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Division of Planning & Regulatory Services City Hall Room 404 455 Main Street

Worcester, MA 01608

Attn: Michelle M. Smith, Assistant Chief Development Officer

Re: Fifteen Gardner Worcester, LLC - Combined Application for

Variances and Special Permits for Multifamily Development at

15 Gardner Street, Worcester, MA (the "Property")

Dear Ms. Smith:

This firm represents Fifteen Gardner Worcester, LLC (the "Applicant") in its combined application to the City of Worcester Zoning Board of Appeals (the "Board") for variances and special permits in connection with the construction and development of a new 4-story, multifamily high rise building with 8 dwelling units and 9 parking spaces (including 1 van accessible space) (the "Project"). The Project also includes grading of the site and the construction and/or installation of related site improvements at the Property, including, but not limited to, a driveway, walkways, a curb cut, screened trash and recycling facilities, retaining walls, fencing, landscaping, conduits for EV ready spaces, exterior bicycle storage area, utilities and other site features.

Special permits are required to be granted by the Board pursuant to Article IV, Section 7.A.2 for modification of parking and landscaping dimensional requirements. Variances are required to be granted by the Board pursuant to Article II, Section 6.A.3 for noncompliance with the minimum parking requirement in Article IV, Section 7, Table 4.4 and the minimum frontage and lot area requirements in Article IV, Section 4, Table 4.2.

We hereby submit the following items for filing with the Board:

- 1. Combined Variance and Special Permit Application with Statement in Support;
- 2. Existing conditions plan prepared by HS&T Group, Inc.;
- 3. Civil Plan Set prepared by A.S. Engineering:
- 4. Architectural plans including rendering, floor plans and elevations by Michienzi Drafting & Design;
- 5. Photo of the Property; and





VARIANCE & SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION

CITY OF WORCESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

455 Main Street, Room 404; Worcester, MA 01608 Phone 508-799-1400 Ext. 31440 - Fax 508-799-1406

Fill in information for the Variances (s) you are applying for. Attach additional documentation as necessary.

Lot Area		Front Yard	Setback	Rear Yard Setback	
Square footage required:	10,250 SF	Setback required:		Setback required:	
Square footage provided:	+/- 9,450 SF	Setback provided:		Setback provided:	
Relief requested:	+/- 800 SF	Relief requested:		Relief requested:	
Frontage		Side Yard S	Setback	Exterior Side Yard Setback	:
Frontage required:	85 ft	Setback required:		Setback required:	
Frontage provided:	+/ - 70 ft	Setback provided:		Setback provided:	
Relief requested:	+/- 15 ft	Relief requested:		Relief requested:	
Off-street Parking/I	Loading	Heigl	ht	Accessory Structure 5-foot Setback	
Parking required:	16 Spaces	Height permitted:		Type of structure:	
Parking provided:	9 Spaces	Height provided:		Square footage of structure:	
Relief requested:	6 Spaces*	Relief requested:		Relief requested:	
Loading required:			Othe	r Variances	
Loading provided:		Relief requested:			
Relief requested:		Zoning Ordinance Article & Section:			
Signs		Requirement:			
Area permitted:		Provided:			
Area provided:					
Relief requested:					
Height permitted:					
		Indicate if Varian	ces are being	requested for more than one str	ucture
			lot. Only con	plete the sections which pertain	
Height provided:			variances (s)	you are applying for.	
Relief requested:					
Setback permitted:					
Setback provided:					
Relief requested:					

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TYPE OF SPECIAL PERMIT (check the Special Permit you are requesting and describe what you are requesting)
 Extension, Alteration or Change of a Privileged Pre-existing, Nonconforming Structure and/ or Use (Article XVI, Section 4)
2. Residential Use allowed only by Special Permit (Article IV, Section 2, Table 4.1)
3. Non-Residential Use allowed only by Special Permit (Article IV, Section 2, Table 4.1)
4. Non-Accessory Sign (Article IV, Section 6)
5. Residential Conversion (Article IV, Section 9)
6. Placement of Fill/Earth Excavation (Article IV, Section 5)
7. X Modification of Parking/Loading Requirements (Article IV, Section 7)
8. Modification of Landscaping Requirements for Parking/Loading (Article IV, Section 7)
9. Other Special Permit (Describe Special Permit sought):
Assessor's ADDRESS OF SUBJECT PROPERTY: 15 Gardner Street, Worcester, MA 01610 (List property subject to the application and include any lot numbers. Please note: The street number may be different than the Assessor's address).
2. Is this property known by any other address:
3. OWNER OF RECORD: Fifteen Gardner Worcester, LLC (The owner of record is the person or entity who owns title to the property as of today's date)
4. Address (es) of owner of record is /are 91 Stafford Street, Suite 3, Worcester, MA 01603
5. Worcester District Registry of Deeds (WDRD) Book(s) 70010 , Page(s) 341
(List Book and Page number of deed filed for the subject property as recorded at the WDRD)
6. City of Worcester Assessor's Office Map 06 Block 035 Lot 00022 (List MBL number for the subject property as listed at Assessor's Office)
7. NAME OF APPLICANT(S): Fifteen Gardner Worcester, LLC
8. Address of Applicant: 91 Stafford Street, Suite 3. Worcester, MA 01603
9. Telephone:(508) 688-9136
10. Email: mborenstein@bowditch.com
11. Check if you are an: owner (s) 🖾, lessee (s) 🔲, optionee (s) 🔲 (If you are not the owner of the subject property and are a lessee or optionee, it is recommended that you provide supporting information such as a lease or a purchase and sale agreement that shows your interest in the
property.)

13. Describe what is presently located on the property (Use as much detail as possible including all uses and square footage of each use):
The property is an undeveloped parcel of land with stone retaining walls and steps.
14. The applicant seeks to (Describe what you want to do on the property in as much detail as possible):
The Applicant is proposing to develop the vacant lot into a four story multifamily building with 8 dwelling units, accessory parking and other site improvements related thereto.
15. Such a use is permitted only by the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance under Article (Insert Article, Section (s) of the Zoning Ordinance which permits the proposed used of the property):
Article IV, Section 2, Table 4.1(Residential Use #10) - Multi-family Dwelling High Rise - Permitted by Right in the RG-5 zoning district.
16. Are you aware if this property has been previously granted approvals from any City Board or Commission? If so, please list (Provide dates of previous approvals, book and page numbers and/or certificate numbers of any recorded decisions and/or recorded/registered land. Also, please provide copies of previous recorded decisions):
No.
17. Have you applied for or are you aware if other applicants have applied for a Building Permit for this site and beer refused for non-compliance with the Zoning Ordinance (e.g. a cease and desist order has been issued)? If so, explain:
No.:
18. List any additional information relevant to the Variance (s) and Special Permit (s):
Please see attached Statement in Support.

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VARIANCE FINDINGS OF FACT

Complete the following questions. Your responses should provide justifications as to why the requested Variance(s) should be granted. Attach additional documentation as necessary.

