

Application for SPECIAL USE PERMIT

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Land Use Administration Division
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Application is hereby submitted for: (check one) ☐ special use permit, new ☐ special use permit, plan amendment ☐ special use permit, text only amendment **Project Name/Location** Property Address:_____ Tax Map #: Fee: Total area of affected site in acres: (See page 6 for fee schedule, please make check payable to the "City of Richmond") Zoning Current Zoning:_____ Existing Use: **Proposed Use** (Please include a detailed description of the proposed use in the required applicant's report) Existing Use: Is this property subject to any previous land use cases? Yes If **Yes**, please list the Ordinance Number: Applicant/Contact Person: Company: Mailing Address: Email: If Business Entity, name and title of authorized signee: _____ (The person or persons executing or attesting the execution of this Application on behalf of the Company certifies that he or she has or have been duly authorized and empowered to so execute or attest.) Mailing Address: ____
 City:
 ______ Zip Code:

 Telephone:
 ______ Fax:
 Property Owner Signature:____

The names, addresses, telephone numbers and signatures of all owners of the property are required. Please attach additional sheets as needed. If a legal representative signs for a property owner, please attach an executed power of attorney. **Faxed or photocopied signatures will not be accepted.**

NOTE: Please attach the required plans, checklist, and a check for the application fee (see Filing Procedures for special use permits)

APPLICANT'S REPORT

May 26th, 2023 Revised: Feb 26th, 2024

Special Use Permit Request 3704 Lawson Street, Richmond, Virginia Map Reference Numbers: S000-2905/010

Submitted to: City of Richmond

Department of Planning and Development Review

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Submitted by: Baker Development Resources

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Introduction

The property owner is requesting a special use permit (the "SUP") for 3704 Lawson Street (the "Property"). The SUP will authorize the construction of four two-family detached dwellings on the currently vacant parcel. While the two-family use is a recommended use under the Richmond 300 Master Plan, it is not currently permitted by the underlying R-5 Single-Family Residential zoning district, and therefore, a SUP is required.

Existing Conditions

SITE DESCRIPTION AND EXISTING LAND USE

The Property is located at the southern line of the intersections of Lawson and E 37th Streets and is referenced by the City Assessor as tax parcel S000-2905/010. The Property is roughly 132' wide by 120' in depth, contains approximately 15,840 square feet of lot area, and is currently vacant. Access is provided at the rear of the Property by means of an east-west alley.



The properties in the immediate vicinity are developed with a wide range of uses and building forms. To the south lies the Hull Street commercial corridor which is occupied with a mix of residential and commercial uses while to the north and east of the Property lie predominantly residential uses. The Southside Plaza shopping center is also located nearby to the south along Hull Street. Though many of the properties in the area have been developed, there are also still several vacant lots in the vicinity.

EXISTING ZONING

The Property and those to the north and west are zoned R-5 Single-Family Residential. To the south, including parcels immediately adjacent to the subject Property, are parcels zoned B-3 General Business along the Hull Street corridor. Also, to the south across the CSX right of way lie parcels zoned M-1 Light Industrial.

TRANSPORTATION

The Property is located a one-minute walk from the 'Hull + 37th' which serves the #1 bus line and provides high-frequency service south along Hull Street and north to downtown Richmond. Hull Street is also described as a "Major Mixed-Use Street" which are described as carrying "high volumes of vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles" and "ideal locations for transit routes and transit stops."

MASTER PLAN DESIGNATION

The Richmond 300 Master Plan (the "Master Plan") suggests "Community Mixed-Use" for the Property. The Master Plan describes this land use designation as "medium-density, walkable commercial and residential uses." Varying "building size [and] density" are described for this area with buildings ranging from two to six stories being recommended. Residential and institutional uses are specifically contemplated for this land use classification.

The Property is also located at the edge of the Southside Plaza National/Regional Priority Growth Node which is described as being "where the City is encouraging the most significant growth in population and development over the next 20 years."

In addition to the Property-specific guidance offered by the Vision and Core Concepts chapter, there are a number of other goals elsewhere within the Master Plan that support this request:

- Page 109 (Equitable Transportation Chapter), Objective 6.1 to "Increase the number of residents and jobs at Nodes and along enhanced transit corridors in a land development pattern that prioritizes multi-modal transportation options."
 - b. Develop housing at all income levels in and near Nodes and along major corridors (see strategies Goal 14).
- Page 136 (Diverse Economy Chapter), Objective 11.1 to "Increase the areas of appropriately zoned land near various transportation modes and housing to retain, create, and attract employers."
 - d. Encourage the development of a variety of quality housing types to house employees across the economic spectrum (see Goal 14).
- Page 150 (Inclusive Housing Chapter), Objective 14.1 to "Increase city-wide awareness of the importance of integrating housing at all income levels into every residential neighborhood so every household has housing choice throughout the city."
- Page 152 (Inclusive Housing Chapter) (see map on p. 153), Objective 14.5 to "Encourage
 more housing types throughout the city and greater density along enhanced transit
 corridors and at Nodes (shown in Figure 38 [p.153]) by amending the Zoning
 Ordinance."
- Page 159 (Thriving Environment Chapter) Objective 15.1 to "Reduce air pollution related to transportation."

- a. Increase the number of Richmonders living in a development pattern that encourages density and reduces dependency on single-occupancy vehicles (see Goal 1, Goal 8, Goal 14).
- Page 86 (High-Quality Places Chapter), Objective 1.4, to "maintain and improve primarily residential areas by increasing their linkages to...corridors...and maintaining high-quality design standards."

Proposal

PROJECT SUMMARY

The applicant is proposing to construct four two-family detached dwellings on the currently vacant parcel.

PURPOSE OF REQUEST

The Property owner is proposing to construct four new two-family detached dwellings. While the two-family use is a recommended use under the Richmond 300 Master Plan, it is not currently permitted by the underlying R-5 Single-Family Residential zoning district, and therefore, a SUP is required.

PROJECT DETAILS

The applicant is proposing to occupy the building as either a two-family detached dwelling or as permanent supportive housing as defined by the City of Richmond Code of Ordinances. The proposed two-family dwellings would each be 25' in width, 80 feet in depth, and two stories in height in roughly 3,504 square feet of finished floor area. The individual units would be configured as flats with the first floor containing three bedrooms and a kitchen living area. The second unit would consist of the second floor and would contain four bedrooms and a kitchen and living area. The units, which are compatible with the two-family use as described by the underlying zoning, have been designed to meet the needs of Serenity Counseling Services of Virginia, a licensed provider of mental and behavioral health services in Virginia.

