

## **PLANNING AND ZONING**

## **Cerro Gordo County Courthouse**

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#### SPECIAL EXCEPTION STAFF REPORT

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST** 

Case No.: 23-3 Hearing Date: January 31, 2023

**Staff Contact:** John Robbins, Planning and Zoning Administrator

<u>Applicant</u> <u>Owner</u>

Tony Kockler Bradley R. Elmitt
4309 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue N 6129 Foxboro Road
Clear Lake, IA 50428 Johnston, IA 50131

**Property Address:** not assigned

**Brief Legal Description:** Lot 13, Block 6, Dodges Point Park

**Zoning:** R-3 Single Family Residential

#### Background

The applicant proposes to construct a 38'x68' house (See Figure 1). The property on which the existing house sits on was recently split into two, 50'-wide lots, which are the original platted lots in Dodges Point Park. This particular house is proposed to be on the south lot, while the Board will consider a separate request for another new house on the north lot. This proposed house will constitute infill development—along with the proposed house on the north lot, two houses will replace the existing house on two separate lots.

SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST*					
Structure	Request(s)	Requirement(s)			
House	4.8' north side yard setback	6' minimum side yard setback (11.6-B)			

<sup>\*</sup>See Figure 2

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Bradley R. Elmitt is the owner of the subject property, located on Lot 13, Block 6, Dodges Point Park.
- 2. Tony Kockler is the applicant on behalf of the owners for the request.
- 3. The property is zoned R-3 Single Family Residential.
- 4. The proposed house is 4.8' from the north side lot line.
- 5. A minimum 6' side yard setback is required in the R-3 District.
- 6. The application was filed on December 27, 2022 with the Planning and Zoning Office.

#### **ANALYSIS**

The Board of Adjustment is provided the power to grant special exception under Section 24.4(A)(2) of the Zoning Ordinance. The Board may grant special exception to bulk standards of the ordinance if, in its judgement, the standards established in Section 24.4(A)(2)(a) are met. In its review, the Board may attach certain conditions to any special exception granted in order to observe the spirit of the Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan and mitigate any potential impacts that may directly result from the requested special exception.

#### **Discussion of Standards of Review**

Strict compliance with the standards governing setback, frontage, height, or other bulk provisions of this ordinance would result in a practical difficulty upon the owner of such property and only where such exception does not exceed 50 percent of the particular limitation or number in question.

The Elmitts recently had the property surveyed and discovered the lot is not quite square along the side lot lines, getting slightly narrower in width as it gets closer to the lake. The house on the adjacent property to the south is 3' from the shared side lot line, which has an air conditioning unit that encroaches right to the shared lot line, leaving no space between the lot line and the house (See Figure 3).

The proposed house is 4.8' from the north side lot line. A minimum 6' side yard setback is required in the R-3 District. This is no closer than 50 percent of the requirement. The standard appears to be met.

The exception relates entirely to a permitted use (principal, special, or accessory) classified by applicable district regulations, or to a permitted sign or off-street parking or loading areas accessory to such a permitted use.

A single family home is a principal permitted use in the R-3 District. The standard appears to be met.

The practical difficulty is due to circumstances specific to the property and prohibits the use of the subject property in a manner reasonably similar to that of other property in the same district.

While the lot is somewhat irregular in shape, the applicant states that the principal circumstance related to the request is due to the encroachment of the air conditioning unit servicing the adjacent house on the property to the south, which immediately abuts the shares shared south side lot line (See Figure 3). Additionally, the house on the same property is 3' from the shared lot line. As a result, the proposed house has a 7' south side yard setback to create appropriate separation between houses and to allow sufficient space for the construction of the proposed house. The proposed house is about average in size to houses in the neighborhood. The standard appears to be met.

A grant of the special exception applied for, or a lesser relaxation of the restriction than applied for, is reasonably necessary due to practical difficulties related to the land in question and would do substantial justice to an applicant as well as to other property owners in the locality.

The requested exception is due to the location of utility services and creating sufficient space for construction and separation between houses. The standard appears to be met.

Such practical difficulties cannot be overcome by any feasible alternative means other than an exception.

In order to be able to construct a similar sized house as others in the neighborhood, there does not appear to be any feasible alternative to be able to overcome the practical difficulty. The standard appears to be met.

Relief can be granted in a manner that will not alter the essential character of the locality.

The proposed house is similar to other houses in the vicinity and consistent with the character of the neighborhood. The standard appears to be met.

