STAFF REPORT 5-12-2021 REGULAR MEETING

APPLICATION NUMBER: 21-7217 **ADDRESS:** 4217 LINCOLN STREET

HISTORIC DISTRICT: WOODBRIDGE FARM APPLICANT: ELISE DECHARD, END STUDIO

PROPERTY OWNER: JODI TROMBLEY & DAN POLOVINA

DATE OF PROVISIONALLY COMPLETE APPLICATION: 4-5-2021

DATE OF STAFF SITE VISIT: 4-23-2021

SCOPE: REMOVE STOOPS AND ONE (1) EXISTING FRONT PORCH; ERECT NEW FRONT PORCH SPANNING WIDTH OF FRONT FAÇADE

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The building located at 4217 Lincoln Street is a 2 ½-story two-family residence that was constructed ca. 1915. Clad in a red brick, the building has an asymmetrical front façade with an entry on each side of the front elevation divided by a bay of 3 windows. The entrance on the left side of the front façade includes a small covered porch while the entrance on the right side of the front façade is recessed. The building features wood windows with leaded glass upper sashes and a hipped roof with dormers.

PREPARED BY: A. PHILLIPS



4217 Lincoln. View from Lincoln Street looking southwest. Photo taken by HDC staff, April 23, 2021.

PROPOSAL

With the current proposal, the applicant is seeking the Commission's approval to remove stoops and one (1) existing front porch and erect a new front porch spanning the width of the front facade per the attached drawings and application. Included in the proposal are the following scope items:

• Demolish existing front porch and stairs at both entrances in their entirety.

- Remove existing concrete sidewalks leading up to the steps at both entries.
- Remove existing wood shake roof over projecting bay windows as the new proposed porch roof will serve as the new roof for the projecting bay.
- Erect new front porch extending 7' 0" from the front façade and spanning the width of the front façade including:
 - Hipped roof covered in asphalt shingles to match the existing asphalt shingles at the main roof and supported by new painted wood columns
 - One new entry stair with new small gable over the entry stair at approximately the same location as the existing stair at the south (left) end of the front façade.
 - New painted wood guardrails
 - o Painted paneling/doors at the base of the porch
 - o Details at the new porch include painted wood arches between columns, a cornice and corbels to match those at the main roof structure of the house
 - o Cedar decking (finish: clear coat) and stair treads
 - o Paint new porch as described in the diagram in the application
- Paint existing windows and trim to match the color scheme for the new porch
 - o Existing windows and their trim color: dark off-black gray
 - Existing cornice and corbels color: dark off-black gray
 - o Existing trim on the frieze board color: blue green

STAFF OBSERVATIONS & RESEARCH

- Woodbridge Farm Historic District was designated in 1991.
- This property was constructed as a two-story, two-family building with a unit at the first floor which was accessed via the entrance with the front porch at the south (left) side of the front façade and a unit at the second floor which was accessed via the recessed entrance at the north (right) side of the front façade. The building is now serving as a single-family residence
- See 1921 Sanborn Map of the vicinity below. As stated in the Elements of Design #22, "Woodbridge Farm is a pocket of primarily late Victorian middle-class residential architecture." It is diverse in architectural styles and residential typologies. Notice the prevalence of small, individual porches, specifically at multi-family building types (labeled as "F"). "D" indicates a single-family dwelling.



ISSUES

- The existence of two entries as well as the difference in architectural detail at the entries the first floor unit entry presenting a more substantial projecting front porch and second floor unit entry featuring a recessed covered porch and more subdued detailing are distinctive and important character-defining features of the property.
- The existing projecting bay at the center of the front façade, with its shed roof covered in cedar shake shingles is a distinctive and important character-defining feature of the property.
- It is staff's opinion that the proposal not only removes historic material but also alters the features that characterize the property and is therefore inappropriate as it doesn't meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation nor the Elements of Design for this district. Specifically, the following excerpted Woodbridge Farm Elements of Design:
 - o **6. Rhythm of entrance and/or porch projections.** The positions of porches contribute to the variety of design of the houses; front porches are frequently off to one side of the front facades of single-family houses and at both sides or in the centers of the front facades on duplexes.
 - **8.** Relationship of textures. ... Whereas slate and wood shingle on roofs and in gables create substantial textural interest, asphalt shingle roofs generally do not contribute to textural interest.
- Additionally, even if the removal of the historic materials and the alteration of features which characterize the property *were* appropriate, it is staff's opinion that the proposed new design is not substantially differentiated from the old and that it may create a false sense of historical development.

RECOMMENDATION

Section 21-2-78, Determinations of Historic District Commission (Demolition; erection of new porch)

