# TOWN OF PITTSFORD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA December 19, 2022 7:00 PM

# **APPLICATION FOR AN AREA VARIANCE**

- 4000 East Avenue, Tax # 151.06-2-45, Applicant is requesting relief from Town Code §185-225 A. to allow for the expansion of an existing non-conforming structure and Town Code §185-113 B. (1) & (3) to allow for said expansion to create an oversized accessory structure (garage) located forward of the rear wall of the main structure. Also, relief from Town Code §185-121 A. for a fence/wall more than three feet in height in front of the front setback. This property is zoned Residential Neighborhood – (RN).
- 108 Stoneleigh Court, Tax # 138.18-1-13, Applicant is requesting relief from Town Code §185-17 E. for an addition (garage) encroaching into and not meeting the total required side yard setbacks. This property is zoned Residential Neighborhood – (RN).

# TOWN OF PITTSFORD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS DRAFT MINUTES NOVEMBER 21, 2022

# PRESENT

George Dounce, Chairperson; Barbara Servé, Vice Chair; James Pergolizzi, Phil Castleberry Mary Ellen Spennacchio-Wagner, Jennifer Iacobucci

# ALSO PRESENT

Kate Munzinger, Town Board liaison; Robert Koegel, Town Attorney; Doug DeRue, Director of Planning and Zoning; Bill Zink, Building Inspector; Susan Donnelly, Secretary to the Board

# ABSENT

Tom Kidera

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Pittsford Zoning Board of Appeals were held on Monday, November 21, 2022, at 7:00 PM local time.

George Dounce, Chairperson called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals to order.

# PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR AN AREA VARIANCE - NEW

79 W Bloomfield Road, Tax # 178.03-1-58, Applicant is requesting relief from Code Section 185-126C(3)(b)[2] to allow for construction of a 105' stealth tree telecommunications facility and accompanying ground equipment where code allows for a maximum of 100'. This property is zoned Residential Neighborhood – (RN).

George Dounce opened the Public Hearing.

Robert Burgdorf of Nixon Peabody LLP, Mike Crosby, RF Engineer representing Verizon, David Weisenreder representing Costich Engineering, and Jackie Barlotta representing Tectonic were present.

Mr. Burgdorf discussed the choice of the proposed new site and monopine tower. He cited the need for cell phone coverage in the area. He indicated that the tower will measure 99' to the tip of the antenna and the Planning Board requested a 5 ft. cone to disguise the top of the tower and improve the aesthetics of the monopine. In comparison, surrounding trees measure between 40-60 ft.

George Dounce noted that the tower will be located a substantial distance from West Bloomfield Road. Mr. Burgdorf indicated approximately 400 feet. Two small trees will be removed to accommodate the construction of the tower. A 6 foot 50' x 50' wood fence will be constructed around the tower and more evergreens will be planted for buffering.

The Board questioned as to what action would be taken if they did not approve the variance. Doug DeRue responded that the monopine would be approved without the cone as the tower without the cone meets code. Barb Servé asked for the timeline of the project. It was discussed that the tower would be completed in 2023.

Chairman Dounce called for public comment.

Caroline Merenda of 53 Greenwood Park commented on the poor cell reception in her neighborhood and cited safety issues for herself and her neighbors as she called for support of the tower.

Pat Mallory of 74 Greenwood Park also spoke in support of the cell tower citing poor reception and his concern of being unable to contact any needed emergency services.

Phil Castleberry moved to close the public hearing.

Jennifer lacobucci seconded.

All Ayes.

## SEQRA REVIEW

This application is an Unlisted Action pursuant to SEQRA and the Zoning Board of Appeals conducted a single agency review and found that the proposed action will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment and granted a negative declaration at the meeting on November 21, 2022 pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

A Resolution was motioned by Zoning Board Member Phil Castleberry, seconded by Board Chairman George Dounce and voted upon the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals as follows:

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# **DECISION FOR 79 W. BLOOMFIELD ROAD – AREA VARIANCE**

A written Resolution to grant the area variance for 79 W. Bloomfield Road was moved by Chairman George Dounce and seconded by Board Member Mary Ellen Spennacchio-Wagner.

George Dounce called for a roll call vote.

Servé	Aye
Pergolizzi	Aye
Spennacchio-Wagner	Aye
Castleberry	Aye
Kidera	Absent
Dounce	Aye

lacobucci Aye

The approved Resolution contains the following Specific Conditions:

- 1. Subject to the granting of a Final Site Plan and Special Use Permit approval by the Pittsford Planning Board.
- 2. This variance shall be noted on the Final Site Plans prior to the Planning Board's signature.

# POINT PERSONS FOR DECEMBER 19 MEETING

24 Beech Road – Mary Ellen Spennacchio-Wagner

4000 East Avenue – Tom Kidera

108 Stonebridge Lane – Barb Servé

93 Kilbourn Road – Jim Pergolizzi

# MINUTES AND ADJOURNMENT

Chairman George Dounce motioned to approve the minutes of October 17, 2022 as written.

All Ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan K. Donnelly Secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals

# Zoning Board of Appeals Referral Form Information

### **Property Address:**

4000 East Avenue ROCHESTER, NY 14618

### **Property Owner:**

Kevin Surace and Erica Rogers 4000 East Ave Rochester, NY 14618

### Applicant or Agent:

Kevin Surace and Erica Rogers 4000 East Ave Rochester, NY 14618

**Present Zoning of Property:** RN Residential Neighborhood Area Variance - Residential and Non-Profit

Town Code Requirement is:		Proposed Conditions:		Resulting in the Following Varianc	e:
Right Lot Line:		Right Lot Line:		Right Lot Line:	
Left Lot Line:		Left Lot Line:		Left Lot Line:	
Front Setback:		Front Setback:		Front Setback:	
Rear Setback:		Rear Setback:		Rear Setback:	
Height:	3'	Height:	6'	Height:	3.0'
Size:		Size:		Size:	

### Code Section(s):

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December 01, 2022

Bill Jink

Date

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# TOWN OF PITTSFORD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION FOR AREA VARIANCE

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Phone:	(585) 94	43-8587			E-Mail:	chuck@	newdesignv	vorks.com
Agent:	Peter R	agusa						
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Phone:	(585) 7	49-7177			E-Mail:	peter@h	awthornear	ndeast.com
Property	/ Owner:	Genroc LL	C Kevin S	Surace an	d Erica	Rogers		
			,	(if different tha	n Applicant)			
Address:	4000	East Ave						
Phone:	(650) 2	79-3436			E-Mail:	kevin@s	surace.com	
(If	fapplican	t is not the pro	perty owner	please comp	lete the A	uthorization	to Make Appli	cation Form.)
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Please describe, in detail, the proposed project:

Reconstruct 24' x 26' guest house on property in same location and same height. Reconstruct 10'-4"x12'-4" garden shed and add to length to final dimension of 20'-0" x 12'-4". Garden shed under 12'-0" in height. Connect the garden shed and the guest house with a walled patio. The patio walls are 4'-0" high inside and vary between 4'-8" and 5'-4" high from grade outside the patio.

