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VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL

Jennifer Garcia, AICP, CNU-A
Planning Official
Planning & Zoning Division of Development Services Department
City of Coral Gables
427 Biltmore Way, 2nd Floor
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Re: Statement of Use / Planning Division Application / Properties Identified by Miami Dade County Folio Nos. 03-4108-006-1250, 03-4108-006-1260, 03-4108-006-1270 and 03-4108-006-1280) (collectively, the "Property")

Dear Ms. Garcia:

On behalf of Minorca Ventures LLC, owner of the Property identified above (the "Owner" and "Applicant"), please accept this as our Statement of Use in connection with the proposed mixed use development with ground floor retail and upper level multi-family residential units at the Property. Specifically, the Applicant is requesting conditional use review for the following requests: i) Remote Parking and ii) Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs), in addition to City Commission approval for access from a primary frontage (the "Application").

I. PROPERTY INFORMATION

The Property is generally located at the northeast intersection of Salzedo Street. The Property consists of Lots 45, 46, 47 and 48, less than North 12 feet thereof, Block 17, of the Coral Gables Section "K", according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 33 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. Per the enclosed survey prepared by Royal Point Land Surveyors, Inc., the Property is comprised of a lot size consisting of approx. 10,341.5 square feet and 0.237 +/- acres is currently improved with a surface parking lot. Additionally, a twelve (12) foot wide alley, running in an East/West direction, abuts the Property to the North (the "Alley").

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¹ Per the enclosed City Resolution Nos. 10428 and 11369, the North twelve feet (12') of the Property was conveyed to the City for "alley purposes in the commercial area..."



Image: Property Aerial View

The Property is currently designated Commercial Medium-Rise Intensity pursuant to the City's Future Land Use Map (FLUM). Additionally, the Property is zoned Mixed-Use 2 (MX2) and is located within the Central Business District (CBD) on the City's Zoning Map as reflected in the images below.



Image: Property FLUM Designation



Image: Property Zoning Map Designation

II. PROPOSED PROJECT

As detailed in the updated plans prepared by Hamed Rodriguez Architects, Inc. (the "Plans"), the Applicant seeks to develop the Property with an 8-story, mixed use building containing approximately 4,820 +/- square feet of ground floor commercial space and approximately forty five (45) upper level residential units upper level residential units with the ability for overnight accommodations via a professionally managed operator (the "Project") and remote parking facilities. The Project has been designed in accordance with the MX-2 zoning regulations. The Project will replace the surface parking lot at the Property with a high quality, mixed use development that integrates ground floor commercial space and upper level units within the core of the City's Central Business District. The proposed ground floor commercial space (i.e. cafe, retail shops and/or restaurants) aims to activate the streetscape encouraging pedestrian engagement and fostering a vibrant and inviting environment for both residents, visitors and patrons. To further enhance the pedestrian experience, the right of way improvements along Salzedo Street include a 10'+ sidewalk providing ample space for alternative mobility storage options, such as bicycle and scooter parking.

The multi-family programming, designed with forty five (45) upper level residential units, offers a unique blend of upscale living that offers the flexibility for overnight accommodation rentals to meet the various housing and lodging demands within the Central Business District. This unique residential program enhances the City's housing options by catering to individuals who seek to live within the heart of the City's CBD, while also providing luxurious, up-scale, hotel-quality accommodations for the City's visitors and guests.

Additionally, as reflected in the image provided below, the Project provides a Mediterranean architectural design, in accordance with the Coral Gables Mediterranean Architectural standards. The Project's classical proportions and building massing are also consistent with the existing developments in the immediate area and will further contribute to the enhancement and beautification of this neighborhood. As such, the Board of Architects approved the preliminary design and Mediterranean Architectural Level 2 for the Project on September 12, 2024.

III. REMOTE PARKING REQUEST

The Applicant seeks conditional use review and approval for the use of remote parking to serve the Project's off-street parking requirements, in accordance with Section 10-109(A) of the Zoning Code. The proposed programming for the Project requires approximately fifty-six (56) parking spaces. The Central Business District regulations provide for mixed-use developments in an urban area that offers multimodal alternatives, including the Coral Gables Trolley, and that contains a variety of parking garages conveniently located within walking distance of the Property. As such, the Project is designed where all of its required parking will be located at the off-site parking

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garage located at 255 Alhambra Circle, conveniently located less than 500 feet from the Property and also situated within the Central Business District².

The Project is designed with an internalized valet area that has been revised with a two-lane driveway for ingress and egress purposes in addition to a dedicated loading space, per the Planning and Zoning Board's recommendation. The updated ground floor Plan allows for more streamlined and efficient vehicular circulation with minimal impact on the surrounding streets and traffic patterns³. In furtherance of these efforts, the Project will incorporate adequate bicycle parking to promote the use of and improve access to alternative forms of transportation to and from the Property.

IV. TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS – RECEIVING SITE

In connection with the Project, the Applicant is seeking the Transfer of Development Rights ("**TDRs**") in accordance with Section 14-204 of the City's Zoning Code. Specifically, pursuant to Section 14-204.5(A) of the Zoning Code, the Property is eligible for TDRs as a receiver site due to its current MX2 (mixed use zoning) zoning designation and its location within the Central Business District. The Applicant intends to utilize TDRs in order to provide an additional 9,049 +/- square feet of FAR per Section 14-204.5(B) of the Zoning Code. The Applicant is working with the City to identify the historic sending sites and purchase the requisite TDRs from the City for the Project⁴.

V. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

Based on the foregoing, the proposed Project is consistent with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and Mixed-Use 2 Zoning District regulations under the Zoning Code. As such, we look forward to your favorable consideration of our Application. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 305-579-0821.

Sincerely,

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² Please refer to the enclosed Parking Occupancy and Queuing Study prepared by David Plummer & Associates dated October 10, 2024, that identifies two (2) nearby parking garages that contain surplus parking to accommodate the Project.

³ Per the previously referenced Parking Occupancy and Queuing Study.

⁴ Please note, the Project is scheduled before the Historic Preservation Board on October 16, 2024 for review of the Project as a receiving site.



