



August 8, 2024

City of Richmond Department of Public Works 900 East Broad Street, Room 701 Richmond, VA 23219

Louis "Dexter" Goode 900 East Broad Street, Room 603 Richmond, VA 23219

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: BZA 28-2024

You are hereby notified that the Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, September 4, 2024** at **1:00 PM** in the 5th Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 900 E. Broad Street to consider an application for a building permit to construct a new fire station (FS 21) at 2505 RICHMOND HIGHWAY (Tax Parcel Number S008-0275/005), located in a B-3 (General Business) District. This meeting will be open to in-person participation with a virtual option. The public will have the option to provide their comments by teleconference/videoconference via Microsoft Teams, or in writing via email as indicated below.

Please be advised that the applicant or applicant's representative is required to participate in the subject public hearing either by teleconference/videoconference or in person. For teleconference participation call 804-316-9457 and entering code 756 526 445#. video access by computer, smart phone or https://richmondva.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx. Select the Board of Zoning Appeals dropdown and 2024 drop-down, click meeting details for September 4, 2024 meeting and then click video access. In the event you have difficulty accessing a public hearing you may contact Mr. William Davidson at 804-396-5350 or by email at Chuck.Davidson@rva.gov for assistance. The Board of Zoning Appeals Rules of Procedure provides that in the case of an application for a variance or a special exception, the applicant, proponents or persons aggrieved under §15.2-2314 of the Code of Virginia, shall be permitted a total of six (6) minutes each to present their case. The Board of Zoning Appeals will withhold questions until the conclusion of the respective presentations. For the purposes of the record it also requested that before addressing the Board you identify yourself and spell your name.

Finally, when you submitted your application to the zoning office you were given an handout entitled, Suggestions for Presenting Your Case to the Board, which indicated that you should discuss your request with your neighbor(s) and neighborhood

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association(s) prior to appearing before the Board of Zoning Appeals. Contact information for civic group(s) can be found by navigating to the Civic Group webpage of the City's website at https://www.rva.gov/planning-development-review/civic-groups. Once there, you can search for your property using the interactive map. A dialogue box will provide you with the names of all civic groups within which your property may lie. Once you have those group names, simply scroll down the page to the appropriate group(s) to find the contact information for each. The Board understands that given the current situation it is not practical to conduct face-to-face discussions with either your neighbors or neighborhood association(s) but the Board requests that you make a good faith effort to provide them with relevant information regarding your case.

If you have any questions regarding the Board's procedures or any issue involving presentation of your case, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Roy W. Benbow, Secretary Phone: (804) 240-2124

E-mail: Roy.Benbow@rva.gov

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cc: Zoning Administrator

Notice of this meeting is being sent to the persons whom the Board of Zoning Appeals believes to be property owners in the immediate vicinity of the property concerned in this application. This notice is for their information only, and there is no need for them to appear unless they so desire. The Board will, however, welcome such views as any persons care to express during the hearing on this application.

Carpenter E R Co Inc Po Box 27205 Richmond, VA 23261

Leeper William Iii & Georgia T 2503 Columbia St Richmond, VA 23224

S & K Leasing Llc 5119 Terrace Arbor Cir Midlothian, VA 23112 Halibut Llc 425 Riverview Ct Chester, VA 23836

Pathlux Llc 101 Oakwood Ln Worcester, MA 1604 James River Villas Llc 6501 Goldleaf Dr Bethesda, MD 20817

Quintanilla Yoskar Alejandro 2506 Lancelot Ave Richmond, VA 23234 Property: 2505 Richmond Hwy Parcel ID: S0080275005

Parcel

Street Address: 2505 Richmond Hwy Richmond, VA 23234-

Owner: CITY OF RICHMOND PUBLIC WORKS

Mailing Address: 900 E BROAD ST RM 701, RICHMOND, VA 2321900000

Subdivision Name: NONE

Parent Parcel ID:

Assessment Area: 480 - Jeff Davis

Property Class: 401 - B Commercial Vacant Land Zoning District: B-3 - Business (General Business)

Exemption Code: 100 - General Government(Inside of Corp. Limits)

Current Assessment

Effective Date: 01/01/2024 Land Value: \$134,000 Improvement Value: \$284,000 Total Value: \$418,000

Area Tax: \$0 Special Assessment District: None

Land Description

Parcel Square Feet: 21990

Acreage: 0.505

Property Description 1: ENG CO NO 21

Property Description 2: 0150.00X0146.60 0000.000

State Plane Coords(?): X= 11789081.999996 Y= 3702919.228362 Latitude: 37.48786001, Longitude: -77.44486357

Description

Land Type: Commercial S1

Topology:
Front Size: 150
Rear Size: 146
Parcel Square Feet: 21990

Acreage: 0.505

Property Description 1: ENG CO NO 21

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Subdivision Name: NONE

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Other-

Street improvement:

Sidewalk:

-Assessments-

Assessment Year	Land Value	Improvement Value	Total Value	Reason
2024	\$134,000	\$284,000	\$418,000	Reassessment
2023	\$109,000	\$169,000	\$278,000	Reassessment
2022	\$99,000	\$169,000	\$268,000	Reassessment
2021	\$99,000	\$165,000	\$264,000	Reassessment
2020	\$99,000	\$165,000	\$264,000	Reassessment
2019	\$96,000	\$161,000	\$257,000	Reassessment
2018	\$73,000	\$155,000	\$228,000	Reassessment
2017	\$73,000	\$155,000	\$228,000	Reassessment
2016	\$73,000	\$155,000	\$228,000	Reassessment
2015	\$82,000	\$146,000	\$228,000	Reassessment
2014	\$82,000	\$146,000	\$228,000	Reassessment
2013	\$66,000	\$162,000	\$228,000	Reassessment
2012	\$66,000	\$162,000	\$228,000	Reassessment
2011	\$66,000	\$162,000	\$228,000	CarryOver
2010	\$66,000	\$162,000	\$228,000	Reassessment
2009	\$66,200	\$162,400	\$228,600	Reassessment
2008	\$66,200	\$137,400	\$203,600	Reassessment
2007	\$63,000	\$137,400	\$200,400	Reassessment
2006	\$52,500	\$137,400	\$189,900	Reassessment
2005	\$50,000	\$130,900	\$180,900	Reassessment

-Transfers

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Ш	Transfer Date	Consideration Amount	Grantor Name	Deed Reference	Verified Market Sale Description

Planning

Master Plan Future Land Use: C-MU

Zoning District: B-3 - Business (General Business)

Planning District: Broad Rock

Traffic Zone: 1207 City Neighborhood Code: JFDV

City Neighborhood Name: Jeff Davis

Civic Code:

Civic Association Name:

Subdivision Name: NONE

City Old and Historic District:

National historic District:

Neighborhoods in Bloom:

Redevelopment Conservation Area:

Economic Development

Care Area: - Jefferson Davis

Enterprise Zone: 1

Environment

100 YEAR Flood Plain Flag: Contact the Water Resources Division at 646-7586.

500 YEAR Flood Plain Flag: N

Resource Protection Flag: Contact the Water Resources Division at 646-7586.

Wetland Flag: N

Census

Census Year	Block	Block Group	Tract
2000	2006	0608002	060800
1990	109	0608981	060898

Schools

Elementary School: Oak Grove Middle School: Boushall High School: Wythe

Public Safety

Police Precinct: 2
Police Sector: 213
Fire District: 21
Dispatch Zone: 134B

Public Works Schedules

Street Sweep: TBD Leaf Collection: TBD Refuse Collection: Thursday Bulk Collection: TBD

Government Districts

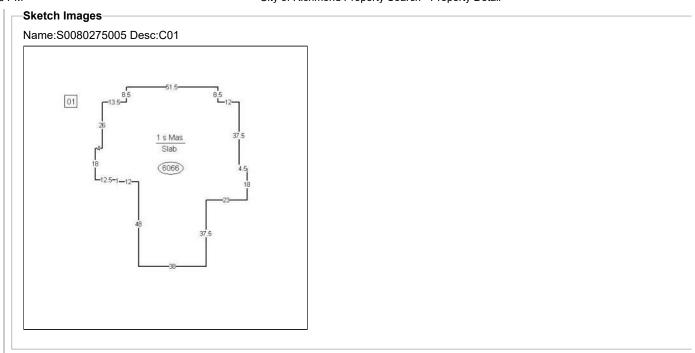
Council District: 8
Voter Precinct: 806
State House District: 79
State Senate District: 15
Congressional District: 4

Property Images

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RICHMOND BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS APPLICATION FORM



THE RICHMOND ZONING ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ROOM 110, CITY HALL, 900 EAST BROAD STREET RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23219 (804) 646-6340

PROPERTY City of Richmond PHONE: (Home) ((Mobile) (
OWNER, Department of Rule, Washington			
OWNER: Department of Public Works FAX; (Work) (Work)			
ADDRESS 900 East Broad Street, Room 701 E-mail Address:			
Richmond, Virginia 23219			
PROPERTY OWNER'S			
REPRESENTATIVE: Louis "Dexter" Goode PHONE: (Home) ((Mobile) (
(Name/Address) 900 East Broad Street, Room 603 FAX: (804) 646-6316 (Work) (804) 646-7531			
Richmond, Virginia 23219 E-mail Address: louis.goode@rva.gov			
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ZONING ADMINSTRATION OFFICE			
PROPERTY ADDRESS (ES) 2505 Richmond Highway			
TYPE OF APPLICATION:			
ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION NUMBERS(S): 30-300, 30-438.3(3), 30-630.9(b), 30-680.1(d), 30-1220.1 & 30-1220.138			
APPLICATION REQUIRED FOR: A building permit to construct a new fire station (FS 21).			
TAX PARCEL NUMBER(S): S008-0275/005 ZONING DISTRICT: B-3 (General Business)			
REQUEST DISAPPROVED FOR THE REASON THAT: The maximum permitted fence height located in a required rear			
yard is exceeded. Fences and walls located within the required rear yard shall not exceed six and a half feet (6.5') in height. A wall having a height of tweleve feet (12') is proposed and a wall having a height of seven and one third feet (7.33') is proposed.			
Accessory structures are oot permitted in the front yard.			
DATE REQUEST DISAPPROVED: July 12, 2024 FEE WAIVER: YES NO: 🖂			
DATE FILED: July 19, 2024 TIME FILED: 2:48 p.m. PREPARED BY: Josh Young RECEIPT NO. BZAC-151794-2024			
AS CERTIFIED BY: (ZONING ADMINSTRATOR)			
I BASE MY APPLICATION ON:			
SECTION 17.20 PARAGRAPH(S) (C) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND			
SECTION 15.2 -2309.2 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA [OR] SECTION 1040.3 PARAGRAPH(S)OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND			
SECTION 1040.5 FACAGRAFIN(S)OF THE EXCITION RECEIVED			
TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT			
I have received the handouts, Suggestions for Presenting Your Gase to the Board & Excerpts from the City Charter			
I have been notified that I, or my representative, must be present at the hearing at which my represent will be considered.			
SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR AUTHORIZED AGENT: DATE: 8-2-24			

*** TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS ***

CASE NUMBER: BZA 28-2024 HEARING DATE: September 4, 2024 AT 1:00 P.M.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS CASE BZA 28-2024 150' Buffer

APPLICANT(S): City of Richmond Department of Public Works

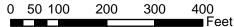
PREMISES: 2505 Richmond Highway (Tax Parcel Number S008-0275/005)

SUBJECT: A building permit to construct a new fire station (FS 21).