SWORN STATEMENT: As applicant or legal agent for the above described property, I do hereby swear that all statements, descriptions, and signatures appearing on this form and all accompanying materials are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

event (Owner or Applicant Signature)

11-1-22 (Date)



# NEW YORK STATE STANDARDS FOR THE GRANTING OF AREA VARIANCES TOWN LAW SECTION § 267-b-3(b).

# **TESTS FOR GRANTING AREA VARIANCES**

In making its determination, the zoning board of appeals shall take into consideration the benefit to the applicant if the variance is granted, as weighed against the detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood or community by such grant. In making such determination, the board shall also consider the following:

(Please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge)

1. Please explain why you feel the requested variance will not produce an undesirable change in the character of the neighborhood and why a detriment to nearby properties will not be created by the granting of this area variance:

The neighborhood is Pine Acres Drive with 8 houses built between 1985 and 1989. The majority of the houses feature contemporary architectural features. The proposed re-constructed guest house, new patio wall and enlarged garden shed will better fit the character of the neighborhood. Views to the proposed construction will be softened and screened from the street by existing and proposed landscaping.

2. Please explain the reasons why the benefit sought by the owner/applicant cannot be achieved by some method other than an area variance:

The purpose of the wall is to screen the patio from the street. A 3'-0" wall does not cut off the view to for a seated person. Raising the wall one foot to 4'-0" is the minimum height needed to achieve privacy. The garden shed is sized to allow the possibility of containing a vehicle in the winter. To stay inside of the 180 sq. ft. maximum size the depth of the 12'-4" wide shed would be limited to 14'-6", not enough for a medium size vehicle to fit.

# **TESTS FOR GRANTING AREA VARIANCES (Continued)**

3. Please explain whether the requested area variance is minimal or substantial:

The requested variance for the height of the wall is minimal as it is attached to structures much taller on either end. The wall and the accessory structures are behind the main house as measured off East Avenue. The distance from the accessory structure to East Avenue is 340'. The lot is 4.821 acres, 210,002 sq. ft., so can easily support an accessory building of 245 sq. ft.

4. Please explain why you feel the requested area variance will not have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental condition in the neighborhood or zoning district:

The improvements are approximately 70 feet from the street. They do not impact access to sunlight, views or drainage for the neighborhood.

• NOTE: Consideration of the following question shall be relevant to the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals, but shall not necessarily preclude the granting of an area variance;

5. Is the alleged difficulty self-created?

Yes

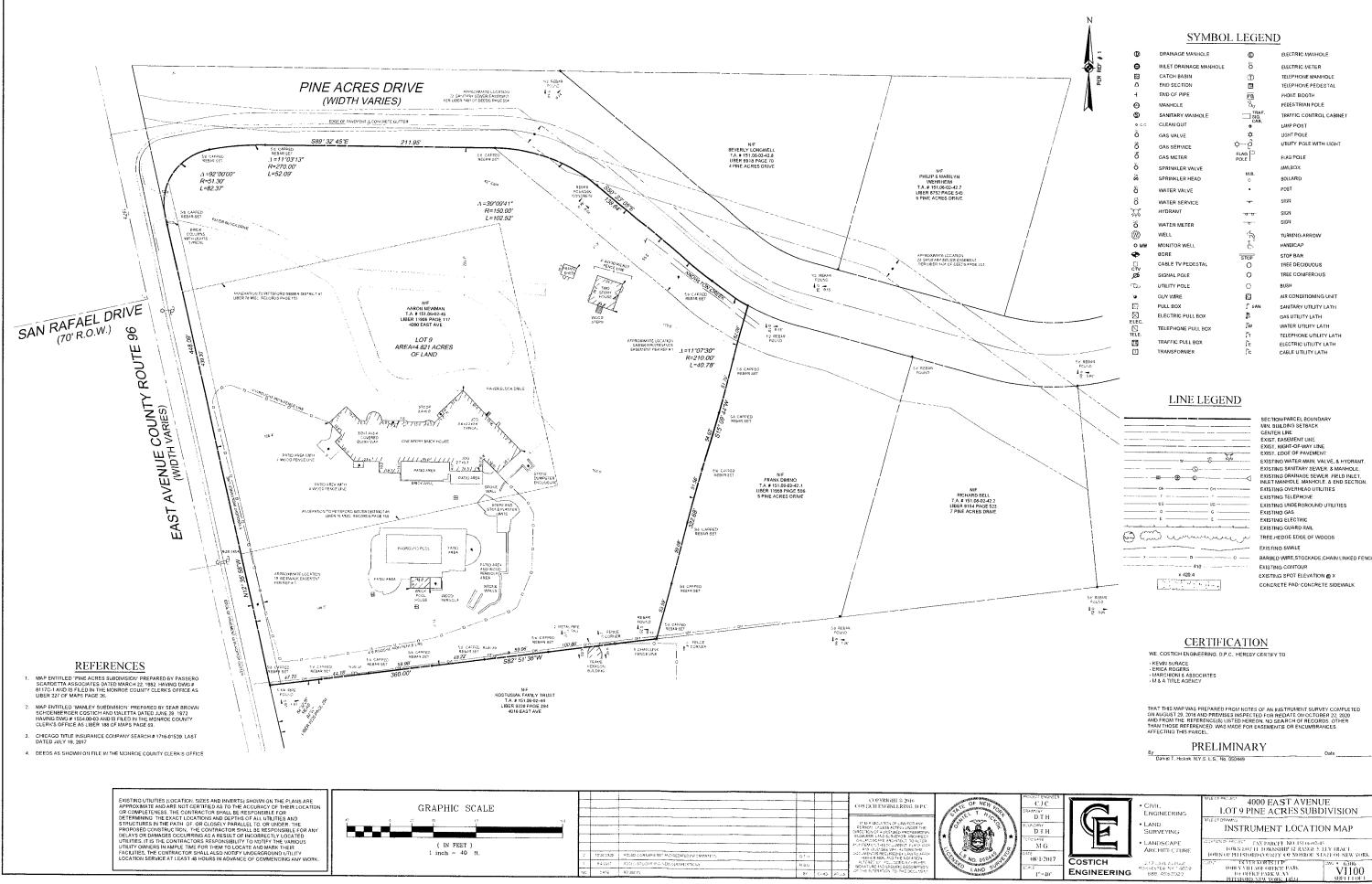
# **Disclosure Form E**

STATE OF NEW YORK TOWN OF PITTSFORE									
In the Matter of									
4000 East Avenue Guest House patio wall and garden shed									
(Project Name)									
The undersigned, being the applicant(s) to the									
🔲 Town Board 🛛 Zoning Board of Appeals 🔲 Planning Board 🔲 Architectural Review Board									
of the Town of Pittsford, for a									
🗌 change of zoning 🔲 special permit 🗌 building permit 🔲 permit 🔲 amendment									
🛛 variance 🔲 approval of a plat 🔲 exemption from a plat or official map									
issued under the provisions of the Ordinances, Local Laws, Rule or Regulations constituting the zoning and planning ordinances regulations of the Town of Pittsford, do hereby certify that I have read the provisions of Section §809 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York attached to this certificate. I do further certify that there is no officer of the State of New York, the County of Monroe or of the Town of Pittsford or of any other municipality of which the Town of Pittsford is a part who is interested in the favorable exercise of discretion by said Board as to this application, except for those named below:									
Name(s) Address(es)									
Charles B. Anidl, R.A. Dor Darper October 28, 2022									
6 North Main Street Suite 104									
(Street Address) Fairport, NY 14450 (City/Town, State, Zip Code)									