The new dwellings would be clad in quality building materials including cementitious lap siding in order to ensure durability. A full-width front porch would engage the street and provide usable outdoor living space. One off-street parking space is provided for each unit.

In exchange for the SUP, the intent of this request is to ensure the development of high-quality infill dwellings. The overall project will be appropriately dense and efficient as contemplated by the Richmond 300 Master Plan. At the same time, it will remain respectful to the historic development pattern in the vicinity thereby remaining consistent with the predominant character of the area. Finally, the quality assurances conditioned through the SUP will guarantee a higher quality development and better neighborhood compatibility than might otherwise be guaranteed with a by right development.

Findings of Fact

The following are factors indicated in Section 17.11 of the Charter and Section 114-1050.1 of the Zoning Ordinance relative to the approval of special use permits by City Council. The proposed special use permit will not:

• Be detrimental to the safety, health, morals and general welfare of the community involved.

The proposed special use permit for high-quality infill construction will not impact the safety, health, morals and general welfare of the nearby neighborhoods.

• Tend to create congestion in streets, roads, alleys and other public ways and places in the area involved.

The proposed special use permit will not result in significant traffic impacts to nearby residential neighborhoods. The negligible traffic generation on the existing street will create no congestion on streets, roads, alleys or any other public right of way.

• Create hazards from fire, panic or other dangers.

The Property will be developed in a manner consistent with the requirements of the building code and in accordance with the requirements of Fire and Emergency Services. The City's codes applicable to this development are designed to eliminate such hazards.

Tend to overcrowding of land and cause an undue concentration of population.

The proposed special use permit will not tend to over crowd the land or create an undue concentration of population.

 Adversely affect or interfere with public or private schools, parks, playgrounds, water supplies, sewage disposal, transportation or other public requirements, conveniences and improvements.

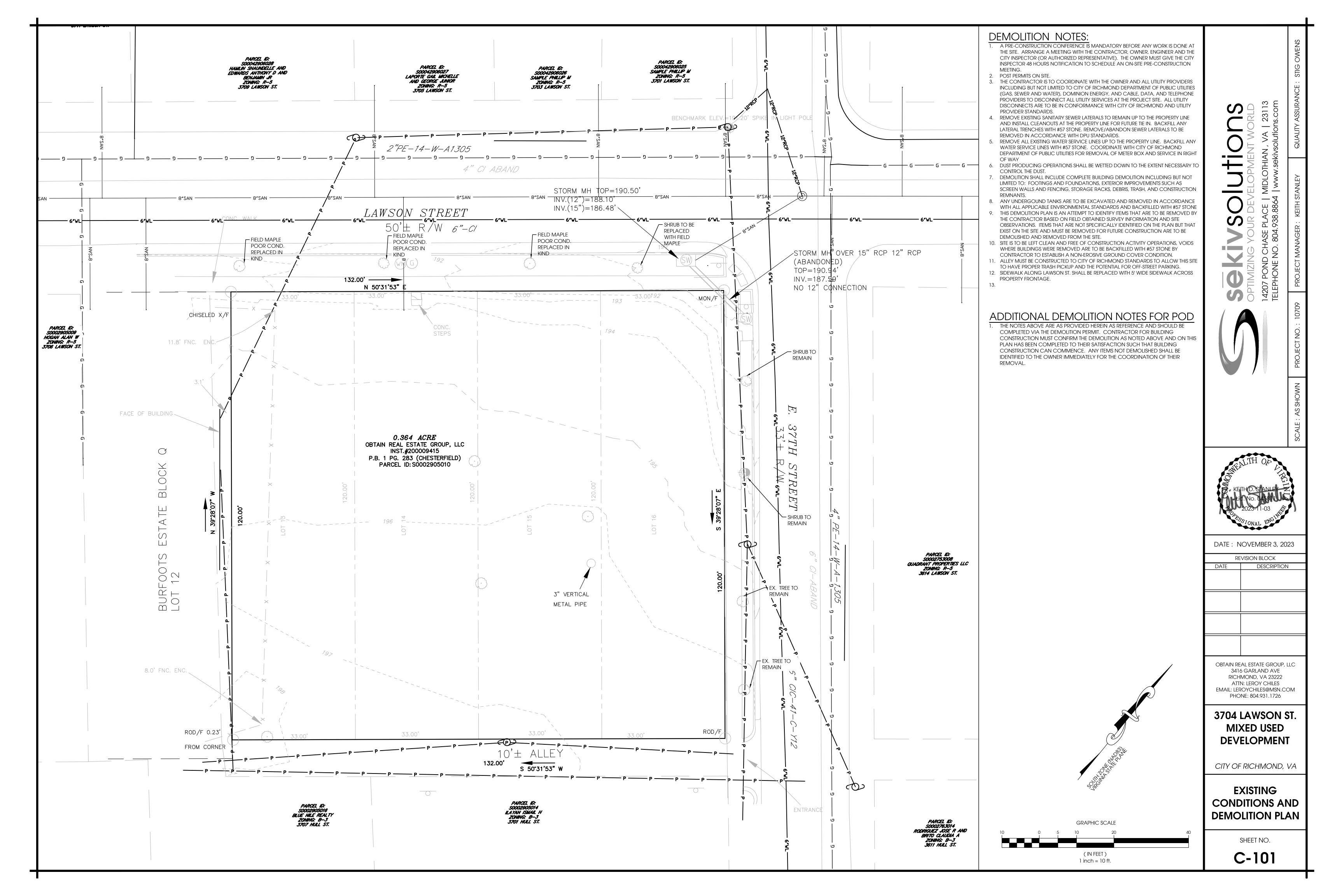
The special use permit will not adversely affect the above referenced City services. To the contrary, the proposal will provide positive fiscal (tax) benefits that will enhance the City's ability to provide these services to the proposed development.

