

# **Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment**

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**File:** A/40/19  
**Address:** 63 Fonthill Blvd, Markham  
**Applicant:** Tanya DeGregorio-Boichevski, Verka & Boris Boichevski  
**Agent:** SDG Design (Stefano Di Giulio)  
**Hearing Date:** Wednesday May 29, 2019

The following comments are provided on behalf of the Central Team:

The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements of By-law 11-72, R4 as amended:

**a) Section 6, Schedule B:**

a maximum lot coverage of 38.1 percent, whereas the By-law permits a maximum lot coverage of 33-1/3 percent;

**b) Section 6, Schedule B:**

a minimum front yard setback of 24 ft, whereas the By-law requires a minimum front yard setback of 27 ft;

**c) Section 3.7:**

a minimum front uncovered porch and stair setback of 21 ft 1 in, whereas the By-law requires a minimum setback of 22 ft;

**d) Section 6, Schedule B:**

a maximum height of 27 ft 3 1/4 in, whereas the By-law permits a maximum height of 25 ft;

**e) Section 3.7:**

a maximum side yard eave projection of 2 ft, whereas the By-law permits a maximum eave projection of 1 ft 6 in;

as it relates to a proposed single detached dwelling.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **Property Description**

The 737.82 m<sup>2</sup> (7,941 ft<sup>2</sup>) subject property is located on the west side of Fonthill Boulevard, south of Pomander Road and west of Main Street Unionville. The property is located within an established residential neighbourhood known as Varley Village characterized by a mix of one, and two-storey detached dwellings. Vegetation exists across the property including one mature tree in the front yard. There is an existing one-storey detached 210.5 m<sup>2</sup> (2,266 ft<sup>2</sup>) dwelling on the property, which according to the applicant was constructed in 1969.

### **Proposal**

The applicant is proposing to construct a new two-storey detached dwelling with a rear covered porch, attached two-car garage and rear basement walkout.

## **Official Plan and Zoning**

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

The subject property is designated "Residential Low Rise", which provides for low rise housing forms including single detached dwellings. Section 8.2.3.5 of the 2014 Official Plan outlines development criteria for the 'Residential Low Rise' designation with respect to height, massing and setbacks. This criteria is established to ensure that the development is appropriate for the site and generally consistent with the zoning requirements for adjacent properties and properties along the same street. In considering applications for development approval in a 'Residential Low Rise' area, which includes variances, infill development is required to meet the general intent of these development criteria. Regard shall also be had for retention of existing trees and vegetation, the width of proposed garages and driveways and the overall orientation and sizing of new lots within a residential neighbourhood.

## Zoning By-Law 11-72

The subject property is zoned R4 under By-law 11-72, as amended, which permits a single detached dwelling. The proposed dwelling does not comply with the by-law with respect to maximum lot coverage, minimum front yard setback, minimum front uncovered porch and stair setback, maximum height and maximum side yard eaves projection.

## Varley Village Infill Area

The subject property is within an area of the City where there is a trend to build larger houses. In response to concerns within this trend, a number of residents asked that Markham consider an infill housing by-law for the Varley Village neighbourhood. The Unionville Sub-Committee, a Committee of Council, undertook a review of this issue with community consultation, and ultimately recommend that no action be taken on an infill by-law at this time. This position was endorsed by Development Services Committee on June 19, 2012. As such, the existing by-law standards continue to apply.

Notwithstanding that an infill by-law has not been adopted, the Committee should be aware of Council's and the community's concerns with regard to variances and maintaining the current standards of the Zoning By-law. Consequently, the Committee should consider public input before making a decision.

## **Applicant's Stated Reason(s) for Not Complying with Zoning**

According to the information provided by the applicant, the reason for not complying with Zoning is, *"There is an additional total coverage of 4.76% (381 sf) because of the existing 106 SF shed to remain on the property, and as per the design layout of the home there is only 275 SF if additional lot coverage due to the designing of both the 117 SF open roof canopy in front of the garage and because of the 1-storey exterior rear covered porch measuring 282 SF."*

*Re: Front Porch Schedule B of by-law 11-72, as amended, requires a minimum front yard setback to the main building of 27 feet. No encroachment provisions exist to permit a covered porch to project into the required front yard setback. Section 3.7 permits a maximum encroachment of 5 feet for an uncovered platform (and stairs).*

*Therefore:*

- Minimum setback to a covered portion of the porch = 27 feet*
- Minimum setback to an uncovered porch and stairs = 22 feet*

*Re : Garage Canopy*

*Section 4.7.5 of by-law 11-72, as amended, permits attached garages to be located a minimum of 20 feet from the front lot line. Provided the proposed garage canopy maintains a minimum setback of 20 feet to the support posts no variance will be required. The roof overhang is permitted to encroach a further 18" in accordance with Section 3.7.*

Therefore:

- Minimum setback to the posts of the garage canopy = 20 feet
- Minimum setback to the roof/gutter of the garage canopy = 18'-6"."