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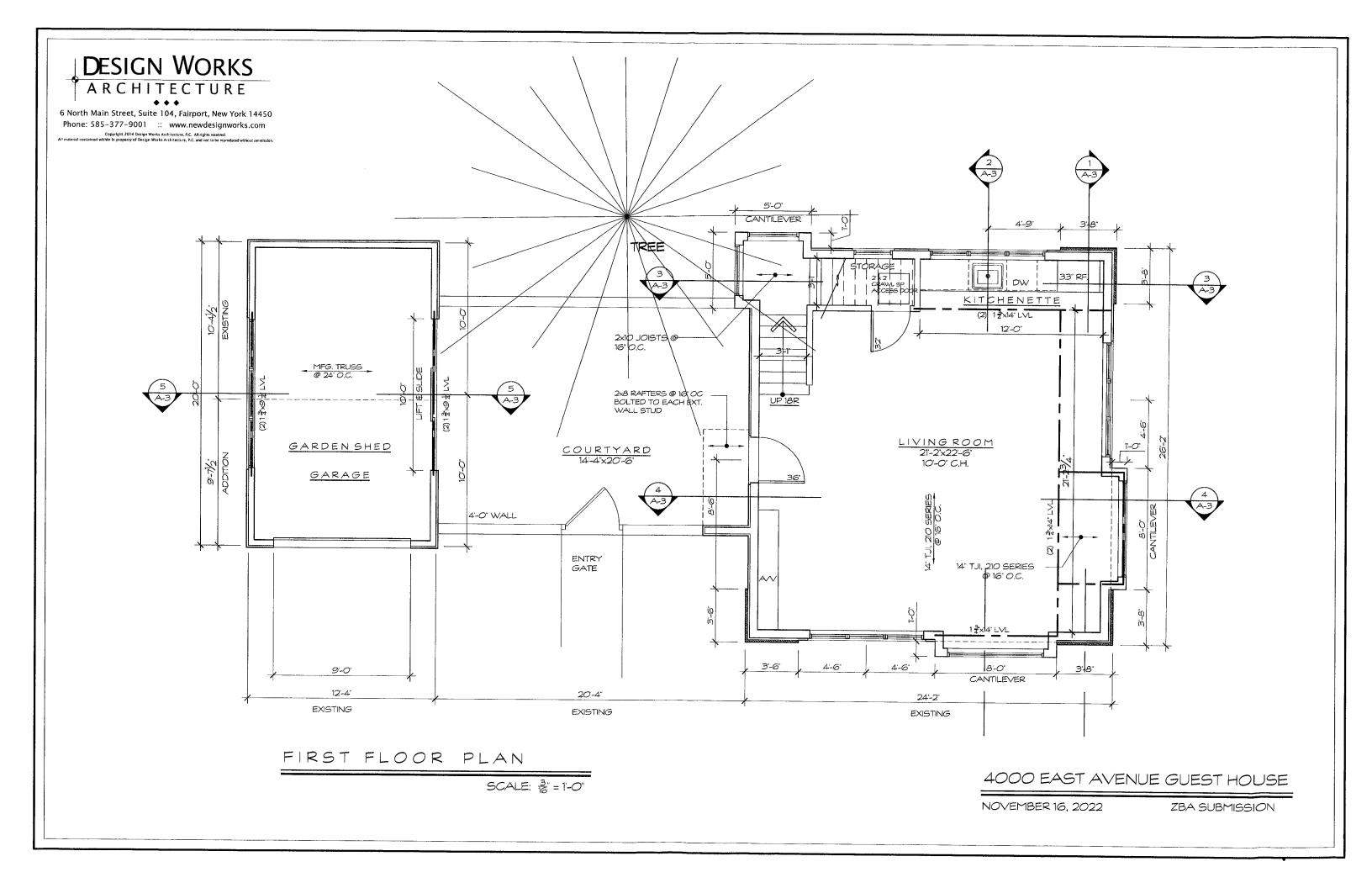
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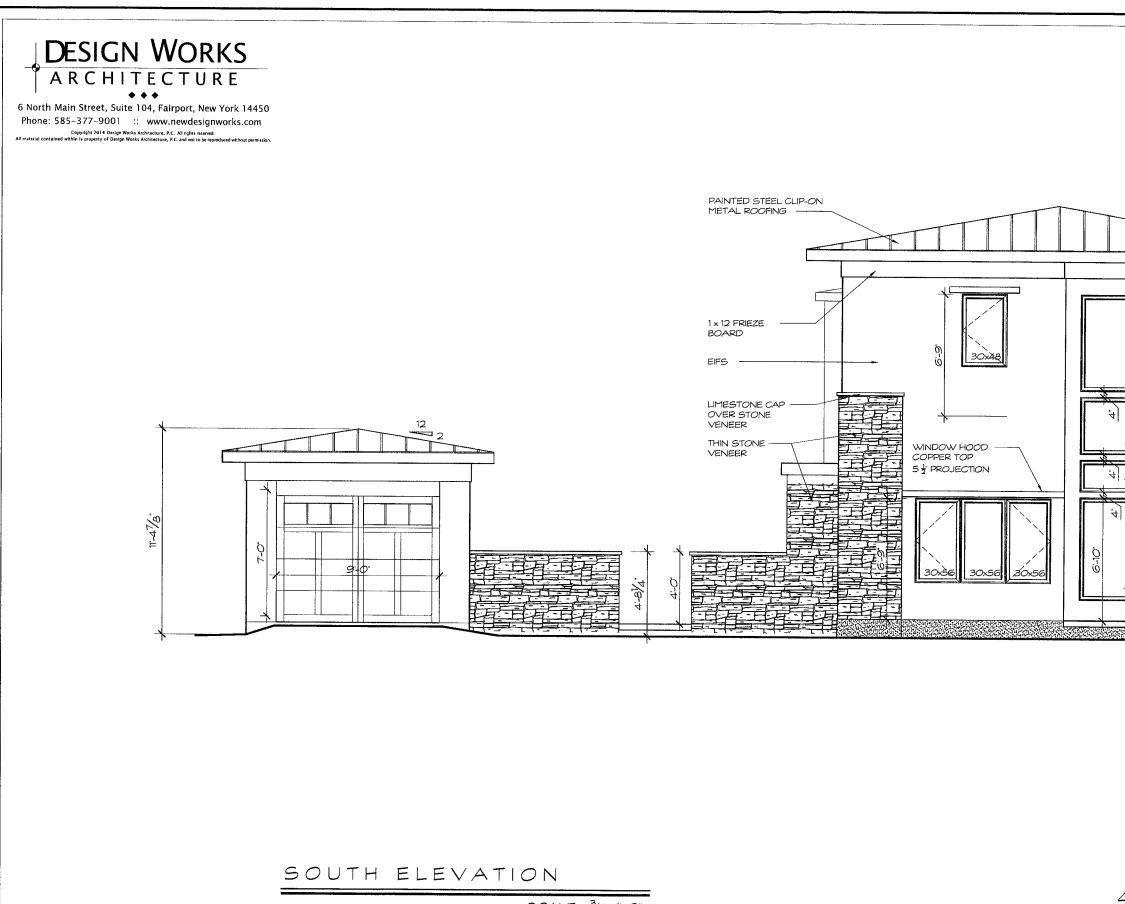