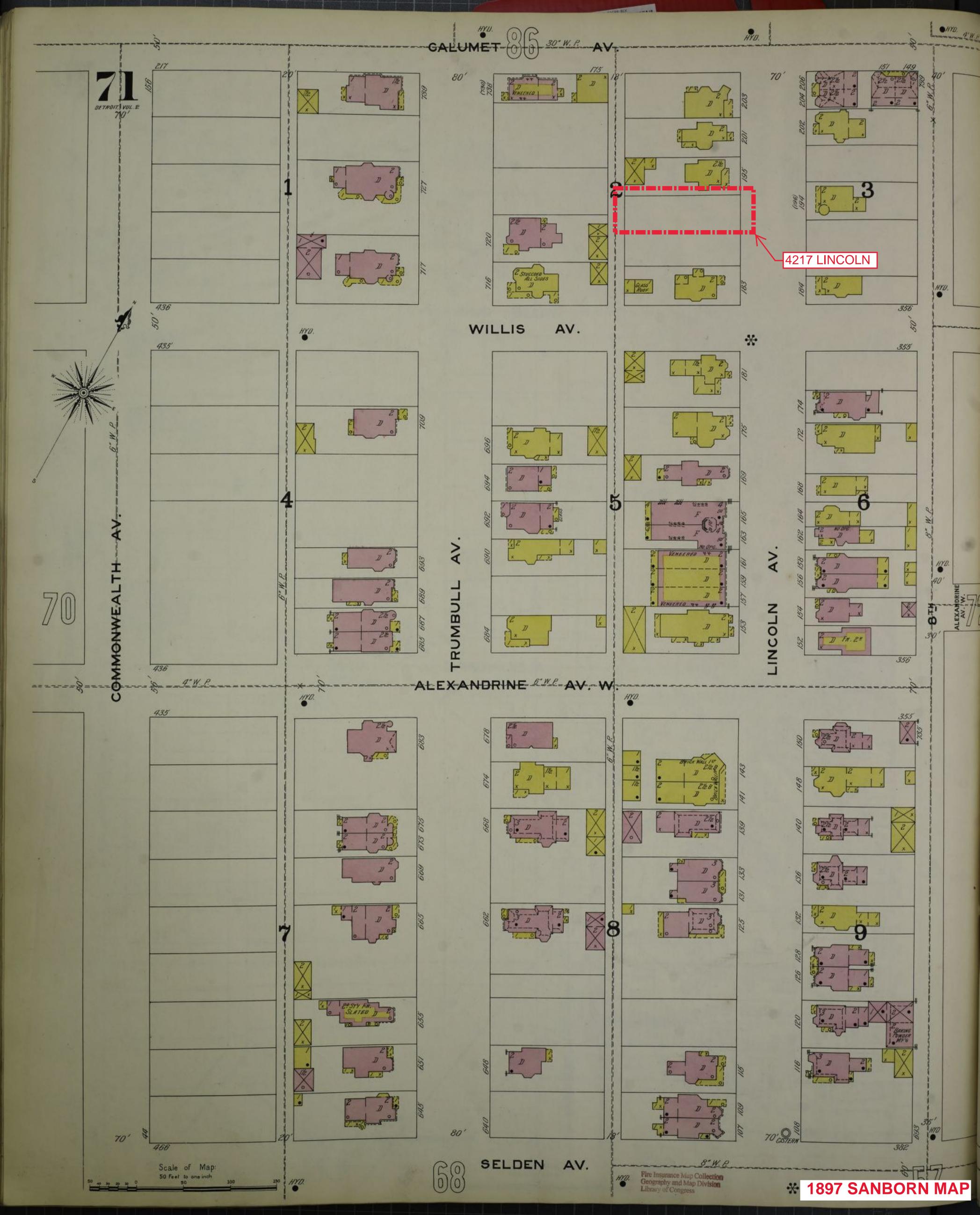
It is staff's opinion that the proposal to remove existing front porches and stoops as well as the removal of the cedar shake roof of the projecting bay is inappropriate with respect to the character of this property and its environment. Staff therefore recommends that the Commission issue a Denial for the proposed work because it does not meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and the Woodbridge Farm Elements of Design, especially Standards:

- (1) A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment.
- (2) The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.
- (3) Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.
- (5) Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a historic property shall be preserved.
- (6) Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.
- (9) New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

And Woodbridge Farm Elements of Design 6 and 8.

Section 21-2-78, Determinations of Historic District Commission (Painting existing windows and trim)

It is staff's opinion that the proposal to paint should qualify for a Certificate of Appropriateness. Staff recommends that the Commission approve a COA for the proposed application, as it meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and the Woodbridge Farm Historic District's Elements of Design.













THIS IS A 3-PAGE FORM - ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR PROJECT REVIEW

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION PROJECT REVIEW REQUEST

City of Detroit - Planning & Development Department 2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 808
Detroit. Michigan 48226

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Upon receipt of this	documentation, staff will review	v and inform vou of the ne	kt steps toward obtaining your building

SUBMIT COMPLETED REQUESTS TO: HDC@DETROITMI.GOV

permit from the Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department (BSEtED) to perform the work.

P2 - BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

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PROPERTY INFORMATION		
Address:	Floo	r:Suite#:Stories:
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Project Overview

PROJECT LNC – Lincoln Street Front Porch

PROJECT ADDRESS 4217 Lincoln Street

Detroit, MI 48208

CLIENT Jodi Trombley & Dan Polovina

DATE 04/02/2021

Project Narrative

The project is the creation of a new front porch to span across the existing front facade of 4217 Lincoln Street.

The existing porches are in fair condition, but do not offer usable area other than as entry points. The guardrails are low and not up to current building codes, and therefore present a safety hazard for the family's children. The existing stairs are uneven and steeper than allowed by current code, and the concrete plinth at the bottom is in disrepair.

The client would like to expand the porch across the front of the house, in a style similar to other homes in the district, to create more useable space for the family's use. The porch has a hipped roof supported by painted wood columns and small gable over the entry stair. The porch is three bays wide and one bay deep and extends 7' from the front façade of the house. A small bay projection replicates the existing projection on the secondary porch in form and dimensions, with the exception of guardrail height.

The gable over the stair references the existing gable over the first floor front porch. The arched motif between columns draw inspiration from the existing's house's arched doorways and windows.

As part of the project, the existing windows and trim on the house will be painted in the new color scheme. Windows and their trim will be painted a dark off-black gray. The cornice and corbels will be painted a dark off-black gray, with the existing trim on the frieze board to be painted a blue green. All masonry brick and sills, roof shingles, and cedar shakes will be left as is.