REASON FOR THE REQUEST: Based on Sections 30-300, 30-438.3(3), 30-630.9(b), 30-680.1(d), 30-1220.1 & 30-1220.138 of the Zoning Ordinance for the reason that: The maximum permitted fence height located in a required rear yard is exceeded and accessory structures are not permitted in the front yard.









BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS PRESENTATION SUGGESTIONS

CITY OF RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

When presenting your request for a variance or exception to the Board of Zoning Appeals, it is important that you consider the points outlined below. The City Charter requires that every decision of the Board must be based upon a finding of fact that the Board must determine from sworn testimony, together with pertinent evidence, presented at its public hearing. It is essential that the Board receive thorough and complete information in order for it to adequately consider your case and make an informed decision.

- 1. The powers and duties of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) are specified in Section 17.20 of the City Charter and Article X, Division 5, of the Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Office will assist you in identifying how your case should be filed. If you have questions regarding your case filing, please contact the Zoning Administration Office (804-646-6340) or at PDRZoningAdministration@Richmondgov.com. Please review the applicable provisions of the City Charter or the Zoning Ordinance thoroughly and address them when presenting your case to the Board to show that the applicable requirements have been satisfied.
- 2. The Board of Zoning Appeals is a quasi-judicial board whose decisions are controlled by statutory law and also take into consideration applicable case law that has been handed down by the Richmond Circuit Court and the Virginia Supreme Court. The Board suggests that if you have any legal questions regarding statutory or case law as it may apply to your application, that those legal issues should be discussed with an attorney before you make your final decision to submit an application to the Board.
- 3. The Board considers it essential that you discuss your case with nearby residents (notification letters are sent to all property owners within a 150-foot radius of your property) and any nearby civic association(s). Information regarding your neighborhood association(s) and/or contact person(s) may be obtained here. Once on the page, you can search for your property using the interactive map. A dialogue box will provide you with the names of all civic groups within which your property may lie. Once you have those group names, scroll down the page to the appropriate group(s) to find the contact information for each.

Be advised that if you fail to discuss your request with your neighbors and neighborhood association(s), you should anticipate that your case will be continued until the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting. It is highly recommended that you contact your neighborhood association as soon as possible to determine their meeting schedule in order to be sure you allow yourself enough time to talk to all concerned parties prior to the hearing before the Board. The Board's Rules of Procedure require payment of a one-hundred fifty dollar (\$150) continuance fee if the applicant must request a continuance for the reason that the applicant failed to discuss their case with their neighbor(s) or neighborhood association(s).

- 4. You are also strongly encouraged to discuss your pending case with the Secretary of the Board, Roy Benbow at (804) 240-2124 well before the hearing. The BZA Secretary can be helpful by explaining the BZA public hearing requirements and process.
- 5. Utilizing photographs, plans, maps, diagrams and such other written or graphic evidence as needed to fully explain your request can be a great help to the Board in understanding your request and thereby improve your chances for success. Remember . . . a picture is worth a thousand words.
- 6. Note that, although the Board is not authorized to grant a waiver from the zoning regulations based on financial circumstances alone, it may be a factor to be taken into consideration along with other facts in a case. If your case involves such a factor, please provide the Board with complete and relevant financial information for its review.
- 7. The Board's hearings are informal, although all testimony is taken under oath. You are not required to be represented by an attorney in presenting your case. However, if you choose, you may have legal representation and/or may utilize such technical experts or other persons to testify on your behalf as you feel are needed to adequately explain your request to the Board.

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Acknowledgement of Receipt by	Applicant or	Authorized Agen	it:	,

CITY OF RICHMOND - NEW FIRE STATION #21

2505 RICHMOND HIGHWAY - RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

BZA APPLICATION - OWNER'S REQUEST FOR SPECIAL APPROVAL / EXCEPTIONS

The City of Richmond, the owner, is replacing the existing Fire Station #21 with a new Fire Station #21 at 2505 Richmond Highway. The existing station has served the area since 1945 and has undergone several renovations though none have brought the station to the operational standards of a modern fire station. The property represents the most ideal location for constructing the new Fire Station #21 facility from an 'optimum response time' perspective to permit continued service to the surrounding residential, commercial, and industrial areas. In addition to accommodating the existing two fire companies from Fire Station #21, the new Fire Station #21 will house a third company which requires a larger facility than the existing fire station to include an additional emergency apparatus vehicle bay and additional space for added company of fire fighters.

The site is zoned B-3 General Business. The applicant is requesting the Board of Zoning Appeals permit, per §17.20.c. of the City Code, the construction of Fire Station #21 consistent with the attached plans as a fire station of this scale and design at this location is necessary in the public interest to continue to provide fire and emergency medical service to the surrounding community. The proposed design is required for the expansion of the fire station to accommodate the third company and larger emergency apparatus vehicles, to ensure adequate and safe access to and parking on the site, and to facilitate quick response times. Additionally, the proposed design does not impact the surrounding properties more than the existing use. Outlined below are the provisions of the B-3 zoning district which will not be met with the proposed design.

ACCESSORY STRUCTURES LOCATED IN FRONT YARD SEC 30-680.1(D):

• (D) An accessory building or structure may only be located in a front yard if located 100 feet or greater from the nearest street line.

Request for Special Exception:

The Owner is requesting special approval/exception to allow the required RPZ Back Flow Preventor heated enclosures to be located in the front yard.

Justification for this request (case for need):

- The Department of Public Utilities requires backflow preventers be installed on water utilities servicing any building. Due to the nature of the backflow preventers, they must be installed above ground and located within 25' of the meters which are located on the property line. The RPZ heated enclosures are required by the Department of Public Utilities to protect the backflow preventers from freezing conditions.
- Due to the size constraints of the site, relative to the available space adjacent to the Fire Station #21 building, there is no other location for the enclosures and backflow preventers to be installed and still meet the requirements of the Department of Public Utilities.
- The old Fire Station 21 house has been demolished and the new facility is currently under construction. To facilitate progress on the new Fire Station 21 building, approval of the proposed enclosure locations is critical. Further delays to the construction progress will result in an impact to the public safety by not having a fully functioning Fire Station servicing the area. The enclosures are low in height and will not contribute to any issues related to disruption of light and/or air to the adjacent properties and they will not increase congestion in the streets or pose a public safety hazard.

Sec. 30.630.9(b) — Permitted projections and encroachments in yards and courts

■ As defined in Sec. 30.630.9(b) Fences and walls not exceeding 6 ½ feet in height may be located within any required side or rear yard or court.... For purposes of this section, the height of a fence or wall shall be measured from the ground level at the base of the fence or wall.

Request for Special Exception:

The Owner is requesting special approval/exception to allow the generator enclosure wall to exceed the 6 ½ feet limit in the current location in the rear yard along the property line, given the limited available area due to limitations of existing physical

CITY OF RICHMOND - NEW FIRE STATION #21

2505 RICHMOND HIGHWAY - RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

site constraints, and the need for the emergency generator to be placed as close to the electrical room, located at the rear of the new building.

Justification for this request (case for need):

- Since the new building is considered an 'essential facility' (mission critical emergency services), it's important to locate the generator in close proximity to the electrical room whenever possible, not only from a practicality standpoint, but also as an intended CPTED safety strategy (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design). The proposed location for the generator, and it's enclosure, is close to the electrical room at rear of the building, which helps to reduce the chances of unauthorized access to and possible compromise of the integrity of the generator, which could jeopardize the fire station's ability to remain fully operable during unexpected power outages.
- The proposed 8 foot enclosure wall will completely enclose the generator, serving as a further deterrent to unauthorized access as well as providing a sound barrier for the adjacent properties during times of operation or testing.
- Due to the grading from the Finished floor elevation of the building to the rear alley, the proposed height of the generator will exceed the maximum height allowed.
 - The old Fire Station 21 house has been demolished and the new facility is currently under construction. To facilitate progress on the new Fire Station 21 building, approval of the proposed generator enclosure wall is critical. Further delays to the construction progress will result in an impact to the public safety by not having a fully functioning Fire Station servicing the area. The height of the generator enclosure wall will not contribute to any issues related to disruption of light and/or air to the adjacent properties and they will not increase congestion in the streets or pose a public safety hazard since this element is located at the rear of the property and adjacent to a dead end alley.





New Fire Station #21

(3-Bay / 3-Story Building)