1.	Describe how a literal enforcement of the provision of the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance would involve a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner or appellant:
	Please see attached Statement in Support.
2.	Describe how the hardship is owing to circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape, and/or topography of the land or structures and how the hardship especially affects said land or structures, but does not affect generall the zoning district in which it is located: Please see attached Statement in Support.
3.	Describe how desirable relief may be granted without detriment to the public good and without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance: Please see attached Statement in Support.
m	Describe how the dimensional variance as it relates to floor space, bulk, number of occupants or other relevant easures, if granted, shall be no greater than the minimum necessary to provide relief from the statutory hardship: Please see attached Statement in Support.

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SPECIAL PERMIT FINDINGS OF FACT

In the spaces below explain how the adverse effects of the proposed use will not outweigh its beneficial impacts to the City with respect to each of the following considerations per Article II, Section 6(A)(2) of the Zoning Ordinance. (Attach additional supporting documentation as necessary.)

1.	Social, economic or community needs that are served by the proposal:
	Please see attached Statement in Support.
2.	Traffic flow and safety, including access, parking and loading areas:
	Please see attached Statement in Support.
2	Adequacy of utilities and other public services:
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4.	Neighborhood character and social structure:
	Please see attached Statement in Support.
5.	Impacts on the natural environment:
	Please see attached Statement in Support,
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6.	Potential fiscal impact, including city services needed, tax base, and employment:
	Please see attached Statement in Support.

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WHEREFORE, the applicant(s) requests that this Board grant the special permit (s) as requested above. Fifteen Gardner Worcester, LLC Fifteen Gardner Worcester, LLC , Manager Manager (Signature of Applicant or Applicant's Agent) (Signature of Property Owner or Owner's Agent) If more than one applicant, all applicants must fill out information. If more than one property owner, all owners must fill out information. Chaim M. Gaval, Manager of Fifteen Gardner Worcester, LLC Chaim M. Gaval, Manager of Fifteen Gardner Worcester, LLC (Name of Applicant) (Name of Property Owner) 91 Stafford Street, Suite 3, Worcester, MA 01603 91 Stafford Street, Suite 3, Worcester, MA 01603 (Address) (Address) (508) 688-9136 (508) 688-9136 (Contact Phone Number) (Contact Phone Number) mborenstein@bowditch.com mborenstein@bowditch.com (Email) (Email) 7/20/2024 7/20/2024 (Date) (Date) SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS FOR SPECIAL PERMITS ONLY Complete the requested information for the Special Permit requested. Attach additional documentation as necessary. Only complete the sections which pertain to the Special Permit (s) you are applying for. Extension, Alteration or Change of a Privileged Pre-existing, Nonconforming Structure (Article XVI, Section 4) 1. Describe what is currently nonconforming about this structure (list specific dimensional nonconformities) 2. Indicate how long the nonconforming aspects of the structure have been in existence: At the time of construction, did the structure meet applicable zoning requirements? (Check with the zoning ordinance, as amended, that would have been in effect at the time of construction. Past zoning ordinances are available for research at the City Clerk's office. Past zoning maps are available at the Division of Planning and Regulatory Services) 4. Describe the proposed extension, alteration or change and the total square footage of any physical expansion:

- 5. Explain how the extension, alteration, or change itself complies with the current Ordinance requirements:
- 6. Indicate the number of off-street parking spaces currently provided and to be provided for the proposed structure as extended, altered or changed: Note: In residential districts, the structure as extended, altered or changed shall meet the off-street parking requirements of the zoning ordinance.
- 7. Explain how the structure as extended, altered or changed will not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing structure:

Extension, Alteration or Change of a Privileged Pre-existing, Nonconforming Use (Article XVI, Section 4)

- 1. Describe what is currently nonconforming about this use:
- 2. Indicate how long the nonconforming use has been in existence? What year did the use begin? (Check with the zoning ordinance, as amended, that would have been in effect at the time of construction. Past zoning ordinances are available for research at the City Clerk's office. Past zoning maps are available at the Division of Planning and Regulatory Services)
- At the time the use was initiated, was the use allowed under the then applicable Zoning Ordinance?
- 4. Describe the proposed extension, alteration or change of use and the total square footage to be utilized for the use:
- 5. Explain how the extension, alteration, or change itself complies with the current Ordinance requirements:
- 6. Indicate the number of off-street parking spaces currently provided and to be provided for the proposed structure as extended, altered or changed: Note: In residential districts, the use as extended, altered or changed shall meet the off-street parking requirements of the zoning ordinance.

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7. Explain how the use as extended, altered or changed will not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing use:

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Notes to Table 4.1, Note 10.

Residential Use allowed only by Special Permit in a particular zoning district (Article IV, Section 2, Table 4.1)

Describe the proposed residential use:	
2. Total number of dwelling units proposed, number of bedrooms per unit, an	nd square footage of units:
3. Number and dimensions of off-street parking spaces to be provided and loparking spaces must be located outside of the front yard and exterior side yard.	
Non-Residential Use allowed only by Spec	ial Permit
(Article IV, Section 2, Table 4.1)	
Describe the proposed use (include description of business, proposed housemployees)	urs of operation, and number of
2. Total square footage of proposed use:	
 Number of off-street parking spaces to be provided. Indicate location of the parking spaces on a different lot provided through the same ownership an lease with renewal options must be provided) within 1,000 feet of the use 	d/or leased spaces (a 5-year minimum
 For a proposed animal hospital, animal clinic, pet shop or animal shelter, pet shel	
5. For a proposed Bed and Breakfast use, provide additional documentation	per Article IV, Section 11.
8. For a proposed Adult Entertainment use, provide additional documentatio	n per Article IV, Section 10.
9. For a proposed Limited Residential Hospice House, provide additional do-	cumentation per Article IV, Section 2,

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10. For a proposed non-accessory parking lot or a motor vehicle display lot, provide additional documentation showing compliance with Article IV, Section 7B.

Non-Ac	Ces	sory	Sig	ј'n
(Article	IV.	Secti	on	6)

1. Square footage, length and width of proposed sign, and height of	f total structur	re:
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- 2. Distance of proposed sign from other non-accessory signs along each side of a street.
- 3. Indicate on the submitted plan the type and style of sign, exact location, etc.

Residential Conversion (Article IV, Section 9)

- 1. Total number of existing units/Total number of proposed units:
- 2. Will the external appearance of the structure remain unchanged except for new doors, windows, fire escapes, and stairways?
- 3. Number of off-street parking spaces to be provided (If new parking is being created, the applicant(s) may need to seek a Special Permit for extension, alteration or change of a pre-existing, nonconforming structure if existing structure does not meet current zoning dimensional requirements. If additional parking cannot be provided for new dwelling unit(s), the proposed conversion may also require a Variance or Special Permit from off-street parking requirements):
- 4. Which dimensional requirements/setbacks are you seeking relief by the Special Permit?

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Placement of Fill/Earth Excavation (Article IV, Section 5)

- 1. Indicate whether the Special Permit is for Placement of Fill or Earth Excavation:
- Attach documentation showing proposed measures to protect pedestrians and vehicles.
- 3. Provide a proposed timeline for completion of placement of fill.
- 4. Attach documentation from the Director of Public Health and the Conservation Commission as outlined in the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance Article IV, Section 5.
- 5. Attach a site plan with all required information in support of the application per the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance Article IV. Section 5.