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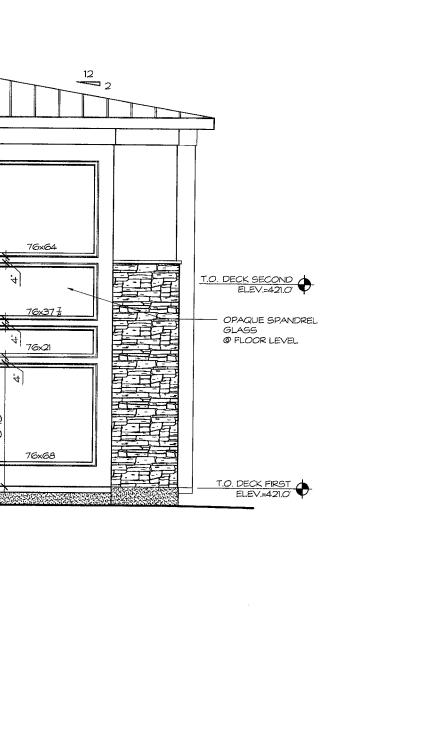
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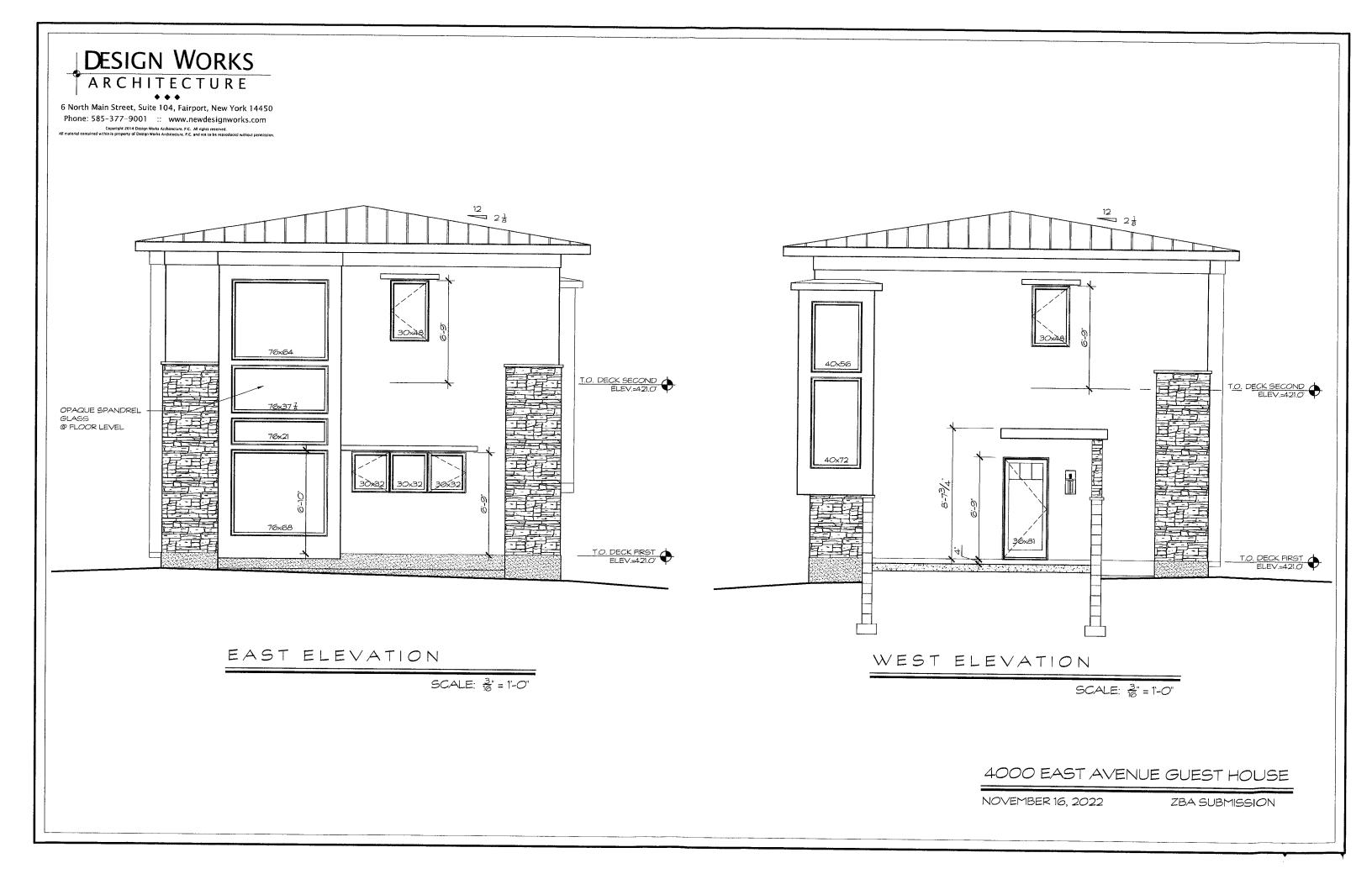
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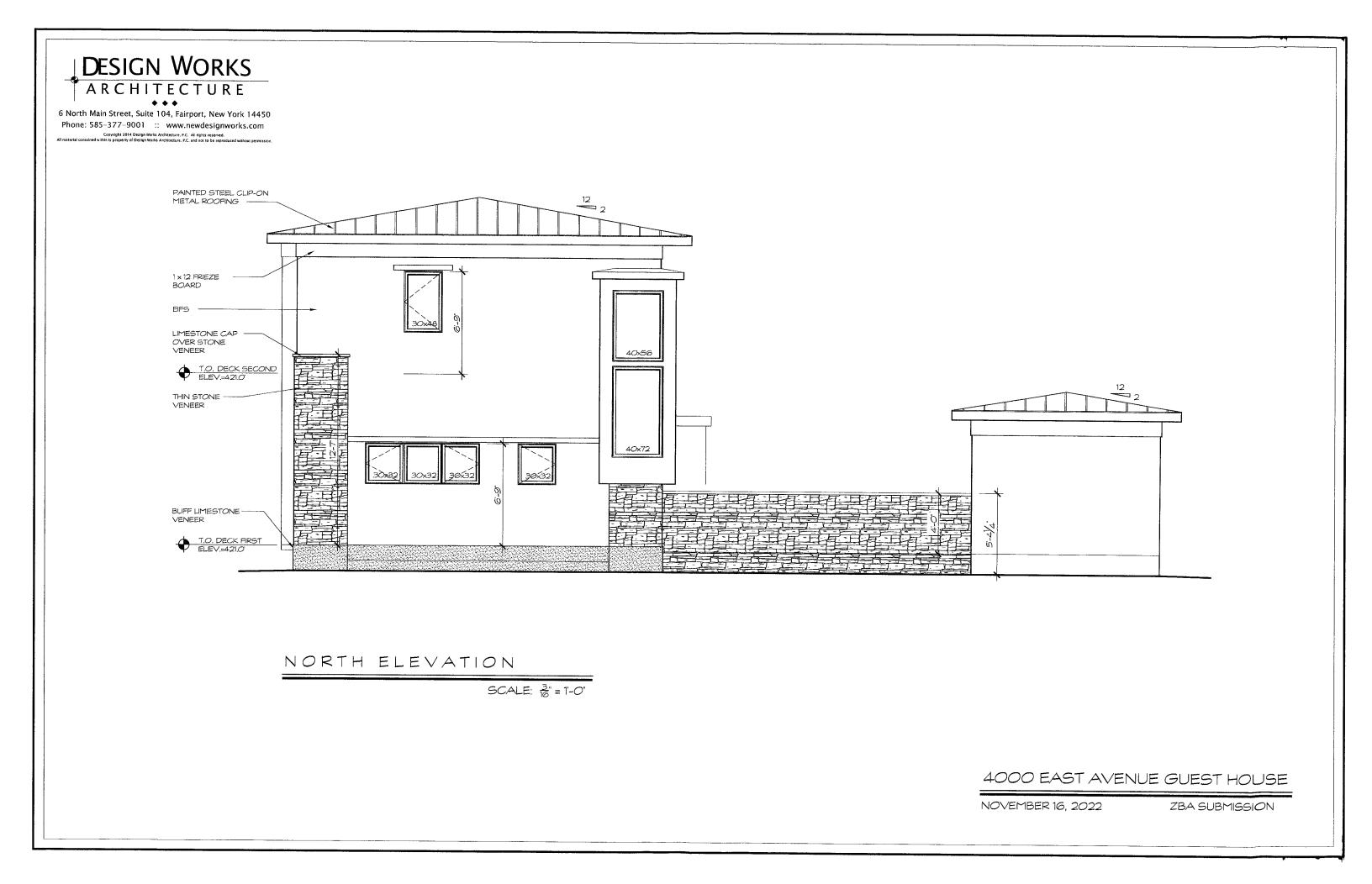