#### **Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) Not Undertaken**

The owner has confirmed that a Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) has not been conducted. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that the application has accurately identified all the variances to the Zoning By-law required for the proposed development. If the variance request in this application contains errors, or if the need for additional variances is identified during the Building Permit review process, further variance application(s) may be required to address the non-compliance.

#### **COMMENTS**

The Planning Act states that four tests must be met in order for a variance to be granted by the Committee of Adjustment:

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

#### **Increase in Maximum Building Height**

The applicant is requesting relief to permit a maximum building height of 8.31 m (27.27 ft), whereas the By-law permits a maximum building height of 7.62 m (25 ft). This represents an increase of approximately 0.69 m (2.27 ft).

The height variance is in part attributable to the fact that the grade height of the centreline (crown) of the street is lower than the proposed average grade of the property. While the height of the proposed dwelling will be larger than the existing homes originally developed in the 1960s, it is similar in scale to other infill residential developments in the immediate vicinity.

#### **Increase in Maximum Lot Coverage**

The applicant is requesting relief for a maximum lot coverage of 38.1 percent, whereas the By-law permits a maximum lot coverage of 33.33 percent. The proposed lot coverage includes front and rear covered porches which add approximately 6.50 m<sup>2</sup> (70 ft<sup>2</sup>) and 26.2 m<sup>2</sup> (282 ft<sup>2</sup>) respectively to the overall building area. The proposed lot coverage also includes an existing shed located at the rear of the property which adds approximately 9.85 m<sup>2</sup> (106 ft<sup>2</sup>) to the total lot coverage. Excluding the covered porches, the building with the existing shed has a lot coverage of approximately 32.36 percent and would comply with the by-law requirement. Given the covered porches are unenclosed, staff are of the opinion that the proposed increase in lot coverage will not significantly add to the scale and massing of the dwelling and is generally consistent with what the by-law permits.

#### **Reduction in Front Yard Setback**

The applicant is requesting relief to permit a minimum front yard setback of 24 ft (7.32 m), whereas the By-law requires a minimum front yard setback of 27 ft (8.23 m). This represents a reduction of approximately 3 ft (0.91m). The variance is entirely attributable to the garage canopy, which projects approximately 5.5 ft (1.68 m) from the garage. The main front wall of the building provides

a front yard setback of 27 ft (8.23 m) which, complies with the minimum front yard setback requirement. Given that the variance is attributable to the proposed garage canopy and, that the main dwelling complies with the required front yard setback, staff are of the opinion that the variance request is appropriate for the development.

#### **Reduction in Minimum Front Porch and Stair Setback**

The applicant is requesting a minimum front uncovered porch and stair setback of 21.08 ft (6.43 m), whereas the By-law requires a minimum front uncovered porch and stair setback 22 ft (6.71 m). This represents a reduction of approximately 0.92 ft (0.28 m). Staff are of the opinion that the requested variance is minor in nature.

#### **Increase in Maximum Side Eaves Projection**

The applicant is requesting a maximum eaves encroachment of 2 ft (0.61 m) into the side yard, whereas the By-law permits maximum eaves encroachment of 1.5 ft (0.46 m). Given that the proposed dwelling will maintain the required setback and that the variance request only applies to the front portion of the dwelling, staff have no objections.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY**

No written submissions were received as of May 14, 2019. It is noted that additional information may be received after the writing of the report, and the Secretary-Treasurer will provide information on this at the meeting.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Planning Staff have reviewed the application with respect to Section 45(1) of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, and are of the opinion that the variance request meets the four tests of the Planning Act and have no objection. Staff recommend that the Committee consider public input in reaching a decision.

The onus is ultimately on the applicant to demonstrate why they should be granted relief from the requirements of the zoning by-law, and how they satisfy the tests of the Planning Act required for the granting of minor variances.

Please see Appendix "A" for conditions to be attached to any approval of this application.

PREPARED BY:

  
Aqsa Malik, Planner, Zoning and Special Projects

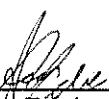
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**APPENDIX "A"****CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/40/19**

1. The variances apply only to the proposed development as long as it remains;
2. That the variances apply only to the subject development, in substantial conformity with the plan(s) attached as 'Appendix B' to this Staff Report and received by the City of Markham on April 26, 2019, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation from the Director of Planning and Urban Design or designate that this condition has been fulfilled to his or her satisfaction;
3. Submission of a Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan, prepared by a qualified arborist in accordance with the City's Streetscape Manual (2009), as amended, to be reviewed and approved by the City, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation from the Tree Preservation Technician or Director of Operations that this condition has been fulfilled to his/her satisfaction, and that any detailed Siting, Lot Grading and Servicing Plan required as a condition of approval reflects the Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan;
4. That prior to the commencement of construction or demolition, tree protection be erected and maintained around all trees on site in accordance with the City's Streetscape Manual, including street trees, in accordance with the City's Streetscape Manual (2009) as amended, and inspected by City Staff to the satisfaction of the Tree Preservation Technician or Director of Operations; and
5. That tree replacements be provided and/or tree replacement fees be paid to the City if required in accordance with the Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation that this condition has been fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Tree Preservation Technician or Director of Operations.