#### <u>Discussion of Potential Impacts to Immediate Area</u>

The property was recently split from the adjacent lot to the north into the original 50'-wide platted lots within Dodges Point Park. Both lots meet the minimum size and widths of the Zoning Ordinance. Generally, the most pressing concern is typically encroachment between buildings and impacting views to the lake on lake lots for neighbors. The proposed house is 7' from the south lot line, which will increase the separation from the neighboring property. Given the encroachment from the adjacent air conditioning unit and house to the south, the proposal actually maximizes separation between that houses on both sides and mitigates encroachments.

The proposed house is roughly even with the rear building line of the existing deck, which is over 10' or so closer to the lake than the house on the adjacent property to south and roughly even with the rear line of decks and houses to the north (See Figure 4 & 5). The proposed house has a rear yard setback of 41' and well exceeds the rear yard setback requirement of the R-3 District. While the proposed house will create a slight impediment to the full view of the lake for properties to the south, but to the north, the requested rear yard setback is roughly even with nearby rear building lines. The requested exception is unrelated to the depth of the house itself, as the applicants could request a smaller-than-average house for the neighborhood and have the same rear yard setback from the lake. As a result, the impact does not have an overly deleterious result.

#### **Staff Conclusions and Recommendation**

All standard of review have been met. The proposal seems to mitigate encroachments between houses as proposed. Staff recommends approval as requested.

#### **BOARD DECISION**

The Board of Adjustment may consider the following alternatives:

#### **Alternatives**

- 1. Grant the requested special exception subject to any condition as deemed necessary by the Board.
- 2. Grant relief less or different from the requested special exception.
- 3. Deny the requested special exception.

The following motions are provided for the Board's consideration:

#### Provided motion of approval:

- I move to adopt the staff report as the Board's findings and to approve the special exception as requested by Tony Kockler on behalf of Bradley and Lori Elmitt, subject to the following conditions:
  - 1. All construction shall comply with the site plan submitted with the application.
  - 2. No construction shall begin until a Zoning Permit has been issued by the Planning and Zoning Office.

#### **Provided motion of denial:**

• I move to adopt the staff report as the Board's findings and to deny the special exception as requested by Tony Kockler on behalf of Bradley and Lori Elmitt for the following reasons:

[STATE REASONS FOR DENIAL]

#### **EXHIBITS**

• Exhibit 1: Figures

Exhibit 2: Special Exception Application

• Exhibit 3: Site plan

Exhibit 4: Building plansExhibit 5: Plat of survey

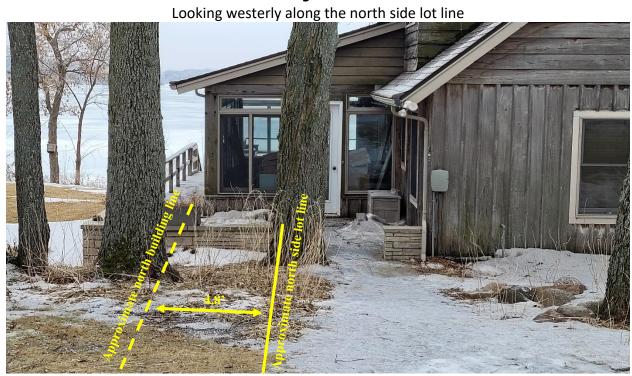
• Exhibit 6: Aerial photo of site

Figure 1
Looking at the proposed location for the house



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Figure 2



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Figure 3
Looking westerly along the south side lot line



