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SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR (SOC) Application Form

BSA APPLICATION NO.	132-04-BZ

Section A	Eric Palatnik, P.C.			Paco East Houston, LLC				
Applicant/	NAME OF APPLICANT			OWNER OF RECORD				
Оwner	32 Broadway, Suite 1	14		310 East Hou	iston Street			
	ADDRESS			ADDRESS				
	New York	NY	10004	New York	NY	10002		
	CITY	STATE	ZIP	CITY	STATE	ZIP		
	212	425 4343						
	AREA CODE 212	TELEPHONE 968 7129		LESSEE / CONT	RAGI VENDEE			
	AREA CODE	FAX		ADDRESS				
	eric@ericpalatnikpc.c	om						
	EMAIL			CITY	STATE	ZIP		
Section B	310 East Houston St	reet			1000	02		
Site Data	STREET ADDRESS (INCL	UDE ANY A/K/A)			ZIP CO	DE		
Sile Dala	the southeast corner				enue B			
	DESCRIPTION OF PROPE			REETS				
	384 4, 40	Manhatta			n/a			
	BLOCK LOT(S)	BOROUGH		NITY DISTRICT	LANDMARK/HISTORIC	DISTRICT		
	Hon. Rosie Mendez				12c			
	CITY COUNCILMEMBER		NĜ DISTRICT de special zoning (district, if any)	ZONING MAP NUMBER	~		
Section C								
	(LEGALIZATION 🗖 YES							
Description	This is an application for a under Z.R. §72-21 to perm development at the premis	it, within an R7-2 zo	oning district, comr	nercial use on the groun				
Section D								
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Actions	1. 🔲 Waive of the Rul	es of Practice and	Procedure (EX	plain in your statemen	<i>I</i> ()			
	2. 🔲 Extension of Tim	e to:						
	Complete co	onstruction	Obtain a Certifica	ate of Occupancy	Expiration Date:			
	3. 🔽 Amendment to P	revious Board Ar	proval		-			
	4. □ Extension of Term of the:							
		Special Perm	it Earla tar	m of years	Evolution Data:			
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	5. Other (<i>Explain in</i>							
	Authorizing Section							
	🔲 § 11-411 🔲 § 1	1-412 🔲 § 11-4	13 🔲 §§ 72-01	and 72-22 🔲 § 73-1	1 🔲 Other			

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Section E		YES NO
<u>Section E</u> Department	1. Have plans been filed?	
Of Buildings	2. Have plans been approved?	
Information	(If Yes, Date Approved) 3. Has a permit been obtained?	
	(If Yes, Permit No Date Issued) 4. Is work in progress?	
	(If Yes, Percentage of work completed%) 5. Has a temporary or permanent Certificate of Occupancy been obtained? (If Yes, Expiration Date Attach a copy)	
	If you have answered "No" to any of these questions, include a paragraph in your statement descri delay and the projected schedule of completion.	bing the reason(s) for
Section F		1.41
Board	List all prior Board actions associated with the subject Zoning Lot and attach one copy of each reso	
History	On November 9, 2004, when the Zoning District was <u>R7-2</u> , an applic	ation was granted by
	the Board under Section <u>§72-21</u> to permit:	
	a variance to permit, within an R7-2 zoning district, commercial use on the ground floor of a proposed six-story development at the premises, contrary to Z.R. § 32-15 on condition.	r, mixed-use
Section G		YES NO
	1. Have you reviewed the Board's case file?	
Inspection and	2. Have you recently inspected the premises and surrounding area?	
Compliance	(If Yes, date of most recent site inspection January 17, 2017	
	3. Did you find:	
	a. Compliance with the terms and conditions of the Board's resolution? Attach a completed Certificate of Inspection and Compliance	
	b. Any significant condition changes (e.g. rezoning, city map amendments, recent developments) within the affected area since the Board's last action on this application?	····· 🗆 🗹
	If the answer is "yes" to any of the questions below, explain further in your statement.	
	4. Is there currently a proposal before the City Planning Commission to change the subject	
	Zoning District, or any other action which includes the premises?	
	5. Are there any outstanding violation(s) on the premises?	
	(If Yes, submit a DOB BIS printout)6. Is there any other application before the Board which affects the premises?	
	(If Yes, Cal No)	
	7. Is there any other application at any government agency which affects the premises?	
<u>Section H</u>	I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT BASED ON INFORMATION AND BELIEF, THE ABOVE STATEMENTS AND THE CONTAINED IN THE PAPERS ARE TRUE.	E STATEMENTS
Signature	20	Tan. n
	Signature of Applicant, Corporate Officer or Other Authorized Representative ROBIN	_ DAY OF20_/ GONZALEZ
	Notary Public,	State of New York
	Print Name Title Gualified in	C6097433 Kings County
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ATTORNEY AT LAW 32 BROADWAY, SUITE 114 NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10004

(212) 425-4343 FAX (212) 968-7129 E-MAIL <u>ERIC@ERICPALATNIKPC.COM</u>

January 17, 2017

<u>STATEMENT OF FACTS</u>

Calendar No. 132-04-BZ 310 East Houston Street Block 384, Lots 4 and 40¹ New York, New York (the "Premises")

Amendment of an existing zoning variance is respectfully requested for approval to permit the subdivision of the existing zoning lot and transfer of unused floor area development rights from the site through the zoning lot merger procedure established in the Zoning Resolution. The proposed subdivision will facilitate the transfer of a vacant portion of the original zoning lot, and the appurtenant development rights, to a contiguous parcel proposed to be developed with an as of right building, along with the current and/or future transfer of additional development rights appurtenant to the improved portion of the premises. The request to utilize unused rights is based on the rezoning (upzoning) of the property originally subject to the variance under Cal. No. 132-04-BZ, resulting in the creation of excess land and development rights no longer required to maintain the bulk of the building previously approved by the Board. Absent the presence of the existing non-conforming commercial use previously approved by the BSA (currently a UG 6bank), the proposed subdivision and transfer of development rights would be as of right.

Existing Condition and History of the Premises:

The Premises consist of an irregularly shaped triangular lot, on the southeast corner of the intersection of East Houston Street and Avenue B. It is currently improved with a seven-story mixed use residential, community facility and commercial building, previously approved by the

¹ Lot 4 contains a condominium building, with individual condominium tax lot numbers, condo 1702)

Board, situate on a 7,975 sq. ft. zoning lot^2 , identified on the NYC Tax Maps as Block 384, Lots 4 and 40.³

On November 9, 2004, your Board granted a variance pursuant to ZR §72-21 to permit "within an R7-2 zoning district, commercial use on the ground floor of a proposed six-story, mixed use development at the premises, contrary to ZR § 32-15." Records in connection with the original approval indicated that the Premises were previously developed as a legally non-conforming gasoline service station. In granting the existing variance the Board determined that the irregular configuration of the lot created practical difficulties and unnecessary hardship in developing the Premises in conformity with the R7-2 district regulations existing at the time. The approved building included non-conforming commercial use on the first floor, limited to Use Group 6 commercial uses (excluding eating or drinking establishments), community facility space on the second floor and 29 dwelling units on the 3 through 6 and penthouse floors.

The relief was limited to the non-conforming commercial use, and in all other respects the proposed building conformed and complied with the underlying district regulations. The overall development complied with the underlying R7-2 floor area regulations, consisting of an FAR of 4.05 (2.85 residential FAR⁴, 0.7 community facility FAR and 0.5 commercial FAR. The total floor area of 32,040 sq. ft. was substantially less than the maximum permitted FAR of 6.5 (for a community facility or mixed-use building).

Following the BSA approval, the approved building was constructed and final Certificate of Occupancy #103673473 was issued on January 12, 2010, indicating the following uses:

Cellar	Recreation Area
Cellar	Accessory Storage
Cellar	Mechanical Room
1 st	Residential Lobby
1 st	Retail Store(s)
2^{nd}	Community Facility, Class Rooms, Acc. Office
2^{nd}	Mechanical Room
2^{nd}	Recreation Area
3 rd	Six (6) apartments
4 th	Six (6) apartments
5 th	Five (5) apartments
6 th	Five (5) apartments
Roof	Mechanical Room
Penthouse	One (1) apartment

² Please note that the lot area is indicated as 7,860 sq. ft. in the BSA resolution and 7,901 sq. ft. in the zoning computations previously submitted to the BSA, however, a recent survey which is included herein indicates a total lot area of 7,975 sq. ft. (Lot 4 - 7502 sq. ft. and Lot 40 - 473 sq. ft.)

³ The Premises was known as Lot 4 when approved by the BSA, however it was subsequently subdivided into tax lots 4 and 40, and, as noted, lot 4 was thereafter converted to condominium lots).

⁴ The zoning computation sheet approved by the BSA erroneously indicated the residential FAR as 3.05, and not the 2.85 actual figure, however the total of 4.05 indicated on the form is correct. If based on the actual zoning lot area of 7,975, the FARs were: Residential 2.82, Community Facility - .70 (no change), and Commercial 0.5 (no change), total 4.02 (4.05 total indicated on original computation sheet).

The current total of 23 apartments was the result of the combination of some of the apartments originally approved by the Board from into single units.

On November 19, 2008, the Premises was rezoned to R8A pursuant to the East Village/Lower East Side Rezoning: ULURP No.: C080397(A)ZMM and N080398(A)ZRM. The actions included mapping of the subject property within an Inclusionary Housing Designated Area (Manhattan CD #3, Map 1, Appendix F to the Zoning Resolution). This resulted in maintenance of the overall maximum permitted FAR of 6.5 for a building including community facility uses, but increased the permitted residential FAR to 5.40 (7.20 with inclusionary housing). The result of the zoning change is that the existing building is that the existing building is substantially underdeveloped with respect to the permitted residential FAR and overall bulk. As a result of the variance, the first floor was occupied with a non-conforming commercial use (secured by a long-term lease) leaving the owner unable to modify the existing building in accordance with the new zoning.

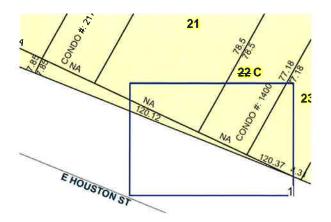
On April 9, 2014, your Board issued a Letter of Substantial Compliance approving the following changes:

- 1. 463 square feet of new floor area for storage on the ground floor
- 2. 340 square feet of new floor area on the eighth floor
- 3. Conversion of 4,450 square feet of community facility floor area to residential floor area on the second floor.

Of the above approved changes, only the creation of 463 sq. ft. of storage space on the ground floor proceeded, and as noted in the current C of O, the second floor remains approved for community facility use. The addition to the eighth floor was never constructed.

Discussion and Requested Action by the Board:

Following approval of the original BSA variance, the owner of the property subdivided original Lot 4 into two separate tax lots, Lots 4 and 40, lot 40 consisting of the small, undeveloped triangular lot at the east side of the site. Lot 40 has a width of 7.85 ft. at its widest point on its west side, tapering to 0' in width, 120.12 feet to the east. (please see enlarged image of Lot 40 from the current Tax Map below and survey of the site included as part of the application materials).



As noted, the proposed amendment is requested in order to permit the separation of Lot 40 from the previously approved zoning variance, which would include the ability to utilize the development rights appurtenant to that lot, for development on another site. It is currently anticipated that Lot 40 will be merged with Block 384, Lot 21 as part of development of a new building on Lot 21, utilizing the frontage and development rights of Lot 40. Based on the lot area of Lot 40 (473 sq. ft.), the current R8A district regulations with an FAR of 5.4/7.20 would produce 2,554.2/3,405.6 (inclusionary) sq. ft. of usable development rights. The remaining portion of Premises (Lot 4) will consist of 7,502 sq. ft., permitting a total of 48,763 sq. ft. of developable floor area (6.5 FAR) as opposed to the 34,002 sq. ft. (4.53 FAR) of existing floor area. When considered as a separate lot the residential floor area on lot 4, 25,730 sq. ft. (3.43 FAR) is substantially less than the 40,510 sq. ft. (5.40 FAR) permitted for a non-inclusionary housing building. It is additionally requested that the Board determine that the currently unused floor area development rights attributable to Lot 4, be available for transfer to qualifying zoning lots as well. In computing the rights available for future transfer, the existing commercial floor area (3,822 sq. ft.) would be subtracted from the permitted floor area attributable to the Premises.

The instant facts are substantially different than those considered by Board and the courts in *Bella Vista v. Bennett*, 89 N.Y.2d 565 (1997), in that the variance originally granted by the BSA in this instance involved the conversion of only a small amount of the permitted floor area from permitted residential use to non-conforming commercial use, so that the maximum permitted residential development was not a controlling issue, as opposed to feasible use of the first floor of the proposed building. The transfer of the excess rights does not in any way undermine the factors considered by the BSA in granting the original application, but are rather the result of an intervening upzoning that resulted in the creation of additional rights, that if available at the time, would arguably have been permitted by the BSA to be incorporated into the approved building (if feasible). In addition, in granting the original application, the Board found that the unique configuration of the Premises, limited the ability to construct additional residential floor area on the site due to setback requirements, and limited the commercial floor area to less than 4,000 sq. ft.

The proposed changes are consistent with the R8A zoning district regulations currently applicable to the site, and do not impact the nature of the relief previously granted by this Board (the commercial floor area will be subtracted from the total available bulk available for transfer). As discussed above, residential bulk waivers were not sought and as demonstrated in the

enclosed zoning computations, the remaining building and lot will comply with all applicable bulk regulations within the current R8A zoning district.

Respectfully submitted, Frio Palatnik, Esq.



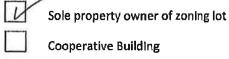
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AFFIDAVIT OF OWNERSHIP AND AUTHORIZATION

Affidavit of Ownership

Yaco East Housin LLC/c/o Adam, being duly sworn, deposes and says that (s) he resides
at 275 Mad ison A, in the City of NY in the County of NY in the
State of NY ; that Paco East Housin is the owner in fee of all that certain
lot, piece or parcel of land located in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York
and known and designated as Block 384 , Lot(s) 7503 . Street and House Number
310 East Houston Street and that the statement of facts in the annexed application are true.

Check one of the following conditions:



Cooperative Building

Condominium Building

Zoning lot contains more than one tax lot and property owner

Owner's Authorization

The owner Identified above hereby authorizes Eric Palatnik

to make the annexed application in her/his behalf.

Signature of Owner

Print Title

Print Name

10 day Sworn to before me this

Of

ROBIN GONZALEZ Notary Public, State of New York No. 01GO6097433 Qualified in Kings County My Commission Expires 08/18/2019

Revised March 8, 2012



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MANHATTAN (1) BRONX (2) 280 BROADWAY 3RD FLOOR 1932 ARTHUR AVENUE New York, NY 10007

BRONX, NY 10457

BROOKLYN (3) 210 JORALEMON STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11201

QUEENS (4) 120-55 OLIFENS BLVD QUEENS, NY 11424

STATEN ISLAND (5) BORO HALL- ST. GEORGE STATEN ISLAND, NY 10301

Notice of Objections

Applicant: Christopher Tartaglia High Point Engineering 521 Conklin St Farmingdale, N.Y. 11735

Date: 01/20/2017 Job Application #: 122910449 **Application type: A1 Premises Address: 1 Avenue B Zoning District: R8A**

Block: 384 Lot: 7503 Doc(s):

NYC Department of Buildings Examiner: Roseanne Di Maio R.A.

Jobs of limited scope: Alt. 2, Alt. 3, D14, SG, Subdivision, Etc, must reach approval in two appointments or the applicant must meet with the Chief Plan Examiner to determine how to move the job to completion. Larger jobs: NB and Alt. 1 projects must reach approval in 5 appointments or the applicant must meet with the Chief Plan Examiner to determine how to move the job to completion.

To discuss and resolve these objections "Please call 311 and request a manual appointment to address these objections " with the Plan Examiner listed above. You will need the application number and document number found at the top of this objection sheet. To make the best possible use of the Plan Examiner's and your time, please make sure you are prepared to discuss and resolve these objections before arriving for your scheduled plan examination appointment.

Obj. #	Doc #	Section of Code	Objections	Date Resolved	Comments
1,			BSA Denial		
			"Proposed subdivision and reduction in lot area of		
			development previously approved by the Board of		
			Standards and Appeals is contrary to BSA		
			resolution under Cal. No. 132-04-BZ and must be		
			referred back to the Board"	[[
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BOARD HISTORY

November 9, 2004

On November 9, 2004, the Board issued, under Calendar Number 132-04-BZ, a resolution to grant under Z.R. §72-21 a variance to permit, within an R7-2 zoning district, commercial use on the ground floor of a proposed six-story, mixed-use development at the premises, contrary to Z.R. § 32-15 on condition.

Board Condition	Compliance?
THAT the premises shall be maintained free	Superseded
of debris and graffiti	
THAT any graffiti located on the premises	Yes
shall be removed within 48 hours	
THAT the ground floor commercial space	Yes
shall not be occupied by an eating and drinking	
establishment or a bar	
THAT the above conditions shall be noted in	Superseded
the Certificate of Occupancy	
THAT all signage shall comply with	Yes
regulations applicable to a C1 zoning district	

April 9, 2014

On April 9, 2014, the Board approved the following changes by Letter of Substantial Compliance:

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Certificate of Occupancy

CO Number:

103673473F

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This certifies that the premises described herein conforms substantially to the approved plans and specifications and to the requirements of all applicable laws, rules and regulations for the uses and occupancies specified. No change of use or occupancy shall be made unless a new Certificate of Occupancy is issued. This document or a copy shall be available for inspection at the building at all reasonable times.

