard property line as it stands today. The garage is currently detached from therefore not subject to the 10' setback), but we would like to connect to would make the garage subject to the 10' setback.	the primary existing structure (and
Tax Map #: 334-11.00-95.00	Property Zoning: GR
Applicant Information	
Applicant Name: Brian Cox Applicant Address: 32952 Misty Lane City Lewes State DE Zip: 199 Applicant Phone #: (201) 572-6596 Applicant e-mail	958 ail: 32952mistylane@gmail.com
Owner Information	
Owner Name: Brian Cox	
Owner Address: 32952 Misty Lane	
City Lewes State DE Zip: 199	958 Purchase Date: 4/19/23
Owner Phone #: (201) 572-6596	32952mistylane@gmail.com
Agent/Attorney Information	
Agent/Attorney Name:	
Agent/Attorney Address:	
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Criteria for a Variance: (Please provide a written statement regarding each criteria).

You shall demonstrate to the Board of Adjustment that the property meets <u>all</u> of the following criteria for a Variance to be granted.

In granting any variance the Board may attach such reasonable conditions and safeguards as it may deem necessary to implement the purposes of the Zoning Ordinance or Code. The Board is empowered in no case, however, to grant a variance in the use of land or structures thereon.

1. Uniqueness of property:

That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property and that the exceptional practical difficulty is due to such conditions and not to circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located.

This property is unique due to its narrowness. Although the zoning map shows the property as having 100' of road frontage, in actuality the property is only 91' across when measured perpendicular to the property boundaries with our neighbors. This narrowness is a contributing factor to our request for a variance.

2. Cannot otherwise be developed:

That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or Code and that the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property.

The reason we are connecting the garage to the primary structure is so that we can add an elevator in the new "connecting" structure for our disabled adult daughter who lives with us. Without the variance we would have to tear down the current garage and "move" it closer, but then there would not be enough room for all of the desired features of the new construction.

3. Not created by the applicant:

That such exceptional practical difficulty has not been created by the appellant.

Having purchased the property in 2023 we did not place the garage in its current location. We are trying to work with the structure as-is and as constructed by a prior owner, who placed the garage 5.9' from the property line at its closest point of approach.

4. Will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood:

That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located and nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use of development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare.

Because the garage is already sitting 5.9' from the property line, the new construction - if approved - will not affect our neighbor at all. The garage wall would remain 5.9' from the property line. The only change would be in the space between the garage and primary structure, and our planned construction would be consistent with the character of the neighborhood.

5. Minimum variance:

That the variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum variance that will afford relief and will represent the least modification possible of the regulation in issue.

We feel that the variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum variance since we are not changing the existing wall and its 5.9' setback from the property line. This allows for the least modification of existing structures also.

