ISSUE:	Certificate of Appropriateness to construct an accessory structure
APPLICANT:	Sean Murphy
LOCATION:	Old and Historic Alexandria District 417 South Royal Street
ZONE:	RM/Residential Townhouse Zone

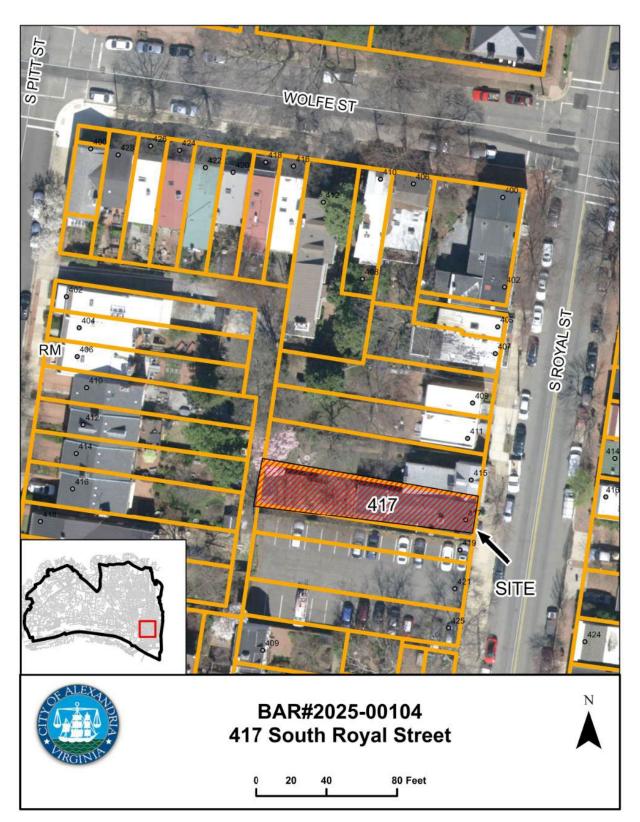
#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness, as submitted.

#### **GENERAL NOTES TO THE APPLICANT**

- 1. APPEAL OF DECISION: In accordance with the Zoning Ordinance, if the Board of Architectural Review denies or approves an application in whole or in part, the applicant or opponent may appeal the Board's decision to City Council on or before 14 days after the decision of the Board.
- 2. COMPLIANCE WITH BAR POLICIES: All materials must comply with the BAR's adopted policies unless otherwise specifically approved.
- 3. BUILDING PERMITS: Most projects approved by the Board of Architectural Review require the issuance of one or more construction permits by Department of Code Administration (<u>including signs</u>). The applicant is responsible for obtaining all necessary construction permits after receiving Board of Architectural Review approval. Contact Code Administration, Permit Center, 4850 Mark Center Drive, Suite 2015, 703-746-4200 for further information.
- 4. ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS AND PERMITS TO DEMOLISH: Applicants must obtain a copy of the Certificate of Appropriateness or Permit to Demolish PRIOR to applying for a building permit. Contact BAR Staff, Room 2100, City Hall, 703-746-3833, or preservation@alexandriava.gov for further information.
- EXPIRATION OF APPROVALS NOTE: In accordance with Sections 10-106(B), 10-206(B) and 10-307 of the Zoning Ordinance, any Board of Architectural Review approval will expire 12 months from the date of issuance if the work is not commenced and diligently and substantially pursued by the end of that 12-month period.
- HISTORIC PROPERTY TAX CREDITS: Applicants performing extensive, certified rehabilitations of historic properties may separately be eligible for state and/or federal tax credits. Consult with the <u>Virginia</u> <u>Department of Historic Resources (VDHR)</u> prior to initiating any work to determine whether the proposed project may qualify for such credits.

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#### I. <u>APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL</u>

The applicant requests a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct an accessory dwelling unit at the rear of the property. As part of the proposal, an existing shed will be removed and the fence at the north boundary of the property will be relocated to the property line.

#### Site context

The alley to the west, behind the subject property, is private. A private parking lot abuts the south boundary of the property. The proposed structure will be minimally visible from the sidewalk in front of this parking lot. See Figure 1.



Figure 1: Rear yard as seen from sidewalk bounding the parking lot at 419 S. Royal. Note that the existing shed is minimally visible.

#### II. <u>HISTORY</u>

Based on Sanborn maps, it appears that this dwelling was built **between 1891 and 1896**. The 1891 map shows a two-story frame dwelling with a one-story ell in this location, while the 1896 and later maps show a two-story brick dwelling with a two-story real ell and noncombustible roofing. As today's building is brick, it would not be the same building as that on the 1891 map. Building permits show various fairly minor alterations over time. Alexandria Living Legend Lois Walker owned the house from 1969 - 2010.

#### Previous BAR Approvals

BAR2002-00092 and BAR2002-00093: BAR approval of the demolition of a shed at the rear of the property and portions of the 1960 rear frame addition. This also approved the construction of a new porch on the south elevation and an addition to the west elevation.

BAR2014-00386: Administrative approval to add chimney ventilation fans

#### III. <u>ANALYSIS</u>

The *Design Guidelines* state that "Free-standing accessory structures should complement, not compete with, the architecture of the main building" and that "...accessory structures were often constructed of simpler materials than the main building. The materials of accessory structures should not detract from the materials of the main building." The white pine siding of the proposed structure will not detract in any way from the brick and HardiPlank exterior of the main house. The design of the proposed structure is simple and tasteful, with an appropriate appearance for the historic district. See Figure 2. The 240 square feet, 12' x 20' size is not overwhelming, nor is the 12'6" height. Locating the building at the western edge of the parcel will further minimize its visibility from any public right of way. As noted above, the existing shed is barely visible from the public sidewalk. Additionally, the proposed accessory dwelling unit has a far more appropriate design and appearance than the existing shed and is therefore an improvement to the property.