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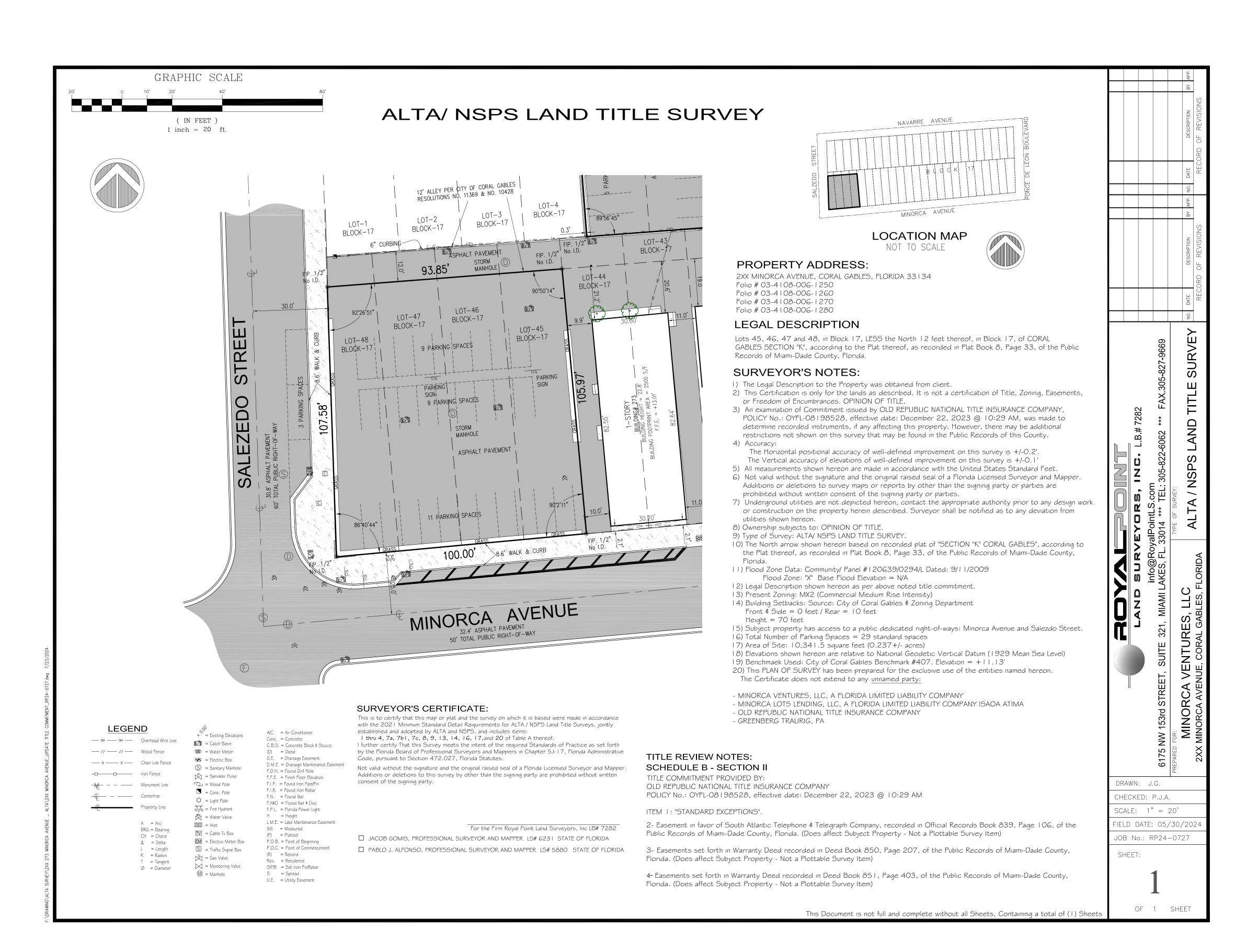
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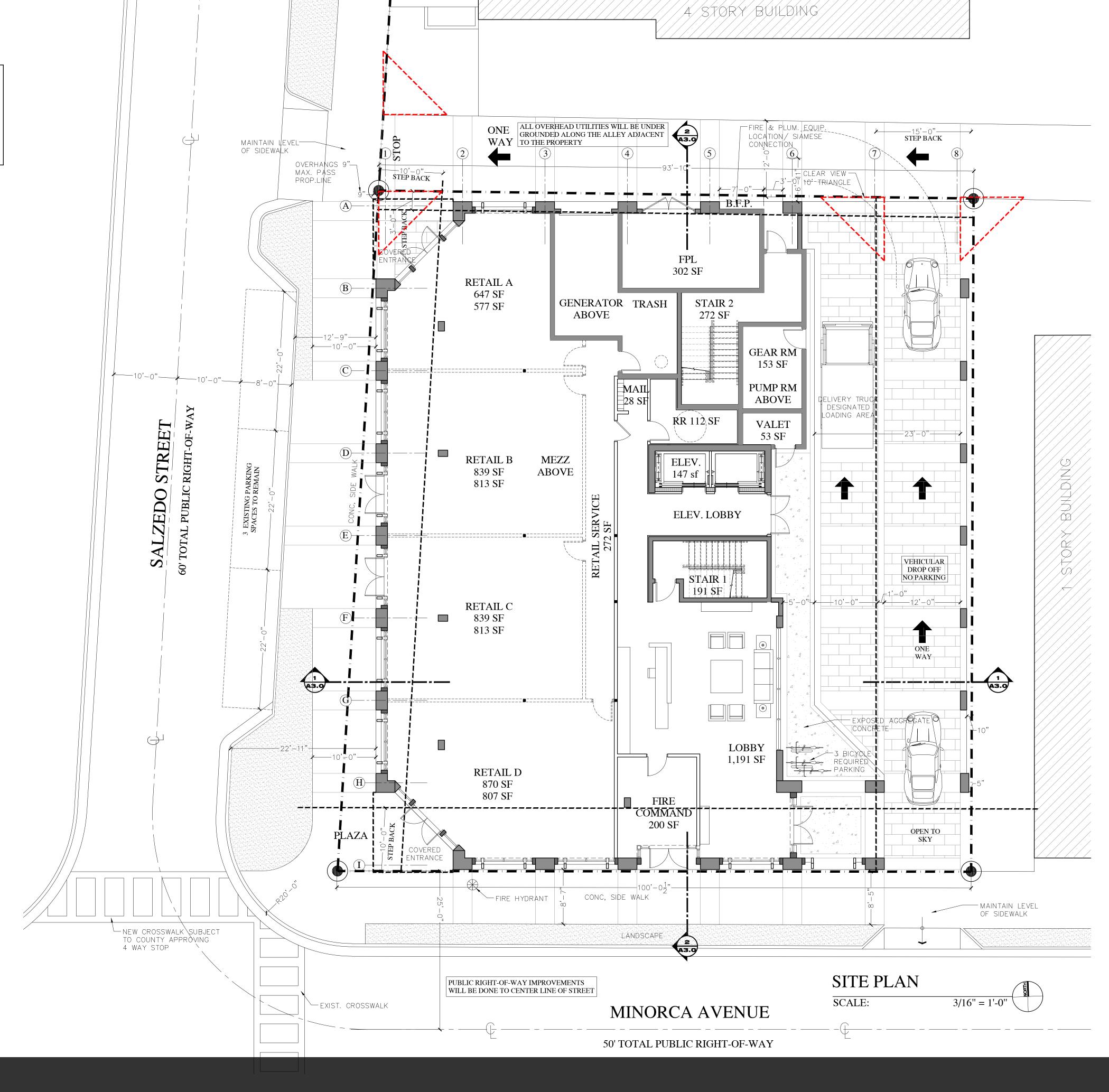
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	Use categories	٨	ΛX2	Proposed
A	Lot occupation			
1	Building Site Area Minimum (SF)	2,500	10,000	10,341.5
2	Building Site Width Minimum (Feet)	25	100	100
3	Ground Coverage Minimum	NA	NA	NA
4	Open Space Minimum	10%	10%	11%
В	Density			,
1	Density (DU/Acre)	125	125	NA
2	Unit Size Minimum (SF)	500	500	500
3	Floor Area Ratio (FAR)	3.0	3.0	NA
4	FAR Med. Bonus I	3.2	3.2	NA
5	FAR Med. Bonus II	3.5	3.5	3.5
С	Setbacks minimums (feet)			
1	Principal Front	0	0	0
2	Side Interior	0	0	0
3	Side Street	0	0	0
4	Rear	10	10	NA
5	Rear at Alley	0	0	0
6	Waterway	35	35	NA
D	Stepbacks minimum (feet)			
1	Stepback Front	NA	10	10
2	Stepback Side	NA	15	15
3	Stepback Side Street	NA	10	10
4	Stepback Rear	NA	10	NA
5	Stepback Rear at Alley	NA	3	3
E	Building Height Maximums (Stories/ Fee	et)		
1	Principal Building	45	70	NA
2	Mediterranean Bonus I	5 Stories / 63.5	7 Stories / 83.5	NA
3	Mediterranean Bonus II	6 Stories / 77'	8 Stories / 97'	8 Stories / 97'

THE BUILDING WILL BE CERTIFIED NATIONAL GREEN BUILDING STANDARD (NGBS) SILVER IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 3.13.1 b: All new Buildings of more than 50,000 square feet of Habitable Rooms and Habitable Space in the T5, T6, CI and CS zones shall be at a minimum certified as Silver or equivalent standards adopted or approved by the City.

