Docket Item #4 BZA #2024-00001 Board of Zoning Appeals June 10, 2024

ADDRESS:2612 TERRETT AVENUEZONE:R-2-5/ RESIDENTIAL ZONEAPPLICANT:CHRISTINE KELLY, ARCHITECT

blockface range.

ISSUE:	Special exception to construct a second-story addition in the require secondary front yard.				
CODE	SUBJECT	CODE	APPLICANT	REQUESTED	
SECTION		REQMT	PROPOSES	EXCEPTION	
<u>3-506(A)(1)</u>	Front Setback	16.00 feet*	14.20 feet	1.80 feet	
* The required fro	nt setback is establ	lished by the min	nimum setback wi	thin the contextual	

The staff <u>recommends approval</u> of the request because it meets all the criteria for a special exception.

If the Board grants the requested special exception, it is subject to compliance with all applicable code requirements, ordinances, and recommended conditions found in the department comments. The applicant must submit certification of building height and floor area ratio from a licensed architect or engineer prior to the final inspection. The special exception must also be recorded in the City's Land Records Office prior to the release of the building permit.

I. <u>Issue</u>

The applicant proposes to expand an existing noncomplying wall by constructing a second-story addition above an existing one-story portion of the home that is located in the secondary front yard established by the contextual blockface along Randolph Street.

II. <u>Background</u>

The subject property is a corner lot of record with 53.05 feet of frontage along Terrett Avenue, 121.04



Figure 1 Subject Property

feet of frontage along Randloph Street, 121.00 of depth along the south side property line, and 50.04 feet across the west side property line. According to Real Estate Assessments the lot contains 6,237.00 square feet of lot area. The lot is substandard as to the minimum lot area and width required for a corner lot in the R-2-5 zone.

According to Real Estate Assessment Records, the existing dwelling was constructed in 1926. The dwelling is located 23.30 feet from the primary front property line facing Terrett Avenue, 14.20 feet from the secondary front property line facing Randolph Street, 10.90 feet from the south side property line, and 47.80 feet from the west side property line.

R-2-5 zone	Required/Permit	Existing	Proposed
	ted		
Lot Area	6,500.00 sq. ft.	6,237.00 sq. ft.	6,237.00 sq. ft.
Lot Frontage	40.00 ft.	53.05 ft.	53.05 ft.
Lot Width	65.00 ft.	52.00 ft.	52.00 ft.
Primary Front Yard	22.90 ft.*	23.30 ft.*	23.30 ft. *
(Terrett Avenue)			
Secondary Front Yard	16.00 ft.*	14.20 ft.*	14.20 ft.*
(Randolph Street)			
Side Yard (west)	1:3 Min. 7.00 ft.	47.80 ft.	40.40 ft.
Side Yard (south)	1:3 Min. 7.00 ft.	10.90 ft.	10.90 ft.
Building Height	30.00 ft.	12.50 ft.**	23.00 ft.***
Floor Area Ratio	2806.45 sq ft	2403.24 sq. ft. (.38)	2727.35 sq. ft. (.44)
	(.45)		

The following table provides zoning analysis of the subject property:

* Required front setbacks determined by the contextual blockface range.

** Measured from average pre-construction grade to the midpoint of the existing gable roof of the existing one story.

*** Measured from average pre-construction grade to the midpoint of the gable roof of the proposed second-story addition.

III. <u>Description</u>

The applicant proposes to construct a second-story addition above the existing one -story portion of the dwelling and a one-story addition.

The proposed footprint for the two-story addition would measure 13.00 feet by 20.80 feet for a total of 270.40 square feet. The proposed addition will measure 23.00 feet to the midpoint of the roofline when measured from average pre-construction grade and will be located 14.20 feet from the secondary front property line, 47.00 feet from the west side property line 10.90 feet from the south side property line. The minimum 16.00-foot setback required for the secondary front yard is established by the minimum of the contextual blockface range. The proposed second-story addition will be constructed above the one-story addition which is currently located within required secondary front yard and requires a special exception of 1.80 feet to construct the addition 14.20 feet from the secondary front property line.

The proposed one-story addition measures 8.50 feet by 8.50 feet and measures 12.50 feet in height measured from average preconstruction grade to midpoint of the gable roof. The one-story addition will be located 19.50 feet from the secondary front property line, 40.25 feet from the west side property line and 23.00 feet from the south side property line. This one-story addition will be located in compliance with the R-2-5 zone requirements.

Upon completion of the work, proposed renovations will continue to comply with the floor area requirements. (Refer to floor area calculations.)



Figure 2: Side elevation including the new addition.

IV. <u>Master Plan/Zoning</u>

The subject property is zoned R-2-5 and has been so zoned since adoption of the Third Revised Zoning Map in 1952.

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V. <u>Requested Special Exceptions:</u>

3-506(A)(1) Secondary Front Yard

The applicant requests a special exception of 1.80 feet from the required 16.00-foot secondary front yard setback established by the contextual block face range to construct a second-story addition above the existing noncomplying wall, 14.20 feet from the secondary front property line facing Randolph Street.

VI. <u>Substandard Lot and Noncomplying Structure</u>

The subject property is substandard lot developed with a noncomplying structure with respect to the following:

	Required	Provided	<u>Noncompliance</u>			
Lot Area	6,500 sq. ft.	6,237 sq. ft	263 sq. ft.			
Lot Width	65.00 ft.	52.00 ft.	13.00 ft.			
Front Yard (secondary)	16.00 ft. *	14.20 ft.	1.80 ft.			
* Based on the contextual blockface range of between 16.00 feet and 30.00 feet.						

VII. Exceptions Standards

To grant a special exception, the Board of Zoning Appeals must find that the strict application of the zoning ordinance creates an unreasonable burden on the use and enjoyment of the property. Section 11-1304 of the zoning ordinance lists standards that an applicant must address and that the Board believes exists and thus warrants granting a special exception of the zoning regulations.

1) Whether approval of the special exception will be detrimental to the public welfare, to the neighborhood or to the adjacent properties.

The applicant proposes to construct a modest second-story addition above the existing noncomplying secondary front building wall. The addition will be no closer to the secondary front property line than the existing dwelling and complies with all other zoning requirements. The second-story addition would not be detrimental to the public welfare, to the neighborhood or to the adjacent properties.

2) Whether approval of the special exception will impair an adequate supply of light and air to the adjacent property, or cause or substantially increase traffic congestion or increase the danger of fire or the spread of fire or endanger the public safety.

The proposed second-story addition will not impair light or air to any property as it is centrally located on the subject property and in compliance with the side yard setbacks and height requirements. This proposal will not negatively affect pedestrian or vehicular traffic or impair public safety. 3) Whether approval of the special exception will alter the essential character of the area or zone.

The special exception will not alter the character of the area or the zone. This area is developed primarily with one and two-story dwellings of varying heights and roof lines. A majority of the lots within the area are developed with second-story additions.

4) Whether the proposal will be compatible with the development in the surrounding neighborhood.

The proposed construction would be compatible with the development in the surrounding neighborhood in terms of lot development pattern and scale of dwellings. Additionally, many homes in the neighborhood are developed with second-story additions.

5) Whether the proposed development represents the only reasonable means and location on the lot to accommodate the proposed structure given the natural constraints of the lot or the existing development of the lot.

While an addition could be reconfigured or reduced to comply with all the setbacks, the substandard lot width and the requirement for corner lots to provide two restrictive front yards reduce the buildable area on this lot. The proposed second-story addition located immediately above the existing noncomplying one-story portion of the dwelling presents the most reasonable location to accommodate additional bedroom space on the second floor given the location of the existing house on the lot within the required secondary front yard setback.

VII. Staff Conclusion

Neighborhood Impact

The properties in the surrounding blocks consist primarily of one and two-story, single unit dwellings. The proposed second-story addition location and configuration will be compatible with the development pattern in the neighborhood.

Light and Air

Light and air to the properties on either side will not be affected as the second-story addition be located in line with the existing one-story portion of the dwelling and will comply with the required height to setback side yard requirements in the R-2-5 zone.

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Lot Constraints

The substandard lot width of this corner lot, combined with two restrictive front yards and the location of the existing dwelling on the lot within secondary front yard established by the contextual blockface makes locating an addition in compliance challenging.

VIII. Staff Conclusion

As outlined above, staff believes that the applicant's request is consistent with the standards for special exceptions and **recommends approval** of the requested special exception.

Staff

Sean Killion, Urban Planner, <u>sean.killion@alexandriava.gov</u> Mary Christesen, Principal Planner, <u>mary.christesen@alexandriava.gov</u> Tony LaColla, AICP, Division Chief, <u>tony.lacolla@alexandriava.gov</u>

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS

Legend: C - code requirement R - recommendation S - suggestion F - finding

Transportation and Environmental Services:

F-1 The applicant should provide a determination of disturbed area per City Guidelines to T&ES prior to submitting for permits. If the land disturbance meets or exceeds 2500 square feet, a released grading plan will be required prior to submitting for permits. (T&ES)

R-1 The building permit must be approved and issued prior to the issuance of any permit for demolition, if a separate demolition permit is required. (T&ES)

R-2 Applicant shall be responsible for repairs to the adjacent city right-of-way if damaged during construction activity. (T&ES)

R-3 No permanent structure may be constructed over any existing private and/or public utility easements. It is the responsibility of the applicant to identify any and all existing easements on the plan. (T&ES)

C-1 The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Solid Waste Control, Title 5, Chapter 1, which sets forth the requirements for the recycling of materials (Sec. 5-1-99). (T&ES)

C-2 The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Noise Control Code, Title 11, Chapter 5, which sets the maximum permissible noise level as measured at the property line. (T&ES)

C-3 Roof, surface and sub-surface drains be connected to the public storm sewer system, if available, by continuous underground pipe. Where storm sewer is not available applicant must provide a design to mitigate impact of stormwater drainage onto adjacent properties and to the satisfaction of the Director of Transportation & Environmental Services. (Sec.5-6-224) (T&ES)

C-4 All secondary utilities serving this site shall be placed underground. (Sec. 5-3-3) (T&ES)

C-5 Any work within the right-of-way requires a separate permit from T&ES. (Sec. 5-2) (T&ES)

C-6 All improvements to the city right-of-way such as curbing, sidewalk, driveway aprons, etc. must be city standard design. (Sec. 5-2-1) (T&ES)

Code Administration:

C-1 A building permit is required.