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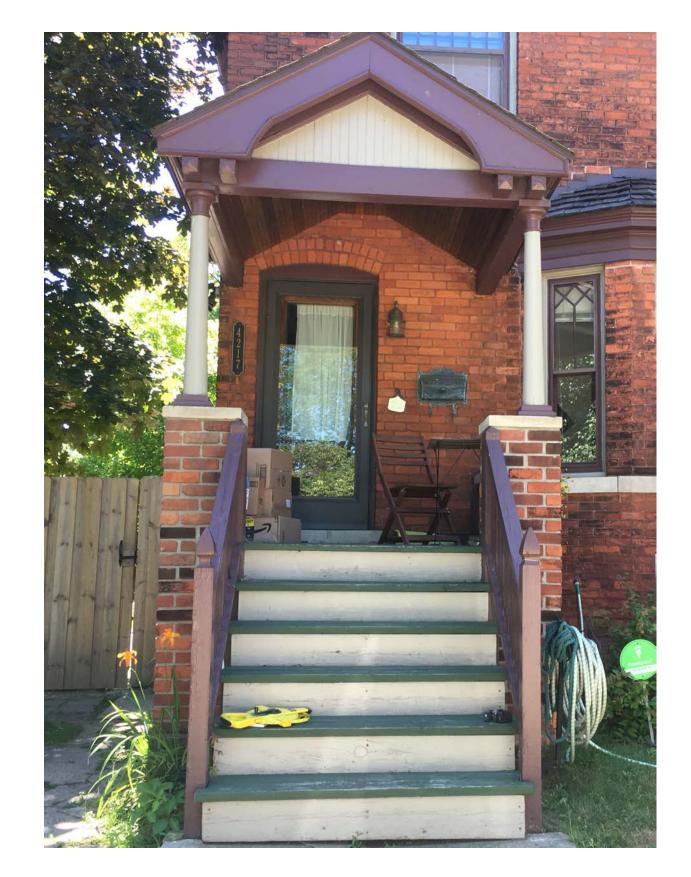














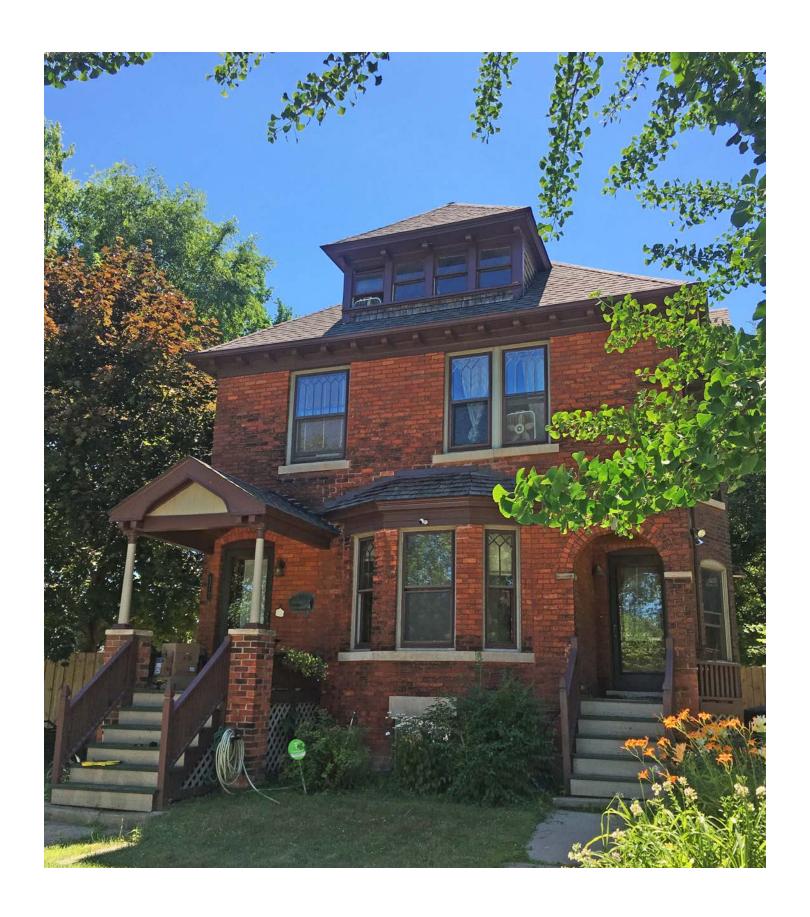














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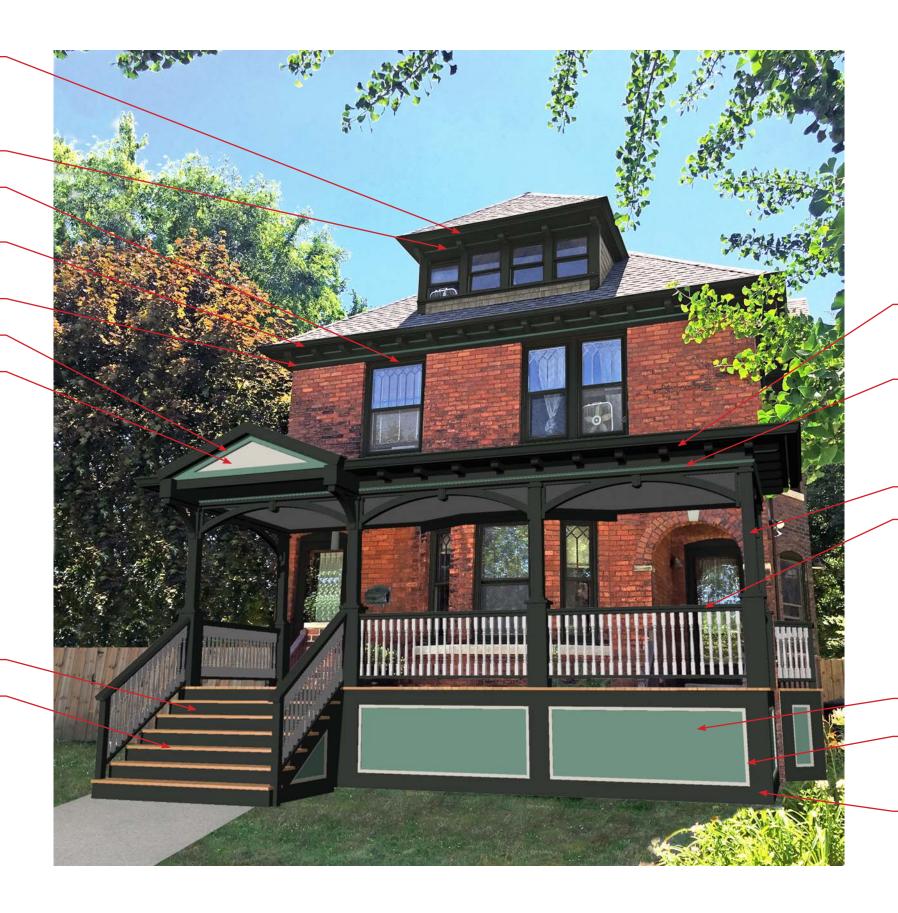
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FINISH SCHEDULE