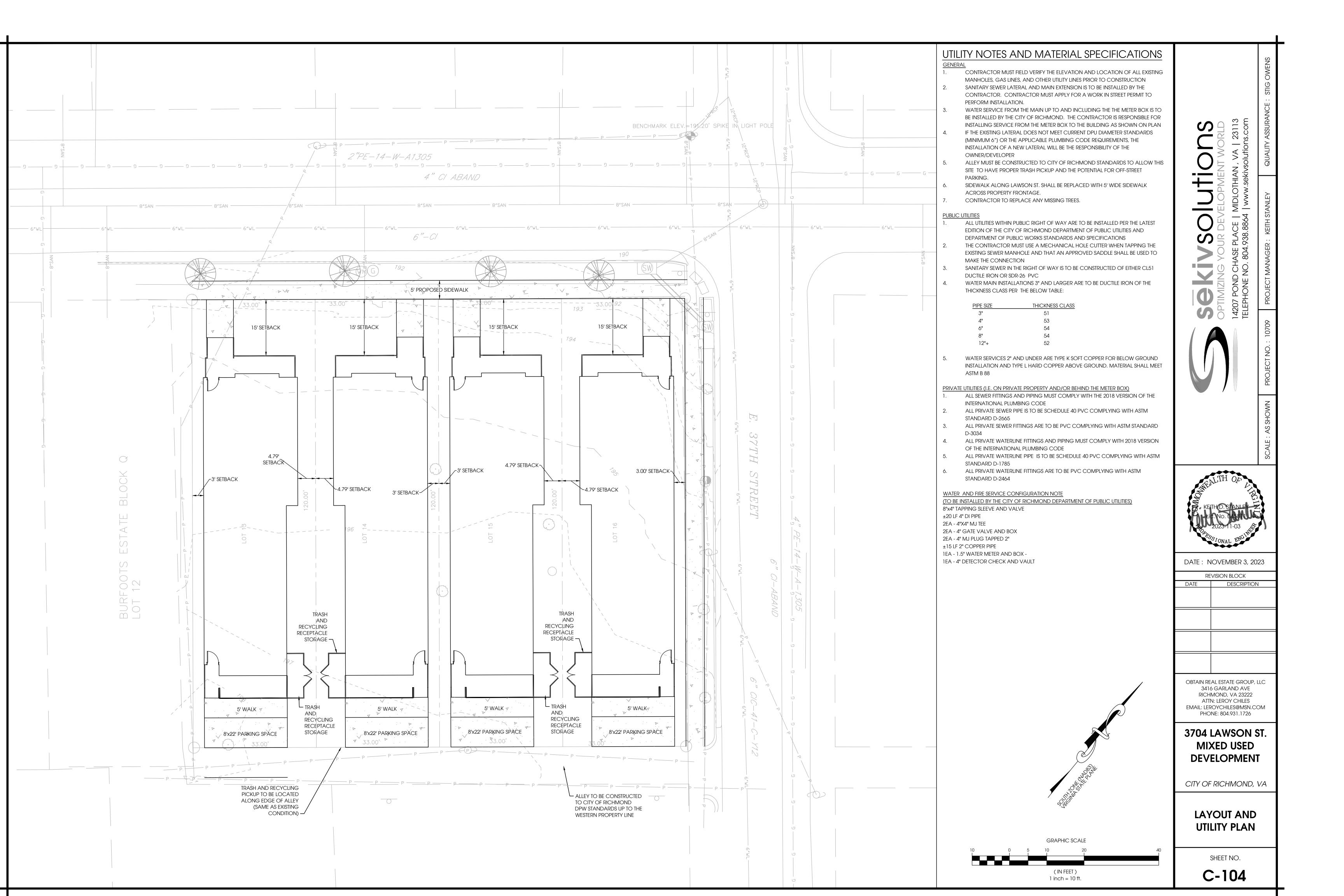
• Interfere with adequate light and air.

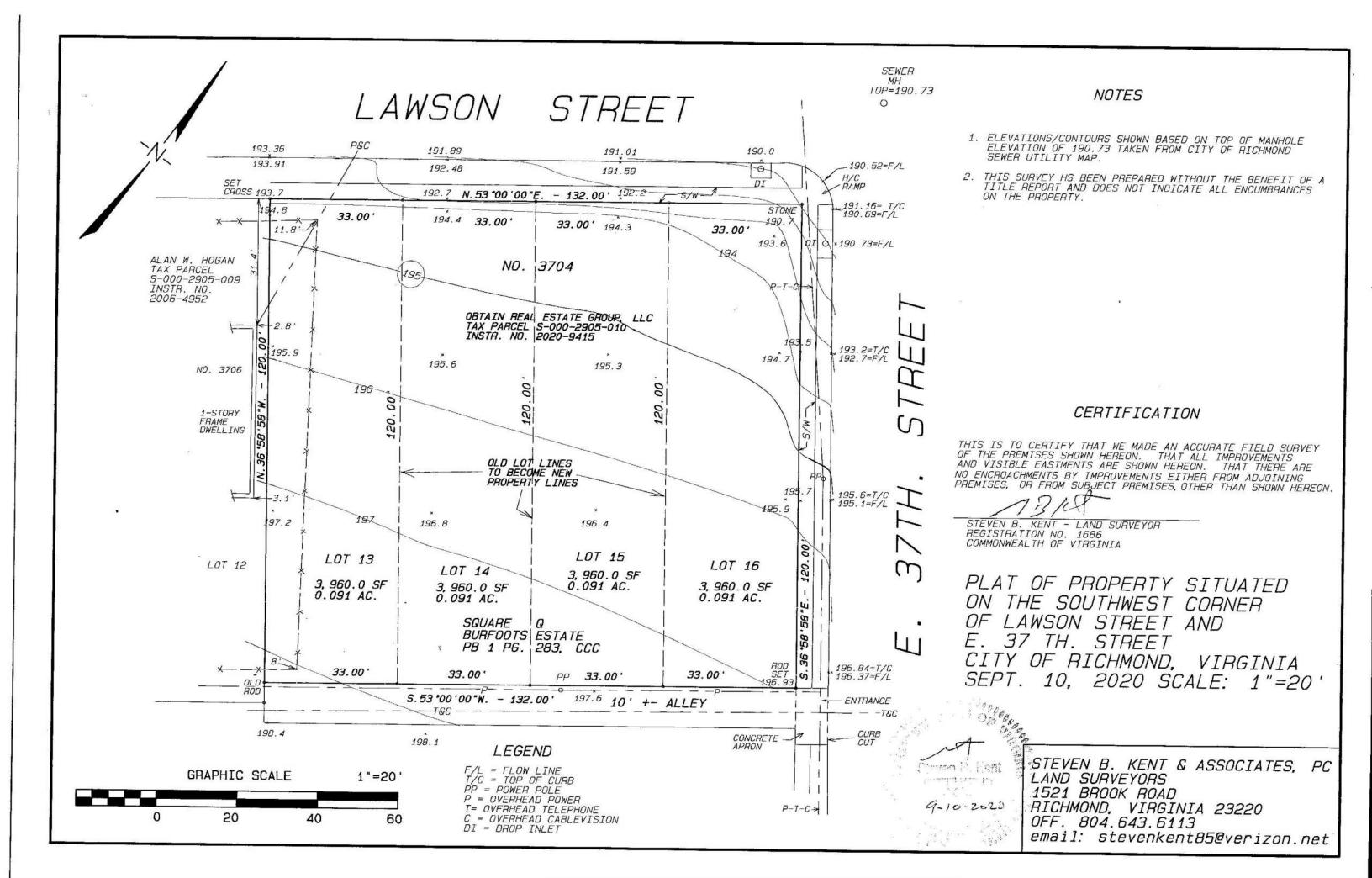
The light and air available to the subject and adjacent properties will not be affected. The proposed buildings are of compatible massing and spacing to the existing in the vicinity. As a result, this request will not interfere with the provision of adequate light and air to the adjacent buildings.

