

Property Address: 812 & 814 N 21st Street

Property (location of work)

#### Commission of Architectural Review Certificate of Appropriateness Application

Current Zoning: R-63

900 E. Broad Street, Room 510 Richmond, VA 23219 804-646-6569

Historic District: Union Hill		
Application is submitted for: (check one)  Alteration Demolition New Construction		
Project Description (attach additional sheets	if needed):	
Building permit to construct a multifamily dw	757	
Applicant/Contact Person: Will Gillette		
Company: Baker Development Resources		
Mailing Address: 530 East Main Street, Suite 730		
City: Richmond	State: VA	Zip Code: 23219
Telephone: (864 ) 377-9140		
Email: will@bakerdevelopmentresources.com		
Billing Contact? Yes Applicant Type (own	ner, architect, etc.): Agent	
Property Owner: EVOLVE HLD LLC		
If Business Entity, name and title of authorized sig	gneet	
Mailing Address: 519 N 30th Street	- WA	
City: Richmond	State: VA	Zip Code: 23223
Telephone: ()	and the same of th	
Email:		
Billing Contact?  **Owner must sign at the bottom of this page**		
Acknowledgement of Responsibility		
Compliance: If granted, you agree to comply wi approved work require staff review and may re		
Review (CAR). Failure to comply with the condi	tions of the COA may result in project	delays or legal action. The COA is valid
for one (1) year and may be extended for an ad	ditional year, upon written request an	d payment of associated fee.
Requirements: A complete application includes to provide a complete and accurate description Applications proposing major new construction requirements prior to submitting. Owner contact be considered.	of existing and proposed conditions, a , including additions, should meet wit	as well as payments of the application fe h staff to review the application and

Zoning Requirements: Prior to Commission review, it is the responsibility of the applicant to determine if zoning approval is

Date:

Property Owner Signature:

required. Application materials should be prepared in compliance with zoning.



June 7th, 2024

City of Richmond Department of Planning and Development Review Commission of Architectural Review City Hall, 900 East Broad Street Richmond, VA 23219

RE: Commission of Architectural Review: 812 & 814 N 21<sup>st</sup> Street (E0000-327/015 & E0000-327/014)

Members of the Commission,

This memorandum shall serve as the applicant's statement for the final review of the application which was conceptually reviewed on May 28<sup>th</sup> and is to be reviewed by the Commission of Architectural Review (the "CAR") for the proposed construction of a new two-story multifamily dwelling on the property known as 812 and 814 N 21<sup>st</sup> Street (the "Property").

The Property is located on the western line of N 21<sup>st</sup> Street between Venable and Carrington Streets, is currently vacant, and lies in Richmond's Union Hill City Old and Historic District. Existing structures in the district are known for a variety of architectural styles and materials as well as a range of land uses. This block consists of a range of dwellings with mixeduse buildings located on both sides of N 21<sup>st</sup> at its intersection with Venable Street, six multifamily dwellings, a two-family dwelling, and three single-family dwellings. Historic dwellings in the area tend to be of a range of designs but generally are of brick construction, contain full-width front porches, and are elevated from the street leading to roof heights of roughly 35' from the sidewalk along N 21<sup>st</sup>. A similar multifamily dwelling at 808 N 21<sup>st</sup> was reviewed and approved by the CAR (CAR 2016-163) in March of 2017.

The Property owner is proposing to construct a two-story, multifamily dwelling on the Property. The dwelling would contain a total of seven dwellings and accessory parking located at the rear of the Property and accessible from the rear alley. The dwelling design recognizes the CAR approved plans at 808 N 21<sup>st</sup> Street and would remain compatible with existing homes in the block and based on materials, design, and use.