Recreation (Arborist):

No comments.

Archaeology:

F-1 This property is located in close proximity to the Alexandria Gentlemen's Driving Club, otherwise known as the St. Asaph Racetrack that was in operation in the latter nineteenth century. Eventually a dwelling was built on the lot in the 1920s. The property could contain significant archaeological resources that pertain to the early twentieth century in Del Ray.

R-1. *The applicant/developer shall call Alexandria Archaeology immediately (703-746-4399) if any buried structural remains (wall foundations, wells, privies, cisterns, etc.) or concentrations of artifacts are discovered during development. Work must cease in the area of the discovery until a City archaeologist comes to the site and records the finds.

R-2. *The applicant/developer shall not allow any metal detection to be conducted on the property, or allow independent parties to collect or excavate artifacts, unless authorized by Alexandria Archaeology,

R-3. The statements in archaeology conditions above marked with an asterisk "*" shall appear in the General Notes of all site plans and on all site plan sheets that involve demolition or ground disturbance (including Basement/Foundation Plans, Demolition, Erosion and Sediment Control, Grading, Landscaping, Utilities, and Sheeting and Shoring) so that on-site contractors are aware of the requirements.

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APPLICATION BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR ADDITIONS

Section of zoning ordinance from which request for special exception is made:

PART A

1.	Applicant:	⊡Owner	☑Contract Purchase	r ⊡Agent				
	Name Christine A. Kelly, AIA							
	Address 2109	Popkins L	ane					
	Alexandria, Vi	rginia 22307	7					
	Daytime Phone 7 3-346-2 77							
	Email Addres	s christine	@craftedarchitecture.com	<u>n</u>				
2.	Property Loca	ation <u>2612</u>	Terrett Avenue					
3.	Assessment	Map # <u>024</u> .	04-(Block <u>1 1</u> Lo	ot <u>1 1</u> Zone <u>R2-5</u>				
4.	Legal Propert	y Owner N	ame Allen and Alexand	ra Leis				
	Address 2612	2 Terrett Ave	enue, Alexandria, VA 22	301-1144				

5. **Describe request briefly:**

Request to align second story addition with existing first floor.

6. If the property owner or applicant is being represented by an authorized agent,

such as an attorney, realtor or other person for which there is a form of compensation, does this agent or the business in which they are employed have a business license to operate in the City of Alexandria, Virginia?

- Yes Provide proof of current City business license.
- ✓ No Said agent shall be required to obtain a business prior to filing application.

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ATTESTS that all of the information herein provided including the site plan, building elevations, prospective drawings of the projects, etc., are true, correct and accurate. The undersigned further understands that, should such information be found incorrect, any action taken by the Board based on such information may be invalidated. The undersigned also hereby grants the City of Alexandria permission to post placard notice as required by Article XI, Division A, Section 11-301(B) of the 1992 Alexandria City Zoning Ordinance, on the property which is the subject of this application. The applicant, if other than the property owner, also attests that he/she has obtained permission from the property owner to make this application.

APPLICANT OR AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Christine A. Kelly, AIA

Print Name

703-346-2077

Telephone

Signature 4/2/2024

Pursuant to Section 13-3-2 of the City Code, the use of a document containing false information may constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor and may result in a punishment of a year in jail or \$2,500 or both. It may also constitute grounds to revoke the permit applied for with such information.

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NOTE TO APPLICANT: Only one special exception per dwelling shall be approved under the provisions of Section 11-1302(B)(4).

PART B (SECTION 11-1304)

APPLICANT MUST EXPLAIN THE FOLLOWING:

(Please use additional pages where necessary.)

1. Explain how the special exception for the proposed addition, if granted, meets the applicant's needs.

The alignment of the second floor will create a more cohesive second floor addition and will present an architecturally pleasing architectural facade along Randolph Street.

2. Explain if the special exception, if granted, will harm adjoining properties or impact the neighborhood in any way.

If granted, the new addition will not be harmful to the adjacent neighbors as the request for relief is along Randolph Street and will not be close to any adjoining neighbors. The addition will not be taller than the existing house.

3. Explain how the proposed addition will affect the light and air to any

If granted, the new addition will not affect the natural light and air to adjacent neighbors as the exception is requested for the setback along the main street - Randolph Street. The addition is not directly adjacent to the surrounding neighbors.

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4. Explain how the proposed addition is compatible with other properties in the neighborhood and the character of the neighborhood as a whole.

The addition is in the style of the craftsman home and retains the scale and architectural detail of the surrounding community.

5. How is the proposed construction similar to other buildings in the immediate area?

It is a modest second story addition that does not exceed the height of the existing structure and is in keeping with the craftsman style design of the house.

6. Explain how this plan represents the only reasonable location on the lot to The alignment of the addition will provide the needed space on the second floor for the addition. By aligning the second floor with the first floor, this represents the most reasonable way to gain the additional space needed for the home.

7. Has the applicant shown the plans to the most affected property owners? Have any neighbors objected to the proposed special exception, or have any neighbors written letters of support? If so, please attach the letter.

Yes.

OWNERSHIP AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Use additional sheets if necessary

1. Applicant. State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the applicant, unless the entity is a corporation or partnership, in which case identify each owner of more than three percent. The term ownership interest shall include any legal or equitable interest held at the time of the application in the real property which is the subject of the application.

Name	Address	Percent of Ownership
1. ALLEN LETS	2612 TERRETT AVENUE	100%
2. AlteXANORA LEIS	2612 TERRETH AVENUE	1000/6
3.		

2. Property. State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the property located at _ 2612 TERREH AUGUE (address), unless the entity is a corporation or partnership, in which case identify each owner of more than three percent. The term ownership interest shall include any legal or equitable interest held at the time of the application in the real property which is the subject of the application.

Name	Address	Percent of Ownership
1. AUGN LETS	2612 TERRETT AVENE	100%
2. ALEXANGA LEIS	2612 TETURAT AVANUE	1000%
3.		

3. Business or Financial Relationships. Each person or entity indicated above in sections 1 and 2, with an ownership interest in the applicant or in the subject property are require to disclose any business or financial relationship, as defined by Section 11-350 of the Zoning Ordinance, existing at the time of this application, or within the12-month period prior to the submission of this application with any member of the Alexandria City Council, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals or either Boards of Architectural Review. All fields must be filled out completely. Do not leave blank. (If there are no relationships please indicated each person or entity and "None" in the corresponding fields).

For a list of current council, commission and board members, as well as the definition of business and financial relationship, click here.

Name of person or entity	Relationship as defined by Section 11-350 of the Zoning Ordinance	Member of the Approving Body (i.e. City Council, Planning Commission, etc.)
1.		
2.		
3.		

NOTE: Business or financial relationships of the type described in Sec. 11-350 that arise after the filing of this application and before each public hearing must be disclosed prior to the public hearings.

As the applicant or the applicant's authorized agent, I hereby attest to the best of my ability that the information provided above is true and correct.

Climbring Kelly Printed Name 4/2/2024



Attic Porches

Balcony/Deck

Garage

Other***

B1. Total Gross

A. Property Information

Department of Planning and Zoning Floor Area Ratio and Open Space Calculations for Single and Two-Family Residential Outside Historic Districts

A1	Street Address	TERRETT	AVENUE			Zone	R-2-5
A2	. 6237 Total Lot Area		x	, 45 Floor Area Ratio	Allowed by Zone	= Maxin	2 <i>800</i> num Allowable F
В.	Existing Gros		rea	Allowable Exc	lusions**		
	Basement	971		Basement**	971	B1.	3865
	First Floor	1319		Stairways**			Existing Gross
	Second Floor	1319		Mechanical**		B2.	1462
	Third Floor	1.21.1		Attic less than 7	** 4a1		Allowable Floor

Porches**

Garage**

Other***

Other***

Balcony/Deck**

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B2	1462	Sq. F
	Allowable Floor Exclusions**	Oq. (
B3.	2493.24	Sq. F
20.	Existing Floor Area Minus Exclu (subtract B2 from B1)	and the second second second

Comments for Existing Gross Floor Area

C. Proposed Gross Floor Area Proposed Gross Area

256,24

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	Toposed Gloss Alea				
	Basement	0			
	First Floor	65.36			
	Second Floor	348,75			
	Third Floor				
	Attic	348,75			
	Porches				
	Balcony/Deck				
	Garage				
	Other***				
۱.	Total Gross	762,86			

Basement** 90 Stairways**

Allowable Exclusions**

B2. Total Exclusions 1462

	Mechanical**	
	Attic less than 7***	348,75
	Porches**	
	Balcony/Deck**	
	Garage**	
	Other***	
	Other***	
2	Total Exclusions	438,75

C2. Total Exclusions

762.86 C1. Sq. Ft. Proposed Gross Floor Area* 438.75 C2. Sq. Ft. Allowable Floor Exclusions** 324.11 C3. Sq. Ft. Proposed Floor Area Minus Exclusions (subtract C2 from C1)

Notes

*Gross floor area for residential single and two-family dwellings in the R-20, R-12, R-8, R-5, R-2-5, RB and RA zones (not including properties located within a Historic District) is the sum of all areas under roof of a lot, measured from exterior walls.

