Board of Zoning Appeals



Minutes for the Tuesday, December 5, 2023, Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 100 Georgia Avenue

Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals

Wesley Summers

Chairman

Bill Burkhalter

Kathie Stallworth

Jim Newman

Kevin Scaggs

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REGULAR MEETING

- **1.** <u>Call to Order</u> 6:00 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call Members Kathie Stallworth, Kevin Scaggs, Bill Burkhalter and Jim Newman were all in attendance.
- 3. Approval of Minutes Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 7, 2023.
- 4. Confirmation of Agenda Minutes was approved as submitted.
- 5. <u>ZV23-013</u>- A request by Butler Pond, LLC for a variance from Section 13.8.2.c.i.d.ii of the North Augusta Development Code to allow a hanging sign with monument style column in a residential zoning district. The application affects an area located at approximately 789 West Five Notch Road, TPN 127-00-01-074 on ±27.54 acres zoned PD, Planned Development.
 - a. **Public Hearing** The purpose of the hearing to receive public comment on the application.

Tommy Paradise stated the North Augusta Development Code requires that a subdivision have a monument sign. Mr. Paradise described a monument sign as a single sign structure with a base. The developer had proposed a shingle style sign, hanging from a brick column which has prompted the need a variance.

Developer Danny Geddes, 100 Cottonwood Ct was sworn in at the podium. Mr. Geddes stated that his concern is the visibility from the roadway. He continued by stating that if the sign was a monument sign, it would force the sign to be moved further from the roadway, making the signage less visible. He spoke about the proposed signage being similar to existing subdivision signs nearby.

Kathie Stallworth questioned if there would be multiple entrances into the Butler's Pond subdivision.

Danny Geddes explained that there will only be one entry point for the subdivision. He continued by stating the one of the road names are Beautiful Pond Park and there is a pond located within the subdivision.

Public Hearing was closed.

b. **Consideration** – Consideration of Application ZV23-013 by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Kevin Scaggs made the first motion to be granted with the following conditions:

- 1. This variance will apply only to the property and the sign details as submitted, should the sign need to be replaced it should meet the requirements of the sign code in place at the time or request another variance applicable.
- 2. The proposed sign and location should not be placed in the sight triangle.

Bill Burkhalter seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

6. Adjourn 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Thomas L. Paradise

Director of Planning and Development Secretary to the Board of Zoning Appeals

Department of Planning and **Development**



Project Staff Report

ZV24-001 Parker's Kitchen #117 Signage

Prepared by: La'Stacia Reese/Tommy Paradise

Meeting Date: February 6, 2024

SECTION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Name	Parker's Kitchen #117 Signage		
Applicant	Drayton Parker Companies, LLC		
Agent	Tiffany Jackson		
Address/Location	5747 Jefferson Davis Hwy		
Parcel Number	013-18-05-001		
Total Development Size	± 5.5 acres		
Existing Zoning	TC, Thoroughfare Commercial		
Overlay	N/A		
Variance Requested	NADC Article 9, Table 9-2 Signs Permitted by District and Table		
	9-3 Sign Areas Permitted.		

SECTION 2: BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS CONSIDERATION

Per NADC § 18.4.5.4.2, the Board of Zoning Appeals shall hear and decide appeals for variances from the requirements of Article 3, Zoning Districts, and Article 13, Signs, when strict application of the regulations would result in unnecessary hardship.

A variance may be granted in an individual case of unnecessary hardship if the Board of Zoning Appeals makes and explains in writing, all of the following:

- 1. An unnecessary hardship exists;
- 2. There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property;
- 3. The conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity;
- 4. Because of the conditions, the application of this Chapter to the particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property; and
- 5. The authorization of a variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance. Harm to the character of the district may include structures

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that are significantly out of scale, and the creation or potential for the creation of excessive noise, light, traffic or incompatible late night activity. (Rev. 12-1-08; Ord. 2008-18)

- 6. In the approval of an application for a variance from the provisions of Article 13, Signs, regulating the size, height, appearance, or location of a sign, the Board of Zoning Appeals shall also find that no alternative signage solution that complies with the provisions of Article 13 is available and would provide adequate visibility, recognition and understanding.
- 7. The Board of Zoning Appeals may not grant a variance the effect of which would be:
 - a. To allow the establishment of a use not otherwise permitted in a zoning district.
 - b. To extend physically a nonconforming use of land.
 - c. To change zoning district boundaries shown on the official zoning map.
- 8. If the unnecessary hardship is self-imposed by the applicant the variance should not be granted.
- 9. The fact that property may be utilized more profitably, should a variance be granted, shall not be considered grounds for a variance.
- 10. In granting a variance, the Board of Zoning Appeals may attach to it such conditions regarding the location, character, or other features of the proposed building, structure, or use as the Board may consider advisable to promote the public health, safety, or general welfare.

Based on these findings of fact, the Board of Zoning Appeals may approve, approve with conditions, or deny the request.

SECTION 3: PUBLIC NOTICE

The application and description were advertised via a public notice describing the variance request and advertising the scheduled date of the Board of Zoning Appeals hearing in *The Star* and www.northaugustasc.gov on January 17, 2024. A written notice of the variance request and scheduled date of the Board of Zoning Appeals hearing was mailed to the owners of property within 200 feet of the subject property on January 17, 2024. The property was posted with the required public notice on January 17, 2024.

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SECTION 4: SITE HISTORY

The subject property, before subdivision, was partially annexed into the City in May 1984 under Ordinance 84-09, which was to be a part of the future subdivision River North. The remaining portion of the property was annexed into the City in May 1988 under Ordinance 88-07.

A portion of the parcel was subdivided in May 2023 to create TPN 013-18-05-001 for the future construction of Parker's Kitchen, a convenience store with gasoline sales.

SECTION 5: EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

	Existing Land Use	<u>Future Land Use</u>	Zoning
Subject Parcel	Vacant	Industrial	TC, Thoroughfare
			Commercial
North	Interstate	N/A	N/A
	(Palmetto Pkwy)		
South	Vacant	Industrial	TC, Thoroughfare
			Commercial
East	Automobile sales	Industrial	TC, Thoroughfare
			Commercial
West	Vacant	Industrial	TC, Thoroughfare
			Commercial

Access – The site currently has access from Jefferson Davis Highway.

<u>Topography</u> – The subject property is flat near Palmetto Parkway, then slopes steeply towards the west.

<u>Utilities</u> – Water and sewer are existing.

<u>Floodplain</u> – The subject property is not located within a federally designated floodway.

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<u>Drainage Basin</u> –The subject property is located within the Womrath Basin. This basin includes the area located from the junction of Knox Avenue and Old Edgefield Road back to Carolina Springs/Womrath Road. The water flows from these areas and then crosses Old Aiken Road and beyond until it crosses Highway 1 (Aiken/Augusta Highway). From there, the unnamed creek empties into wetlands located adjacent to Horse Creek. This basin is sampled at the TTX Plant located off of Hamburg Road.

SECTION 6: STAFF EVALUATION AND ANALYSIS

Following is analysis required by NADC §5.1.4.5.b (Staff commentary is *italicized*):

- 1. An unnecessary hardship exists;
 - The applicant states that the development code does not have an allowance for a high-rise sign. Due to the topography and location of the subject property, a high-rise sign is appropriate to allow interstate travelers and potential patrons adequate information and response time.

Staff notes that the subject property is located across from the exit of Palmetto Parkway (I-520). Staff also concurs with applicants' statement that the development code does not allow a high-rise sign. The City has two interstates within its jurisdiction (I-20 and I-520). The silence in the development code on the issue indicates the policy position of the City that such signs are not allowed.

- 2. There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property;
 - The applicant states that the elevation and/or topography of the site is an exceptional condition that is unique to the property and how they relate to the appeal for the variance.

Staff notes that the high-rise signage is to engage customers traveling along an interstate highway, I-520. Based on the information submitted by the applicant, the signage is designed to visible for ½ mile.

Staff would also note that the SC Department of Transportation has developed the Highway Advertising Control Act that is designed to provide motorists with business identification and directional information for essential motorist services and for eligible attractions. This signage is for businesses that provide gas, food, lodging, camping, or attraction services to motorists and includes the business logo.

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- 3. The conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity;
 - The applicant states that other properties in the area do not have the same elevation and/or topography concerns as the subject property.

Staff notes that the topography of the property is mostly flat towards Palmetto Parkway, then slopes steeply to the west. Surrounding properties in the vicinity of the subject property have several diverse uses with varying topography.

Staff also notes that other businesses in the area would be similarly situated with requested high-rise signage to engage business from I-520.

- Because of the conditions, the application of this Chapter to the particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property; and
 - The applicant states that the Development Code does not have an allowance for a high-rise sign.

Staff notes sign regulations apply to all property within North Augusta municipal limits. The failure of the development code to allow for a high-rise sign indicates the City's policy position against allowing them.

- 5. The authorization of a variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance. Harm to the character of the district may include structures that are significantly out of scale, and the creation or potential for the creation of excessive noise, light, traffic or incompatible late night activity. (Rev. 12-1-08; Ord. 2008-18)
 - The applicant states that the size and proposed location of the sign will not
 adversely impact adjacent properties. Granting the variance will not be of
 substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good, or harmful to the
 character of the district.

Staff notes that the adjacent property is currently vacant. Staff also notes that I-520 does not have any high-rise signage in the corridor. The approval of this high-rise sign may set a precedent that would allow additional high-rise signs from the adjacent car dealerships and other business adjacent to I-520 as the corridor develops. This could detract from the visual openness of the corridor and promote a cluttered look.

• The applicant states that there is no other signage that would provide visibility from the interstate.

Staff notes that the maximum square footage allowed is 300 sq. ft for all signs, or 10% of the ground floor area, or 3 sq. ft per linear foot of frontage, whichever is less. Depending on the proposed wall signage for the building, the amount allowed for the freestanding sign may be less. The maximum height is 25 ft. Staff would also note that SCDOT provides an alternative through the Highway Advertising Control Act.

Staff notes that the applicant is allowed one sign per lot of record and off-site signage is prohibited. Is there additional signage planned for Jefferson Davis Highway?

- 7. The Board of Zoning Appeals may not grant a variance the effect of which would be:
 - a To allow the establishment of a use not otherwise permitted in a zoning district.
 - Signs are allowed in commercial zoning districts within the stated regulatory limits.
 - b To extend physically a nonconforming use of land.
 - The variance does not extend a physically nonconforming use of land.
 - c To change zoning district boundaries shown on the official zoning map.
 - The application does not propose a change to the zoning district boundaries.
- 8. If the unnecessary hardship is self-imposed by the applicant the variance should not be granted.
 - The applicant states the location and circumstances of the property warrant the variance request.

Staff would note that the site was vacant land and the applicant chose to develop this particular parcel with this particular use.

9. The fact that property may be utilized more profitably, should a variance be granted, shall not be considered grounds for a variance.

Staff recognizes that the property will operate as a convenience store with gasoline sales and staff believes that the larger sign designed to attract customers from ½ mile away is designed to increase sales.

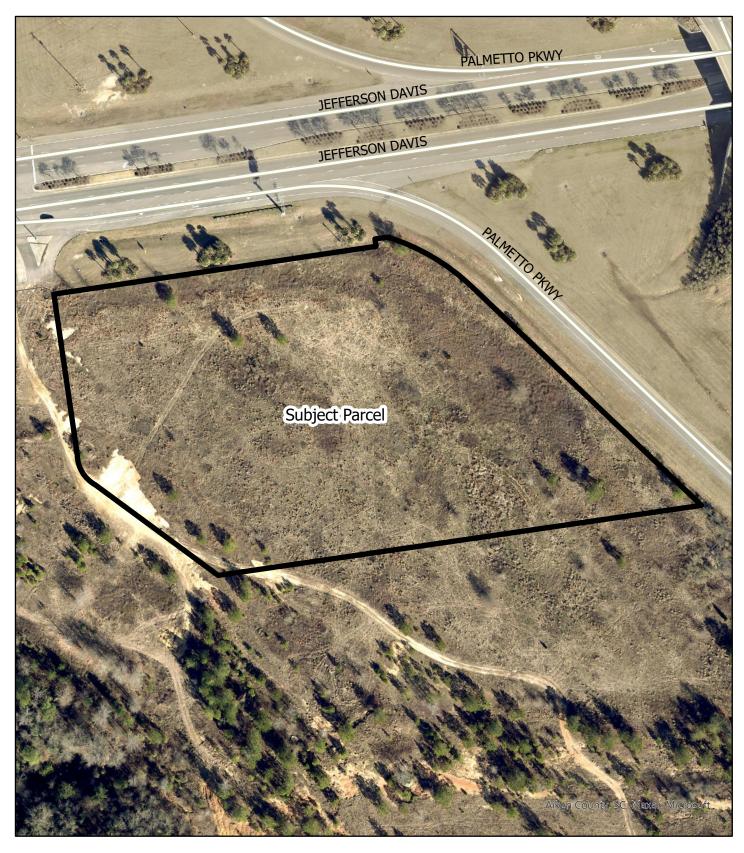
10. In granting a variance, the Board of Zoning Appeals may attach to it such conditions regarding the location, character, or other features of the proposed building, structure, or use as the Board may consider advisable to promote the public health, safety, or general welfare.

The Planning Director recommends denial of this application. However, if the Board should approve the request, staff would recommend the following conditions, but all conditions are at the discretion of the Board of Zoning Appeals:

- 1. This variance, if granted, will apply only to this property and the sign details as submitted. Square footage and height limits should be specified by the Board.
- 2. Wall signages on the building should be limited to 200 sq. ft.
- 3. No other freestanding signage will be allowed.
- 4. All existing wall signage should be brought into conformance or verified to be in conformance with existing regulations.
- 5. The Board would be unable to condition the sign to limit the types or content of advertisements due to recent court cases.
- 6. Any electronic readerboard portions may be no more than 50% of the maximum square footage allowed, with a maximum of 150 sq. ft. or dependent on the final size of the sign. The sign would be expected to follow all the regulated colors, refresh and other regulations of the sign code.