BZA Application Submission

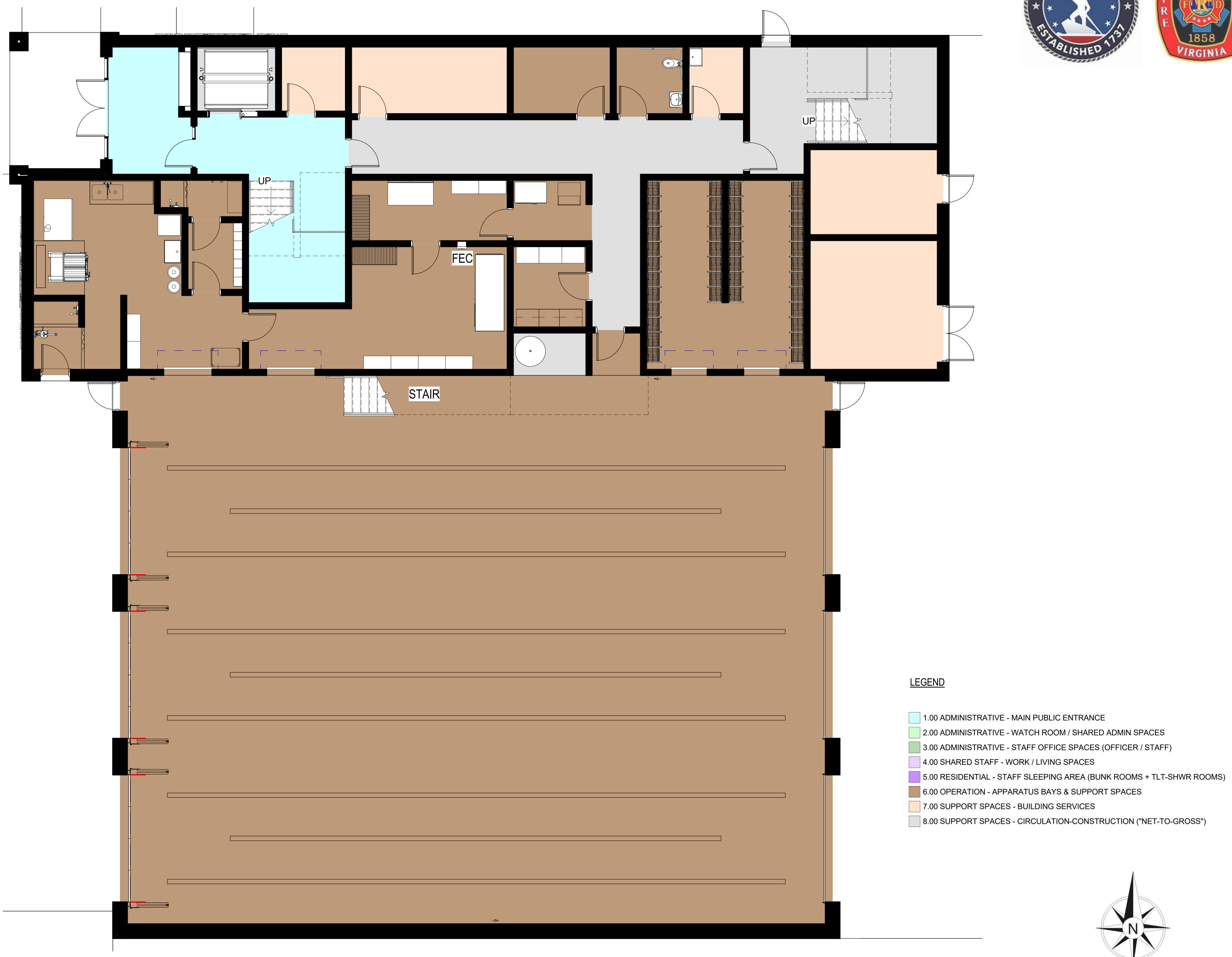
(Reference Information - Conceptual Design Drawings)

July 24, 2024















FLOOR PLAN: SECOND FLOOR







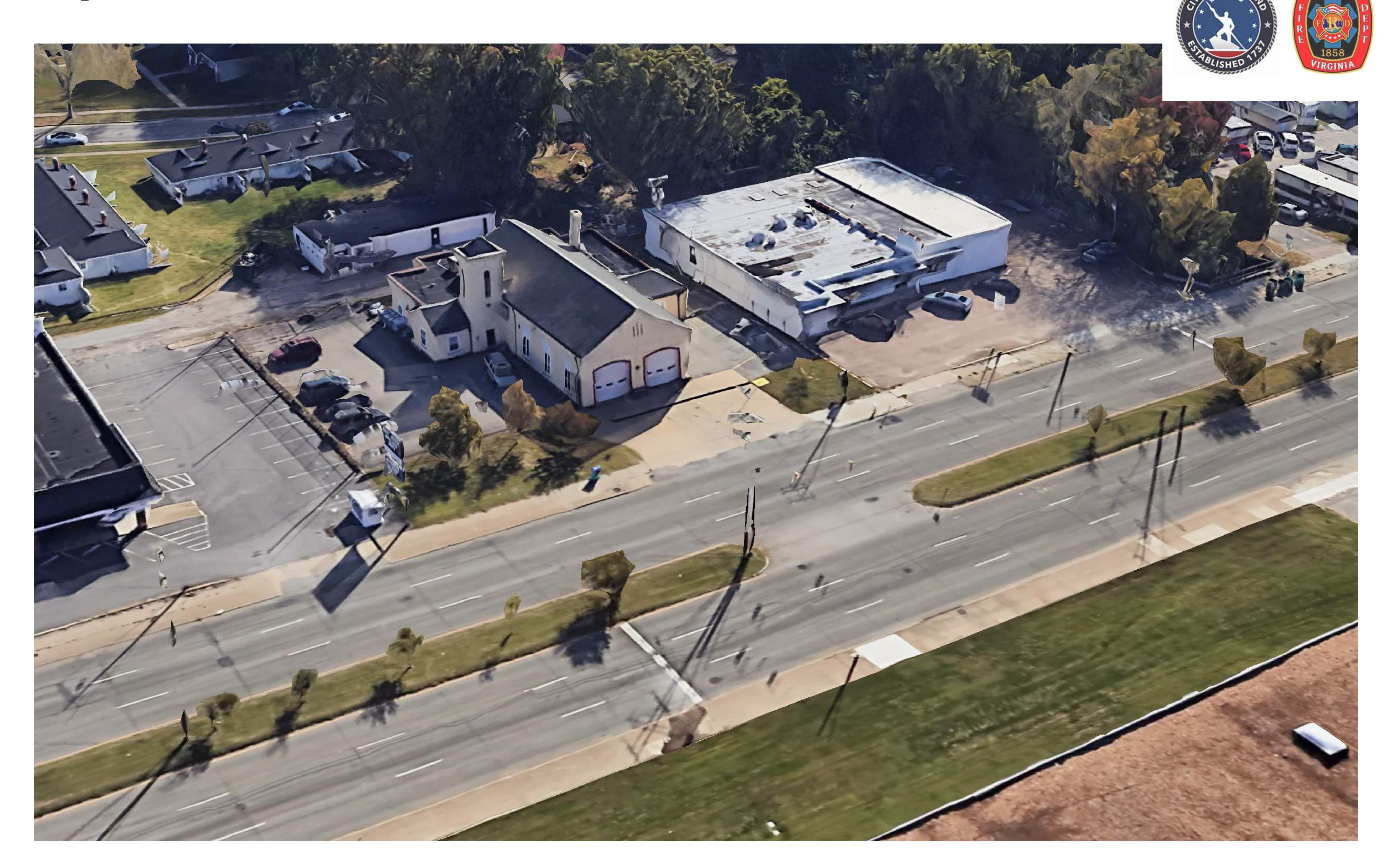




Reference Image - Overall Existing Site Plan Layout (Current Conditions)



Reference Image - Aerial Site Plan View (Current Existing Conditions)



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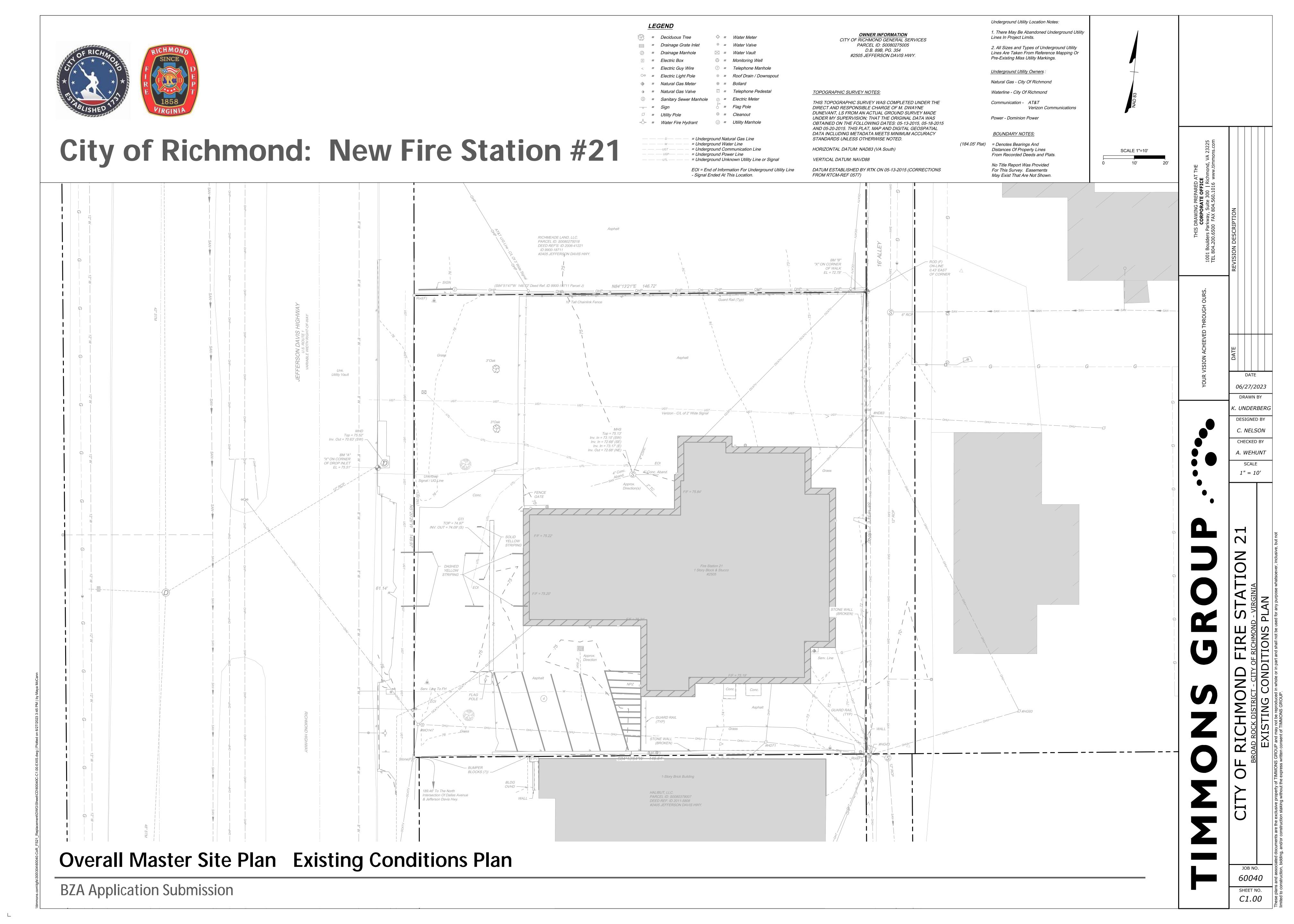








Reference Image - Aerial Site Plan View (Current Existing Conditions)