** Refer to the Zoning Ordinance (Section 2-145(A)) and consult with Zoning Staff for information regarding allowable exclusions. Sections may also be required for some exclusions.

*** Refer to the Zoning Ordinance (Section 2-145(A)) and consult with Zoning Staff for additional allowable exclusions. Additional exclusions may include space under balconies, retractable awnings, etc.

D. Total Floor Area

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Signature:

D1.	2727,36	Sq. Ft.	
	Total Floor Area (add B3 and C3)		
D2.	2806	Sq. Ft.	
	Total Floor Area Allowed by Zone (A2)		

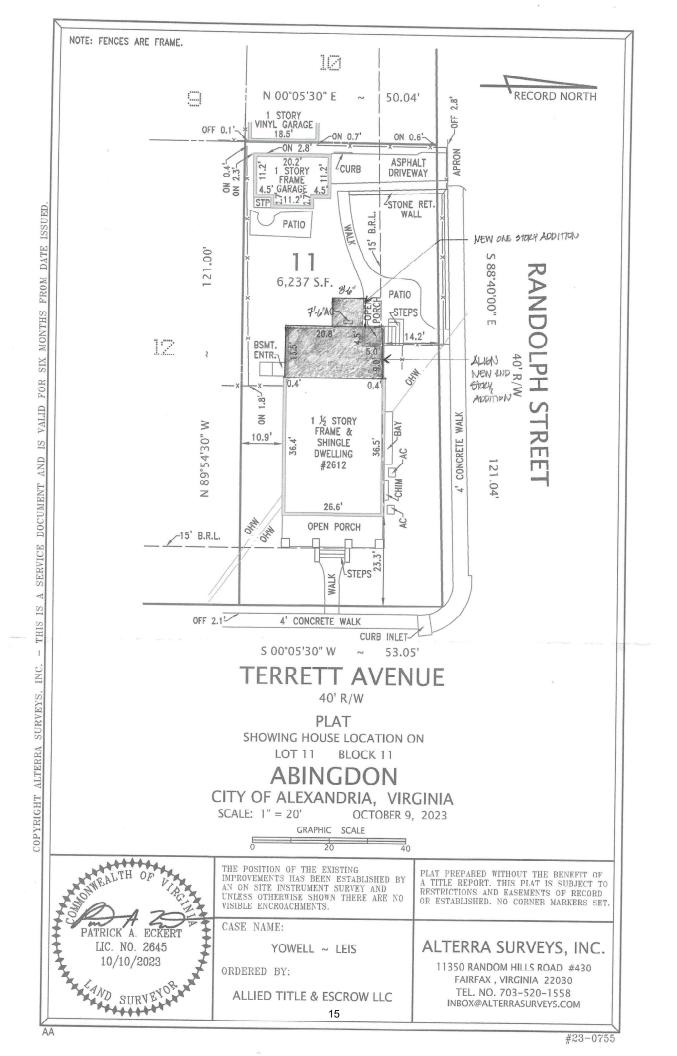
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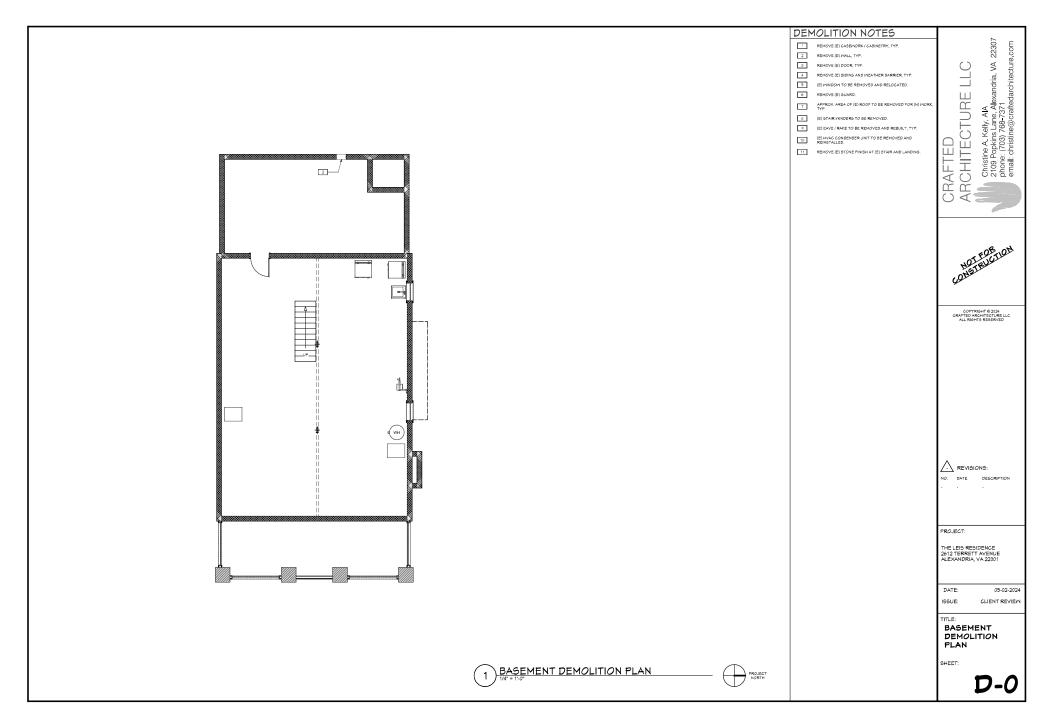
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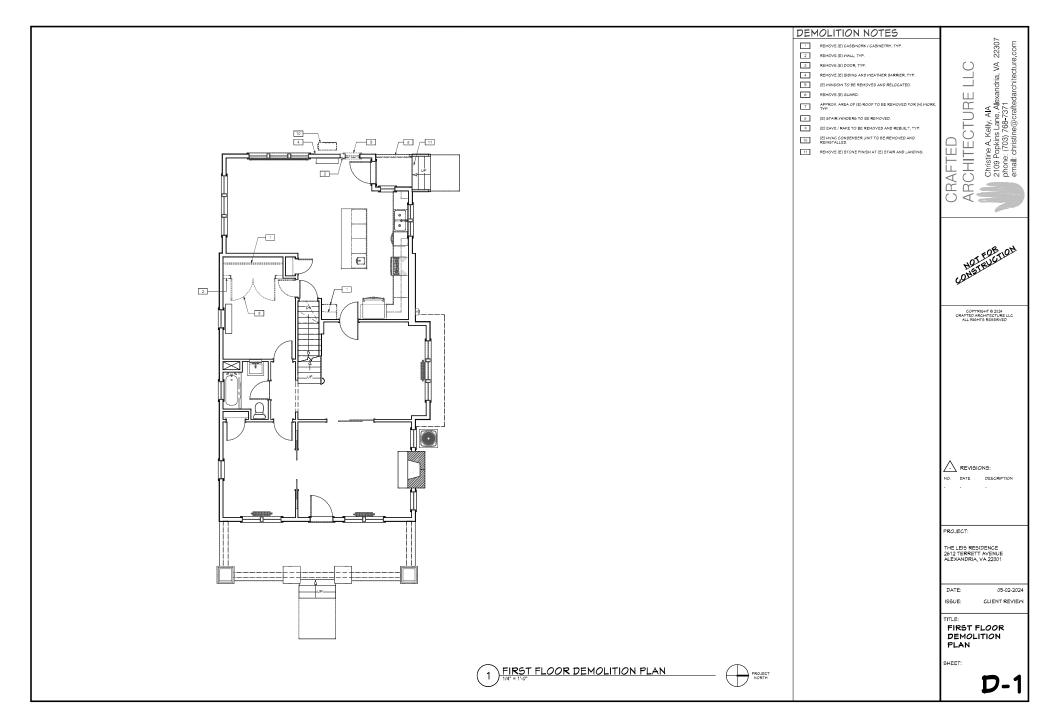
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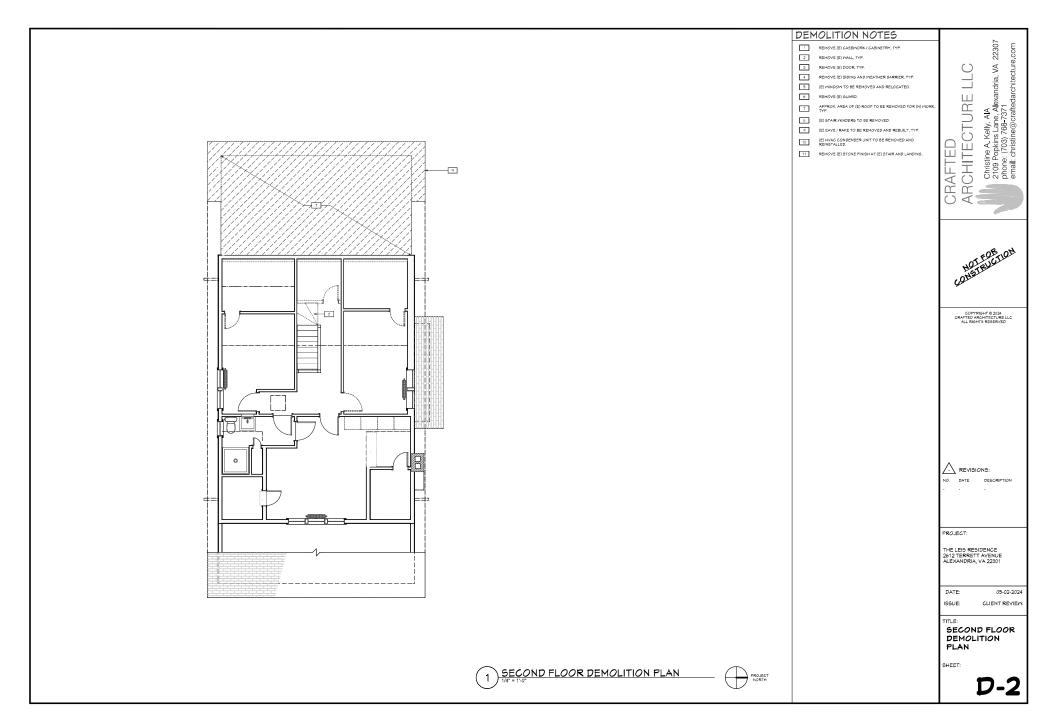
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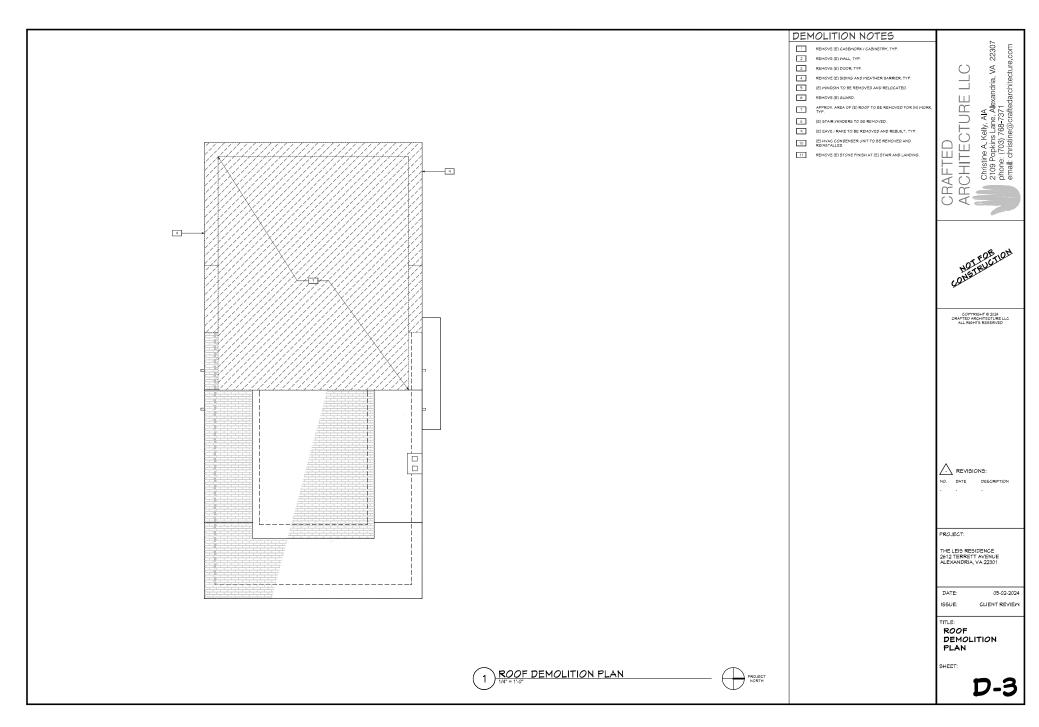
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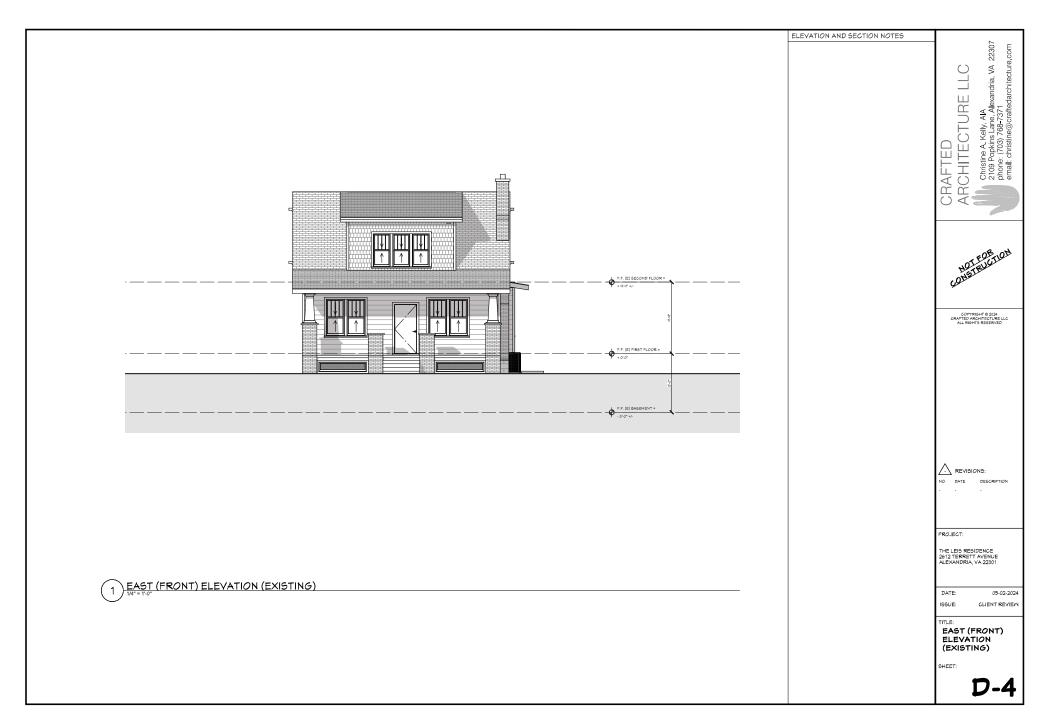