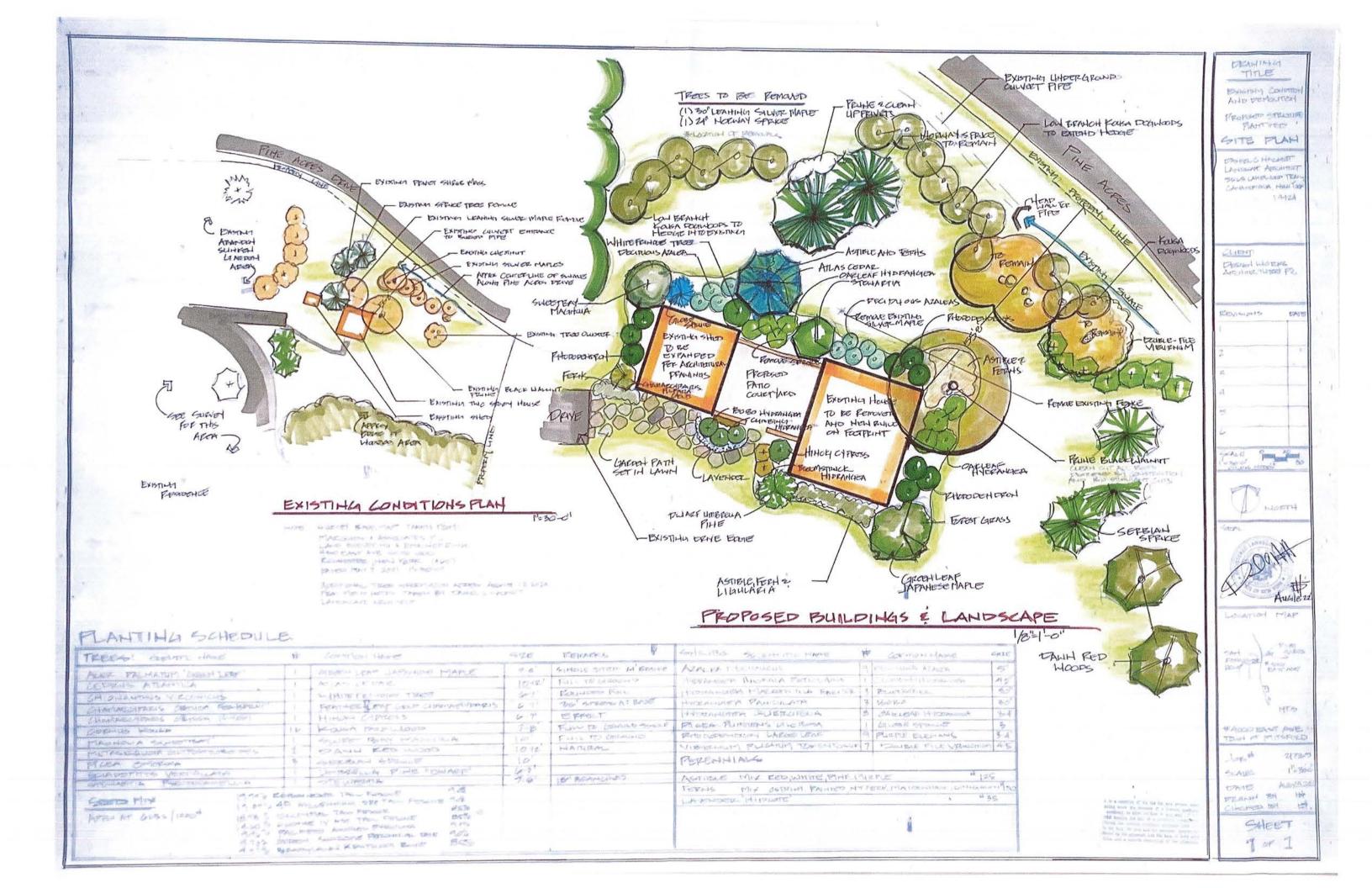
# 4000 EAST AVENUE GUEST HOUSE

NOVEMBER 16, 2022

ZBA SUBMISSION







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108 Stoneleigh Court ROCHESTER, NY 14618

### **Property Owner:**

Mike and Sarah Overmyer 108 Stoneleigh Ct Rochester, NY 14618

## Applicant or Agent:

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Left Lot Line (existing):	10'	Left Lot Line:	8.3'	Left Lot Line:	1.7'	
Minimum Both Sides:	20'	Minimum Both Sides	: 14.2'	Minimum Both Sides:	5.8'	
Rear Setback:		Rear Setback:	0	Rear Setback:		
Height:		Height:	0	Height:		
Size:		Size:	0	Size:		

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December 01, 2022

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Application For:		Residential		Commercial		Other
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(Date)



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(Please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge)

1. Please explain why you feel the requested variance will not produce an undesirable change in the character of the neighborhood and why a detriment to nearby properties will not be created by the granting of this area variance:

The mud room portion of the addition is completely hidden behind the house and the new garage will be very similar from a street view perspective. However, the garage will be at an angle to allow vehicle access to both garage bays and will be 5.9' from the side property line as opposed to the existing garage that is 4.4'.