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Figure 4

Looking southerly along the rear building line of the deck of the existing house



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Figure 5

Looking northerly along the rear building line of the deck of the existing house



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## **APPLICATION**

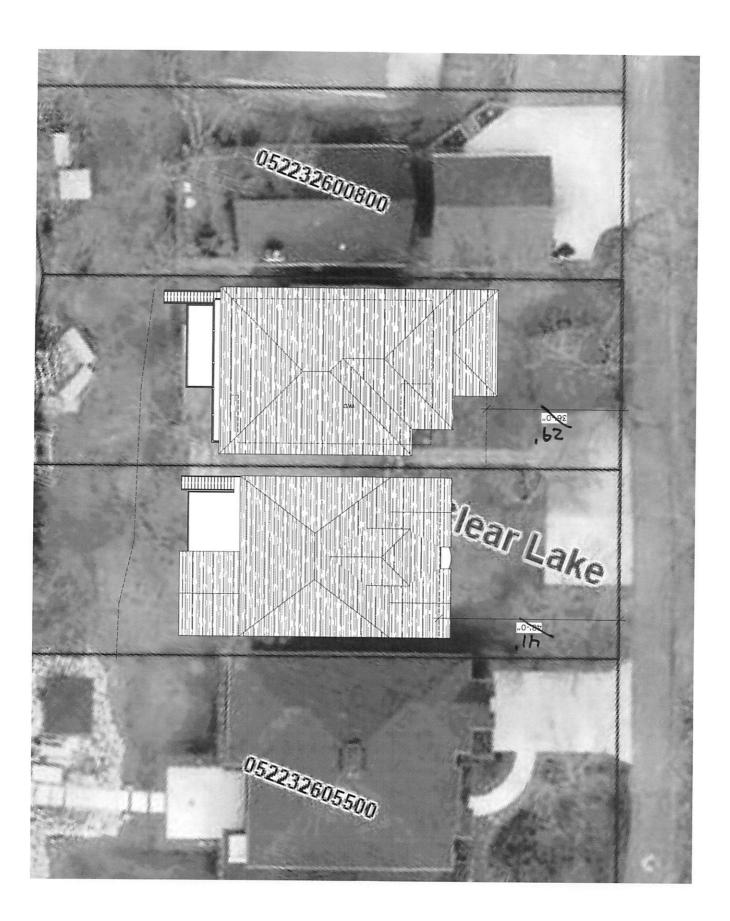
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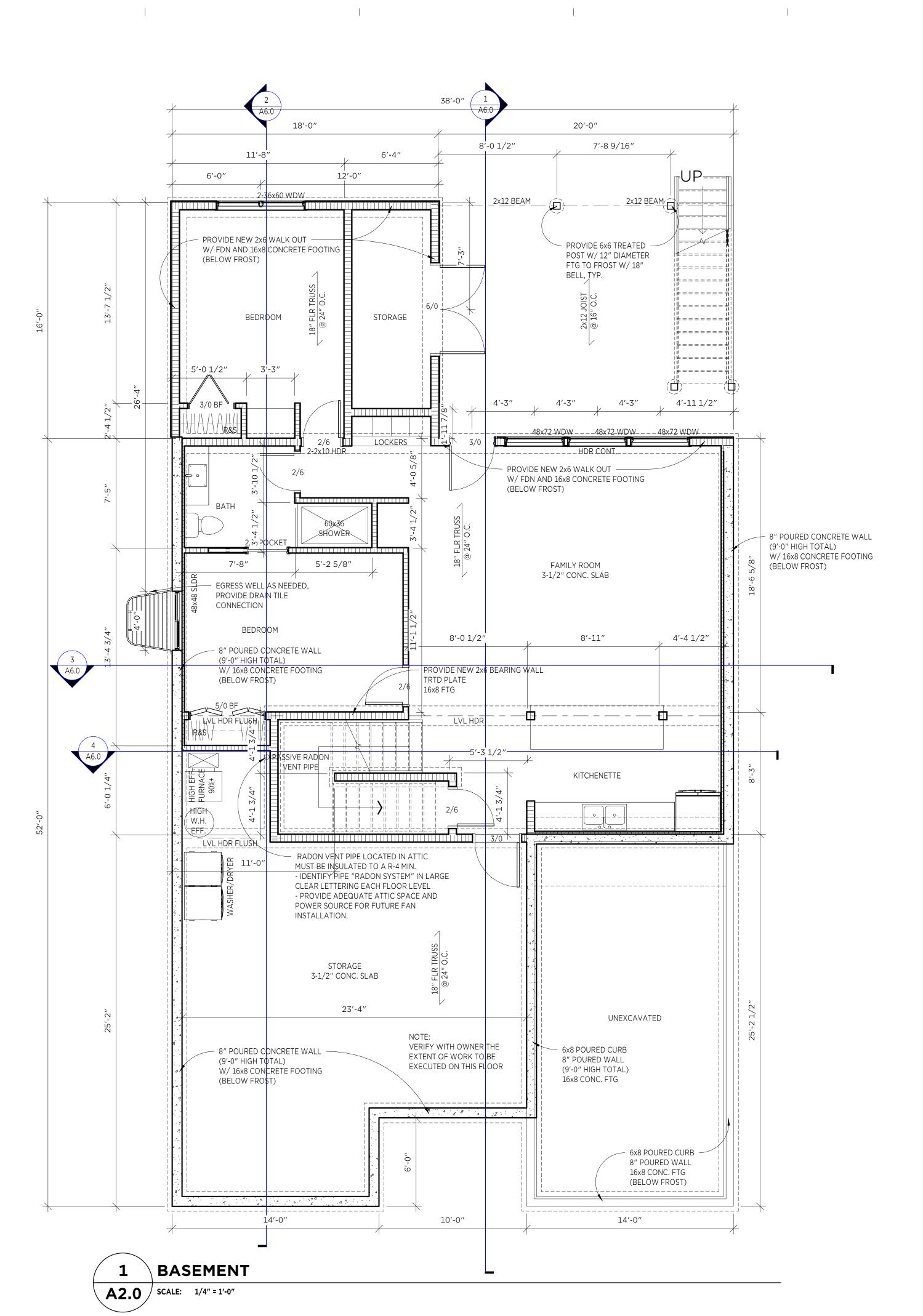
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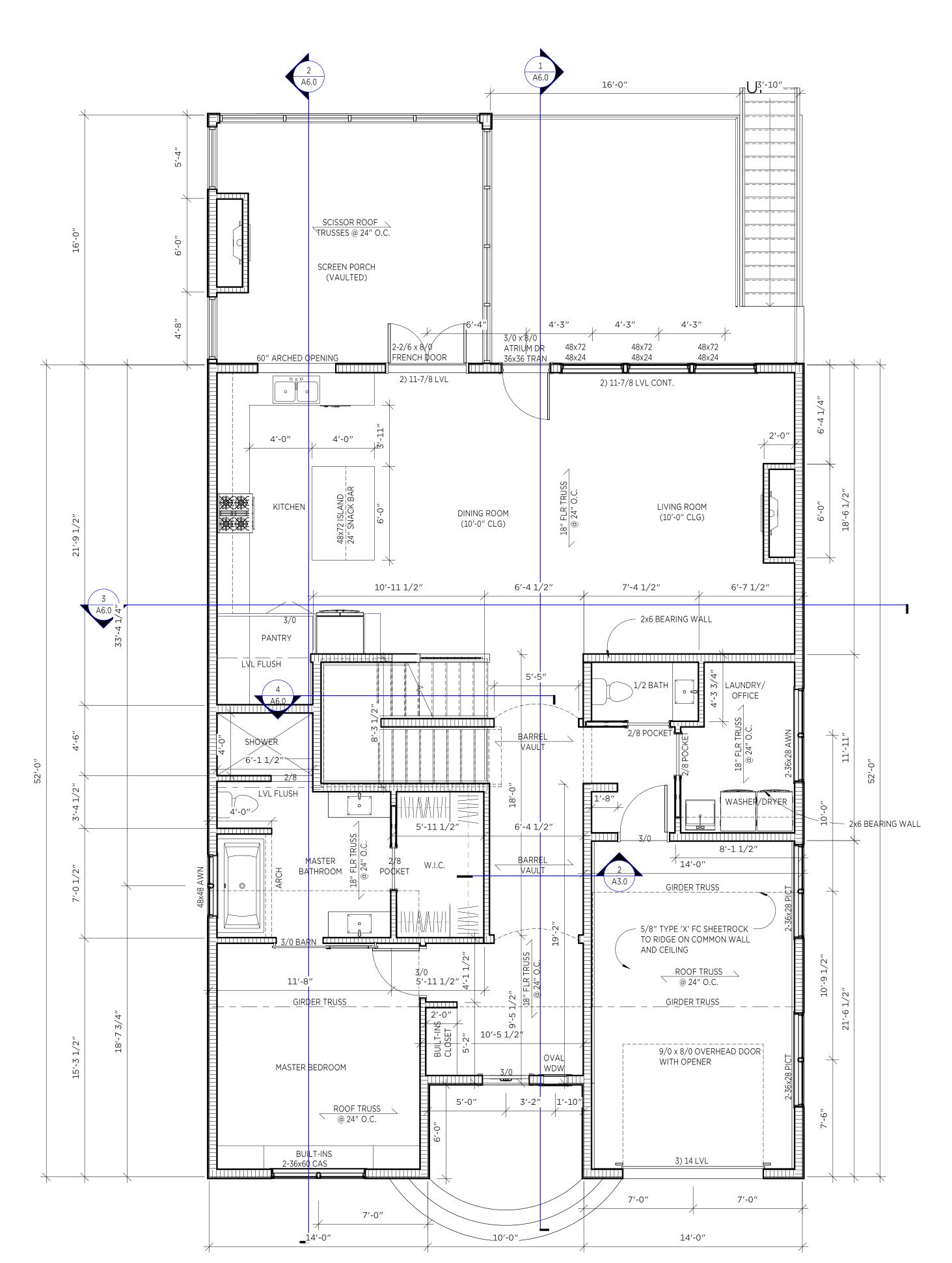


