

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Application Date: August 8, 2022

Applicant: Carlo Di Nunzio, agent for, Julie Jackson, owner

Property: 640 Cortlandt Street, Lot 22, Tracts 23 & 24, Block 279, Houston Heights Neighborhood Subdivision. The property includes a non-historic 3,680 square foot, two-story wood frame & brick veneer single-family residence and a detached garage situated on a 12,120 square foot asymmetrical corner lot.

Significance: Non-contributing style residence, constructed circa 2000, located in the Houston Heights South Historic District.

Proposal: Alteration: Side Addition on South Elevation

- 1st floor 538 sq. ft. and 2nd floor 412 sq. ft.
- Proposed ridge height at 25' 2"
- 1' inset on first floor pantry and second floor balcony before the side addition begins
- Standing seam metal roof with a 1:12 roof pitch
- Replace two windows on North elevation, both inset & recessed. No change to window openings.
- See window and door schedule. All windows inset & recessed.

Public Comment: No public comment received.

Civic Association: No comment received.

Recommendation: Approval

HAHC Action: -

APPROVAL CRITERIA

ALTERATIONS TO NONCONTRIBUTING STRUCTURES

Sec. 33-241.1(b): Director shall issue a certificate of appropriateness for the alteration, rehabilitation, or restoration of a non-contributing structure or an addition to a noncontributing structure in an historic district upon finding that the application satisfies the following criteria, as applicable:

S D NA **S - satisfies D - does not satisfy NA - not applicable**

(1) For an alteration, rehabilitation, or restoration that does not require the removal or replacement of the structural elements, not including the foundation, within 67 percent of the structure:

(a) The proposed activity must recognize the building, structure, object or site as a product of its own time and avoid alterations that seek to create an earlier or later appearance; and

(b) The proposed activity must match the architectural features, materials, and character of either the existing noncontributing structure or the contributing structures within the context area.

(2) For an alteration, rehabilitation, or restoration that requires the removal or replacement of the structural elements, not including the foundation, within 67 percent or more of the structure, the director shall refer the application to the HAHC, which shall approve a certificate of appropriateness if the result of the project conforms to the requirements for new construction in a historic district in section 33-242 of this Code.

(3) For an addition to a noncontributing structure:

(a) The distance from the property line to the front and side walls, porches, and exterior features of any proposed addition or alteration must be compatible with the distance from the property line of similar elements of existing contributing structures in the context area; and

(b) The noncontributing structure with the constructed addition is compatible with the typical proportions and scale of existing contributing structures in the context area.

HEIGHTS DESIGN GUIDELINES

In accordance with Sec. 33-276, the proposed activity must comply with the City Council approved Design Guidelines.