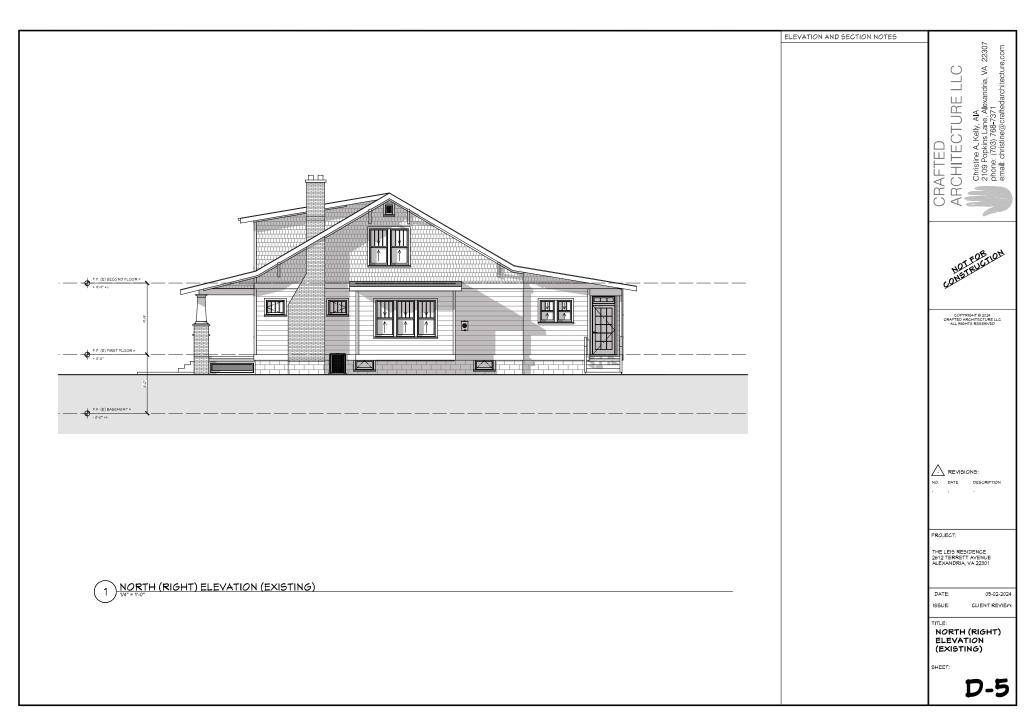


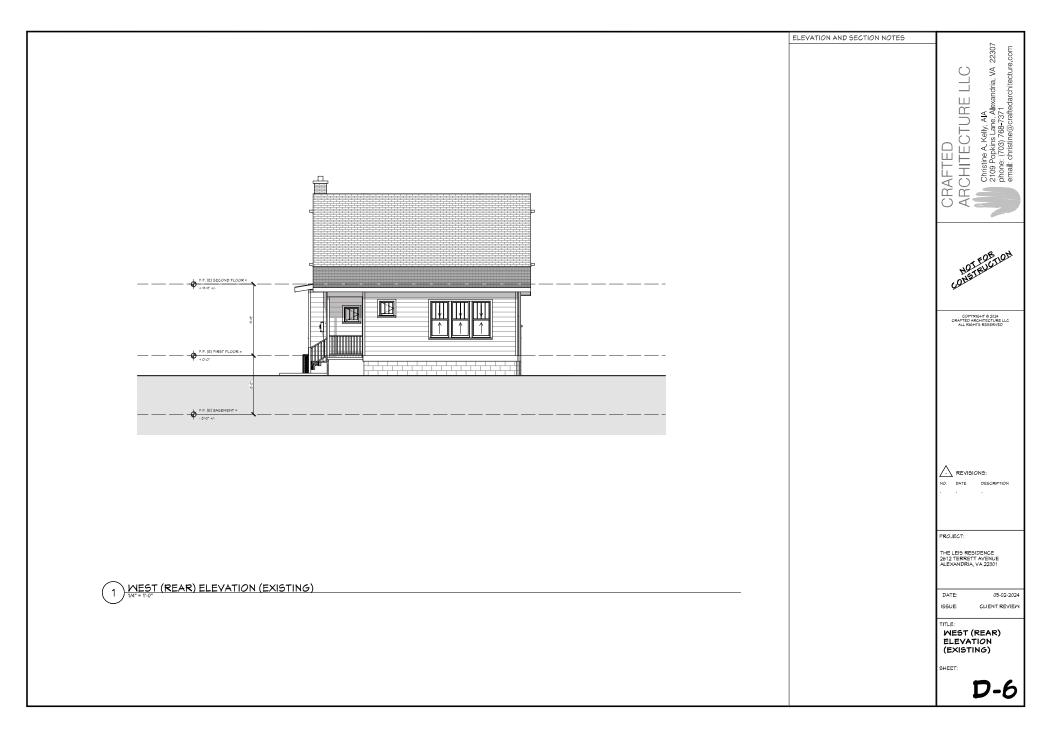




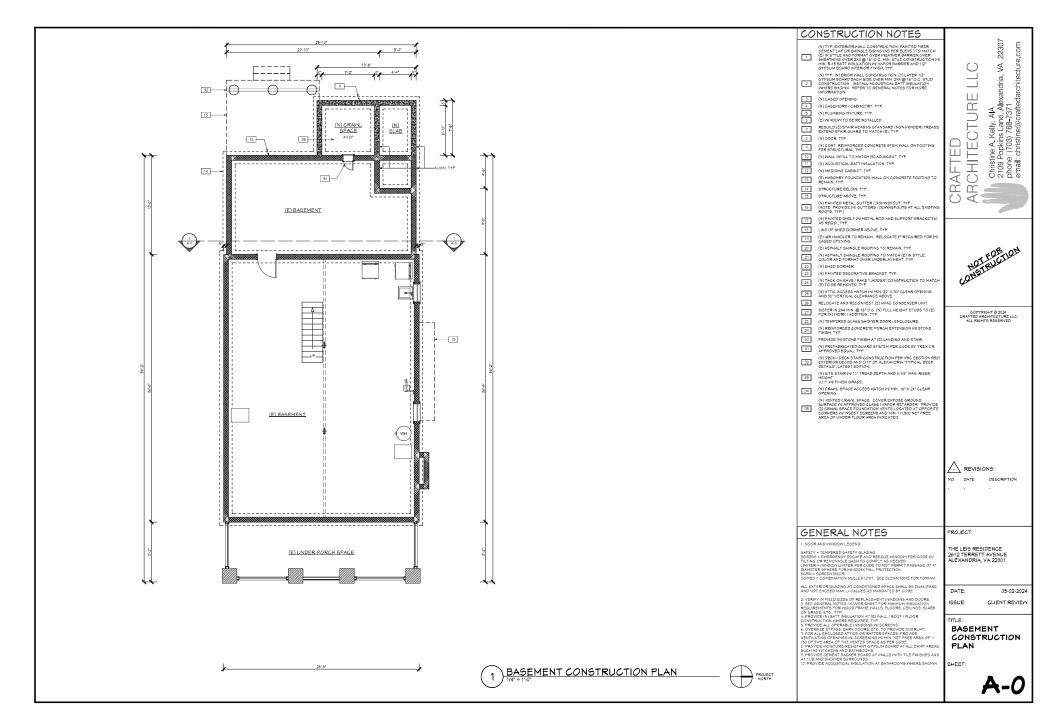


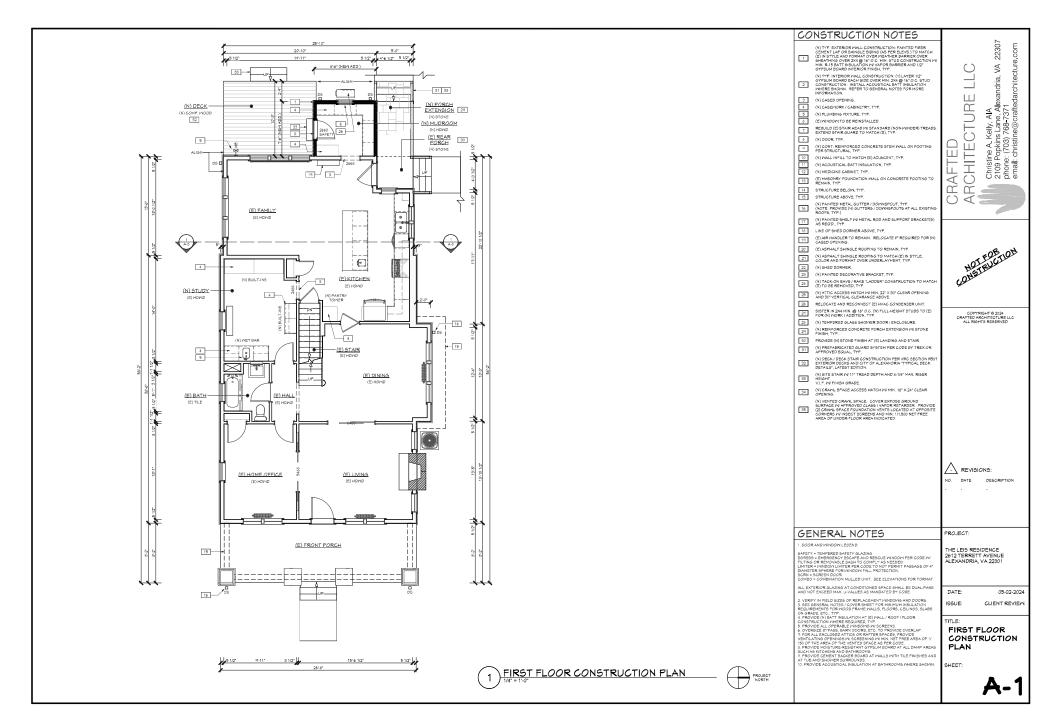


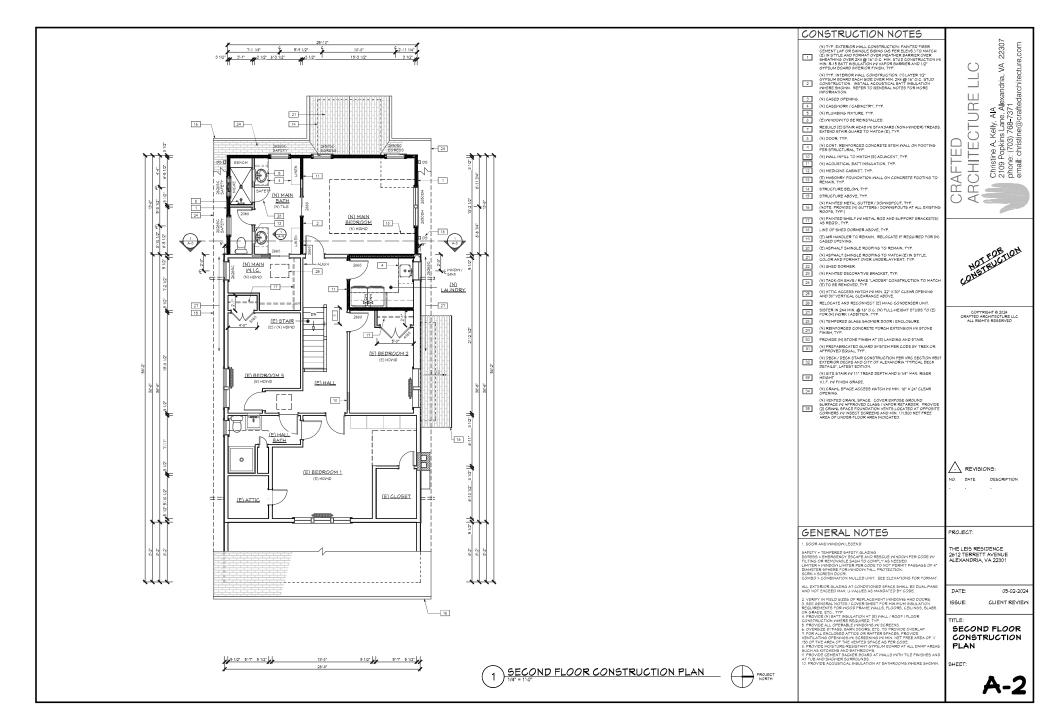


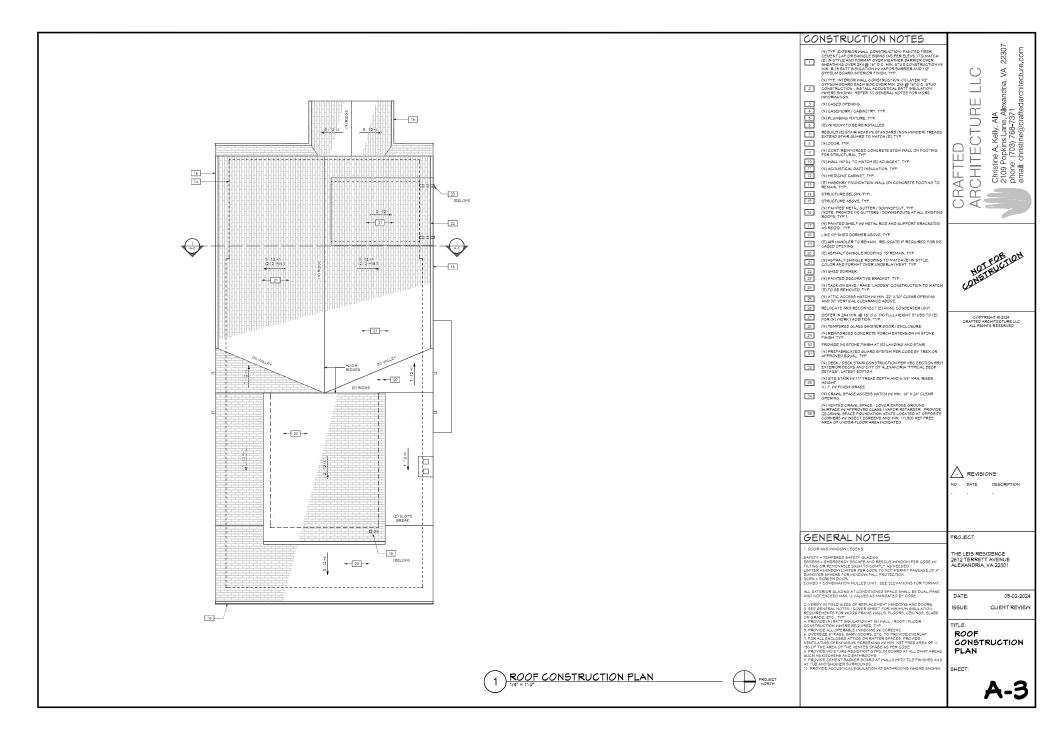


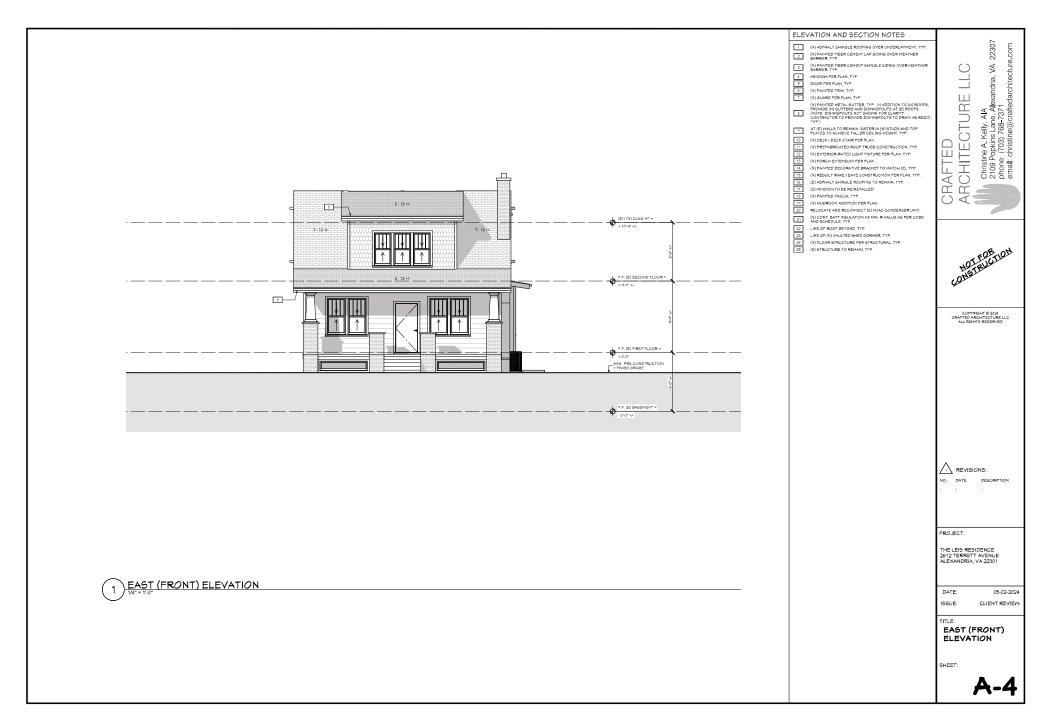
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		REVISIONS: NO. DATE DESCRIPTION PROJECT: THE LEIS RESIDENCE 24/2 TERRETT AVENUE ALEXANDRIA, VA 22301
1) <u>SOUTH (LEFT) ELEVATION (EXISTING)</u>		DATE: 05-02-2024 ISSUE: CLIENT REVIEW TITLE: SOUTH (LEFT) ELEVATION (EXISTING) SHEET: D-7