Α.	Borough: Manhattan Address: 310 EAST HOUSTON STREET Building Identification Number (BIN): 103	Block Number: Lot Number(s): 87568 Building Type:	4	Certificate Type: Effective Date:	Final 01/12/2010
	For zoning lot metes & bounds, please see	e BISWeb.			
В.	Construction classification:	1-C (1968 Code)		
	Building Occupancy Group classification:	J2 (1968 Code)		
	Multiple Dwelling Law Classification:	HAEA			
	No. of stories: 6	Height in feet: 70		No. of dwelling units	s: 23
C.	Fire Protection Equipment: None associated with this filing.				
D.	Type and number of open spaces: None associated with this filing.				
E.	This Certificate is issued with the followin Board of Standards and Appeals - Recording				
	Borough Comments: None				

Borough Commissioner

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All Build	Permissible Use and Occupancy All Building Code occupancy group designations are 1968 designations, except RES, COM, or PUB which are 1938 Building Code occupancy group designations.									
Floor From To	Maximum persons permitted	Live load Ibs per	Building Code occupancy group	Dwelling or Rooming Units	Zoning	Description of use				
CEL	30	OG	J-2		2	RECREATION AREA				
CEL		OG	B-2		2	ACCESSORY STORAGE				
CEL		OG	D-2		2	MECHANICAL ROOM.				
001		100	J-2		2	RESIDENTIAL LOBBY				
001	100	100	С		6	RETAIL STORE(S)				
002	72	50	E		4	COMMUNITY FACILITY, CLASS ROOMS, ACCESSORY OFFICE				
002			D-2		4	MECHANICAL ROOM				
002	15	50	J-2		2	RECREATION AREA				
003		40	J-2	6	2	SIX (6) APARTMENTS				
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005		40	J-2	5	2	FIVE (5) APARTMENTS				
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AVENUE B EAST HOUSTON STREET	1 - 7 310 - 310	Health Area Census Tract Community Board	: 7600 : 22.02 : 103	Tax Block Tax Lot Condo	: 384 : 7503 : YES
View DCP Addresses	Browse Block	Buildings on Lot	: 1	Vacant	: NO
View Zoning Documents	Zoning Documents View Challenge Results Pre - BIS		<u>PA</u>	View Certificate	es of Occupancy
Cross Street(s):	CLINTON STREET	EAST 2 STREET			
DOB Special Place Name:	1 AVE B & 310 E H	OUSTON ST ARE			
DOB Building Remarks:	1 BLDG-PER CP 4	09; BLOCK 384 LOT 7	503 (12/08	\$)	
Landmark Status:		Special Status:		N/A	
Local Law:	NO	Loft Law:		NO	
SRO Restricted:	NO	TA Restricted:		NO	
UB Restricted:	NO				
Environmental Restrictions:	: N/A	Grandfathered Sign:		NO	
Legal Adult Use:				NO	
Additional BINs for Building:	<u>1004566</u>	-			
Special District:	UNKNOWN			A	

This property is not located in an area that may be affected by Tidal Wetlands, Freshwater Wetlands, Coastal Erosion Hazard Area, or Special Flood Hazard Area. <u>Click here for more information</u>

Department of Finance Building Classification:

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Please Note: The Department of Finance's building classification information shows a building's tax status, which may not be the same as the legal use of the structure. To determine the legal use of a structure, research the records of the Department of Buildings,

		Total	Open	Elevator Records
<u>Complaints</u>		25	0	Electrical Applications
Violations-DOB		9	4	Permits In-Process / Issued
Violations-ECB (DOE	<u>n</u>	4	0	Illuminated Signs Annual Permits
Jobs/Filings	-	52		Plumbing Inspections
ARA / LAA Jobs		1		Open Plumbing Jobs / Work Types
Total Jobs		53		<u>Facades</u>
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DOB Violation Display for 033114EVCAT106653

Premises: 1 AVENU	E B MANHATTAN		BIN: <u>1087568</u>	Block: 384	Lot: 7503
Issue Date:	03/31/2014	Violation Category:	V - DOB VIOL	ATION - ACTIN	/E
Violation Type:	EVCAT1 - ELEVATOR ANNUAL INSPECTION / TEST				
Violation Number:	06653	Device No.:	<u>1P44443</u>		
ECB No.:					
Infraction Codes:					
Description:	VIOLATION ISSUED TO ELEVATOR-FAILURE TO F	ILE CATEGORY 1 201	2 INSPECTION/	FEST	
Disposition:					
Code:	Date:				
Inspector:					
Comments:					

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DOB Violation Display for 051514LBLVIO00013

Premises: 1 AVENU	E B MANHATTAN		BIN: 1087568 Block: 384 Lot: 7503
Issue Date:	05/15/2014	Violation Category:	V - DOB VIOLATION - ACTIVE
Violation Type:	LBLVIO - LOW PRESSURE BOILER		
Violation Number:	00013	Device No.:	00075708 - 01-RESIDENTIAL
ECB No.:			
Infraction Codes:			
Description:	VIOLATION ISSUED FOR FAILURE TO FILE	ANNUAL BOILER 2012 INSP	ECTION REPORT
Click here to view the	e Civil Penalty Chart.		
Disposition:			
Code:	Date:		
Inspector:			
Comments:			

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DOB Violation Display for 051514LBLVIO00014

Premises: 1 AVENU	E B MANHATTAN		BIN: 1087568 Block: 384 Lot: 7503
Issue Date:	05/15/2014	Violation Category:	V - DOB VIOLATION - ACTIVE
Violation Type:	LBLVIO - LOW PRESSURE BOILER		
Violation Number:	00014	Device No.:	00075708 - 02-RESIDENTIAL
ECB No.:			
Infraction Codes:			
Description:	VIOLATION ISSUED FOR FAILURE TO FILE ANN	UAL BOILER 2012 INSF	PECTION REPORT
Click here to view the	e Civil Penalty Chart.		
Disposition:			
Code:	Date:		
Inspector:			
Comments:			

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DOB Violation Display for 061015EVCAT103330

Premises: 1 AVENU	IE B MANHATTAN		BIN: <u>1087568</u>	Block: 384	Lot: 7503
Issue Date:	06/10/2015	Violation Category:	V - DOB VIOL	ATION - ACTIN	/E
Violation Type:	EVCAT1 - ELEVATOR ANNUAL INSPECTION / TEST				
Violation Number:	03330	Device No.:	<u>1P44443</u>		
ECB No.:					
Infraction Codes:					
Description:	VIOLATION ISSUED TO ELEVATOR-FAILURE TO F	FILE CATEGORY 1 201	4 INSPECTION/	TEST	
Disposition:					
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Street Ad	dress: 310	East Houston	Street
Block:	384	Lot(s):	4, 40

CERTIFICATION OF INSPECTION & COMPLIANCE

Eric Palatnik, Esq.

hereby states that I personally inspected the

(Applicant, Agent, Registered Architect or Registered Engineer)

January 17, 2017 premises and surrounding area on _ ____ In addition, I have

(Date of most recent inspection)

researched all relevant BSA records related to the premises, including BSA-approved plans and resolutions.

Each non-compliance with the terms, conditions and/or plans of the effective prior BSA grant is explained in

detail below. The specific date or time frame on which compliance will be restored, where possible to

ascertain, is listed.

Note: A request to eliminate any prior condition must be part of the relief sought in the application; such request should not be made on this form



I confirm that the premises is developed and operates in accordance with the currently effective BSA-approved plans and resolution, submitted with this application.

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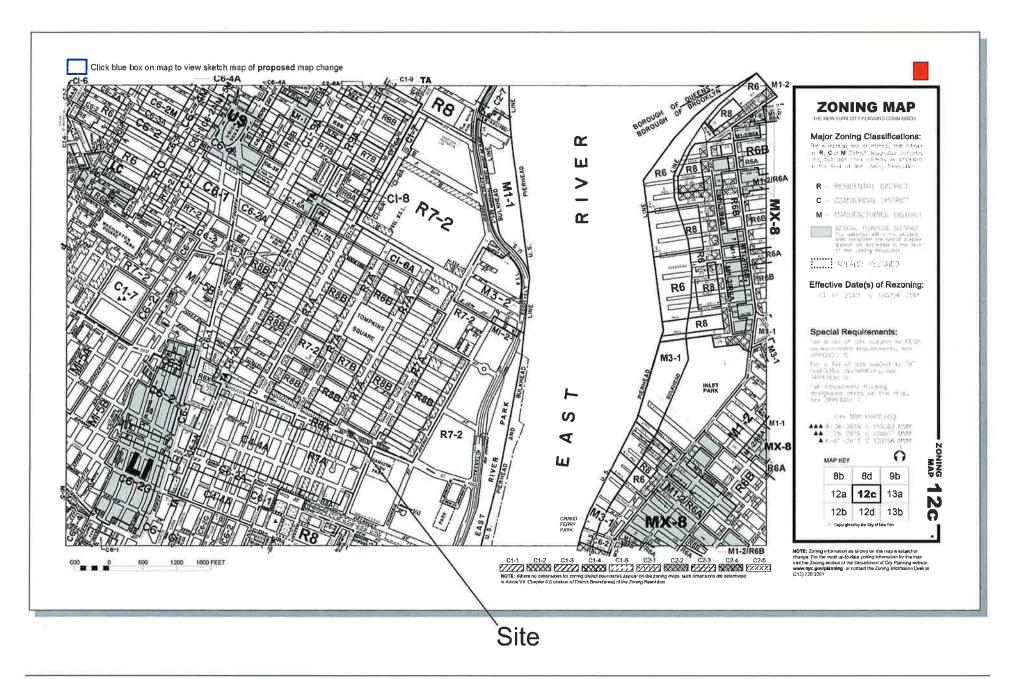
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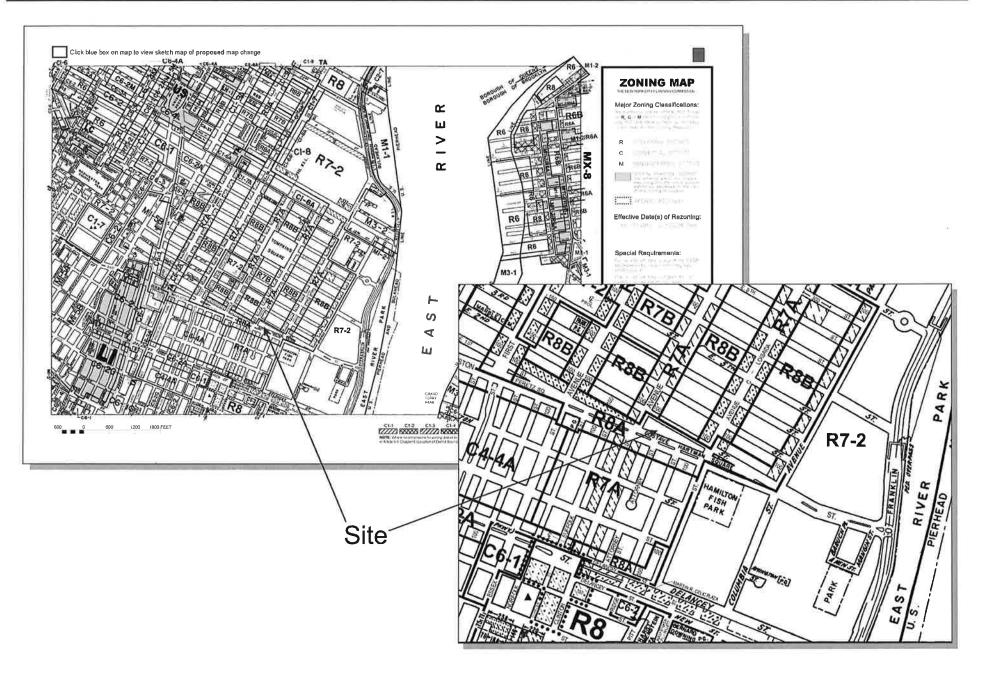


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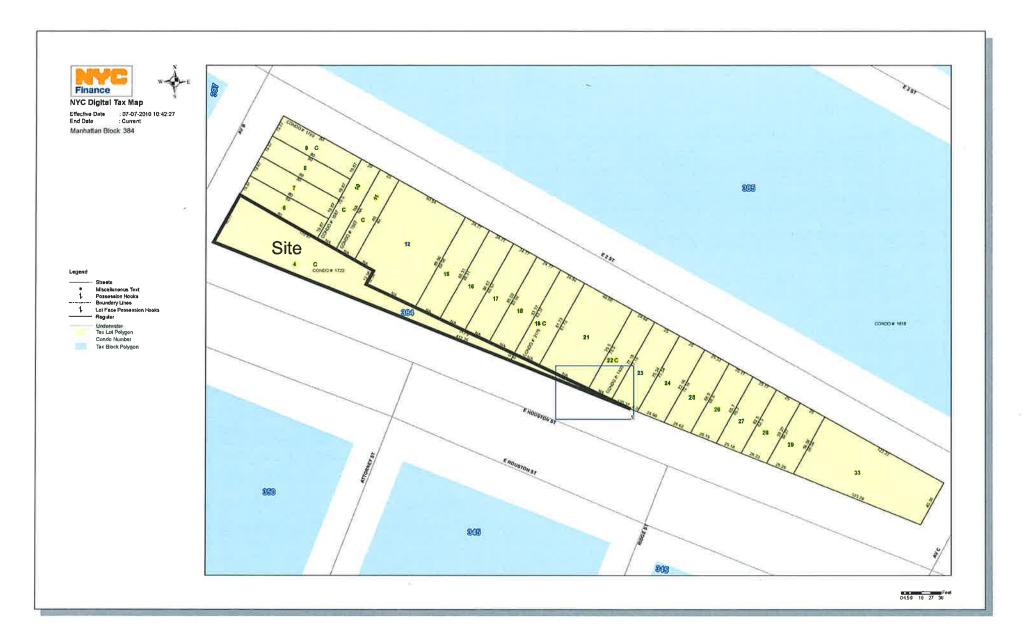
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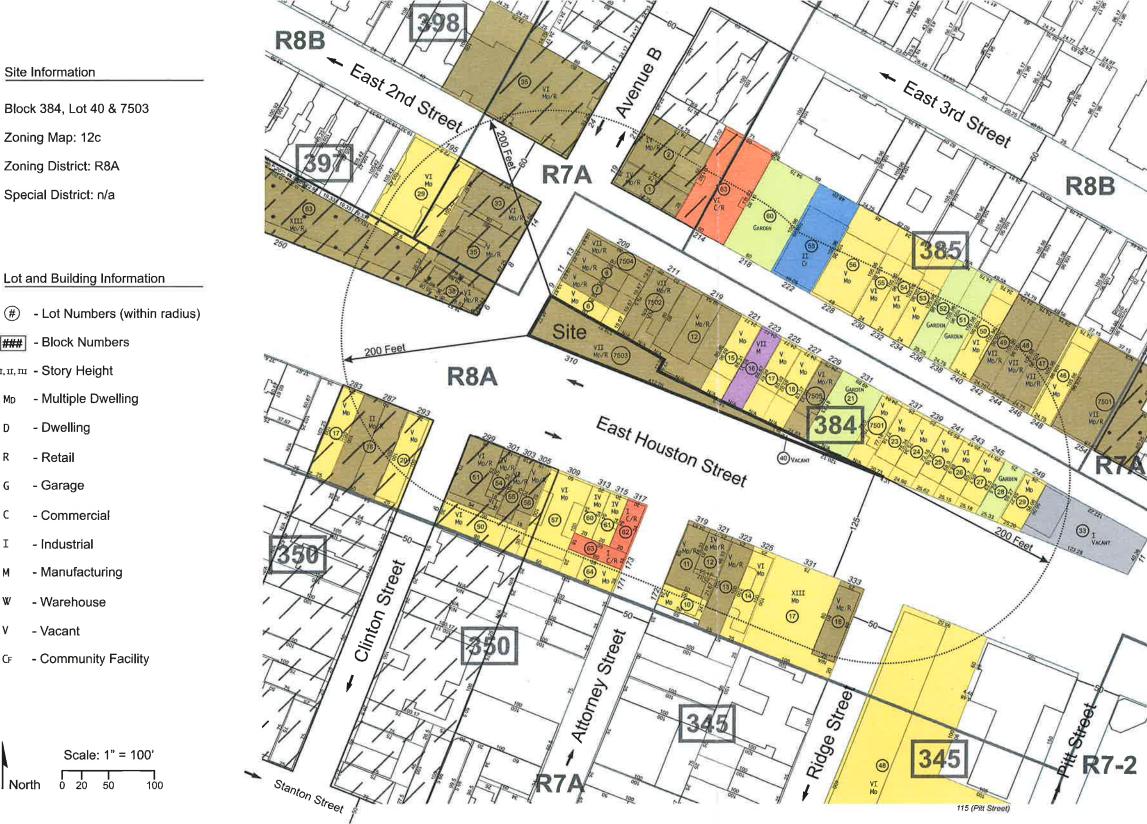
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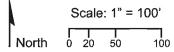
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Special District: n/a

Lot and Building Information

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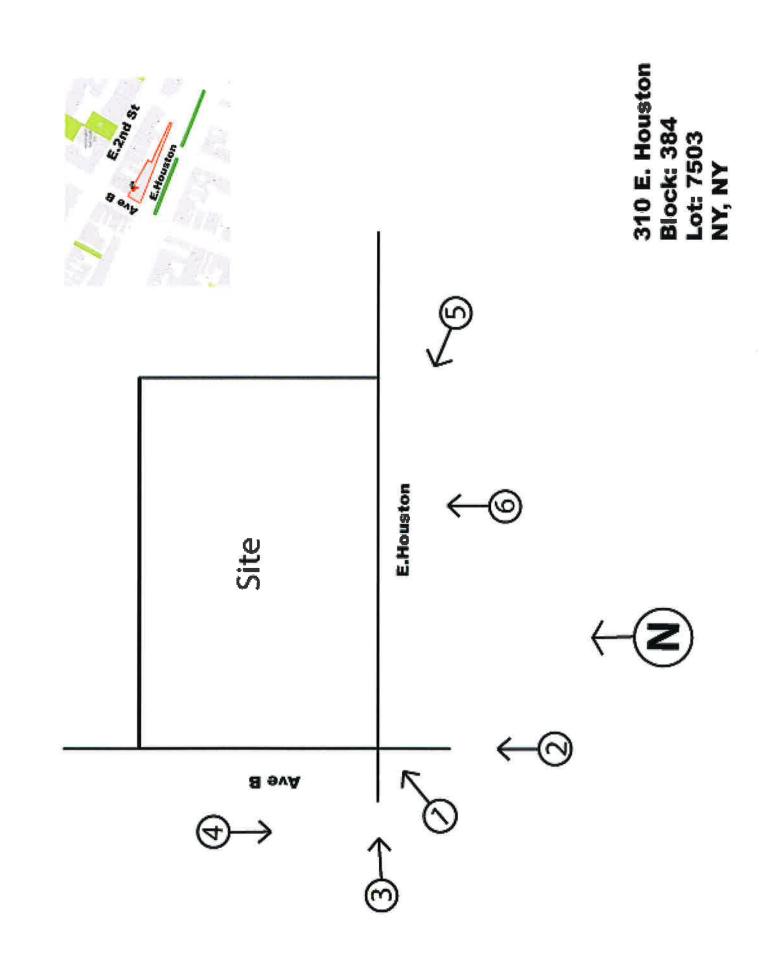
- One and Two-Family Homes
- Multiple Dwelling
- Commercial
- Mixed Use (Residential/Commercial)
- Manufacturing
- Open Space / Park Land
- Institutional / Community Facility
- Parking / Automotive
 - Vacant