ALTERATIONS, REHABILITATIONS, RESTORATIONS AND ADDITIONS

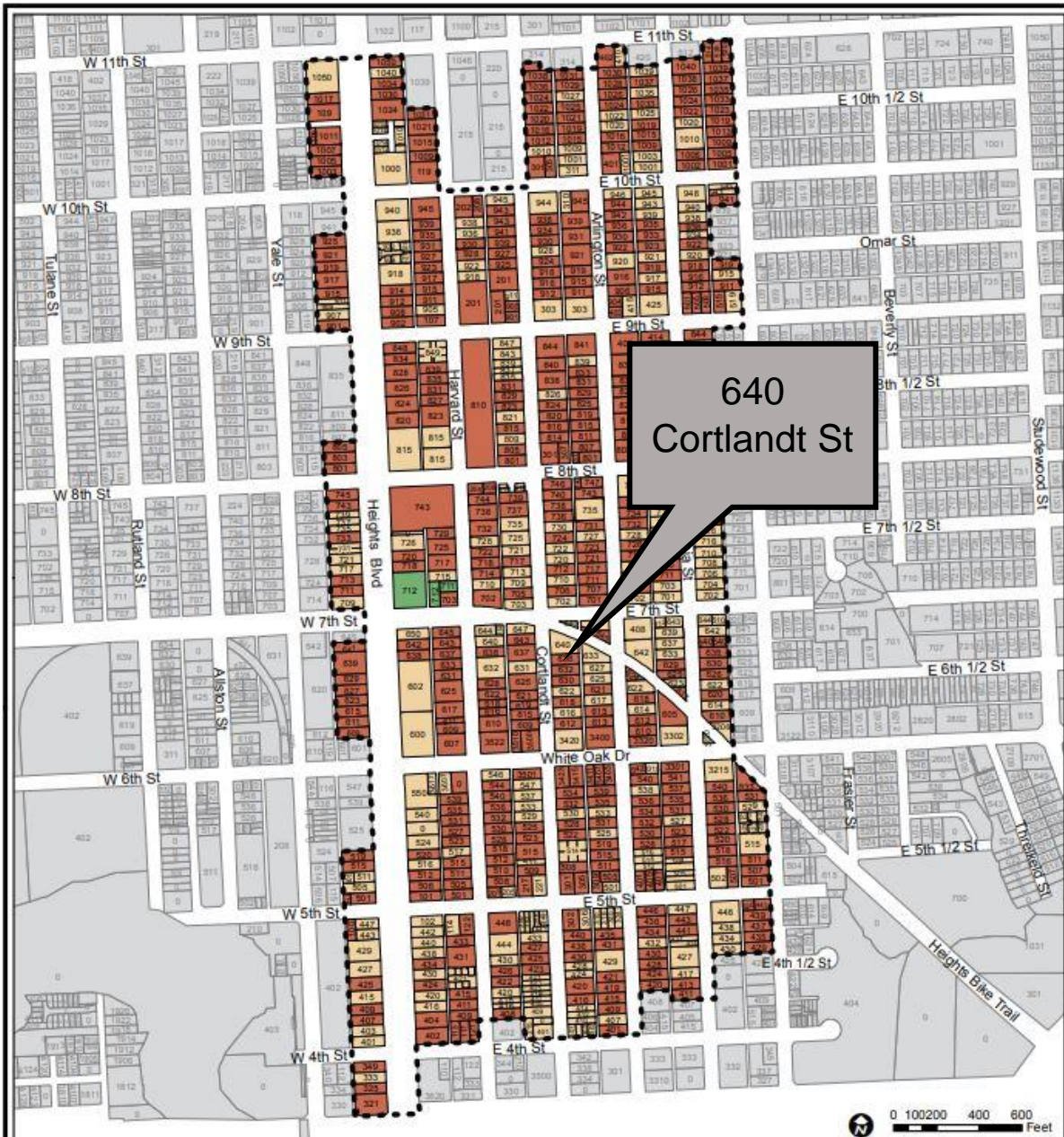
Sec. 33-241: HAHC shall issue a certificate of appropriateness for the alteration, rehabilitation, restoration or addition of an exterior feature of (i) any landmark, (ii) protected landmark, (iii) any building, structure or object that is part of an archaeological site, or (iv) contributing building in a historic district upon finding that the application satisfies the following criteria, as applicable:

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| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | (1) The proposed activity must retain and preserve the historical character of the property; This is a non-historic structure. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | (2) The proposed activity must contribute to the continued availability of the property for a contemporary use; |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | (3) The proposed activity must recognize the building, structure, object or site as a product of its own time and avoid alterations that seek to create an earlier or later appearance; |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | (4) The proposed activity must preserve the distinguishing qualities or character of the building, structure, object or site and its environment; |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | (5) The proposed activity must maintain or replicate distinctive stylistic exterior features or examples of skilled craftsmanship that characterize the building, structure, object or site; |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | (6) New materials to be used for any exterior feature excluding what is visible from public alleys must be visually compatible with, but not necessarily the same as, the materials being replaced in form, design, texture, dimension and scale; |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | (7) The proposed replacement of exterior features, if any, should be based on an accurate duplication of features, substantiated by available historical, physical or pictorial evidence, where that evidence is available, rather than on conjectural designs or the availability of different architectural elements from other structures; |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | (8) Proposed additions or alterations must be done in a manner that, if removed in the future, would leave unimpaired the essential form and integrity of the building, structure, object or site; |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | (9) The proposed design for any exterior alterations or addition must not destroy significant historical, architectural, archaeological or cultural material, including but not limited to siding, windows, doors and porch elements; |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | (10) The proposed alteration or addition must be compatible with the massing, size, scale material and character of the property and the context area; and Proposed ridge height at 25' 2". 615 Cortlandt is a 2-story contributing structure and its ridge height is 27' 5". |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | (11) The distance from the property line to the front and side walls, porches, and exterior features of any proposed addition or alteration must be compatible with the distance to the property line of similar elements of existing contributing structures in the context area. |

