

Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment

November 29, 2021

File: A/154/21
Address: 10 Waterleaf Road – Markham, ON
Applicant: Forest Hill Homes (Eddie Lee)
Hearing Date: December 8, 2021

The following comments are provided on behalf of the East District team. The applicant is requesting relief from the following “Residential Two Exception *190*192*514 (R2*190*192*514)” zone requirements under By-law 177-96, as amended, as it relates to a parking reduction, to permit:

a) By-law 177-96, Sec. 7.190.1 a) iii:

two parking spaces, whereas the by-law requires a minimum of three parking spaces.

BACKGROUND

Property Description

The subject property is located on the north side of Waterleaf Road, east of Cornell Rouge Boulevard, south of White’s Hill Avenue, and west of Donald Cousens Parkway. The foundation for a single detached dwelling has been constructed in accordance with the issued building permit. The proposed development would have a coach house, and an attached two car garage that provides for vehicular parking accessed by a rear lane. Abutting the property is an existing utility notch at the northwest corner, which allows for the location of a hydro transformer to service new housing within the area.

The property is located in the Cornell community, which is primarily a residential neighbourhood that contains a mix of low rise housing forms, including detached, semi-detached, and townhouse dwellings. Cornell is primarily a lane-based community in which vehicular access and parking is provided via rear lanes and garages, and along public streets. The property is within close proximity to local institutional (education and health) and commercial uses, parks, and accessible transit options. Examples of accessory dwelling units exist in the area, in the form of coach houses located above private garages.

Proposal

The submitted plans show that two parking spaces within the garage can be accommodated. The applicant is proposing that an accessory dwelling unit be located above the garage, and therefore, a third parking space is required by the By-law. The applicant is requesting a reduction of one parking space.

Official Plan and Zoning

Official Plan 2014 (partially approved on November 24/17, and updated on April 9/18)

The Official Plan designates the subject property “Residential Low Rise” which provides for a mix of low rise housing forms.

Zoning By-Law 177-96, as amended (“the Zoning By-law”)

The subject property is zoned “Residential Two Exception *190*192*514 (R2*190*192*514)” under By-law 177-96, as amended, which permits a mix of low rise housing forms, including single detached dwellings. One accessory dwelling unit on a lot

is permitted by the zoning, provided that it meets specific criteria, including that a required parking space for an accessory dwelling unit is independently accessible from the parking spaces for the main dwelling unit on the lot.

Parking Standards By-law 28-97 ("the Parking By-law")

The proposed development also does not comply with the Parking By-law with respect to the minimum requirement of three parking spaces where an accessory dwelling unit is proposed.

Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) Not Undertaken

City records indicate that the applicant has not completed a ZPR. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application has accurately identified all the variances to the Zoning By-law required for the proposed development. If the variance request in this application contains errors, or if the need for additional variances are identified at the Building Permit stage, further variance application(s) may be required to address any non-compliances.

COMMENTS

The *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended*, states that four tests must be met in order for a variance to be granted by the Committee of Adjustment ("the Committee"):

- a) The variance must be minor in nature;
- b) The variance must be desirable, in the opinion of the Committee, for the appropriate development or use of land, building or structure;
- c) The general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law must be maintained;
- d) The general intent and purpose of the Official Plan must be maintained.

Parking Reduction

The Parking By-law requires a minimum of two parking spaces for a single detached dwelling, and one additional parking space for an accessory dwelling unit. An accessory dwelling unit is proposed, requiring a minimum of three parking spaces. The plans show two parking spaces can be accommodated in the attached garage, and the applicant is requesting a reduction of one parking space from the By-law requirement.

Staff are of the opinion that the proposed parking reduction may be considered "self-regulating", as the accessory dwelling unit would only be of interest to an occupant that does not require a parking space, in the event that both parking spaces are required for use by the owner of the dwelling. Additionally, the property is within the general proximity of bus stops located on Cornell Rouge Boulevard, and a bus terminal at Markham Stouffville Hospital, which provides for a number of transit route options. Staff are of the opinion that the requested variance appropriately maintains the general intent of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law, and support its approval.