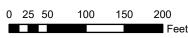
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- 1) Aerial
- 2) Topography
- 3) Current Zoning
- 4) Site Photos
- 5) Public Notice
- 6) Application Materials



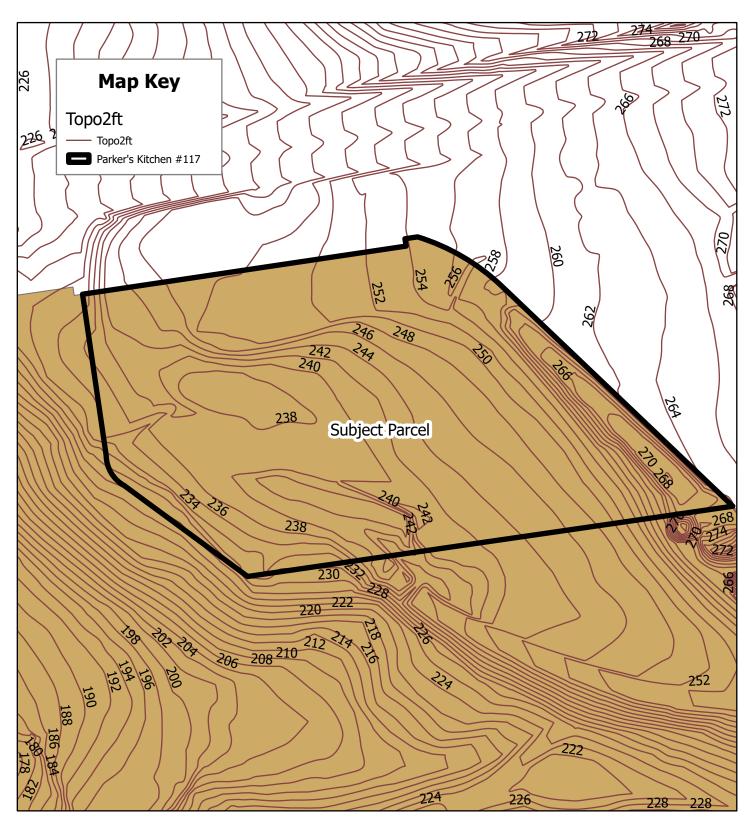


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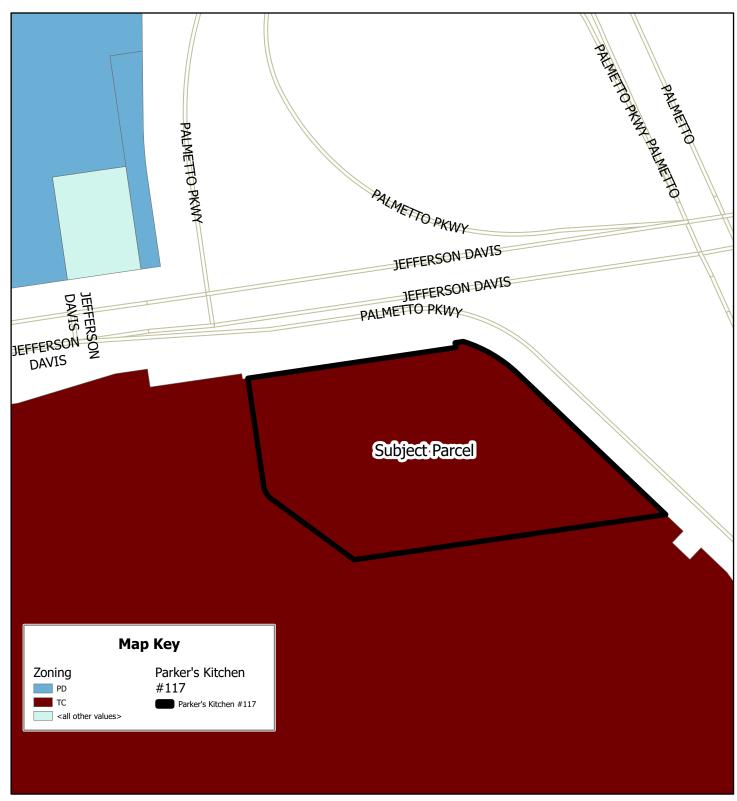






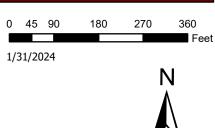
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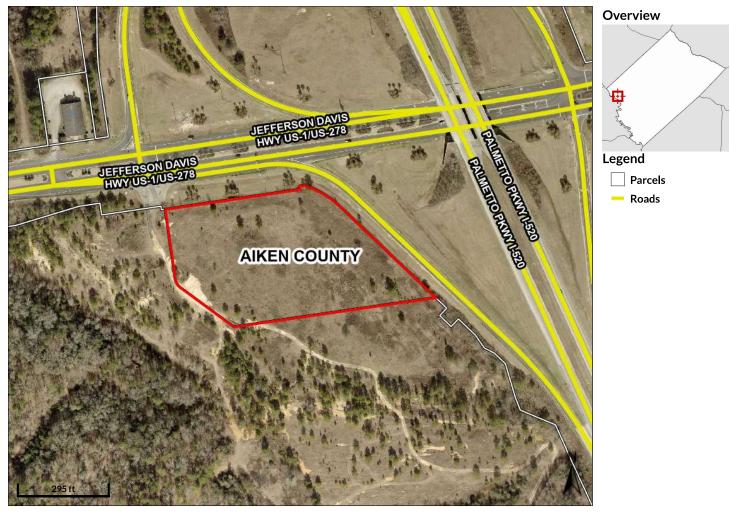




Zoning Map
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Tax Parcel Number
013-18-05-001
Zoned TC, Thoroughfare Commercial



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Parcel ID 013-18-05-001 Alternate ID 682009 Owner Name DRAYTON-PARKER COMPANIES LLC

Property Address5747 JEFFERSON DAVIS HWYClassCOMMERCIAL

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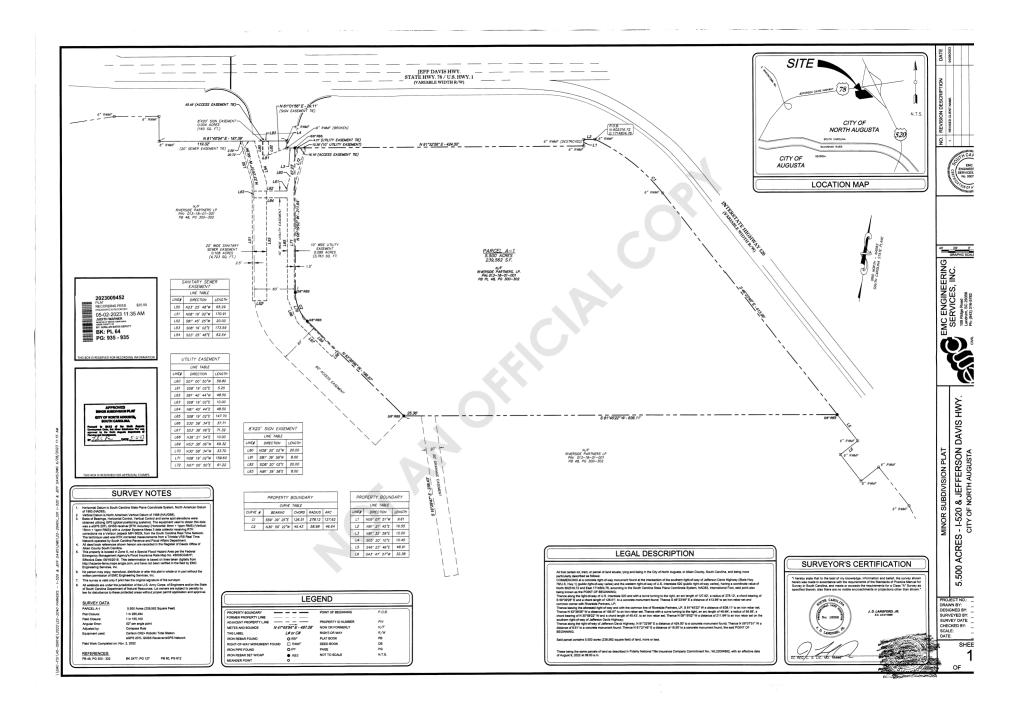
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City of North Augusta, South Carolina

Board of Zoning Appeals

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The North Augusta Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing at its regular monthly meeting beginning at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 in the Council Chambers, North Augusta Municipal Center, 100 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, South Carolina, to receive public input on the following applications:

ZV24-001 - A request by Drayton Parker Companies, LLC for a variance to allow placement of a high-rise sign from Table 9-2 Signs Permitted by District and Table 9-3 Sign Areas Permitted of the North Augusta Development Code. The request affects a future convenience store with gasoline sales on ±5.5 acres located at 5747 Jefferson Davis Highway, TPN 013-18-05-001 zoned TC, Thoroughfare Commercial.

ZV24-002 – A request by Daniel Merritt/Seamon Whiteside for a Special Exception to allow a Mini Warehouse/Self-Storage Facility as required by Table 5-1, Use Matrix and Section 5.5.18, Mini Warehouses/Self-Storage of the North Augusta Development Code. The request affects ±3.367 acres located at TPN 011-07-01-013 zoned GC, General Commercial.

Documents related to the applications will be available for public inspection February 1, 2024 in the offices of the Department of Planning and Development on the second floor of the Municipal Center, 100 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, South Carolina and online at www.northaugustasc.gov. All residents and property owners interested in expressing a view on these cases are encouraged to attend or provide written comments to planning@northaugustasc.gov.

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Application for Development Approval

