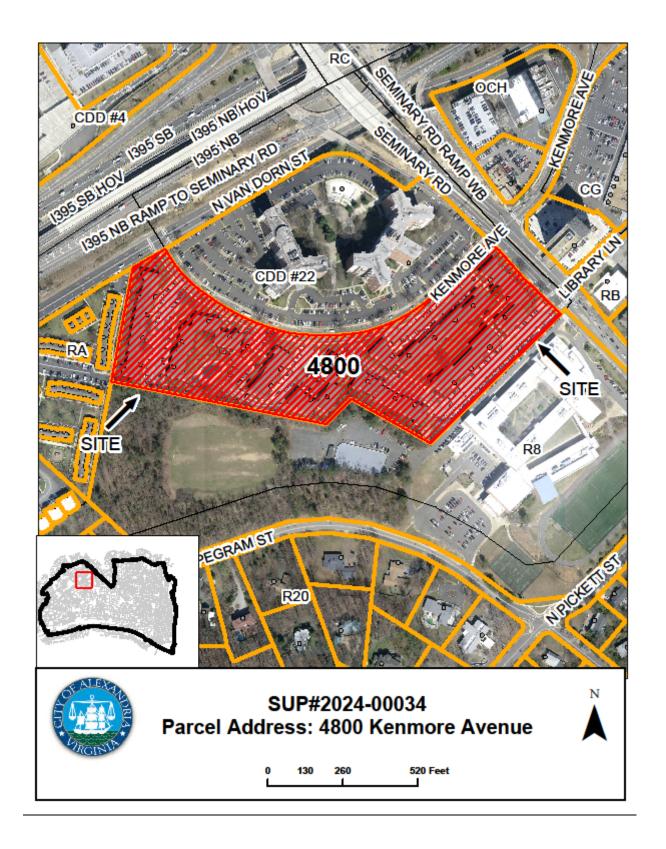
Application	General Data	
Public hearing and consideration of a request for a parking reduction.	Planning Commission Hearing:	May 6, 2025
	City Council Hearing:	May 17, 2025
Addresses: 4700, 4704, 4708, 4714, 4718, 4722, 4728, 4732, 4736, 4740, 4744, 4750, 4754, 4758, 4800, 4804, 4808, 4814, 4818, 4820, 4824, 4826, 4832, 4836, 4842, 4846, 4850 and 4854 Kenmore Avenue (Parcel Address: 4800 Kenmore Avenue)	Zone:	CDD #22
Applicant: KMF XI Seminary Hill, LLC, represented by M. Catharine Puskar, attorney	Small Area Plan:	AlexWest

Staff Recommendation: *APPROVAL* subject to compliance with all applicable codes and ordinances and the recommended permit conditions found in Section III of this report.

Staff Reviewers: Daniel Welles, daniel.welles@alexandriava.gov

Maya Contreras, <u>maya.contreras@alexandriava.gov</u> Robert Kerns, AICP, <u>robert.kerns@alexandriava.gov</u>

<u>PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION, MAY 6, 2025</u>: On a motion by Vice Chair Koenig, seconded by Commissioner Dubé, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of SUP2024-00034 on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.



I. DISCUSSION

The applicant, KMF XI Seminary Hill, LLC, requests Special Use Permit approval for a 50-space reduction in the off-street parking requirements, in order to provide 19 additional apartments within eight existing multi-unit residential buildings.

SITE DESCRIPTION

The subject site is one lot of record, totaling 532,077 square feet of lot area. The curved lot fronts Seminary Road, North Van Dorn Street, and Kenmore Avenue, a private street. The site is developed with 296 apartments (two studio, 86 1-bedroom, 161 2-bedroom, 47 three-bedroom) across eight garden-style apartment buildings, totaling 321,906 square feet.

To the north, opposite Kenmore Avenue, are the 13-story Seminary Towers apartment buildings, to the south is the Francis C. Hammond Middle School, to the west is the garden-style Parkside at Alexandria condominiums, and to the east, opposite Seminary Road, are the Alexandria Professional Center, Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, the Courtyard Alexandria Pentagon South hotel, and the Seminary Plaza shopping center.

BACKGROUND

The garden apartment complex was constructed in 1961. Subsequently, the Planning Commission approved SIT97-030 to add parking for Seminary Hills and Seminary Towers (4801 Kenmore Avenue). In April 2013, the City Council approved a rezoning and Coordinated Development District (CDD) concept plan (REZ #2021-00005 and CDD #2012-00005) to rezone the site from RA / Multi-Unit zoning district to CDD #22.

In June 2014, the City Council approved Development Special Use Permit #2013-00026 for four multi-unit residential buildings, in accordance with the CDD concept plan. This DSUP expired in June 2017. Without a CDD Special Use Permit, the underlying RA / Multi-Unit zoning district regulations, including off-street parking requirements, continue to apply to this property.

The applicant acquired the property in 2018 and undertook a building renovation. As part of that work, they updated each unit to include in-unit laundry, leaving the former laundry rooms underutilized.

PARKING

The applicant proposes to convert the former common laundry rooms into 19 new apartments (2 studio, 17 one-bedroom) for a new total count of 315 units. The units would be entirely within the existing buildings and would not require any new square footage.

To facilitate the additional units, the applicant is requesting a Special Use Permit per Zoning Ordinance Section §8-100(A)(4) to reduce the off-street parking requirement for the 315 units by 50 parking spaces, accommodating all units within the existing 447 surface parking spaces.

Currently, the site does not comply with the off-street parking requirement, with 32 fewer spaces than the minimum 479 spaces required by the Zoning Ordinance. With the additional units, this difference increases to 497, a difference of 50 spaces. Table 1 below lists the current and proposed off-street parking. As detailed further in the Staff Analysis section, the applicant has provided a proposed parking management plan and parking counts to justify the requested parking reduction Special Use Permit.