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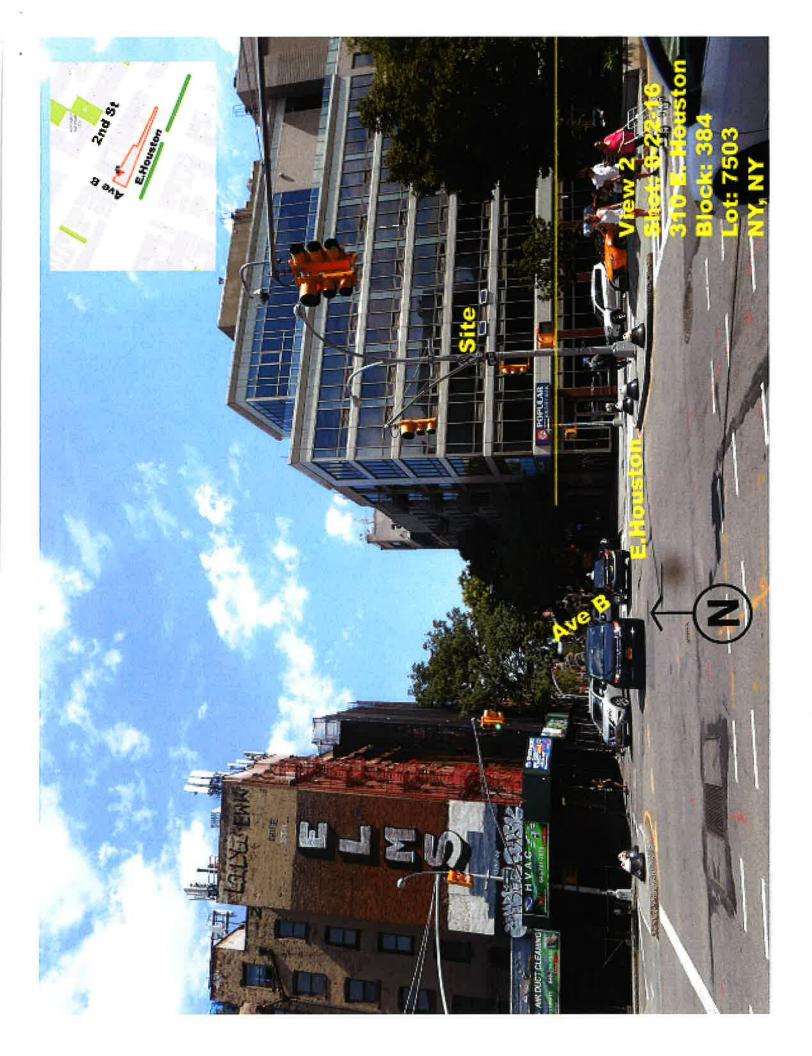
* In Applicable ZR Section column: For RESIDENTIAL developments in non-residential districts, indicate nearest R district, e.,g., R4/23-141, and contrast compliance. For COMMERCIAL or MANUFACTURING developments in residential districts, contrast proposed bulk and area elements to current R district requirements, except for parking and loading requirements (contrast to nearest district where use is permitted). For COMMUNITY FACILITY uses in districts where not permitted, contrast to nearest district where permitted. For all applications, attach zoning map and highlight subject site. Be sure that all items noted in the DOB Denial/Objection are included. NOTES: * Assumes Inclusionary Housing Standards

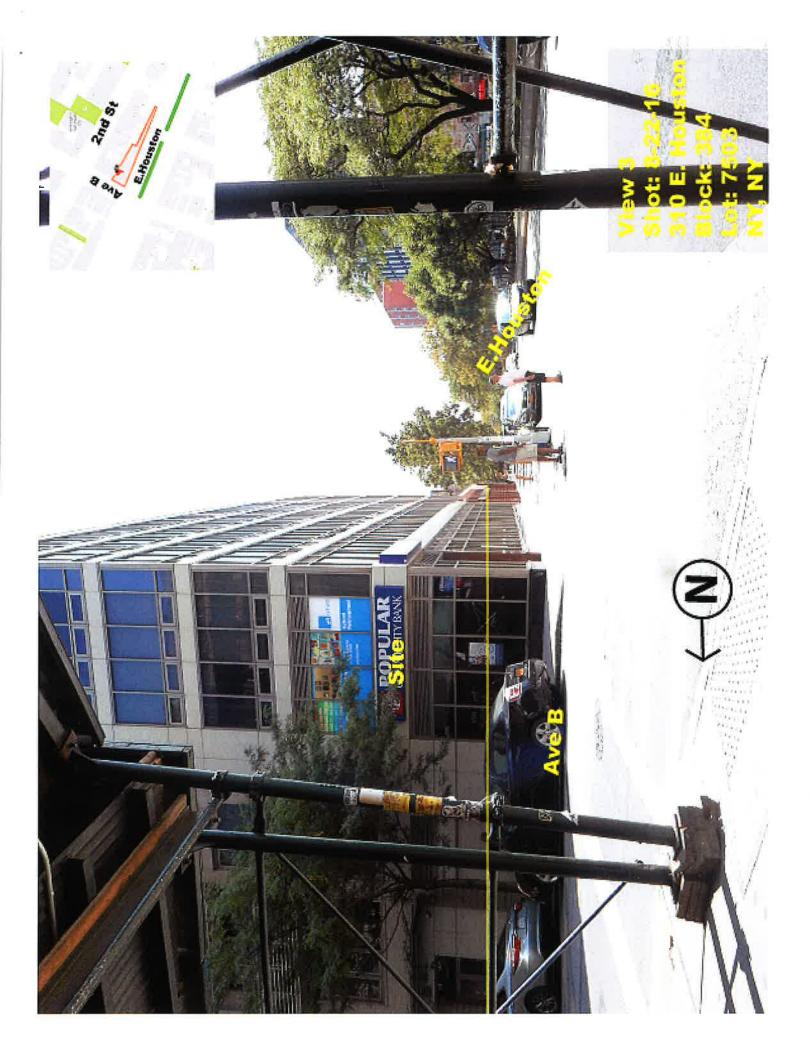
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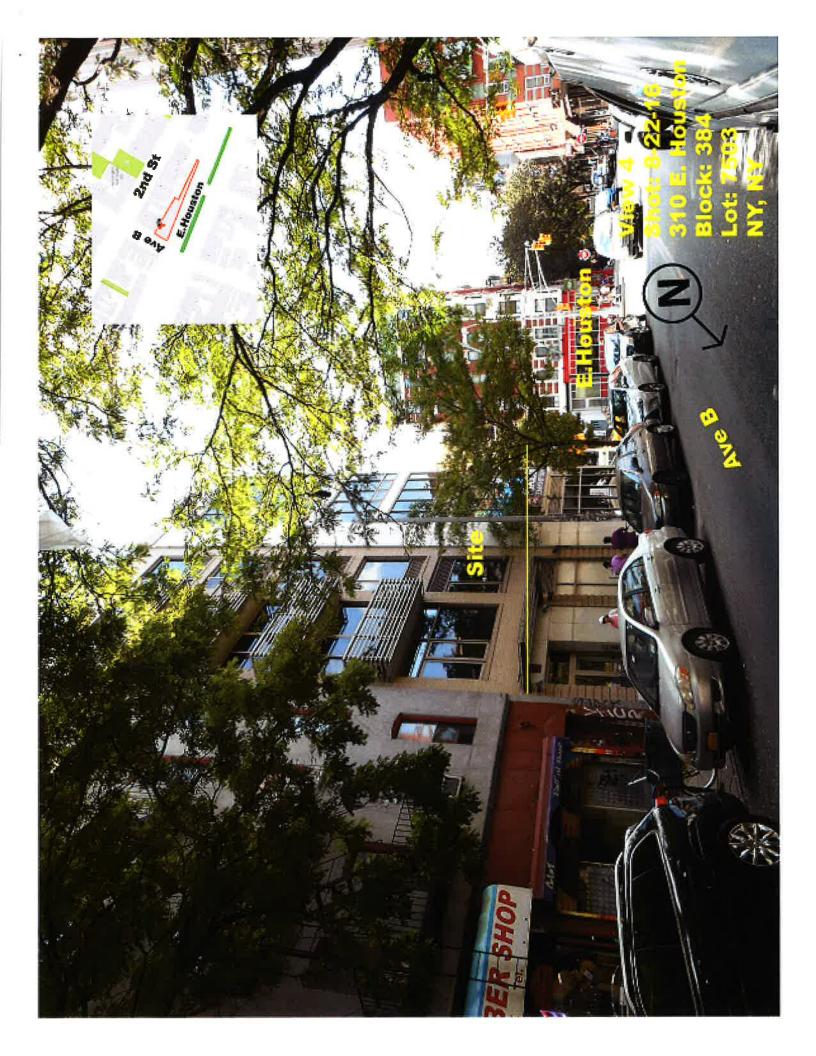
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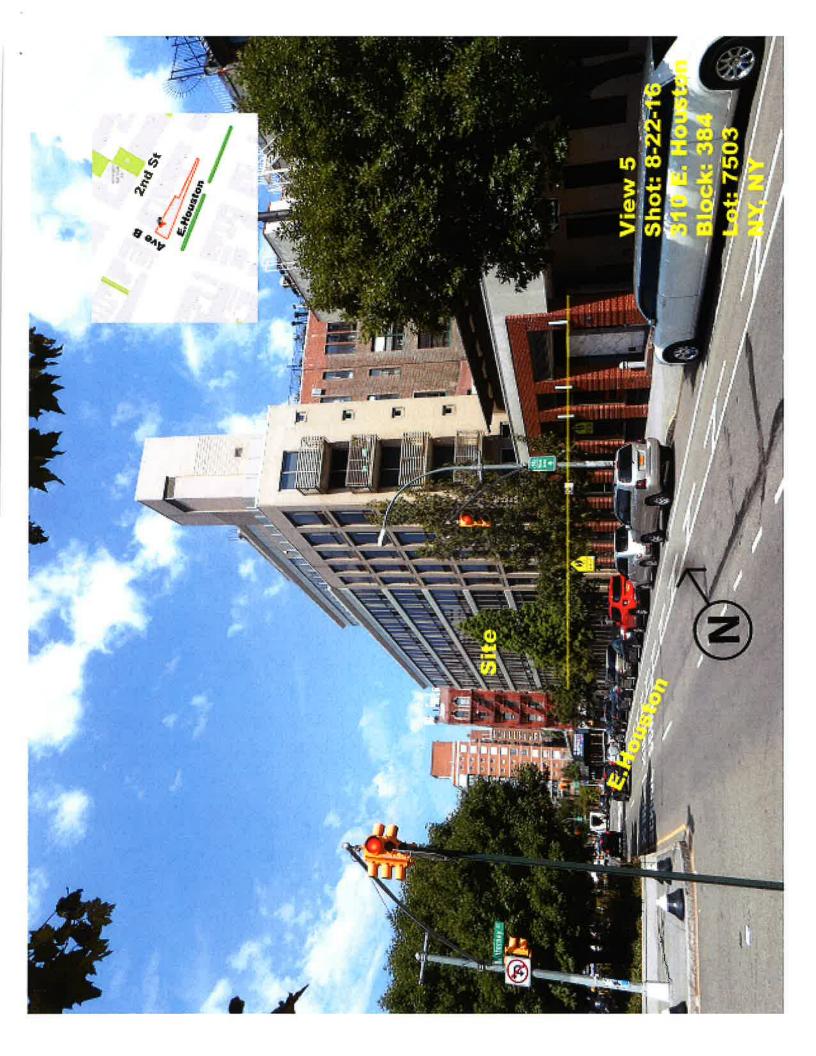














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CEQR #04-BSA-144M

APPLICANT - Eric Palatnik, P.C. of Counsel to Charles Foy, Esq., for Malu Properties, Inc., owner.

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SUBJECT - Application March 15, 2004 - under Z.R.

§72-21 to permit within an R7-2 zoning district, commercial use on the ground floor of a proposed six-story, mixed-use development at the premises, contrary to Z.R. § 32-15.

PREMISES AFFECTED - 310 East Houston Street, southeast corner of Avenue "P", Block 384, Lot 4, Borough of Manhattan.

COMMUNITY BOARD #3M

APPEARANCES - None.

ACTION OF THE BOARD - Application granted on condition,

THE VOTE TO GRANT -

Affirmative: Chair Srinivasan, Vice-Chair Babbar, Commissioner Miele and Commissioner Caliendo....4 Negative:.....0 Absent: Commissioner Chin......1 THE RESOLUTION -

WHEREAS, the decision of the Borough Commissioner, dated February 23, 2004, acting on Department of Buildings Application No. 103673473, reads:

"Proposed retail store (UG6) is not permitted as of right in R7-2 district and it is contrary to ZR 32-15"; and

WHERBAS, a public hearing was held on this application on September 28, 2004 after due publication in *The City Record*, and then to decision on November 9, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the premises and surrounding area had a site and neighborhood examination by a committee of the Board, consisting of Chair Srinivasan and Vice-Chair Babbar; and

WHEREAS, this is an application under Z.R. §72-21, to permit, within an R7-2 zoning district, commercial use on the ground floor of a proposed six-story, mixed-use development at the premises, contrary to Z.R. §32-15; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 3, Manhattan recommended approval of this application; and

WHEREAS, the premises is a triangular shaped zoning lot located at the southeast corner of East Houston Street and Avenue B, and has a total lot area of 7,860 sq. ft.; and

WHEREAS, the lot is currently improved upon with an existing automotive service station (Use Group 16); and

WHEREAS, the proposal contemplates a sixstory plus penthouse, mixed-use building containing storage at the cellar level, commercial use of 3,992sq. ft on the ground floor, community facility space of 5,558 sq. ft. at the second floor, and residential space of 22,490 sq. ft. and 29 dwelling units on floors 3 thorough 6 and the penthouse; and

WHEREAS, the applicant states that the following are unique physical conditions, which

create practical difficulties and unnecessary hardship in developing the subject lot in conformity with underlying district regulations: (1) the subject lot is oddly configured and contains an irregular triangular shape, which at various points is shallow and narrow in depth; (2) the site has a history of non-conforming development; and (3) there is underground environmental contamination at the site; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the aforementioned unique physical conditions, when considered in the aggregate, create unnecessary hardship and practical difficulties in developing the site in conformity with the current zoning; and

WHEREAS, the applicant submitted a feasibility study showing that an as-of-right residential scenario resulted in an unreasonable rate of return; and

WHEREAS, at the Board's request, the applicant explained why a full build-out Quality Housing scenario at 4.0 FAR or a full build-out mixed-use community facility/residential building would not work, stating that the building would have to rise higher, and thereby trigger setback requirements that would result in smaller, inefficient, and less viable floor plates, with rent insufficient to offset the increased construction costs; and

WHEREAS, the applicant also explained why residential use was not feasible at the first floor, stating that ground floor residential does not generate revenue sufficient to offset construction costs, whereas ground floor commercial would; and

WHEREAS, the Board reviewed the study, as well as the additional explanations, and finds them credible and sufficient; and

WHEREAS, therefore, the Board has determined that because of the subject lot's unique physical conditions, there is no reasonable possibility that development in strict conformity with zoning will provide a reasonable return; and

WHEREAS, the applicant represents that the proposed variance will not affect the character of the neighborhood and is compatible with the mixed-use commercial and residential uses in the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the applicant states that numerous buildings located on Avenue B, East Houston Street and Second Avenue contain ground floor commercial use and residential use on the higher floors, similar to the proposed building; and

WHEREAS, the applicant further states that the proposed ground floor commercial use is more in keeping with the character of the surrounding area than the existing automotive service station; and

WHEREAS, the commercial space on the ground floor will be limited to 3992 square feet, and the space will be occupied only Use Group 6 uses, except for bars and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, therefore, the Board finds that this

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action will not alter the essential character of the surrounding neighborhood nor impair the use or development of adjacent properties, nor will it be detrimental to the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the hardship herein was not created by the owner or a predecessor in title; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that this proposal is the minimum necessary to afford the owner relief; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the evidence in the record supports the findings required to be made under Z.R. §72-21; and

WHEREAS, the project is classified as an Unlisted action pursuant to 6NYCRR, Part 617; and

WHEREAS, the Board has conducted an environmental review of the proposed action and has documented relevant information about the project in the Final Environmental Assessment Statement (EAS) CEQR No. 04-BSA-144M dated June 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the EAS documents that the project as proposed would not have significant adverse impacts on Land Use, Zoning, and Public Policy; Socioeconomic Conditions; Community Facilities and Services; Open Space; Shadows; Historic Resources; Urban Design and Visual Resources; Neighborhood Character; Natural Resources; Hazardous Materials; Waterfront Revitalization Program; Infrastructure; Solid Waste and Sanitation Services; Energy; Traffic and Parking; Transit and Pedestrians; Air Quality; Noise; Construction Impacts; and Public Health; and

WHEREAS, the applicant's environmental consultants have examined through various studies (the Phase II report dated September 1, 2000, the Project Status Report dated January 7, 2002, and the Hazardous Materials Update document dated May 24, 2004) the existing petroleum contamination in the groundwater due to prior gasoline spills at the site; and

WHEREAS, no other significant effects upon the environment that would require an Environmental Impact Statement are foreseeable; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

Therefore it is Resolved that the Board of Standards and Appeals issues a Negative Declaration prepared in accordance with Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Rules of Procedure for City Environmental Quality Review and Executive Order No. 91 of 1977, as amended and makes each and every one of the required findings under Z.R. §72-21 and grants a variance to permit, within an R7-2 zoning district, commercial use on the ground floor of a proposed six-story, mixed-use development at the premises, contrary to Z.R. § 32-15; on condition that any and all work shall substantially conform to drawings as they apply to the objections above noted, filed with this application marked "Received October 26, 2004"- (3) sheets; and on further condition;

THAT the premises shall be maintained free of debris and graffiti;

THAT any graffiti located on the premises shall be removed within 48 hours;

THAT the ground floor commercial space shall not be occupied by an eating and drinking establishment or a bar;

THAT the above conditions shall be noted in the Certificate of Occupancy;

THAT all signage shall comply with regulations applicable to a Cl zoning district;

THAT this approval is limited to the relief granted by the Board, in response to specifically cited and filed DOB/other jurisdiction objection(s) only;

THAT the approved plans shall be considered approved only for the portions related to the specific relief granted; and

THAT the Department of Buildings must ensure compliance with all other applicable provisions of the Zoning Resolution, the Administrative Code and any other relevant laws under its jurisdiction irrespective of plan(s) and/or configuration(s) not related to the relief granted.

Adopted by the Board of Standards and Appeals, November 9, 2004.