Based on the Staff Report and Commissioner comments from the conceptual review of the project at the May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 CAR meeting, the following changes have been made:

- Additional details have been provided on the conceptual drawing on page SK-02 describing the heights of the adjacent dwellings at 808 and 810 N 21<sup>st</sup> Street.
- The porch decking boards are noted as tongue and groove and are to be perpendicular to the façade.
- The parking area has been updated to show an ADA Van accessible parking space instead of a parking space.
- Additional information on HVAC screening has been provided.
- Additional information regarding the screening around the parking area has been provided.
- Finally, the site plan on page SK-04 has been updated to highlight the note regarding the setback of the proposed dwelling being aligned with the adjacent dwelling at 810 N 21<sup>st</sup>. It had been requested that the setback of the subject parcel and 810 N 21<sup>st</sup> be provided, however, N 21<sup>st</sup> Street runs at an angle along this frontage and therefore aligning the front of the existing and proposed dwellings would result in differing front yard setbacks. So the applicant has chosen to note the aligning front facades instead of the setbacks for clarity.



#### Siting:

The proposed dwelling would front onto N 21<sup>st</sup> Street and be aligned with the existing dwelling located at 812 N 21<sup>st</sup> Street. Like the other nearby mid-block structures, the dwelling will be elevated from street level and accessible from the sidewalk via a single set of concrete cast stairs. The siting of the new dwelling is compatible with others within the area and will

present a consistent street frontage along N 21<sup>st</sup> Street while filling in a "missing tooth" in the block.

#### Form:

The dwelling at 2207 Carrington Street has been designed in a manner which is consistent with the form of other historic structures in the neighborhood and the CAR approved dwelling at 808 N 21<sup>st</sup> Street while also contemplating the underlying R-63 zoning requirements.

The majority of developed lots in the block are occupied with multifamily dwellings of a range of forms. The proposed design with features including an Italianate cornice line, double front porches, brick cladding, and the two-story columned front porch create a structure which acknowledges the needs of the market while remaining sensitive to the historic fabric of the neighborhood.

#### Scale:

The proposed dwelling is consistent with the scale and character of the existing neighborhood and will appear appropriate from street level. Dwellings in the block tend to be two-stories in height but elevated from the street with roof heights along the street measured at roughly 35' from the sidewalk. The proposed dwelling was designed to align floor and widow head heights with the existing building at 808 N 21<sup>st</sup> and the proposed scale is consistent with the other homes in the area.

#### Height, Width, Proportion, & Massing

The proposed dwelling is comparable in height with other structures on the block. Existing structures along N 21st Street are all two-stories in height. The proposed height of the building will be consistent with both historic and recently constructed dwellings in the block.

#### **Exterior Cladding/Doors and Windows/Materials**

Exterior cladding, doors and windows, foundation, and roofing are as noted on the attached plans. These items were selected to be consistent with CAR requirements and nearby dwellings. All finishes including doors and windows would be as noted on the provided plans.

The proposed design would be compatible with the historical fabric of the block as it recognizes the siting, scale, form, and massing of the existing structures on the block and reflects new construction recently reviewed and approved by the CAR within the block. The proposed dwelling is consistent with the fabric of the historic district while offering a variety of housing opportunities within the area. Furthermore, many of the design elements of the

proposed dwelling can be found on historically significant dwellings throughout the Union Hill district.

I thank you for the care and assistance in reviewing this application. Should you have any questions after reviewing this request, please feel free to contact me at <a href="will@bakerdevelopmentresources.com">will@bakerdevelopmentresources.com</a> or (864)377-9140.