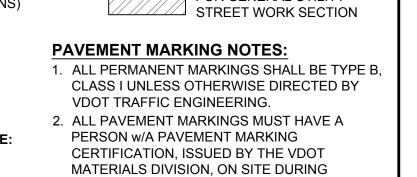




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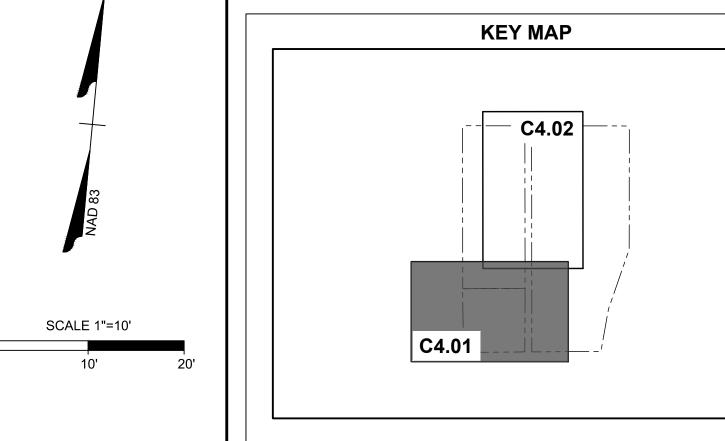
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6" CURB (CoR STD. RGM-CD-01)	A 24" STOP BAR
6" CURB & GUTTER (CoR STD. RGM-CD-01)	B STOP SIGN (MUTCD STD. R1-1)
ADA RAMP w/DETECTABLE WARNING SURFACE (VDOT CG-12, TYPE A)	C VAN ACCESSIBLE PARKING SIGN (MUT
STD. ENTRANCE GUTTER FOR USE w/UNPAVED SPACE BETWEEN CURB & GUTTER	D TYPICAL ACCESSIBLE PARKING SIGN R7-8)
(VDOT MOD. CG-9B)	E EV PARKING SIGN
OVER-THE-SIDEWALK ENTRANCE APRON (VDOT MOD. CG-9D)	F PREFERRED GREEN VEHICLE SIGN
CoR CONCRETE SIDEWALK (CoR STD. RGM-CD-04)	G NO SMOKING WITHIN 25-FT SIGN
STANDARD HANDRAIL (REFER TO ARCH. PLANS FOR DETAIL)	
ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION	
BIKE RACKS FOR SHORT TERM BICYCLE STORAGE (N = [# OF RACKS]; REFER TO LANDSCAPE PLANS FOR DETAIL)	