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## **APPENDIX B**

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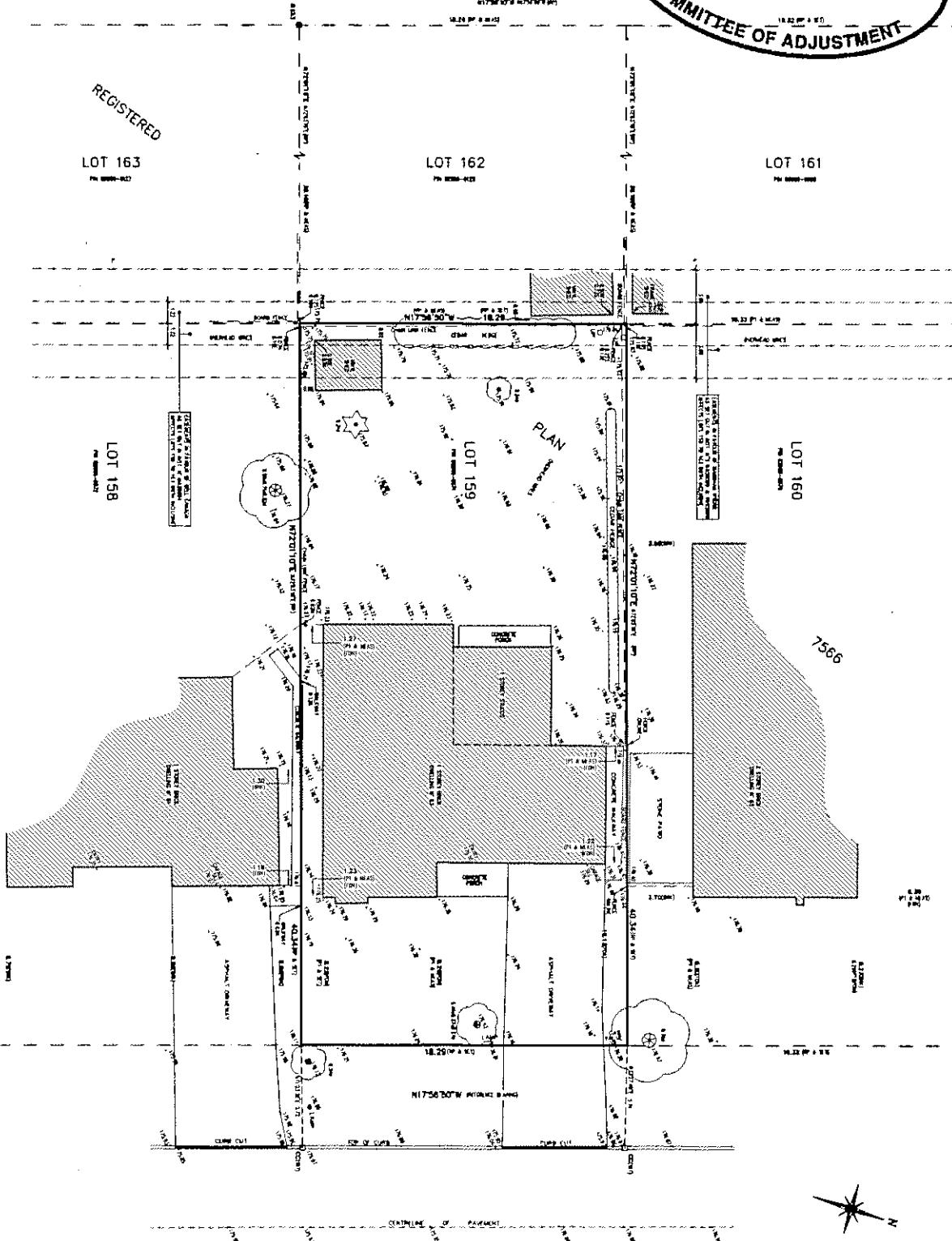
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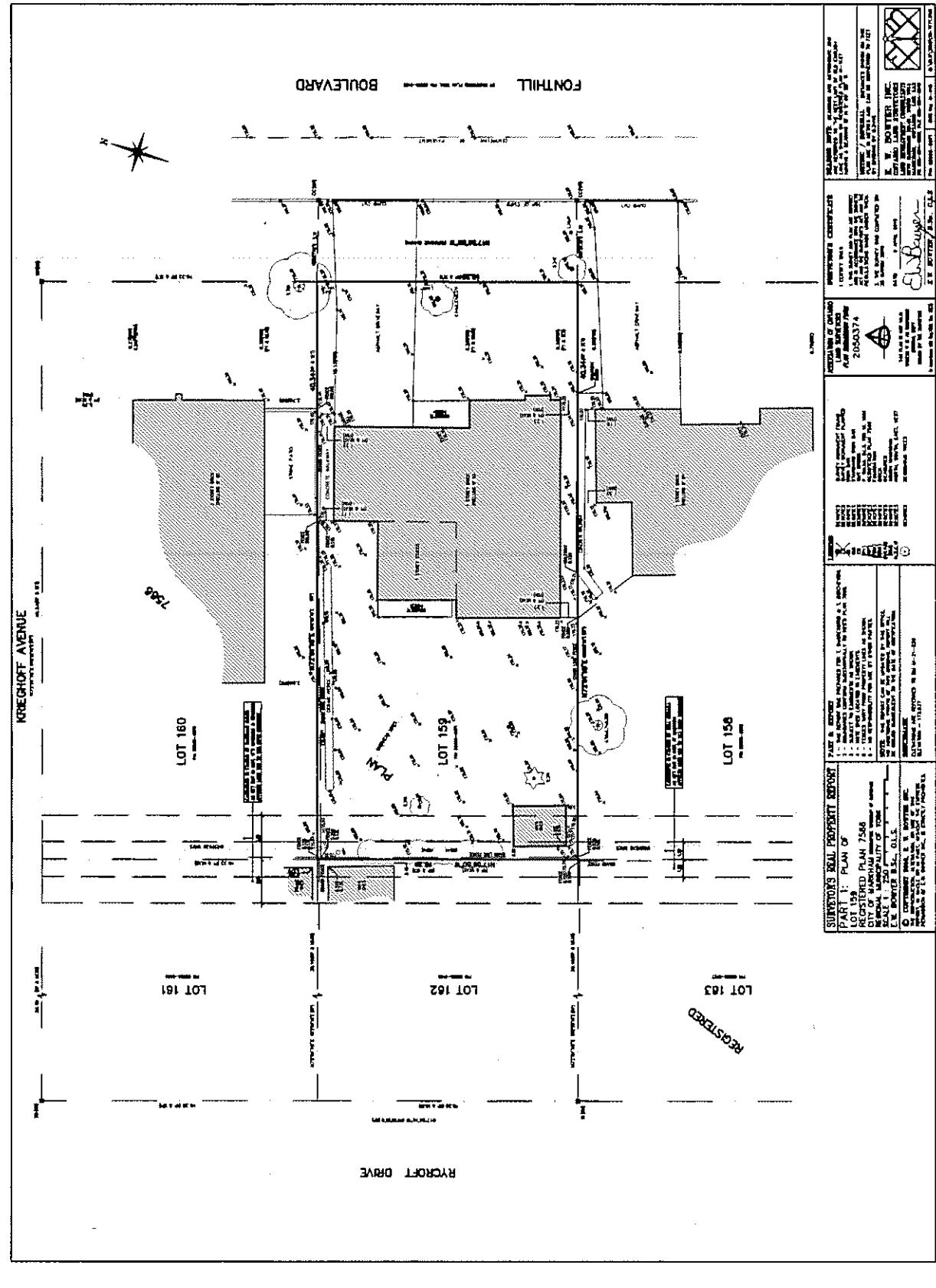