Table 1: Off-Street Parking

	Current	Proposed
Bedrooms ¹		
Minimum	504	523
Maximum	551	570
Base Ratio (Per bedroom)	1.00	1.00
Credits		
Proximity to Metrorail/BRT	-	-
Walkability Index	-	-
4 or more bus routes	5%	5%
20% or more studios	-	-
Total Credits	5%	5%
Adjusted Ratio	0.95	0.95
Minimum Parking Requirement	479	497
Maximum Parking Requirement	551	570
Provided Residential Parking	447	447

¹ The maximum includes all three bedrooms in three-bedroom units, while the minimum only counts two of the bedrooms in three-bedroom units

ZONING/MASTER PLAN DESIGNATION

The site is zoned CDD#22, with underlying RA/Multi-unit. This zone is intended to provide and maintain medium density residential neighborhoods where apartments predominate. The associated Small Area Plan is AlexWest, which the City Council approved in November 2024. The plan identifies the site as within the Focus Area, which prioritizes new residential development to occur without displacing existing residential uses.

Increasing the number of residential units at the site is consistent with the designated land use envisioned by the plan. As proposed, this site does not utilize provisions of the plan for new construction, increase building height or floor area and is therefore not responsible for implementing plan recommendations (e.g., for transportation, open space, or affordable housing).

II. STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff supports the applicant's Special Use Permit request for a parking reduction and the associated additional apartments at this location. Following the Zoning for Housing text amendment, the units per acre limitation in the RA zoning district was removed, which allows the additional units to be compliant with zoning. Based on the current parking requirement range, which is calculated on

the number of bedrooms and proximity to transit access, this development would need 497-551 spaces, so, at 447 spaces, it would be considered underparked at present, regardless of the additional units.

The site currently has 296 apartments and 447 parking spaces, with a parking ratio of 1.51 spaces per unit. The complex was constructed in the early 1960's and has maintained approximately the same number of parking spaces since that time. With an additional 19 units, there would be 315 units, 447 parking spaces, and a parking ratio of 1.41 spaces per unit, which is in line with what is being proposed with similar new residential developments in the West End.

Based on the proposed parking ratios, the existing and future transit options, discussed below, along with the information applicant has provided a Parking Management Plan (PMP), staff is supportive of the proposed parking reduction and find that the parking levels will continue to adequately accommodate the current and future tenants of the complex.

Parking Management Plan

The applicant has submitted a Parking Management Plan (PMP) which provides parking utilization data that further justifies support for the proposed parking reduction. Currently, the site includes ten units whose residents do not own vehicles and the property averages a 4.5% vacancy rate.

Each unit is guaranteed one parking space for \$25/month, and units that do not need a parking space will get a \$50/month discount on rent. Units other than studios may request a second space for an additional \$50/month, subject to availability, and no unit may lease more than two spaces. Residents of the property are issued Residential Parking Permits as well as single-use guest passes. The property management company monitors parking daily between 7am and 7pm, and tows vehicles that do not have parking passes.

A parking survey was included in the PMP to determine the concentration of the parking space vacancy and is provided in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Parking Vacancy Survey

Time of Day	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00am	163 vacant spaces	180 vacant spaces	196 vacant spaces
2:00pm	200 vacant spaces	266 vacant spaces	290 vacant spaces
7:00pm	150 vacant spaces	101 vacant spaces	180 vacant spaces
11:00pm	65 vacant spaces	96 vacant spaces	84 vacant spaces

Transportation Options

This site is directly served by six WMATA bus routes (7A, 8W, 21C, 28A, 36A & B) and DASH line 102. These provide one-seat connections to the Van Dorn, Pentagon, Pentagon City, King St, and Tysons Metro stations, as well as WestEnd (Landmark), Skyline, and Eden Center, among

other locations. Route headways range from 12 minutes during rush hour to 30 minutes, with more limited service overnight and on weekends.

This site is .7 miles, or a 15-minute walk, from Southern Towers and the Mark Center Transit stations, both of which will be served by the West End Transitway, the City's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line, anticipated to begin construction next year. An eight-dock Capital Bikeshare station is located across the street at Kenmore Avenue and Seminary Road. Additional station locations are being planned, and the site is within the use area for Capital Bikeshare's electric bikes, which are not required to be docked at a station.

Subject to the conditions stated in Section III of this report, staff recommends approval of the Special Use Permit request.

III. RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS

Staff recommends approval subject to compliance with all applicable codes and ordinances and the following conditions:

- 1. The Special Use Permit shall be granted to the applicant only or to any business or entity in which the applicant has a controlling interest. (P&Z)
- 2. The applicant shall be compliant with the Parking Management Plan (PMP) and be consistent with the parking tabulations, utilization data, and parking management information provided in the PMP.
- 3. The Director of Planning and Zoning shall review the Special Use Permit one year after approval and shall docket the matter for consideration by the Planning Commission and City Council if:
 - a. There have been documented violations of the permit conditions which were not corrected immediately, constitute repeat violations or which create a direct and immediate adverse zoning impact on the surrounding community;
 - b. The Director has received a request from any person to docket the permit for review as a result of a complaint that rises to the level of a violation; or
 - c. The Director has determined that there are problems with the operation of the use and that new or revised conditions are needed. (P&Z)

STAFF: Robert Kerns, AICP, Division Chief, Development, Department of P&Z Maya Conteras, Principal Planner Daniel Welles, Urban Planner

Staff Note: In accordance with section 11-506(c) of the zoning ordinance, construction or operation shall be commenced and diligently and substantially pursued within 18 months of the date of granting of a special use permit by City Council or the special use permit shall become void.