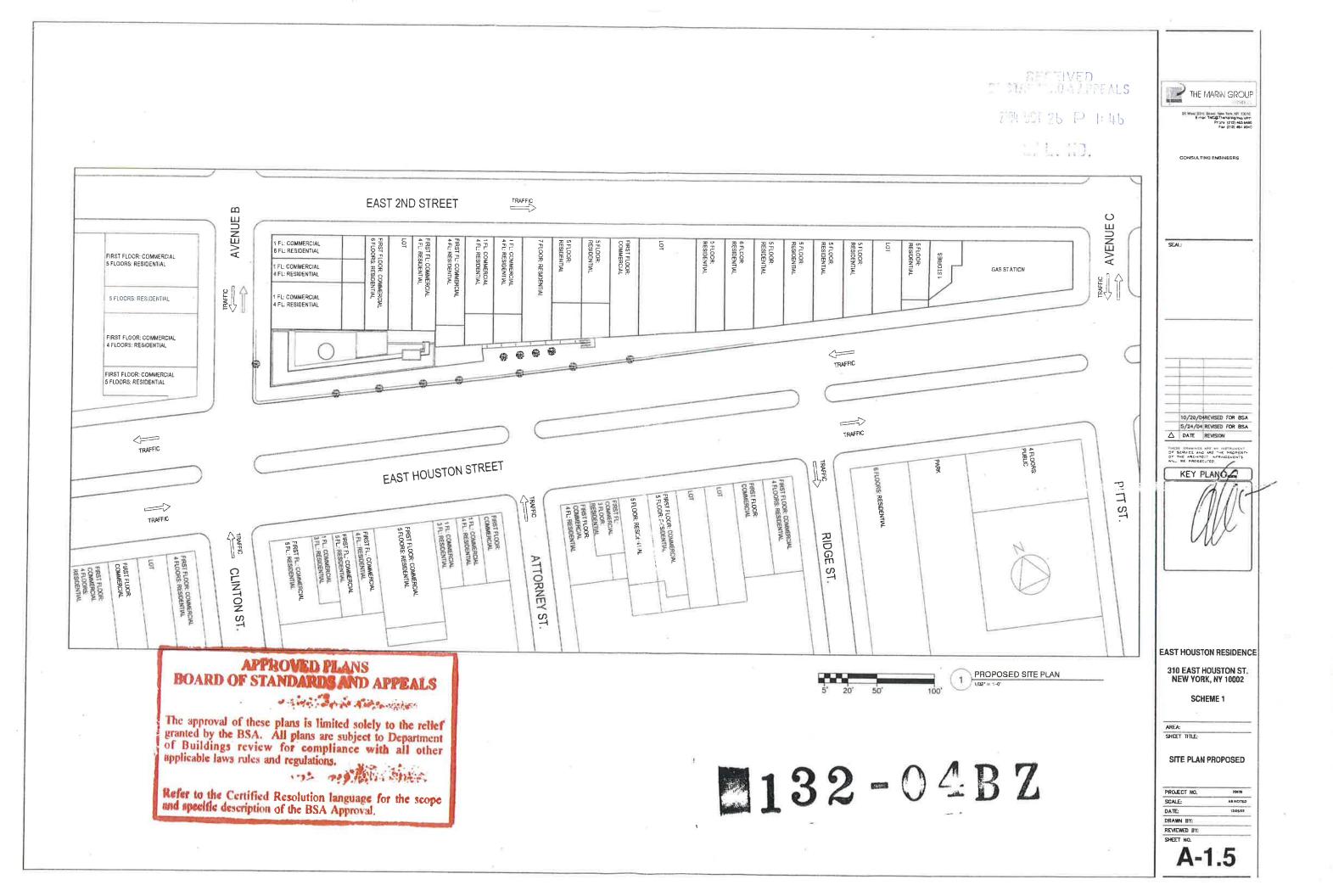
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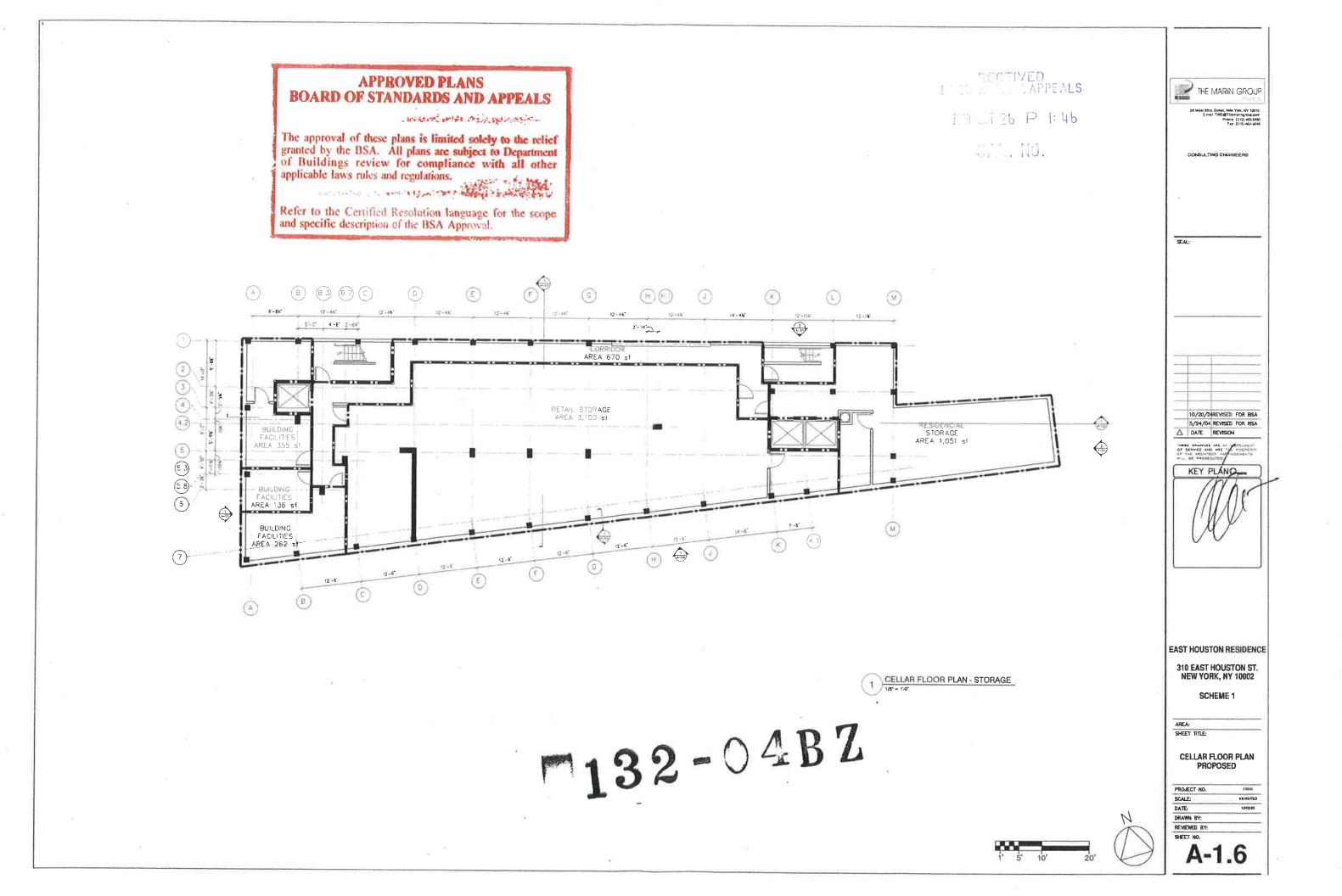
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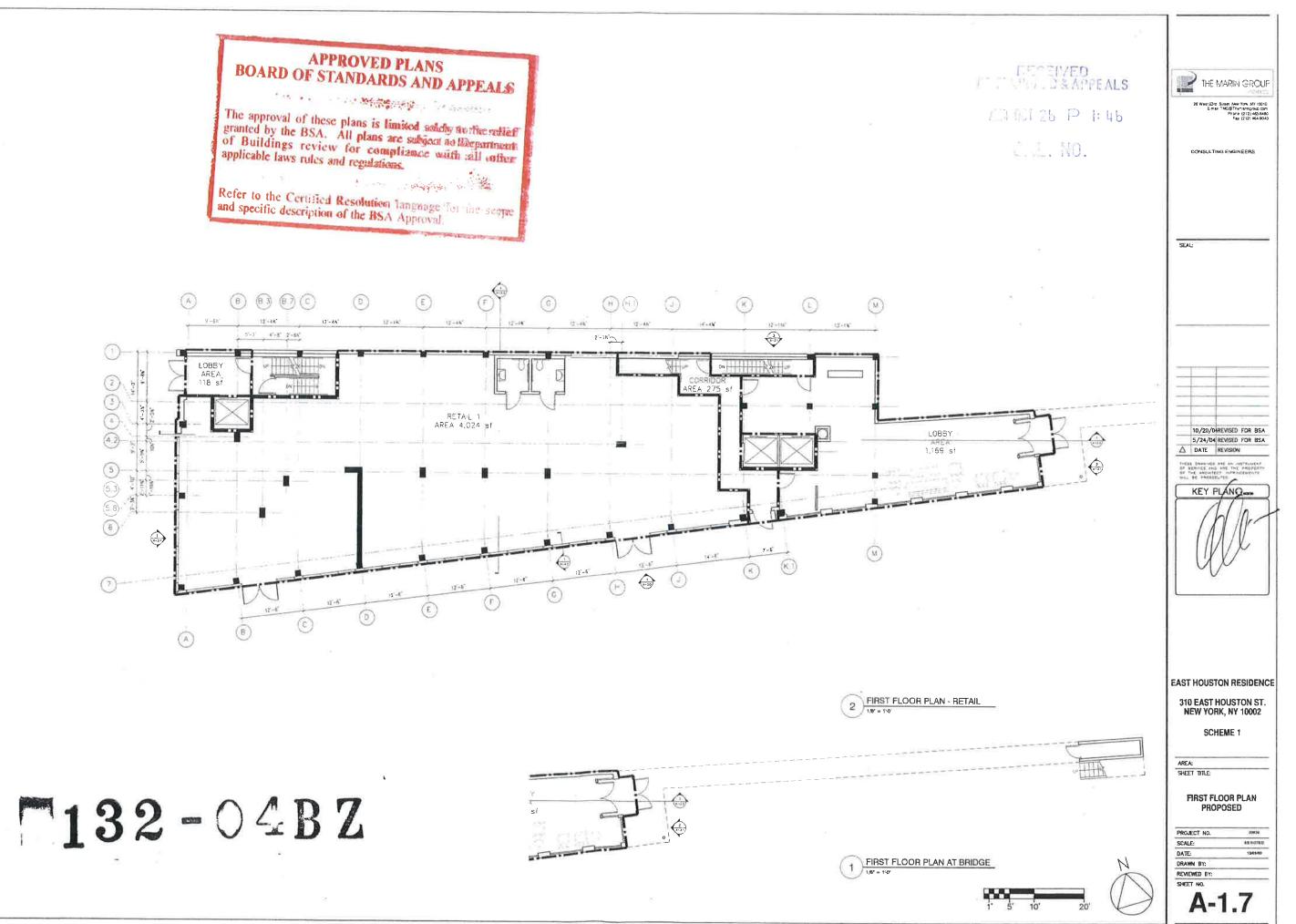
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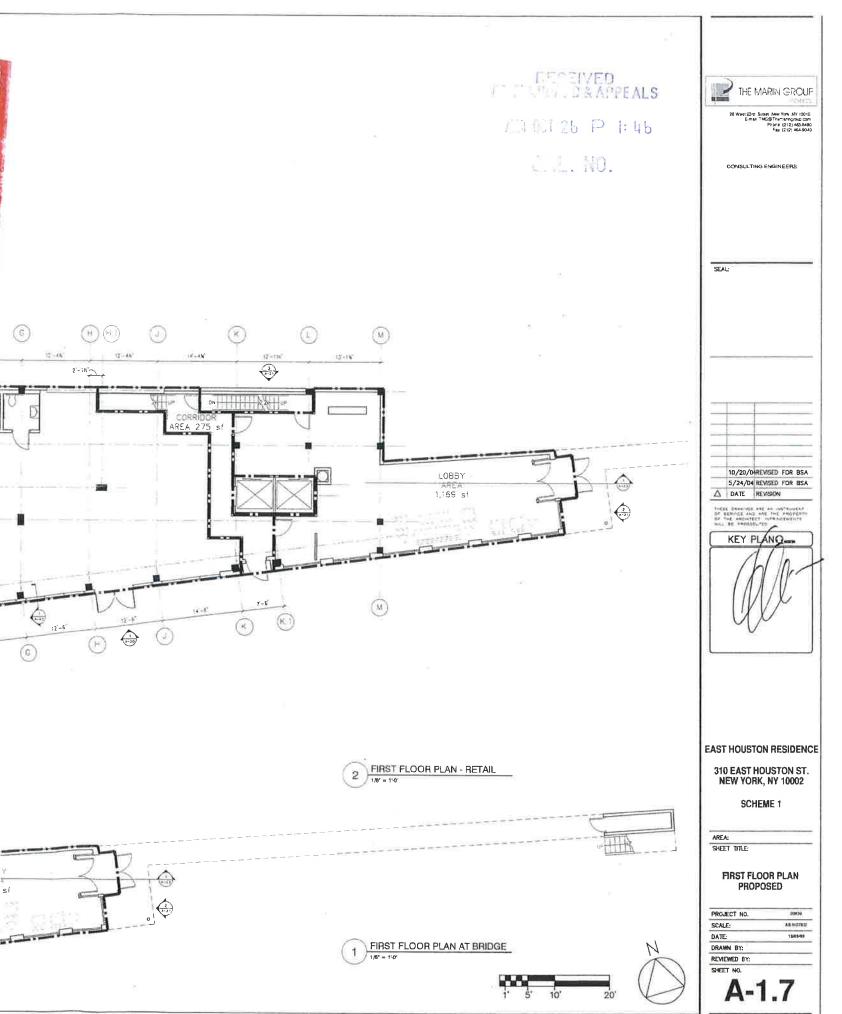
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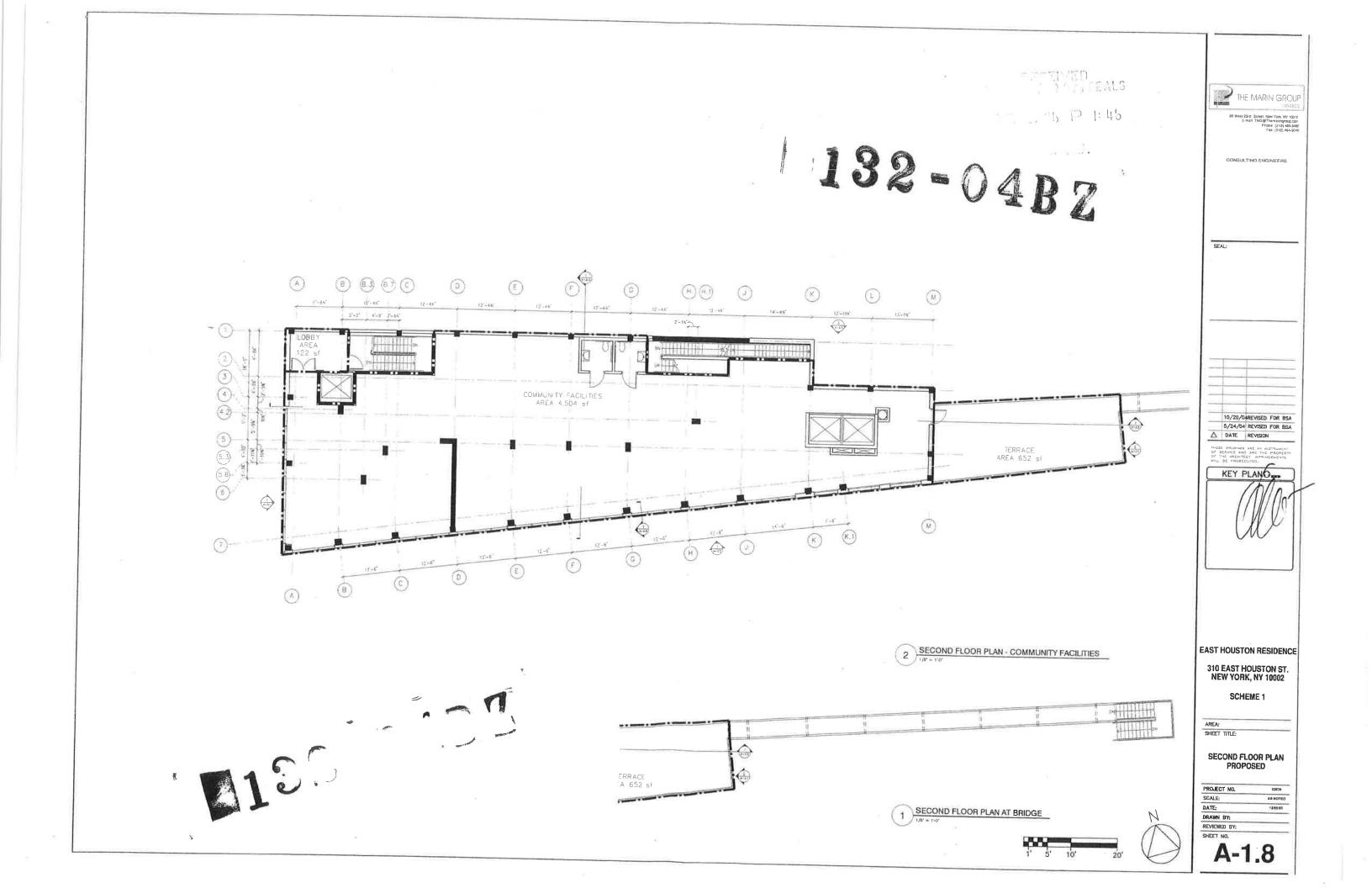
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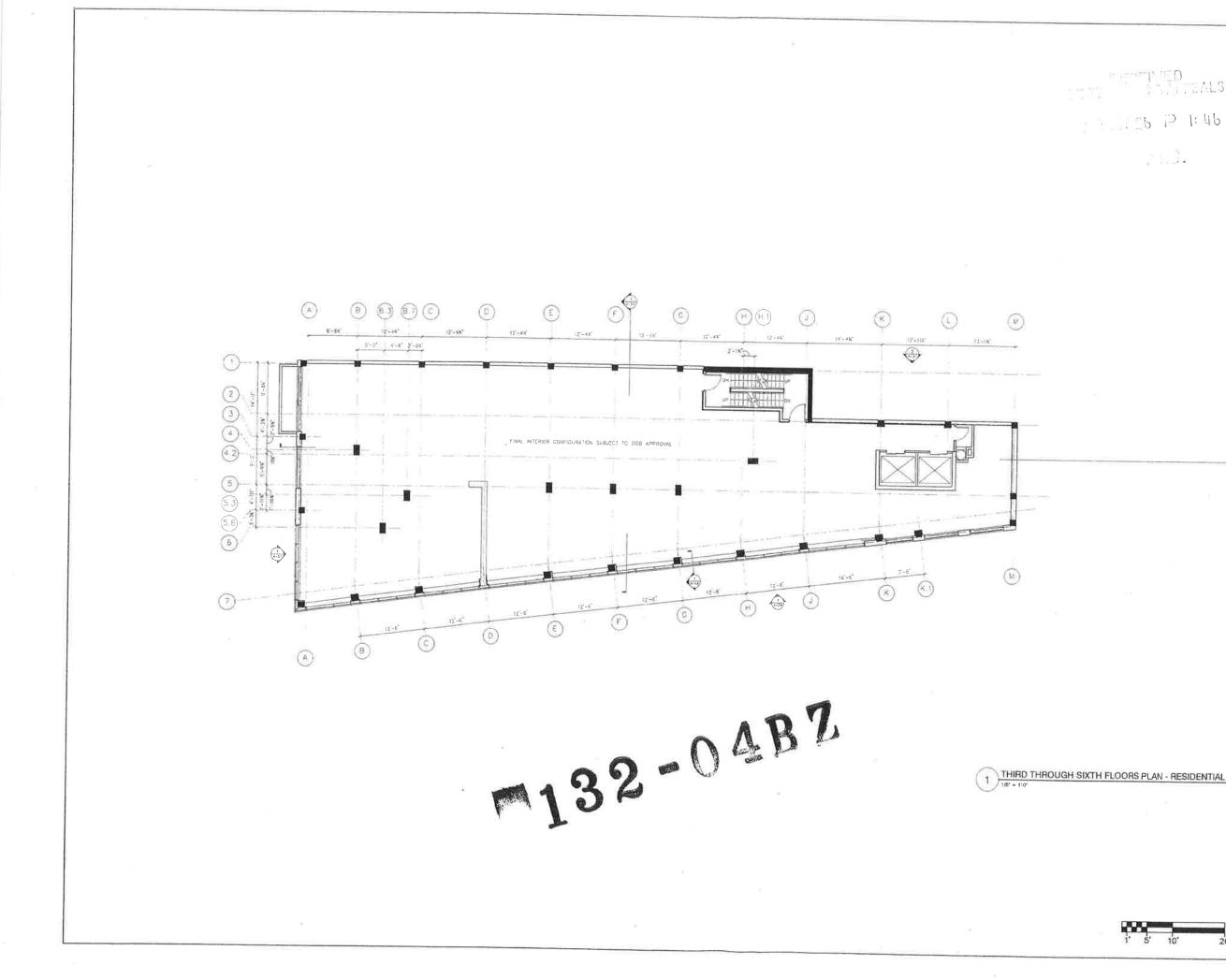