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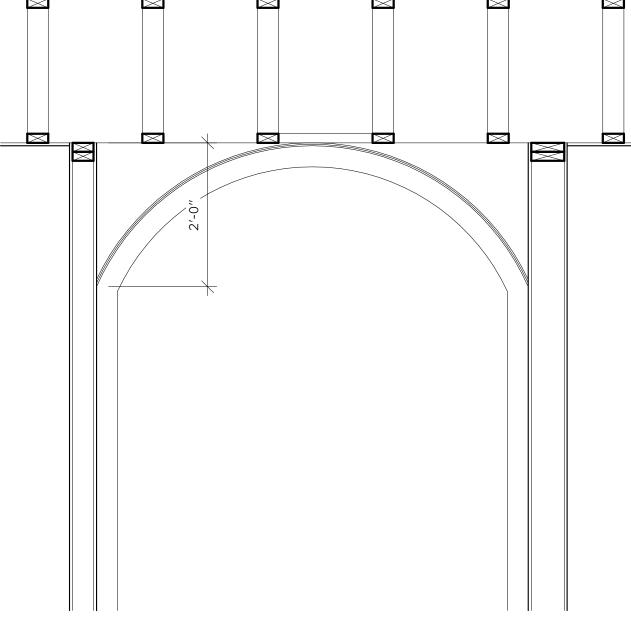