Modification of Parking/Loading Requirements (Article IV, Section 7)

- 1. Indicate what relief is being sought under the Special Permit:
- 1. Parking located within 25 feet of Front Boundary (see note 5.b.i to Table 4.4)
- 2. Number of Compact Spaces Special Permit allows up to 50%. (see note 3.b to Table 4.4)
- 3. Front Yard Impervious Surface Percentage Exceeds 50% (see note 5.b.iii.c to Table 4.4)
- 4. Parking Area Landscape Buffer Less than 5 ft buffer area from boundary lines (see note 5.a.ii to Table 4.4)
- 5. Parking Space Relief 10% of the required parking spaces (Article IV, Section 7.A.2)
- If applicable, indicate locations, square footages, and dimensions of relief sought under the Special Permit:

The proposed parking spaces include 4 of 9 (44%) compact parking spaces. A significant portion the of proposed parking spaces are located within 25 feet of the front boundary. The impervious surface percentage of the front yard exceeds 50%. There is no landscape buffer between the southern boundary of the property and the adjacent parking spaces.

2. If applicable, provide number of parking/loading spaces required and relief requested through the Special Permit: 1 off-street parking space

Other Special Permits

1. Describe Special Permit sought and provide relevant details on the plan of land and rendering. Provide square footage and height of any structures and indicate percentage of lot structure will occupy:

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CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH WORCESTER REVISED ORDINANCES GOVERNING REVENUE COLLECTION

*Note: This form must be completed and signed by both the <u>applicant(s)</u> and <u>owner(s)</u> of the property certifying payment of all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments, or any other municipal charges of any kind. Failure to include a fully completed certification form with the application shall result in the application being deemed incomplete and ineligible for further processing by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 57 and the City of Worcester General Revised Ordinance, Chapter 11, Section 26-28, the undersigned applicant and all parties having an ownership interest therein, hereby certify, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that the applicant(s) and owner(s) have complied with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Worcester regarding payment of all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges of any kind.

(Give first and last names in full. In case of a corporation give names of President, Treasurer and Manager; and in case of firms, give names of individual members.)

Name of Owner	
Business Address	
Business Phone	Home Phone
Signature of owner (certifying pay	yment of all municipal charges):
1	Date:
Partnership or Multiple Owners	s of residential property:
Full names and address of all par	rtners
Printed Names	
Business Address	
Business Phone	
Signature of all owners of proper necessary)	ty (certifying payment of all municipal charges -attach multiple p
	Date:

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Date:

(3) If a Corporation:

Chaim M. Gaval	h.d	Title	
Rodrigo Miguel De Assis Salgado	Mana Mana	ager ager	
Owners of Corporation: Printed Names		Address	% of stock
Signature of all owners of property (certifying necessary) Fifteen Gardner Worcester, LLC			
By: Chaim M. Gaval, Manager	Date:/ Date:	20/2024	
	Date:		
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Statement in Support of Fifteen Gardner Worcester, LLC Applications to City of Worcester Zoning Board of Appeals for Variances and Special Permits for Multifamily High Rise Development Project at 15 Gardner Street, Worcester, Massachusetts

I. Background and Project Scope

Fifteen Gardner Worcester, LLC (the "Applicant"), owns a parcel of land known and numbered as 15 Gardner Street, Worcester, MA, which is a parcel of land containing approximately 9,450 square feet occupied only by a rear concrete slab, retaining walls and steps (the "Property").

The Property is located entirely within the Residence, General ("RG-5") zoning district, and is bounded by Gardner Street, an auto repair shop and residences to the west, one, two and three family and multifamily residential uses to the south, residential properties and commercial establishments to the north along Main Street and residential uses to the east.

The Applicant is seeking special permits and variances from the Worcester Zoning Board of Appeals (the "Board") as more particularly described herein in connection with the construction and development of a new 4-story, multifamily high rise building (the "New Building") with 8 dwelling units and 9 parking spaces (including 1 van accessible space) (the "Project"). The Project also includes grading of the site and the construction and/or installation of related site improvements at the Property, including, but not limited to, a driveway, walkways, a curb cut, screened trash and recycling facilities, retaining walls, fencing, landscaping, EV ready spaces, exterior bicycle storage area, utilities and other site features.

II. Requirement for Special Permits and Variances.

Special permits are required to be granted by the Board² pursuant to Article IV, Section 7.A.2 for modification of parking area dimensional requirements and landscaping requirements. Article IV, Section 7.A.2 provides off-street parking relief in the amount of 1 parking space or 10% of the required off-street parking spaces. Article IV, Section 7, Table 4.4 requires 2 parking spaces per dwelling unit. The Project will result in the creation of 8 dwelling units which would generally require a total of 16 off-street parking spaces. The Project proposes 9 off-street parking spaces. The Project is eligible for relief by special permit pursuant to Article IV, Section 7.A.2 in the amount of 10% or 1.6 spaces which is rounded down to 1 parking space. Article IV, Section 7, Table 4.4, Note 3.b provides that up to 25% of the required parking for parking lots with 10 or

¹ The Property has a parcel identification of 06-035-00022.

² The Board is the special permit granting authority pursuant to Article II, Section 6.A.2 and Article IV, Section 7.A.2 for any special permits with respect to Notes 2(b), 3 and 5 of Table 4.4.

more spaces may be set aside for compact cars as a matter of right. Upon grant of a special permit, the percentage of parking spaces for compact cars may be increased to not more than 50%. The Project proposes 9 parking spaces, 4 of which will be compact, which amounts to approximately 44% of the parking spaces, and therefore will require relief by special permit pursuant to Article IV, Section 7.A.2. Article IV, Section 7, Table 4.4, Note 5.b.i provides that no parking shall be located within 25 feet of the front boundary. A significant portion of the parking spaces proposed for the Project are within 25 feet of the front boundary and, therefore require relief by special permit pursuant to Article IV, Section 7.A.2. Article IV, Section 7, Table 4.4. Note 5.b.iii.c provides that front yard of lots in the RG-5 zoning district are required to have a maximum impervious surface percentage of 50%. The impervious surface percentage of the front yard for the Project is approximately 65% and therefore requires relief by special permit pursuant to Article IV, Section 7.A.2. Furthermore, Article IV, Section 7, Table 4.4, Note 5.a.ii requires a minimum 5 foot landscaped buffer area between parking facilities all boundary lines. The southerly parking spaces do not have a landscaped buffer between the parking spaces and southerly boundary and therefore require relief by special permit pursuant to Article IV, Section 7.A.2 to modify the landscaping requirements.

Variances are required to be granted by the Board pursuant to Article II, Section 6.A.3³ for noncompliance with the minimum off-street parking requirement, minimum lot area requirement, and minimum frontage requirement. Article IV, Section 7, Table 4.4 requires 2 parking spaces per dwelling unit. The Project proposes 9 off-street parking spaces which, with the 1 parking space of relief provided by special permit pursuant to Article IV, Section 7.A.2, will require a variance for 6 parking spaces. Table 4.2 sets forth the calculation for minimum lot area and frontage for multifamily low-rise uses per dwelling.⁴ The Property contains approximately 9,450 square feet (where 10,250 SF is required) and 70 feet of frontage (where 85 feet is required) and therefore requires variances for both minimum requirements.