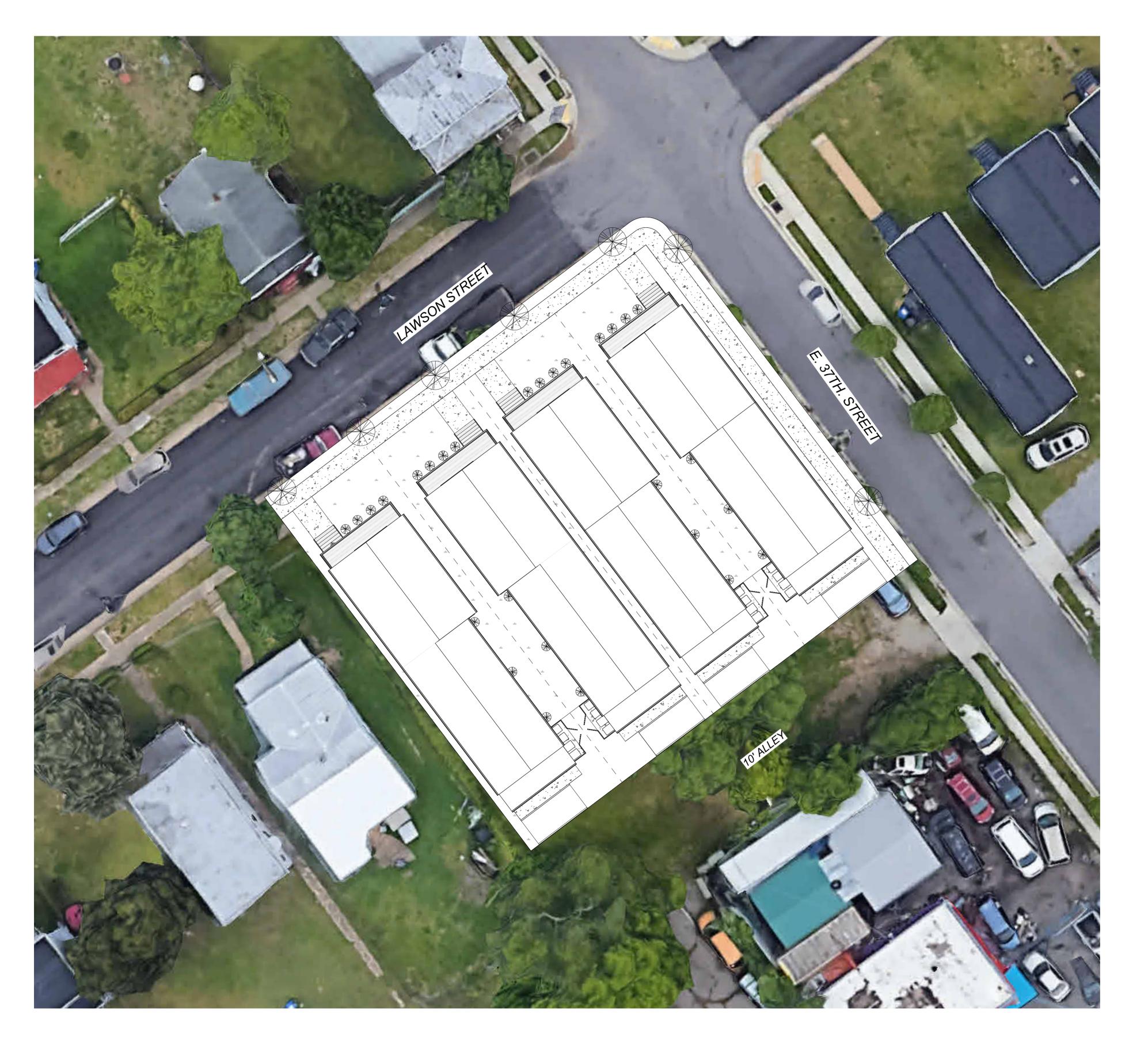
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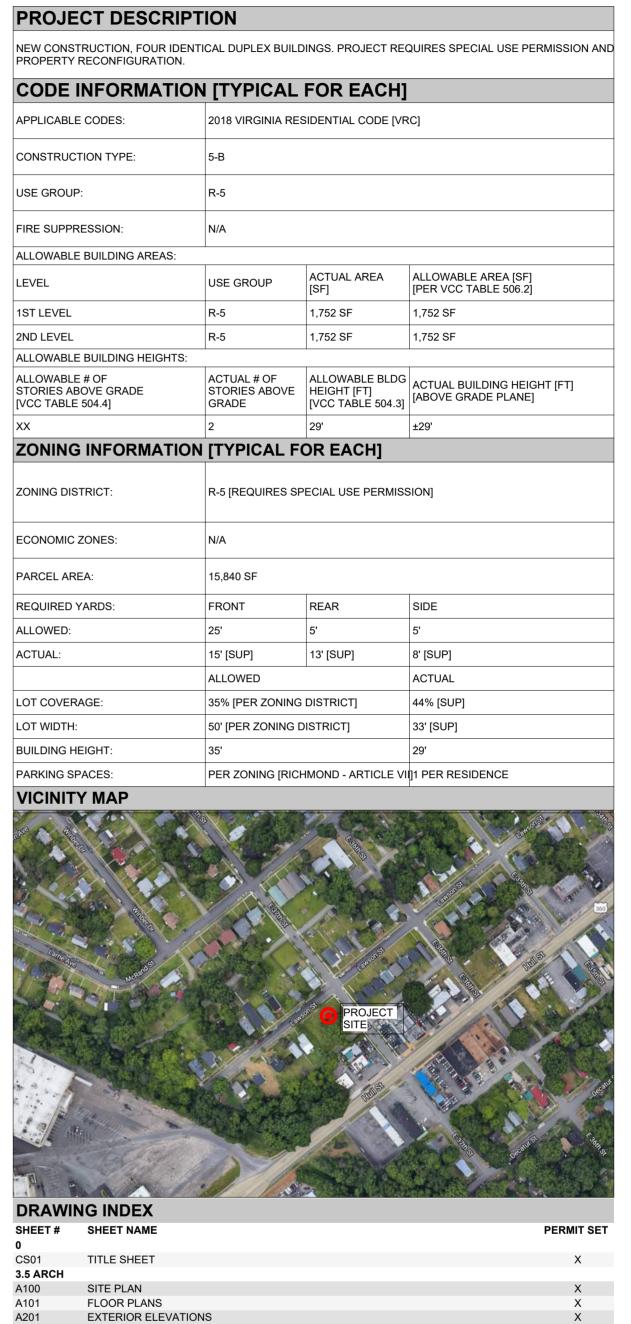
In summary we are enthusiastically seeking approval for the construction of the proposed twofamily dwellings. The buildings have been thoughtfully designed in order to provide appropriate, high-quality, infill residential development. The request offers compatibility with the City's Master Plan in terms of use. The proposed development would provide assistance and support to vulnerable Richmonders and its location adjacent to high-frequency transit would allow residents convenient and consistent access to the City. Finally, the quality assurances conditioned through the SUP would guarantee a higher quality development than might otherwise be developed by right.