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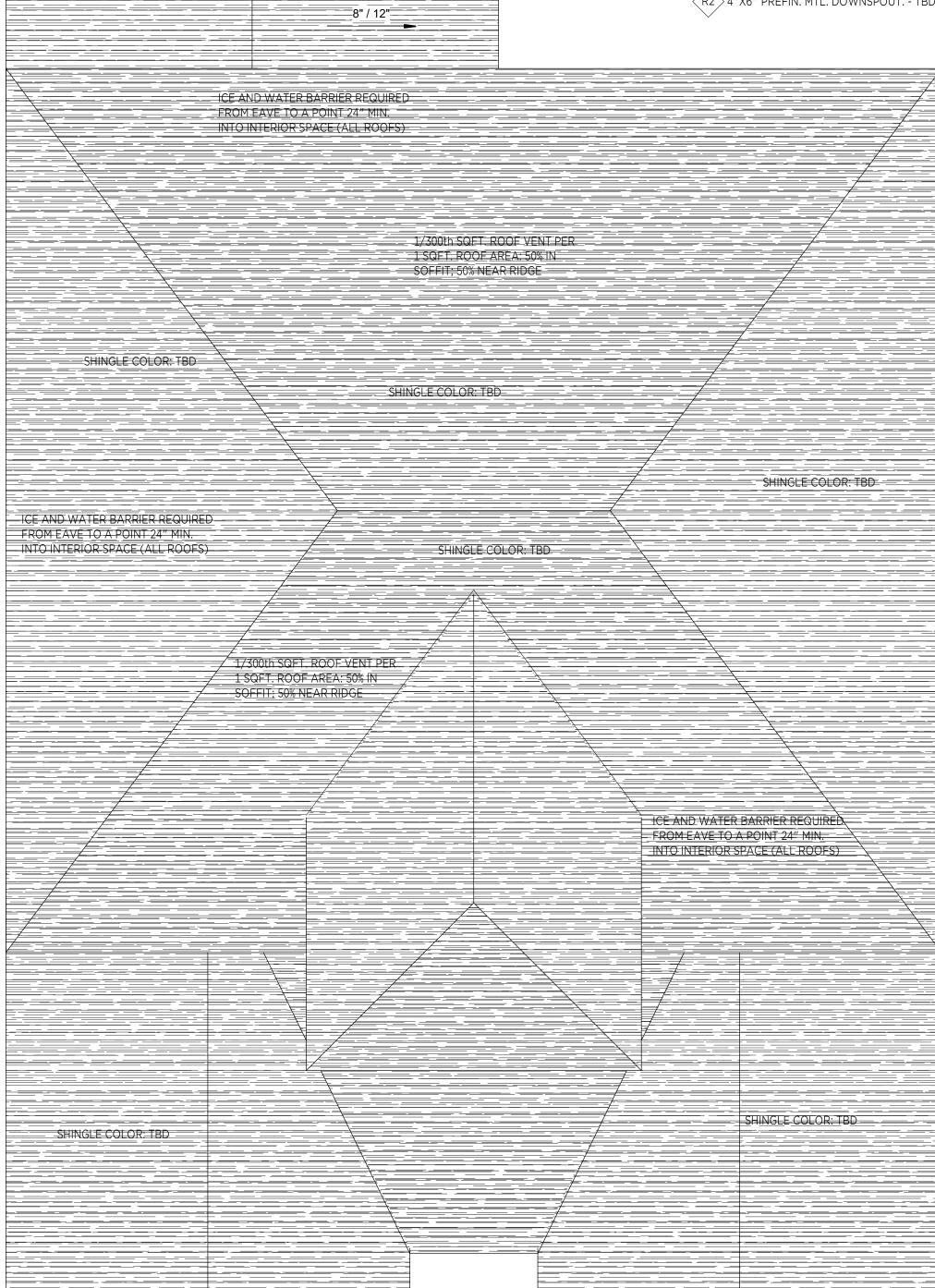
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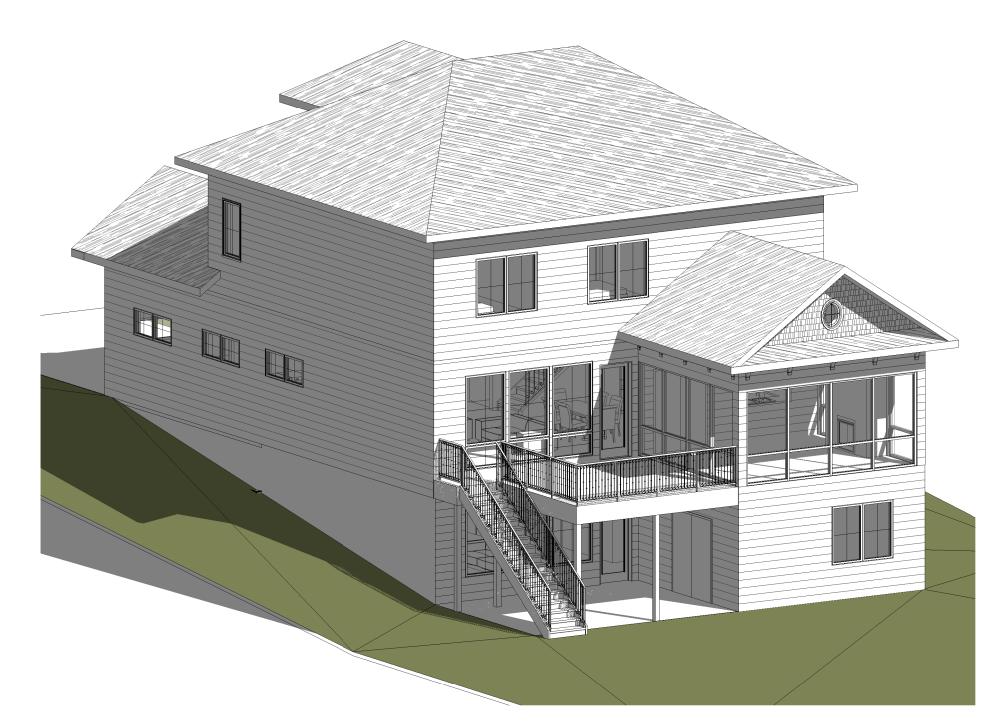
# **ROOF PLAN GENERAL NOTES**