2. Please explain the reasons why the benefit sought by the owner/applicant cannot be achieved by some method other than an area variance:

Due to the restraints of the lot width, in order to gain a reasonable approach and access to the garage it will need to stay close to the south side property line.

# **TESTS FOR GRANTING AREA VARIANCES (Continued)**

3. Please explain whether the requested area variance is minimal or substantial:

As a garage structure it is minimal and would likely not need a variance. Having attached the garage by way of the mud room it is not part of the principal structure and could be considered more of a substantial request. With that said, we would be increasing the side setback 1.5' from what currently exists.

4. Please explain why you feel the requested area variance will not have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental condition in the neighborhood or zoning district:

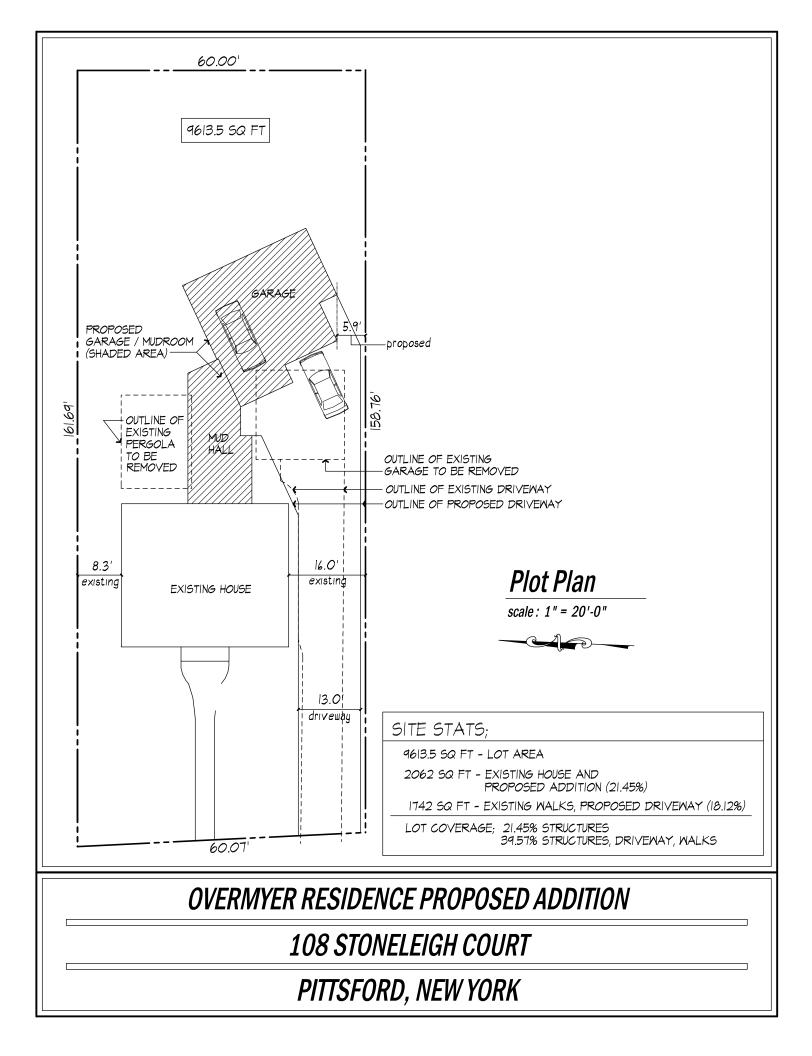
As stated, the street view will change minimally. There are a lot of detached garages in the neighborhood. With the design presented, you would only know the garage wasn't detached by walking around to the rear of the house.

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5. Is the alleged difficulty self-created?

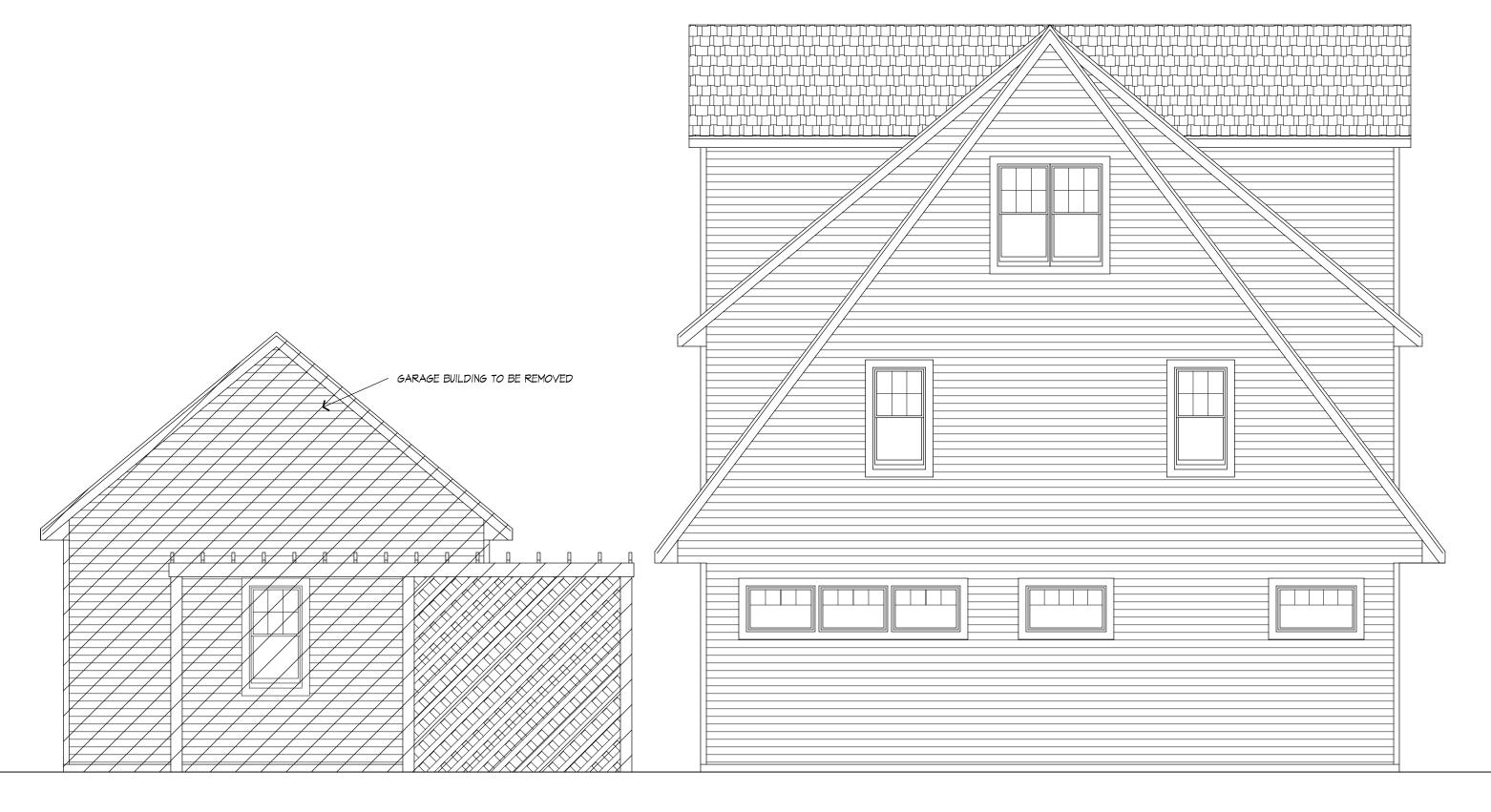
The existing garage was built in a way that it is unsafe and almost impossible to park 2 cars in it due to it being about 9' from the rear of the house and having 1/3rd of the overhead door hidden behind the house. In order for proper use, the garage needs to be rebuilt in a location that can provide access to both bays. Connecting it with a mudroom provides shelter from the elements for them and their small children.