- 3.5 = 36,195.25 SF ADDITIONAL F.A.R. T.DR. OF 0.875 GRAND TOTAL : **4.375 = 45,244 SF**

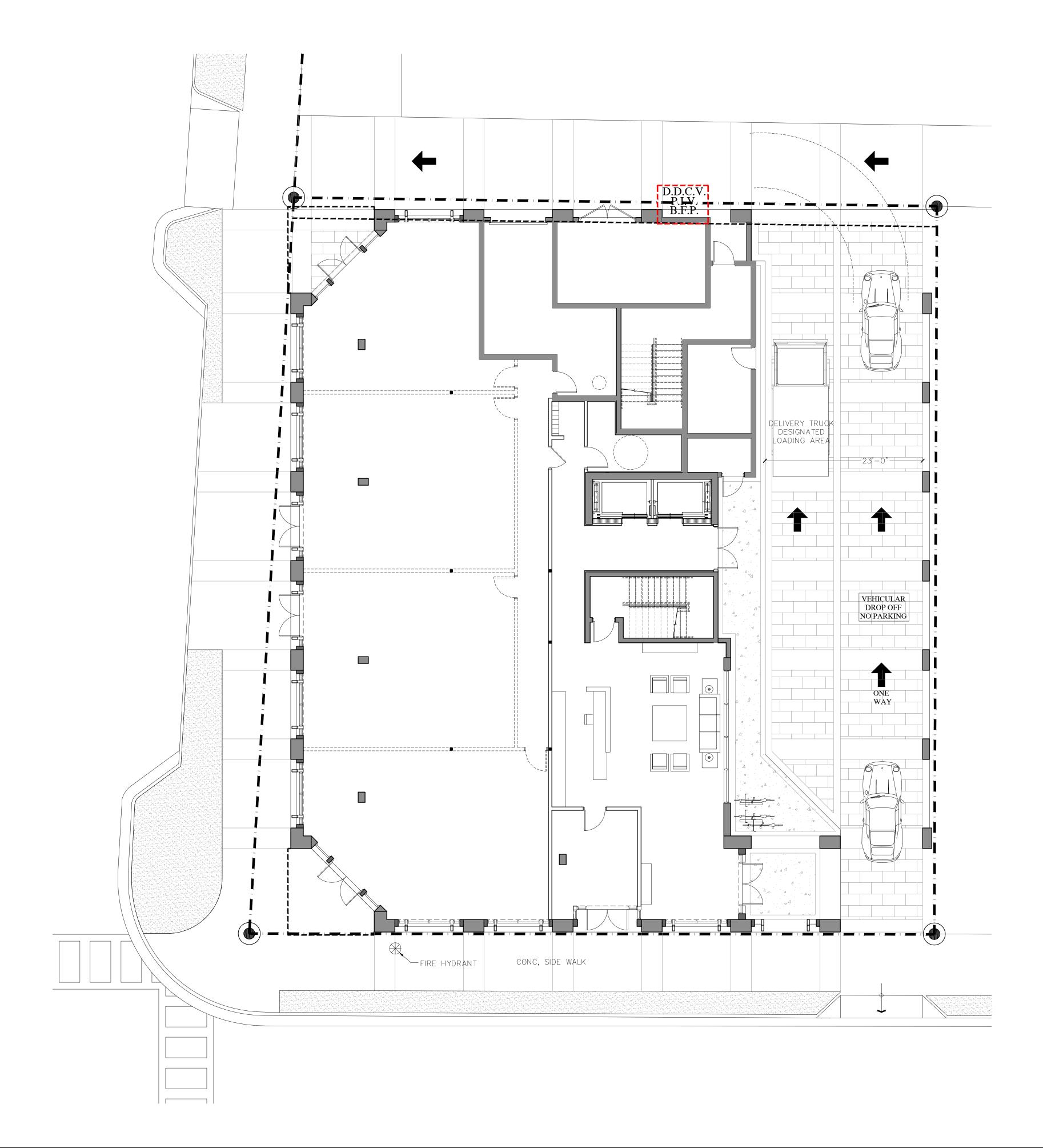




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Saleable FAR: Countable FAR: Area not counted in FAR: Gross SF Levels (45) Units Commercial Unit Type Unit SF 9,008 SF Retail A 790 SF Mail 28 SF Hotel Lobby 1,191 SF 610 SF 813 SF RR Retail B 112 SF Elevator + Stairs 813 SF Valet 995 SF Retail C 53 SF BOH 807 SF Retail D 272 SF Retail Service 529 SF Retail Storage A 389 SF Corridor 579 SF Elevators + Stairs 2,489 SF 1.5 (Mezz) 392 SF 286 SF (less than 1/3 floor below) Retail Storage B Generator Room Retail Storage C 258 SF Pump Room 224 SF Unit A2 (2 Bedroom) 656 SF Elevators + Stairs 529 SF 9,023 SF Corridor Unit B2 (1 Bed +Den) 713 SF 495 SF Unit C2 (1 Bed +Den) 864 SF 344 SF Work Room Unit D2 (1 Bedroom) 935 SF Trash,A/C, Elec. 90 SF 1,329 SF Unit E2 (2 Bedroom) Unit F2 (1 Bedroom) 950 SF Unit G2 (1 Bedroom) 928 SF 7,174 SF 1,034 SF Unit A3 (2 Bedroom) 613 SF Elevators + Stairs 529 SF Corridor Unit B3 (1 Bedroom) 537 SF Trash,A/C, Elec. 90 SF Unit C3 (1 Bed +Den) 581 SF 702 SF Unit D3 (1 Bedroom) Unit E3 (1 Bed+Den) 782 SF Unit F3 (1 Bedroom) 725 SF Unit G3 (2 Bedroom) 1,323 SF Unit A4 (2 Bedroom) 660 SF 613 SF Elevators + Stairs 529 SF Corridor 6,158 SF Trash,A/C, Elec. 90 SF Unit B4 (1 Bedroom) 537 SF Unit C4 (1 Bed +Den) 581 SF 702 SF Unit D4 (1 Bedroom) Unit E4 (1 Bed+Den) 758 SF Unit F4 (1 Bedroom) 724 SF 732 SF Unit G4 (1 Bedroom) 613 SF Elevators + Stairs 660 SF 529 SF Unit A5 (2 Bedroom) 6,158 SF Corridor Unit B5 (1 Bedroom) 537 SF 90 SF Trash, A/C, Elec. 581 SF Unit C5 (1 Bed +Den) 702 SF Unit D5 (1 Bedroom) 758 SF Unit E5 (1 Bed+Den) Unit F5 (1 Bedroom) 724 SF Unit G5 (1 Bedroom) 732 SF 529 SF 6,158 SF Unit A6 (2 Bedroom) 613 SF Elevators + Stairs Corridor Unit B6 (1 Bedroom) 537 SF Trash,A/C, Elec. 90 SF Unit C6 (1 Bed +Den) 581 SF 702 SF Unit D6 (1 Bedroom) Unit E6 (1 Bed+Den) 758 SF Unit F6 (1 Bedroom) 724 SF Unit G6 (1 Bedroom) 732 SF Unit A7 (2 Bedroom) 660 SF 613 SF Elevators + Stairs 529 SF Corridor 6,158 SF Unit B7 (1 Bedroom) 537 SF Trash,A/C, Elec. 90 SF 581 SF Unit C7 (1 Bed +Den) Unit D7 (1 Bedroom) 702 SF Unit E7 (1 Bed+Den) 758 SF Unit F7 (1 Bedroom) 724 SF Unit G7 (1 Bedroom) 732 SF 569 SF Elevators + Stairs Unit A8 (2 Bedroom) Corridor 529 SF 4,219 SF (POOL DECK) 537 SF Unit B8 (1 Bedroom) 931 SF 160 SF Unit C8 (2 Bedroom) Restrooms 341 SF Lounge Area not counted in FAR: Total of all areas above : Countable FAR: TOTALS: 4,534 SF 7,538 SF 58,571 SF 33,169 SF 7,118 SF included in 85% included in 85% Saleable + Countable FAR: 40,287 SF Total Proposed FAR: 44,821 SF MED. BONUS II 3.5 = 36,195.25 SF + ADDITIONAL F.A.R. T.D.R. 0.875

85% RESIDENTIAL= 38,458 SF

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PARKING DATA								
PARKING DATA REQUIRED PER USE								
Retail	no parking required	0						
Units (overnight accom.)	(23) 1 BEDROOM UNITS	23 units x 1.125 = 25.8						
	(12) 1 BED + DEN UNITS	12 units x 1.125 = 13.5						
	(10) 2 BEDROOM UNITS	10 units x 1.75 = 17.5						
TOTAL PARKING REQ	56.8							
TOTAL PARKING PRO	VIDED	56 Remote Parking Spaces*						

4.375 or 45,244 SF

*Remote parking spaces subject to City Commission approval per Section 10-109.

BICYCLE PARKING							
(1) bicycle space per (20,000 SF) of non-residential use building area							
45,244 SF =	45,244 SF = 3 SPACES REQUIRED						
4 SPACES PROVIDED							