- P-1 Benjamin Moore Nightfall 1596
- P-2 Benjamin Moore Pacific Rim 678
- P-3 Benjamin Moore Sweet Spring 1500

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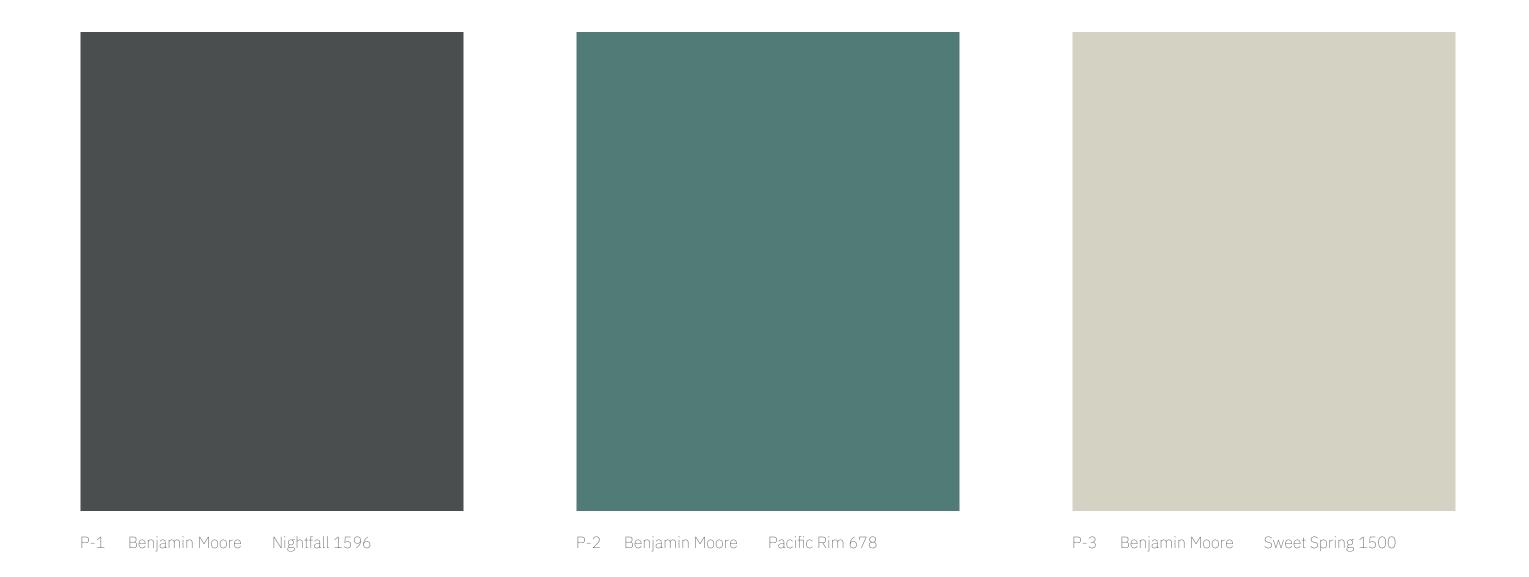
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LINCOLN STREET FRONT PORCH

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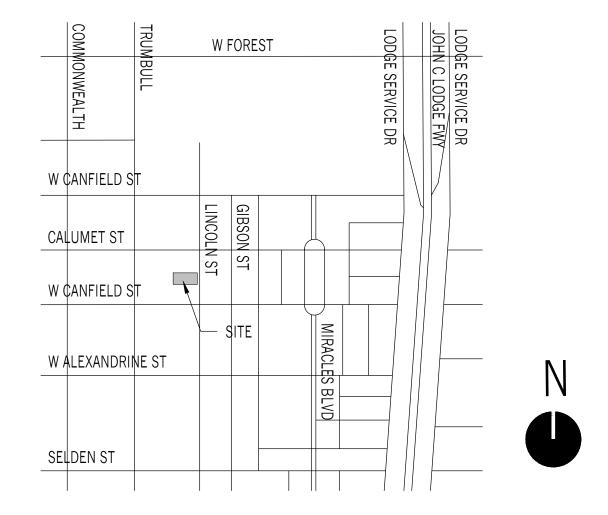
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6,000 SF

4' MINIMUM / 14' COMBINED

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LINCOLN ST

PROJECT INFORMATION

OWNER: JODI TROMBLEY

& DUSAN POLOVINA

4217 LINCOLN STREET DETROIT, MI 48208

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REGULATING BODY: CITY OF DETROIT

CODE: 2015 MICHIGAN RESIDENTIAL CODE

ZONING:

SUBDIVISION:

ADDRESS:

PARCEL ID NUMBER:

R3 - LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL

HODGES BROS SUB OF OLS 98

HISTORIC DISTRICT: WOODBRIDGE FARM

WOODBRIDGE FARMS

USE: TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

LOT SIZE: 10,165 SF

LOT WIDTH: 82'-0"

ZONING REVIEW

MAX. BUILDING HEIGHT MAX. LOT COVERAGE

MIN. LOT WIDTH:

MIN. LOT AREA:

FRONT YARD SETBACK
BACK YARD SETBACK

SIDE YARD SETBACK

EXISTING

LOT DEPTH:

PRIMARY STRUCTURE REGULATIONS

EX. BUILDING HEIGHT 27'-11"

EX.FOOTPRINT: 1,571 SF EX. HOUSE AREA 2,542 SF EX. LOT COVERAGE: 15.5%

2,524 SF LOT COVERAGE:

1,571 SF / 34.2%

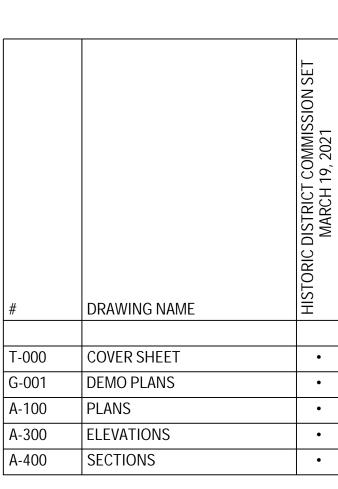
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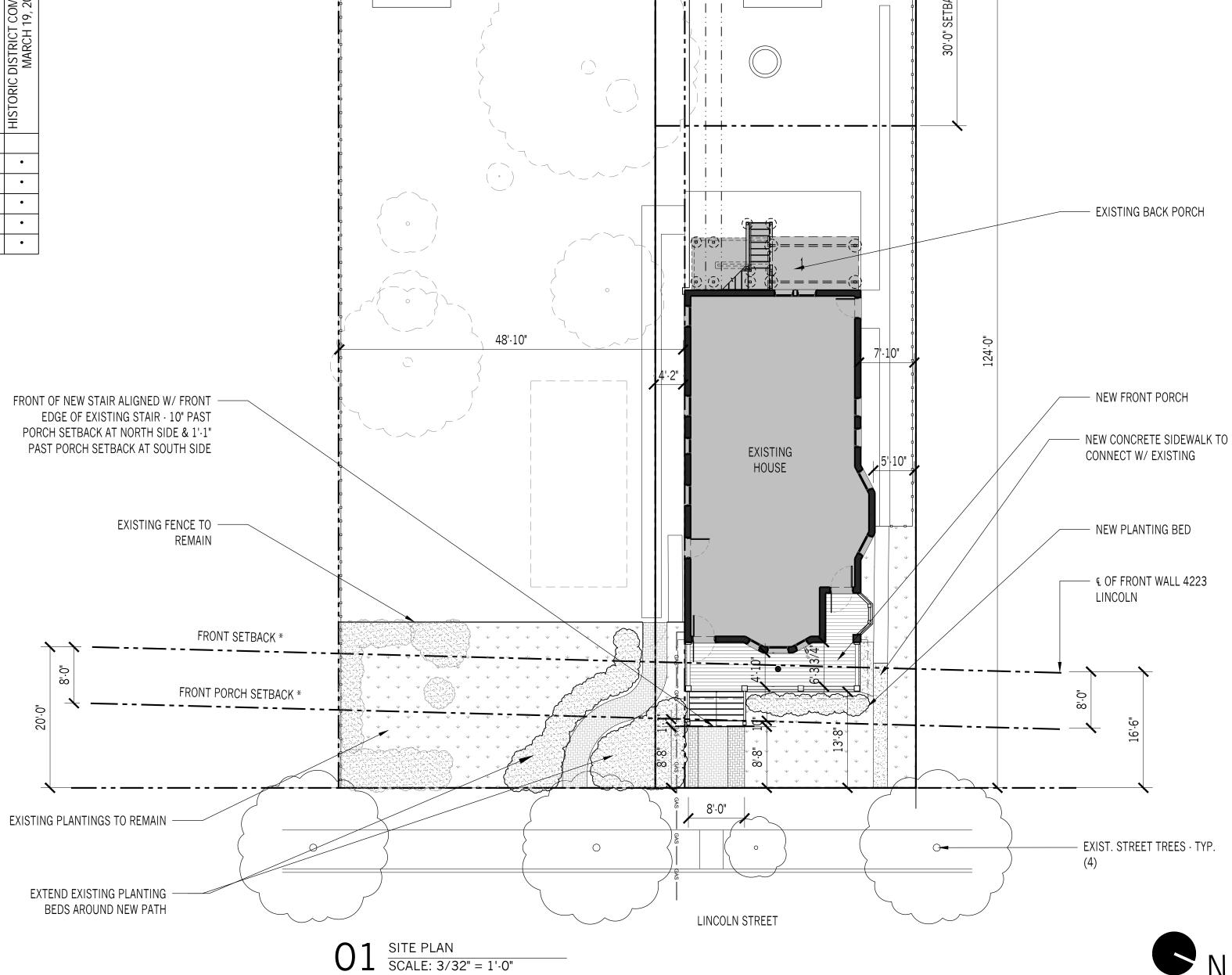
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BUILDING HEIGHT: 27'-11"

FOOTPRINT: 1,678 SF
LOT COVERAGE: 16.5%

SHEET LIST





37'-0"