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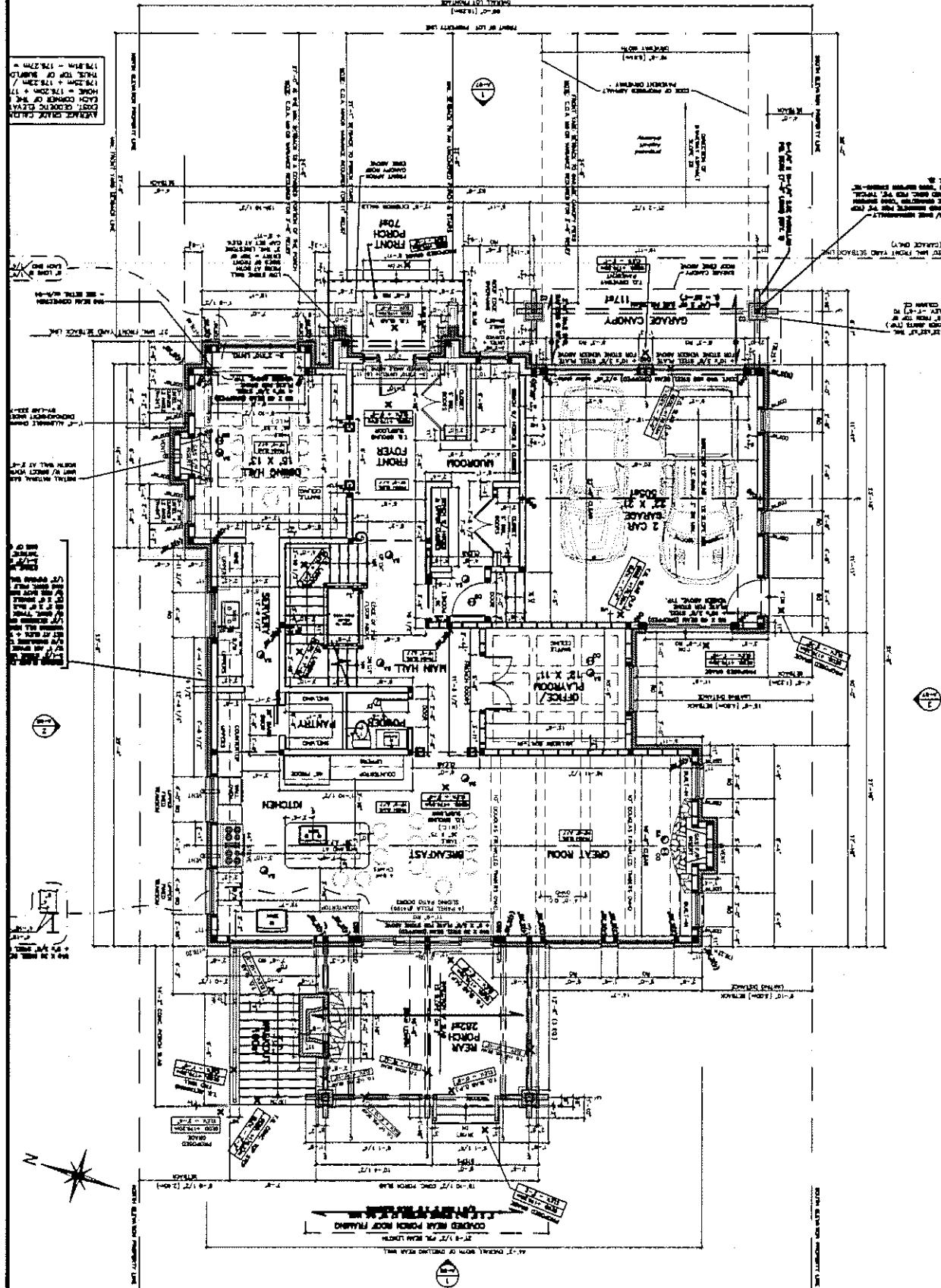
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