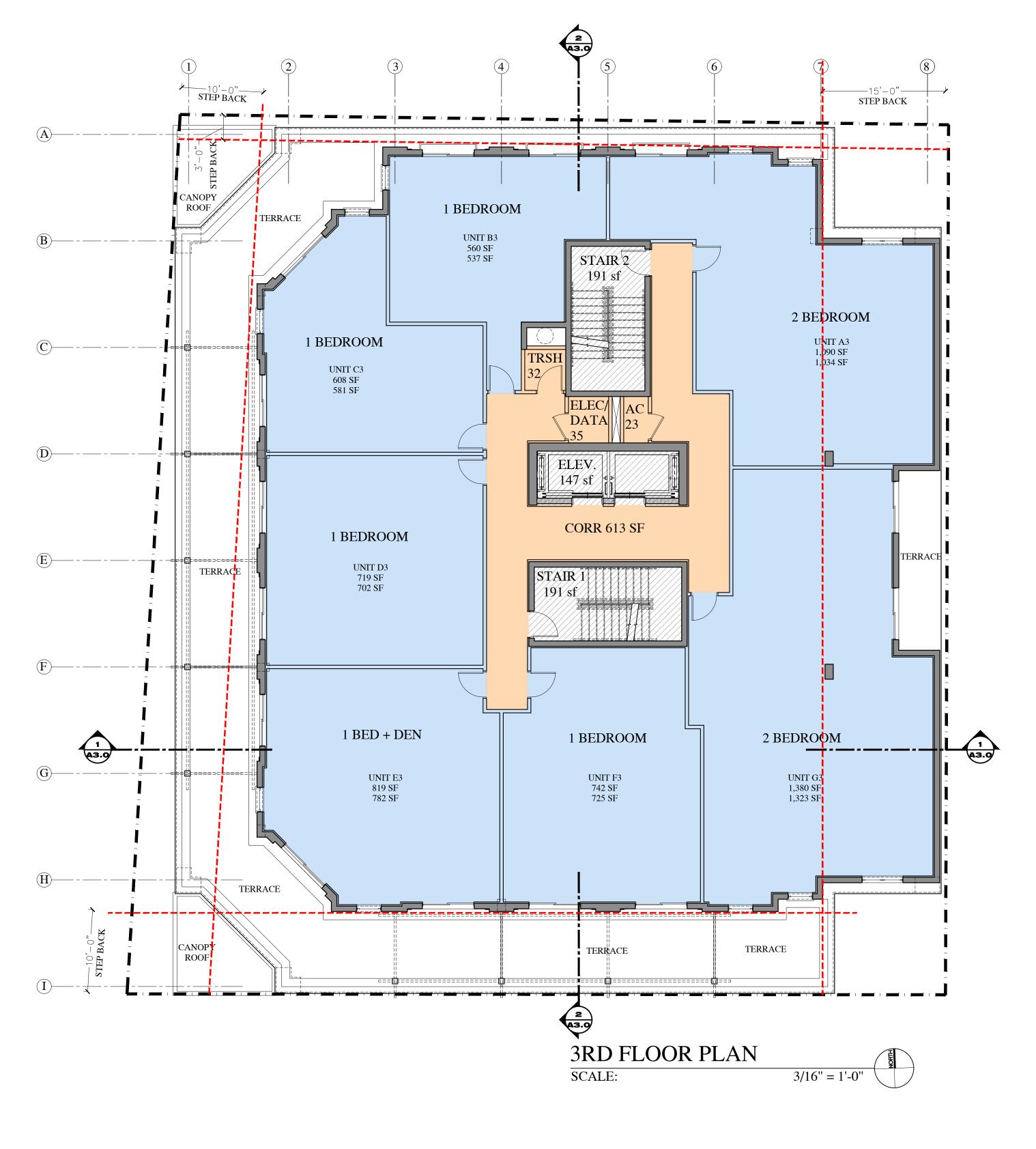






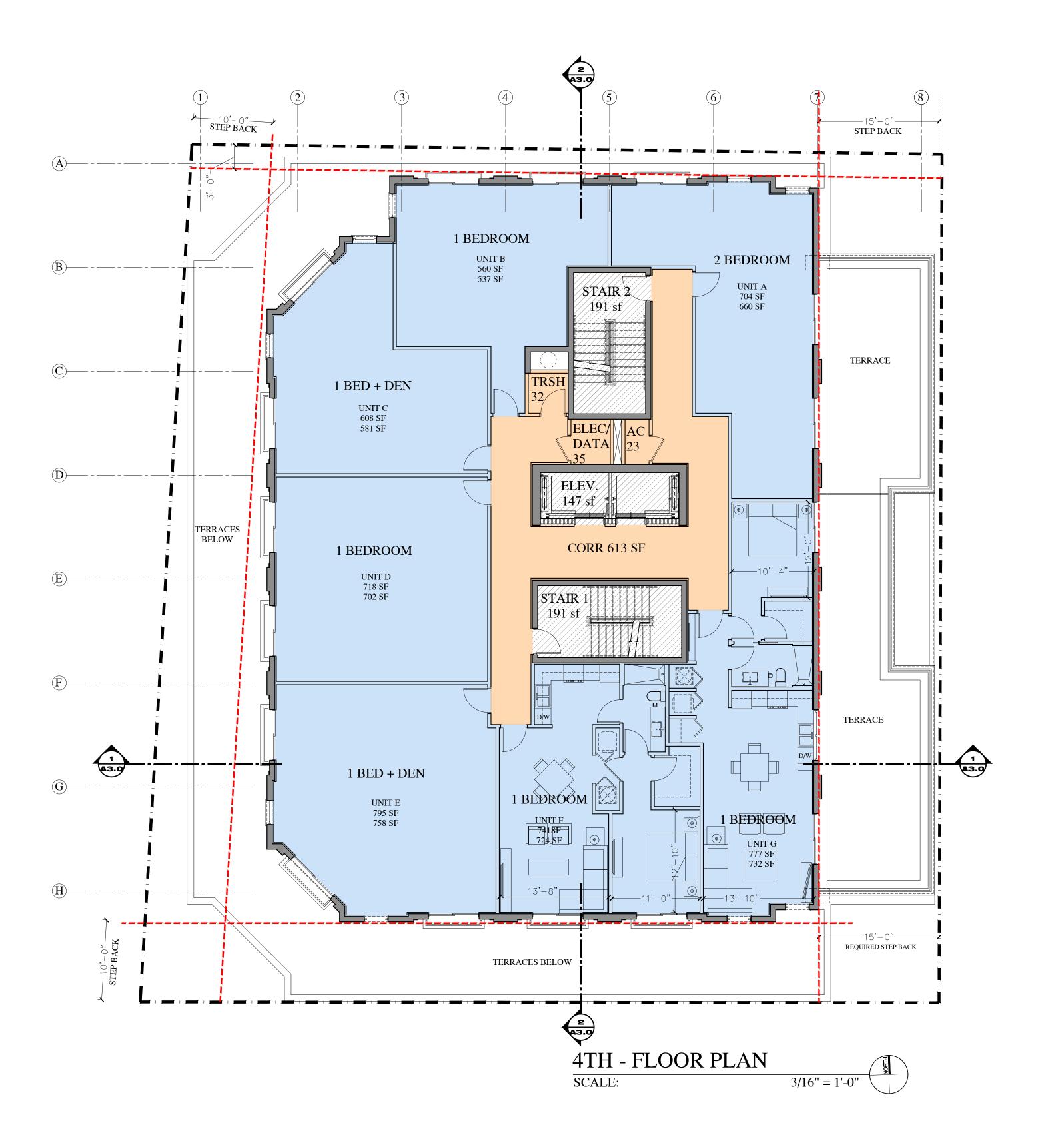


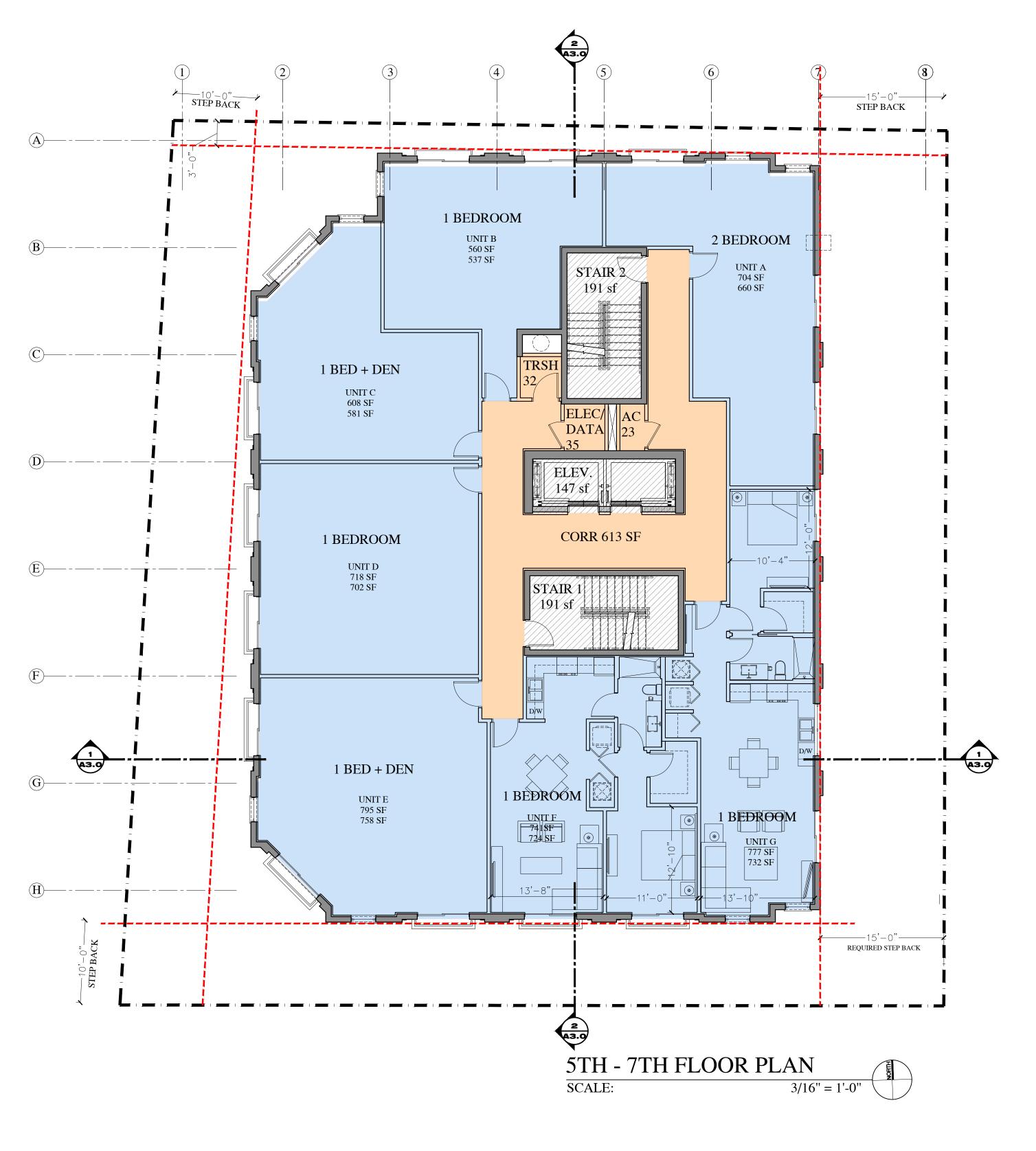




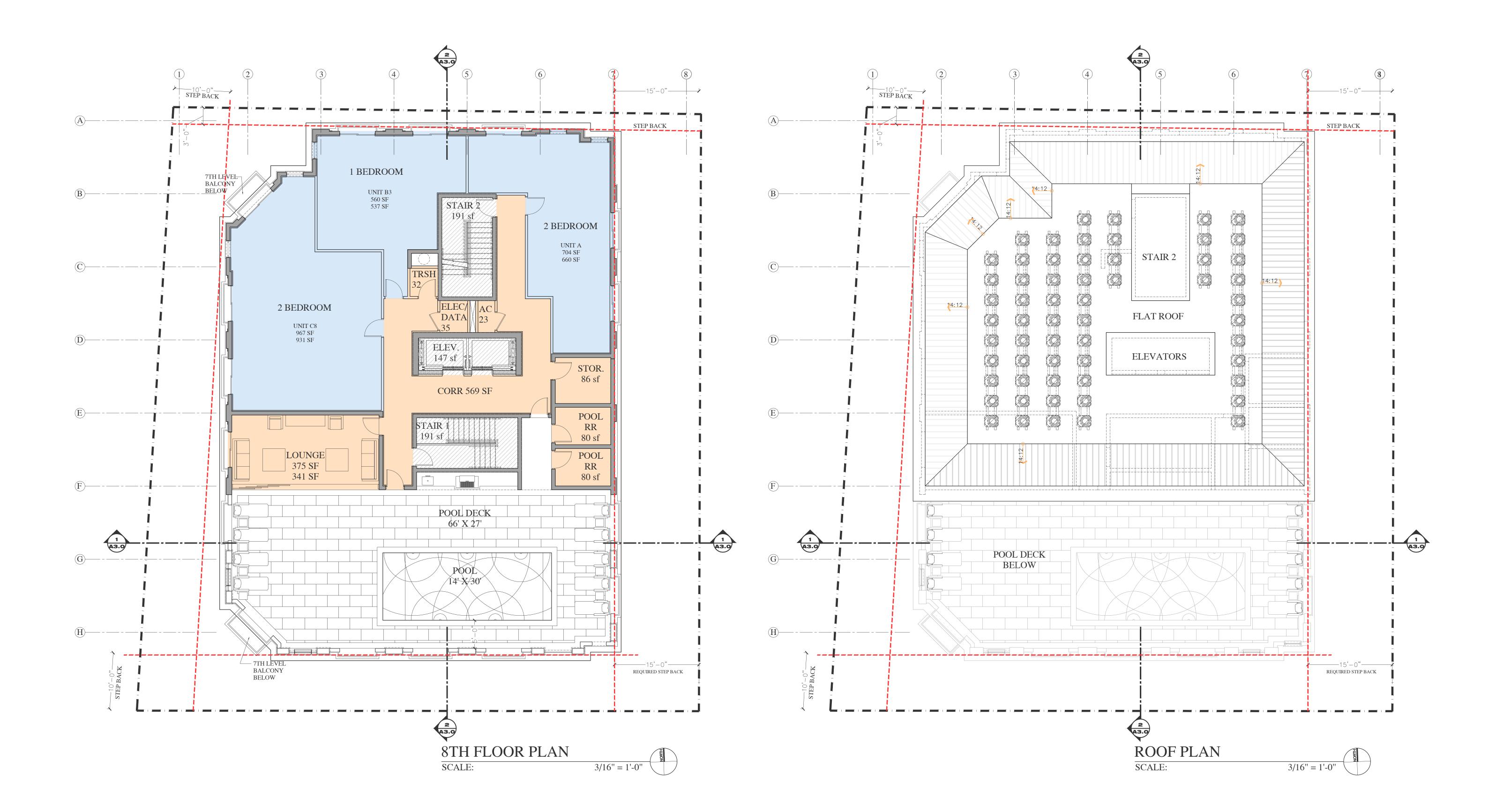






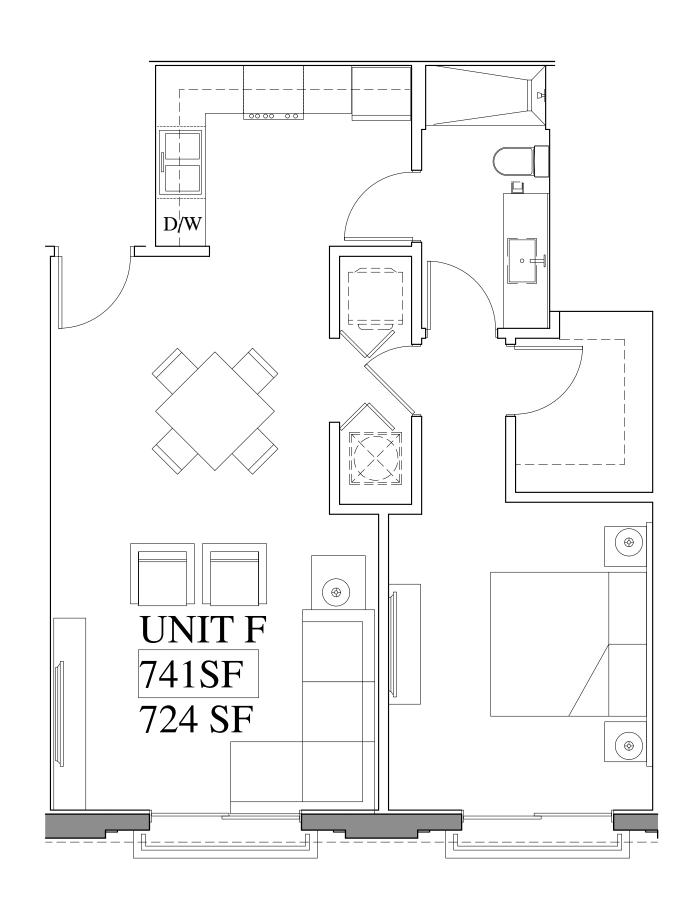


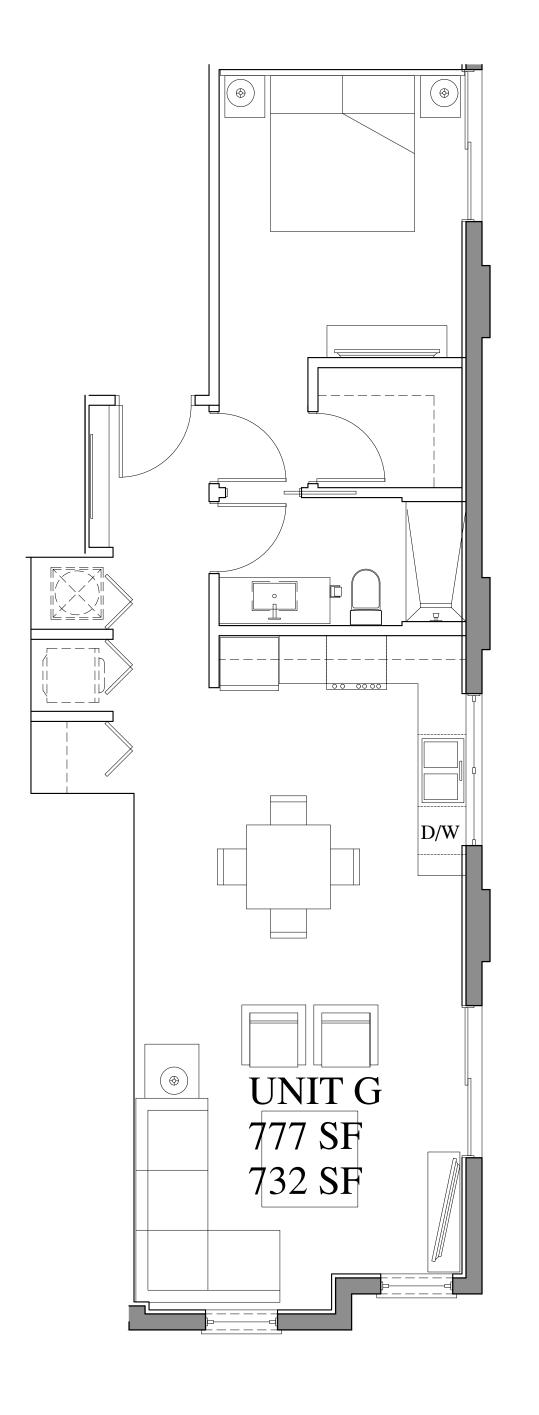














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- 1. SMOOTH PAINTED STUCCO
- 2. LIMESTONE
- 3. BRONZE FINISH BREAK METAL
- 4. BRASS FINISH METAL
- 5. TERRACOTTA FLAT ROOF TILE
- 6. STOREFRONT W/ CLEAR GLASS
- 7. CASEMENT W/ CLEAR GLASS
- 8. FRENCH DOOR W/ CLEAR GLASS
- 9. METAL AWNING