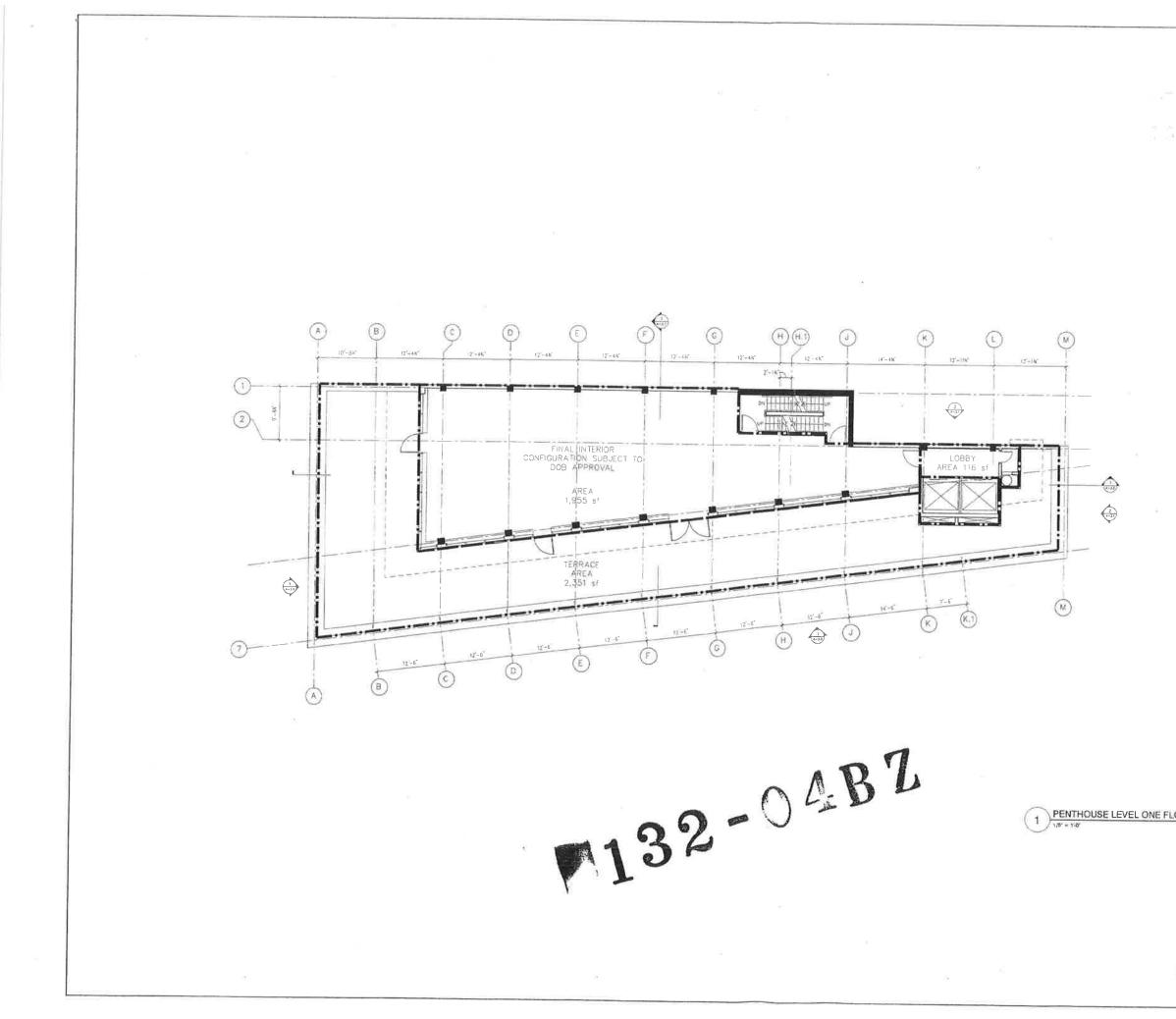




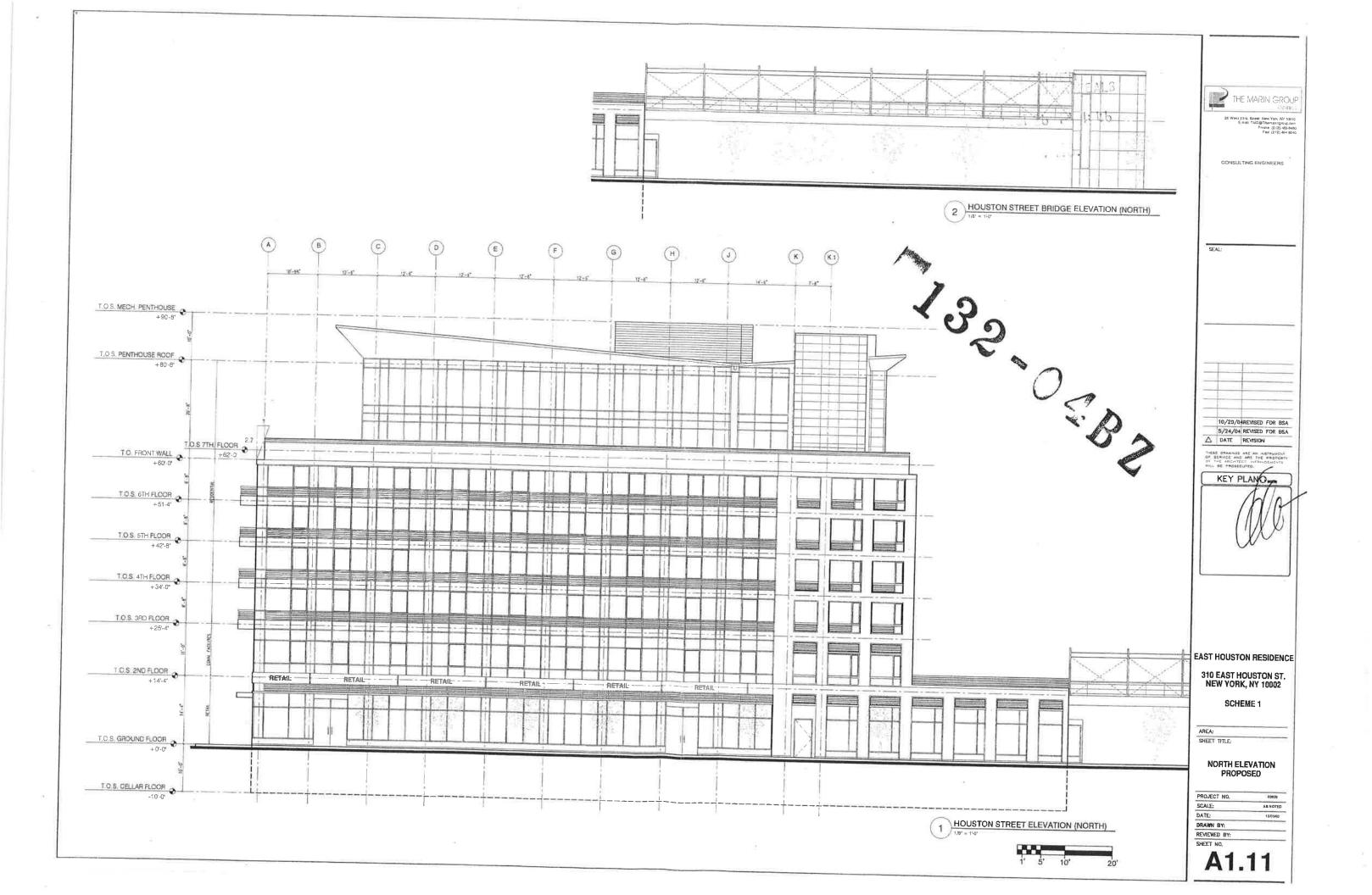


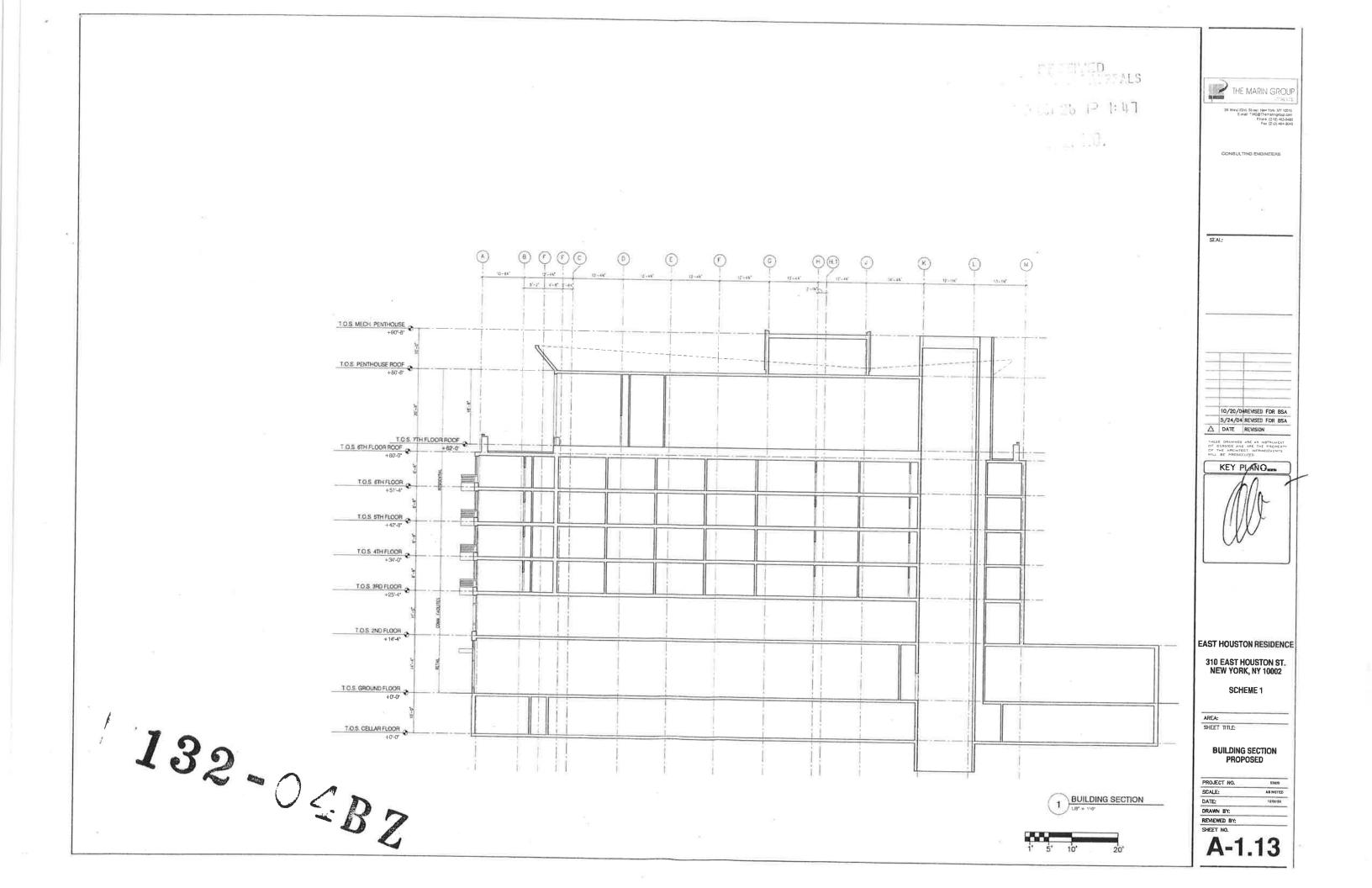


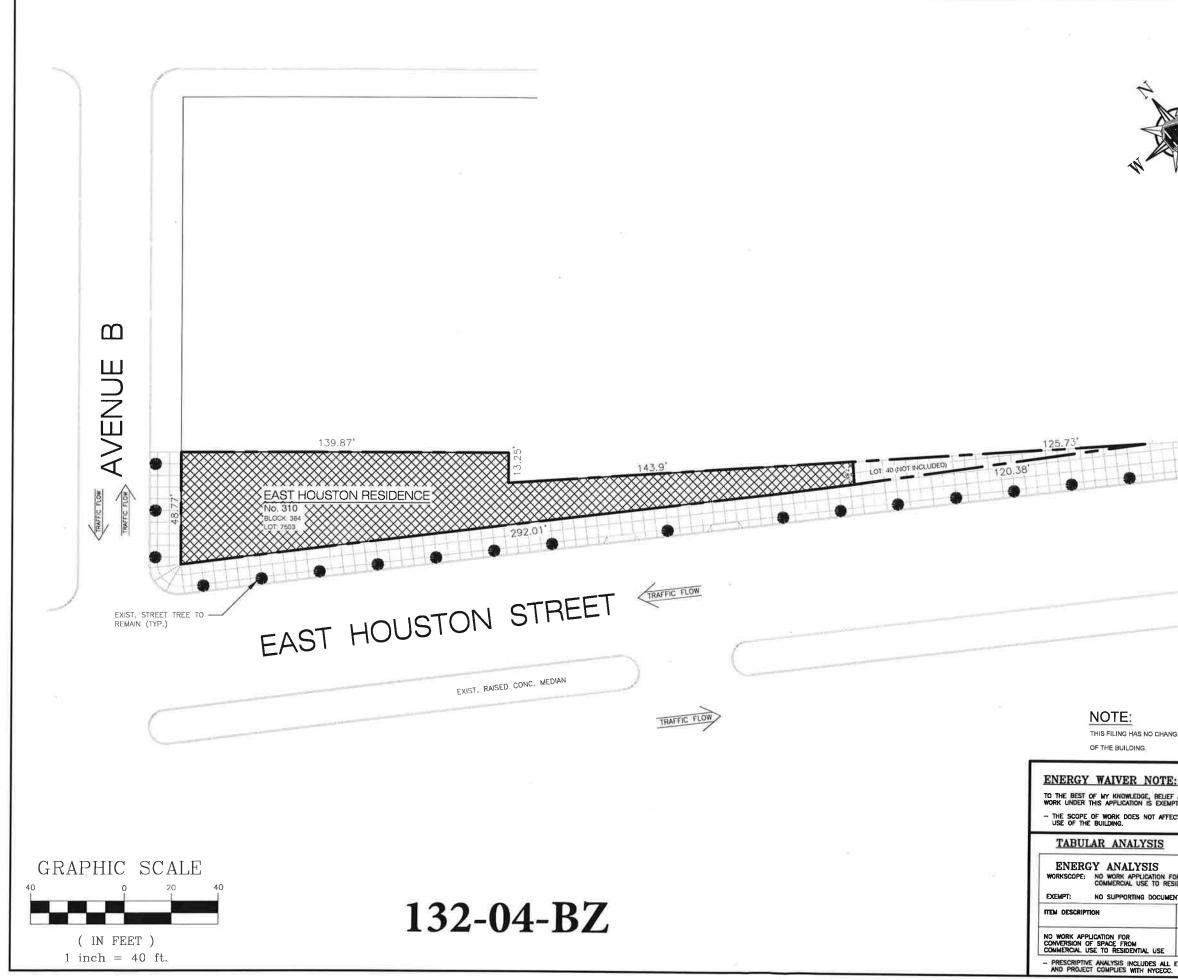
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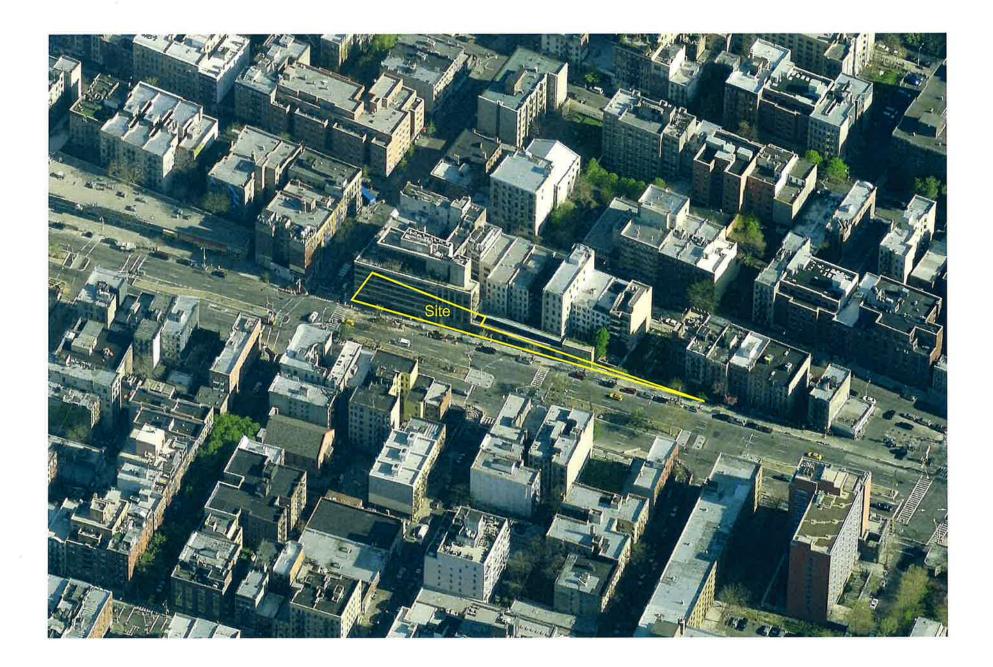
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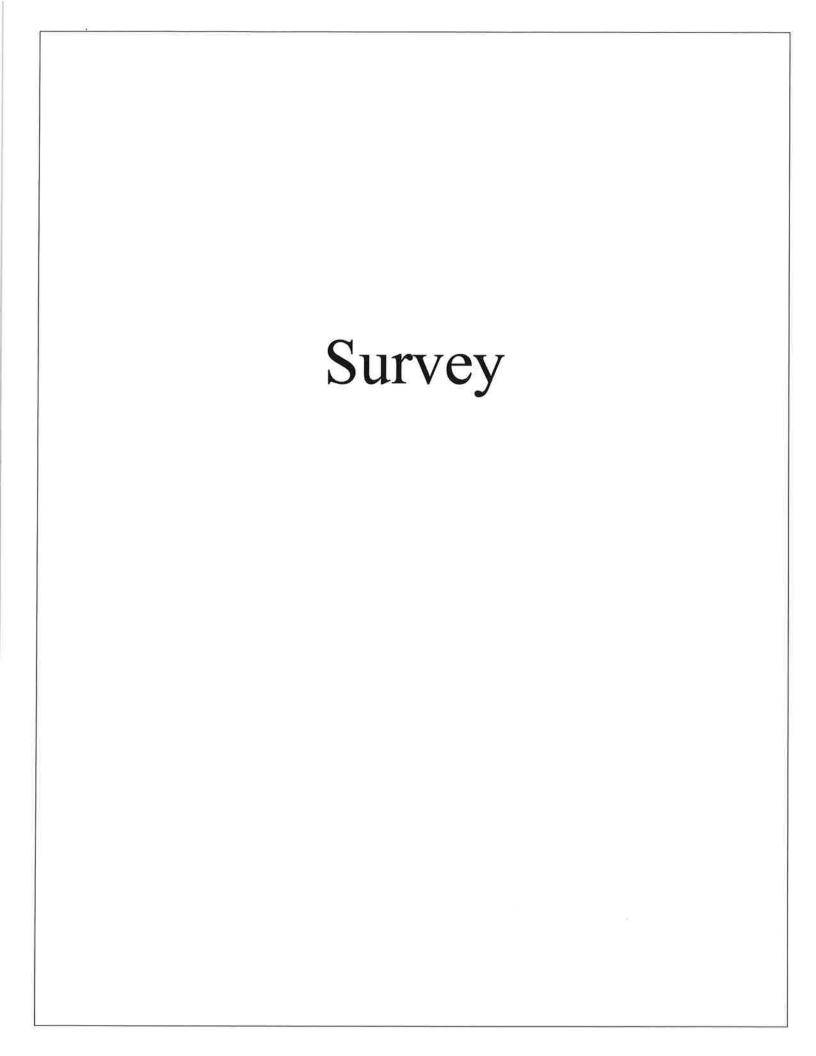
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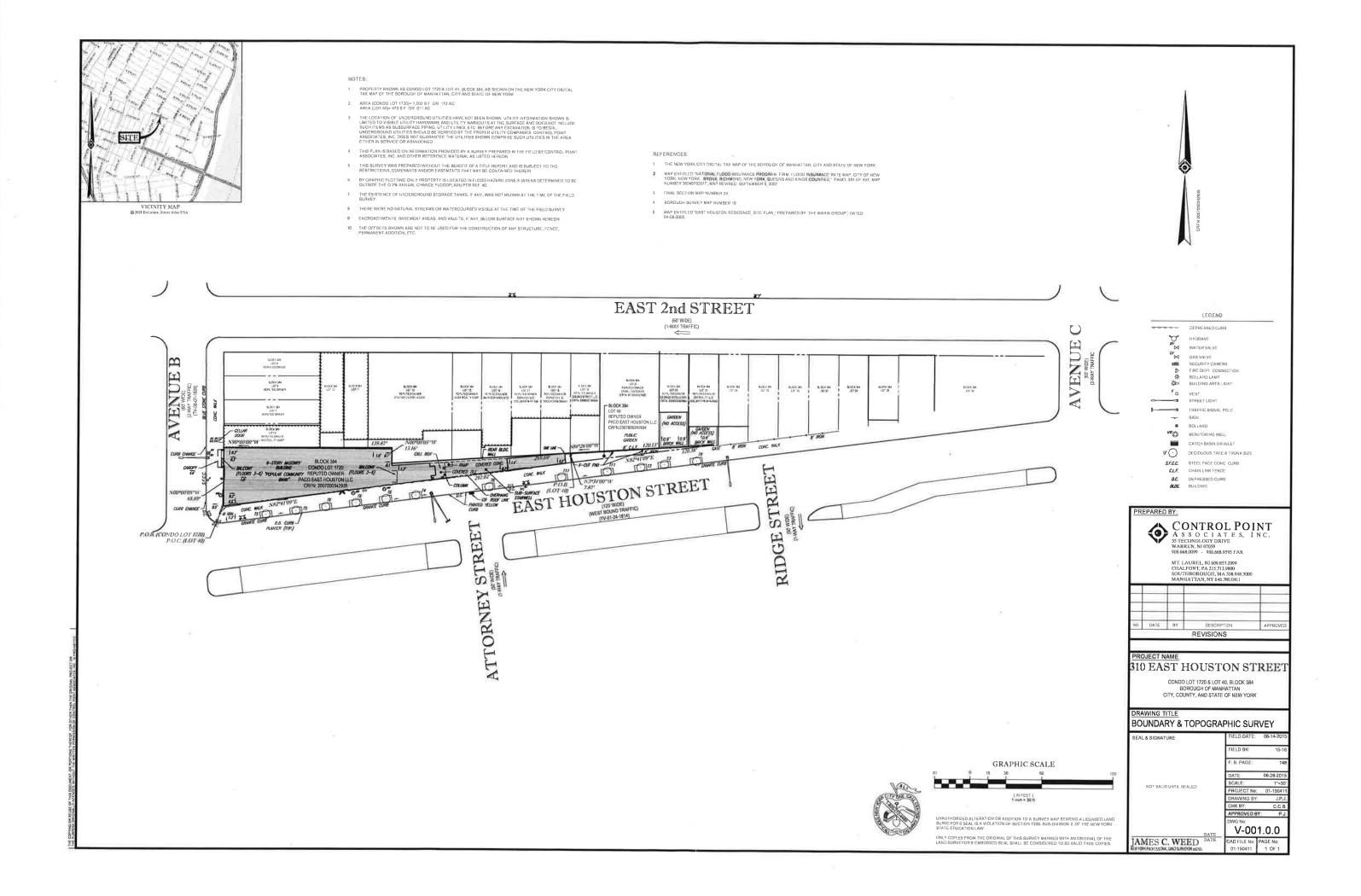


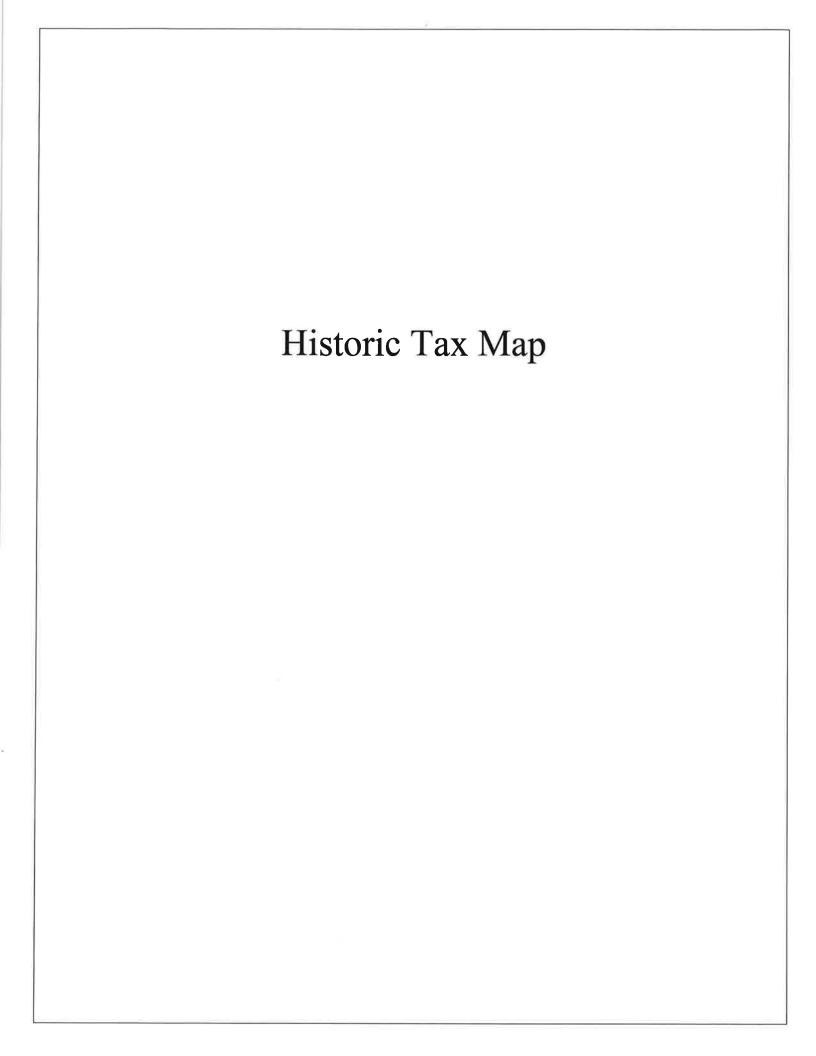
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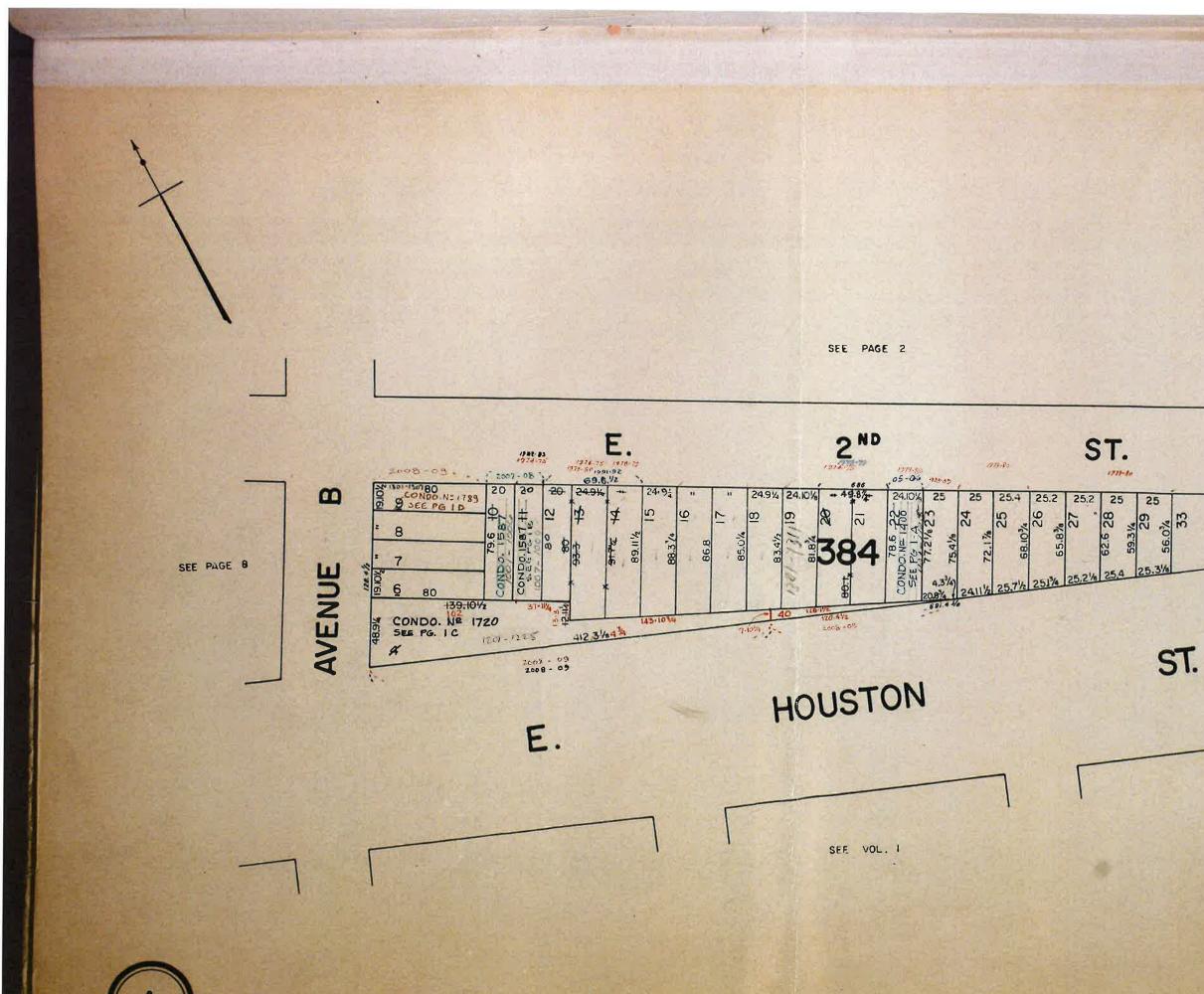
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BSA Letter of Substantial Compliance



Meenakshi Srinivasan Chair/Commissioner

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Martin Rebholz, R.A. Manhattan Borough Commissioner NYC Department of Buildings 280 Broadway, 3rd Floor New York, N.Y. 10007

April 9, 2014

Re: BSA Cal. No. 132-04-BZ **310 East Houston Street** Block 384, Lot 7503

Dear Borough Commissioner Rebholz:

On November 9, 2004, under BSA calendar number 132-04-BZ, the Board granted a variance to permit ground floor commercial use in a new residential building in an R7-2 zoning district.

By letter dated March 19, 2014, Eric Palatnik, a representative of the owner, proposes a minor modification to the approved plans. Mr. Palatnik explains that the property was rezoned in 2009 from R7-2 to R8A and that as a result of the rezoning, the permitted FAR for residential use has increased to 5.4. Mr. Palatnik proposes an increase in residential floor area as follows:

463 square feet of new floor area for storage on the ground floor

- $\binom{2}{3}$ 340 square feet of new floor area on the eighth floor
- Conversion of 4,450 square feet of community facility floor area to residential floor area on the second floor.

Mr. Palatnik explains that the residential floor area will increase from 2.85 to 3.82 FAR, which is less than the 5.4 FAR permitted in the R8A zoning district. The commercial floor area will remain at .5 FAR. The total floor area for the building will increase from 4.05 to 4.30 FAR. These changes are illustrated on the revised plans, labeled SK-1.0, SK-1.1 and SK-1.2, dated "April 9, 2014".

The Board has reviewed the applicant's request and has determined that the proposed changes are in substantial compliance with the Board's prior grant. Therefore, the Board has no objection to the proposed changes, on condition that the Department of Buildings will ensure compliance with all applicable provisions of the Zoning Resolution, Building Code or any other relevant law. To the extent that the proposed changes trigger such non-compliance, then the Board's determination herein will have no effect. Two copies of the revised building plans have been retained by the Board building plans have been retained by the Board.

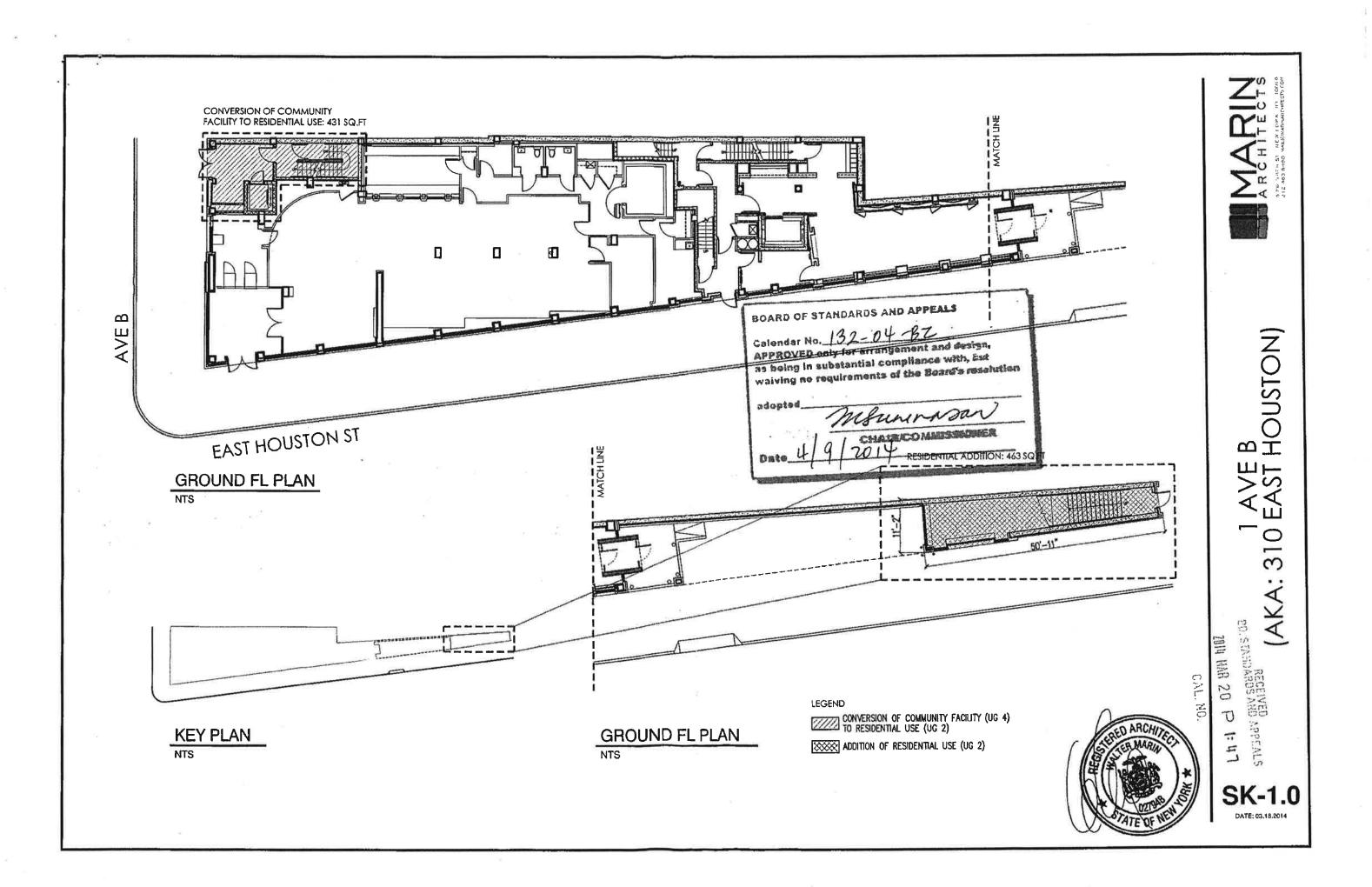
Sincerely,

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Meenakshi Srinivasan Chair/Commissioner

Encl.