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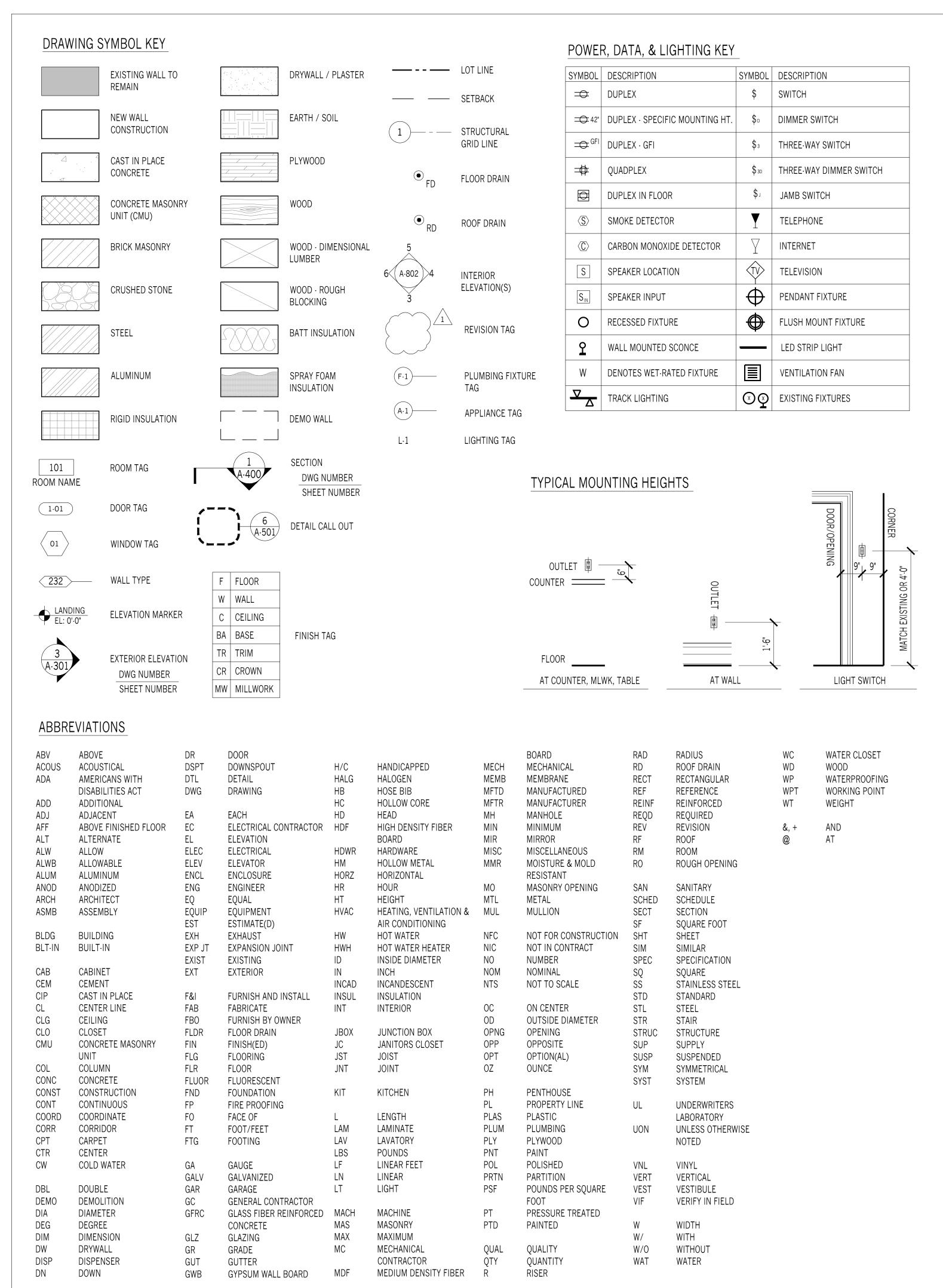
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GENERAL NOTES

- 1. THIS APPLICATION IS BEING FILED FOR A FRONT PORCH ADDITION TO AN EXISTING HOME.
- 2. ALL WORK SHALL BE DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE 2015 MICHIGAN RESIDENTIAL CODE AND ALL OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS, INCLUDING FIRE DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS, UTILITY COMPANY REQUIREMENTS, AND BEST TRADE PRACTICES.
- 3. BEFORE COMMENCING WORK, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL FILE ALL REQUIRED CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE WITH THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, OBTAIN ALL REQUIRED PERMITS, AND PAY ALL FEES REQUIRED BY GOVERNING AGENCIES.
- 4. CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY ALL EXISTING CONDITIONS AND DIMENSIONS SHOWN ON PLANS AT THE JOB SITE BEFORE COMMENCING ANY WORK, AND SHALL REPORT ANY DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN DRAWINGS AND FIELD CONDITIONS TO THE ARCHITECT.
- THE CONTRACTOR SHALL LAY OUT THEIR OWN WORK, AND SHALL PROVIDE ALL DIMENSIONS REQUIRED FOR OTHER TRADES (MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, ETC).
- THE CONTRACTOR IS NOT TO SCALE DRAWINGS OR DETAILS, ONLY WRITTEN DIMENSIONS SHALL BE USED. WHERE REQUIRED DIMENSIONS ARE MISSING, NOTIFY ARCHITECT FOR CLARIFICATION.
- 7. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE TAKEN TO FINISHED FACE OR SURFACES, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

PLAN NOTES

- 1. ALL NEW EXTERIOR WALLS TO BE 2X6 CONSTRUCTION @ 16" O.C. W/R-21 BATT INSULATION AND ONE (1) LAYER 1/2"GYP BOARD INTERIOR SIDE, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
- 2. ALL NEW INTERIOR PARTITIONS TO BE 2X4 CONSTRUCTION @ 16" O.C. W/ONE (1) LAYER 1/2"GYP BOARD EACH SIDE, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

DEMO PLAN NOTES

1. ALL EXISTING WALLS, GLAZING, AND OTHER WORK TO REMAIN SHALL BE FULLY PROTECTED FROM DAMAGE. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE AND SHALL MAKE REQUIRED REPAIRS WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COST TO THE OWNER.

POWER, LIGHTING, & RCP NOTES

- 1. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL RECEPTACLES & LIGHT FIXTURES SHALL BE CENTERED ON WALL OR BETWEEN OR BENEATH THE WINDOWS, DOORS, OTHER WORK, OR OTHER FIXTURES THEY ARE LOCATED IN RELATION TO.
- 2. RECEPTACLES SHOULD BE MOUNTED TO MATCH THE HEIGHT AND ORIENTATION OF EXISTING RECEPTACLES IN ROOM. SWITCHES TO BE MOUNTED TO MATCH THE HEIGHT OF EXISTING SWITCHES IN ROOM. IF NO REFERENCE EXISTS, ALL RECEPTACLES & LIGHT FIXTURES SHALL BE MOUNTED AT THE HEIGHTS SPECIFIED IN THE TYPICAL MOUNTING HEIGHTS DIAGRAM, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
- 3. SWITCHES, FIXTURES, AND RECEPTACLES SHOWN ADJACENT ON PLAN WITH DIMENSION ONLY TO ONE OF THEM SHOULD BE COMBINED IN BANKS OR STACKED VERTICALLY.
- 4. ALL APPLIANCE-SPECIFIC OUTLETS TO BE COORDINATED WITH APPLIANCE SELECTION.