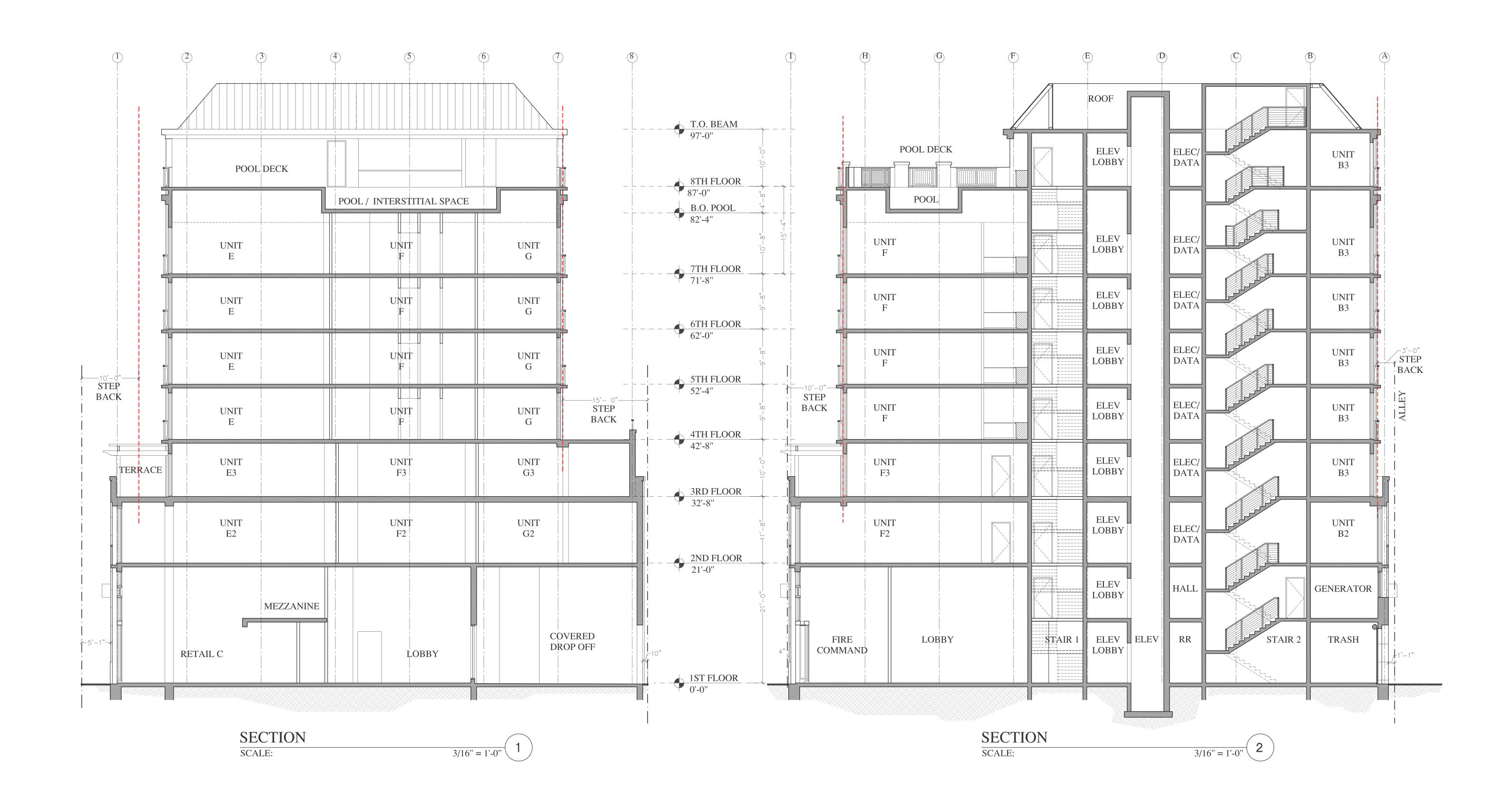
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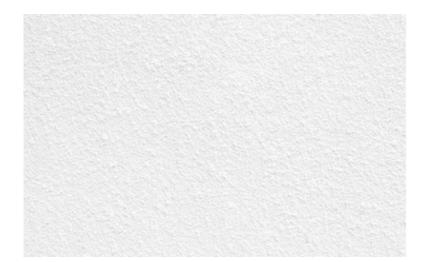






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MATERIALS



1. SMOOTH PAINTED STUCCO



2. LIMESTONE



3. BRONZE FINISH BREAK METAL, WINDOW/ DOOR FRAMES + RAILINGS + TRELLIS



4. BRASS METAL FINISH



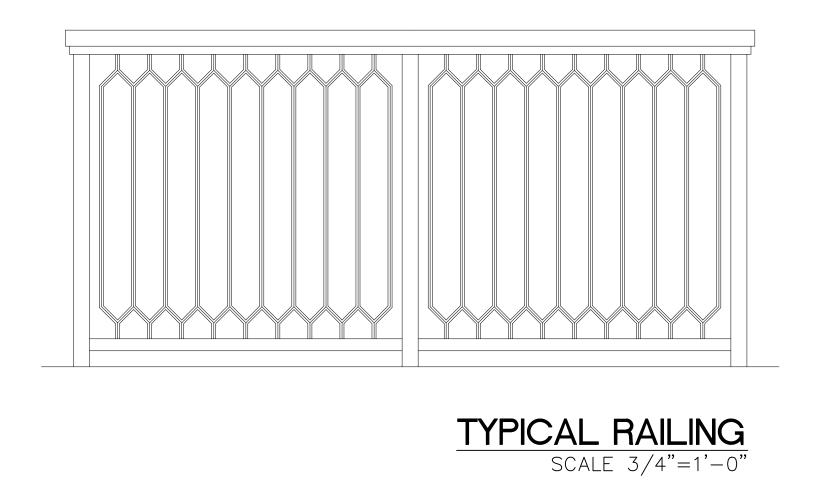
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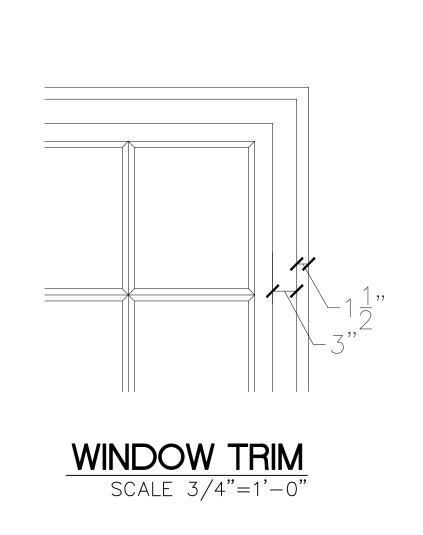


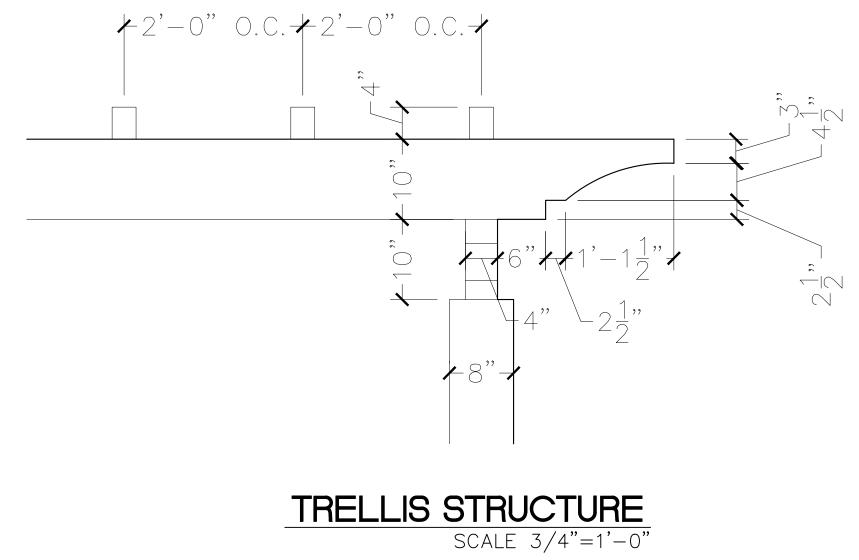
6. DEKTON TILE (Nacre Kraftizen Collection)

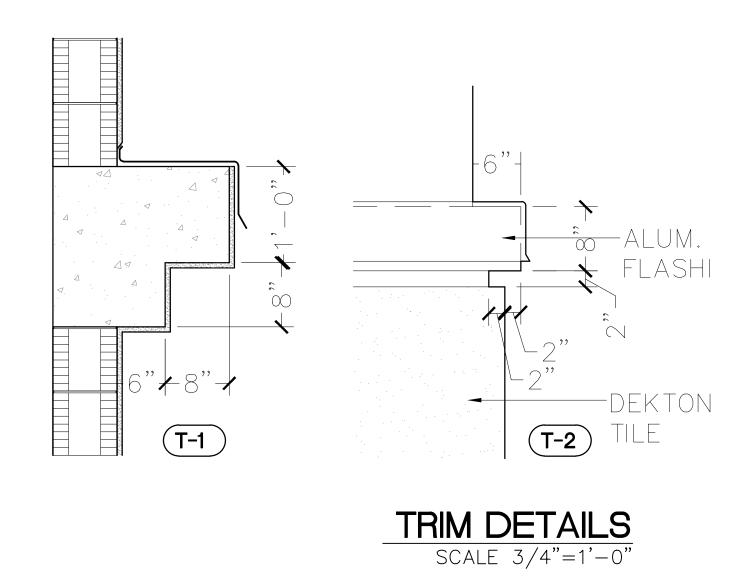


7. NITTERHOUSE Architectural Pavers
Size: 24" x 36"
Color: PG-77
https://www.nitterhousemasonry.com/our-products/architectural-pavers/



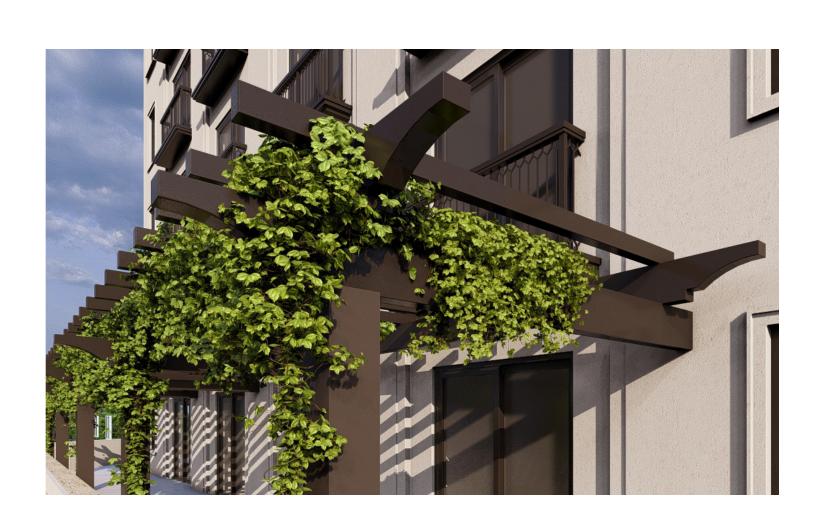












SITE LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS							
1. LOT TREE RE	1. LOT TREE REQUIREMENTS						
Lot Trees Required	Lot Trees Required 28 Trees / Per Acre - 28 x .24 = 7 Lot tree deficits result in payment toward the Tree Trust Fund						
2. STREET TRE	2. STREET TREE REQUIREMENT						
Street Trees	Maximum Average Spacing of 25 Feet O.C Medium Size Trees	7	7				
	Under Power Lines - Max Average Spacing of 25 Feet O.C. N/A	NA	NA				