III. Reasons for Approval of Special Permits.

The Project satisfies the special permit criteria as set forth in Article II, Section 6.A.2 of the Zoning Ordinance for the reasons stated herein:

1. Social, economic or community needs that are served by the proposal.

The Project will dramatically modernize, enhance and improve the Property, and will improve the aesthetic appeal of the site. The Project will provide much-needed and in demand housing to support the City's critical housing stock, which will promote the economic vitality of

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The Board is the permit granting authority for variances pursuant to Article II, Section 6.A.3

Minimum lot area is calculated as follows: (5,000 SF for first unit) + 750 per additional dwelling unit = 10,250 SF. Minimum frontage is calculated as follows: (50 feet for first unit) + 5' per additional dwelling unit up to 100' = 85 feet.

the neighborhood and the City. The Project will not be detrimental to adjoining premises, but, rather, complement the existing mix of residential properties and businesses in the area.

The Project is in conformance with the purposes and intent of the Zoning Ordinance, as it will encourage the most appropriate use of the land in a manner that protects against the uses of land which are incompatible with nearby uses, undue intensity of noise and danger and congestion in travel and transportation.

2. Traffic flow and safety, including access, parking and loading areas.

The proposed parking area will serve the occupants of the New Building, and will provide a safe, adequate and efficient layout and design for vehicular and pedestrian traffic both within the site and at all access points. The proposed parking spaces and setbacks, drive aisles, curb cuts and building entrances will not cause any nuisance or hazard to vehicles or pedestrians within or off the Property or line of sight hazards along streets. The proposed drive aisles will provide sufficient widths and turning radii necessary to provide for safe and efficient travel for passenger vehicles. Emergency vehicles and large vehicles such as delivery trucks that need access to the New Building can park on Gardner Street.

The Applicant does not anticipate that the Project will result in a substantial increase in trip generation levels to and from the Property. Traffic generated, and patterns of access and egress will not cause congestion, hazard or a substantial change to the neighborhood character. The proposed parking area will provide a safe and efficient means of access to and from the New Building, and will be in close proximity of the front entrance of the New Building.

The proposed parking will adequately serve the Property and all occupants of the New Building. The Project will include 8 dwelling units which would generally require a total of 16 parking spaces. The Applicant is requesting relief from the Board in the amount of 7 spaces through a special permit and variance to comply with the minimum off-street parking requirements. The 9 spaces to 8 units result in an off-street parking to dwelling unit ratio of approximately 1.13 to 1, which exceeds most other multifamily developments in the City.

There are three main bus lines along Main Street with stops in close proximity of the Property. The Project also includes an outdoor bike rack area. Given the Property's close proximity to Main Street, residents will be able to walk to many commercial establishments including restaurants and retail stores within area. Based on the dwelling unit to parking space ratio, access to alternate means of transportation and the walkability of the neighborhood, the proposed parking will adequately serve the Property and all occupants of the New Building.

3. Adequacy of utilities and other public services.

New water and sewer connections, electric service facilities and infrastructure will need to be provided for the New Building. The Applicant is conducting ongoing coordination with the City of Worcester Department of Public Works & Parks and the applicable utility companies.

The development does not anticipate any adverse effect on drainage patterns. The best management practices ("BMPs") for stormwater are incorporated in the design of the Project, and will be adequate to manage stormwater runoff generated in satisfaction of the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance, the Worcester Department of Public Works & Parks and Massachusetts Stormwater standards. Said standards include provisions relative to the treatment of stormwater runoff and equivalent peak rate runoff. The BMPs include deep sump hooded catch basins, subsurface detention stormwater system, stone swales with subdrain, grass swale with inlet, and operation and maintenance plan for the operation of the aforementioned BMPs.

Neighborhood character and social structure; buildings, noise, glare, lighting and signs

The Project is functionally and aesthetically compatible with the surrounding residential and commercial properties in the neighborhood, which include a mix of residential and commercial uses. Given that the Property is a vacant lot, it is a highly underutilized piece of property. The New Building will improve the aesthetic appeal, design quality and economic vitality of the neighborhood. The New Building and improvements to the site will not have a negative impact on, adversely affect or be detrimental to adjoining premises or zones or the neighborhood. Based on the foregoing, the New Building and improvements to the Property in connection therewith will fit into the present character of the neighborhood, and granting this relief will promote an appropriate use of the site.

The kind, size, height and nature of the New Building and the proposed site improvements for the Property are consistent with buildings in other neighborhoods within the City that have been developed for a multifamily use. The New Building will provide architecturally appealing features and massing, including awnings, alternating colors and changes in tones and textures of exterior walls that are visible from Gardner Street. The New Building will comply with yard setbacks, height and floor to area ratio requirements and all other dimensional requirements set forth in the Zoning Ordinance, except as otherwise provided herein.

The Project use will not result in any increase in noise levels that would be noticeable at any abutting properties. The Project will neither create a nuisance, hazard, congestion or concerns pertaining to health, safety or general welfare, and there will not be substantial harm to the neighborhood or derogation from the intent of the Zoning Ordinance as a result of the Project.

The proposed outdoor lighting will be adequate for safe and secure access to and from the New Building. The proposed lighting will be arranged and have directional shields so as to minimize light from shining onto abutting properties and streets, and will not have a deleterious effect on neighboring properties.

Trash and recycling receptables will be screened away from public view.

4. Impacts on the natural environment.

The Project will result in the planting of new trees and shrubs along the boundaries of the parking areas and the Property, which will dramatically improve the natural condition of the Property. Furthermore, the Project will result in the removal of the existing concrete slab in the rear of the Property and the replanting of grass and other landscaping. The Project will employ low-impact development BMPs including grass swale and a stone wale. The Property is outside of the Floodplain and Water Resources Protection Overlay Districts and ecologically sensitive areas, and there are no wetland resource areas on the Property.

5. Potential fiscal impact, including city services needed, tax base, and employment.

The Project will sustain and create new construction jobs and will generate additional tax revenues and fees for the City. The Project will improve the economic vitality of the neighborhood and surrounding areas by increasing the number of residents in the area who will rely on businesses and services in and around the neighborhood.

IV. Reasons for Approval of Variances.

The Project satisfies the variance criteria as set forth in Article II, Section 6.A.3 of the Zoning Ordinance for the reasons stated herein:

1. Describe how a literal enforcement of the provision of the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance would involve a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner or appellant.

The Applicant would suffer substantial hardship if literal enforcement of the minimum off-street parking, lot area and frontage requirements of the Zoning Ordinance were to be enforced. Compliance with the minimum off-street parking spaces, lot area and frontage would require the Applicant to: (i) reduce the number of dwelling units; (ii) obtain an adjoining lot to install parking spaces; or (iii) lease parking spaces within the neighborhood. The proposed number of units for the New Building is critical to make the Project financially viable for the Applicant and to obtain financing. If the Applicant had to reduce a significant number of units to

comply with minimum parking, lot area and frontage requirements, the Project would no longer be financially viable for the Applicant. Alternatively, the Applicant would have to acquire rights to adjoining properties to construct parking areas to satisfy minimum parking requirements, which would be cost prohibitive. There are no such alternative sites available in close proximity to the Property, and, even if a reasonable alternative site became available, it would be cost prohibitive to perform due diligence on, acquire rights to and design and construct facilities at such an alternative site. It would be an extreme hardship for the Applicant to have to go through a very time-consuming permitting process for an additional, adjoining location. Furthermore, it would be cost prohibitive for the Applicant to lease parking spaces within 1,000 feet of the Property.