APPLICATION SPECIAL USE PERMIT

SPECIAL USE PERMIT # 2024-00034

SPECIAL USE PER	RMIT # 2024-00034
PROPERTY LOCATION: 4718 Kenmore A	venue (4800 Kenmore Ave Parcel Adress)
TAX MAP REFERENCE: 030.01-01-02	zone: CDD #22
APPLICANT: Name: KMF XI Seminary Hill, LLC	
Address:	
PROPOSED USE: Parking Reduction	
	Special Use Permit in accordance with the provisions of ing Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.
	permission from the property owner, hereby grants ff and Commission Members to visit, inspect, and connected with the application.
permission to the City of Alexandria to post p	permission from the property owner, hereby grants placard notice on the property for which this application 4-1404(D)(7) of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of the City
including all surveys, drawings, etc., required accurate to the best of their knowledge and materials, drawings or illustrations submitted representations made to the Director of Planthe applicant unless those materials or representations.	all of the information herein provided and specifically d to be furnished by the applicant are true, correct and belief. The applicant is hereby notified that any writtened in support of this application and any specific oral nning and Zoning on this application will be binding on presentations are clearly stated to be non-binding or subject to substantial revision, pursuant to Article XI, ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.
KMF XI Seminary Hill, LLC By: M. Catharine Puskar Agent/Attorney Print Name of Applicant or Agent	MCQu3kav Date
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Mailing/Street Address Arlington, VA 22201	Telephone # Fax #
Arlington, VA 22201 City and State Zip Code	Email address
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PROPERTY OWNER	'S AUTHORIZATION N/A		
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described in this appl	`	-1	
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[] Other:		of the subject property.	
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OWNERSHIP AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Use additional sheets if necessary

1. Applicant. S	tate the name, ad	dress and percent of	of ownership of any	person or entity owning an
interest in the ap	plicant, unless the	entity is a corpora	tion or partnership, i	in which case identify each
owner of more that	an three percent. T	he term ownership in	nterest shall include a	ny legal or equitable interest
held at the time of	the application in the	e real property which	is the subject of the ap	pplication.

Name	Address	Percent of Ownership
¹ KMF XI Seminary Hill, LLC		See Attachment
2.		
3.		

2. Property. State the name, address and percent	of ownership of any person or entity ow	ning an
interest in the property located at	4718 Kenmore Avenue	(address),
unless the entity is a corporation or partnership, in wh	hich case identify each owner of more that	an three
percent. The term ownership interest shall include ar	ny legal or equitable interest held at the ti	ime of the
application in the real property which is the subject of	f the application.	

Name	Address	Percent of Ownership
¹ KMF XI Seminary Hill, LLC		See Attachment
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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, <u>click here</u>.

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 KMF XI Seminary Hill, LLC	None	None
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.

4-18-2024	KMF XI Seminary Hill, LLC By: M. Catharine Puskar Agent/Attorney	MC (Paskar	
Date	Printed Name	Signature	

KMF XI Seminary Hill, LLC San Francisco, CA 94111

Karl Moritz 301 King Street City Hall, Room 2100 Alexandria, Virginia 22304

Re:

Authorization to File for a Special Use Permit

4718 Kenmore Avenue, Tax Map No. 030.01-01-02(the "Property")

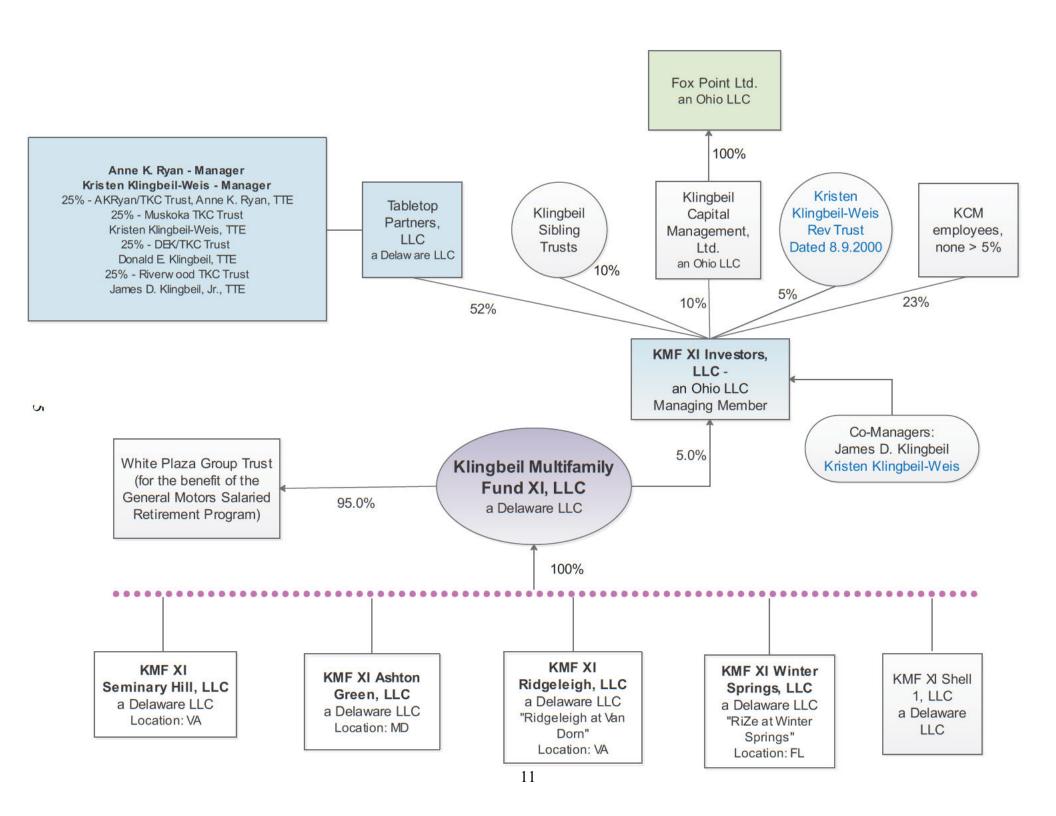
Dear Mr. Moritz:

KMF XI Seminary Hill, LLC, hereby authorizes Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley & Walsh, P.C. to act as agent on its behalf for the filing and representation for a Special Use Permit of the Property and any related requests.