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

No written submissions were received as of November 29, 2021. It is noted that additional information may be received after the writing of this report, and the Secretary-Treasurer will provide information on this at the meeting.

CONCLUSION

Planning staff have reviewed the application with respect to Section 45(1) of the *Planning Act*, and are of the opinion that the variance request meets the four tests. Staff recommend

that the Committee consider public input, and the conditions of approval detailed in Appendix "A" in reaching a decision. The onus is ultimately on the applicant to demonstrate how they satisfy the tests of the *Planning Act* required for the granting of minor variances.

APPENDICES

Appendix "A" – Plans

Appendix "B" – Conditions of Approval

Appendix "C" – Aerial Map: 10 Waterleaf Road

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Aleks Todorovski, Planner, Zoning and Special Projects

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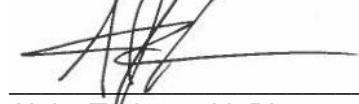
Stacia Muradali, Development Manager, East District

APPENDIX "A"

CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/154/21

1. The variance applies only to the proposed development for as long as it remains.
2. That the variances apply only to the proposed development, in substantial conformity with the plans attached as Appendix "B" to this Staff Report, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation from the Director of Planning and Urban Design or designate that this condition has been fulfilled to his or her satisfaction.

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APPENDIX "B"

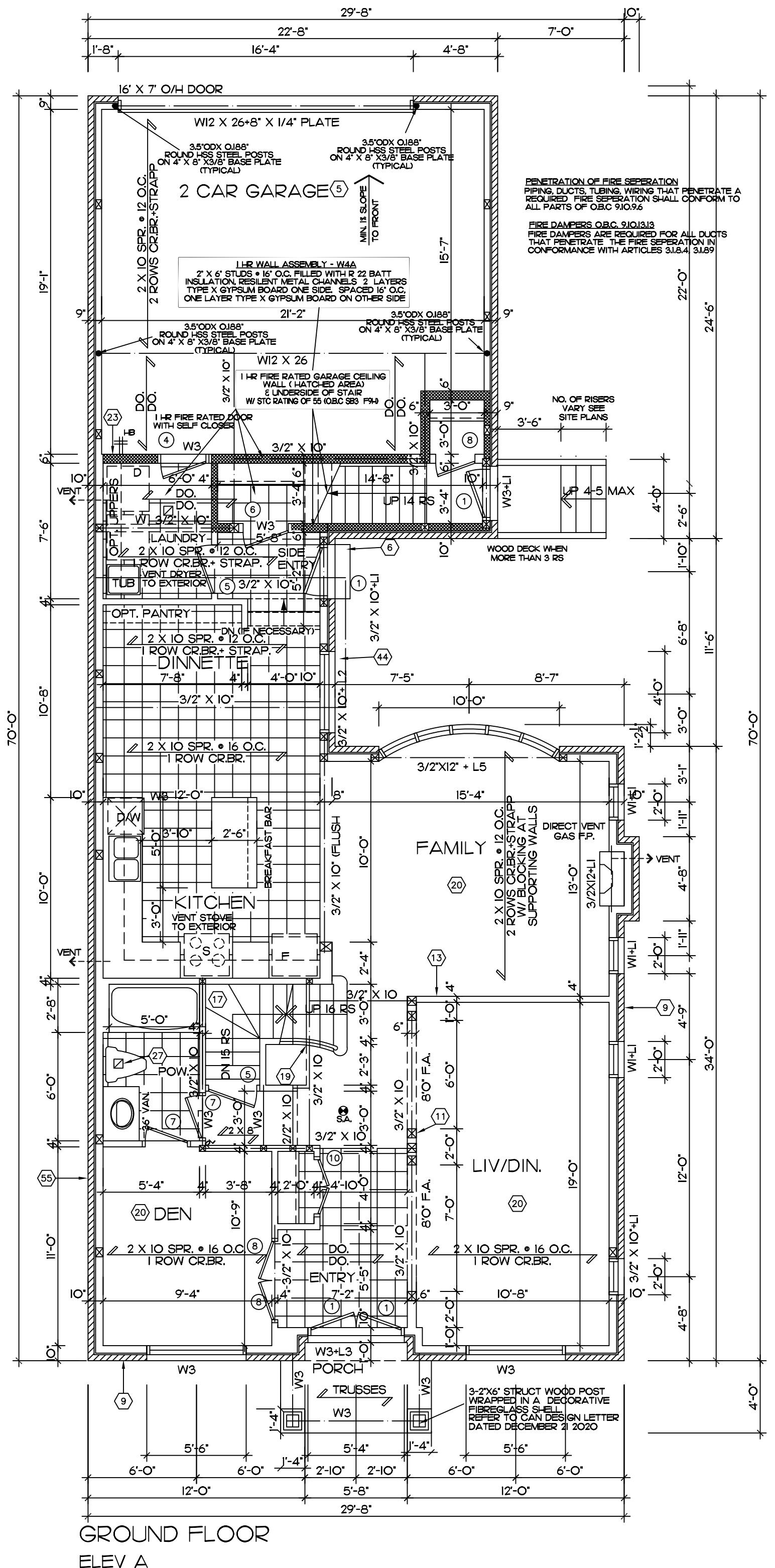
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Appendix B