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pplication Number 2 V24-001	Date Received 1/5/24			
Review Fee \$250.00 Date Paid \$1524				
Project Name Parker's Kitchen #117				
Project Address/Location 5747 Jefferson Davis	Highway, North Augusta, SC 29841			
Total Project Acreage5.500 Acres	Current Zoning TC, Thoroughfare Comme			
Tax Parcel Number(s)013-18-05-001				
Applicant/Owner Name Drayton Parker Companies,	I I C Applicant Phone 912 687 0455			
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Mailing Address 171 Crossroads Parkway				
City Savannah ST GA Zip 3140	D7 Emailtjackson@parkersav.com			
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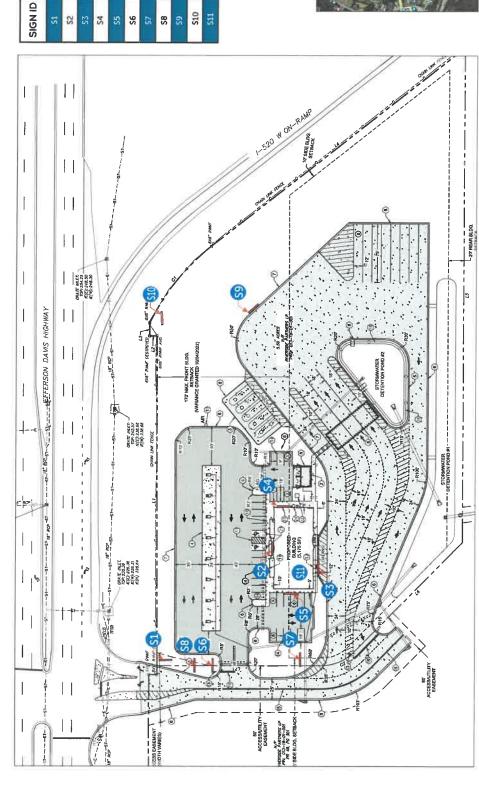
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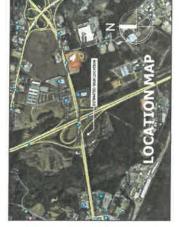
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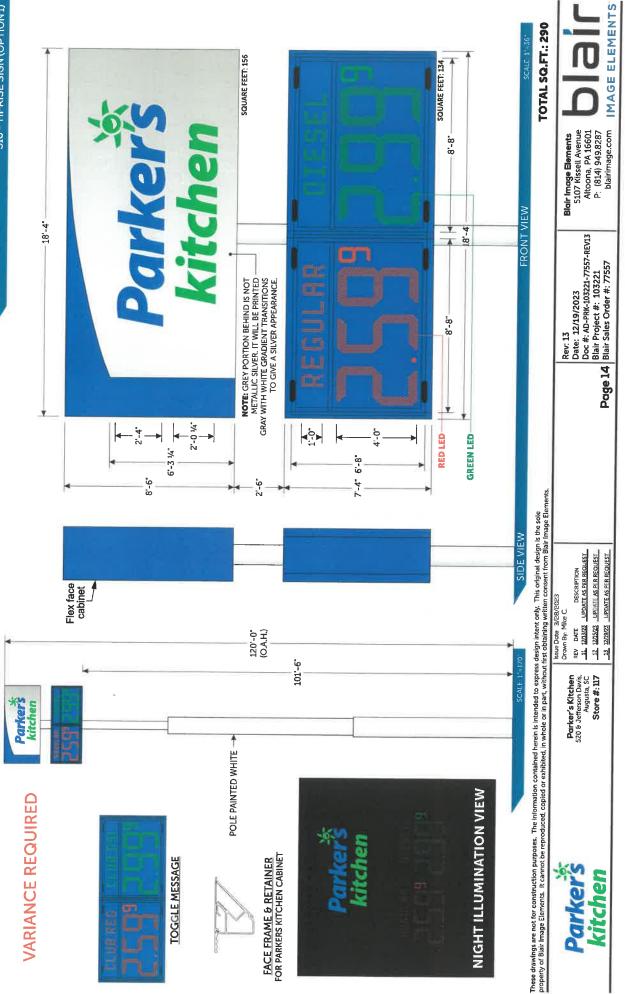
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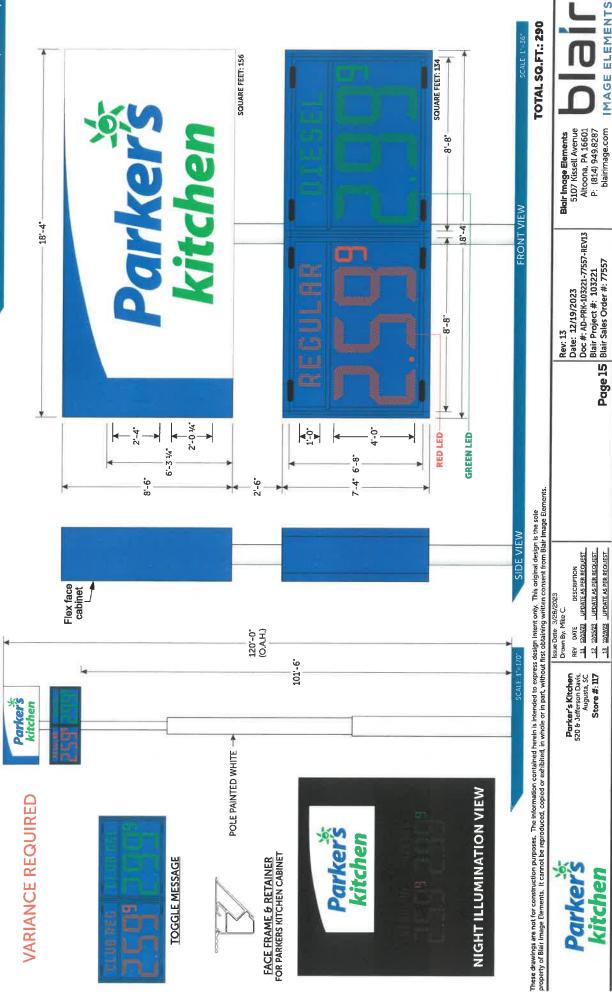
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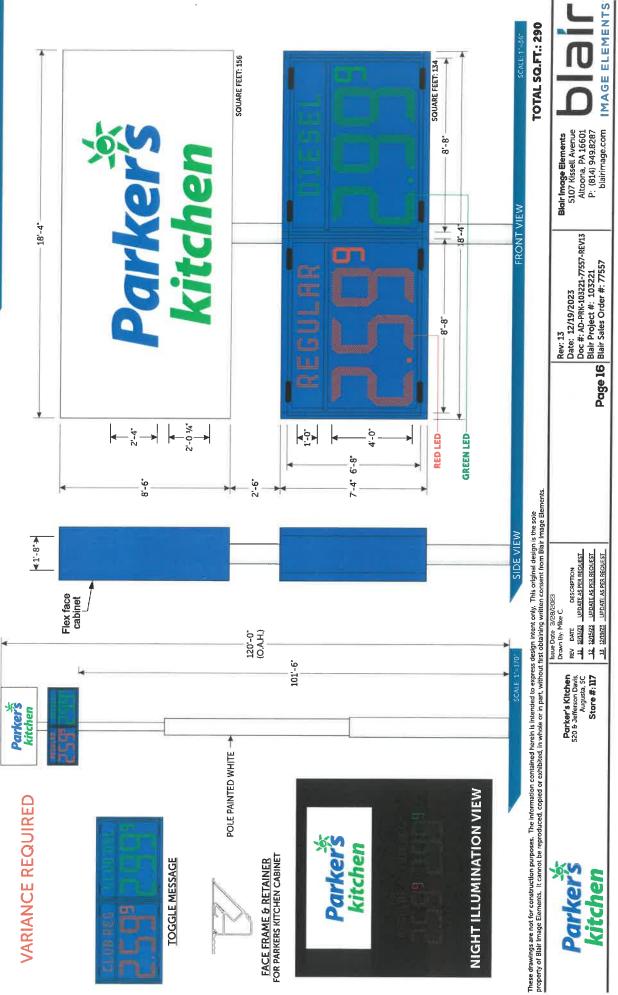
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Project Staff Report

ZV24-002 North Augusta Self-Storage

Prepared by: La'Stacia Reese Meeting Date: February 6, 2024

SECTION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Name	North Augusta Self-Storage		
Applicant	Daniel Merritt/Seamon Whiteside		
Engineer	Timothy L. Buchanan, Jr./Seamon Whiteside		
Address/Location	Approximately 930 Edgefield Road		
Parcel Number	011-07-01-013		
Zoning District	GC, General Commercial		
Overlay District	NA		
Future Land Use	Residential Single-Family		
Proposed Use	Mini warehouse/Self-Storage		
Parcel Size	±3.367 acres		

SECTION 2: BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS CONSIDERATION

North Augusta Development Code (NADC) Section 18.8 establishes the application process for a special exception. Section 18.8.4 of the NADC defines the criteria the Board shall use in hearing and deciding requests for special exceptions. As a part of the hearing, the BZA may impose additional stipulations, conditions, or safeguards as, in its judgment, will enhance the siting of the proposed special exception.

NADC Section 18.8.4 defines the criteria the Board shall use in to hearing and deciding upon requests for special exceptions. The Section reads:

- 1. The use complies with all regulations, conditions, and standards of this Chapter unless approved as a major waiver.
- 2. The use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining properties, or the use is a public necessity.
- 3. The use is of a size, shape, and character suited for the proposed site.
- 4. The location and character of the use, if developed according to the information as submitted and approved, will be compatible with existing uses adjacent to and near the property and will not adversely affect the development of the neighborhood or the district in which the use is proposed.

- 5. The use will not create traffic impacts or parking issues that will endanger public safety or contribute to traffic congestion, or unacceptable adversely impact nearby properties when compared with uses permitted by right in the same zoning district.
- 6. The use is consistent with existing and planned pedestrian and vehicular circulation adjacent to and near the property.
- 7. The use will not be hazardous, detrimental, or disturbing to surrounding land uses due to noise, light, glare, smoke, odor, fumes, water pollution, obstruction of air flow on adjoining properties, or other general nuisances.
- 8. The use will be adequately served by essential public services and facilities and will not require additional public expense.
- 9. The uses will not adversely affect any site or feature of historical, cultural, natural, or scenic importance.
- 10. That the proposed use will not conflict with, but will further, the objectives of the *City of North Augusta Comprehensive Plan*.
- 11. The use will not materially endanger the public health, safety, and welfare if located, designed, and proposed to be operated according to the information submitted. A denial by the BZA based exclusively on this language shall include explicit findings regarding the way in which granting this special exception would endanger public health, safety, and welfare.

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) shall approve the application, approve the application with specified modifications, or disapprove the application. If approved, the Board of Zoning Appeals shall instruct the Planning and Development Director to issue such permit contingent on the specified modifications imposed. If disapproved, the applicant shall be notified in writing of the action disapproving the application, with the reasons therefore.

SECTION 3: PUBLIC NOTICE

A public notice describing the variance request and advertising the scheduled date of the Board of Zoning Appeals hearing was published in the *The Star* and on the City's website, www.northaugustasc.gov, on January 17, 2024. A written notice of the special exception request and scheduled date of the Board of Zoning Appeals hearing was mailed to the owners

of property within 200 feet of the subject property on January 17, 2024. The property was posted with the required public notice on January 17, 2024.

SECTION 4: SITE HISTORY

The subject property was annexed into the City in August 2021 as a ± 14.27 acre tract. This parcel was subdivided into three parcels consisting of ± 8.89 acres, ± 2.01 acres, and ± 3.37 acres. The ± 2.01 acre parcel was developed as a QuikTrip, a convenience store with gasoline sales. The remaining parcels are vacant and this development is proposed to be behind the QuikTrip convenience store

SECTION 5: EXISTING CONDITIONS

	Existing Land Use	Future Land Use	Current Zoning
Subject Parcel	Vacant	Residential Single- Family	GC, General Commercial
North	Vacant	Commercial Retail	GC, General Commercial
South	Vacant	Residential Single Family	GC, General Commercial
East	Convenience store with gasoline sales	Residential Single- Family	GC, General Commercial
West	Vacant	Residential Single- Family	GC, General Commercial

<u>Access</u> – The site currently has access from Edgefield Road. With approval of proposed plans, the proposed site will have access from the new development roadway that has traffic signal access on Hwy 25.

<u>Topography</u> – The subject parcel is relatively flat in the portion to the West proposed to be developed. Higher elevations can be found towards the Southwest portion of the parcel.

<u>Utilities</u> – Water and wastewater service are available. The property is served by the City of North Augusta water and sewer.

Floodplain - The site is not within federally designated floodplain or wetlands.

<u>Drainage Basin</u> – The property is located within the Pole Branch Basin. The basin has an overall poor water quality rating. Pole Branch basin is one of the city's largest basins. The basin borders along Highway 25 at I-20 to Arbor Place off of Walnut Lane and then encompasses Bergen Road and its communities. The Pole Branch watershed includes high density residential, high density commercial, and some industrial areas. Major traffic corridors including Highway 25, I-20, Five Notch Road, and all the neighboring communities impact this watershed. The preliminary physical stream assessments at Pole Branch indicate that this stream channel is currently not effective at transporting current loads of stormwater during heavy storm events. Due to the high nutrient concentrations identified after the first sample event, Pole Branch has been a focus of the city monitoring program and attempts to identify sources of pollution will continue in the basin. As problems are identified, solutions will be implemented in conjunction with increased public education and outreach about the problems in this basin. Stream segment assessments throughout the basin are needed.

SECTION 6: STAFF ANALYSIS

Mini warehouse/Self-Storage facilities are permitted only as Special Exceptions in the GC, General Commercial Zoning District.

Section 5.5.18 of the current NADC states:

5.5.18 Mini Warehouses/Self-Storage

Mini warehouses and self-storage units may be permitted in the zoning districts designated in the Use Matrix, Table 5-1 subject to the following limitations, conditions, and restrictions:

 A site plan of the proposed use and development in accordance with the requirement of Article 18, Administration and Enforcement, shall be submitted to the Director and shall additionally indicate the location of buildings, number of storage units, type and size of storage units, all signage proposed, and the location and type of visual screening and landscaping proposed.

- 2. The development shall be exclusively limited to storage and those activities necessary for the operation, safety, and maintenance of the development.
- 3. Screening consistent with the requirement of Article 8 shall be required and must adequately protect adjacent properties from parking lot and interior roadway illumination, headlights, noise, dust, litter, and debris.
- 4. No advertising signs are permitted on the property other than signs identifying the business and use.
- 5. One dwelling unit is permitted on-site as an accessory use. The dwelling unit shall be occupied by an on-site manager of the mini warehouse/self-storage business.

NADC Section 18.8.4 defines the criteria the Board shall use in to hearing and deciding upon requests for special exceptions. Following is staff analysis of the items submitted. Staff responses are in bold.

- 1. The use complies with all regulations, conditions, and standards of this Chapter unless approved as a major waiver.
 - The applicant states the intent of this development is to meet all applicable requirements of the City of North Augusta Development Code as adopted by City Council on December 18, 2023. The applicant is requesting a reduction in the minimum required parking as indicated in Table 8.1 of the code, as is the applicant's experience that traffic generation for this use is very low, and no more than 12-15 spaces are needed for a facility of this size.

Staff notes that in the NADC Table 8.1 Parking Requirements by Use states that the Minimum Number of Vehicle Spaces for Mini warehouses/self-storage is 4 spaces +1 per 10 units and Maximum Number of Vehicle Spaces being 6 spaces +1.5 per 10 units. A variance from this standard will need to be approved in a separate application.

- 2. The use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining properties, or the use is a public necessity.
 - The applicant states that the proposed use is a fully indoor, climatized selfstorage facility and approval of this development will not substantially

injure the value of adjacent properties. Since this property does not have direct frontage on Hwy 25, the potential for retail/commercial uses is limited. Further, self-storage is a very low traffic and noise generator, and will serve as a transition use from the existing gas station/commercial along Hwy 25 and the adjacent residential uses along Bryant Ave. Sufficient buffering will be provided along property lines as indicated in the City of North Augusta Development Code.

Staff notes that the surrounding properties consist of a mixture of commercial/retail and residential that is located to the east and south of the subject property.

- 3. The use is of a size, shape, and character suited for the proposed site.
 - The applicant states that the proposed building size and dimensions fit with the character of General Commercial zoning. The building height will be less than or equal to the 45' max height allowed by right, and the units within the building are accessed through interior corridors, eliminating the long rows of exterior garage doors that are typically seen on other selfstorage facilities.

Staff notes that the conceptual plan of the proposed storage buildings depict three floors with a total height of 36 feet. Plans depict access through doors on the exterior of the building.

- 4. The location and character of the use, if developed according to the information as submitted and approved, will be compatible with existing uses adjacent to and near the property and will not adversely affect the development of the neighborhood or the district in which the use is proposed.
 - The applicant stated that as indicated, the proposed use is the highest and best use for this parcel as it serves as a low volume, non-retail use in General Commercial zoning.
- 5. The use will not create traffic impacts or parking issues that will endanger public safety or contribute to traffic congestion, or unacceptable adversely impact nearby properties when compared with uses permitted by right in the same zoning district.

• The applicant states that self-storage is traditionally a very low traffic generator, one of the lowest of all commercial uses, with minimal traffic visiting the site on average during a given day. Primary access to the proposed development will be on the new development roadway that has lighted access on Hwy 25, with a secondary access proposed through the QT parcel to the east. No access is proposed onto a residential road.