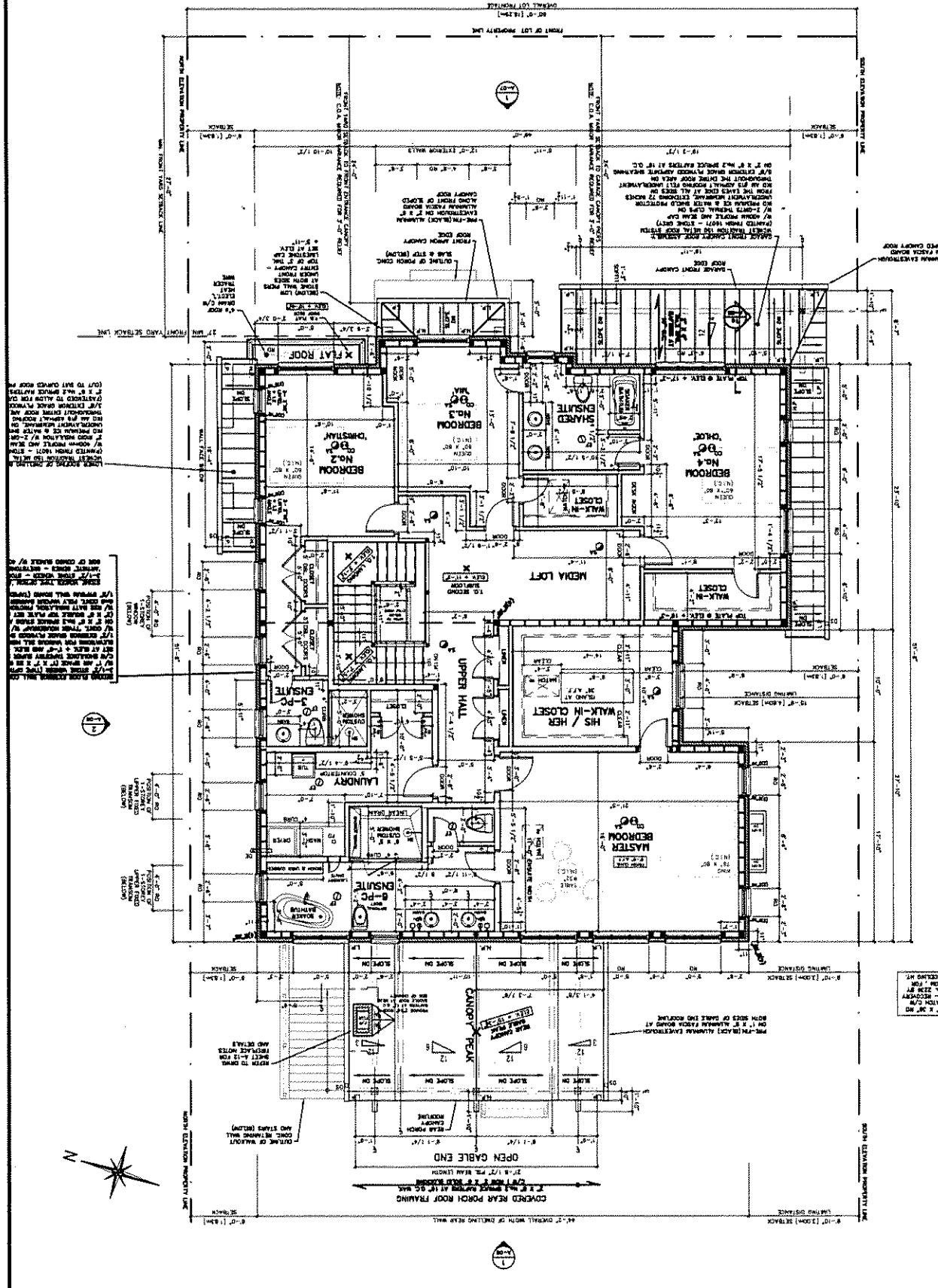
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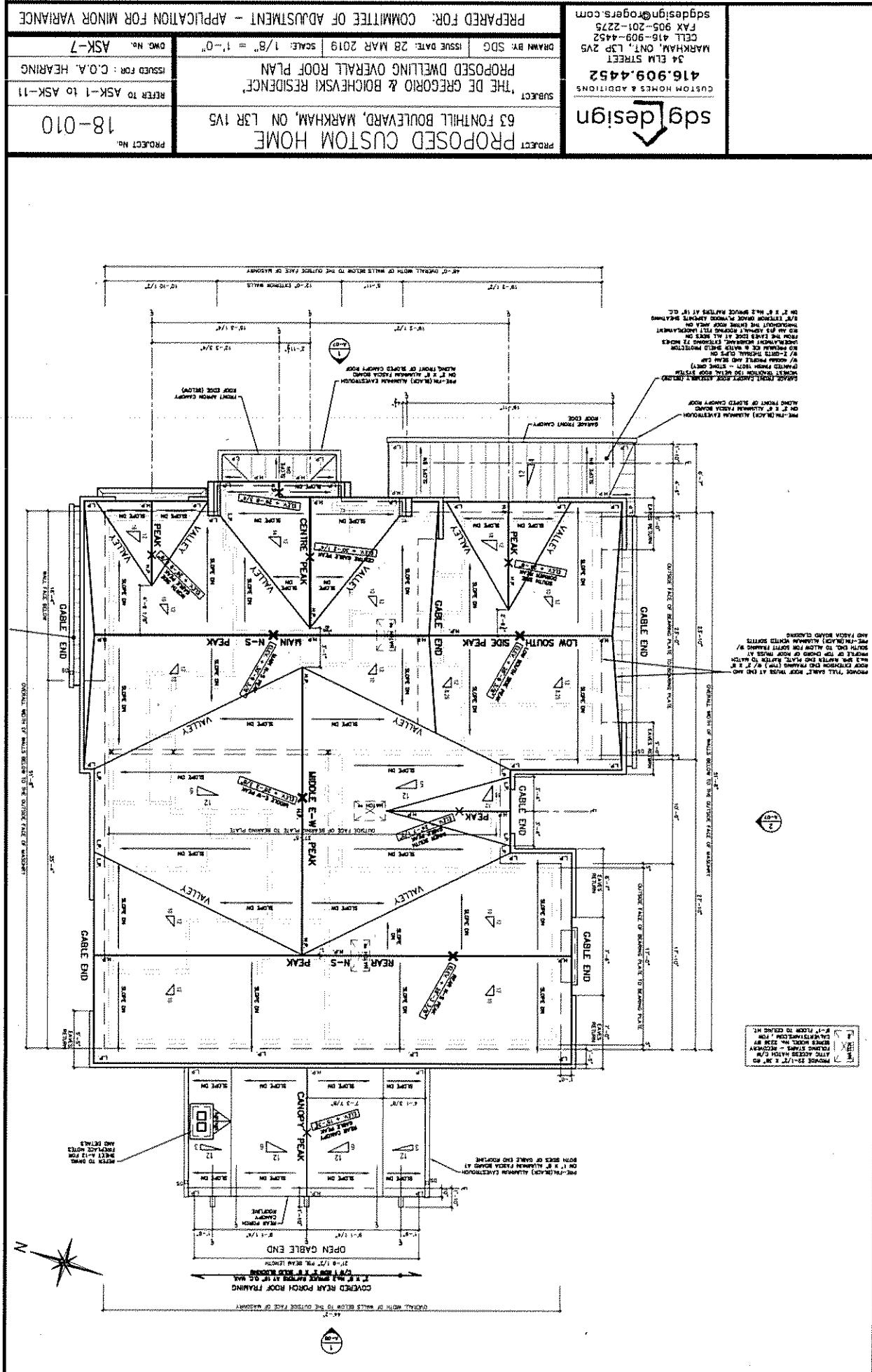