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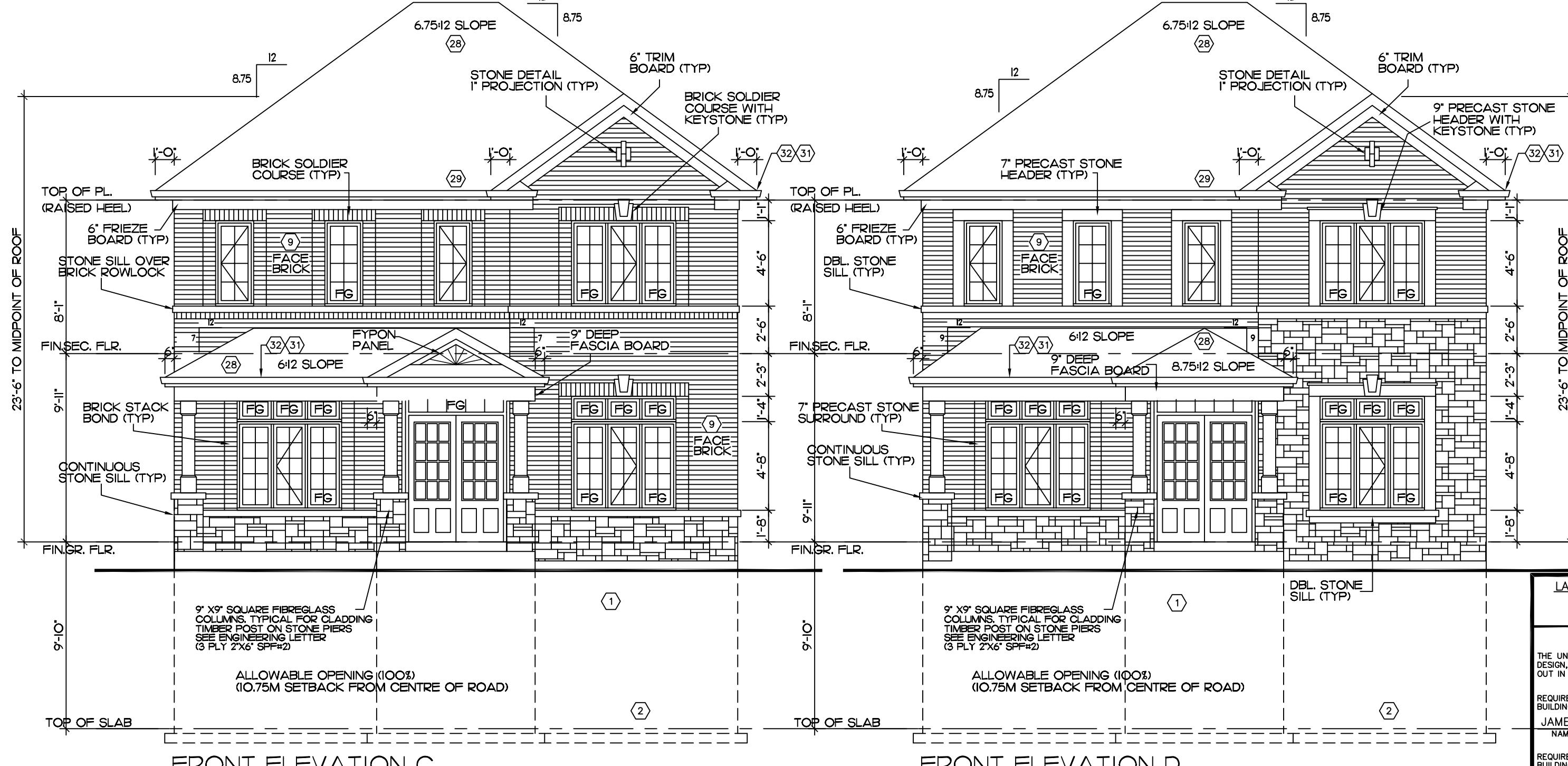
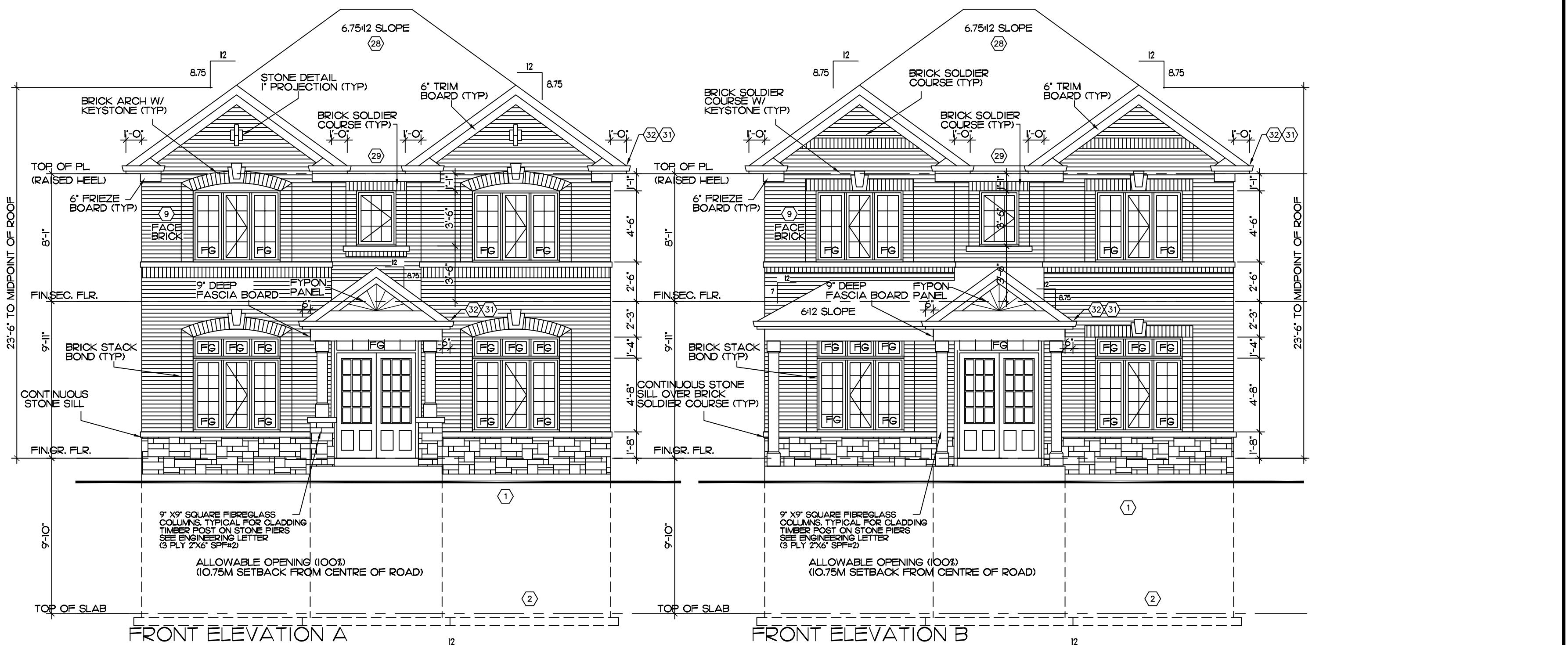