Staff notes that the ITE Trip Generation Rates indicate a total of 44 vehicle trips a day with the highest volume of 5 vehicle trips in the PM peak hour. Section 11.7.1 requires a Traffic Impact Analysis for project that generate at least 50 peak hour trips.

- 6. The use is consistent with existing and planned pedestrian and vehicular circulation adjacent to and near the property.
 - The applicant states that the proposed and surrounding development are vehicular-oriented commercial development. The proposed use will have minimal, if any, pedestrian traffic, therefore no pedestrian circulation network is proposed. Vehicular access will be provided, with parking and loading/unloading space provided along the perimeter of the building. This vehicular area is intended for loading/unloading only, and shall not be used for the long-term exterior storage of vehicles.

Staff notes that this parcel was a portion of the QuikTrip parcel which was subdivided with the intent and infrastructure to develop this parcel.

- 7. The use will not be hazardous, detrimental, or disturbing to surrounding land uses due to noise, light, glare, smoke, odor, fumes, water pollution, obstruction of air flow on adjoining properties, or other general nuisances.
 - The applicant states that the proposed use will not generate smoke/odor/or fumes, and since the unit access is through internal corridors, noise will be minimal. Lighting will be minimal and will be for the safety of users. Light trespass will be minimized to the extent possible, and LED fixtures will be used.
- 8. The use will be adequately served by essential public services and facilities and will not require additional public expense.

 The applicant states that sufficient public services exist at the site for the proposed use. At this time, additional utility upgrades and public services are not anticipated.

Staff notes that this parcel was a portion of the QuikTrip parcel which was subdivided with the intent and infrastructure to develop this parcel.

- 9. The uses will not adversely affect any site or feature of historical, cultural, natural, or scenic importance.
 - The applicant states that the proposed development site has been cleared and mass graded as part of the previous development. No adverse historical, cultural, natural, or scenic impacts are anticipated.
- 10. That the proposed use will not conflict with, but will further, the objectives of the City of North Augusta Comprehensive Plan.
 - The applicant states that the Comprehensive Plan calls for Mixed-Use development in the area, and the proposed development fits within this future land use. The proposed use provides a needed service for existing and new residents of the City and the larger area.

Staff notes that the surrounding property is suitable for commercial uses and complies with the Comprehensive Plan.

- 11. The use will not materially endanger the public health, safety, and welfare if located, designed, and proposed to be operated according to the information submitted. A denial by the BZA based exclusively on this language shall include explicit findings regarding the way in which granting this special exception would endanger public health, safety, and welfare.
 - The applicant states that as indicated, the proposed use is for the short and long-term storage of residential and business items. Large quantities of hazardous or explosive items shall not be permitted to be stored within the facility, and the proposed use will not endanger public health, safety, and welfare.

SECTION 7: ATTACHMENTS

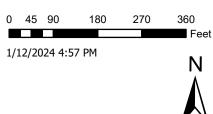
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- 3) Zoning
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- 5) Site Photos
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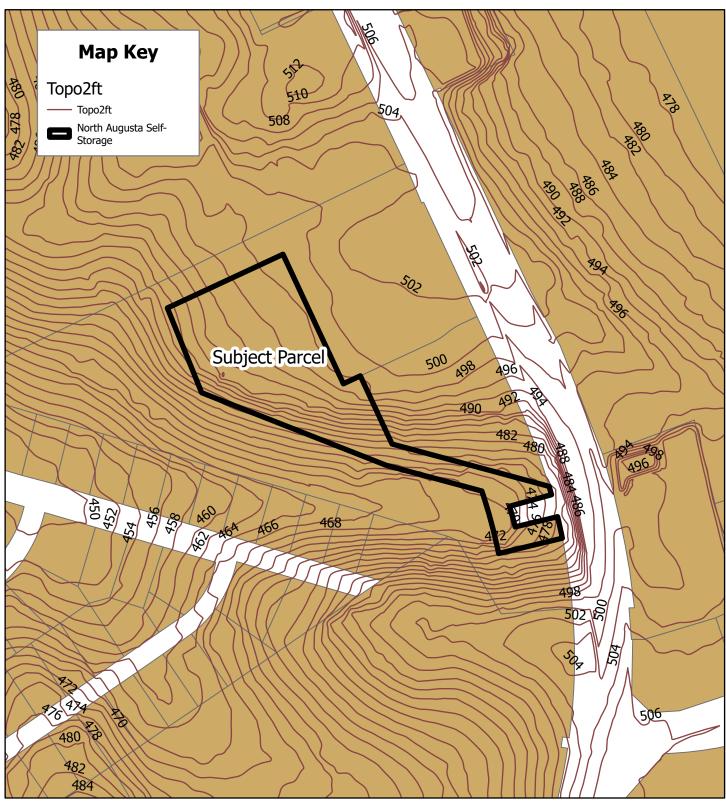
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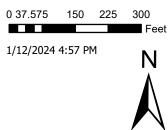
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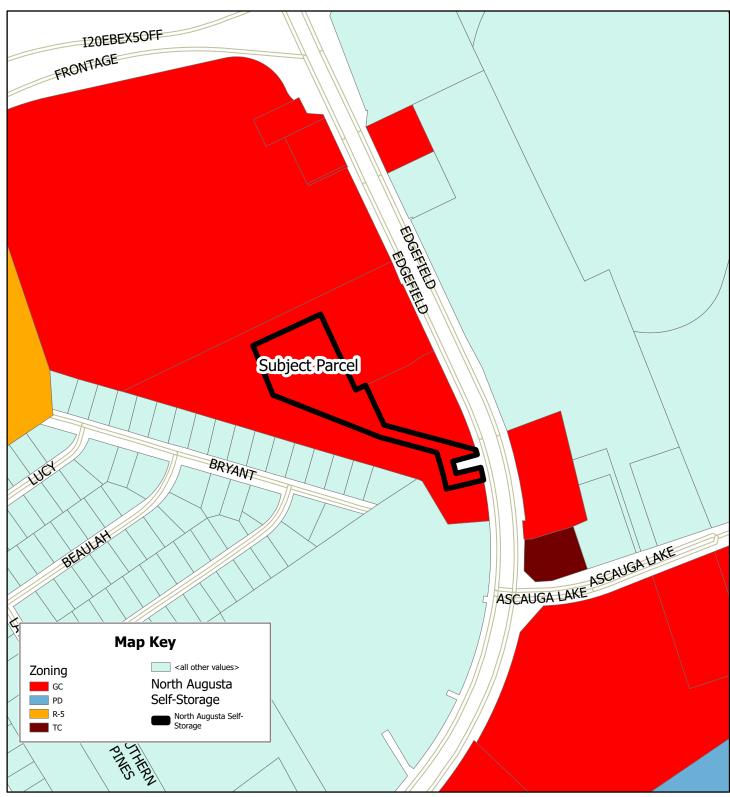






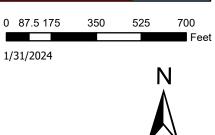
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City of North Augusta, South Carolina

Board of Zoning Appeals

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The North Augusta Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing at its regular monthly meeting beginning at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 in the Council Chambers, North Augusta Municipal Center, 100 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, South Carolina, to receive public input on the following applications:

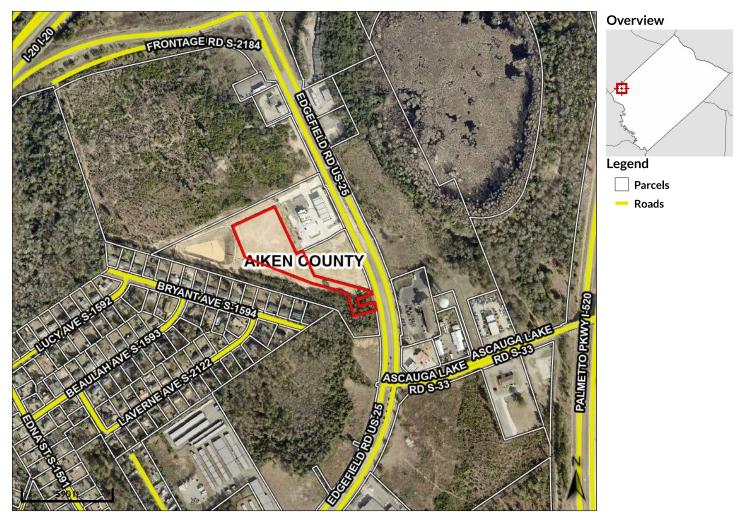
ZV24-001 - A request by Drayton Parker Companies, LLC for a variance to allow placement of a high-rise sign from Table 9-2 Signs Permitted by District and Table 9-3 Sign Areas Permitted of the North Augusta Development Code. The request affects a future convenience store with gasoline sales on ±5.5 acres located at 5747 Jefferson Davis Highway, TPN 013-18-05-001 zoned TC, Thoroughfare Commercial.

ZV24-002 – A request by Daniel Merritt/Seamon Whiteside for a Special Exception to allow a Mini Warehouse/Self-Storage Facility as required by Table 5-1, Use Matrix and Section 5.5.18, Mini Warehouses/Self-Storage of the North Augusta Development Code. The request affects ±3.367 acres located at TPN 011-07-01-013 zoned GC, General Commercial.

Documents related to the applications will be available for public inspection February 1, 2024 in the offices of the Department of Planning and Development on the second floor of the Municipal Center, 100 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, South Carolina and online at www.northaugustasc.gov. All residents and property owners interested in expressing a view on these cases are encouraged to attend or provide written comments to planning@northaugustasc.gov.

CITIZEN ASSISTANCE: Individuals needing special assistance or a sign interpreter to participate in the meeting are asked to please notify the Department of Planning and Development at 803-441-4221 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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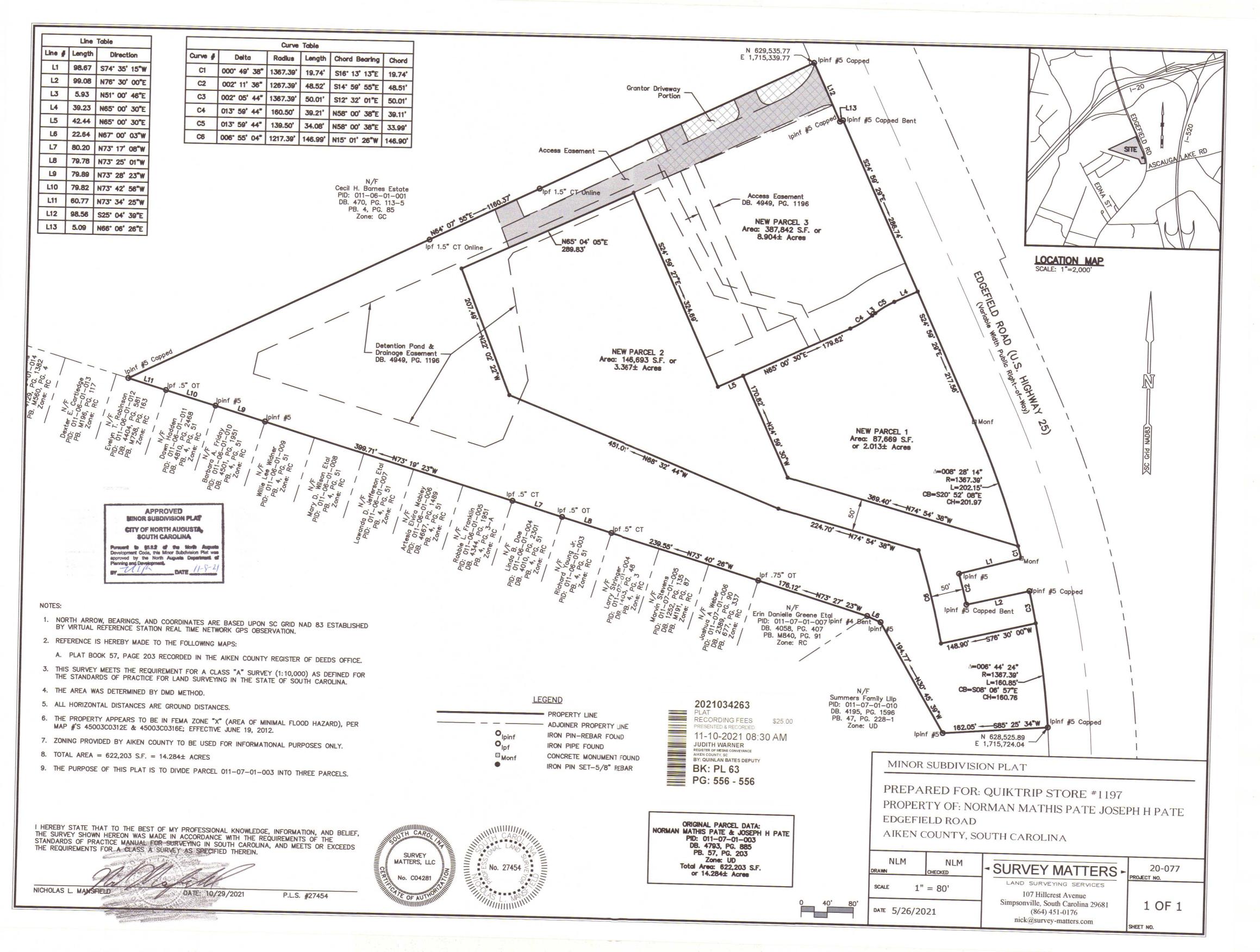
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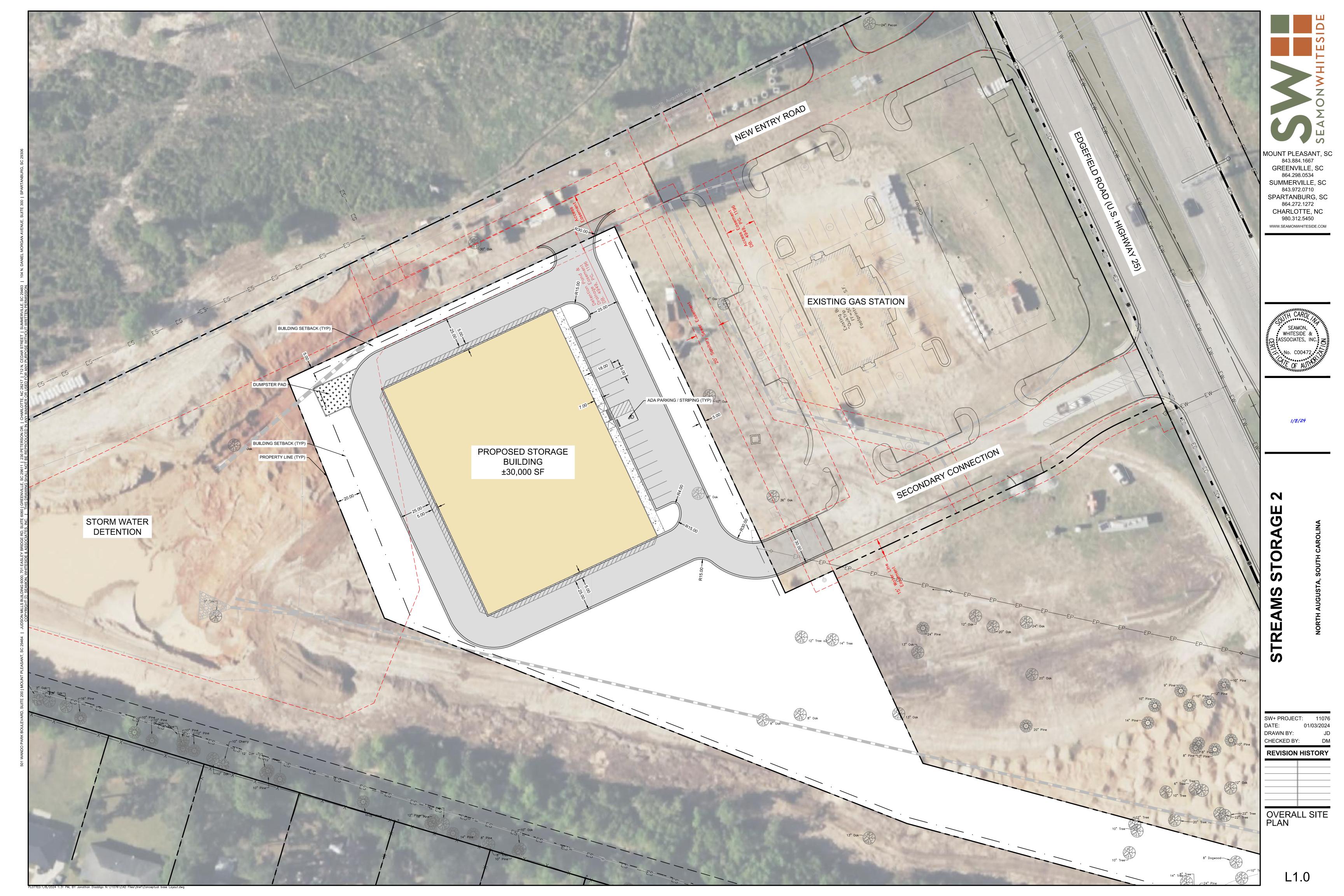
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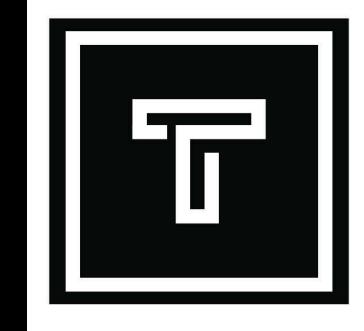