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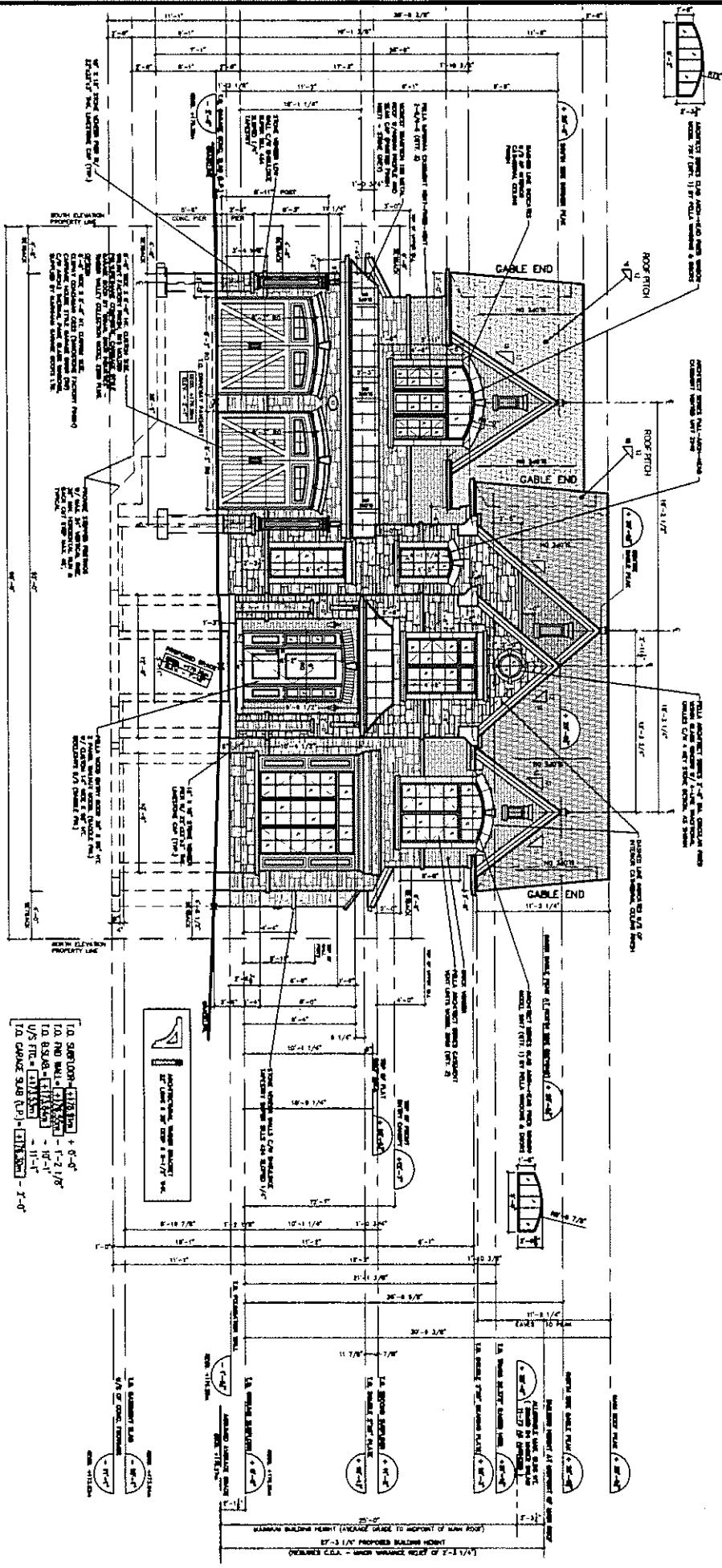