Very truly yours,

KMF XI Seminary Hill, LLC

Data:



If property owner or applicant is being represented by an authorized agent such as an attorney, realtor, or which there is some form of compensation, does this agent or the business in which the agent is employed business license to operate in the City of Alexandria, Virginia?	
[] Yes. Provide proof of current City business license N/A	
[] No. The agent shall obtain a business license prior to filing application, if required by the City Code.	
NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION	
3. The applicant shall describe below the nature of the request in detail so that the Planning Common Council can understand the nature of the operation and the use. The description should fully discuss that activity. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.) See Attachment.	
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Narrative Description

The Applicant, KMF XI Seminary Hill, LLC, is the owner of The Alante in Alexandria, a garden style apartment complex located at 4718 Kenmore Avenue (the "Property"). The Property was developed in the early 1960's and includes seven buildings with a total of 296 units and 447 surface parking spaces. The Applicant acquired the Property in April 2018 and has renovated the buildings and units, including adding personal washers and dryers in every unit, thereby obviating the need for the older common laundry areas.

At the time the Property was developed, it was zoned RA/Multifamily zone, which permitted development at a .75 FAR and 27 units per acre. With City Council's adoption of the Zoning for Housing Initiative, the RA zone has been relabeled RA/Multi-unit zone and the unit per acre limitation is no longer applicable to the Property. As such the Applicant is in the process of converting former common laundry areas and storage spaces in the existing buildings to create nineteen (19) additional units, thereby advancing the goal of the Zoning for Housing Initiative to create more housing in the City. While the conversion of the spaces to residential units can be accomplished administratively, unfortunately, the Applicant needs to request a special use permit for a parking reduction, as neither the existing 296 unit mix nor the proposed 315 unit mix, meet the current parking standards, which are more onerous given the specifics of this particular development in this location.

The Alante currently includes 2 studios, 86 one-bedroom, 161 two-bedroom and 47 three-bedroom units. The minimum parking requirement for the existing 296 units under the current Zoning Ordinance parking standards is 479 spaces. There are only 447 existing parking spaces on site for a ratio of 1.51 spaces per unit. With the addition of the 19 units (2 studios and 17 one-bedroom units), the parking requirement is 497 spaces. Given the 447 existing parking spaces, the proposed parking ratio with the parking reduction special use permit is 1.42 parking spaces per unit.

The Applicant has put a Parking Management Plan in place to ensure sufficient parking is available to residents and their visitors (see attached Parking Management Plan). The Applicant monitored the property at various times throughout the day (8 am, 2 pm, 7 pm and 11 pm) on three days (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) and counted a minimum of 65 spaces available at 11 pm on Tuesday to a maximum of 290 spaces available at 2pm on a Friday. In addition, the Property is within walking distance to retail, restaurants, a middle school, medical offices, a library and other commercial uses and is also served by various free bus lines within a quarter mile of the Property. As such, the proposed parking ratio of 1.42 spaces per unit is sufficient, consistent with other similarly situated properties, and is appropriate for the Property given the current parking ratio and the minimal impact of the units being added.

The conversion of spaces such as storage rooms and laundry rooms in older multi-unit buildings should be encouraged and facilitated as an economically viable, creative approach to meeting the City's housing goals. The parking reduction needed to facilitate the creation of additional units will have a negligible impact on the existing parking supply and should be supported.

USE CHARACTERISTICS

4.	The proposed special use permit request is for <i>(check one):</i> [] a new use requiring a special use permit, [] an expansion or change to an existing use without a special use permit, [] an expansion or change to an existing use with a special use permit,					
		er. Please describe: Parking reduction				
5.	Please	e describe the capacity of the proposed use:				
	A.	How many patrons, clients, pupils and other such users do you expect? Specify time period (i.e., day, hour, or shift). N/A				
	В.	How many employees, staff and other personnel do you expect? Specify time period (i.e., day, hour, or shift). N/A				
6.	Please	e describe the proposed hours and days of operation of the proposed use:				
	Day: N/A	Hours: N/A				
7.	Please	e describe any potential noise emanating from the proposed use.				
	A.	Describe the noise levels anticipated from all mechanical equipment and patrons.				
		Noise levels will be in compliance with the noise ordinance.				
	В.	How will the noise be controlled?				
		N/A				

Pleas	se provide information regarding trash and litter generated by the use.
A.	What type of trash and garbage will be generated by the use? (i.e. office paper, food wrappers) N/A
B.	How much trash and garbage will be generated by the use? (i.e. # of bags or pounds per day or pweek) N/A
C.	How often will trash be collected? N/A
D.	How will you prevent littering on the property, streets and nearby properties? N/A
Will a	any hazardous materials, as defined by the state or federal government, be handled, stored, or gene

		compounds, for example paint, ink, lacquer thinner, or cleaning or degreasing so or generated on the property?	
[] Y	es. [[] No. N/A	
If yes	, provide the	e name, monthly quantity, and specific disposal method below:	
What N/A		re proposed to ensure the safety of nearby residents, employees and patrons?	-
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PARKING AND ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

14.	A.	How many parking spaces of each type are provided for the proposed use:							
		435 Standard spaces							
		Compact spaces							
		12 Handicapped accessible spaces.							
		Other.							
		Planning and Zoning Staff Only							
	R	Required number of spaces for use per Zoning Ordinance Section 8-200A							
	I	Does the application meet the requirement?							
		[] Yes [] No							
	В.	Where is required parking located? (check one)							
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		[] off-site							
		If the required parking will be located off-site, where will it be located?							
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PLEAS	SEN	NOTE: Pursuant to Section 8-200 (C) of the Zoning Ordinance, commercial and industrial uses may provide off-							
•		g within 500 feet of the proposed use, provided that the off-site parking is located on land zoned for commercial							
		al uses. All other uses must provide parking on-site, except that off-street parking may be provided within 300 use with a special use permit.							
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	C.								
		Ordinance, complete the PARKING REDUCTION SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION.							
		[/] Parking reduction requested; see attached supplemental form							
15.	Ple	ease provide information regarding loading and unloading facilities for the use:							
	Α.	How many loading spaces are available for the use? N/A							
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		Planning and Zoning Staff Only							
		Required number of loading spaces for use per Zoning Ordinance Section 8-200							
		Does the application meet the requirement?							