PROPOSED GROUND LEVEL PLANT LIST

Street Trees

ABB.	QTY	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	NATIVE	XERIC	CAL/DBH	HEIGHT	SPREAD	SPECIFICATIONS
CGR	7	Caesalpinia granadillo	Bridalveil Tree	NO	HIGH	4" CAL Min	Min 16' OA	Min 8'	B&B - Min. 4' clear trunk

Shrubs & Groundcovers

	154	Ficus microcarpa	Green Island	YES	HIGH	18" OA ht 24" O.C.
	95	Trachelospermum asiaticum 'Minima'	Asiatic Jasmine	NO	HIGH	1 Gal. x 1"-2" OA HT 16" O.C.
AIM	8	Alcantarea imperialis	Imperial Bromeliad	NO	MED	7 GAL MIN 30" O.C
*Mulch		Organic-Nutra Mulch				As noted on plan and to be determined by contractor

* Notes: Planting bed to be mulched - "Mulches shall be applied and maintained in accordance with the most recent edition of the Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Handbook titled "A Guide to Florida Friendly Landscaping" by the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) and available online at http://www.floridayards.org/landscape/FYN-Handbook.pdf. Cypress mulch shall not be used because its harvest degrades cypress wetlands".





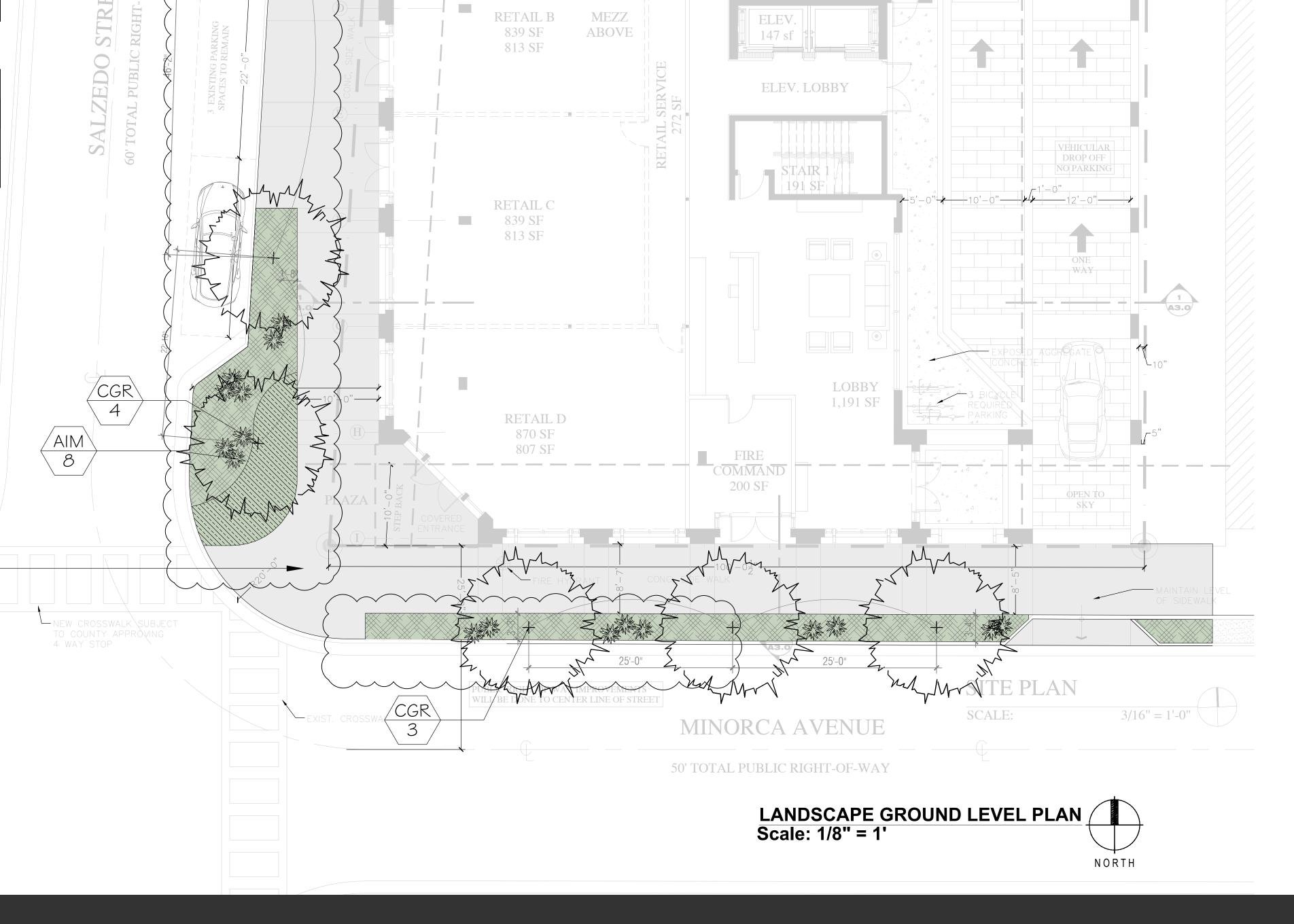
NITTERHOUSE ARCHITECTURAL PAVERS

SIZE 24" X 36" COLOR: PG-77

STRUCTURAL SOIL TO BE UTILIZED BELOW GROUND LEVEL PAVEMENT

walk

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ONE ALL OVERHEAD UTILITIES WILL BE UNDER GROUNDED ALONG THE ALLEY ADJACENT

GENERATOR TRASH

MAIL 28 SF

ABOVE

FPL 302 SF

STAIR 2

RR 112 SF

GEAR RM 153 SF

PUMP RM

ABOVE

VALET 53 SF

WAY TO THE PROPERTY

RETAIL A 647 SF

577 SF



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15'-0" STEP BACK

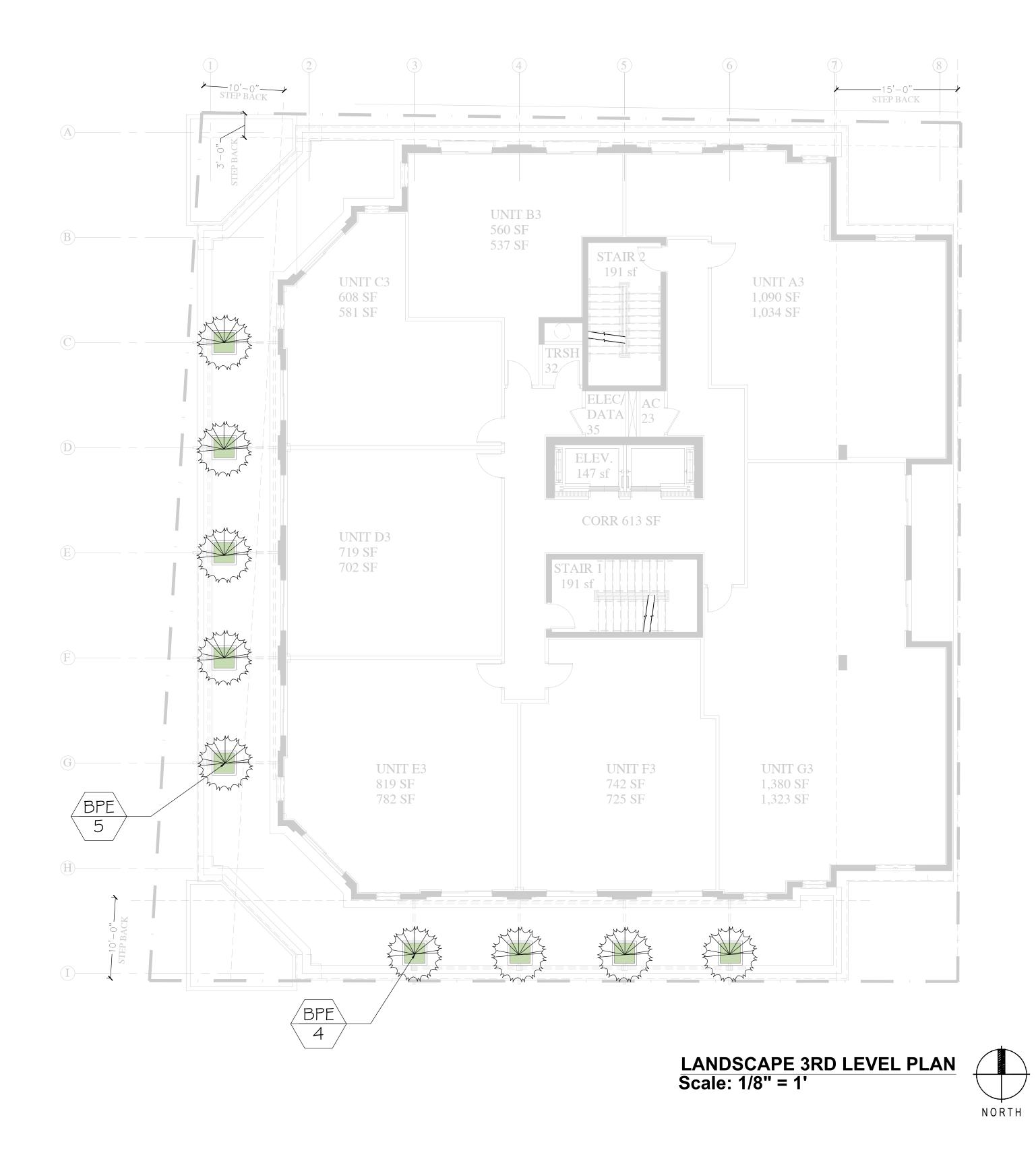
PROPOSED 3RD LEVEL PLANT LIST

Lot Trees & Palms

ABB.	QTY	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	NATIVE	XERIC	SPECIFICATIONS
BPE	9	Bougainvillea peruviana	Bougainvillea	NO	HIGH	25 Gallon