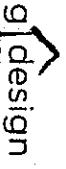
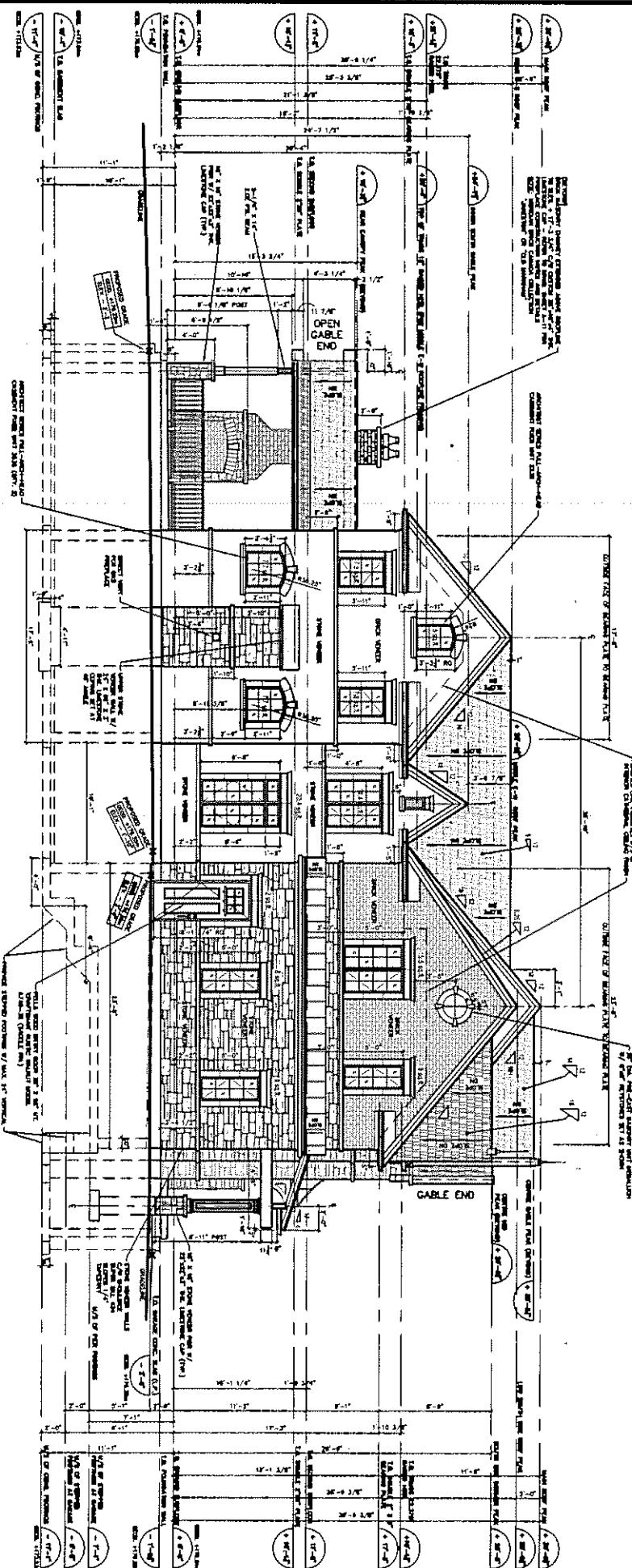
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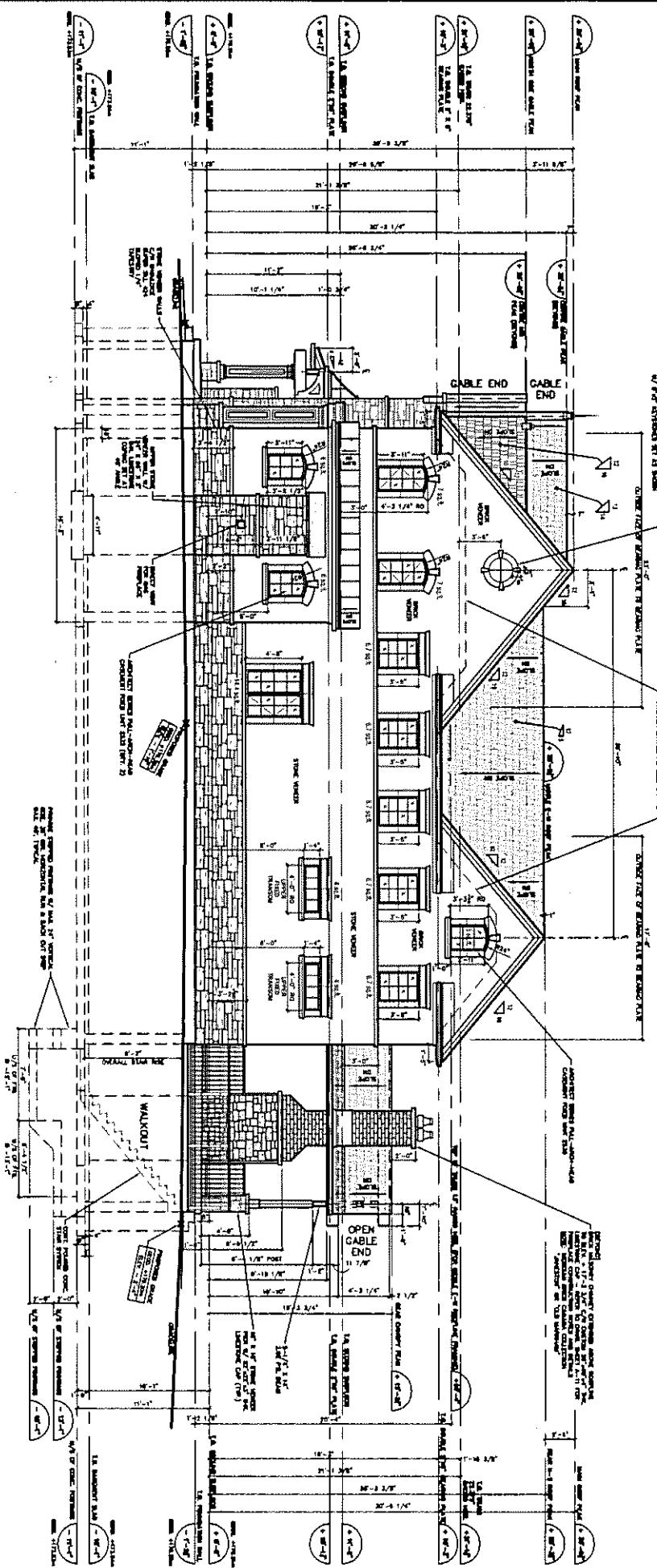
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