Sincerely,

Will Gillette, AICP

Baker Development Resources, LLC

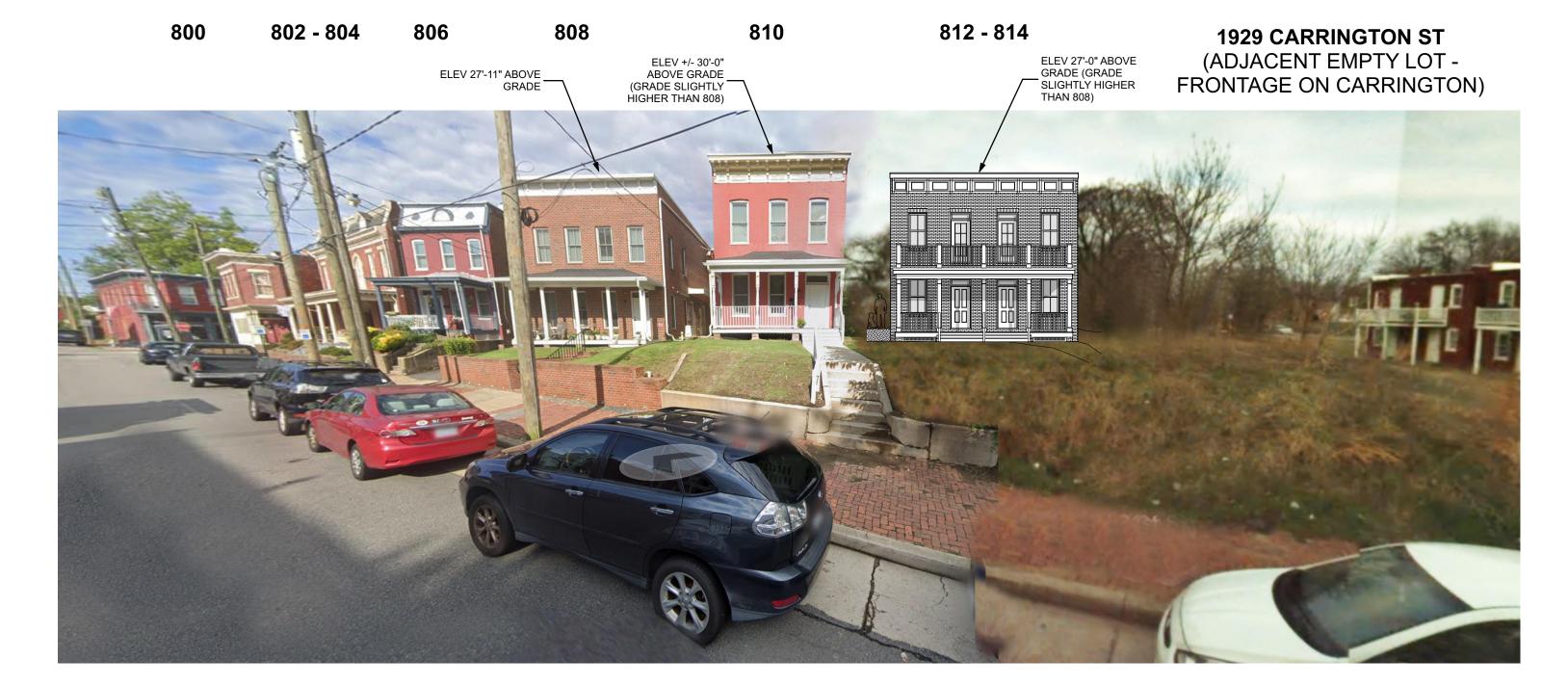


### **EXISTING CONDITIONS STREETSCAPE VIEW**

SCALE: 1:1.43

SK-01 6/7/24 EXISTING CONDITIONS STREETSCAPE VIEW 812-814 N 21 ST STREET

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#### **DESIGN OBJECTIVES:**

- 1. MATCH BUILDING MATERIALS OF ADJACENT BUILDINGS ON STREET. (BRICK TO NOT BE PAINTED).
- 2. PROPOSED BUILDING ALIGNED WITH FACE OF BUILDING ADJACENT BUILDING 810. THIS IS OFF ANGLE OF STREET.

  (FRONT YARD INCREASES AS BUILDING IS POSITIONED AWAY FROM STREET WALL ESTABLISHED ON CORNER OF VENABLE STREET.)
- 3. GRADE SLIGHTLY REDUCED IN FRONT YARD TO PRODUCE TRADITIONAL PORCH RELATIONSHIP TO GROUND.
- 4. ALIGN BUILDING FLOOR TO FLOOR AND WINDOW HEAD HEIGHT WITH BUILDING 808.

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5. ALIGN PORCH HEIGHT TO BUILDING 808.