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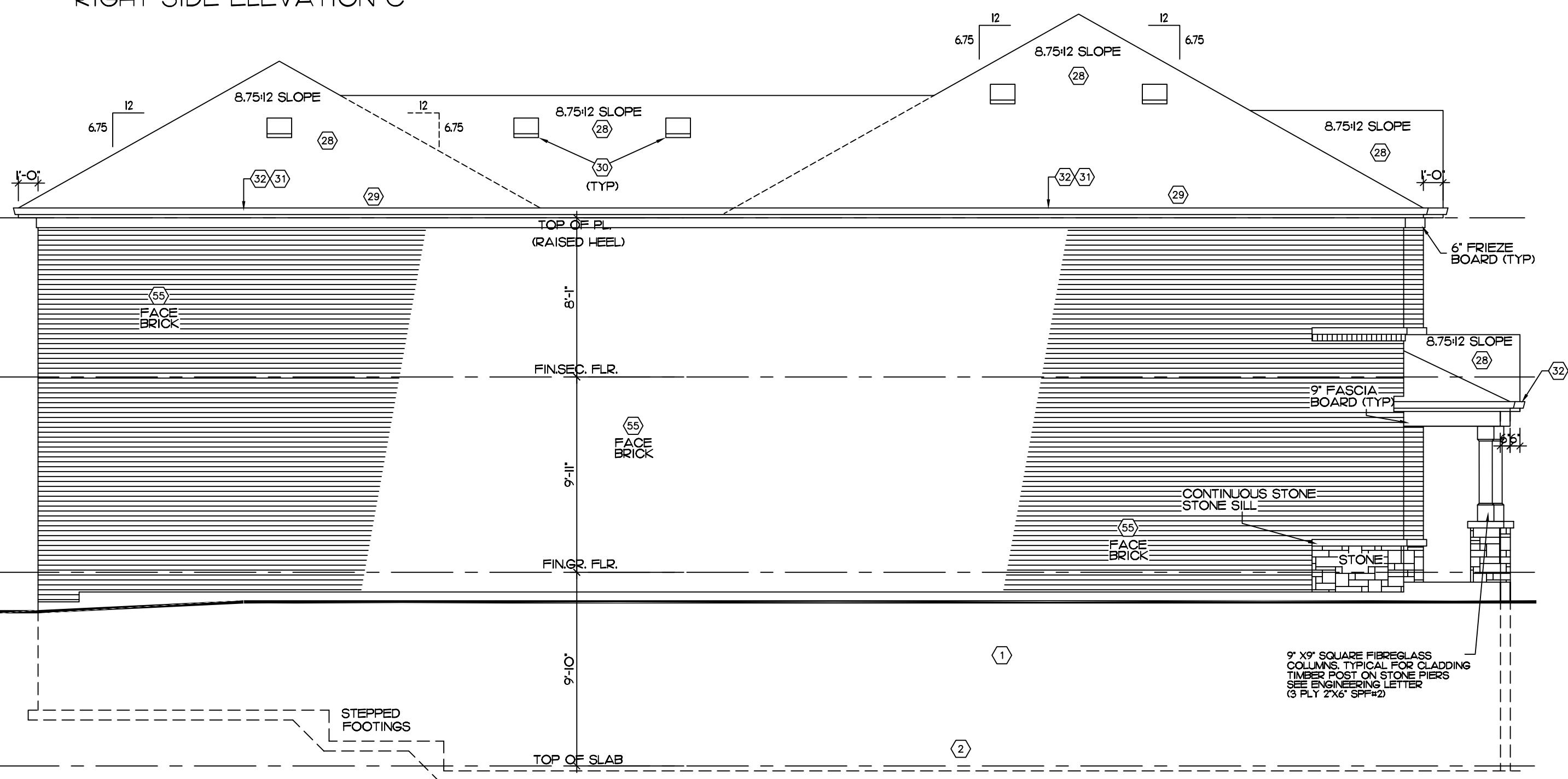
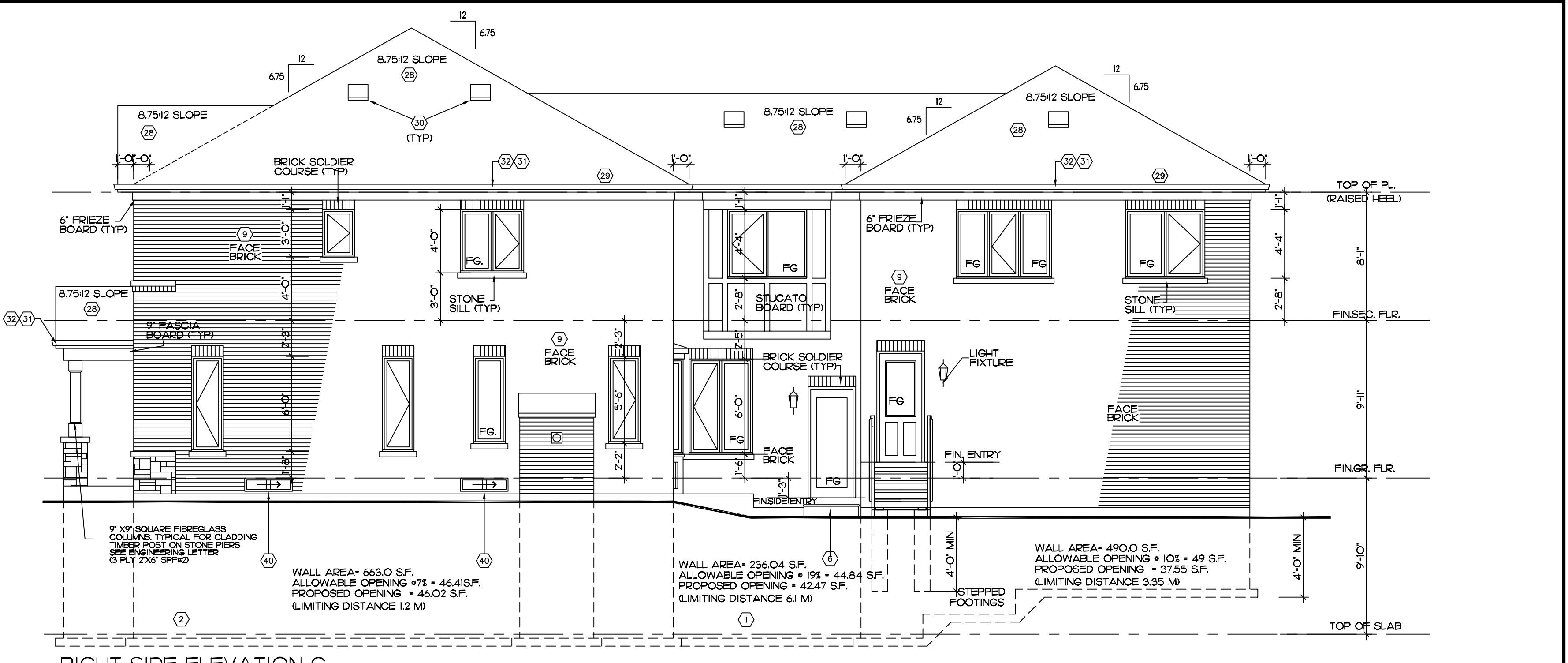
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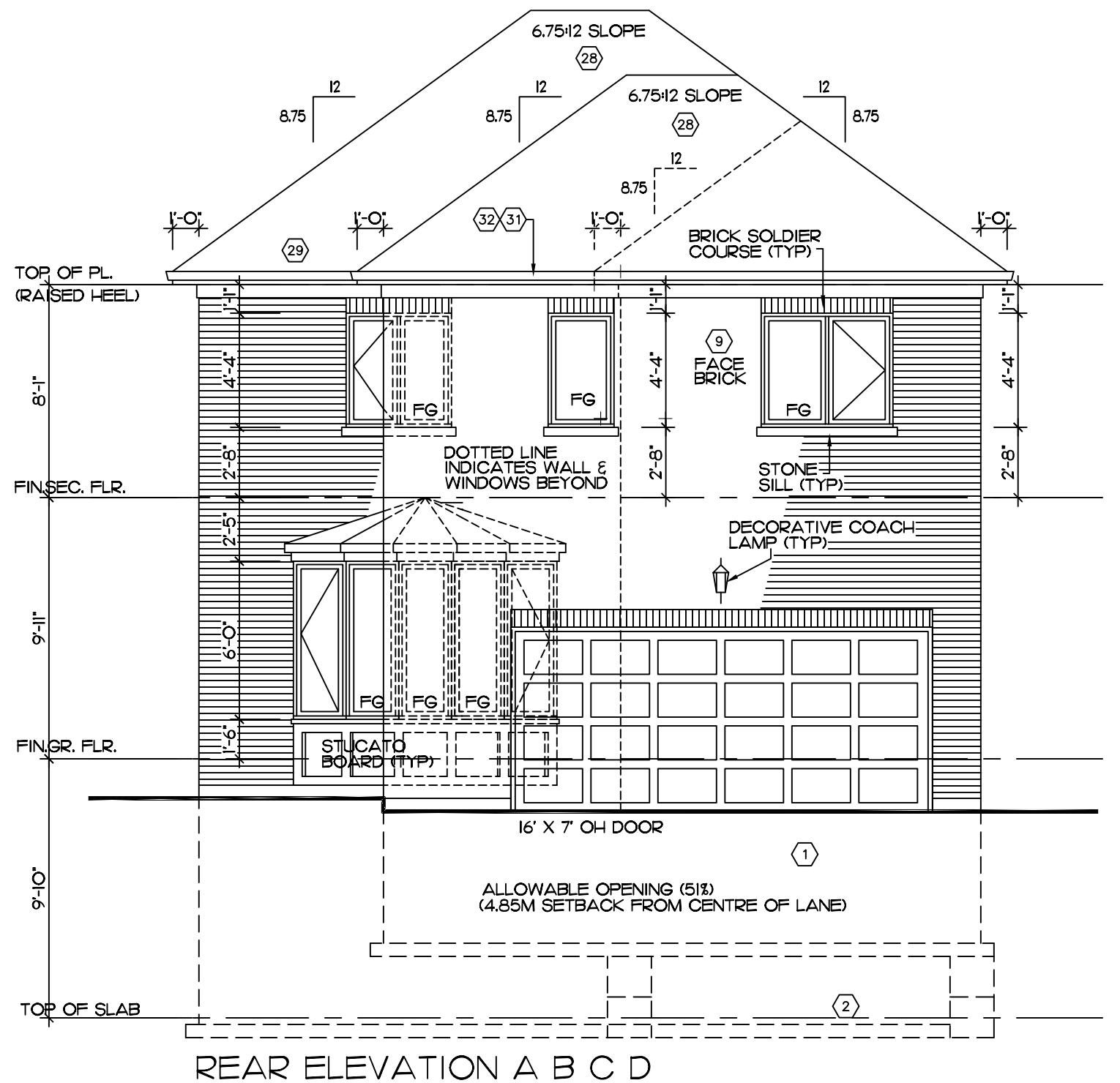
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GENERAL NOTES:
CONTRACTOR WILL CHECK AND VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS AND CHECK ALL CONDITIONS ON THE JOB BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH WORK.
ALL DESCERPANCES TO BE REPORTED TO THE DESIGN CONSULTANT BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH THE WORK.
LATEST APPROVED DRAWINGS ONLY TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION.
DRAWINGS NOT TO BE SCALED.