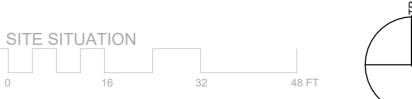
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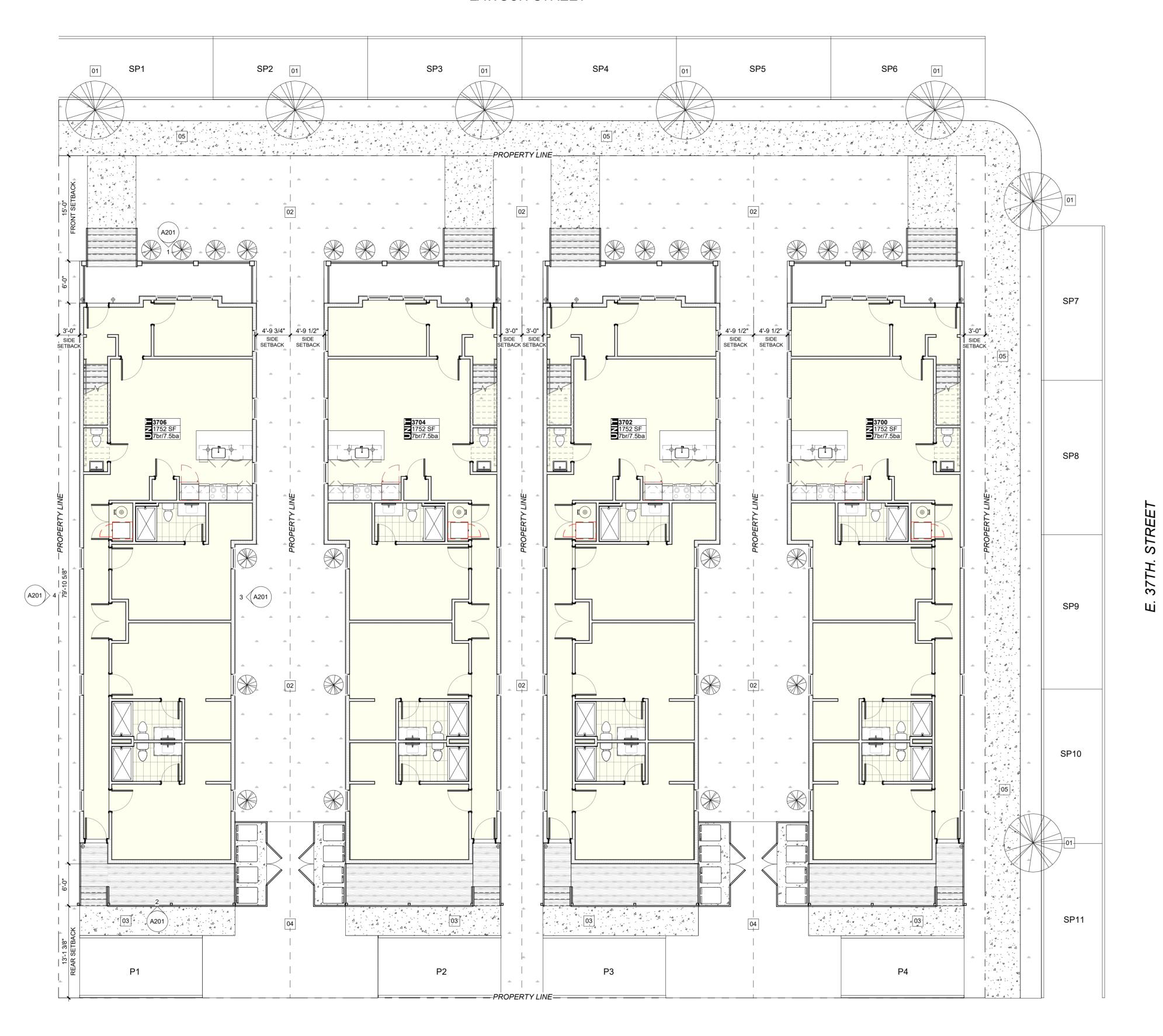
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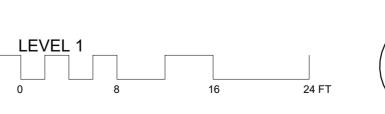
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LAWSON STREET