2. Describe how the hardship is owing to circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape, and/or topography of the land or structures and how the hardship especially affects said land or structures, but does not affect generally the zoning district in which it is located.

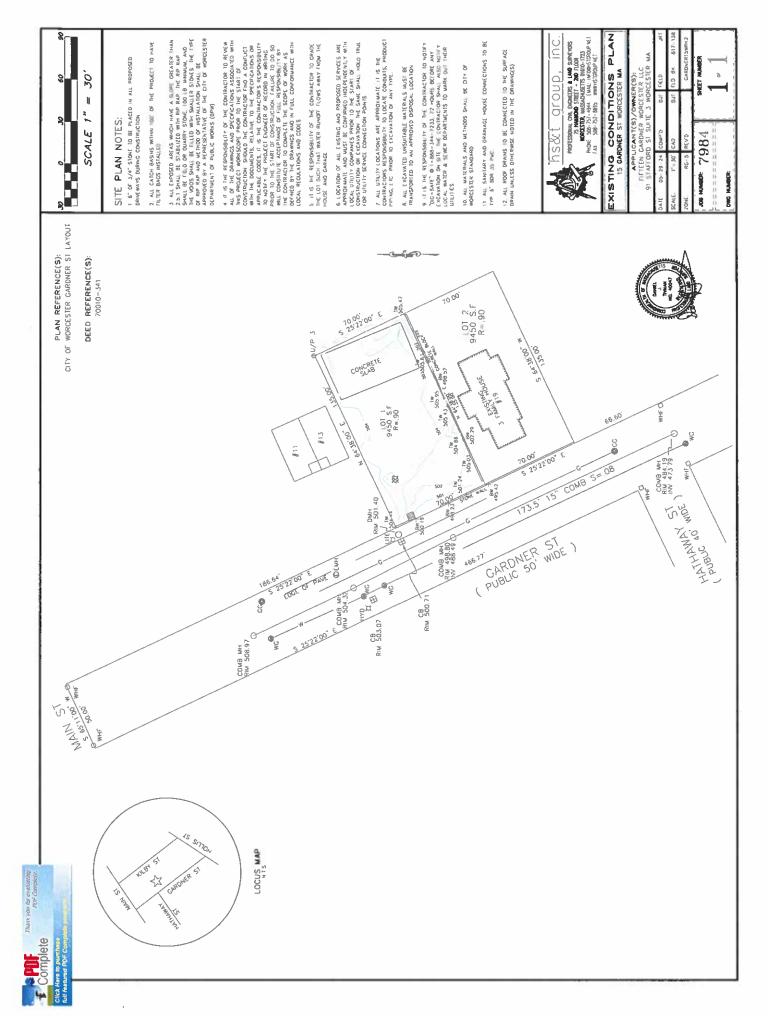
There exist circumstances relating to topography of the lot that especially affect the Property, but do not affect generally properties in the RG-5 zoning district. Unlike other neighboring properties in the district which are relatively flat, the Property is located on slope which requires the construction of retaining walls on either side of the Property which squeezes the development on site and limits the available area for the construction of parking facilities on the Property.

3. Describe how desirable relief may be granted without detriment to the public good and without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance.

The requested variance may be granted without detriment to the public good and without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the Zoning Ordinance. The New Building and other Project improvements will be compatible and in harmony with the neighborhood's character and abutting properties as described above. The Project will modernize and dramatically improve the aesthetic appeal, design and quality of the Property. The Project is in conformance with the purposes and intent of the Zoning Ordinance, as it will encourage the most appropriate use of the land in a manner that protects against the uses of land which are incompatible with nearby uses, undue intensity of noise and danger and congestion in travel and transportation and will encourage the creation of housing suitable for meeting the current future needs of the City. The creation of new housing stock is a significant goal of the Worcester Now Next Plan.

4. Describe how the dimensional variance as it relates to floor space, bulk, number of occupants or other relevant measures, if granted, shall be no greater than the minimum necessary to provide relief from the statutory hardship.

The variances for parking, lot area and frontage as requested herein are no greater than the minimum necessary to provide relief from the statutory hardship.