[]Yes []No

	B. Where are off-street loading facilities located? N/A								
	C. During what hours of the day do you expect loading/unloading operations to occur? N/A								
	D.	How frequently are loading/unloading operations expected to occur, per day or per week, as appropriate N/A							
16.		et access to the subject property adequate or are any street improvements, such as a new turning lane, eary to minimize impacts on traffic flow?							
	Stree	t access to the site is adequate.							
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SITE	CHAI	RACTERISTICS							
17.	Will the	e proposed uses be located in an existing building? [] Yes [/] No							
	Do you	propose to construct an addition to the building? [] Yes [/] No							
	How la	rge will the addition be? N/A square feet.							
18.	What w	vill the total area occupied by the proposed use be?							
	N/A	sq. ft. (existing) + $\frac{N/A}{}$ sq. ft. (addition if any) = $\frac{N/A}{}$ sq. ft. (total)							
19.		oposed use is located in: (check one)							
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APPLICATION - SUPPLEMENTAL

PARKING REDUCTION

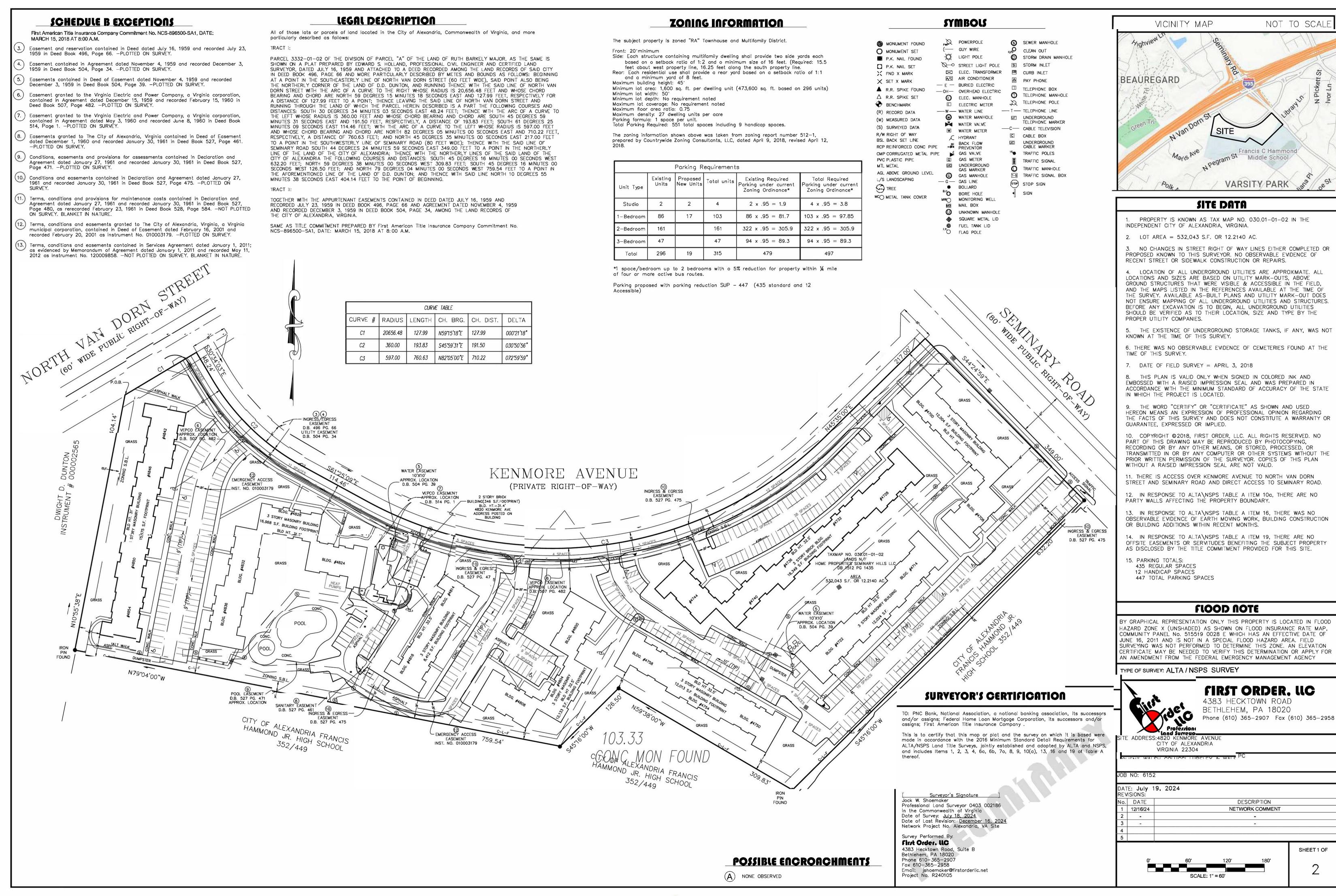
Supplemental information to be completed by applicants requesting special use permit approval of a reduction in the required parking pursuant to section 8-100(A)(4) or (5).