Ground Unit Mix Schedule				
Count	Name	Rent As	%	Yield
18	5 x 5	450	7%	1.87%
<i>85</i>	5 x 10	4250	33%	17.64%
2	5 x 15	150	1%	0.62%
8	10 x 5	400	3%	1.66%
82	10 x 10	8200	32%	34.04%
41	10 x 15	6150	16%	25.53%
2	10 x 20	400	1%	1.66%
19	10 x 30	5700	7%	23.66%
257		25700	100%	106.70%

Total Unit Mix Schedule				
Count	Name	Rent As	%	Yield
80	5 x 5	2000	8%	1.54%
210	5 x 10	10500	22%	8.08%
8	5 x 15	600	1%	0.46%
40	10 x 5	2000	4%	1.54%
42	10 x 7.5	3150	4%	2.42%
312	10 x 10	31200	32%	24.00%
182	10 x 15	27300	19%	21.00%
42	10 x 20	8400	4%	6.46%
<i>55</i>	10 x 30	16500	6%	12.69%
971		101650	100%	78.19%





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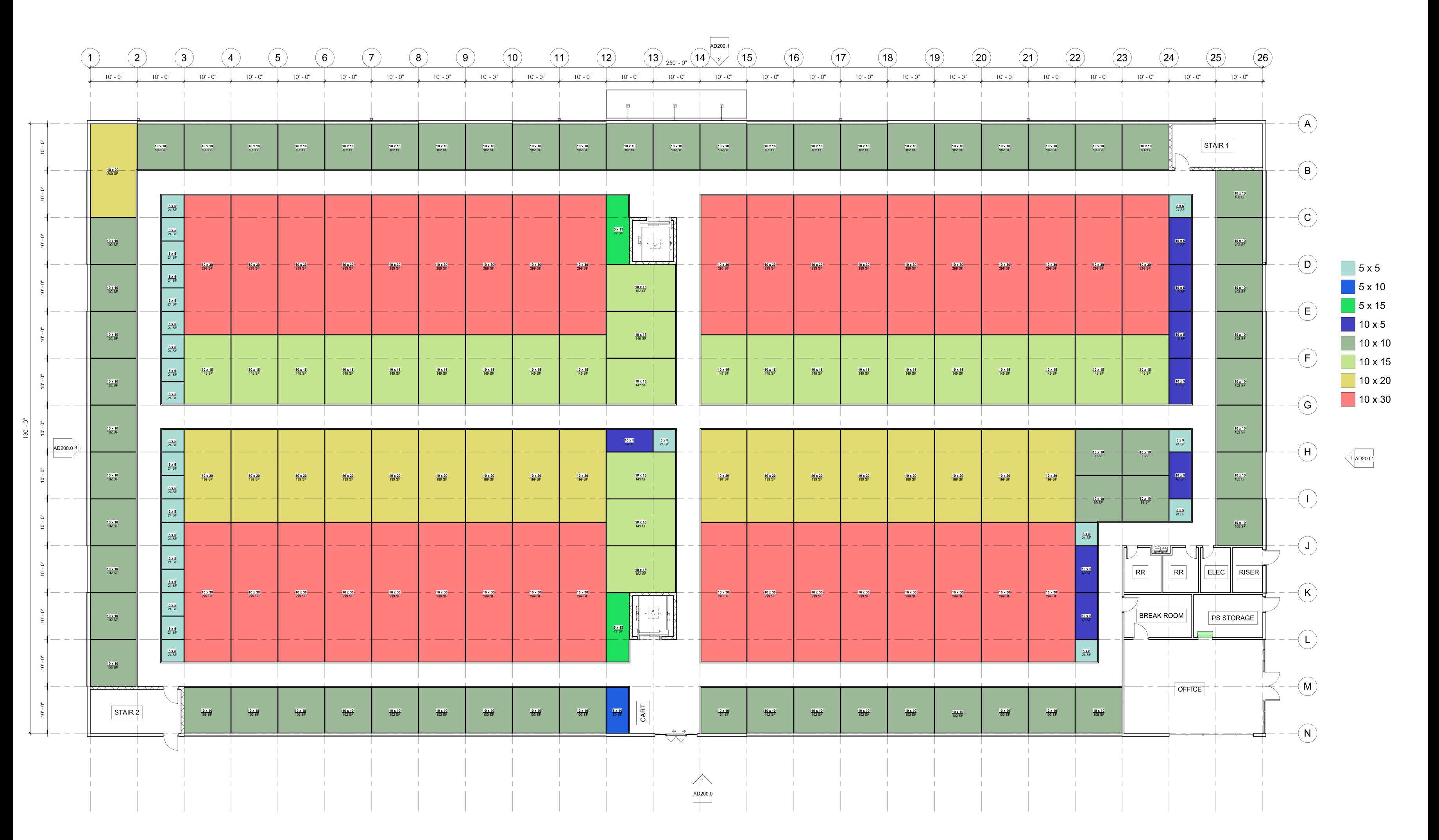
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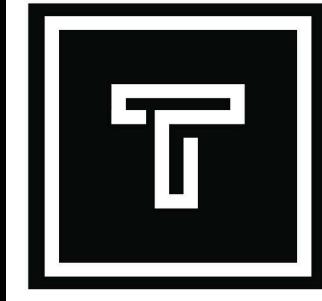
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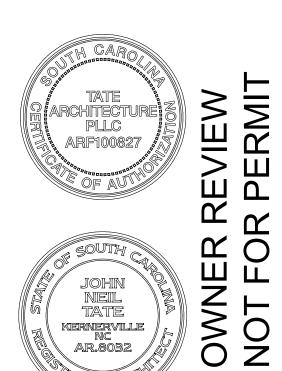
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1st Unit Mix Schedule					
Count	Name	Rent As	%	Yield	
25	5 x 5	625	14%	2.06%	
1	5 x 10	50	1%	0.16%	
2	5 x 15	150	1%	0.49%	
8	10 x 5	400	5%	1.32%	
62	10 x 10	6200	35%	20.41%	
25	10 x 15	3750	14%	12.34%	
18	10 x 20	3600	10%	11.85%	
36	10 x 30	10800	20%	35.55%	
177		25575	100%	84.18%	







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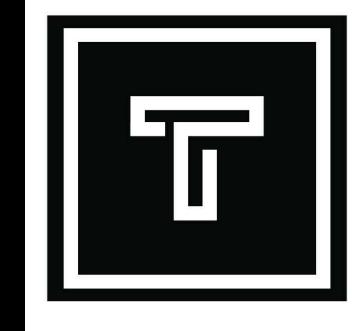
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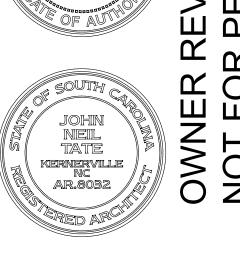


2nd Unit Mix Schedule					
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2	5 x 15	150	1%	0.49%	
14	10 x 5	700	6%	2.30%	
1	10 x 7.5	75	0%	0.25%	
74	10 x 10	7400	32%	24.36%	
78	10 x 15	11700	34%	38.51%	
21	10 x 20	4200	9%	13.82%	
230		25725	100%	84.67%	









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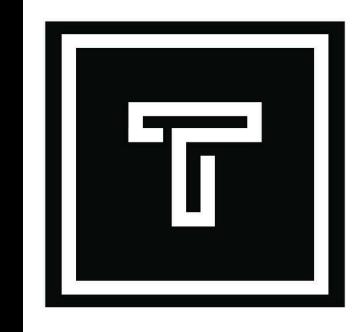




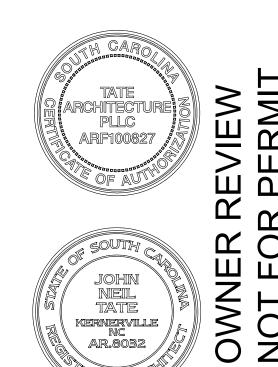


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2	5 x 15	150	1%	0.49%
10	10 x 5	500	3%	1.65%
41	10 x 7.5	3075	13%	10.12%
94	10 x 10	9400	31%	30.94%
38	10 x 15	5700	12%	18.76%
1	10 x 20	200	0%	0.66%
307		24650	100%	81.14%