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District Map






Houston Heights South Historic District

Historic District Boundary



Building Classification

-  Contributing
-  Non-Contributing
-  Park

Established: June 29, 2011
 Source: GIS Services Division
 Date: 4/24/2013
 Reference: pj17025_Heights_South

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Inventory Photo



Current Photo



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 Maximum Lot Coverage (Addition and New Construction)

LOT SIZE	MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE
<4000	.44 (44%)
4000-4999	.44 (44%)
5000-5999	.42 (42%)
6000-6999	.40 (40%)
7000-7999	.38 (38%)
8000+	.38 (38%)

Existing Lot Size: 12,120

Max. Allowed: 4,606

Proposed Lot Coverage: 2,436

Remaining Amount: 2,170

 Maximum Floor Area Ratio (Addition and New Construction)

LOT SIZE	MAXIMUM FAR
<4000	.48
4000-4999	.48
5000-5999	.46
6000-6999	.44
7000-7999	.42
8000+	.40

Existing Lot Size: 12,120

Max. FAR Allowed: 4,848

Proposed FAR: 4,746

Remaining Amount: 102

Side Wall Length and Insets (Addition and New Construction)

MEASUREMENT	APPLICATION
50 FT.	Maximum side wall length without inset (1-story)
40 FT.	Maximum side wall length without inset (2-story)
1 FT.	Minimum depth of inset section of side wall (1-story)
2 FT.	Minimum depth of inset section of side wall (2-story)
6 FT.	Minimum length of inset section of side wall

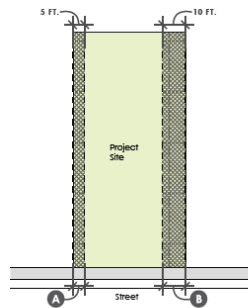
Side Wall Length: 37' 2"

Inset Length: N/A

Inset on North side: N/A

Inset on South side: N/A

Side Setbacks (Addition and New Construction)



Note: This diagram shows just one example of a side setback configuration.

KEY	MEASUREMENT	APPLICATION
A	3 FT.	Minimum distance between side wall and the property line for lots less than 35 feet wide
B	5 FT.	Minimum distance between the side wall and the property line
B	REMAINING	Difference between minimum side setback of 5 feet and minimum cumulative side setback
C	6 FT.	Minimum cumulative side setback for lots less than 35 feet wide
C	10 FT.	Minimum cumulative side setback for a one-story house
C	15 FT.	Minimum cumulative side setback for a two-story house

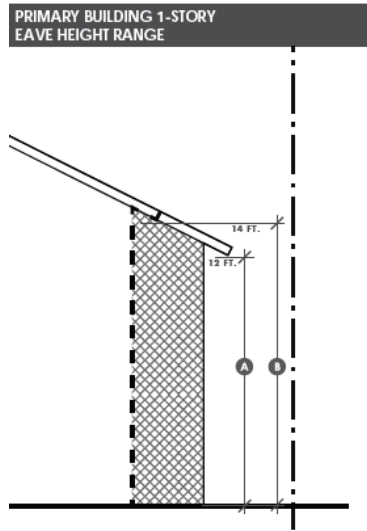
Proposed south setback (1): 5'

Proposed side setback (2): 67'

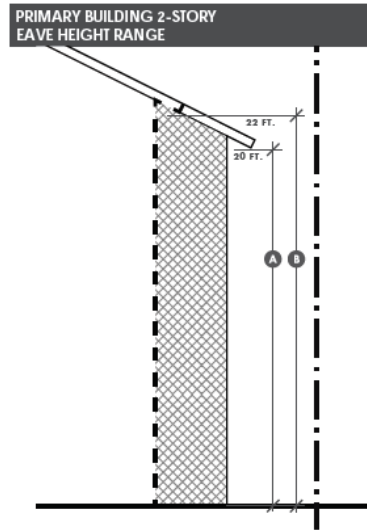
Cumulative side setback: 72'



Eave Height (Addition and New Construction)