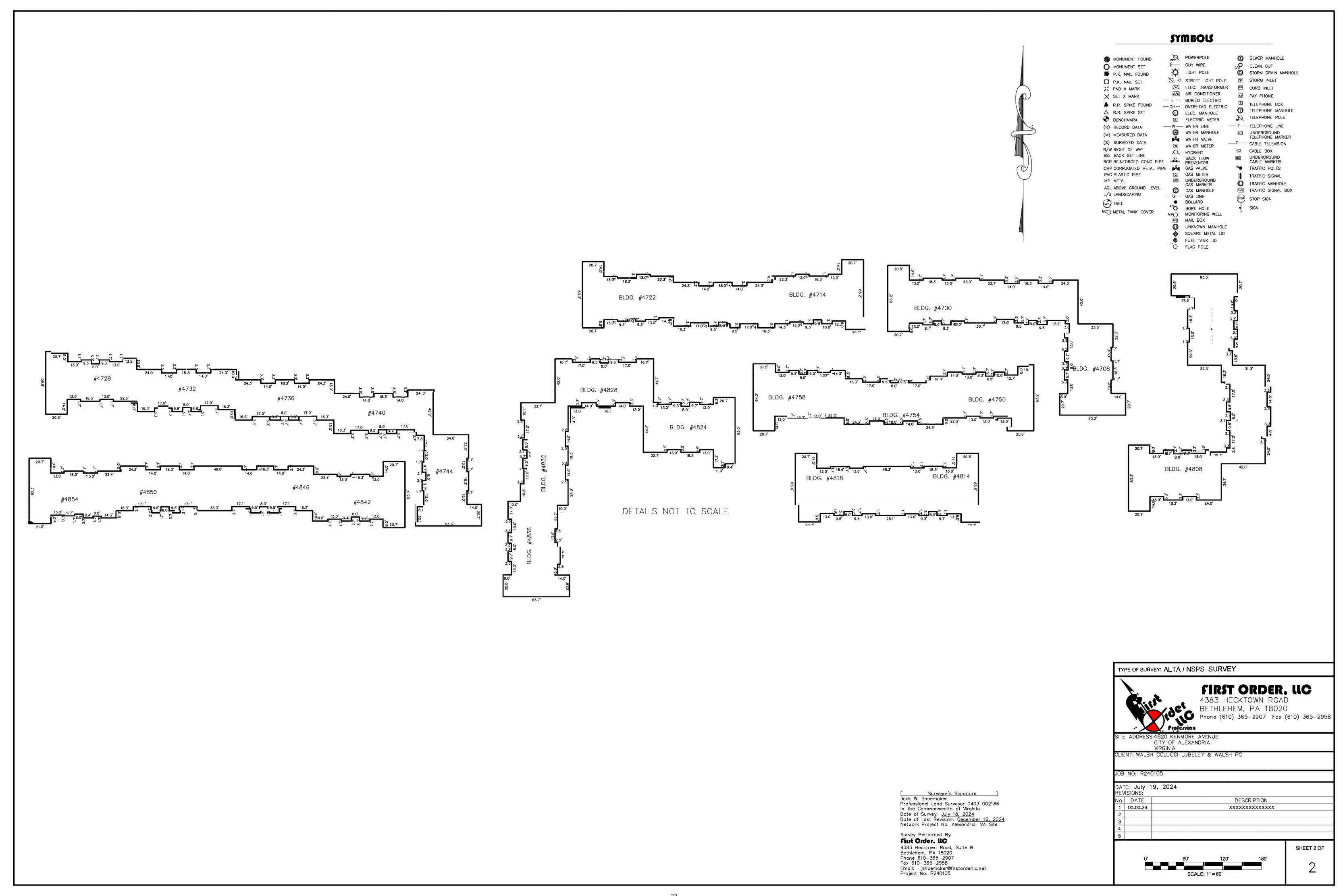
1.	Describe the requested parking reduction. (e.g. number of spaces, stacked parking, size, off-site
loca	ation)
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	Provide a statement of justification for the proposed parking reduction.
Ple	ease see the statement of justification provided with the use permit application.
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	Why is it not feasible to provide the required parking?
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	Will the proposed reduction reduce the number of available parking spaces below the
nu	mber of existing parking spaces?
_	Yes √ No.

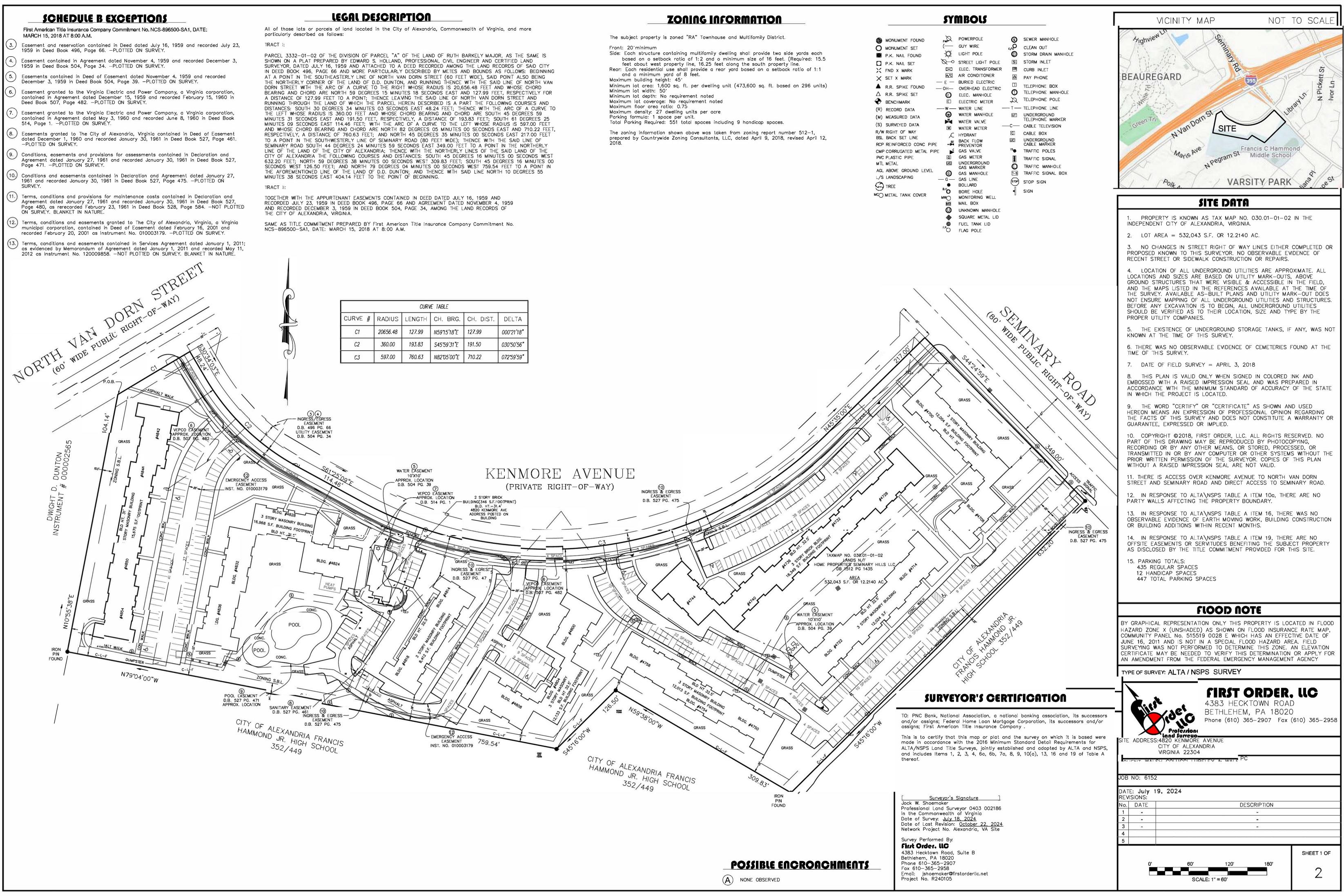
- **5.** If the requested reduction is for more than five parking spaces, the applicant must submit a *Parking Management Plan* which identifies the location and number of parking spaces both on-site and off-site, the availability of on-street parking, any proposed methods of mitigating negative affects of the parking reduction. See attached survey and parking management plan.
- **6.** The applicant must also demonstrate that the reduction in parking will not have a negative impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