- 1. REFERENCE ROOF KEY PLAN FOR ROOFING, INSUL., AND RELATED WORK.
- 2. ARROWS INDICATE THE DIRECTION OF DOWNWARD SLOPE.
- 3. SEE MECH DRAWINGS FOR MECH. UNITS, OPENINGS, PENETRATIONS, CURBS, CONDUIT, ETC.
- 4. 1/300th SQFT. ROOF VENT PER 1 SQFT. ROOF AREA: 50% IN SOFFIT; 50% NEAR RIDGE
- 5. ICE AND WATER BARRIER REQUIRED FROM EAVE TO A POINT 24" MIN. INTO INTERIOR SPACE (ALL ROOFS)
- 6. SHINGLE COLOR TBD

# **ROOF PLAN KEYED NOTES**

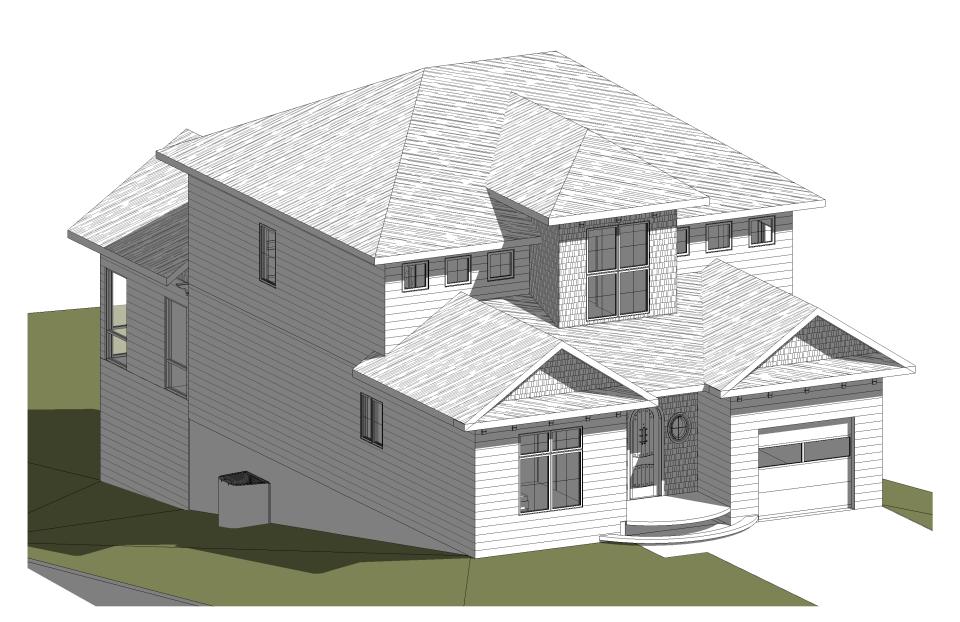
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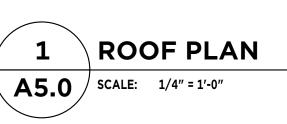
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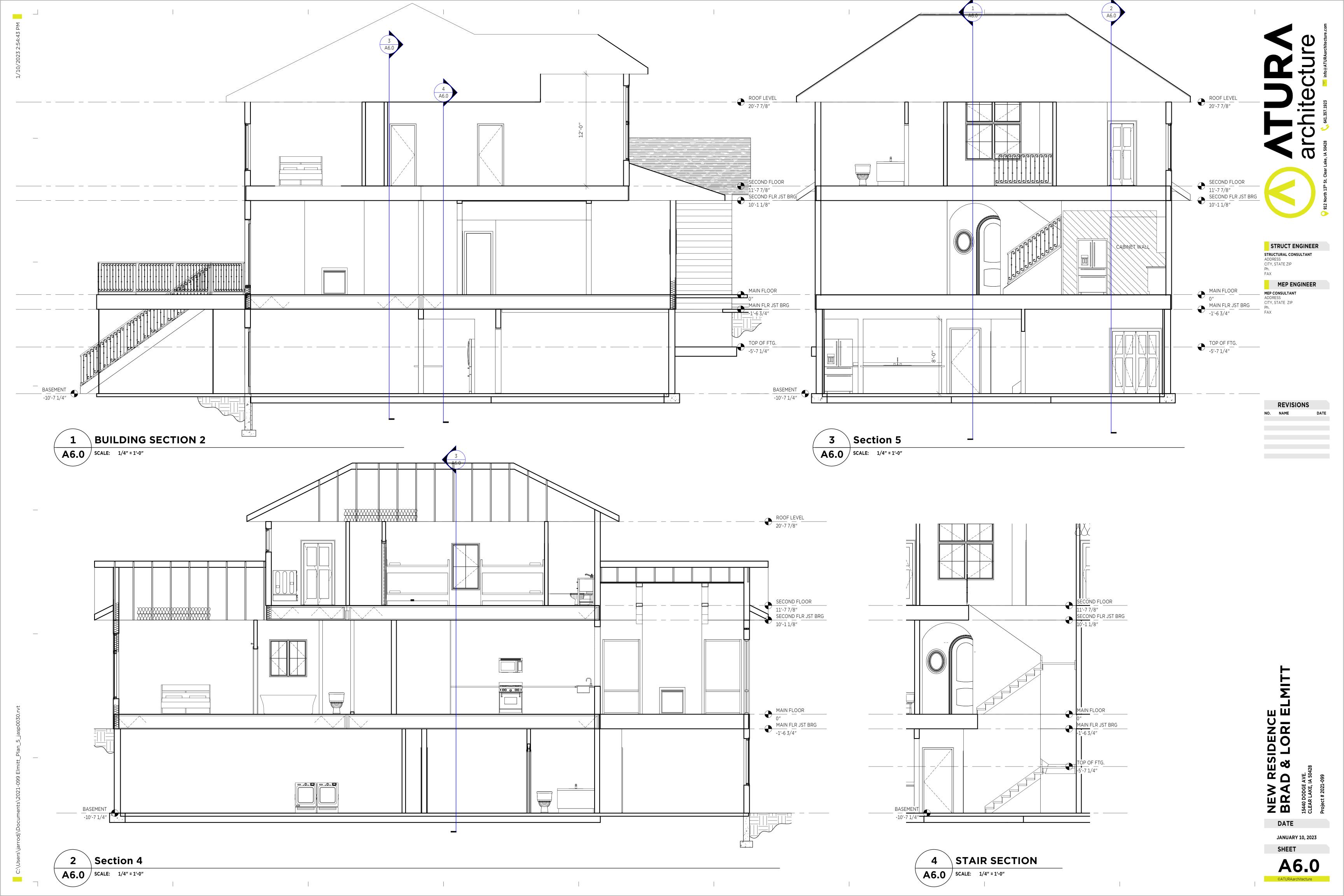