LAYOUT	HATCH	H LEGEND	
HEAVY DUTY CONCRETE PAVEMENT SECTION		MILL & OVERLAY PAVEMENT SECTION	
CONCRETE SIDEWALK PAVEMENT SECTION		LIGHT DUTY ASPHALT PAVEMENT SECTION	
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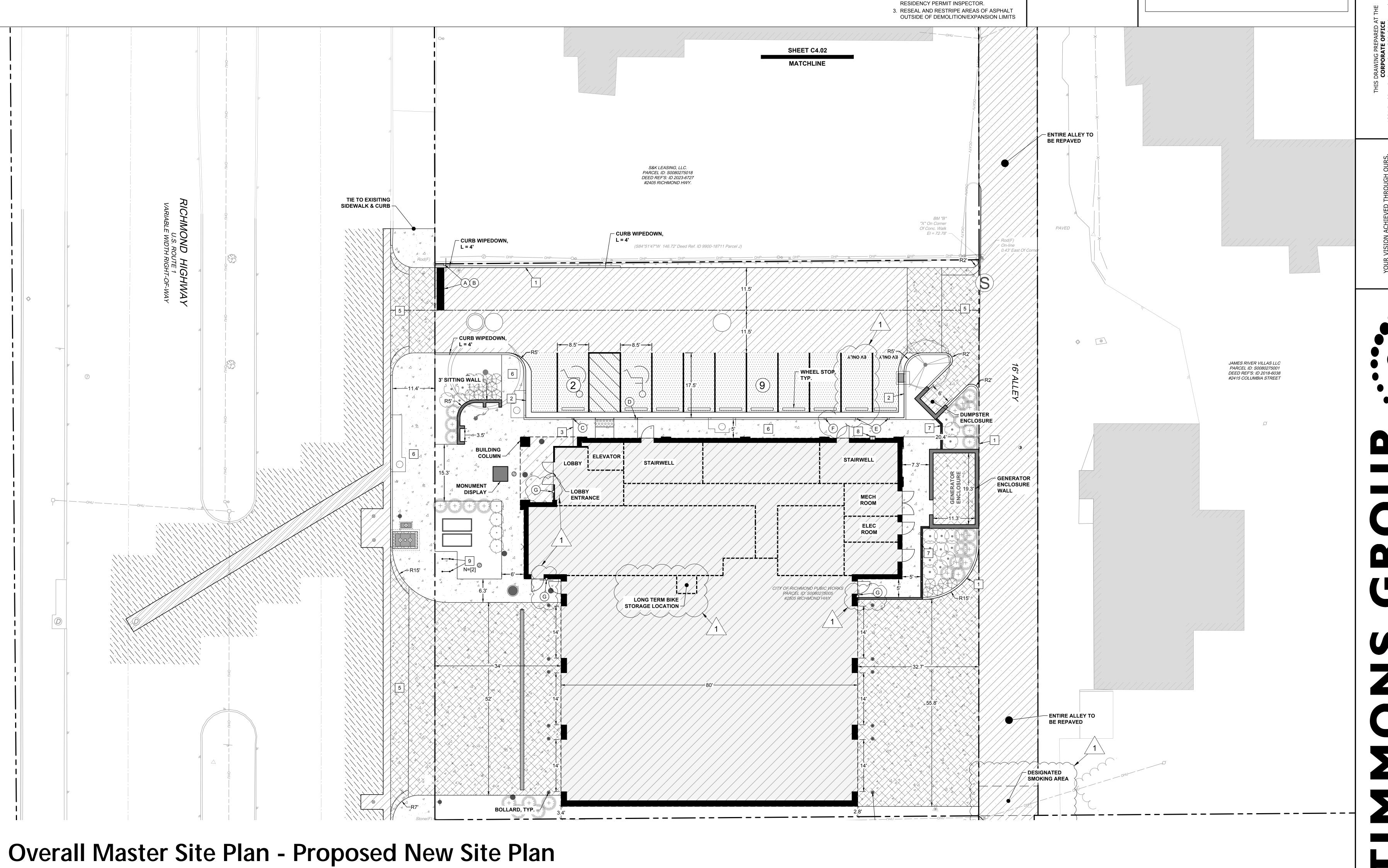
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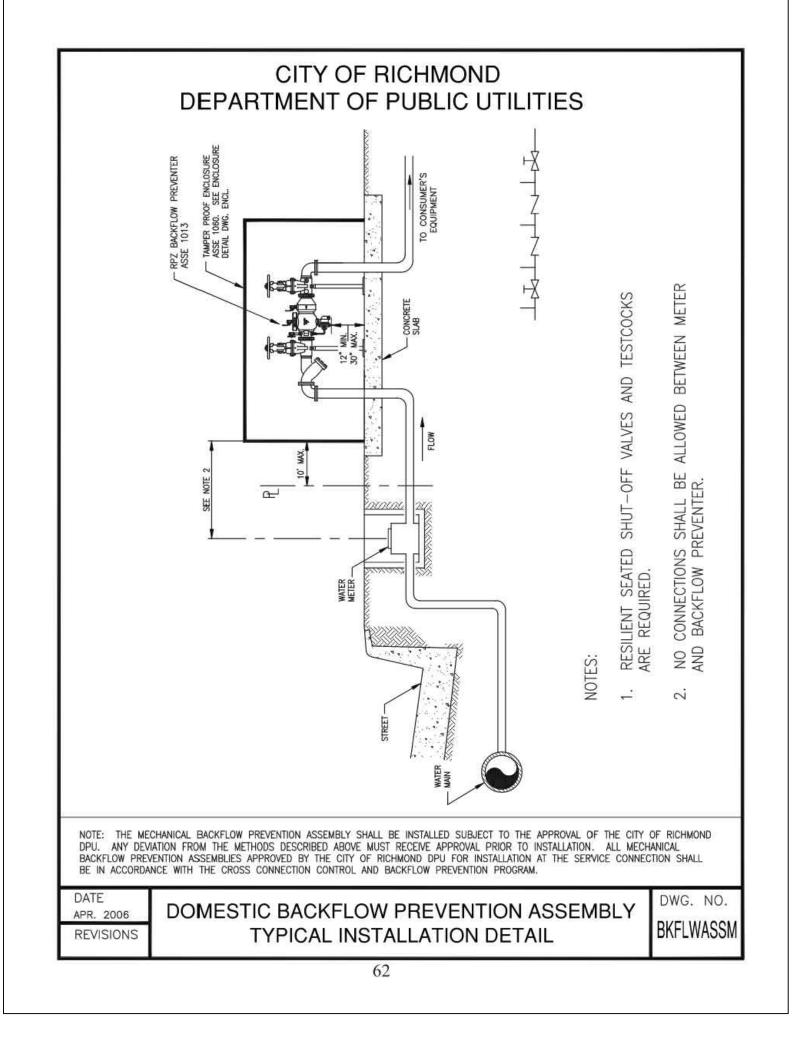
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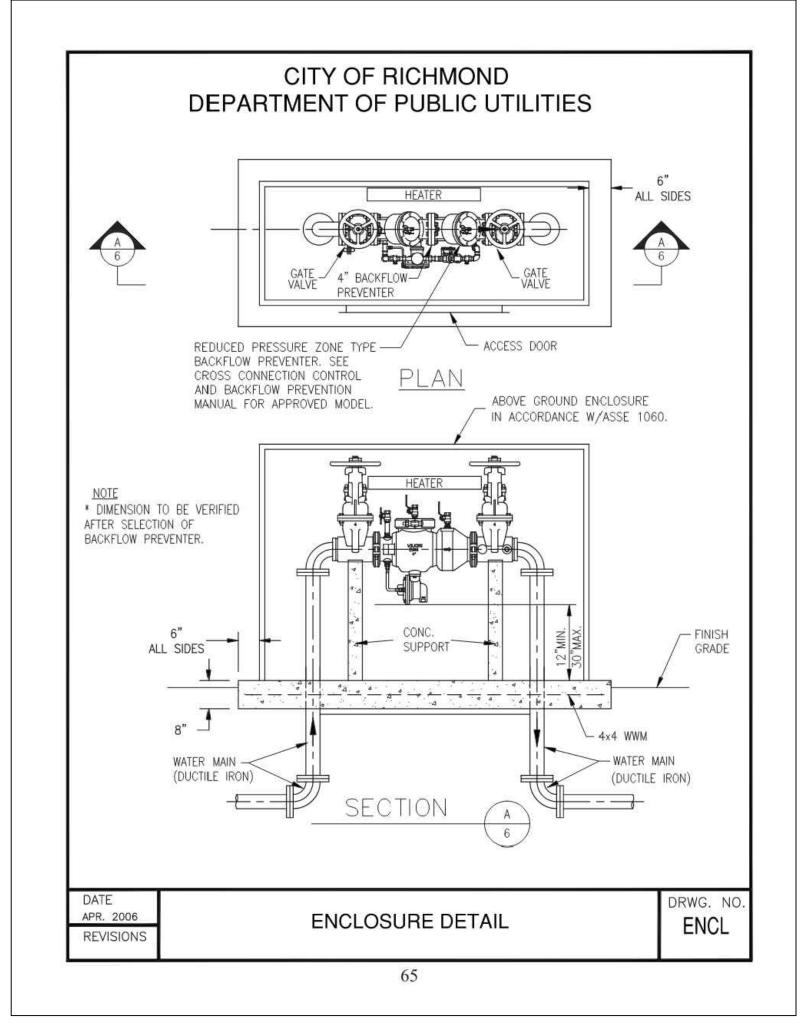
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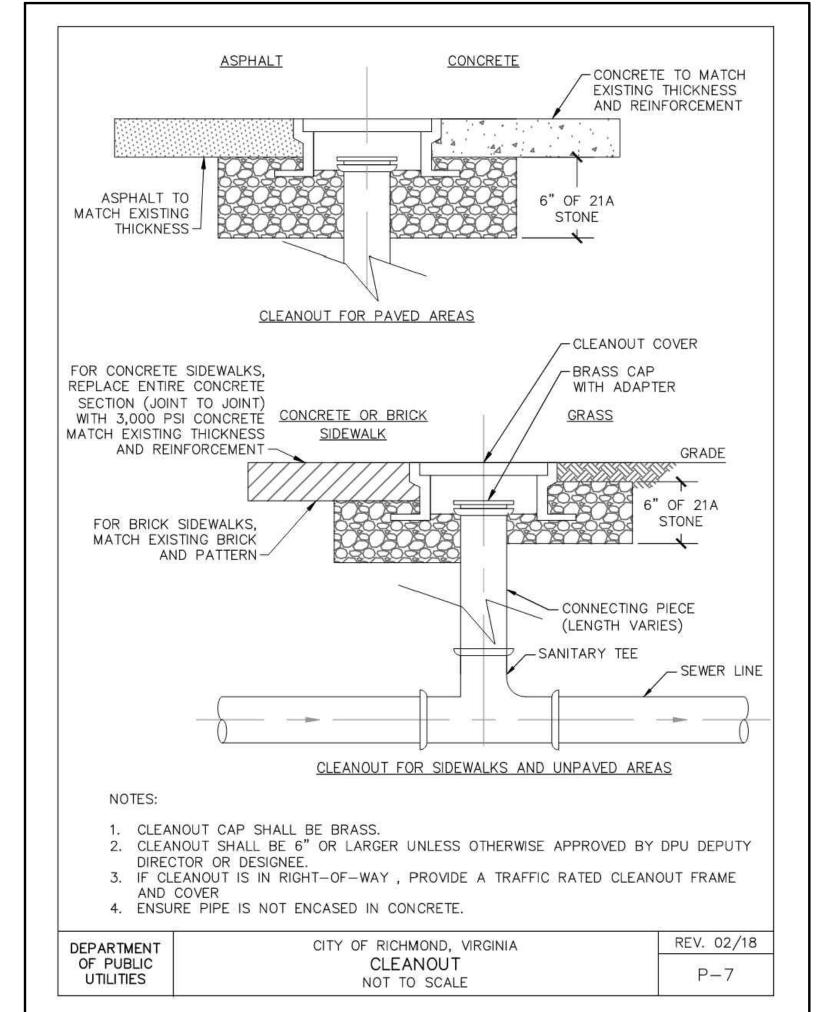
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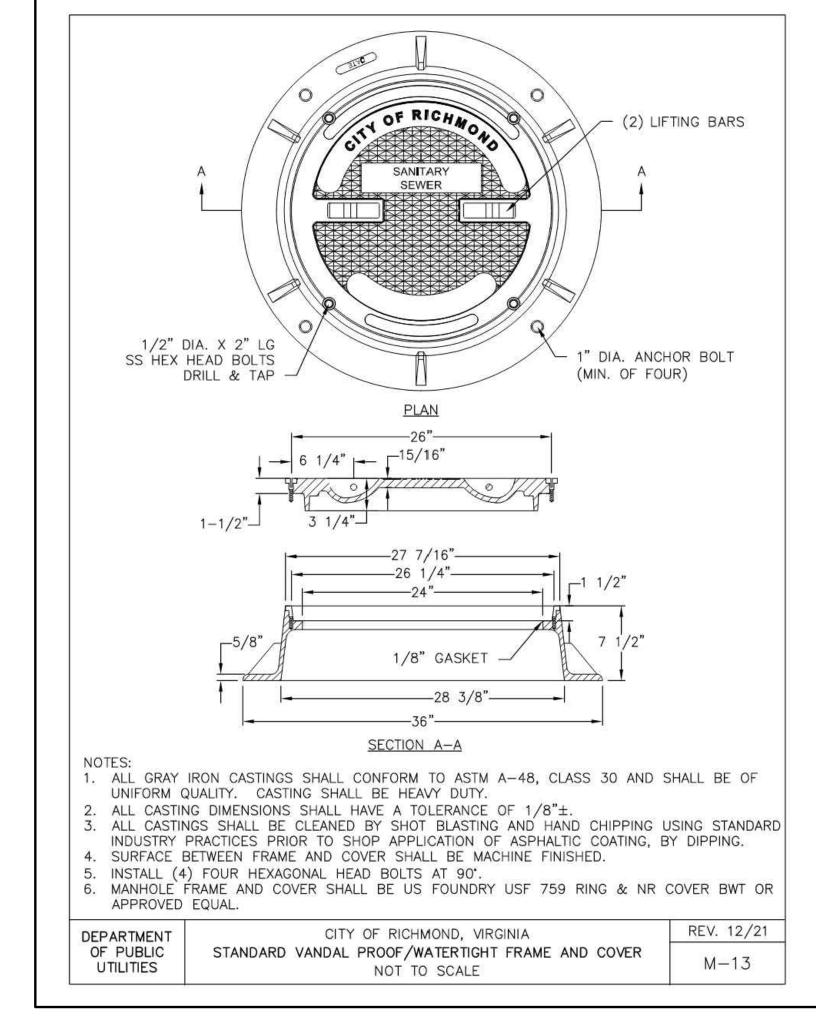
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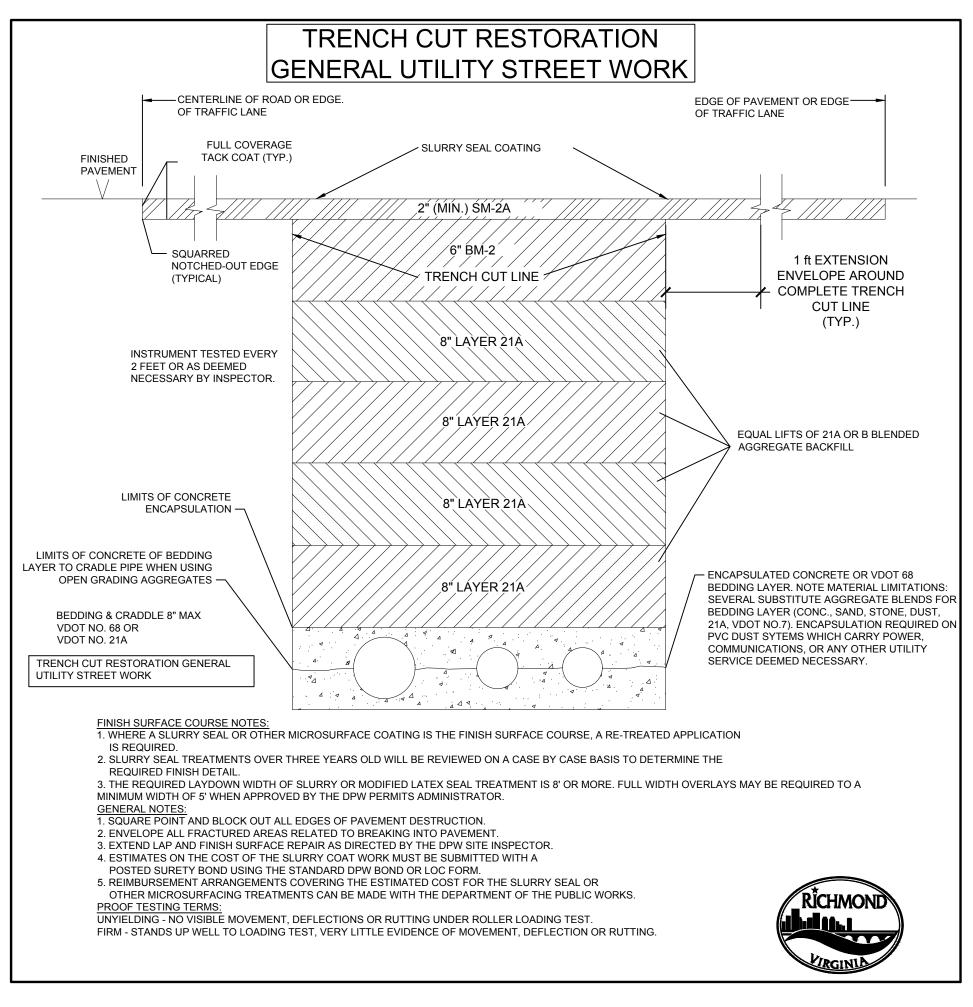