CONCRETE PLANTER 30" X 30"



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PROPOSED 8TH LEVEL PLANT LIST

Lot Trees & Palms

ABB.	QTY	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	NATIVE	XERIC	SPECIFICATIONS
CRO	3	Clusia rosea	Pitch apple	YES	HIGH	Minimum: 10' Height OA - 2" DBH
DPE	1	Dypsis pembana	Pembana	NO	MED	Minimum: 10' Height OA - Cluster

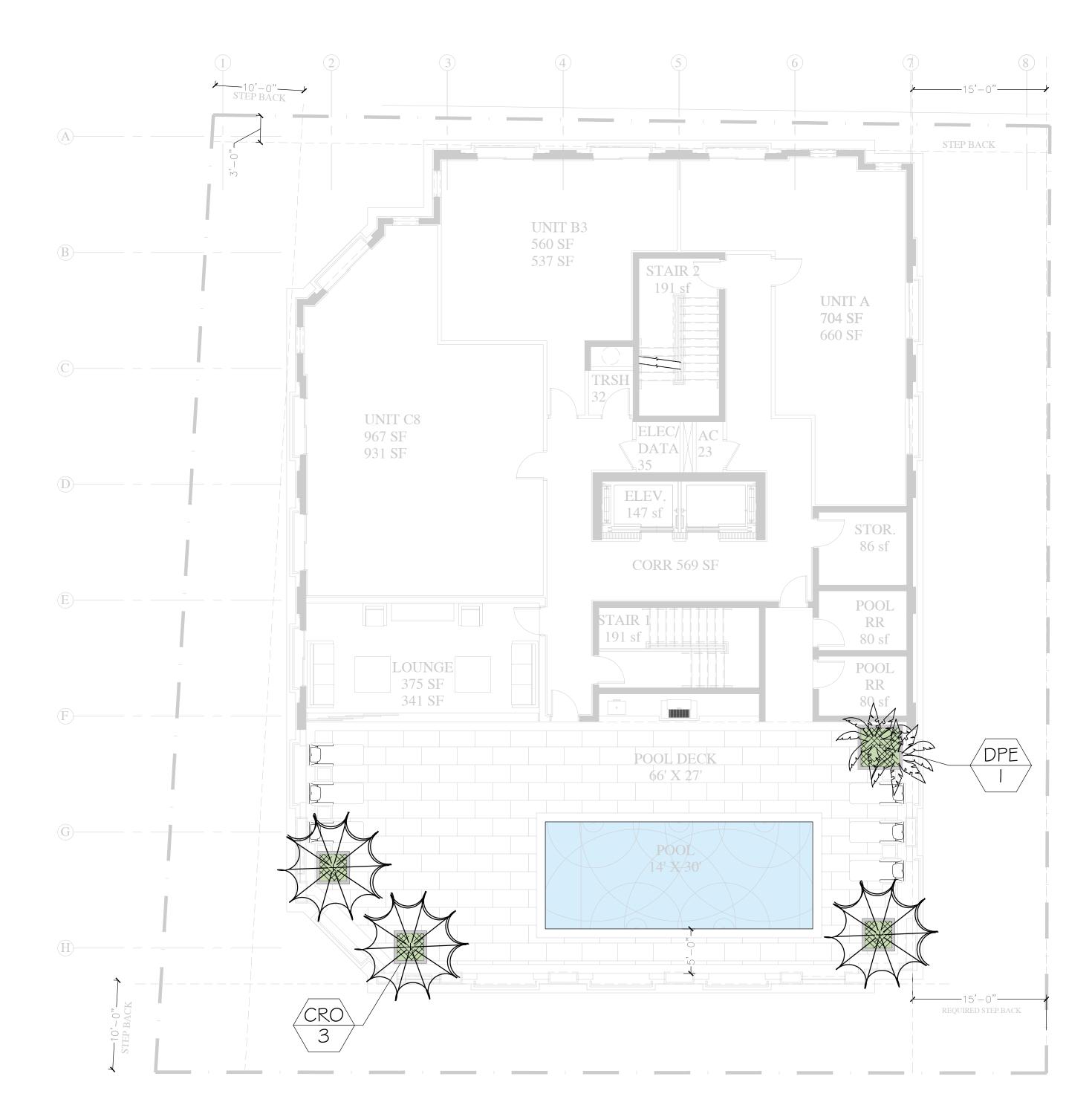
Shrubs & Groundcovers

12	Ernodea littoralis	Golden Creeper	YES	MED	18" OA ht 24" O.C.



CONCRETE PLANTER:

(3) 36" X 36" (2) 48" X 48"





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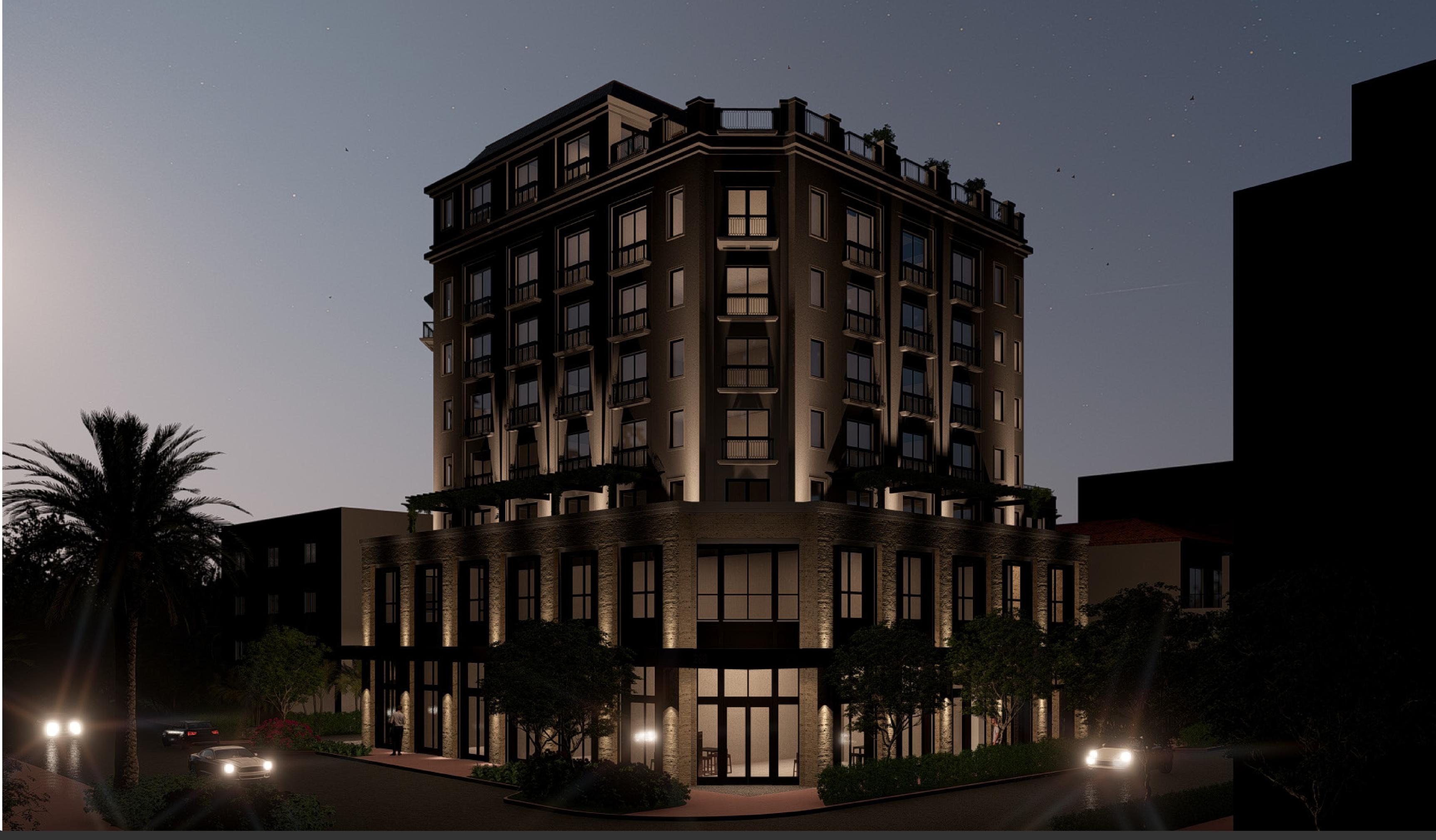
























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