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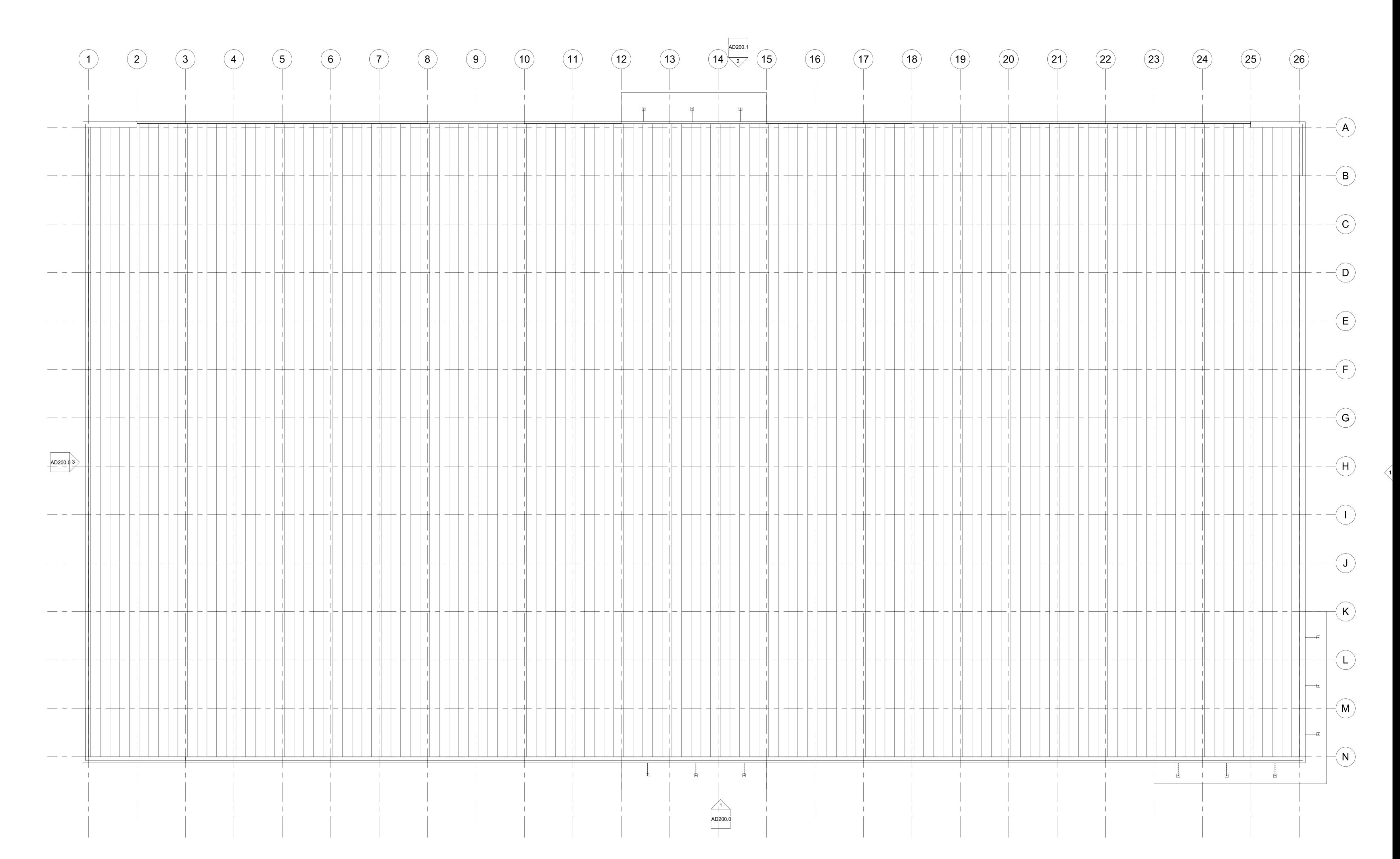
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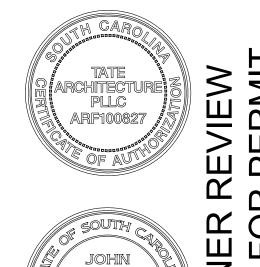
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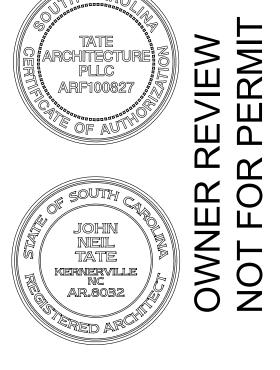
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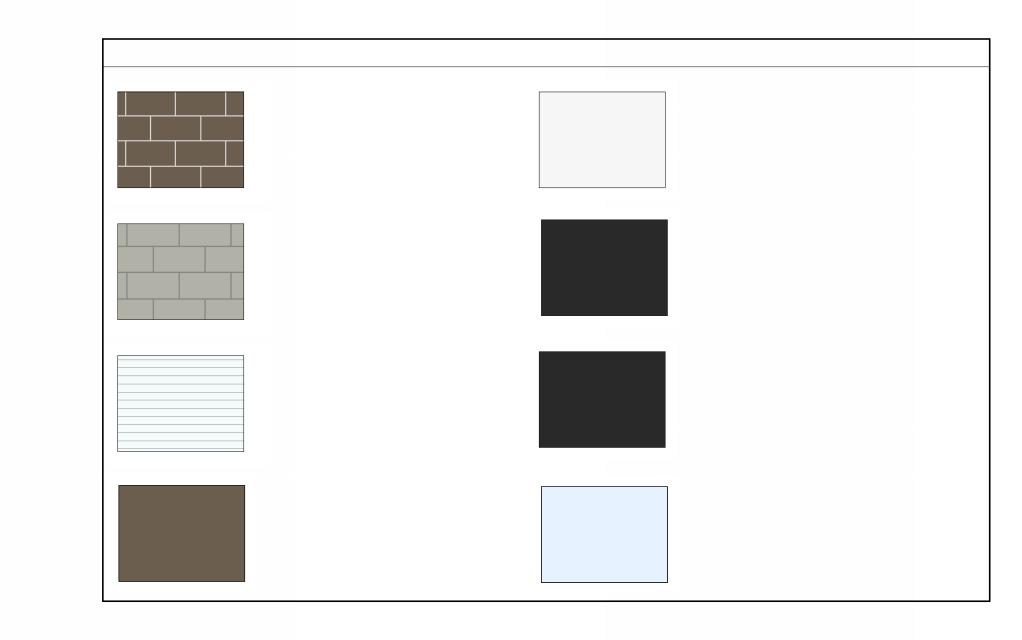
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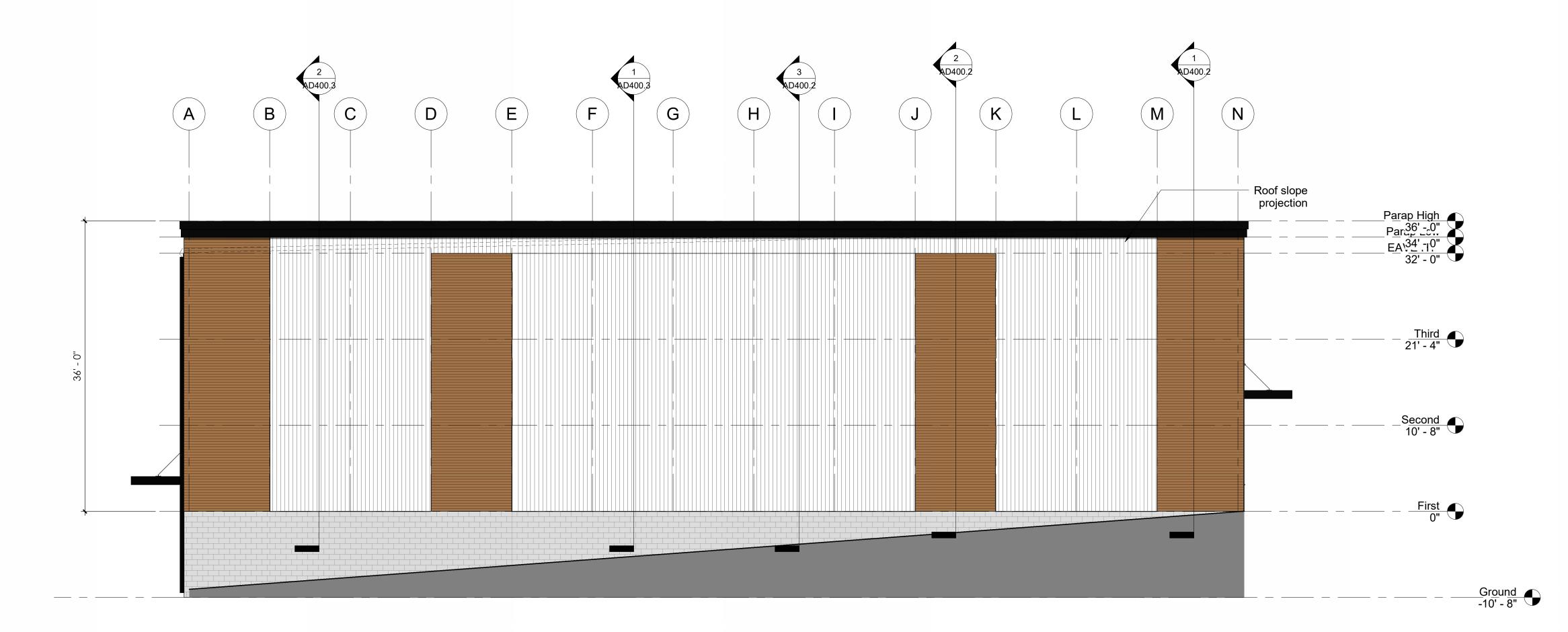
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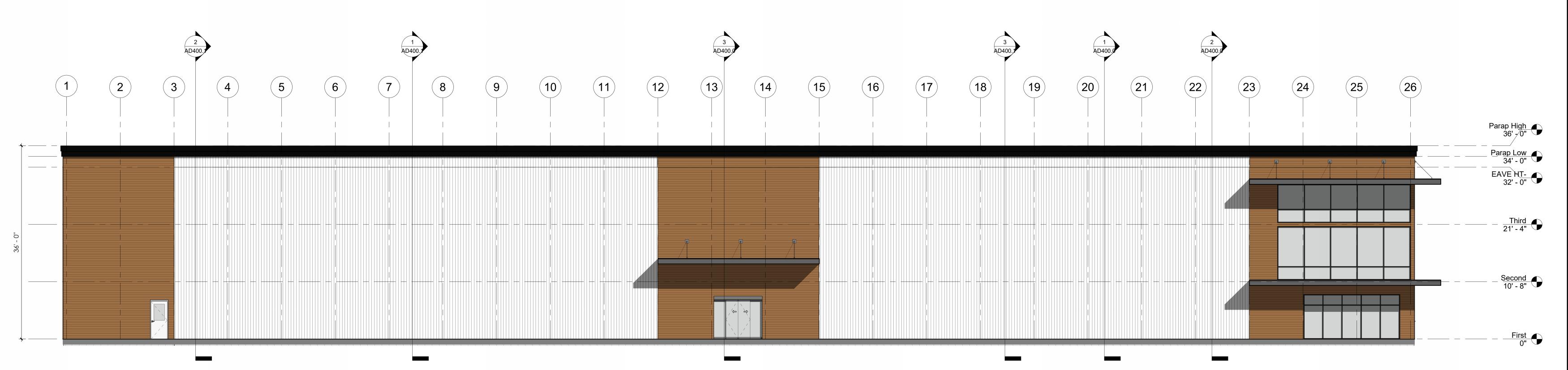
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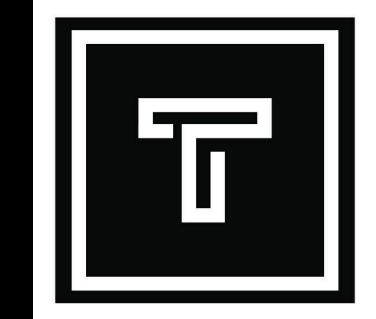


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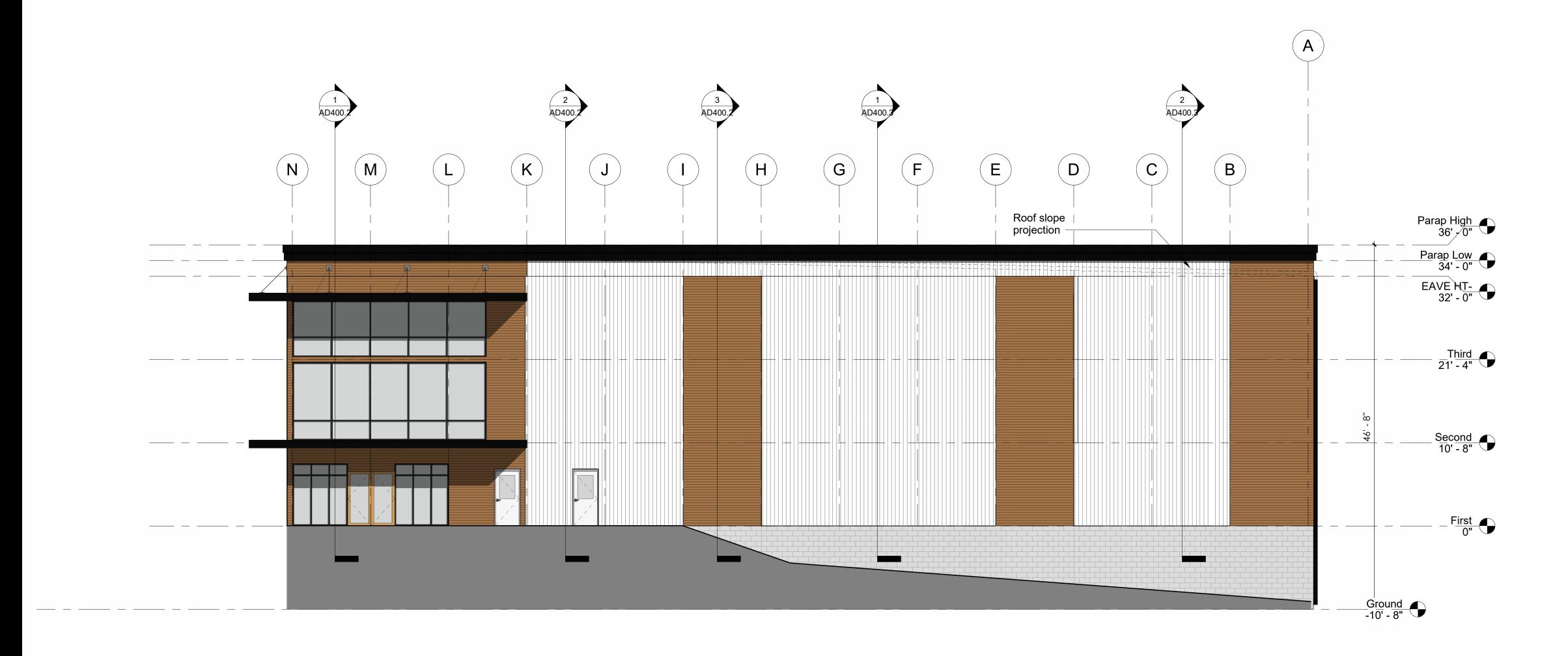
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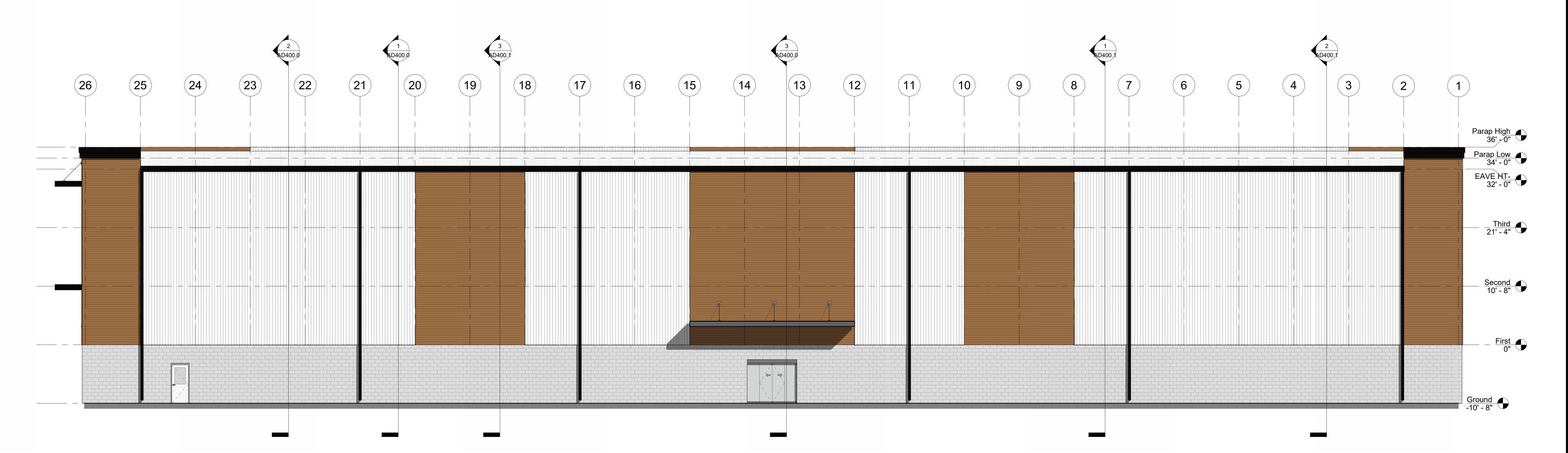
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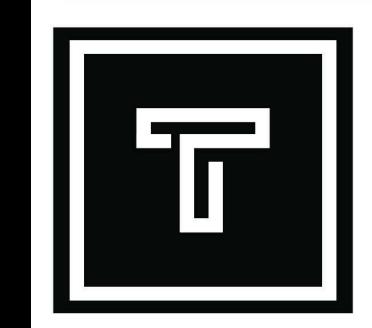