### PROPOSED STREETSCAPE

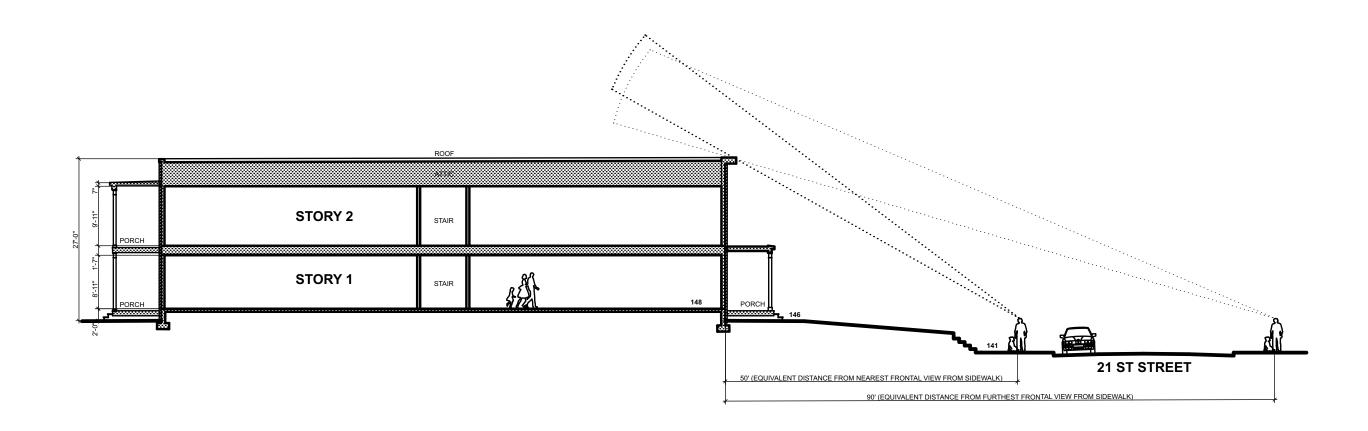
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PROPOSED STREETSCAPE
812-814 N 21 ST STREET