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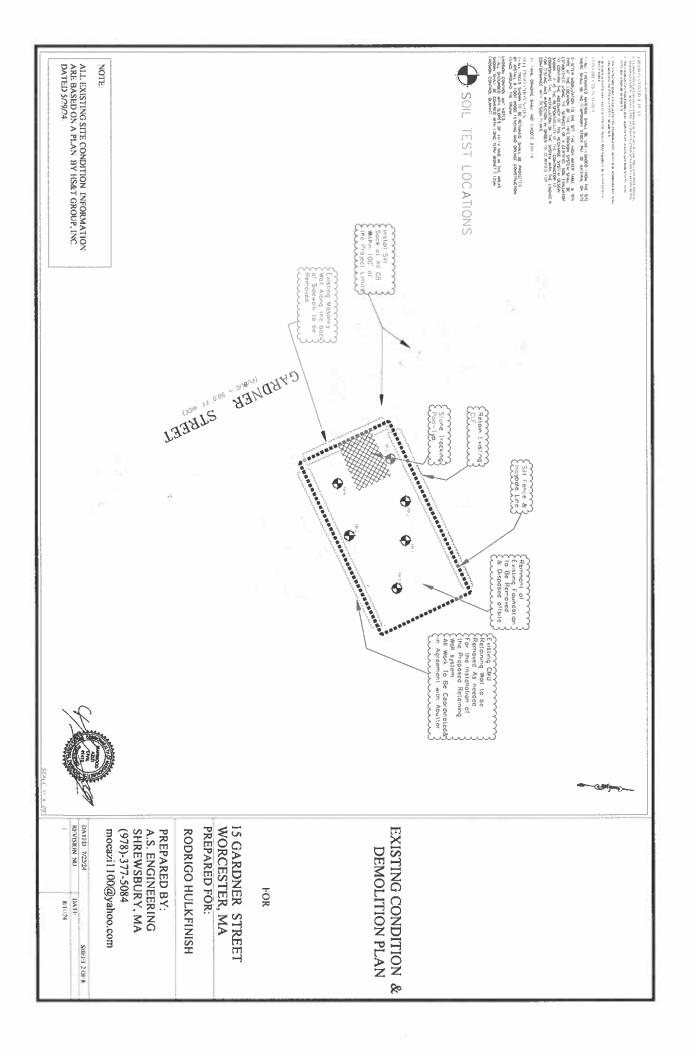
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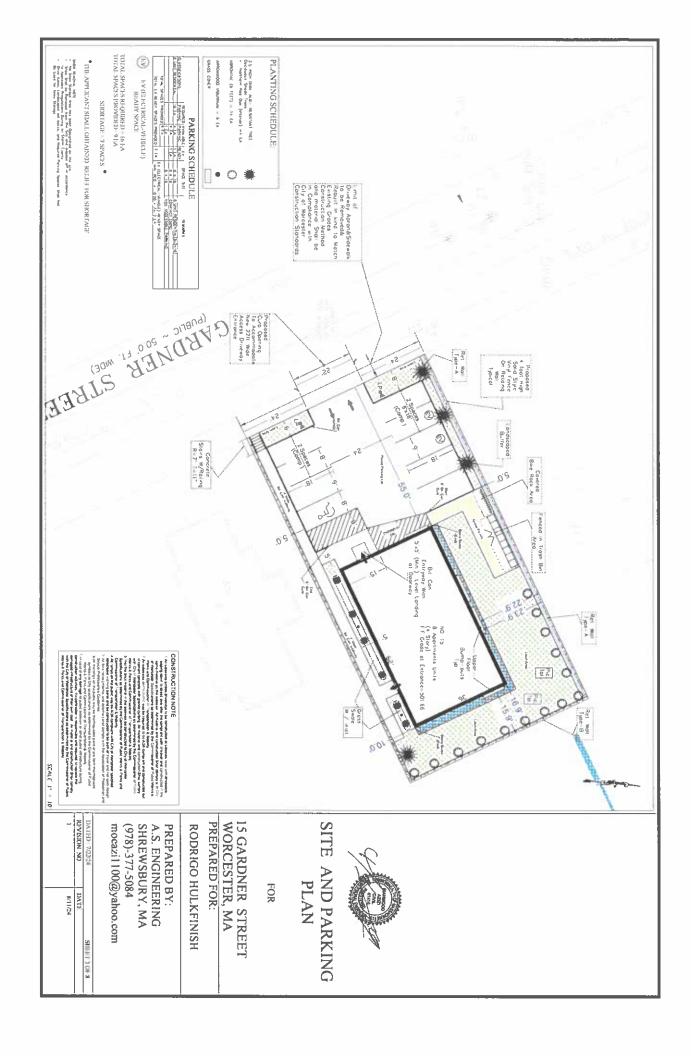
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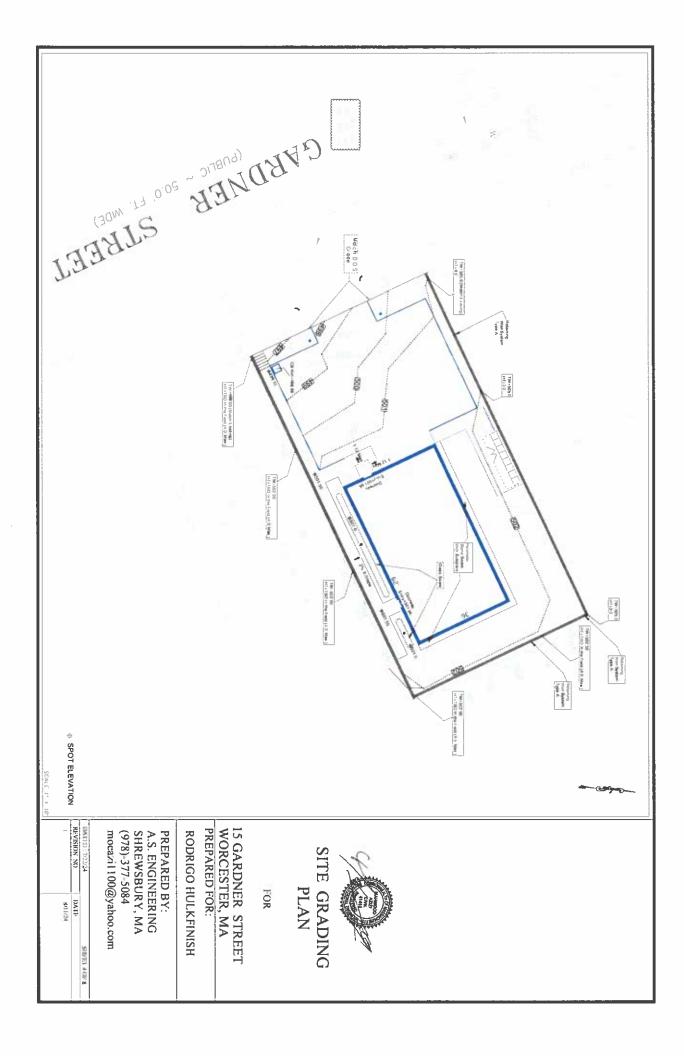
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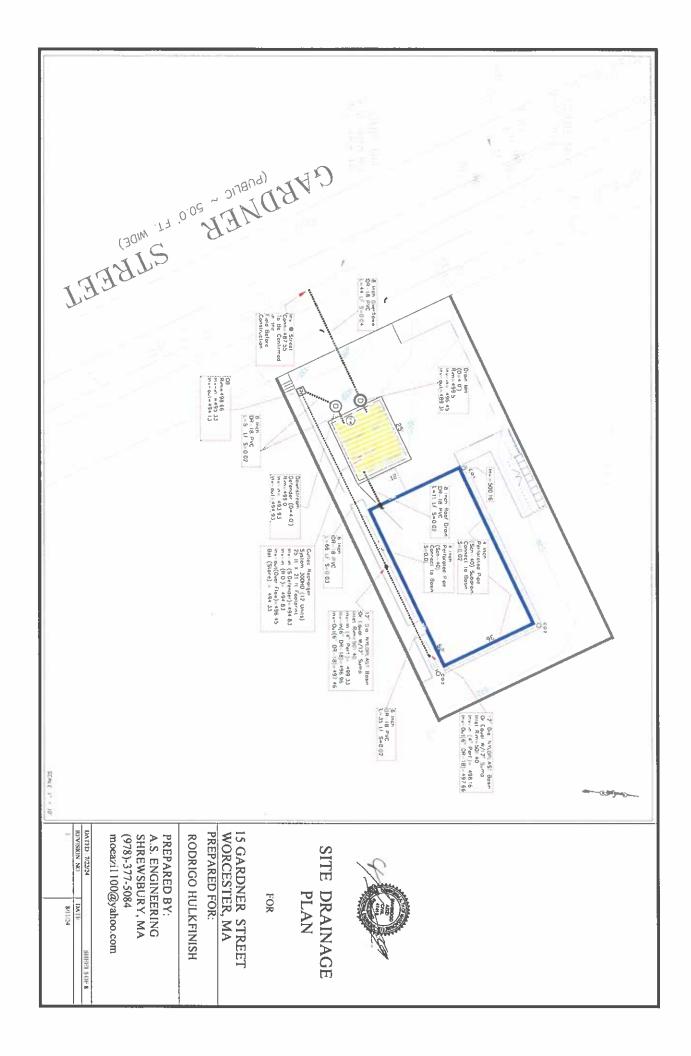
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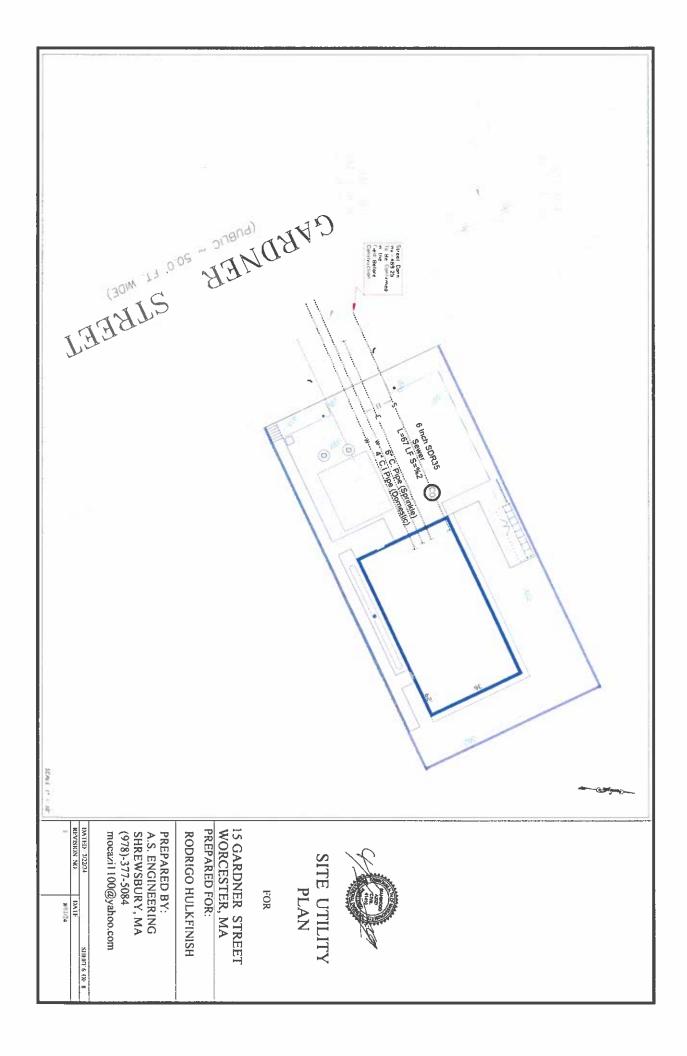