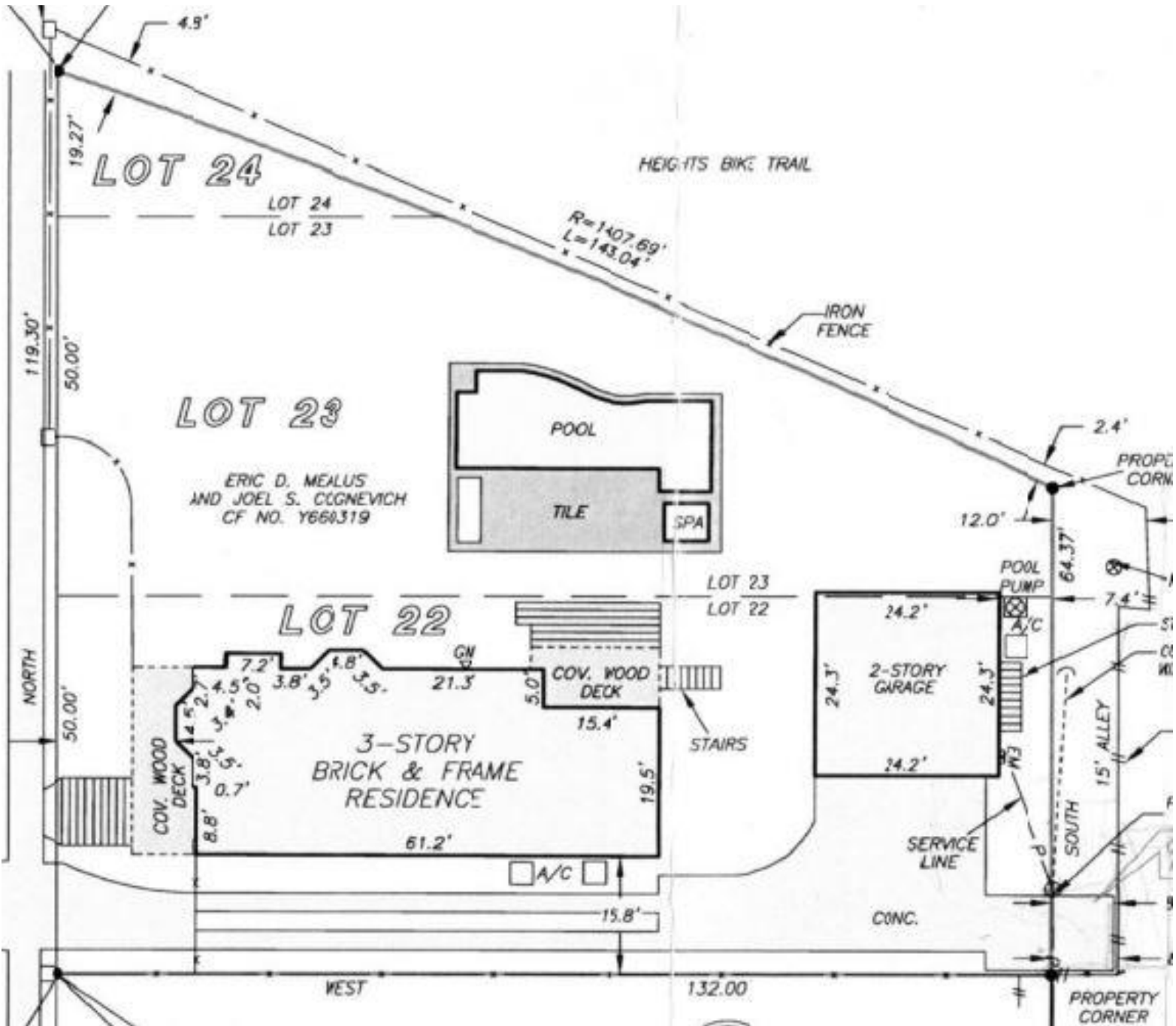
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A	12 FT.	Maximum 1-story eave height at the 5 FT. minimum side setback
B	14 FT.	Maximum 1-story eave height at 7 FT. or greater side setback