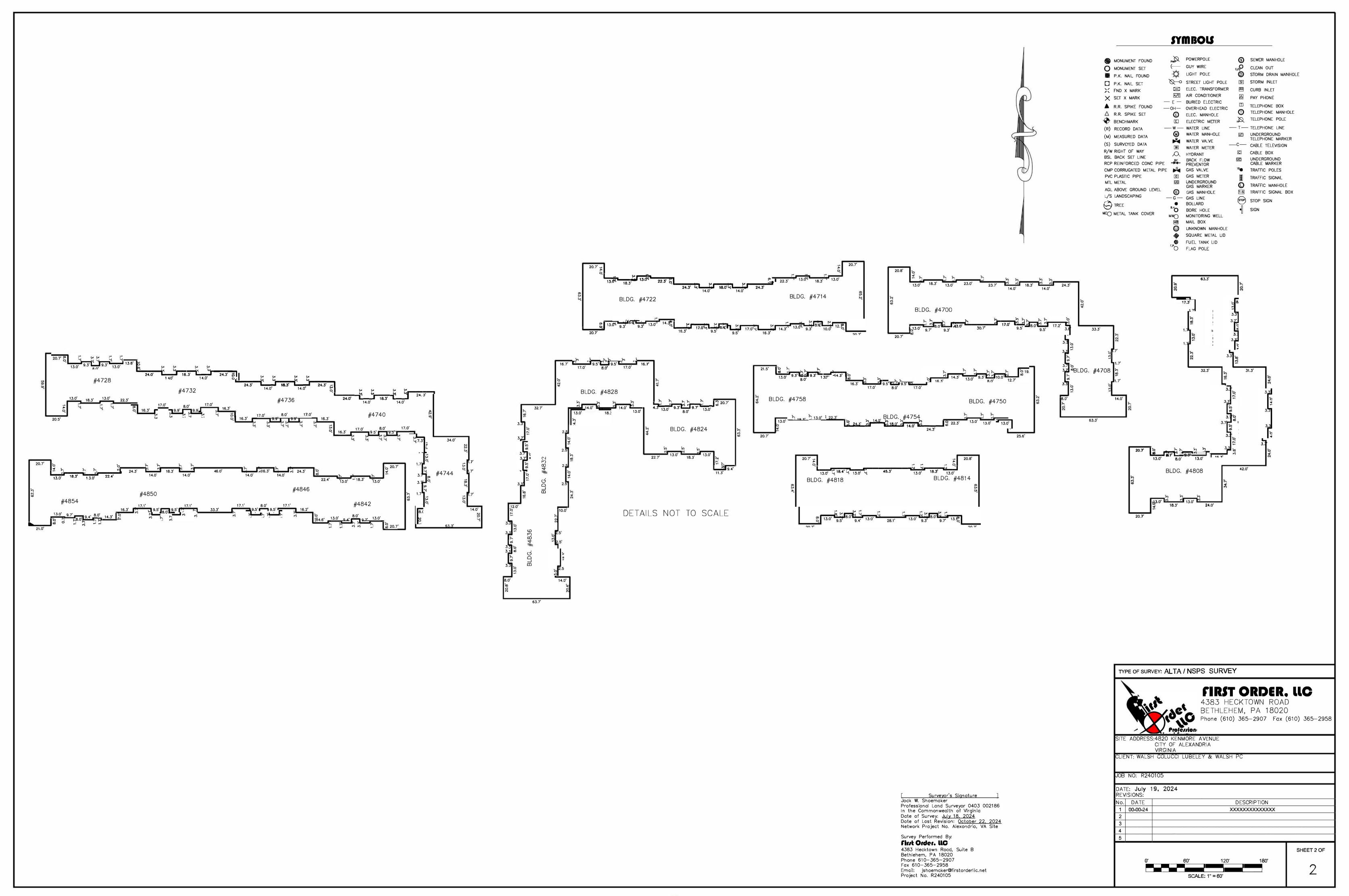
The Alante (SUP2024-00034) Supplemental Parking Request