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Design Control Review

I, Richard F. Merrill, certify that the Plans/ Drawings comply with the approved architectural control guidelines. This stamp is ONLY for the purposes of design control and carries no other professional obligation.

Reviewed by: Date: April 20, 2021
Reviewed for: Final Review

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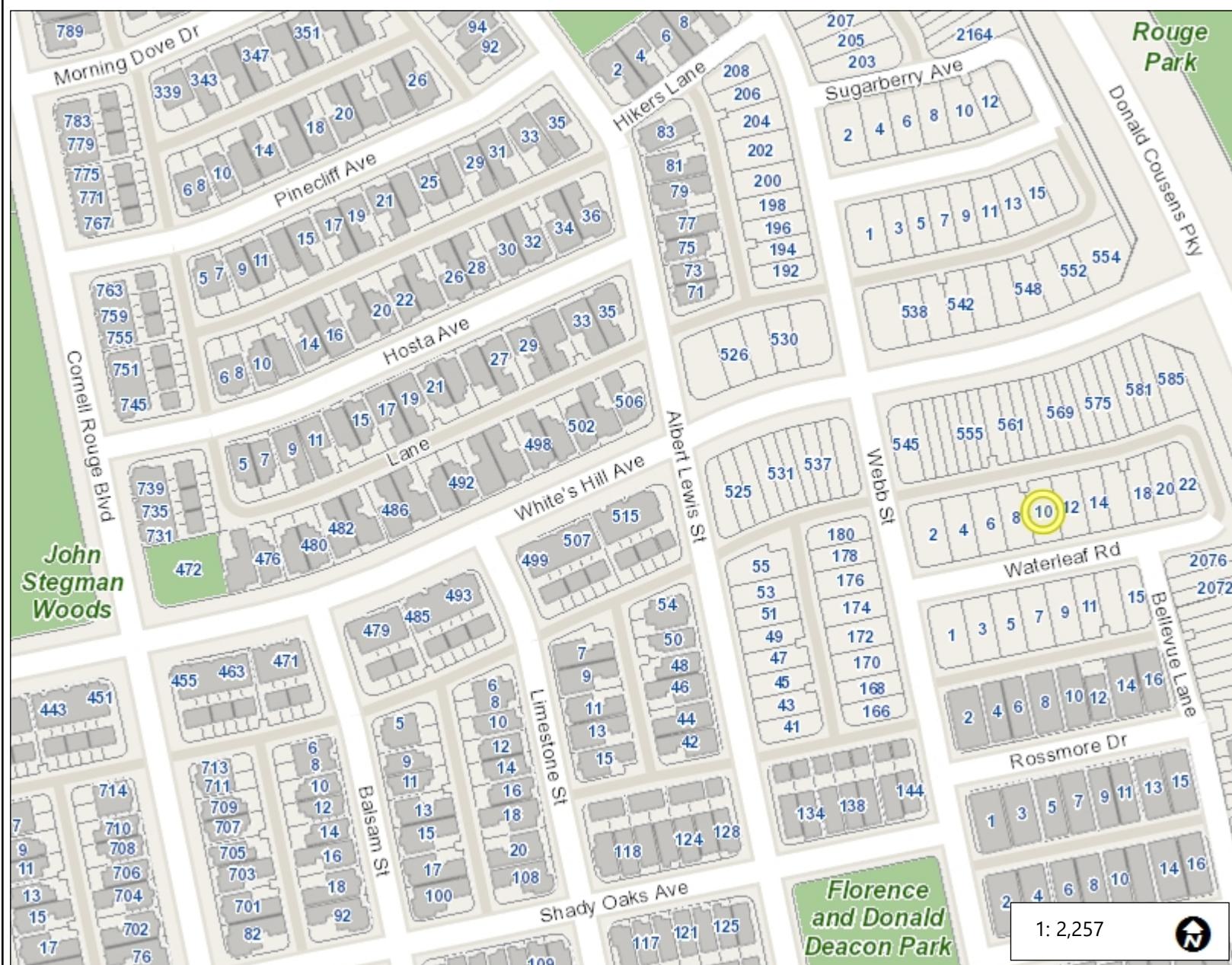
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APPENDIX "C"
AERIAL MAP: 10 WATERLEAF ROAD



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- PARKS_6000
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- Park Facilities
- Parks
 - <all other values>
 - Under Development

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