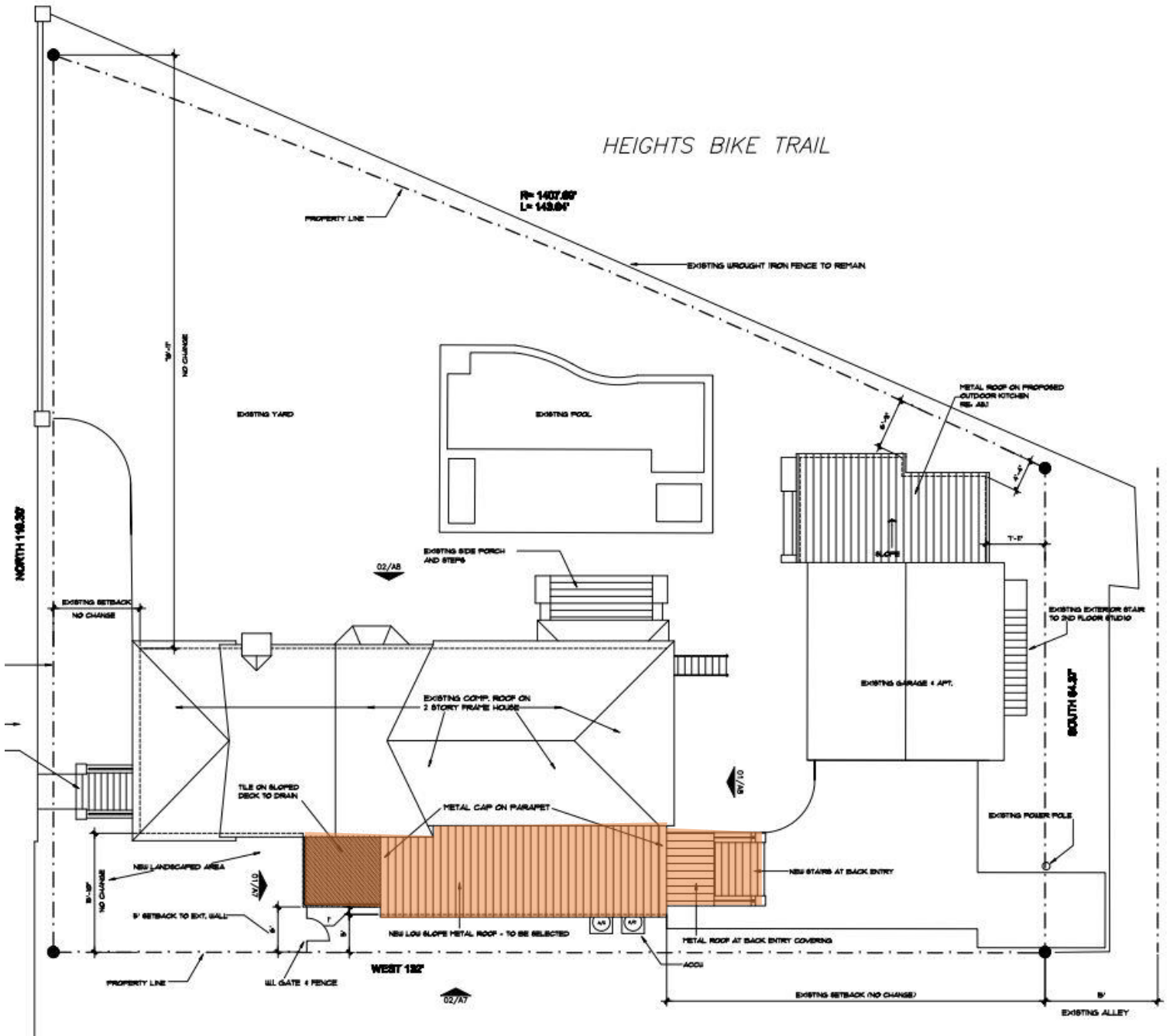
KEY	MEASUREMENT	APPLICATION
A	20 FT.	Maximum 2-story eave height at the 5 FT. minimum side setback
B	22 FT.	Maximum 2-story eave height at 7 FT. or greater side setback