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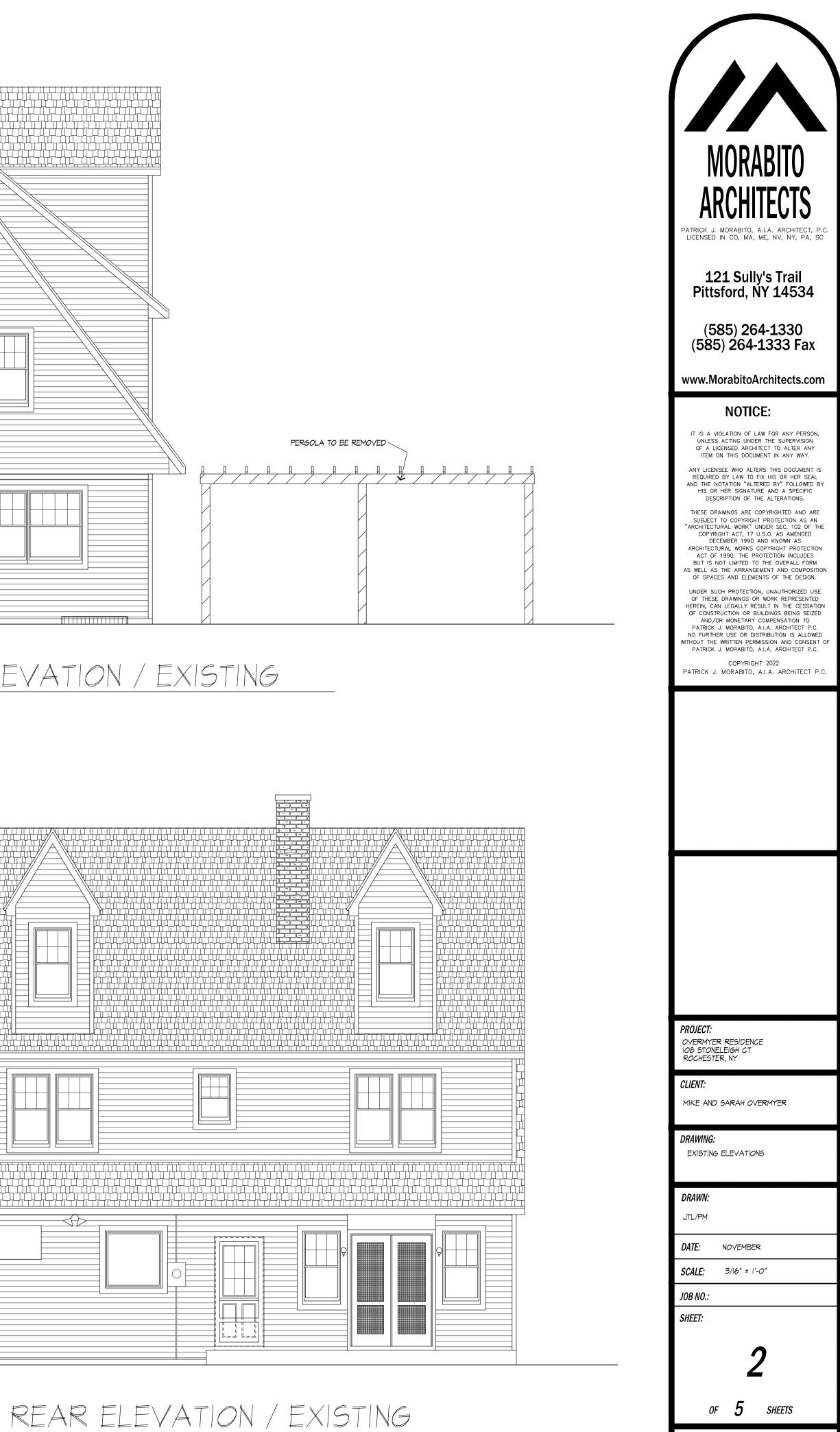