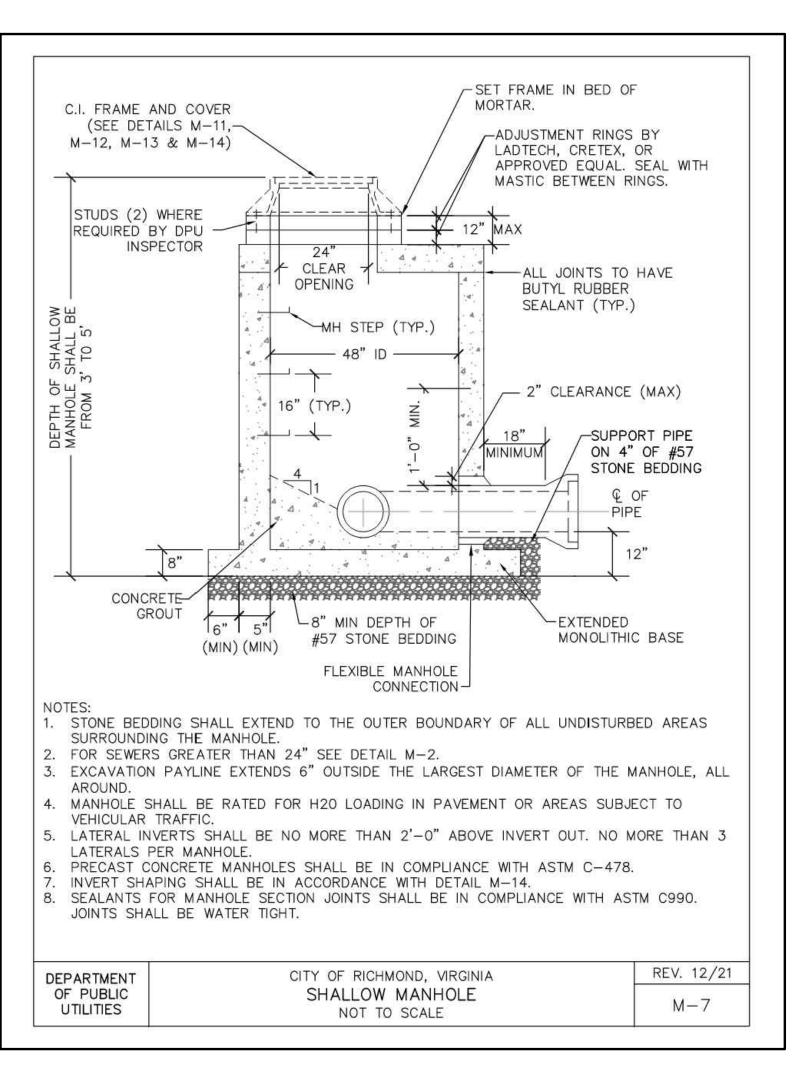


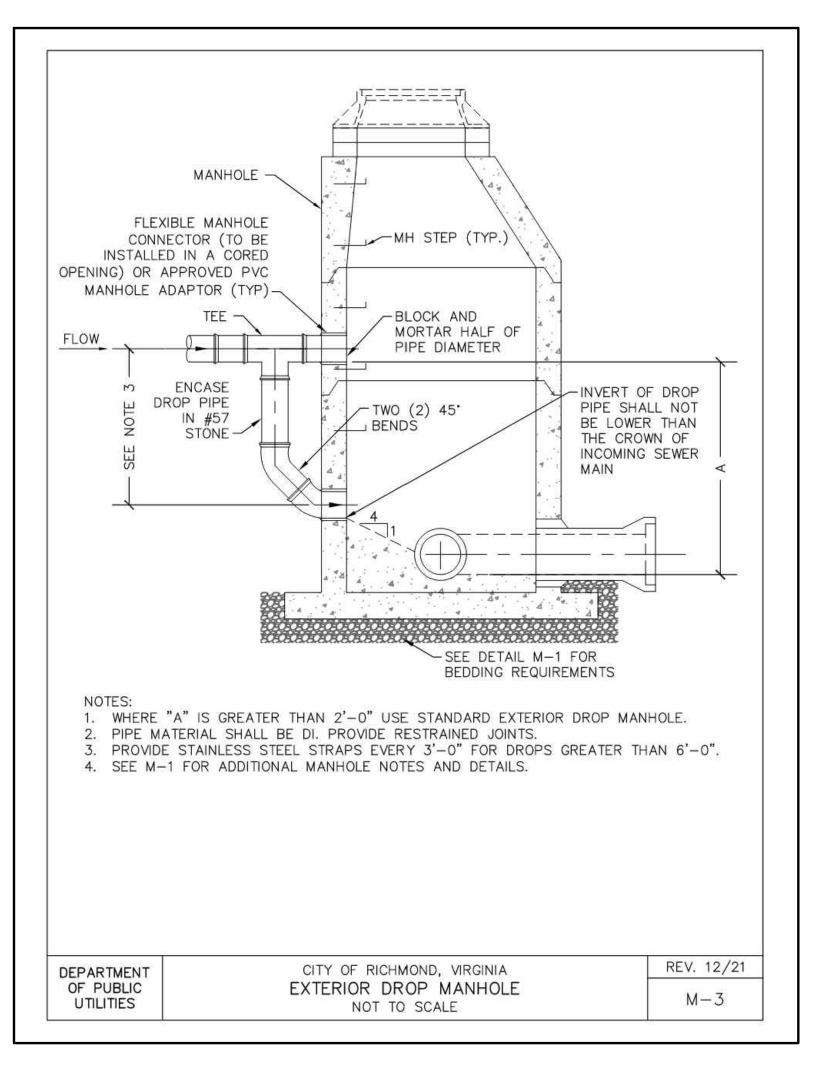


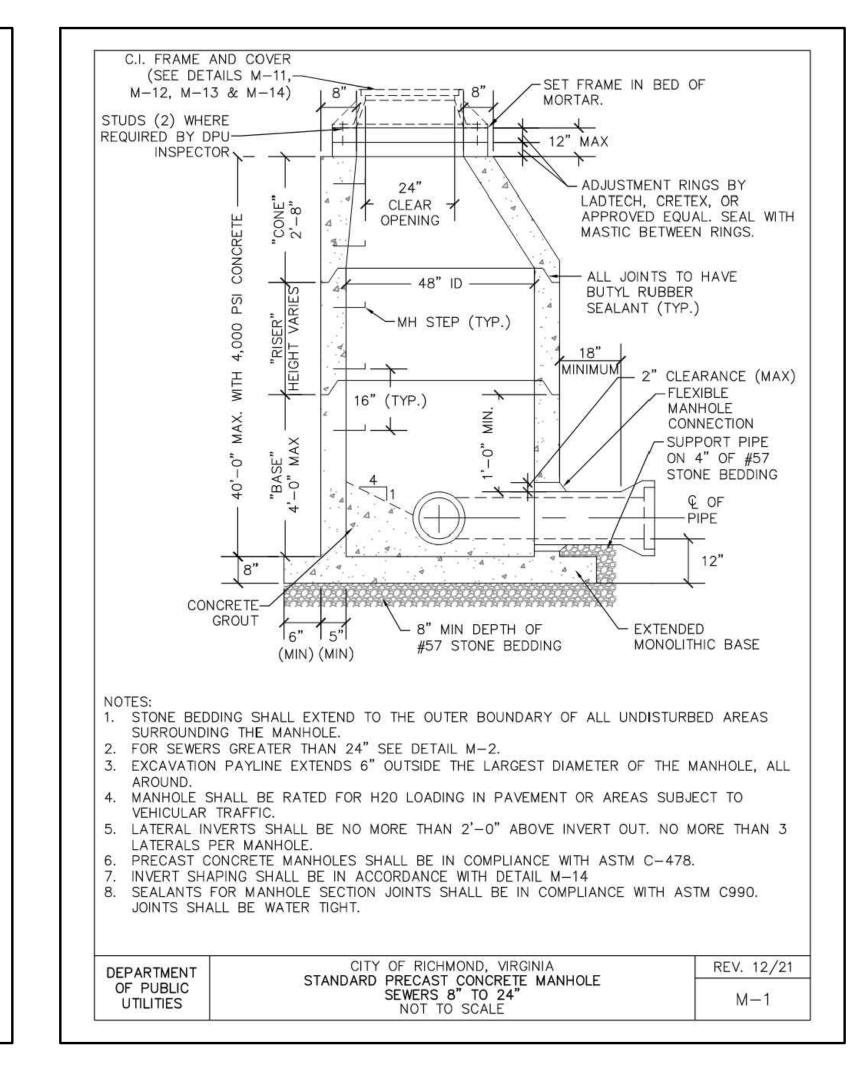


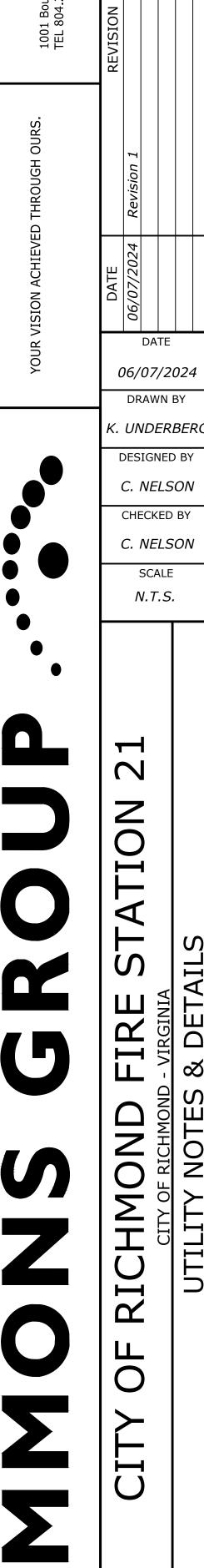












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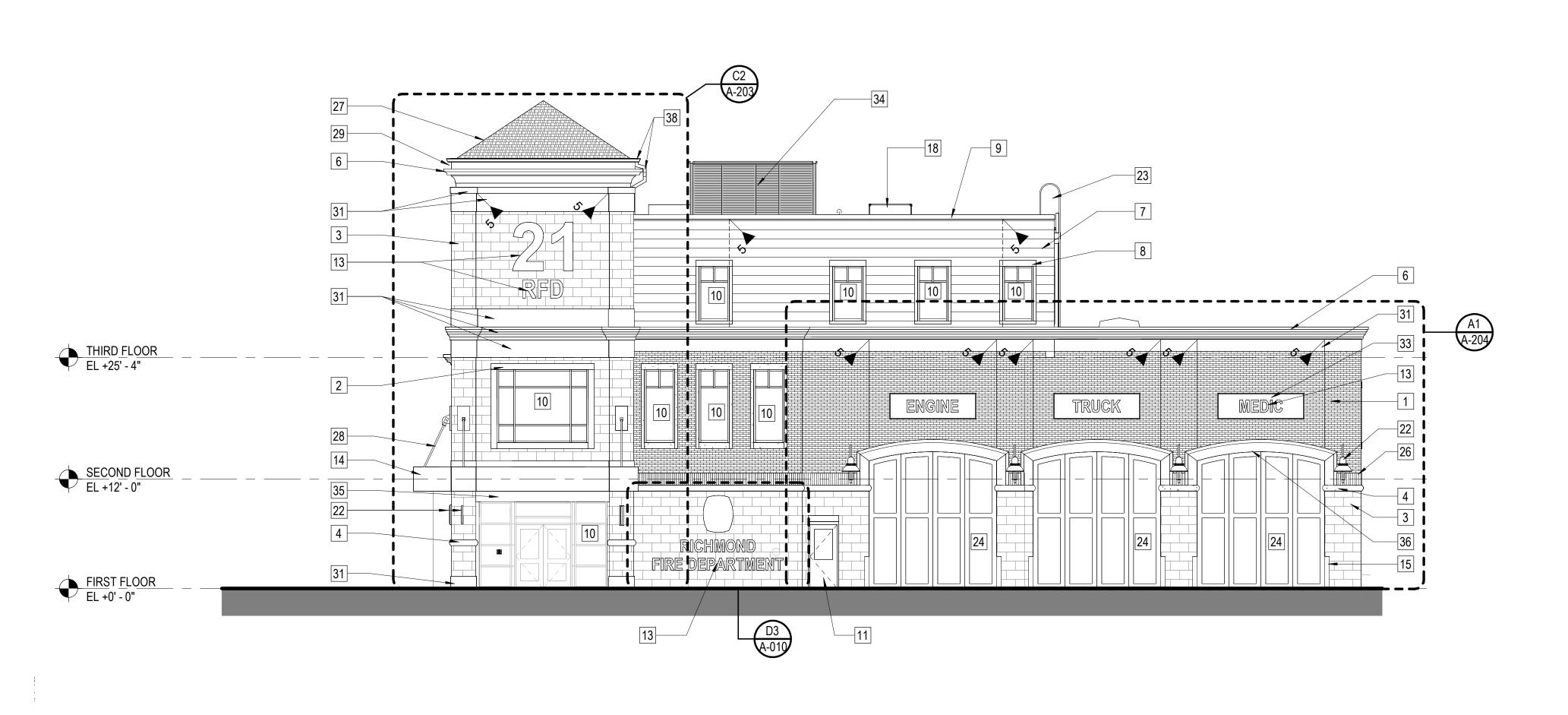