Proposed eave height: N/A

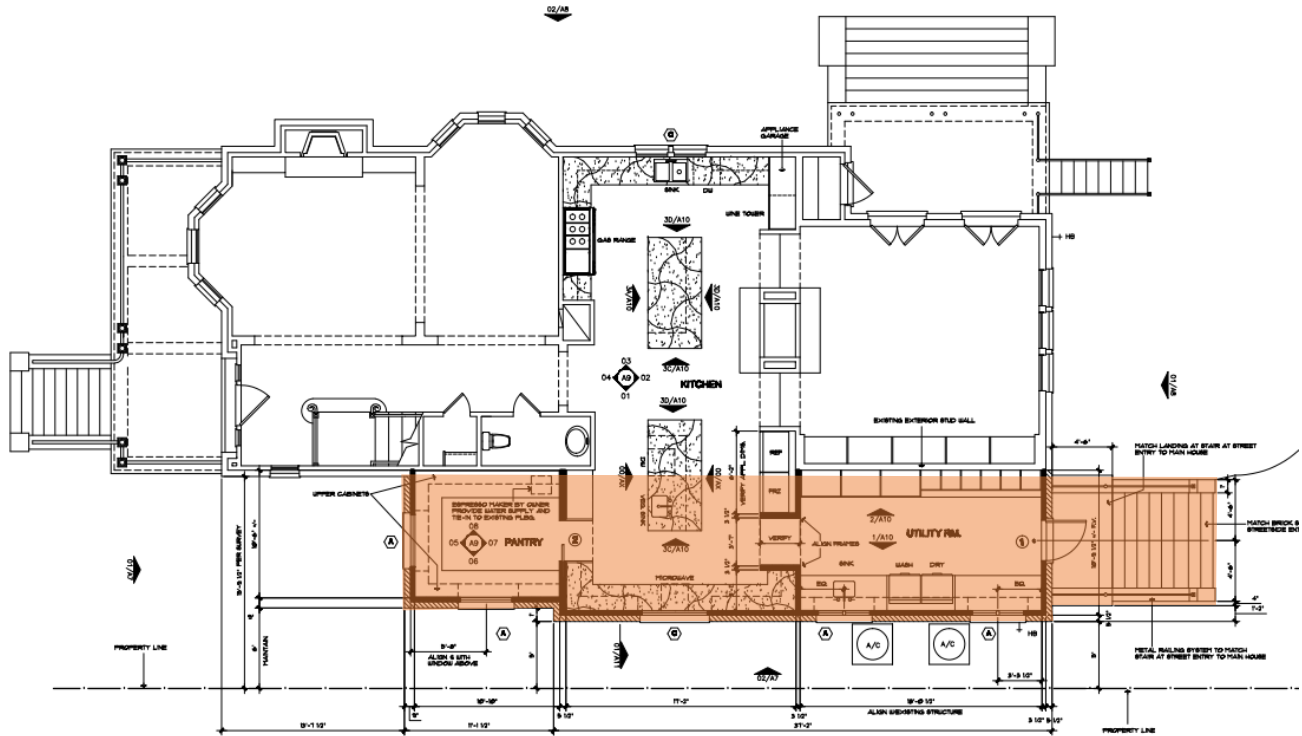
Existing Site Plan



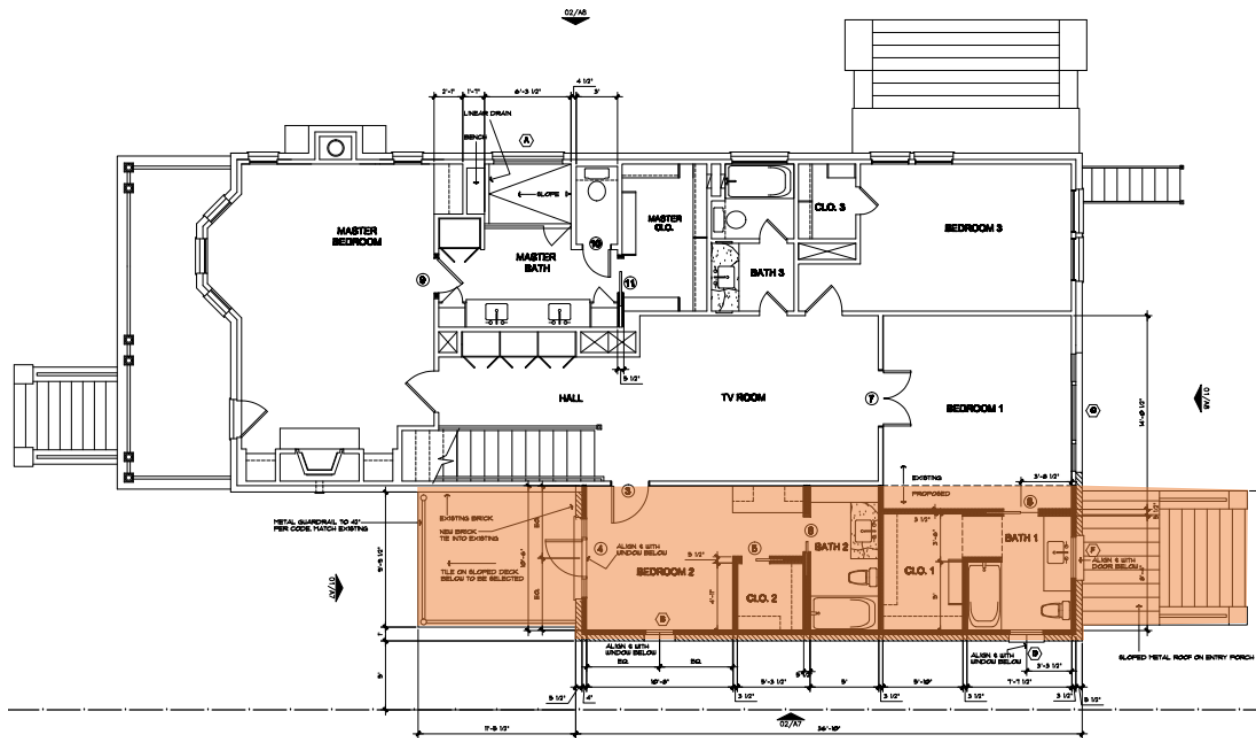