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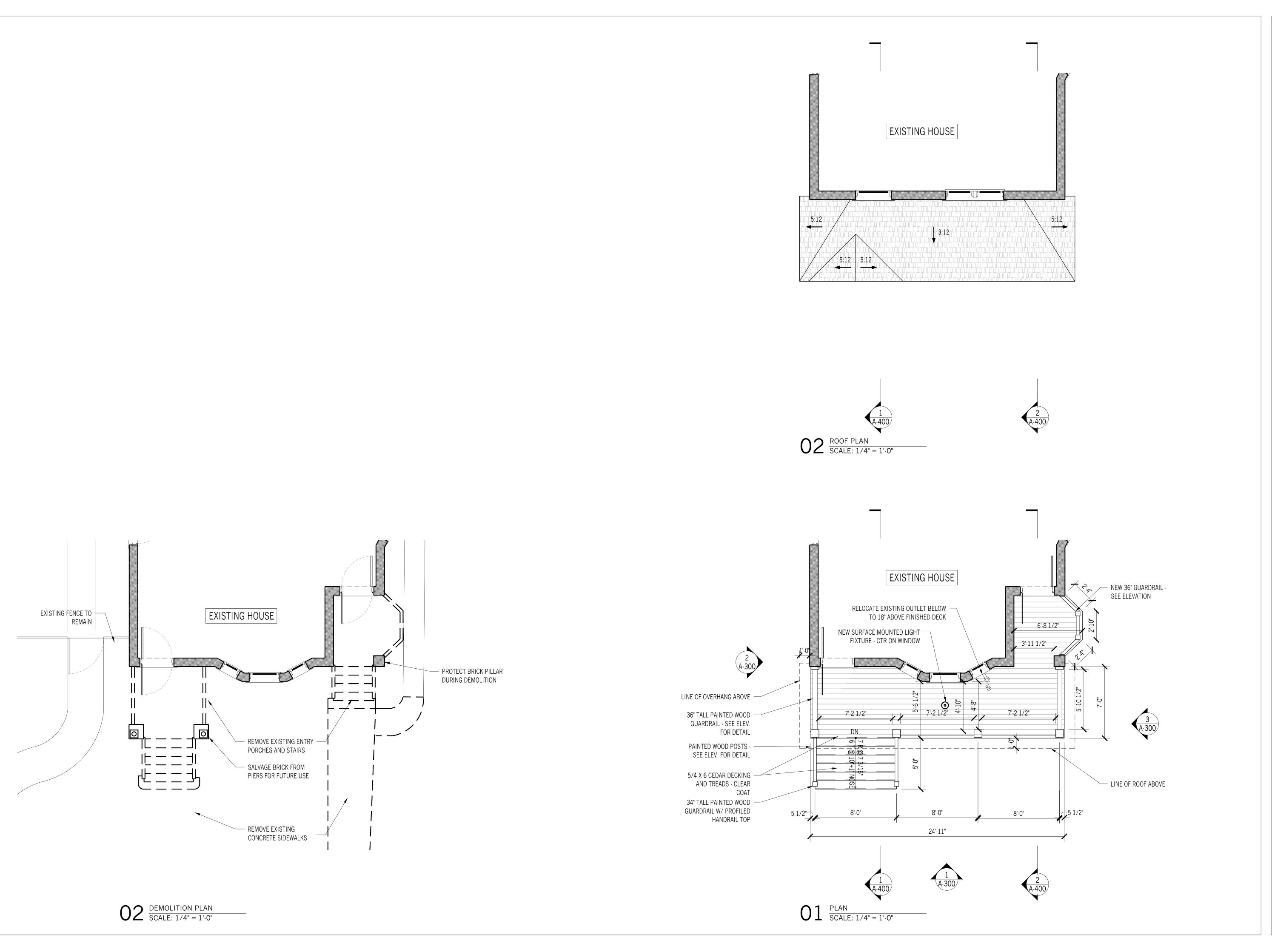
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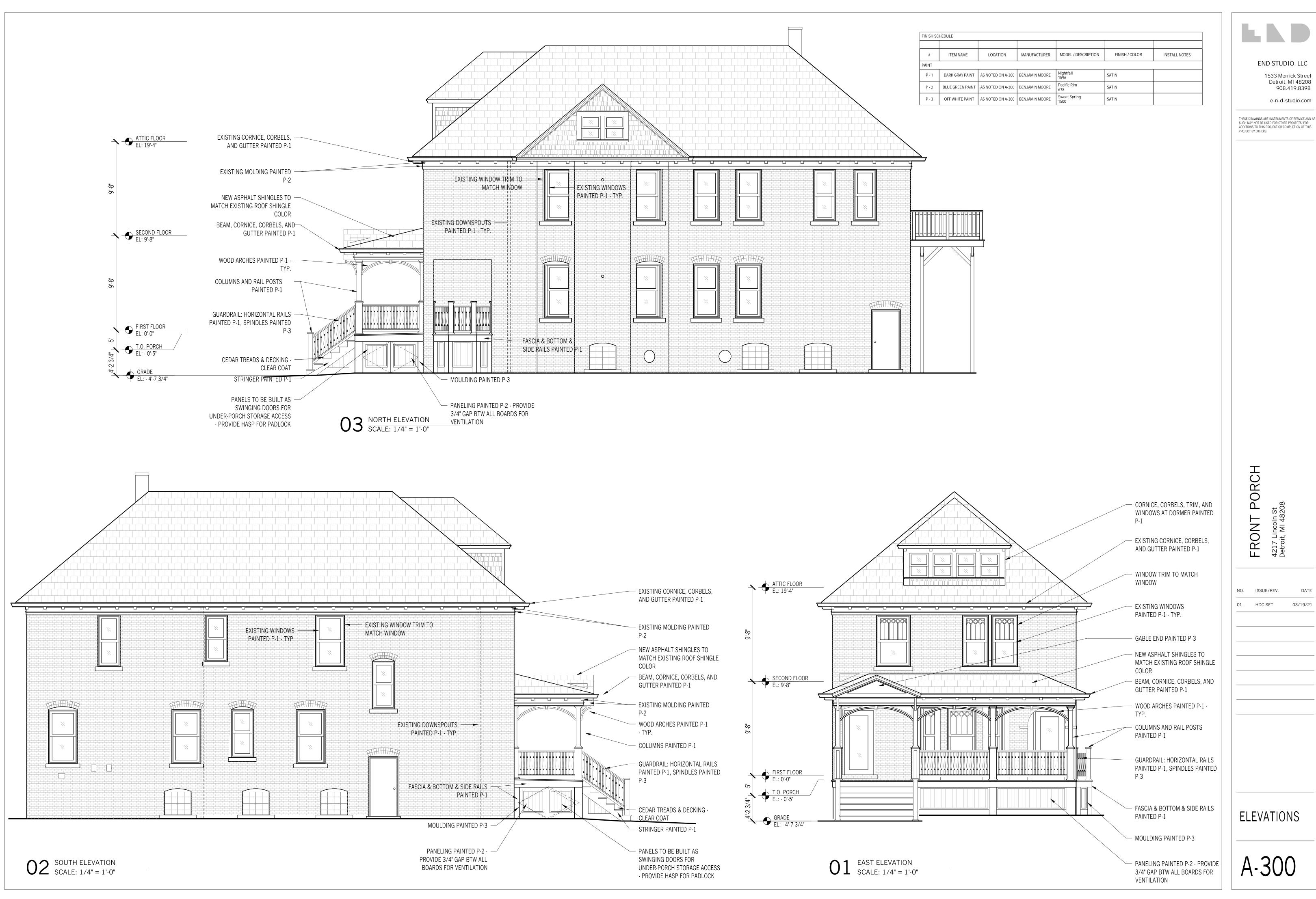