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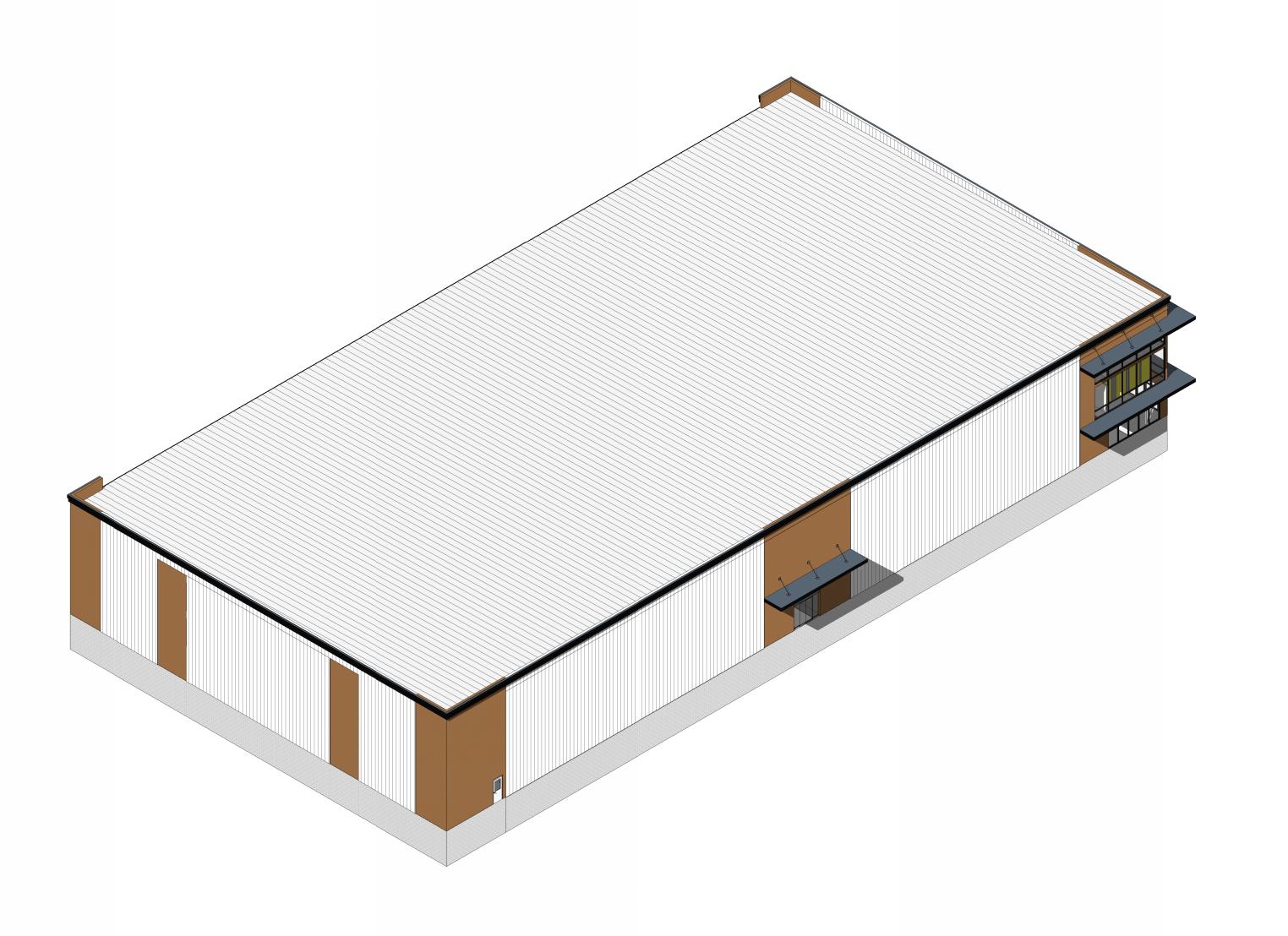
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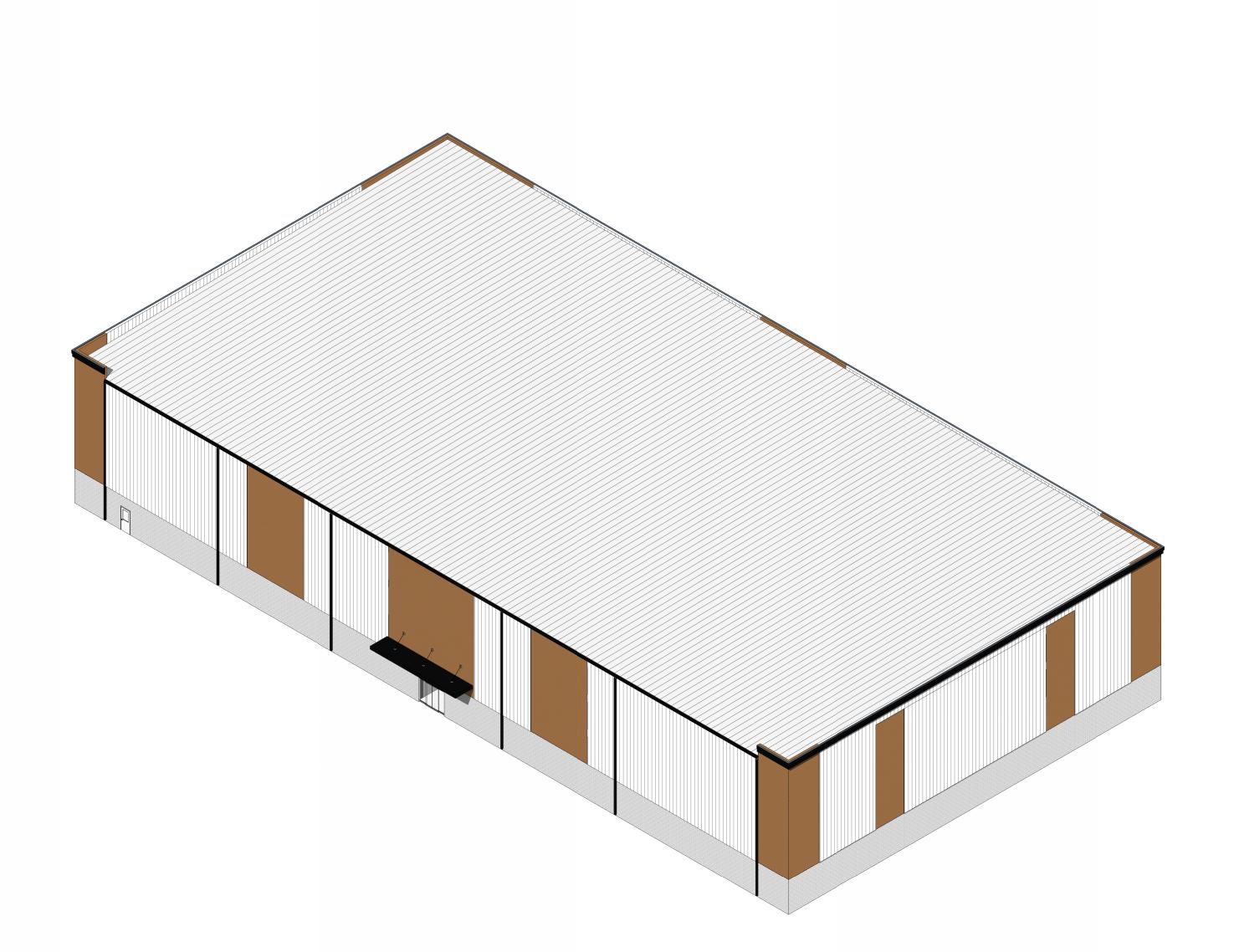
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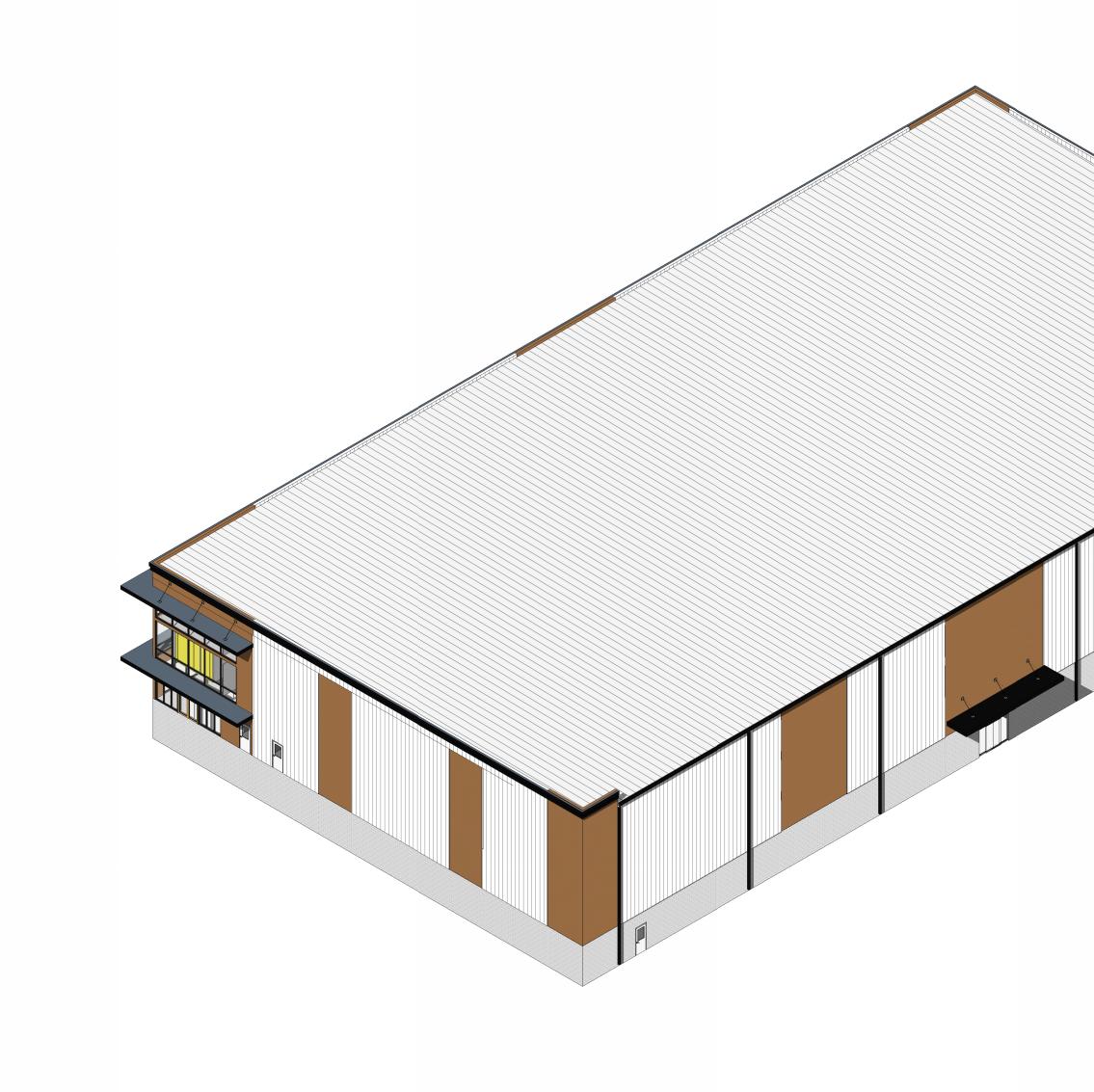
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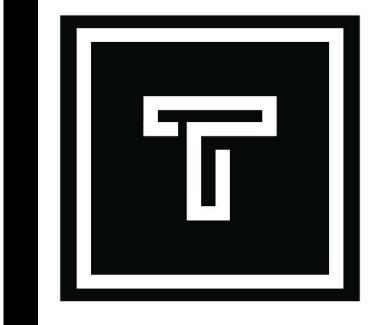