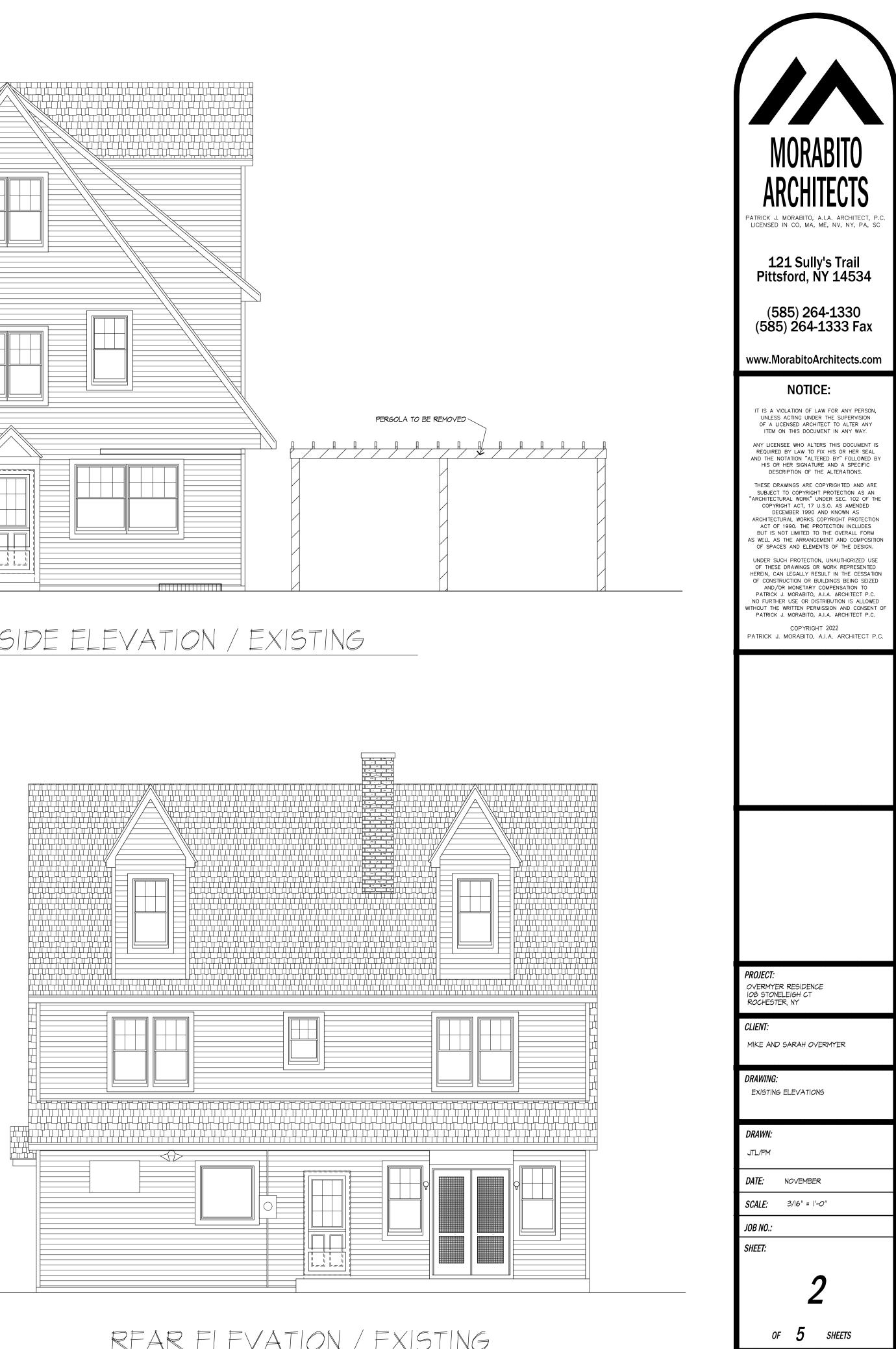


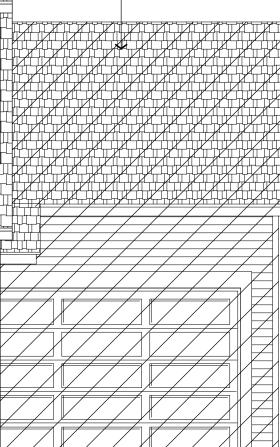
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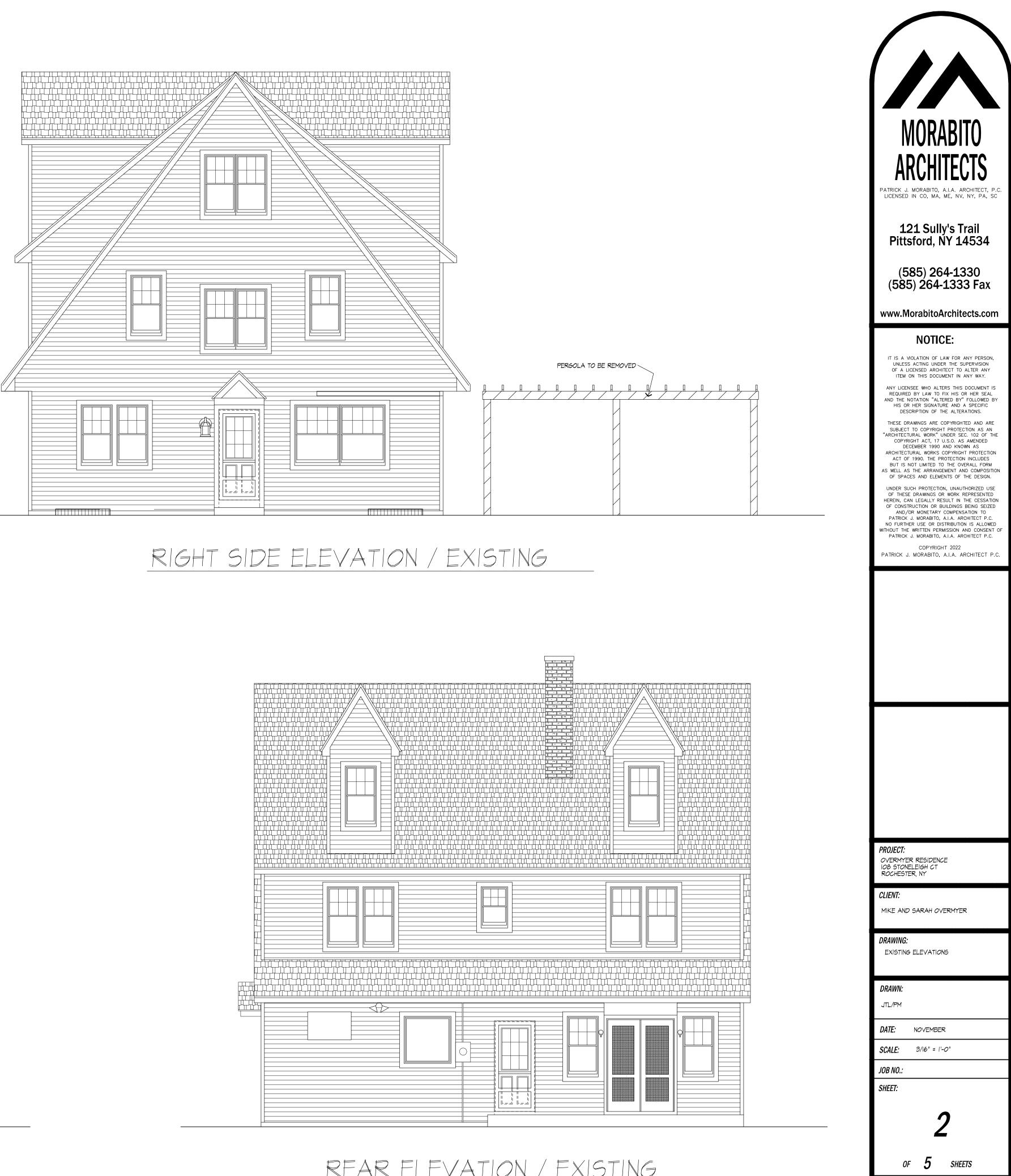
LEFT SIDE ELEVATION / EXISTING







-GARAGE BUILDING TO BE REMOVED







# RIGHT SIDE ELEVATION / PROPOSED

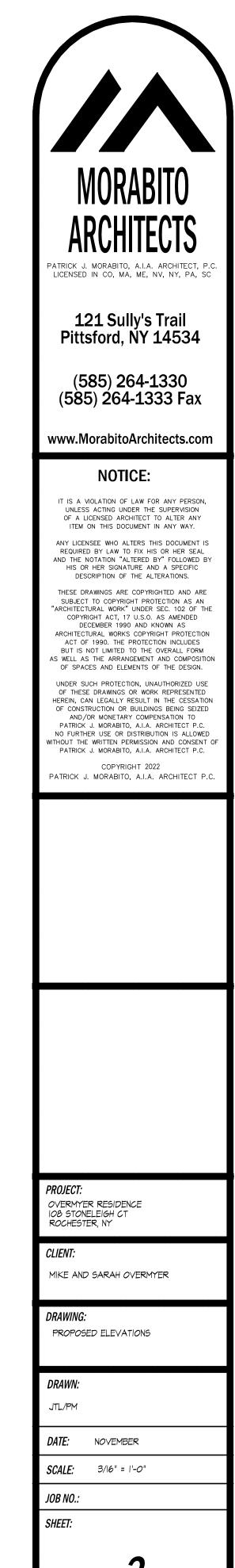
# FRONT ELEVATION / PROPOSED



# GARAGE ELEVATION / PROPOSED

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OF **5** SHEETS



# LEFT SIDE ELEVATION / PROPOSED



# REAR ELEVATION / PROPOSED