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INDEX LEGEND LOCATION LOT 12 AND 13 IN BLOCK 6 IN DODGE'S POINT PARK, CERRO GORDO COUNTY, IOWA PROPRIETOR PAMELA S. ELMITT, TRUSTEE OF THE
PAMELA S. ELMITT TRUST DATED DECEMBER
16,2019 AND BRADLEY R. ELMITT, TRUSTEE
OF THE BRADLEY R. ELMITT FAMILY TRUST
DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2021 SURVEY REQUESTED BY BRAD ELMITT SURVEYOR COMPANY STARK SURVEYING INC. 1622 S. TAFT AVE. MASON CITY, IOWA, 50401 PHONE: 641-423-7947 RETURN TO:
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and

RETRACEMENT PLAT OF SURVEY N69'22'40"E 127.01' (568'52'02"W 127.04') 10 1"=30" 1/2" REBAR 11) S69"28'27"W 127.02' (N68"56'23"E 127.15') 12) 3/4" PINCH PIPE N21.01.35.W TOTAL AREA....12,445 SQ. FT. 5/8" REBAR W/ BPC 13644 13) 25' +1 N70'28'45"E 124.66' (N68'51'34"E 124.68') CLEARLAKE EDGE WATER 10-10-22 ℗ 30 +1

## **DESCRIPTION OF RECORD DOC.#2021-5759**

LOT 12 AND LOT 13, IN BLOCK 6, IN DODGE'S POINT PARK, CERRO GORDO COUNTY, IOWA

### **LEGEND**

- SET SECTION CORNER AS NOTED (P.O.C.) POINT OF COMMENCEMENT Δ
- 0 SET 1/2" REBAR 24" LONG YPC 23709 (P.O.B.) POINT OF BEGINNING
- FOUND T-BAR W/ CHROME CAP 5543 MONUMENT UNLESS NOTED
- FOUND SECTION CORNER AS NOTED
- (65) LOT NUMBER
- SET MAG NAIL 8

(0.00') RECORD MEASUREMENT

SURVEYOR'S NOTES: IGRCS ZONE 2 IS THE BASIS OF BEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SURVEY.

DOCUMENTS USED FOR THIS SURVEY PLATS: DOC. #2018-3721, DOC. #2016-5510 DEED: DOC. #2021-5759

DATE SURVEYED	10-10-22		
SCALE:	AS SHOWN		
PROJECT NO .:	22316		
DRAWN BY:	BVS		
CHECKED BY:	BVS		
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I hereby certify that this land surveying document was prepared and the related survey work was performed by me or under my direct personal supervision and that I am a duly licensed Land Surveyor under the laws of the State of Iowa.

Benjamin Stark

10-13-22 Date

License number 23709

Sheets covered by this seal: 1

My license renewal date is December 31, 2023

STARK SURVEYING INC.