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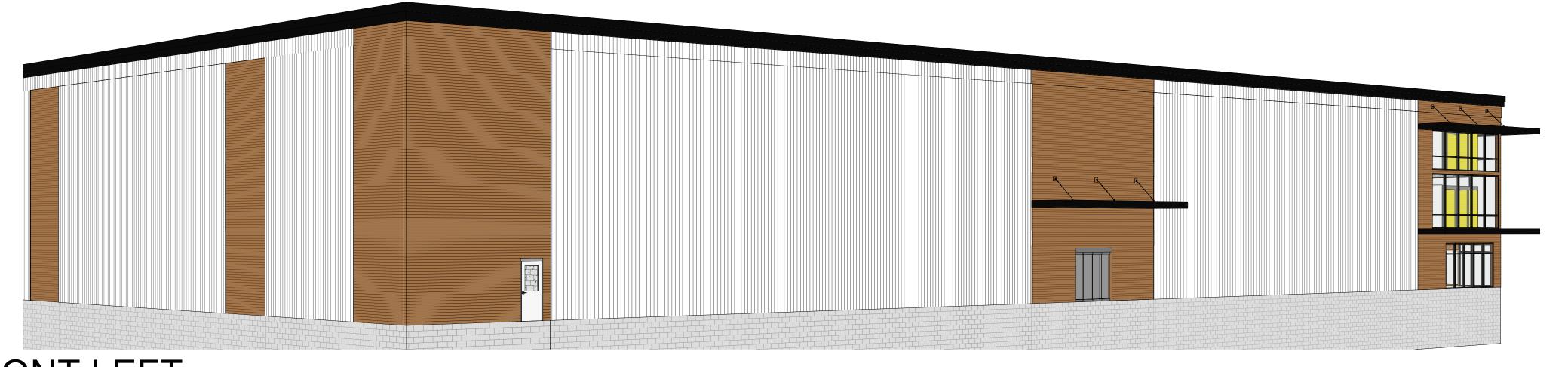
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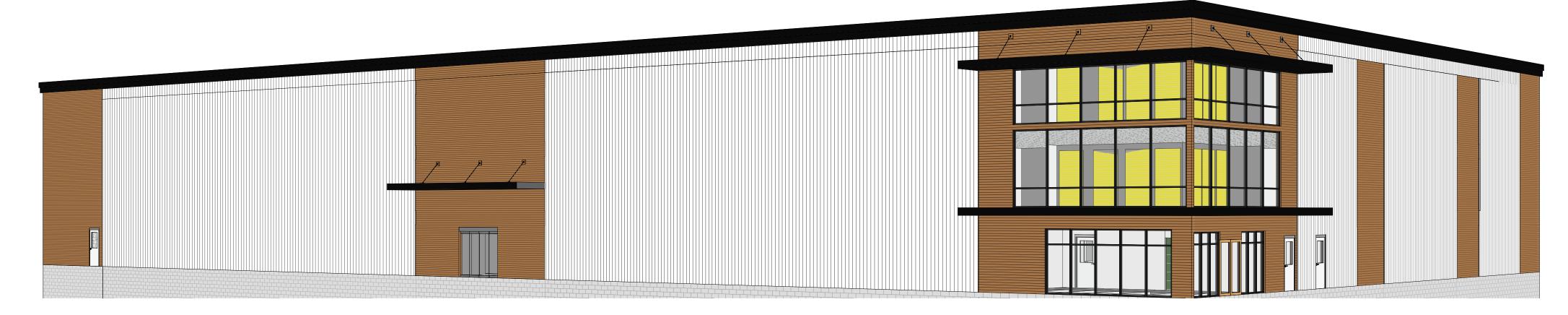
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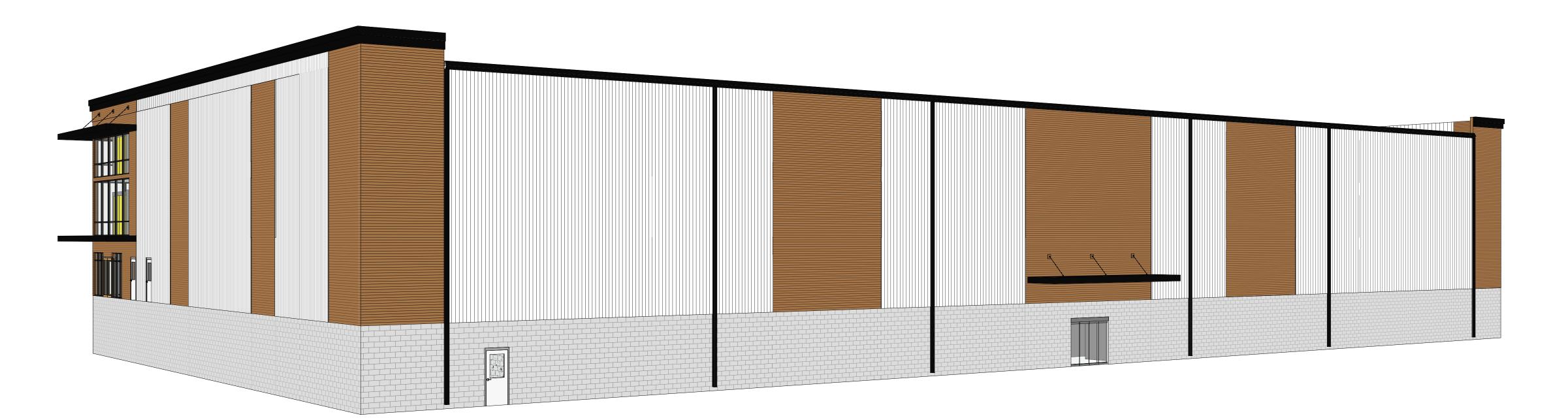
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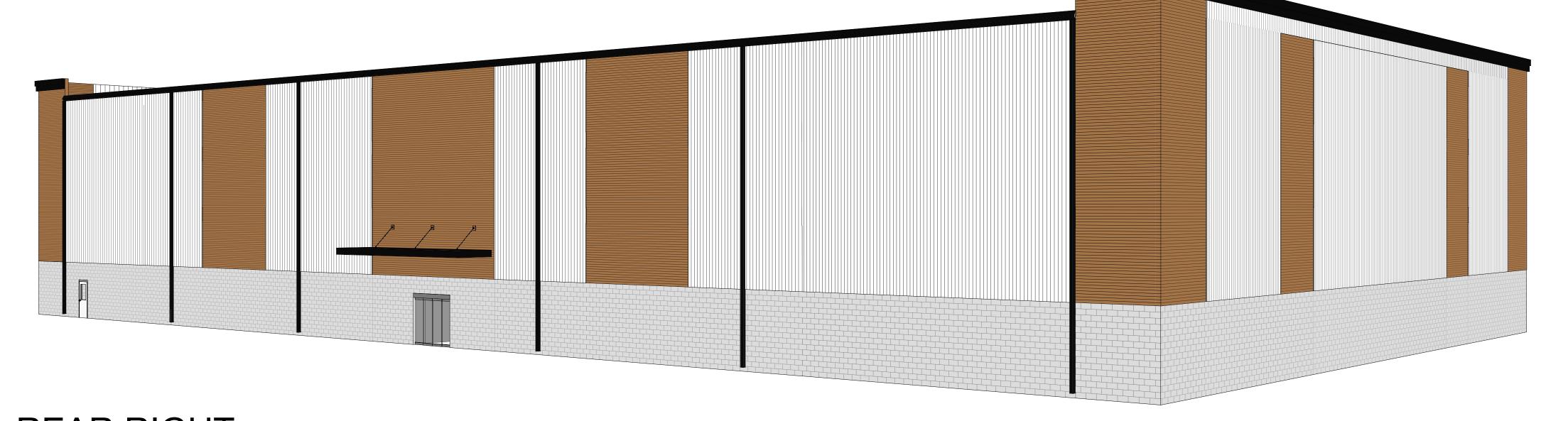
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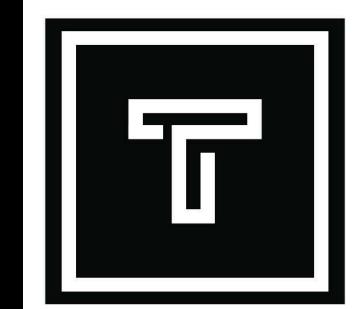


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January 8, 2024

City of North Augusta 100 Georgia Avenue P.O. Box 6400 North Augusta, SC 29841

Attn: Tommy Paradise / Lastacia Reese

Re: North Augusta Self-Storage Special Exception

AII,

Please find the attached submittal for a Special Exception Permit request for the permitting and construction of an indoor, climate controlled self-storage development to be located in the City of North Augusta.

The subject parcel, parcel number 011 07 01 013, is zoned General Commercial, and thus requires a special exception permit for self-storage. The proposed development is a 4-story, \pm 120,000 SF (30K footprint) building, associated drives and parking. The parcel has master stormwater detention located on an adjacent parcel (completed as part of a previous development) and is accessed off a new development entrance road that has a traffic light on Edgefield Road (Hwy 25). Secondary access is proposed through the adjacent QT parcel. See attached site plan for more information.

This submittal package includes the following:

- A. Cover Letter
- B. Overview of Special Exception Review Criteria
- C. Conceptual Site Plan
- D. Designation of Agent Form
- E. Notice of Appeal Form

We hope this application is satisfactory to the City of North Augusta and this project will be a success for both the City and the property owner. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the contact below.

Thank you,

Daniel Merritt, PLA LA Project Manager Seamon Whiteside And Associates dmerritt@seamonwhiteside.com

Notice of Appeal

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	Staff Use Only	11
Aı	Application Number 2 1/24-002 Date Rec	ceived 1/8/24
Re	Review Fee \$250.00 Da	te Paid 1/8/24
1.	Project Name North Augusta Self-Storage	
	Project Address/Location Approx. 930 Edgefield Road.	
	2 267 4 -	ning GC General Commercial
	Tay Parcel Number(s) 011 07 01 013	
2.		Phone 864-298-0534
	Mailing Address701 Easley Bridge Road, Suite 6060	
	City Greenville ST SC Zip 29611 Email d	merritt@seamonwhiteside.com
3.	3. Is there a Designated Agent for this project? X Yes If Yes, attach a notarized Designation of Agent form. (required if Apple)	
4.	4. Engineer/Architect/Surveyor Timothy L. Buchanan, Jr. Lice	ense No. SC PE 35009
	Firm Name SeamonWhiteside Firm Phone	864-298-0534
	Firm Mailing Address701 Easley Bridge Road, Suite 6060	
	City Greenville ST SC Zip 29611 Email	cbuchanan@seamonwhiteside.com
	City Greenville ST SC Zip 29611 Email Date	1/8/24
5.	 Is there any recorded restricted covenant or other private agreement that prohibits the use or activity on the property that is the subject of the appli (Check one.) 	t is contrary to, conflicts with or
6.	6. In accordance with Section 5.1.2.3 of the North Augusta Development Code, Augusta review the attached project plans. The documents required by the Ci Appendix B of the North Augusta Development Code, are attached for the Cit applicant acknowledges that all documents required by the City must be co compliance review process by the City.	ty of North Augusta, as outlined in y's review for completeness. The
	Up Muntt	51/08/2024
	Applicant or Designated Agent Signature Da	te
	DANIEL MERCRITT, PLA	
	Print Applicant or Agent Name	

Designation of Agent

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This form is required if the property owner is not the applicant.

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Αķ	pplication Number 2 V24-002 Date Received 1/8/24
1.	Project Name North Augusta Saf - STORAGE
	Project Address/Location Affrox- 930 EDGEREL FOAD
	Project Parcel Number(s) 01 07 01 013
2.	Property Owner Name QuitTrin Corporation Owner Phone 945-455 -6421 Attn: Jim Beilman - Keil Estat Manager - Dispositions
	Mailing Address 8700 Freeport Parkwy 5-115
	City Irving ST TX Zip 75063 Email jbeilman@ quik trip.com
3.	Designated Agent DANIEL MERRIT PLA. SERMON WHITESIDE
	Relationship to Owner ENGINETE OF RECORD
	Firm Name SEAMON W HITESIDE Phone 864-298-0534
	Agent's Mailing Address 701 EASLEY BRIDGE RD, STE 6040
	City GREENVILLE ST SC Zip 29611 Email dmenitte seemin whiteside, and
	Agent's Signature W Muntt Date 01/03/2024
4.	I hereby designate the above-named person (Line 3) to serve as my agent and represent me in the referenced application.
	1/3/24
	Owner Signature Date
5.	Sworn and subscribed to before me on this 300 day of January, 20 24.
	Notary Public BRYAN CLARK
	Commission Expiration Date My Notary ID # 133790361 Expires June 2; 2026
	Commission Expiration Date