10' ALLEY



KEYNOTES - SITE PLAN

NOTE # NOTE

01 NEW OR EXISTING TREE IN EXISTING TREE WELL

02 SEEDED LANSCAPE 03 PAVED WALKWAY

03 PAVED WALKWAY 04 GRAVEL PARKING 05 5' WALK IN ROW

Area Schedule (Gross Building)

#	Area	
<u>3700</u>		
Level 1	1752 SF	
Level 2	1752 SF	
Total:	3,504 SF	
<u>3702</u>		
Level 1	1752 SF	
Level 2	1752 SF	
Total:	3,504 SF	
<u>3704</u>		
Level 1	1752 SF	
Level 2	1752 SF	
Total:	3,504 SF	
<u>3706</u>		
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Level 2	1752 SF	
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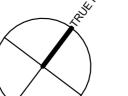
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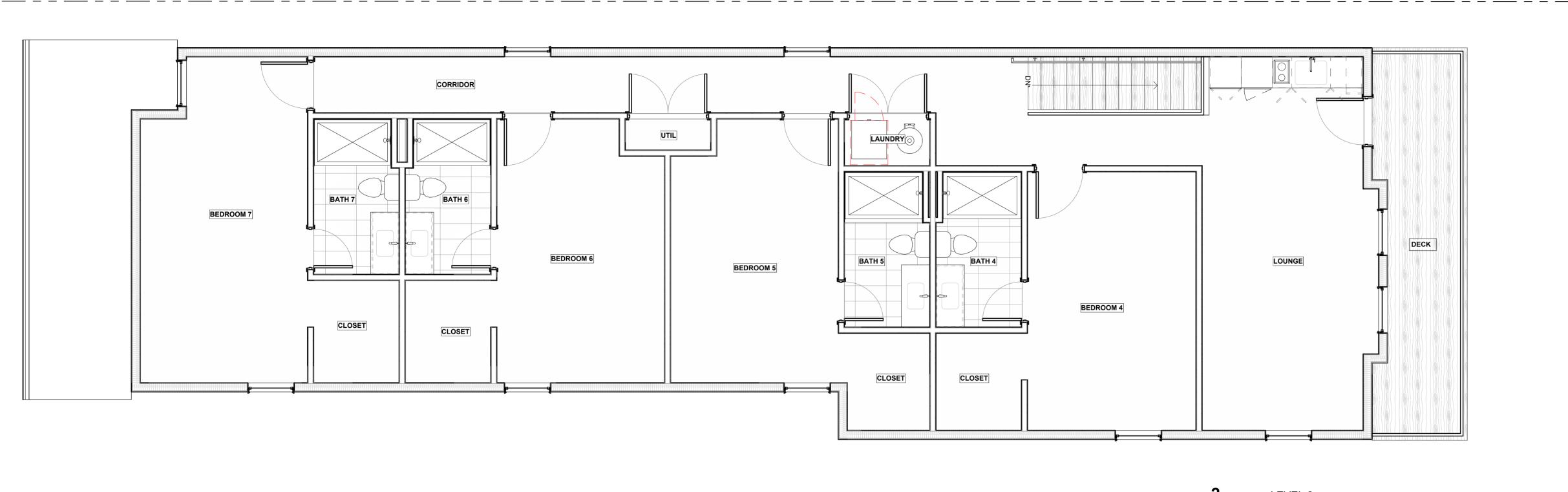


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RICHMOND, VA 23224 SITE PLAN

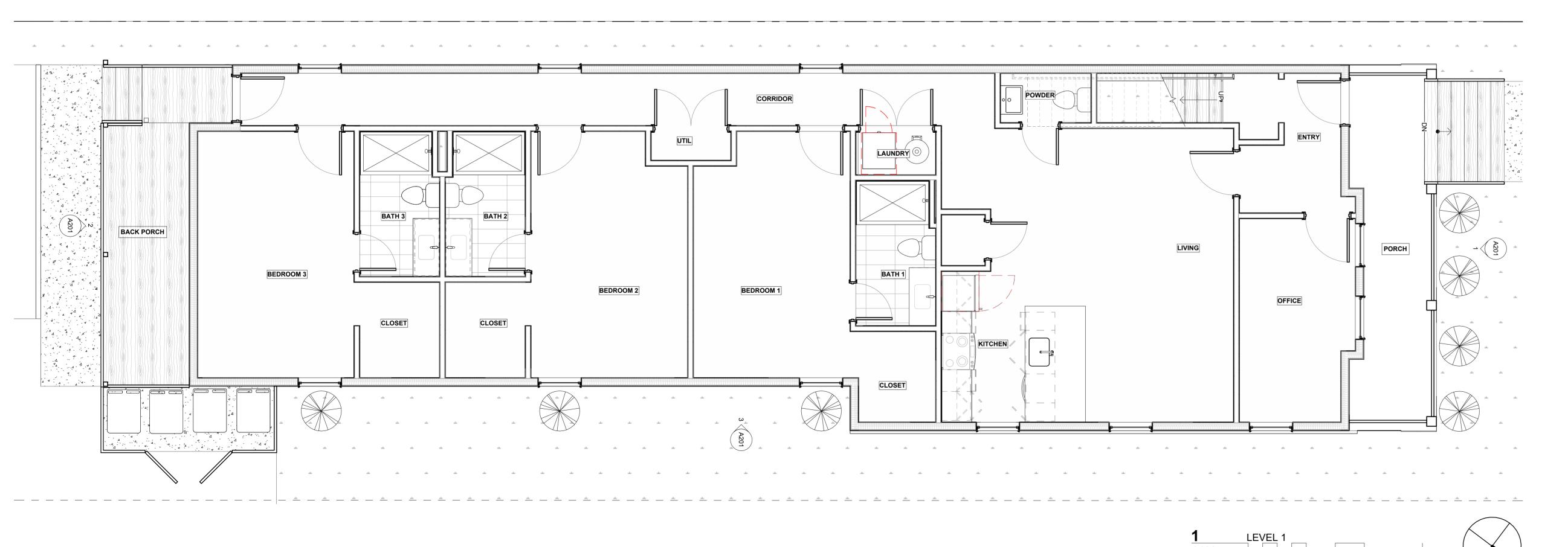
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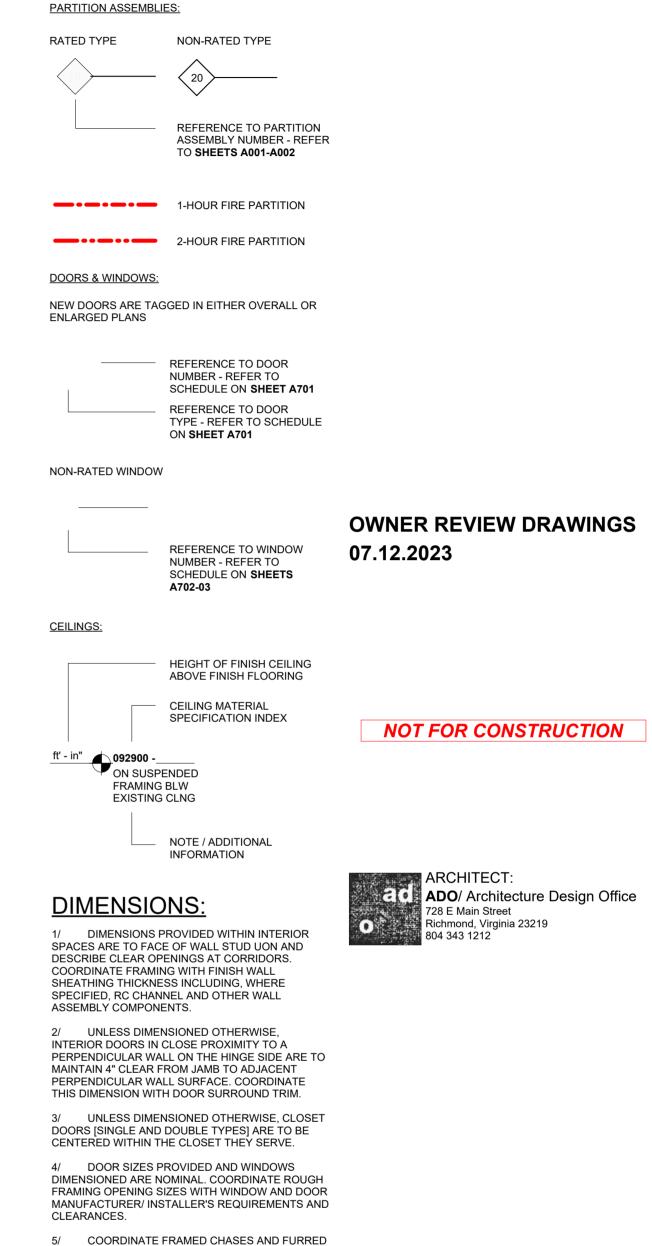