- 1. Describe the requested parking reduction.
 - a. The Applicant requests a parking reduction to facilitate the conversion of laundry areas and storage space to residential units. The existing property contains 296 units and 447 parking spaces, consistent with the parking requirements at the time it was built. The minimum parking requirement for the 296 units under the current parking requirement is 479 and an additional 18 spaces are required to facilitate the conversion, for a total of 497 spaces. Given that there are only 447 spaces to serve the existing buildings, the Applicant requests a 50-space parking reduction to permit the conversion of spaces to units and bring the Property into compliance with today's parking standards.
- 2. Provide a statement of justification for the proposed parking reduction.
 - a. Please see the statement of justification provided with the use permit application.
- 3. Why is it not feasible to provide the required parking?
 - a. The Applicant proposes to convert spaces within the existing buildings to residential units. The Property, which was constructed in the 1960's cannot accommodate any additional parking spaces. However, the parking that is provided has been sufficient to serve the existing buildings and will be sufficient to serve the additional units as well given the location of the building, parking demand, and the parking management plan that is in place.











6 May 2025

Members of the Alexandria Planning Commission,

As the Alexandria leadership team for YIMBYs of Northern Virginia, we are excited to see several opportunities, both policy changes and individual developments, to add much-needed homes to Alexandria, and we ask you to vote yes on all of them.

First, we'd like to share our enthusiastic support for the zoning text amendments in docket item 12 that will make it faster and easier to build ADUs in Alexandria. ADUs are a great way to add more housing to Alexandria, and removing the redundant ADU permit requirement will remove time and cost from the ADU-building process. Removing the ownership requirement and three-person occupancy limit will also make building and living in ADUs possible for more Alexandrians.

The Special Use Permit for the Alante and Oliver apartments, in docket items 5 and 6, will add 30 much-needed homes to Alexandria West. These docket items are a perfect case study of how Zoning for Housing has made a positive impact, but more changes are needed. Zoning for Housing removed the "units per acre" requirement in the RA zone, allowing the property owner to convert unused space in the building to additional homes. However, due to Alexandria's parking minimum policies, this change requires a parking reduction, even though surveys showed that these properties have plenty of vacant parking spaces to accommodate additional residents. If it weren't for Alexandria's parking mandates, these renovations would not require an SUP, and we hope you'll consider eliminating these unnecessary requirements so that we can end the housing shortage faster.

The Carlyle Block P development, in docket item 7, will add 186 much-needed senior living homes to a currently empty lot in the walkable Carlyle neighborhood.

The Westridge Towns development, in docket item 11, will create 19 net new homes close to the transportation improvements coming with the Duke Street in Motion project, including one committed affordable homeownership opportunity. Considering the urgency of adding more committed affordable homes to our city, Section 7-700 should be modified to allow these requests to be approved by Planning Commission, rather than requiring a Council vote.

Today's docket also contains important opportunities to increase our housing supply one home at a time, via subdivisions and an approval of a home without public street frontage. Every new home we add to Alexandria helps to mitigate skyrocketing price increases on existing homes, and we hope you will consider eliminating minimum lot sizes to make more of these home-building opportunities possible.

We hope Alexandria will continue to welcome new homes of all types, all price points, and in all parts of our city to address our regional housing crisis and make our city better for everyone.

Phoebe Coy, Alex Goyette, Peter Sutherland, and Stephanie Elms YIMBYs of Northern Virginia Alexandria leads

The Alante – Parking Management Plan 10/30/24

Background:

- Existing Parking Spaces: 447 Parking Spaces
 - 435 standard spaces
 - 12 accessible parking spaces
- Existing Parking Ratio: 1.51 spaces/unit
 - 447 parking spaces total
 - o 296 units (2 studios, 86 one-bedroom, 161 two-bedroom, 47 three-bedroom)
- Proposed Parking Ratio: 1.42 spaces/unit
 - 447 parking spaces total
 - o 315 units (current mix plus 2 additional studios and 17 additional 1-bedroom)

Parking Utilization:

- There are currently 10 units whose residents do not own cars.
- Property averages 4.5% vacancy.
- A parking survey was conducted to determine the number of vacant spaces:

ALANTE	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
8am	163	180	196
2pm	200	266	290
7pm	150	101	180
11pm	65	96	84

Parking Management:

- Resident Parking Permits:
 - o Proof of vehicle registration and ID must be provided to property management.
 - Permits are only issued to leaseholders with proof that the vehicle is registered in their name.
 - Each unit is guaranteed a single parking spot for \$25/month if they choose.
 - A \$50 monthly rent discount will be offered to renters who do not have a vehicle. Current residents without vehicles can receive this new discount upon renewal of their lease.
 - 3-bedroom, 2-bedroom and 1-bedroom apartments are offered a second spot (if available) for \$50/month.
 - o Studios do not have the option to purchase an additional spot.
 - o No more than two permits may be issued per unit, regardless of unit size.

Guest Parking Permits:

- o Guests must obtain a visitor pass at the office in order to park at the Property.
- Visitor passes are valid for one-time use.
- Visitor passes are issued based on parking availability.

• Parking Enforcement:

 ○ Property management has a contract with a towing company that monitors the Property between 7 pm – 7 am and tows vehicles without a valid Resident or Visitor pass.

Alternative Transportation Options:

o <u>Buses:</u>

There are multiple Dash/Metro bus stops located in close proximity to the Property as well as the Mark Center Transit Area located a ½ mile away, offering ample connection to various destinations, including the Metro and VRE, via several bus lines.

Walking:

 There is a grocery store, pharmacy and a number of retail and entertainment uses located right across the street from the Property in Seminary Plaza.

Bicycles:

- The Applicant will provide include free, secure bike storage for residents on site.
- Infrastructure and streetscape improvements are planned along Seminary Road and surrounding streets within the new Alexandria West Small Area Plan. A planned offroad multi-use path and a planned on-road bike facility is planned for Kenmore Avenue and Seminary Road in the future, which will enhance the safety for bicyclists in the area.