Sussex County, DE - BOA Application

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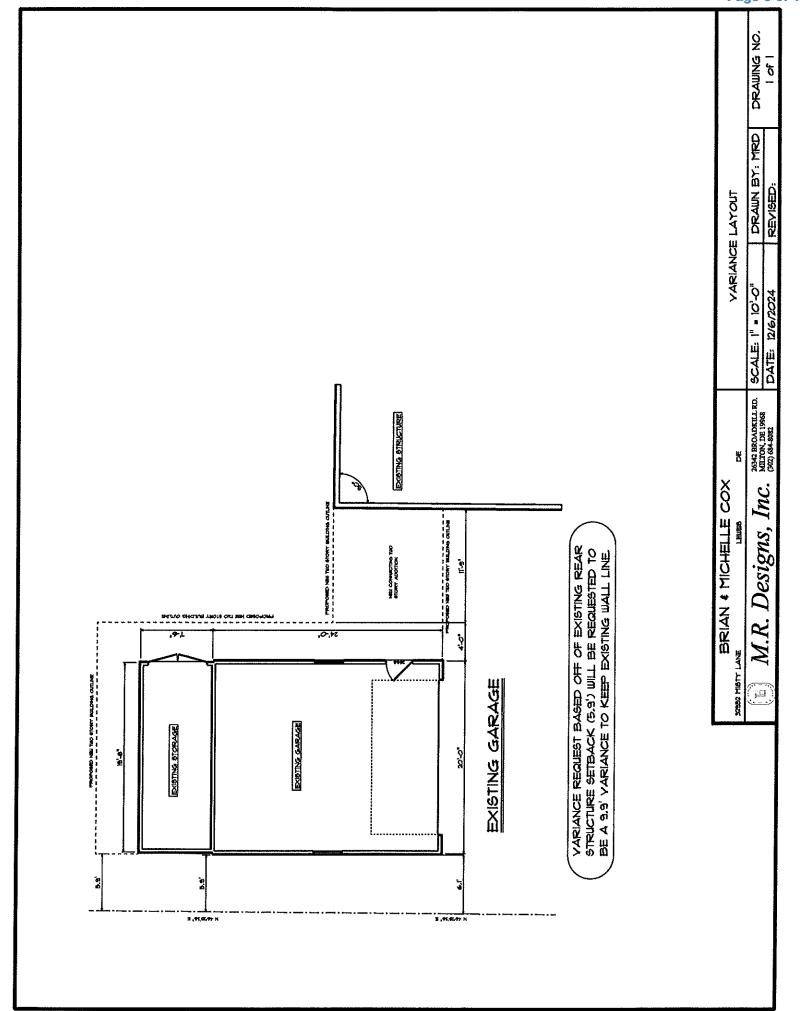
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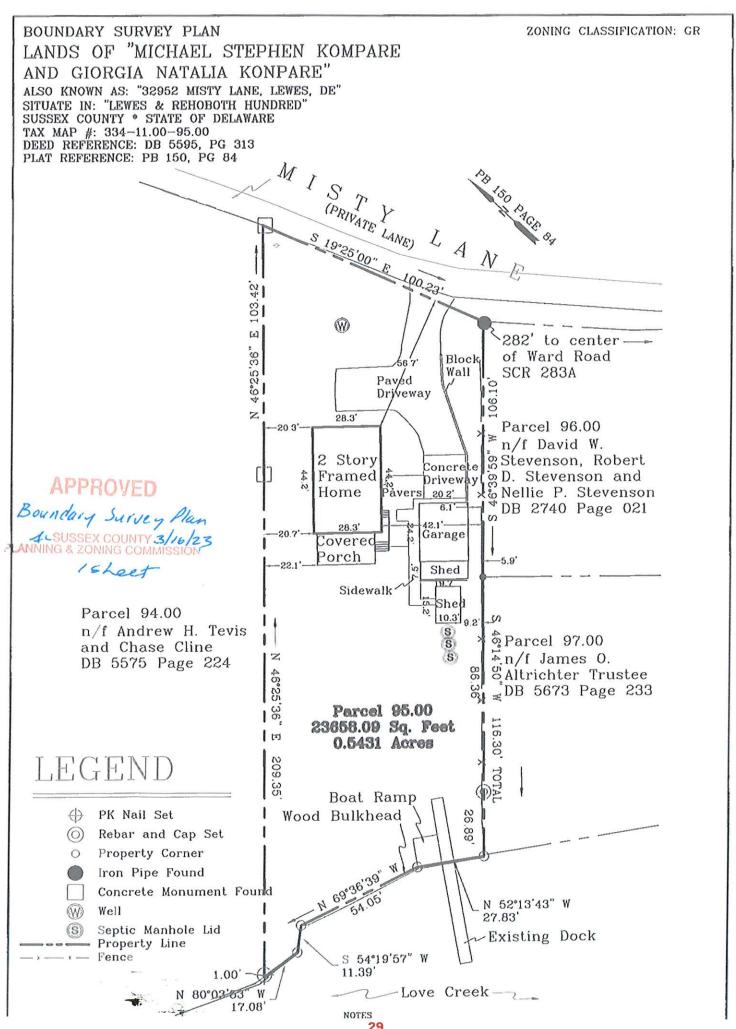
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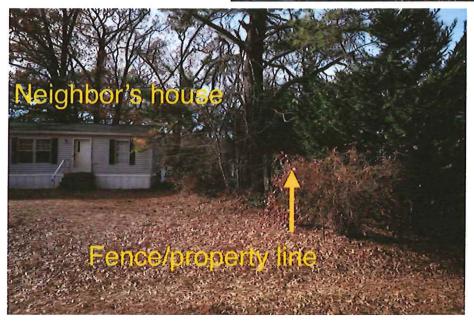
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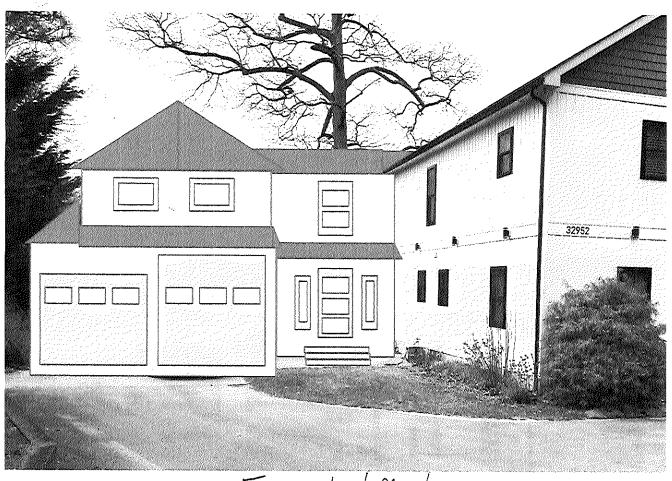




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