WALLS WITH PLUMBING FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES

ASSOCIATED WITH THEM. PARTICULARLY AT TUB/ SHOWER ENCLOSURES, COORDINATE FRAMING WITH OWNER'S SELECTED ITEMS.

6/ PROVIDE WOOD BLOCKING IN 2X4 FRAMING

WALL-MOUNTED TV LOCATIONS.

AT ALL BUILT-IN CABINETRY LOCATIONS, REQUIRED GRAB BAR LOCATIONS, CLOSET SHELVING, AND

TYPICAL ENLARGED PLAN SHEET NOTES

ROOM NAME

FINISH NUMBERREFERENCE

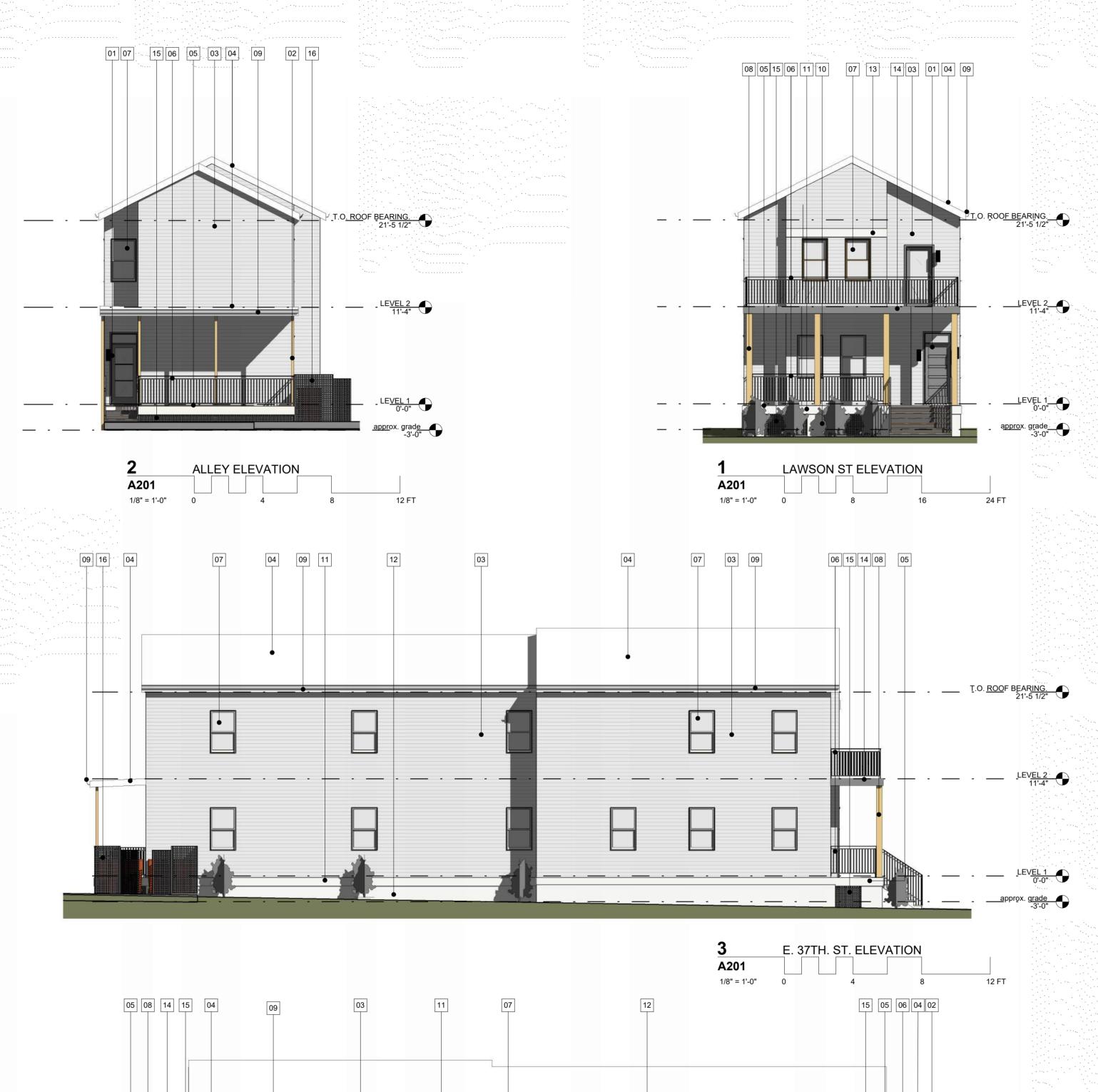
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RICHMOND, VA 23224 FLOOR PLANS