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FLOOR CALCULATIONS

BLOCK: 384 LOT: 7503 ZONE DISTRICT: R8A ZONING MAP: 12C LOT AREA:

7,901 SQ.FT

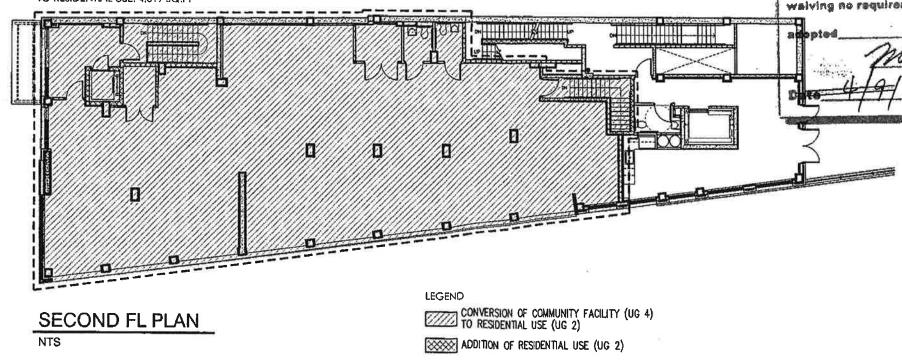
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FLOOR	RESIDENTIAL	COMMUNITY FACILITY	COMMERCIAL	ZONING FLOOR AREA
CELLAR				6,032 SQ.FT
GROUND FL	1,473 SQ.FT	431 SQ.FT	3,822 SQ.FT	5,726 SQ.FT
2ND FLOOR	734 SQ.FT	4,019 SQ.FT		4.753 SQ.FT
3RD FLOOR	4,902 SQ.FT			4,902 SQ.FT
4TH FLOOR	4,902 SQ.FT			4,902 SQ.FT
5TH FLOOR	4,902 SQ.FT			4,902 SQ.FT
6TH FLOOR	4,902 SQ.FT			4,902 SQ.FT
7TH FLOOR	2,403 SQ.FT			2,403 SQ.FT
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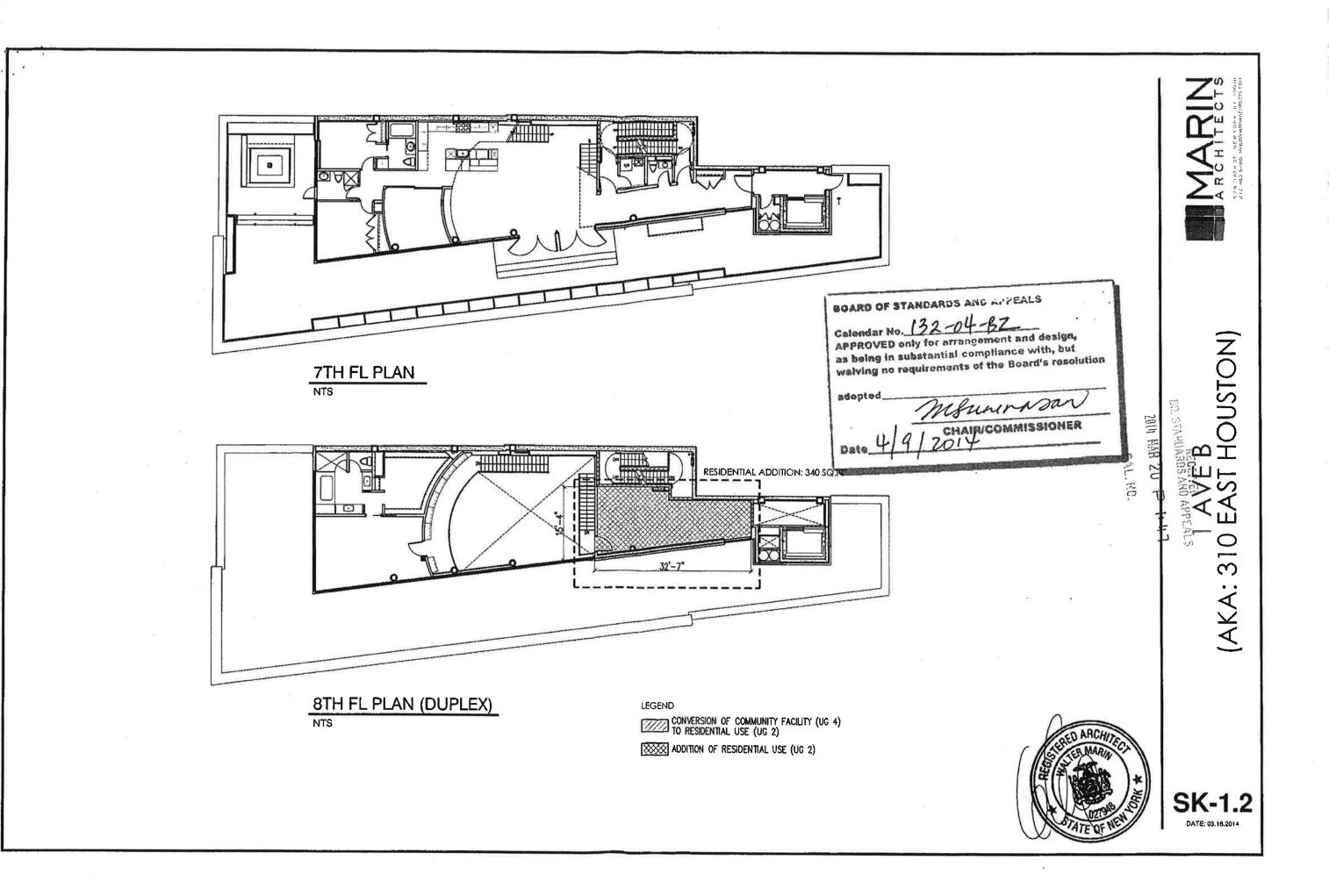
PROPOSED FLOOR AREA BREAKDOWN: R8A

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FLOOR	RESIDENTIAL (EXISTING)	RESIDENTIAL (CONVERSION)	RESIDENTIAL (ADDITION)	COMMERCIAL	ZONING FLOOR AREA
CELLAR					6,032 SQ.FT
GROUND FL	1,473 SQ.FT	431 SQ.FT	463 SQ.FT	3,822 \$Q.FT	6,189 SQ.FT
2ND FLOOR	734 SQ.FT	4,019 SQ.FT			4,753 SQ.FT
3RD FLOOR	4,902 SQ.FT				4,902 SQ.FT
4TH FLOOR	4,902 \$Q.FT				4,902 SQ.FT
5TH FLOOR	4,902 SQ.FT				4,902 SQ.FT
6TH FLOOR	4,902 SQ.FT				4.902 SQ.FT
7TH FLOOR	2,403 SQ.FT				2,403 SQ.FT
8TH FLOOR	709 SQ.FT		340 SQ.FT		1,049 SQ.FT
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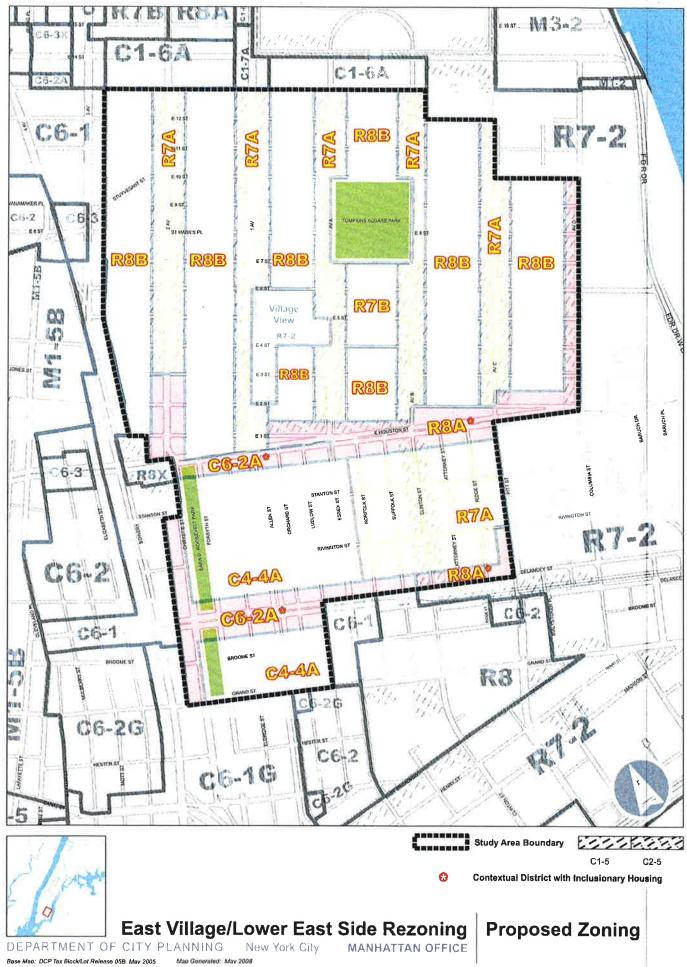
CONVERSION OF COMMUNITY FACILITY TO RESIDENTIAL USE: 4,019 SQ.FT



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Lower East Side Rezoning



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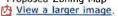
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East Village / Lower East Side Rezoning - Approved! Proposed Zoning

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The proposal would change the rezoning area's existing zoning to contextual zoning districts (R7A, R7B, R8B, C4-4A, R8A, C6-2A). Contextual districts have street wall and total building height limits and require that buildings be constructed at or near the street line. These controls would help ensure that new development throughout the rezoning area relates to the existing scale and character of the East Village and Lower East Side. Additionally, rezoning much of the existing C6-1 area to C4-4A would limit the allowable commercial uses to those more commonly found in regional centers, rather than the broader range of commercial uses currently allowed in C6 districts. The areas proposed for the higher density R8A and C6-2A districts are located near mass transit along the area's widest streets, where higher densities and taller buildings would be appropriate. The



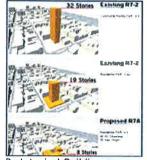


proposed rezoning actions would meet the Department's goals of preserving the established neighborhood scale and character, and fostering opportunities for the creation of <u>affordable housing</u>.

View the 🎦 East Village / Lower East Side Zoning Comparison Chart.

R7A

An R7A district, which permits residential and community facility uses at an FAR of 4.0, is proposed for the avenues A, B and C and First and Second avenues, north of Houston Street and the blocks generally east of Norfolk Street, between Delancey and Houston streets. The proposal would replace these existing R7-2 districts as well as fourblocks on Second Avenue from East 3rd to East 7th Street which are currently zoned C6-1.



The R7A district is a contextual district that requires a street wall between 40 and 65 feet high and limits overall building height to 80

Prototypical Buildings: R7-2 to R7A View a larger image.

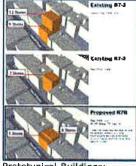
feet. The bulk regulations would ensure that new development reflects the consistent, low- to mid-rise character found throughout the area.

R7B

An R7B district, which permits residential and community facility uses at an FAR of 3.0, is proposed for the midblocks between Avenue A and Avenue B, from East 4th Street to East 7th Street south of Tompkins Square Park, replacing a portion of an existing R7-2 district.

The R7B district is a contextual district that

requires a street wall between 40 and 60 feet high and limits overall building height to 75 feet. The bulk regulations would ensure that new development reflects the consistent, lowrise character found throughout the area.

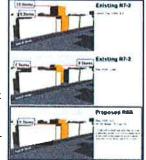


Prototypical Buildings: R7-2 to R7B View a larger image.

R8B

An R8B district, which permits residential and community facility uses at an FAR of 4.0, is proposed for the remaining midblock areas north of Houston Street, replacing existing R7-2 districts.

The R8B district is a contextual district that requires a street wall between 55 and 60 feet high and limits overall building height to 75 feet. The bulk regulations would ensure that new development reflects the consistent, lowto mid-rise character found throughout the area.



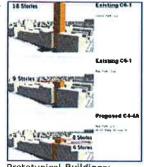
Prototypical Buildings: R7-2 to R8B View a larger image.

C4-4A

The blocks generally between Houston Street, Grand Street, Forsyth and Norfolk streets, are proposed to be zoned C4-4A, a contextual district that permits an FAR of 4.0 for residential, commercial and community facilities uses. The C4-4A district would replace much of the existing C6-1 district in this area.

A C4-4A district (like the R7A) requires a street wall between 40 and 65 feet high and limits maximum building heights to 80 feet. The bulk regulations would ensure that new development is consistent with the predominant built form. Uses currently

allowed in the existing C6-1 district but which



Prototypical Buildings: C6-1 to C4-4A View a larger image

would no longer be permitted include certain types of home maintenance and repair service establishments, bicycle rental and repair shops and certain types of relatively low-volume custom manufacturing activities.

R8A and C6-2A

<u>R8A</u>

R8A is proposed for the north side of Delancey Street between Clinton and Pitt streets, the west side of Pitt Street between Delancey and Rivington streets, Houston Street between Avenue A and Avenue D, and the west side of Avenue D from Houston to E 10th Street, areas that are currently zoned R7-2. In conjunction with the proposed zoning text amendment described below, the R8A district would permit a maximum

FAR of 7.2 for residential use, if affordable housing units were provided. For residential development that does not include any affordable housing units, the maximum FAR would be limited to 5.4. Community facility uses would be limited to a maximum 6.5 FAR. R8A is a contextual district that requires a street wall between 60 and 85 feet high and limits overall building height to 120 feet. The contextual building envelope regulations would apply to all types of development, regardless of use or density.

C6-2A

C6-2A is proposed for Delancey Street west of the midblock between Clinton and Suffolk street, Houston Street west of Essex Street, Second Avenue between Houston and East 3rd streets, and the west side of Chrystie Street between grand and Stanton streets. These areas are currently zoned C6-1. In conjunction with the proposed zoning text amendment described below, the C6-2A district -- like the R8A-- would permit a maximum FAR of 7.2 for residential use if affordable housing units were provided, 6.0 for commercial use, and 6.5 for community facility use. For residential development that C6-1 to C6-2A does not include any affordable housing units, the maximum FAR would be limited to 5.4. C6-2A is a contextual district that



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requires a street wall between 60 and 85 feet and limits maximum building height to 120 feet. The contextual building envelope regulations would apply to all types of development, regardless of use or density.

Commercial Overlays

Along four block fronts of Second Avenue (from East 3rd Street to East 7th Street) currently zoned C6-1 and proposed to be rezoned to R7A, a C2-5 overlay is proposed, to reflect the local character of the existing commercial uses. The existing C1-5 and C2-5 overlays elsewhere within the rezoning area would not be changed.

Proposed Zoning Text Amendment

The East Village/Lower East Side rezoning proposal would apply the Inclusionary Housing Program to the R8A and C6-2A districts proposed along selected wide streets within the rezoning area, establishing incentives for the creation and preservation of affordable housing in conjunction with development of new housing.

For residential development without an affordable housing component, the maximum FAR within the selected areas would be limited to a base FAR of 5.4. Under the Inclusionary Housing program, developments providing affordable housing are eligible for a floor area bonus, within contextual height and bulk regulations tailored to this area, Developments could qualify for a maximum FAR of 7.2 (within the 60'-85' street wall limit and the 120-foot overall building height limit) in the designated districts by providing 20 percent of the residential floor area in the development as permanently affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households, or by constructing or preserving off-site affordable units for low-income households. Off-site units must be located within Community District 3, or within one half-mile of the bonused development if outside of Community District 3. Other city, state and federal housing finance programs may be used to provide further assistance in creating affordable units.

The proposal also includes revisions to the discontinuance of nonconforming uses provisions of Section 52-61. Non-conforming uses that have been discontinued for a period of two years can only be replaced by conforming uses. Section 52-61 generally does permit, in R5, R6 and R7 districts, the reactivation of most Use Group 6 (local retail) uses regardless of the two-year discontinuance provision. The proposed text would expand the applicability of the reactivation provision to "R8B districts in Manhattan Community District 3". This text change would foster commercial uses in these locations,

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Zoning Comparison Chart-Removal of Lot 40

Zoning Comparison Chart-Removal of Lot 40

Zoning Calculation Comparison

Current Lots (7503 and 40) Approved with BS	A and new Zoning Dis	trict			
Block:	384	ŀ			
Lots:	7503	40			
Lot Area (Square Feet):*	7,502	. 473	*as per Control Point	t	
Total Lot Area (Square Feet):	7,975	75 Survey, 8-26-2015			
Zoning District:	R8A	N			
Inclusionary Housing District:	Ye	i			
MAX FAR for Residential:	5.4	as per ZR23-145	as a Quality Housing Pro	gram and ZR23-	
Max Floor Area Allowed Residential:			or no Inclusionary Housin		
MAX FAR for Commercial:					
Max Floor Area Allowed Commercial:	3,922	as per BSA #132	-04-BZ		
MAX FAR for Community Facility	6.5	as per ZR24-11			
Max Floor Area Allowed Community Facility:	51,838				
Max Total FAR	5.4	as per ZR24-161	, ZR23-952		
Max Floor Area Allowed	43,065				
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Zoning Floor Area (as per Marin Architects 10	-21-2013)				
Floor	Residential	Commercial	Community Facility	Total Area	
First Floor	1,816	3,822	431	6,069	
Second Floor	734		4,019	4,753	
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Fourth Floor	4,902				
Fifth Floor				4,902	
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Analysis with Current Zoning District and Rem	noval of Lot 40			
Block:	384	ŀ		
Lot:	7503	5		
Lot Area (Square Feet):*	7,502	1	*as per Control Point	:
Total Lot Area (Square Feet):	7,502	2 Survey, 8-26-2015		
Zoning District:	R8/	N		
Inclusionary Housing District:	Ye	5		
MAX FAR for Residential:	5.4	as per ZR23-145	as a Quality Housing Prop	gram and ZR23-
Max Floor Area Allowed Residential:	40,511	952 (base FAR f	or no Inclusionary Housin	g)
MAX FAR for Commercial:	(
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MAX FAR for Community Facility	6.5	as per ZR24-11		
Max Floor Area Allowed Community Facility:	48,763	1		
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BELLA VISTA APT CO v. BENNETT-89 N.Y.2d 465 (1997)

Bella Vista Apt. Co. v. Bennett

Court of Appeals of New York January 7, 1997, Argued ; February 6, 1997, Decided

No. 12

Reporter

89 N.Y.2d 465; 678 N.E.2d 198; 655 N.Y.S.2d 742; 1997 N.Y. LEXIS 83

In the Matter of Bella Vista Apartment Co. et al., Respondents, v. Roger H. Bennett et al., Constituting the Board of Standards and Appeals of the City of New York, et al., Appellants.