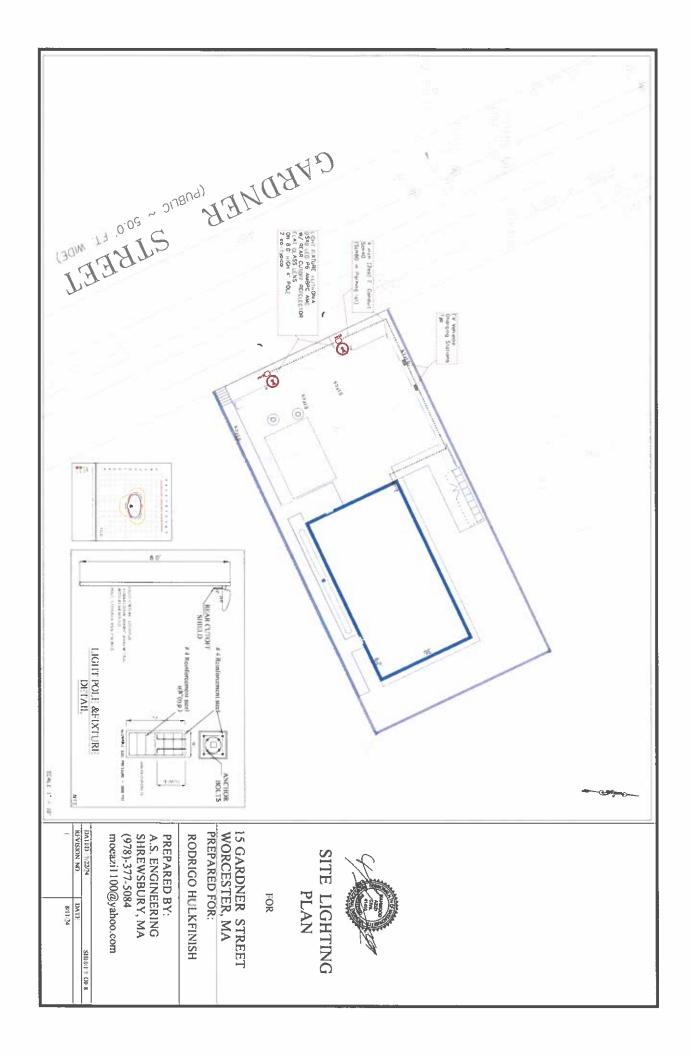


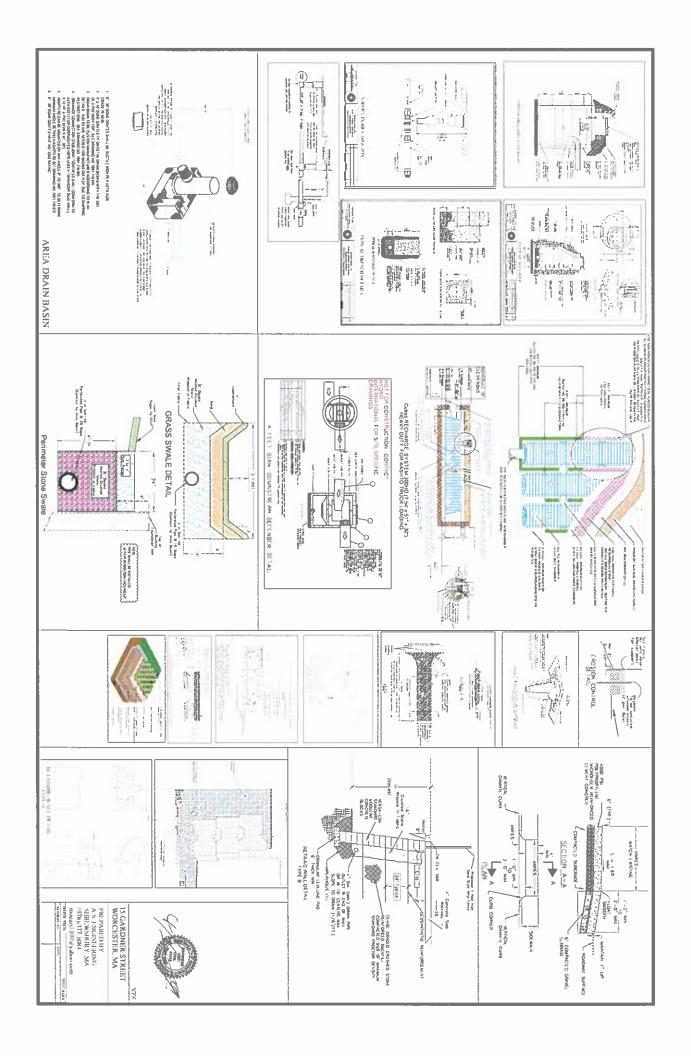


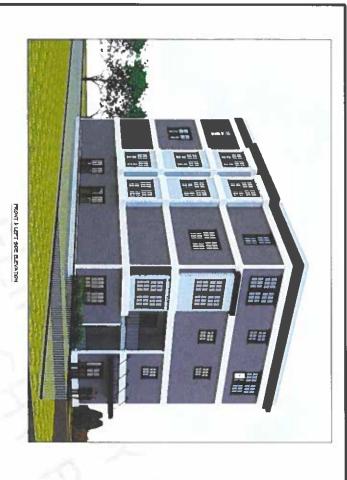














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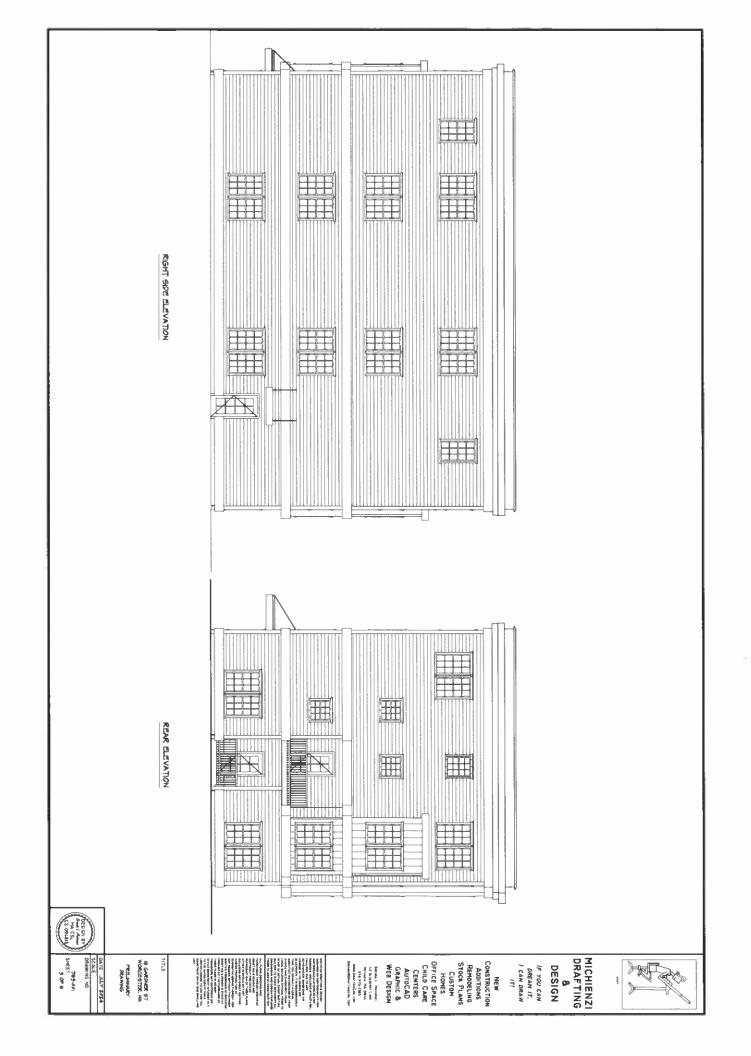


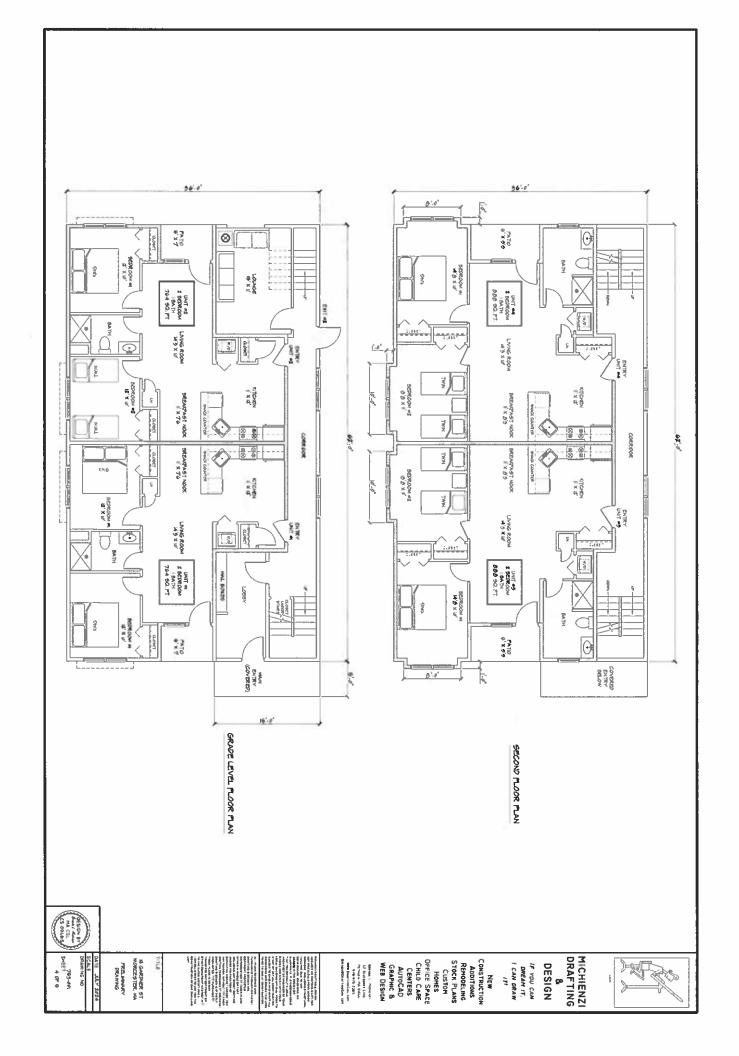