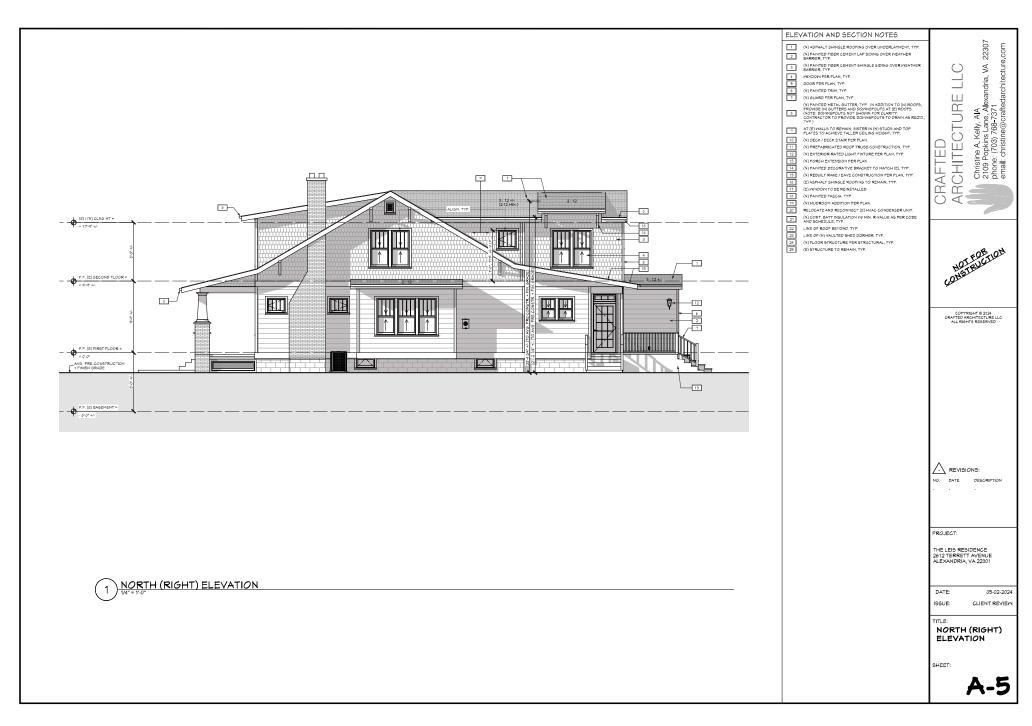


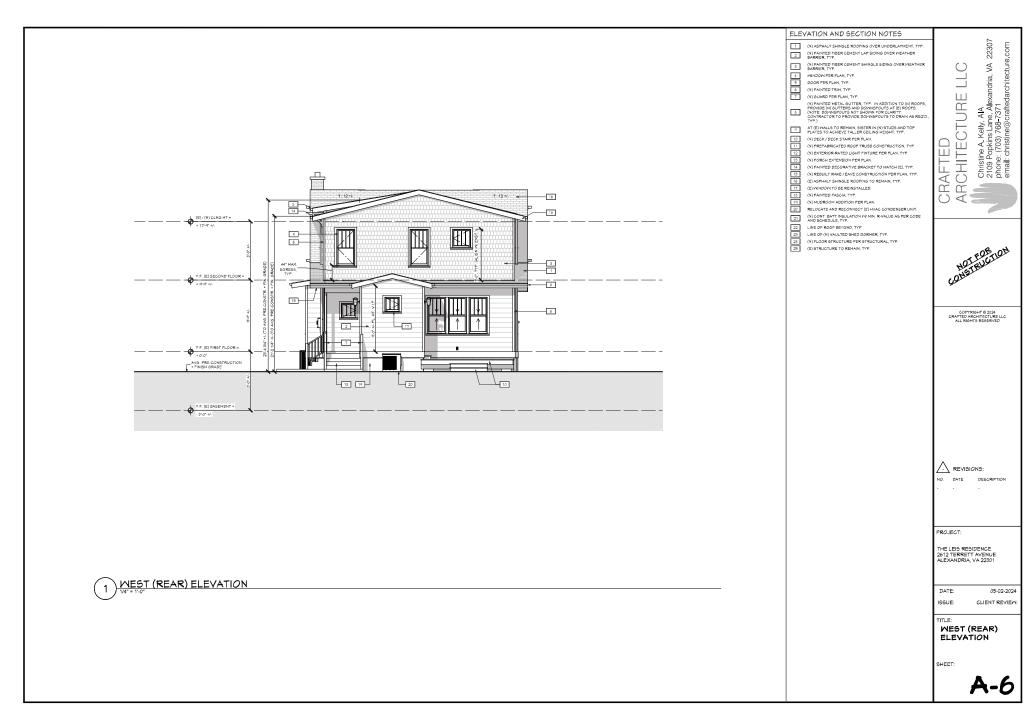


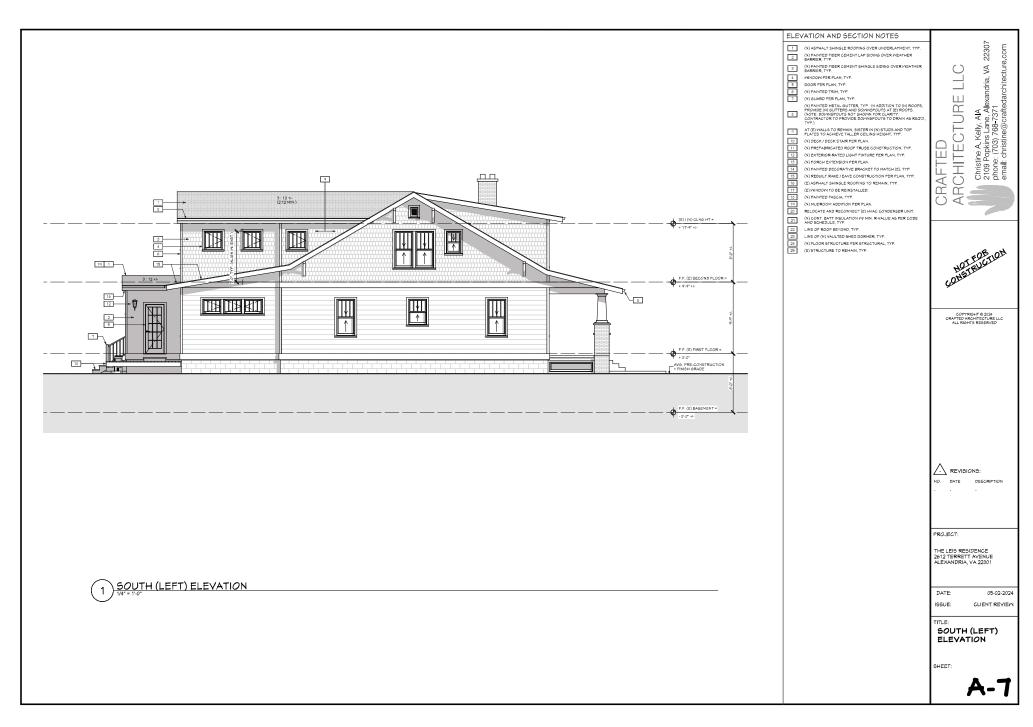


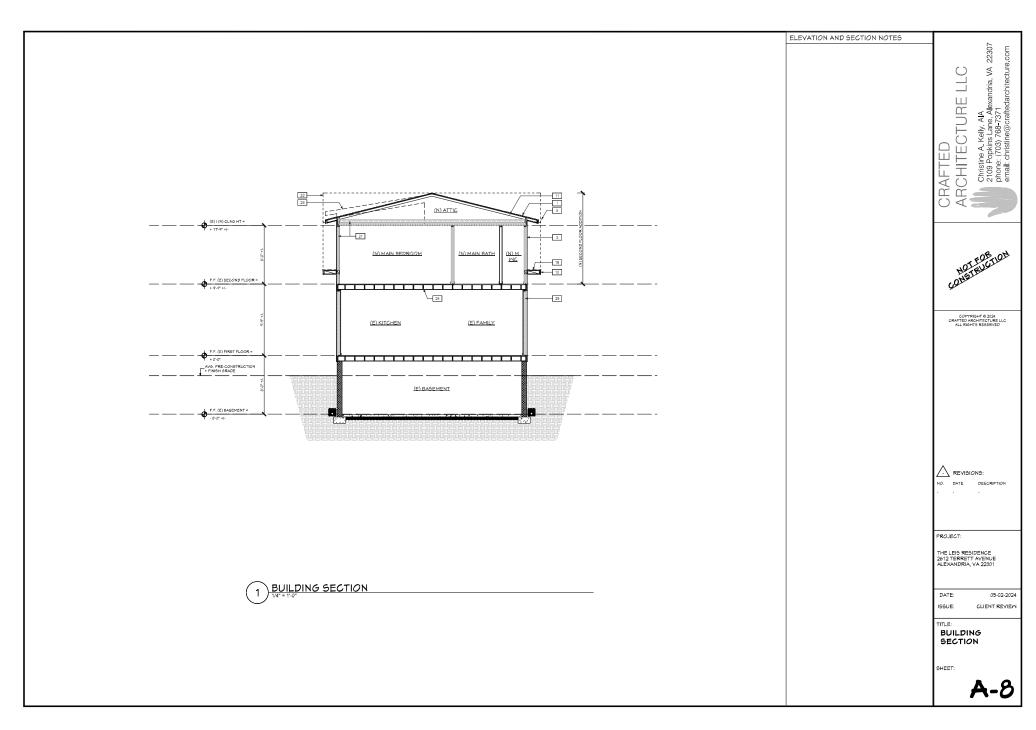




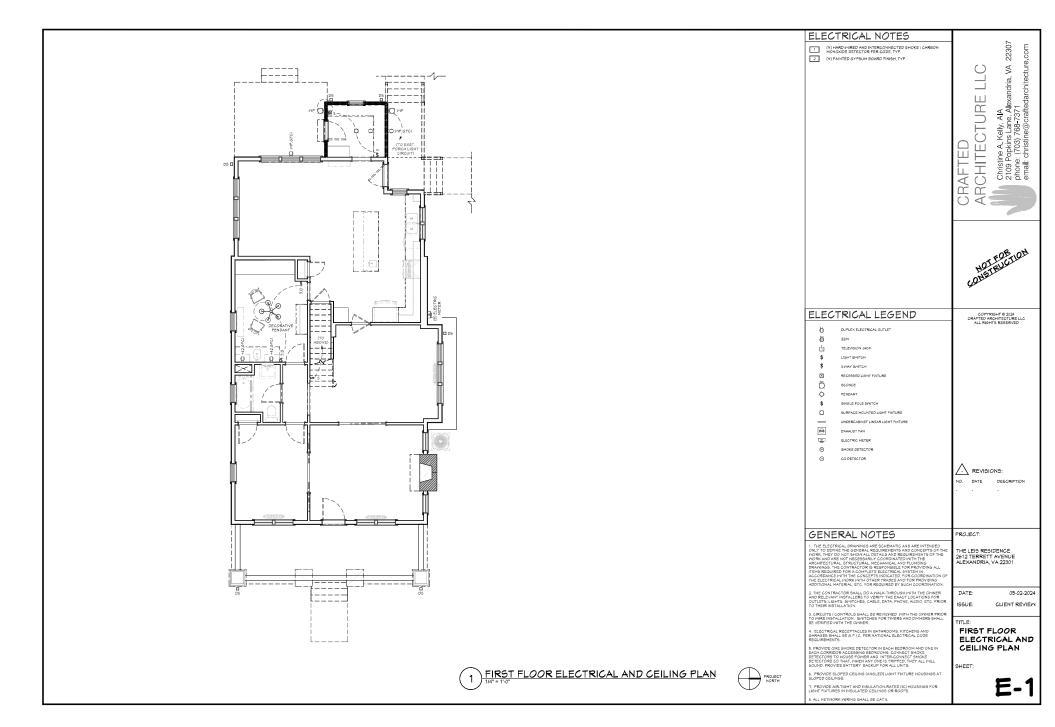


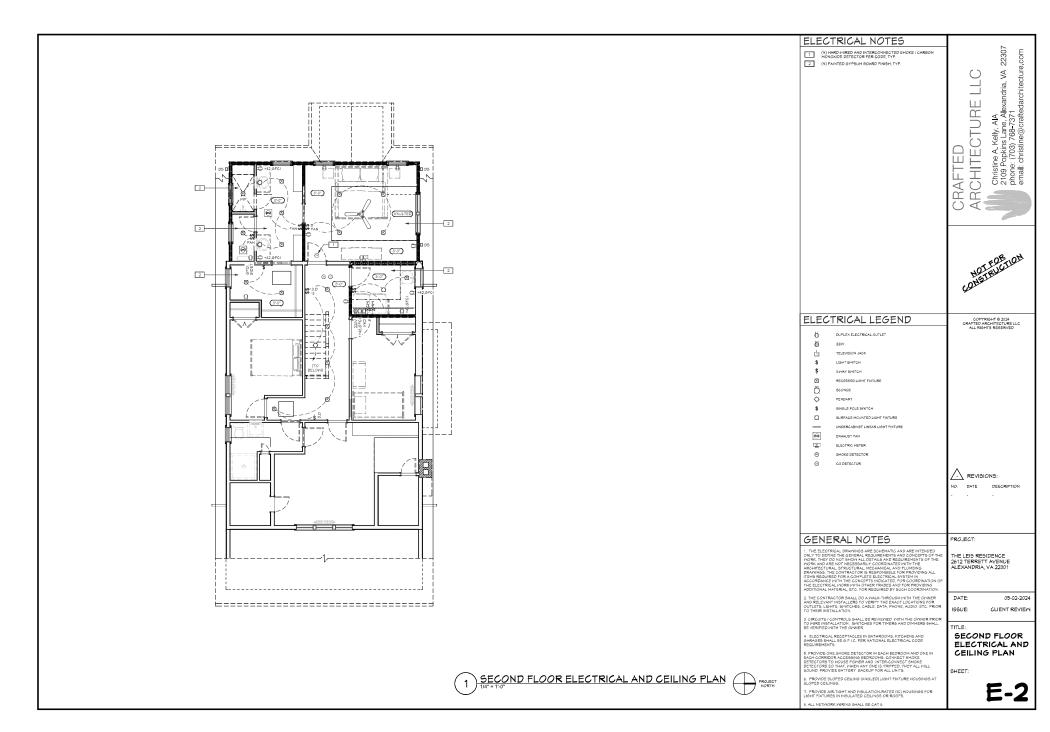


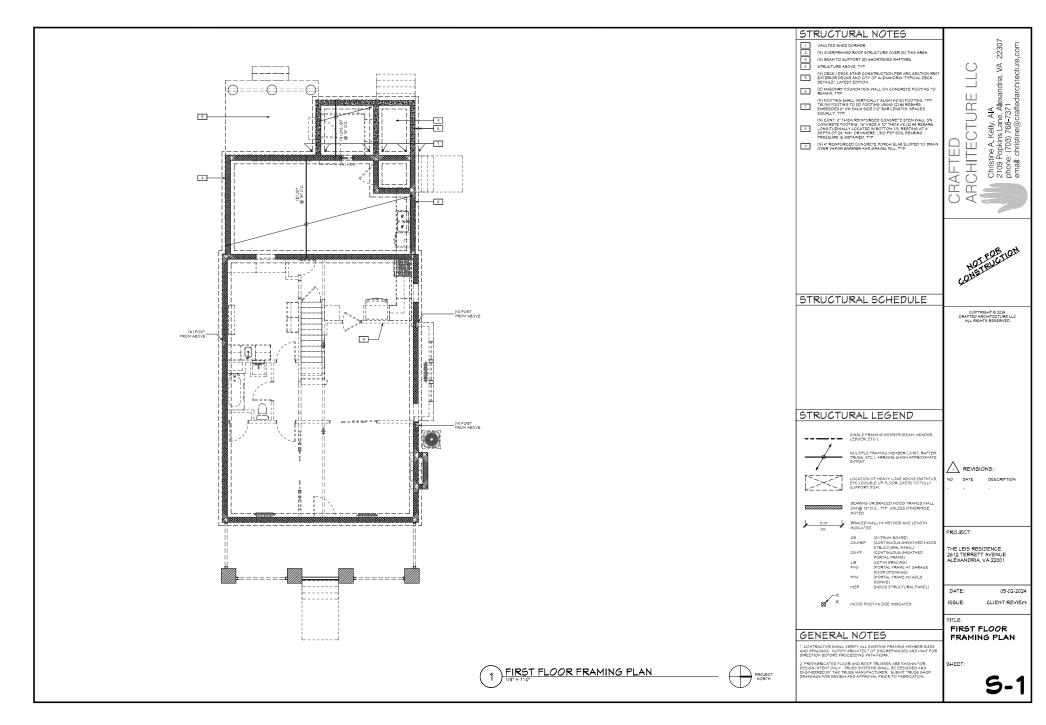


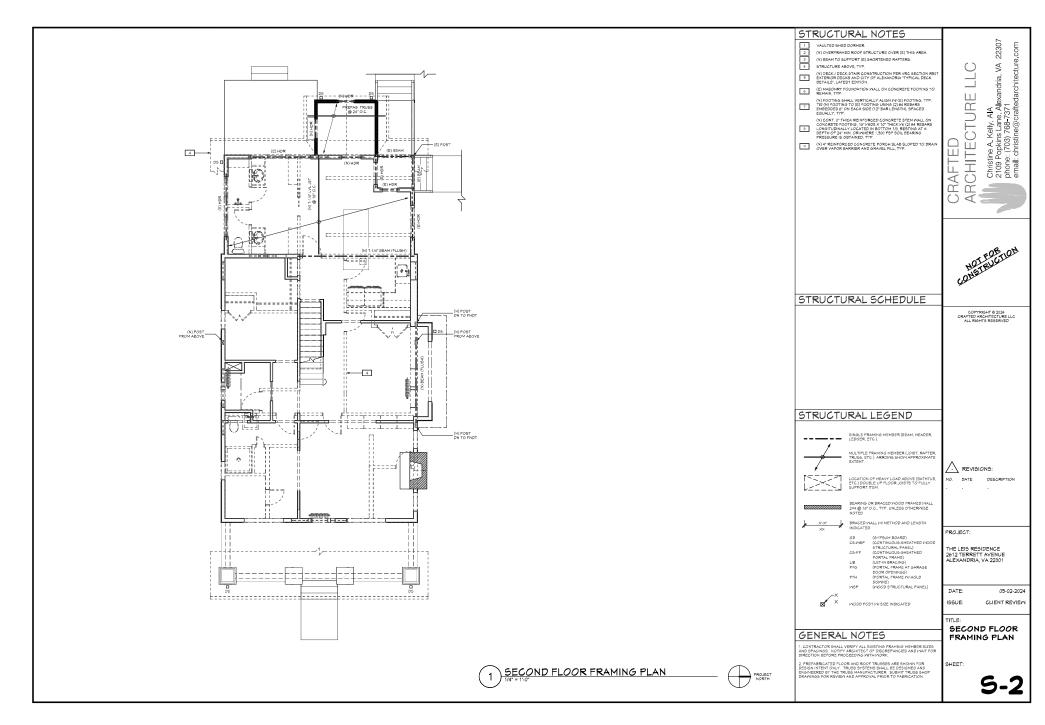


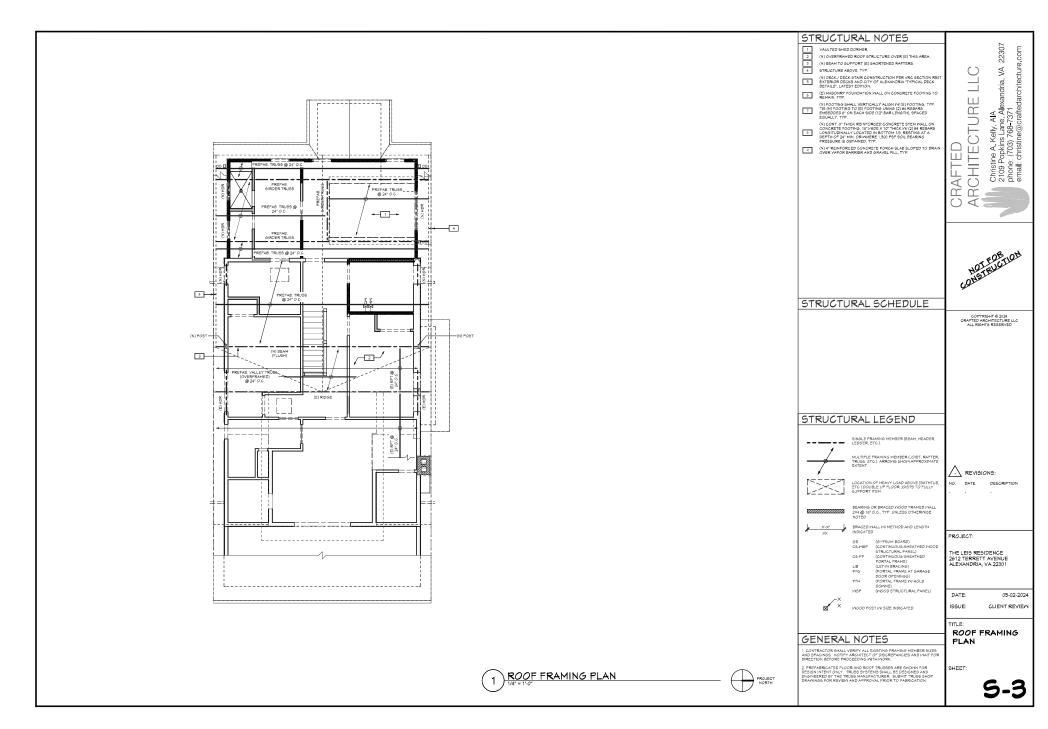
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(Existing setback from property	ERRETT AVENUE		Randolph Avenue)
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Setback Data			
	Setback Fro	m	
TERRETT AVENUE	Property Lin	e	
2610 TERRETT AVE	23.7'		
213 RANDOLPH AVE	22.9'		
	BETWEEN	22.9' AND 23.7'	
	Setback From		
EAST RANDOLPH AVENUE	Property Lin	e	
201 RANDOLPH AVE	16.0'		
202 RANDOLPH AVE	21.0'		
204 RANDOLPH AVE	21.0'		
206 RANDOLPH AVE	21.0'		
208 RANDOLPH AVE	20.9'		
210 RANDOLPH AVE	21.1'		
213 RANDOLPH AVE	30.0'		
	BETWEEN	I 16.0' AND 30.0'	
Threshold Data			
			Distance
			Ground to
Address #			1st Floor
2610 TERRETT AVE			3.7'
213 RANDOLPH AVE			3.3'
201 RANDOLPH AVE			1.8'
202 RANDOLPH AVE			3.4'
204 RANDOLPH AVE			4.3'
206 RANDOLPH AVE			3.5'
208 RANDOLPH AVE			4.4'
210 RANDOLPH AVE			3.5'
		MAXIMUM THRESH	OLD HEIGHT 4.4'