Prior History: Appeal, by permission of the Court of Appeals, from an order of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the Second Judicial Department, entered December 11, 1995, which affirmed a judgment of the Supreme Court (Herbert A. Posner, J.; opn <u>154</u> <u>Misc 2d 579</u>), entered in Queens County in a proceeding pursuant to CPLR article 78, granting the petition to the extent of directing the New York City Department of Buildings to issue a building permit for a 14-story building provided that the permit application meets the standards of the Building Code of the City of New York, and otherwise denying the petition.

Matter of Bella Vista Apt. Co. v Bennett, 222 AD2d 502, reversed.

Disposition: Order reversed, with costs, and petition dismissed.

Core Terms

variance, zoning, development rights, use variance, Buildings, commercial use, rights, residential use, conformance, residential, adjoining, landowner, surplus, merger, bulk

Case Summary

Procedural Posture

Appellant board sought review of an order from the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the Second Judicial Department (New York), which directed appellant to issue respondent developer a building permit. Respondent, whose property had fallen short of zoning specifications, sought the permit after purchasing, without obtaining appellant's approval, development rights of a neighboring lot which had secured a commercial use variance.

Overview

Respondent developer planned to build an apartment on a residentially zoned lot even though the lot fell short of zoning specifications. Without obtaining approval from appellant board, respondent sought to satisfy the shortfall by purchasing development rights from a neighboring lot that had secured for itself a commercial use variance. Thereafter, respondent sought a building permit, which appellant rejected. Following the rejection, respondent brought an action, and the appellate court ordered the permit's issuance. Accordingly, appellant sought review, and the court reversed. The court held that once the use variance had been granted, the owner of the neighboring lot had been able to either use the property in a manner authorized by the variance or revert the property back to its as-of-right use. However, the court held the neighboring property's excess residential use development rights that benefited from the variance could not be transferred to and tacked onto respondent's property without appellant's approval. The court held appellant's approval was required to preserve coherent land use determinations and adherence to the zoning plan itself.

Outcome

The court reversed an order directing appellant board to issue respondent developer a building permit after respondent, whose property fell short of zoning specifications, purchased the development rights of a neighboring lot which had secured a commercial use variance because appellant had not approved respondent's piggy-backing of the neighboring lot onto respondent's lot in order to eliminate the zoning shortcomings.

LexisNexis® Headnotes

Real Property Law > Encumbrances > Adjoining Landowners > General Overview

Real Property Law > Zoning > Variances

HN1 The excess residential use development rights enjoyed by property that specially benefits from a commercial use variance may not be transferred to and tacked onto an adjoining property even for an as-of-right use by that lot owner, without discrete approval from New York City's Board of Standards and Appeals.

Environmental Law > Land Use & Zoning > Conditional Use Permits & Variances

Real Property Law > Encumbrances > Adjoining Landowners > General Overview

Real Property Law > Zoning > Variances

HN2 Pursuant to § 72-21 of the New York City Zoning Resolution (Resolution), New York City's Board of Standards and Appeals must make the following findings before it may grant a variance: (a) that a lot has unique physical conditions, which create practical difficulties or unnecessary hardship when forced to comply strictly with the Resolution; (b) that the unique conditions of subject property preclude any reasonable possibility of a reasonable return, and a variance is therefore necessary to enable an owner to realize a reasonable return from such zoning lot; (c) that a variance will not alter the essential character of a neighborhood or substantially impair the appropriate use of development of adjacent property, and that it will not be detrimental to the public welfare; (d) that an owner does not create the difficulties or hardship leading to the necessity for a variance; and (e) that a variance be the minimum variance necessary to afford relief.

Real Property Law > Zoning > Variances

HN3 A landowner who seeks a use variance must demonstrate factually, by dollars and cents proof, an inability to realize a reasonable return under existing permissible uses.

Real Property Law > Zoning > Variances

HN4 If a landowner retains the bonus option to sell surplus development rights as those rights exist before a use variance is acquired, the variance might not be the minimum variance necessary to afford relief, and

the lack of any reasonable possibility of a reasonable return is retrospectively placed in considerable doubt.

Governments > Legislation > Statutory Remedies & Rights Real Property Law > Zoning > General Overview Real Property Law > Zoning > Variances

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HN5 Prior variance grants cannot and do not take from an owner of property the owner's statutory right to use the property for any purpose permitted by the applicable zoning resolution. Rather, an owner retains the right to revert at any time to a conforming use.

Environmental Law > Land Use & Zoning > Conditional Use Permits & Variances

Real Property Law > Zoning > General Overview

Real Property Law > Zoning > Variances

HN6 Once a use variance is granted, the owner of a lot can only use the property in a manner authorized by the variance or revert completely back to its as-of-right use.

Governments > Local Governments > Administrative Boards Real Property Law > Zoning > General Overview Real Property Law > Zoning > Comprehensive Plans Real Property Law > Zoning > Judicial Review Real Property Law > Zoning > Variances

HN7 Allowing the combination of a use variance with a spinoff of as-of-right surplus development rights between adjoining properties, so that a deficient lot can then qualify even for a permitted use, might enable variance holders to manipulate and augment the generous benefit of variances. The New York City's Board of Standards and Appeals must retain the power of review over these kinds of proposals to preserve coherent land use determinations and adherence to the zoning plan itself.

Headnotes/Syllabus

Headnotes

Municipal Corporations - Zoning - Variance - Purchase of Development Rights Excess residential use development rights enjoyed by property that specially benefits from a commercial use variance may not be transferred to and tacked onto an adjoining property even for an as-of-right use by that lot owner, without discrete approval by the Board of Standards and Appeals of the City of New York (BSA). Pursuant to section 72-21 of the New York City Zoning Resolution, the BSA must make five findings before it may grant a variance, including that the unique conditions of the subject property preclude any "reasonable possibility" of a "reasonable return," and the variance is "therefore necessary to enable the owner to realize a reasonable return from such zoning lot", and that the variance be "the minimum variance necessary to afford relief". If a landowner is permitted to retain the commercial use variance, and then also to sell off its as-of-right development rights under the original residential use authorization, the predicate findings by the BSA would be undermined as would the general over-all Zoning Resolution Plan, inasmuch as the variance might not have been the "minimum variance necessary to afford relief," and the lack of any "reasonable possibility" of a "reasonable return" is retrospectively placed in considerable doubt. Thus, the BSA must retain the power of review over these kinds of proposals to preserve coherent land use determinations and adherence to the zoning plan itself.

Counsel: Paul A. Crotty, Corporation Counsel of New York City (Fay Ng and Pamela Seider Dolgow of counsel), for appellants. The Court below erred in affirming the lower court's order directing the Department of Buildings to issue a building permit to petitioner Bella Vista without the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) first reviewing the lot merger proposal. Once a variance is granted for a zoning lot, the variance controls both the use and bulk of the lot while the lot is being used for the variance use. Thus, the owner of Lot 185 did not have any surplus bulk or development rights which could be transferred to the owner of the adjoining lot. Therefore, in this case, the proposed merger of part of Lot 185, which is subject to an existing variance, with another lot must be referred to the BSA for review. (Matter of Cowan v Kern, 41 NY2d 591, 42 NY2d 910, Matter of Fiore v Zoning Bd. of Appeals, 21 NY2d 393, 1040; Conley v Town of Brookhaven Zoning Bd. of Appeals, 40 NY2d 309; Matter of Revorg Realty Co. v Walsh, 225 App Div 774, 251 NY 516; Matter of Long v Adirondack Park Agency, 76 NY2d 416; Matter of Crossroads Recreation v Broz, 4 NY2d 39; Matter of Village Bd. v Jarrold, 53 NY2d 254; Matter of Wolfson v Curcio, 150 AD2d 586; Matter of Ryan v Miller, 164 AD2d 968; Matter of Herman v Fossella, 53 NY2d 730.)

Judges: Chief Judge Kaye and Judges Smith, Levine, Ciparick and Wesley concur; Judge Titone taking no part.

Opinion by: BELLACOSA

Opinion

[*466] [**198] [***742] Bellacosa, J.

Petitioner, Bella Vista Apartment Co., a real estate developer, planned to build a 14-floor apartment house on its residentially zoned Lot 186 in Queens. The lot fell short, however, of the requisite floor area ratio (FAR) and bulk zoning [*467] specifications (see, NY City Zoning Resolution § 23-141). The owner of the adjoining Lot 185 had secured for itself a commercial use variance from New York City's Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) to build a movie theater. Thereafter, in 1986, Bella Vista purchased 120,000 feet of development rights, including 30,000 feet of air rights, from the owner of Lot 185, in an effort to satisfy the shortfall. Bella Vista allegedly paid \$ 1 million for these assertedly surplus development rights.

Without preliminary and discrete BSA review and approval, Bella Vista sought a building permit to erect the 14-story building, by piggy-backing Lot 185's FAR onto its own to eliminate the Lot 186 deficiency. The New York City Building Department rejected the application, premised on this creative combination, as did the BSA on review of that determination. Supreme Court and the Appellate Division disagreed and granted Bella Vista's CPLR article 78 petition, annulling the determination and directing issuance of the building permit. We granted leave to [**199] [***743] appeal and now reverse, dismiss the petition and hold that HN1 the excess residential use development rights enjoyed by property that specially benefits from a commercial use variance may not be transferred to and tacked onto an adjoining property even for an as-of-right use by that lot owner, without discrete BSA approval. Appellants are the Board of Standards and Appeals of the City of New York, the Commissioner of Buildings of the City of New York and the Department of Buildings of the City of New York (collectively the City).

Central to this case is the fact that the owner of Lot 185, which was also zoned for residential use, had, in 1983, obtained a commercial use variance from the BSA to build a movie theater. The novel land use twist of this

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case, therefore, is that Bella Vista sought to consolidate a portion of the surplus development FAR of Lot 185, "varianced" into a commercial use, with its own Lot 186 FAR, for the purpose of complying with the requisite bulk floor space specifications. It would, thus, construct a residential building albeit otherwise consistent with that lot's residential use.

Using this theory, Bella Vista filed an application in 1986 with the Department of Buildings, pursuant to New York City Zoning Resolution § 12-10, requesting approval of the zoning lot FAR merger and a permit for the construction of the proposed 14-story apartment house. The application was ultimately disapproved. In a letter dated November 7, 1990 [*468] and updated April 8, 1991, the Buildings Department rejected the proposed plan. On May 29, 1991, the BSA confirmed the Building Department's decision, stating:

"[I]n order to build the proposed fourteen (14) story building, a transfer of development rights from the variance site, lot 185 to lot 186 is needed which requires a zoning lot merger that results in an entirely new zoning lot; and ... the creation of this new zoning lot affects the basis of the Board's variance grant since its actions were based on a zoning lot which will now be significantly changed because of the zoning lot merger."

Next, Bella Vista turned to the courts for relief. It sued the City seeking to (1) annul the BSA's determination affirming the Building Department's declaration requiring the petitioners to obtain pre-BSA approval to use Lot 186 for residential purposes by conjoining the additionally acquired FAR development rights from Lot 185; and (2) compel the Department to issue a building permit for the proposed construction project.

In 1992, Supreme Court granted both prongs of Bella Vista's requested relief, provided that the permit application otherwise conformed to the Building Code's standards (154 Misc 2d 579). Supreme Court relied on Matter of Clearview Gardens Pool Club v Foley (19 AD2d 905 [2d Dept 1963], affd without opn 14 NY2d 809) and stated that "[t]he existence of a variance on tax lot No. 185 does not require the transferor of unused development rights to obtain a new variance, as long as the acquirer is going to use those rights in conformance with the zoning resolution" (154 Misc 2d, at 583). The court added that the BSA irrationally juxtaposed "use and bulk" (id., at 582), reasoning that Bella Vista did not need a use variance, because the proposed apartment building was in conformance with the residential use

requirements; all it needed was either a bulk variance or additional FAR and it had lawfully obtained the surplus FAR (*id.*). The court characterized the situation as "a hybrid of the usual zoning lot merger in which a developer merges two *entire* lots," because "only the air rights of lot No. 185 [were] being merged with all of lot No. 186" (*id., at 583*). The Appellate Division, in 1995, affirmed for the reasons stated by *Supreme Court (222 AD2d 502*) and later denied leave to appeal. We granted the City leave to appeal.

The City argues that the commercial use variance granted to Lot 185, by regulatory discretion based on landowner representations [*469] and BSA findings, precludes using a transferred portion of its development rights, without further review by the BSA. The City adds that shifting rights appurtenant to [**200] [***744] Lot 185 for residential purposes, when that lot had already been beneficially converted to an authorized commercial use by variance, would undermine the factors considered and the prerequisite findings made by the BSA in connection with the grant of the use variance.

HN2 Pursuant to section 72-21 of the New York City Zoning Resolution, the BSA must make the following five findings before it may grant a variance:

(a) That the lot has "unique physical conditions," which create "practical difficulties or unnecessary hardship" when forced to comply strictly with the Zoning Resolution;

(b) That the unique conditions of the subject property preclude any "reasonable possibility" of a "reasonable return," and the variance is "therefore necessary to enable the owner to realize a reasonable return from such zoning lot;"

(c) That the variance "will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood" or "substantially impair the appropriate use of development of adjacent property," and that it "will not be detrimental to the public welfare;"

(d) That the owner did not create the difficulties or hardship leading to the necessity for the variance; and

(e) That the variance be "the minimum variance necessary to afford relief" (NY City Zoning Resolution § 72-21 [emphasis added]).

Further expanding upon section 72-21 (b), the City points to this Court's "well-established rule that *HN3* a

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landowner who seeks a use variance must demonstrate factually, by dollars and cents proof, an inability to realize a reasonable return under existing permissible uses" (<u>Matter of Village Bd. v Jarrold, 53 NY2d 254, 256</u> [emphasis added]).

It is undisputed that these findings were necessarily made at the time of, and as part of, the use variance grant for Lot 185, in 1983. The City correctly argues that if the owner of Lot 185 is permitted to retain the commercial use variance, and then [*470] also to sell off its as-of-right development rights under the original residential use authorization, the predicate findings by the BSA would be undermined as would the general over-all Zoning Resolution Plan. This is particularly so absent an updated review and ruling by the BSA to insure compliance with section 72-21, as Bella Vista and the adjoining owner would have it unprecedentedly applied to their arrangement. In other words, HN4 if a landowner retains the bonus option to sell surplus development rights as they existed before the use variance is acquired, the variance might not have been the "minimum variance necessary to afford relief," and the lack of any "reasonable possibility" of a "reasonable return" is retrospectively placed in considerable doubt. This seems especially so in this case since the "residual development air rights" garnered a \$1 million sale price in the marketplace.

The City urges that the beneficiary of a variance, as well as the courts on judicial review of such matters, are bound by the explicit variance record and findings of the BSA. The City's argument would, therefore, require a landowner benefitted by a variance to seek additional authorizing relief from the BSA before effectively transferring prevariance rights and benefits to adjoining owners. Otherwise, the premium, on top of its acquired variance, from its sale of development rights, contradicts the no-reasonable-return predicate finding, necessary to have garnered the use variance in the first place.

Matter of Clearview Gardens Pool Club v Foley (19 AD2d 905, affd without opn <u>14 NY2d 809</u>, supra) is plainly and significantly distinguishable. There, the Appellate Division concluded that **HN5** "the prior variance grants could not and did not take from the owner of the property his statutory right to use the property for any purpose permitted by the applicable zoning resolution" (<u>19 AD2d, at 906</u>). Rather, the Court stated, "[t]he owner retained the right to revert at any time to a conforming use" (<u>id., at 906</u>).

Although in Clearview the court determined that a use variance did not prohibit an owner from reverting entirely to a conforming use, the reversion there was simply that, not some compound hybrid. That situation is far from the artful combination attempted [**201] [***745] in the instant case. Bella Vista's acquisition and piggy-backing of Lot 185's FAR to satisfy its Lot 186 bulk building deficiency might undermine the basis for the use variance grant and offend proper land use regulation and application. The fatal defect of this merger theory is that HN6 once the use variance was granted, the owner of Lot 185 could [*471] only use the property in the manner authorized by the variance or revert completely back to its as-of-right use under Clearview. The precedent should not be expanded to allow landowners to garner commercial use by variance and then, by resourceful fusions, leverage assertedly residual residential development rights, without discrete BSA approval. The inherent contradictions and dangers to effective land use planning regulation and application dictate otherwise.

The lower courts thus erred in concluding that additional BSA consideration and approval were not necessary in this kind of circumstance. The determinations of the BSA and the Buildings Department were rational and within their justifiable range of discretion (see, Conley v Town of Brookhaven Zoning Bd. of Appeals, 40 NY2d 309, 314; see also, Matter of Cowan v Kern, 41 NY2d 591, 598). HN7 Allowing the combination of a use variance with a spinoff of as-of-right surplus development rights between adjoining properties, so that a FAR deficient lot could then qualify even for a permitted use, might enable variance holders to manipulate and augment the generous benefit of their variances. The BSA must retain the power of review over these kinds of proposals to preserve coherent land use determinations and adherence to the zoning plan itself.

Accordingly, the order of the Appellate Division should be reversed, with costs, and the petition dismissed.

Chief Judge Kaye and Judges Smith, Levine, Ciparick and Wesley concur; Judge Titone taking no part.

Order reversed, etc.