PROJECT NO.: 23003

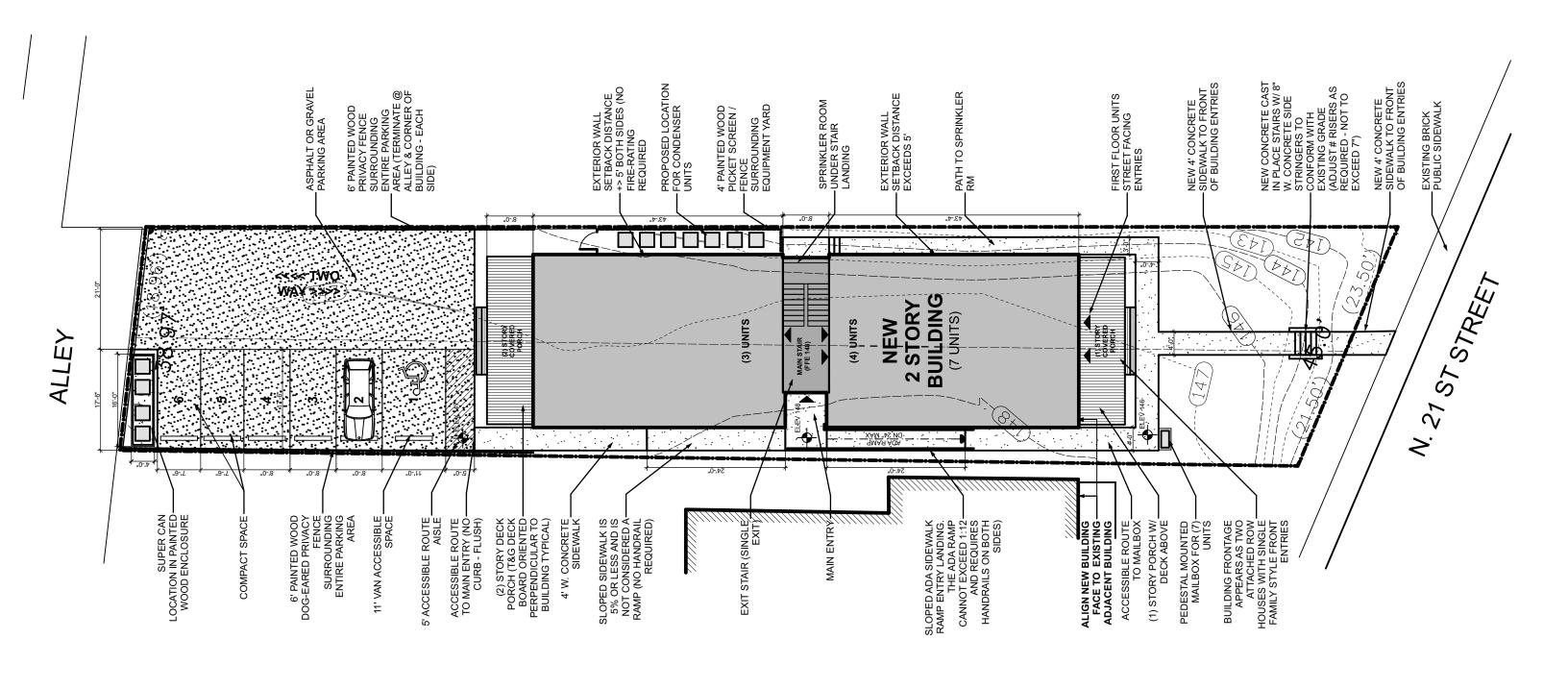


### PROPOSED BUILDING SIDEWALK SIGHTLINE

SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"

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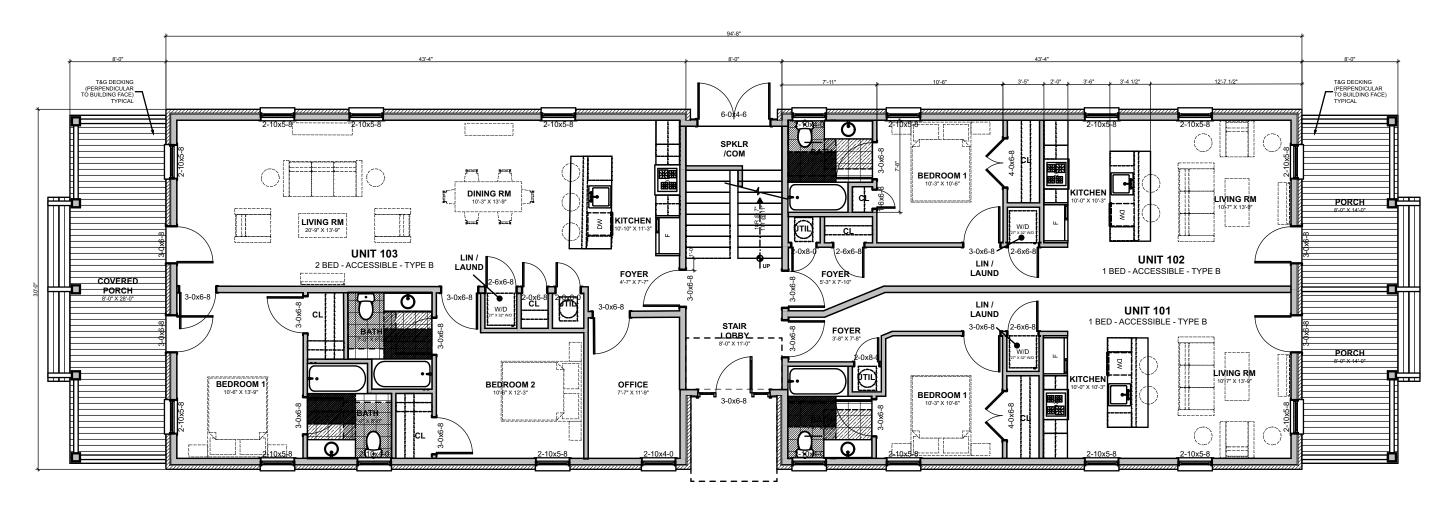


### SITE PLAN

SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"

SK-04 6/7/24 PROPOSED SITE PLAN 812-814 N 21 ST STREET





### FIRST FLOOR PLAN

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

BUILDING INFORMATION:

STORIES: 2
AREA PER FLR: 2,791 GSF
TOTAL AREA: 5,582 GSF

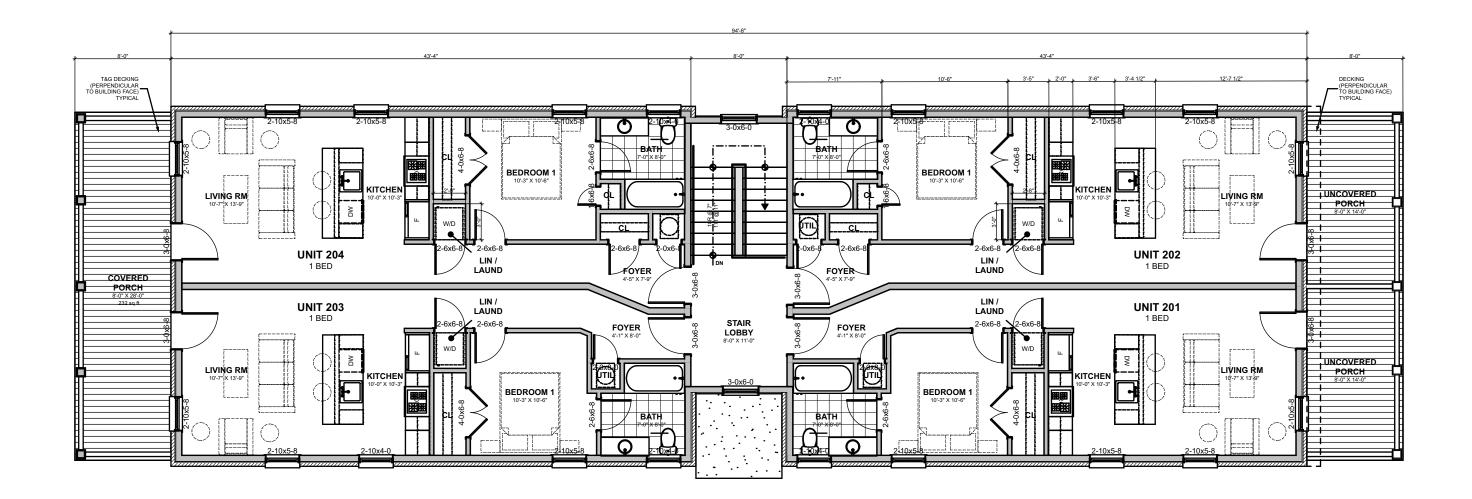
UNIT COUNT: 7
UNIT TYPE: (1) TWO BEDROOM
(6) ONE BEDROOM

GROSS AREA PER FLOOR: (NOT INCLUDING PORCHES)
SECOND FLOOR: 2,791 GSF
FIRST FLOOR: 2,791 GSF
TOTAL: 5,582 GSF

UNIT INFORMATION:				
	BEDS	CONDITIONED	OUTDOOR	
FLOOR 1				
201	1	567	0	
202	1	590	0	
203	1	567	101	
204	1	590	101	
FLOOR 2				
101	1	567	101	
102	1	590	101	
103	2	1,181	202	
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SK-05 6/7/24 PROJECT NO.: 23003 PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR PLAN 812-814 N 21 ST STREET