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ADJACENT PROPERTY ELEVATION

KEYNOTES - BUILDING ELEVATIONS

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01	UNIT ENTRY DOOR WITH TRANSOM	
02	TREATED 4X4 POST COLUMNS	
03	HORIZONTAL LAP SIDING, COLOR TBD	
04	DIMENSIONAL SHINGLE ROOF	
05	TREATED WOOD PORCH STRUCTURE W/ COMPOSITE DECK	NG
06	PAINTED STEEL RAILING, COLOR TBD	
07	COMPOSITE DOUBLE HUNG WINDOW	
08	PAINTED WOOD OR COMPOSITE TRIMMED COLUMN	
09		
10	PARGED MASONRY PIER	
11	CONTINUOUS COMPOSITE SILL BOARD AND PORCH FASCIA	
12	PARGED MASONRY FOUNDATION	
13	DECORATIVE COMPOSITE TRIM	
14	COMPOSITE DECK OR WOOD STRUCTURE TO MATCH PORC	H AND STAIRS
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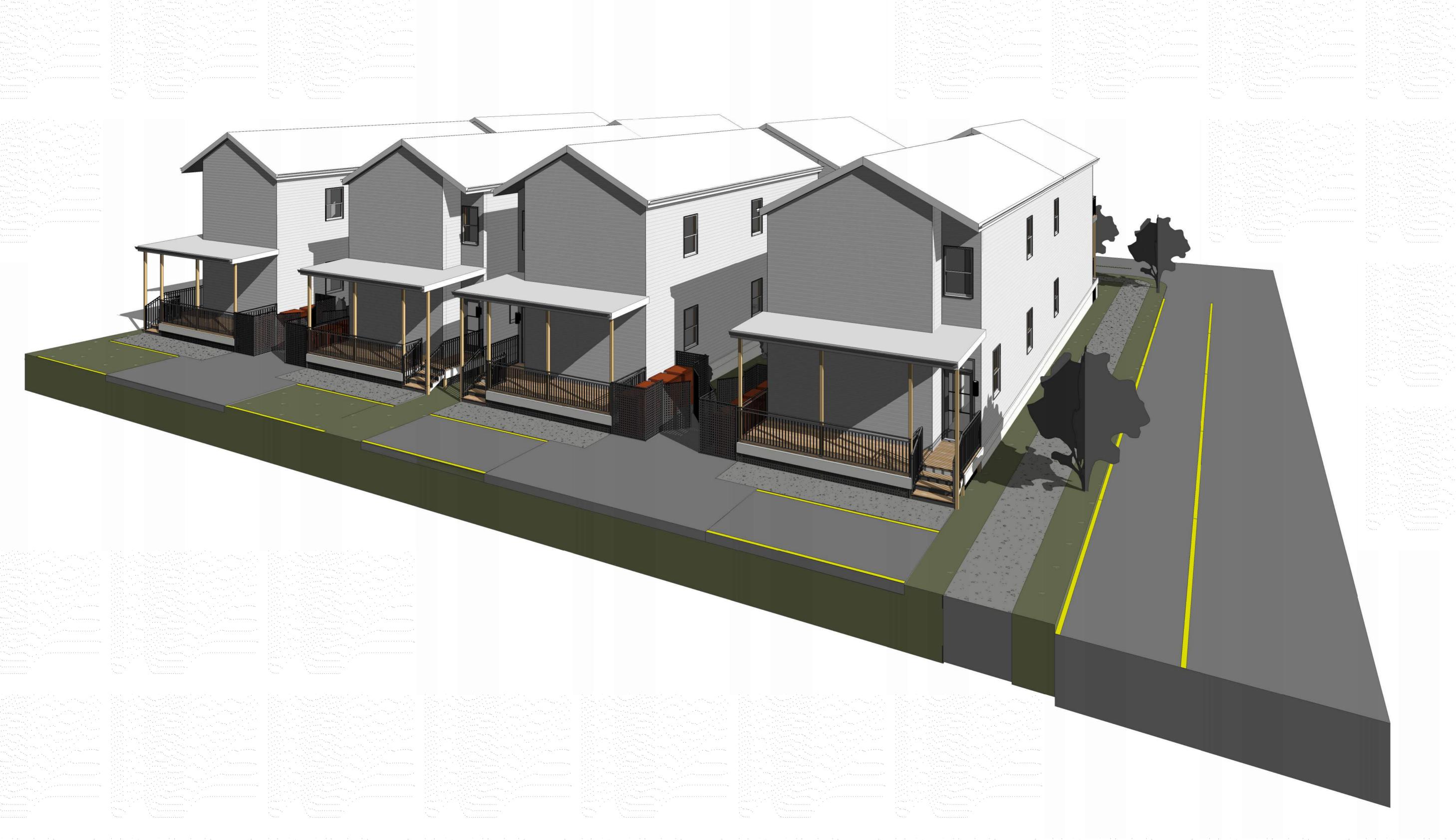


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RICHMOND, VA 23224 **EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS**

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RICHMOND, VA 23224 EXTERIOR PERSPECTIVES

EXTERIOR PERSPECTIVE - 2

A302 NOT TO SCALE PROJECT NUMBER 21-1704



Special Use Permit

LOCATION: 3704 Lawson Street

APPLICANT: Baker Development Resources

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1

PROPOSAL: To authorize the special use of the property known as 3704 Lawson Street for the purpose of four, two-family detached, permanent supportive housing dwellings, upon certain terms and conditions.

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