Proposed Site Plan



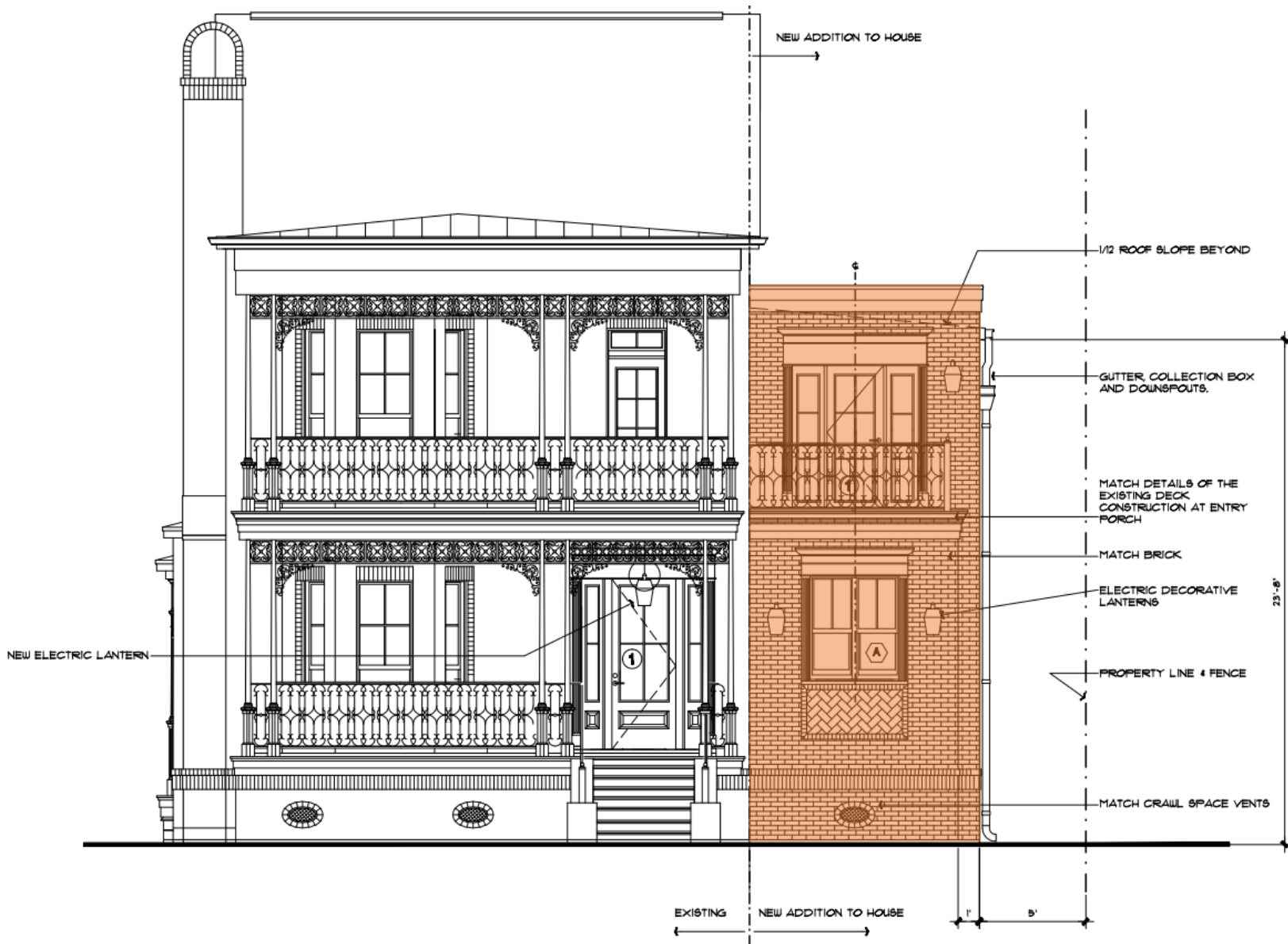
Proposed First Floor Plan



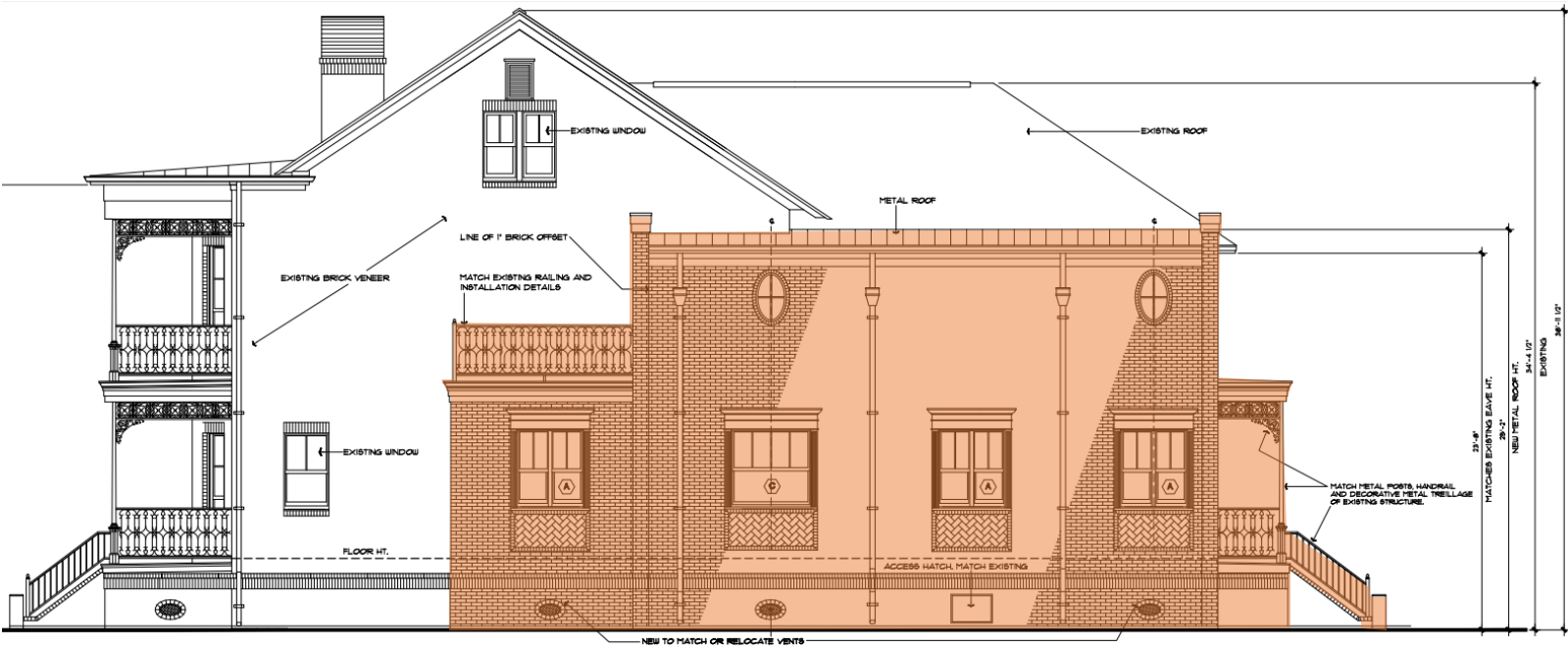
Proposed Second Floor Plan



Proposed Front (West) Elevation



Proposed South Elevation



Proposed North Elevation



Proposed Rear (East) Elevation