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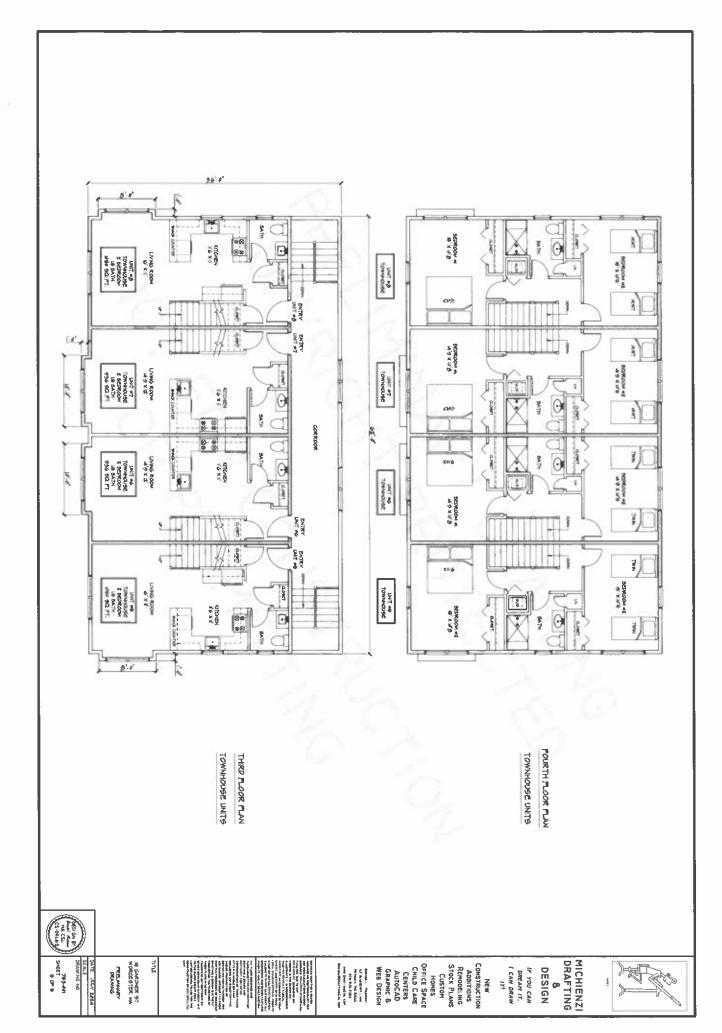
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This is to certify that the above is a list of abutters to Assessor's Map-Block-Lot's 06-035-00022 as cited above.

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