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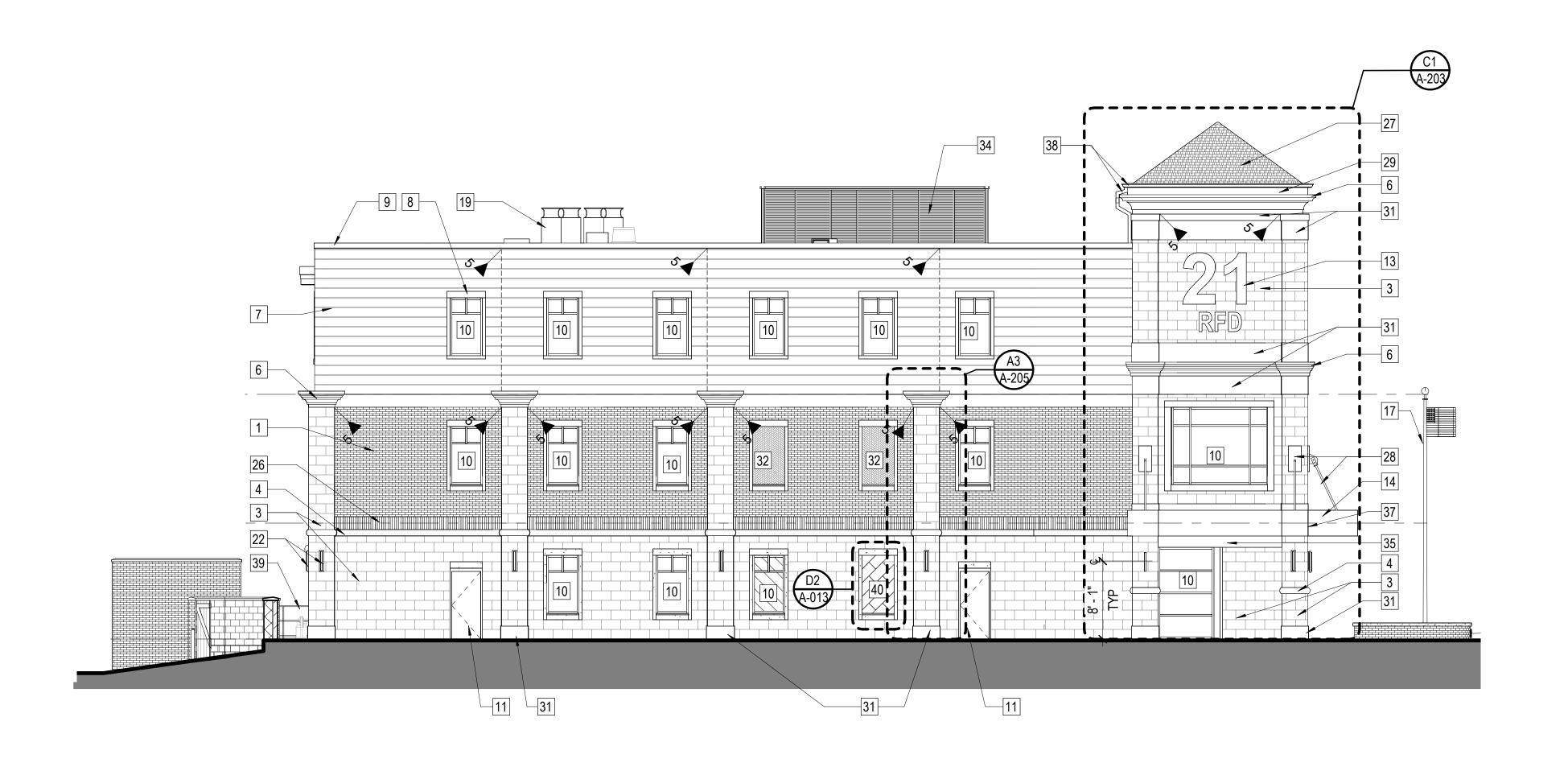
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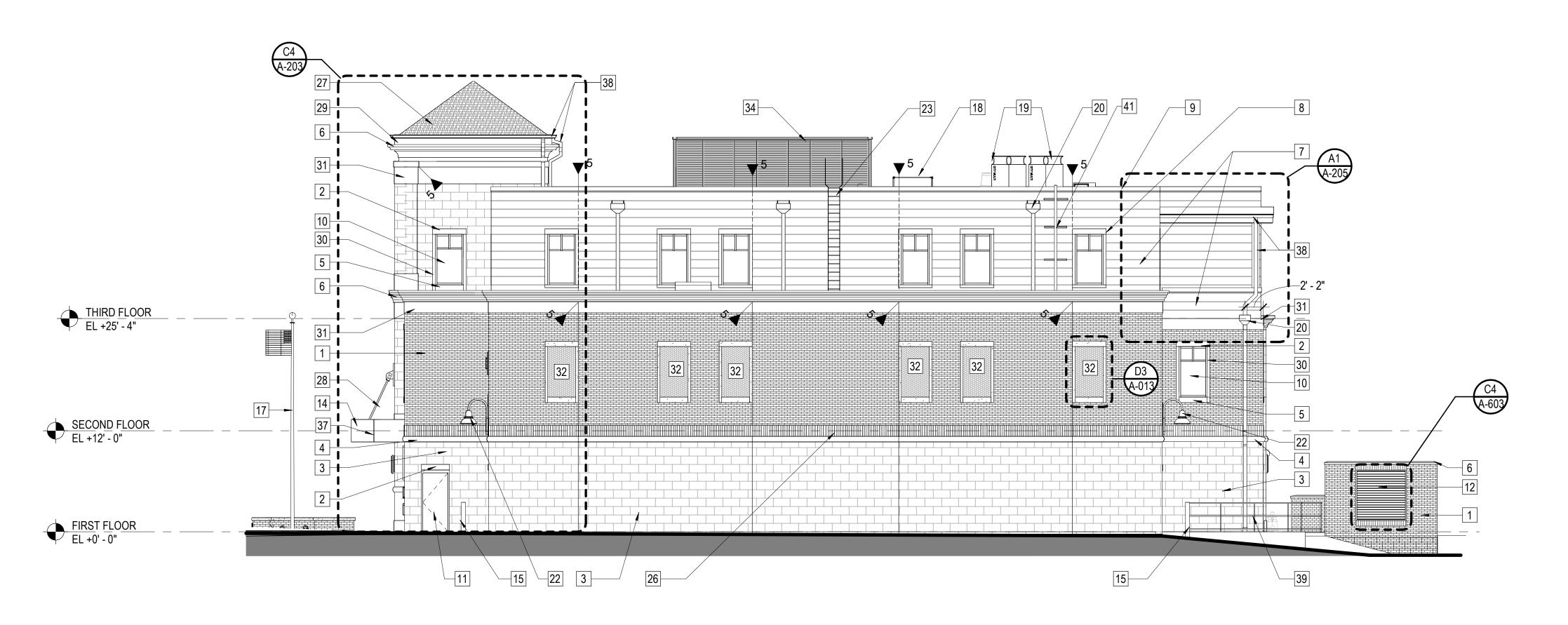
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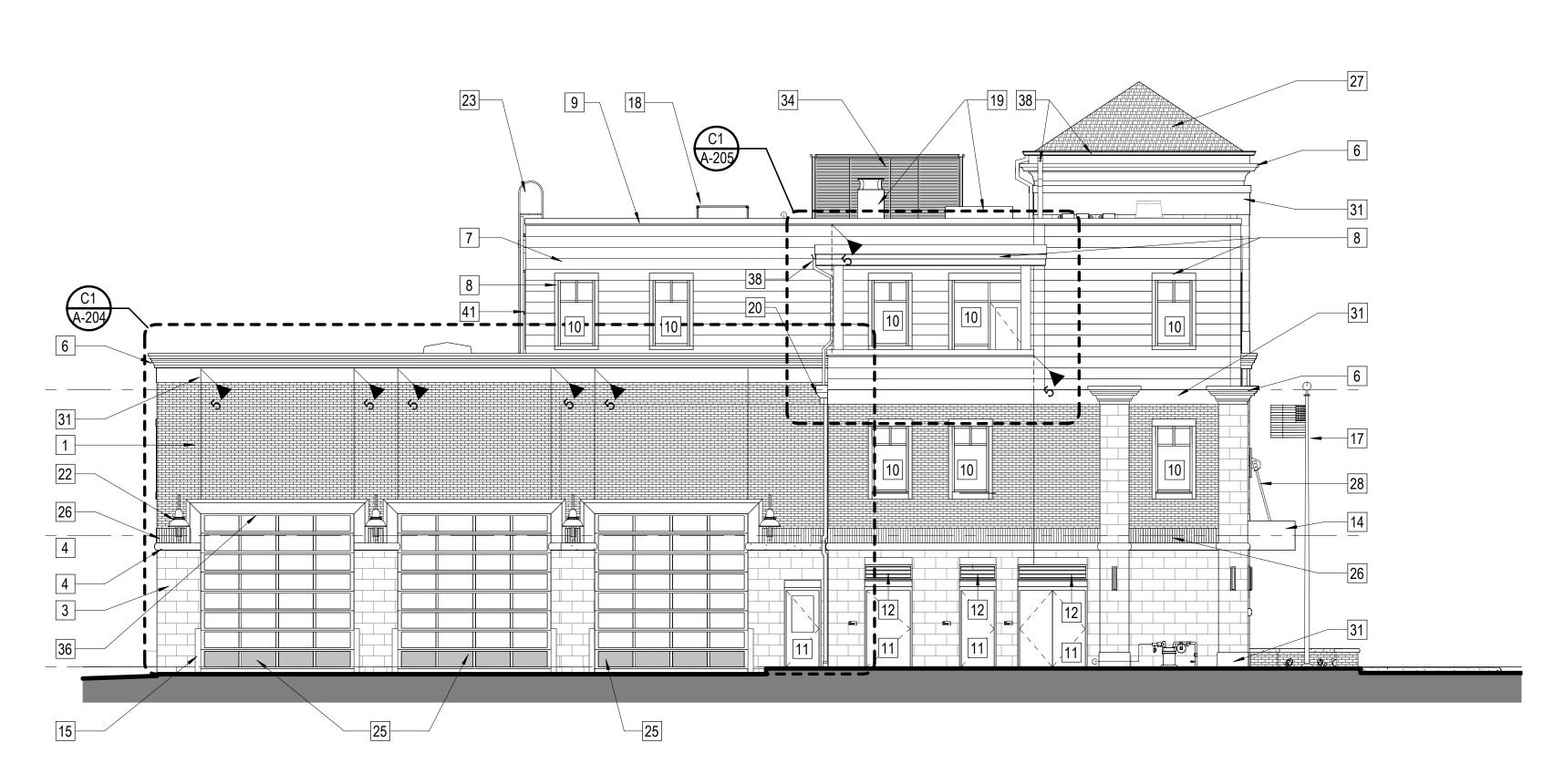