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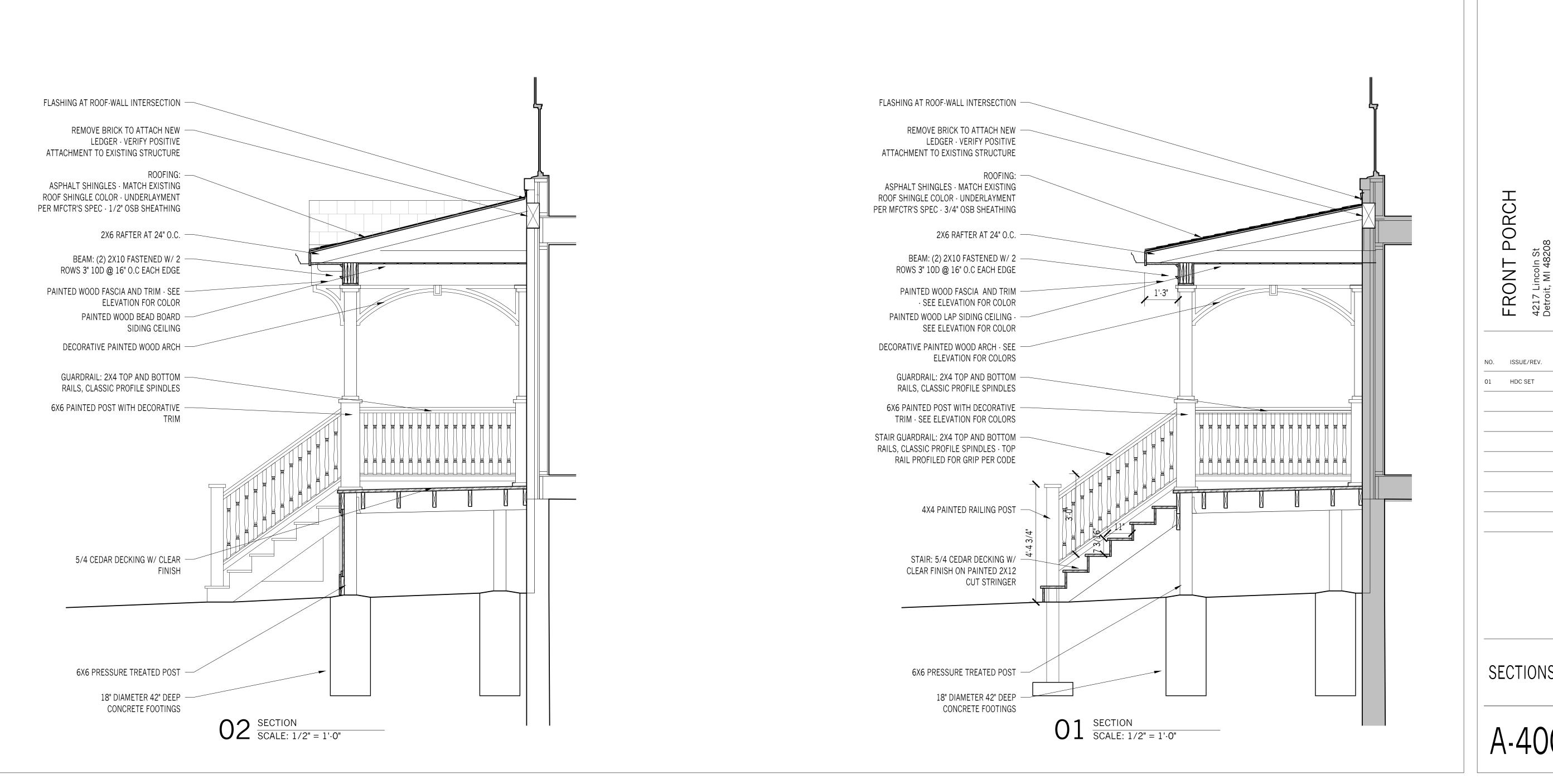
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