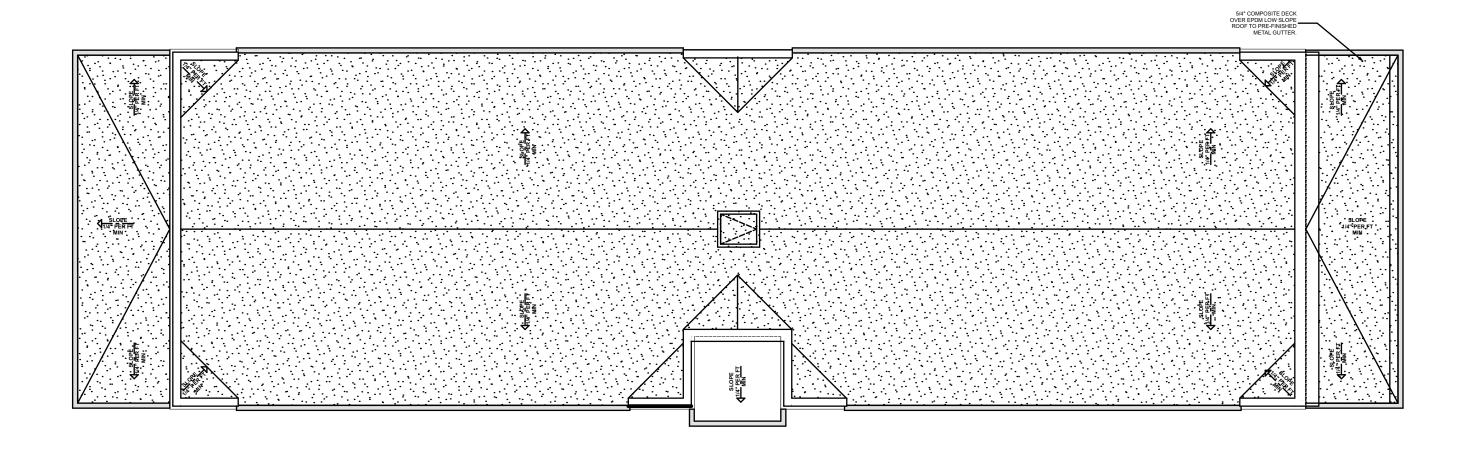




### SECOND FLOOR PLAN

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"





## **ROOF PLAN**

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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### PROPOSED FRONT ELEVATION

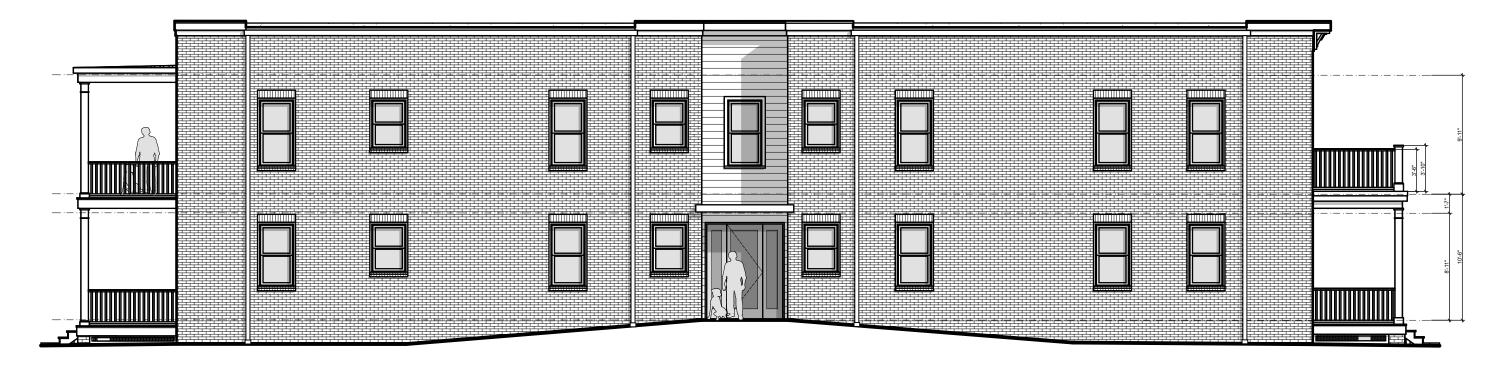
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PROJECT NO.: 23003

PROPOSED FRONT ELEVATION (STREET VIEW) 812-814 N 21 ST STREET





# LEFT SIDE LEEVATION (ENTRY)

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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LEFT SIDE LEEVATION (ENTRY)

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"





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### PROPOSED REAR ELEVATION

SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"

SK-11 6/7/24 PROJECT NO.: 23003 PROPOSED REAR ELEVATION (PARKING VIEW) 812-814 N 21 ST STREET