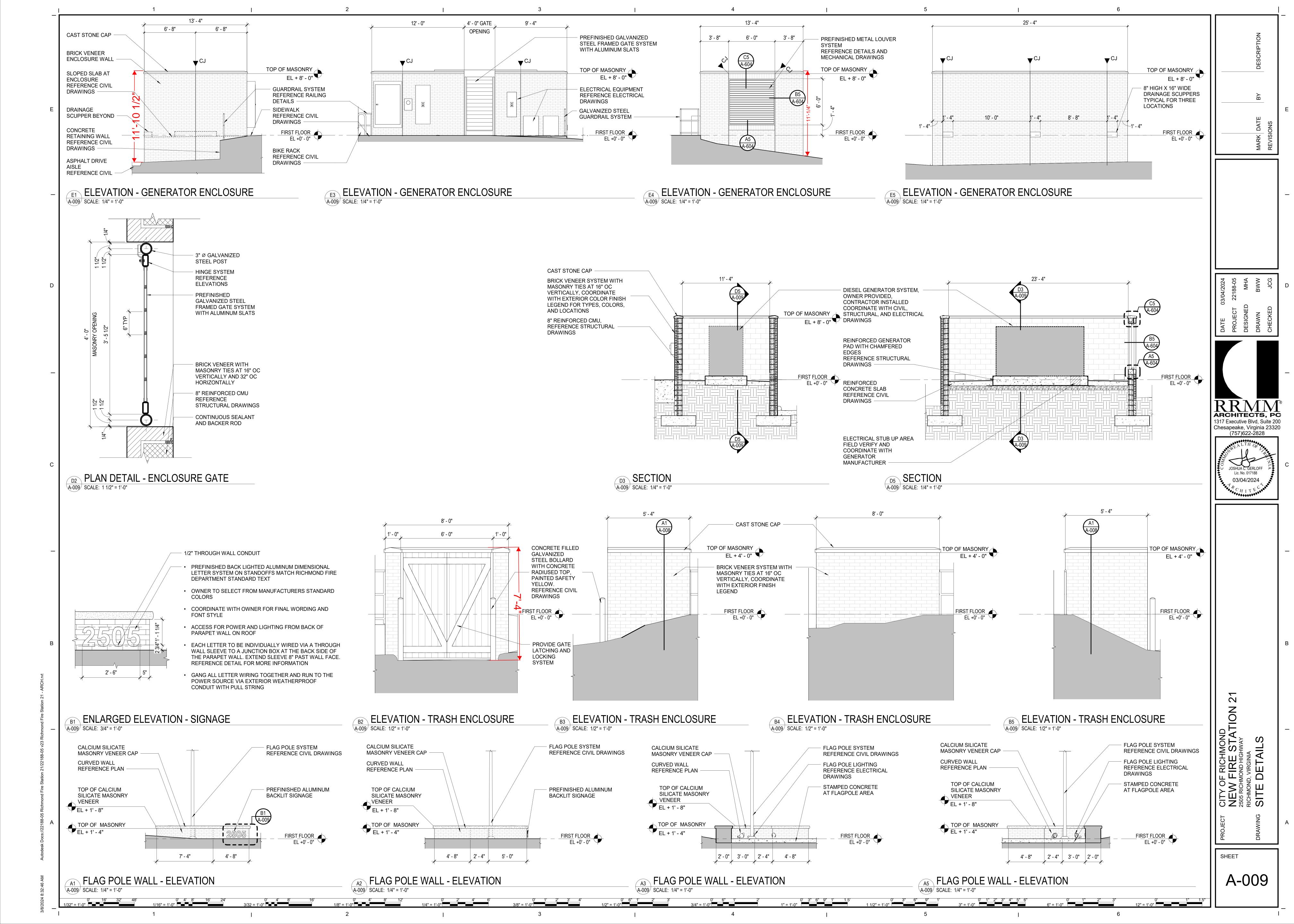








Proposed Building Design Concept - Overall 2D Exterior Views









Proposed Building Design Concept - Overall 3D Exterior View







View of Rear of the Building & Parking Area







View of Rear of the Building

widths in the immediate vicinity of the property and that dwellings to be constructed on the lots will be compatible with the dwellings existing or to be constructed in the immediate vicinity of the property.

RESOLUTION: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS that a request for a special exception from the lot area requirement be granted to Asset Properties LLC for a lot split and building permit to construct a new single-family (detached) dwelling, subject to substantial compliance with the plans submitted to the Board and provision of cementitious siding.

ACTION OF THE BOARD: (5-0)

Vote to Grant Conditionally

affirmative: York, Hogue, Sadid, Robertson, Winks

negative: None

BZA 33-2023

APPLICANT: City of Richmond Department of Public Works

PREMISES: 2505 RICHMOND HIGHWAY

(Tax Parcel Number S008-0275/005)

SUBJECT: A building permit to construct a new fire station (FS 21).

DISAPPROVED by the Zoning Administrator on July 6, 2023, based on Sections 30-300, 30-438.3(3), 30-438.5 & 30-438.6(a) & (b) of the zoning ordinance for the reason that: In a B-3 (General Business) District, the rear yard (setback), building height, and parking and circulation of vehicle requirements are not met. A rear yard of twenty (20) feet is required; three (3) feet is proposed. A maximum building height of 35 feet is permitted; 38.67 feet is proposed. Areas devoted to the parking or circulation of vehicles shall not be located between the main building and the street line and such areas shall not be located closer to the street line than the main building on the lot; parking circulation is proposed in front of the building. No driveway intersection on a street that constitutes the principal street frontage of a lot shall be permitted when other street frontage or alley access is available to serve the lot; a new (second) driveway and expansion of an existing driveway is proposed.

APPLICATION was filed with the Board on July 14, 2023, based on Section 17.20(c) of the Charter of the City of Richmond.

APPEARANCES:

For Applicant: Travis Wolf

Against Applicant: None

FINDINGS OF FACT: The Board finds from sworn testimony and exhibits offered in this case that the applicant, City of Richmond Department of Public Works, has requested a special exception under §17.20 © of the Richmond City Charter. Mr. Travis Wolf, representing the applicant testified that the existing fire station at 2505 Richmond Highway is being replaced. The existing station has served the area since 1945. While the station has undergone several renovations it still remains substandard in terms of current fire department standards. Mr. Wolfe noted that the request involves building height, setbacks and parking requirements and circulation. Mr. Wolf noted that the request is being made under §17.20 © of the Richmond City Charter. Mr. Wolf stated that the fire station design and location is necessary and in the public interest to continue to provide fire and medical services to the surrounding area. The proposed design is required for the expansion of the fire station to accommodate a third company and larger apparatus vehicles to ensure adequate and safe access and parking on the site. The proposed project does not impact surrounding properties any more than the existing use and is designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the of the occupants of the adjoining properties. The fire station use will not increase congestion in streets and will maintain safety in the area by maintaining a public safety use at this location. Mr. Wolf noted that due to bringing a third company on-site that the fire station will be going from a two bay arrangement to a three bay arrangement. Mr. Wolf explained that as a result of the modernization efforts that the overall building height is being increased by approximately three feet. Mr. Wolf indicated that a rear yard waiver is being requested as a result of construction of an emergency generator and that the building footprint will not violate any required setbacks. Mr. Wolf explained that a secondary drive is being installed to provide needed access. Mr. Wolf stated that they had reached out to surrounding property owners and no opposition to the requested special exception have been noted.

The Board finds that in accordance with §17.20 of the Charter of the City of Richmond that the sworn testimony and evidence offered in this case demonstrates that the construction of the proposed fire station (FS 21) at 2505 Richmond Highway which is prohibited by ordinance, is in the public interest and that such construction or use will adequately safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the occupants of the adjoining and surrounding property, will not

unreasonably impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property, will not increase congestion in streets and will not increase public danger from fire or otherwise affect public safety.

RESOLUTION: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS that a request for a special exception from the rear yard (setback), building height, and parking and circulation of vehicle requirements be granted to the City of Richmond Department of Public Works for a building permit to construct a new fire station (FS 21), subject to substantial compliance with the plans submitted to the Board.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:	(5-0)
Vote to Grant Conditionally affirmative:	York, Hogue, Sadid, Robertson, Winks
negative:	None
	Hogue and seconded by Ms. Sadid, Members voted (4-0) to the Board's August meeting minutes.
The	meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.
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Young, Joshua S. - PDR

From: Roakes, Raymond A. - PDR
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2024 9:39 AM

To: Wolf, Travis; Davidson, William C. - PDR

Cc: Young, Joshua S. - PDR

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Thanks Travis.

If it has to go to the BZA, the UDC does not need to see it again.

My recommendation is that it be screened or strongly softened with some sort of design element such as art or camouflage.

Maybe it can look like a toy fire truck haha.

Is it pipes or a box?

Thanks,

Ray Roakes

Urban Design Planner | authentiCITY Studio Secretary Urban Design Committee 804-646-5467 | raymond.roakes@rva.gov

From: Wolf, Travis <travis.wolf@aecom.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2024 6:06 PM

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Mr. Davidson,

Per the contractors submittal one enclosure is approximately 44" and the other is approximately 54" above grade.

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Would be helpful for Mr. Roakes and the BZA.