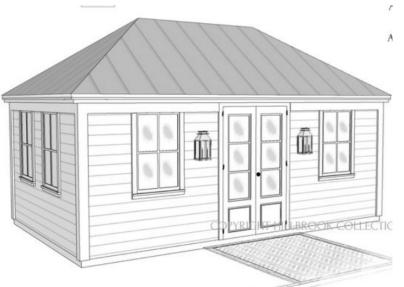


Figure 2: Proposed accessory structure

Staff therefore recommends approval, as submitted.

#### **STAFF**

Susan Hellman, Historic Preservation Planner, Planning & Zoning Tony LaColla, AICP, Land Use Services Division Chief, Planning & Zoning

#### IV. <u>CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS</u>

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

#### Zoning

C-1 Proposed rear ADU will comply with Zoning.

F-1 Zoning staff has reviewed and approved ZAP2025-00016 which is required prior to BAR review.

#### **Code Administration**

C-1 A building permit is required.

#### **Transportation and Environmental Services**

- 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)
- F-1 After review of the information provided, an approved grading plan is not required at this time. Please note that if any changes are made to the plan it is suggested that T&ES be included in the review. (T&ES)
- F-2 If the alley located at the rear of the parcel is to be used at any point of the construction process the following will be required:
  <u>For a Public Alley</u> The applicant shall contact T&ES, Construction Permitting & Inspections at (703) 746-4035 to discuss any permits and accommodation requirements that will be required.
  <u>For a Private Alley</u> The applicant must provide proof, in the form of an affidavit at a minimum, from owner of the alley granting permission of use. (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)

#### <u>Alexandria Archaeology</u>

- F-1 The property at 417 S. Royal St. likely was built in the first half of the 19th century, based on a review of Mutual Assurance fire insurance maps. Due to its nineteenth-century date of construction, this property may contain significant archaeological deposits related to antebellum Alexandria.
- R-1 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. The language noted above shall be included on all final site plan sheets involving any ground disturbing activities. (Archaeology)
- R-2 The applicant shall not allow any metal detection and/or artifact collection to be conducted on the property, unless authorized by Alexandria Archaeology. Failure to comply shall result in project delays. The language noted above shall be included on all final site plan sheets involving any ground disturbing activities.

#### V. <u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

- Application Materials
- Completed application
- Plans
- Material specifications
- Scaled survey plat if applicable
- Photographs
- Public comment
- Any other supporting documentation

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Applic	ant: 🔳 Property Owner	Business (Ple	ase provide busi	ness name & co	ontact person)
Name:	Sean Murphy				
Addres	s:				
City:		State:	Zip:		
Phone		E-mail :			
Autho	rized Agent (if applicable):	Attorney	Architect		
Name:	Christopher Lyon			Phone	:
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#### NATURE OF PROPOSED WORK: Please check all that apply

	NEW CONSTRUCTION EXTERIOR ALTERAT awning doors lighting other ADDITION DEMOLITION/ENCAPSUE SIGNAGE	TION: <i>Please check all that app</i> fence, gate or garden wall windows pergola/trellis	oly. ☐ HVAC equipment ☐ siding ☐ painting unpainted masonry	☐ shutters ☐ shed ⁄
be att	tached).	POSED WORK: Please des		

#### SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

Check this box if there is a homeowner's association for this property. If so, you must attach a copy of the letter approving the project.

Items listed below comprise the **minimum supporting materials** for BAR applications. Staff may request additional information during application review. Please refer to the relevant section of the *Design Guidelines* for further information on appropriate treatments.

Applicants must use the checklist below to ensure the application is complete. Include all information and material that are necessary to thoroughly describe the project. Incomplete applications will delay the docketing of the application for review. Pre-application meetings are required for all proposed additions. All applicants are encouraged to meet with staff prior to submission of a completed application.

Demolition/Encapsulation : All applicants requesting 25 square feet or more of demolition/encapsulation
must complete this section. Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.

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- Survey plat showing the extent of the proposed demolition/encapsulation.
- Existing elevation drawings clearly showing all elements proposed for demolition/encapsulation.
- Clear and labeled photographs of all elevations of the building if the entire structure is proposed to be demolished.
- Description of the reason for demolition/encapsulation.
- Description of the alternatives to demolition/encapsulation and why such alternatives are not considered feasible.

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**Additions & New Construction:** Drawings must be to scale and should not exceed 11" x 17" unless approved by staff. Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.

- N/A Scaled survey plat showing dimensions of lot and location of existing building and other structures on the lot, location of proposed structure or addition, dimensions of existing structure(s), proposed addition or new construction, and all exterior, ground and roof mounted equipment.
- FAR & Open Space calculation form.
- Clear and labeled photographs of the site, surrounding properties and existing structures, if applicable.
- Existing elevations must be scaled and include dimensions.
- Proposed elevations must be scaled and include dimensions. Include the relationship to adjacent structures in plan and elevations.
- Materials and colors to be used must be specified and delineated on the drawings. Actual samples may be provided or required.
- Manufacturer's specifications for materials to include, but not limited to: roofing, siding, windows, doors, lighting, fencing, HVAC equipment and walls.
- For development site plan projects, a model showing mass relationships to adjacent properties and structures.

**Signs & Awnings:** One sign per building under one square foot does not require BAR approval unless illuminated. All other signs including window signs require BAR approval. Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.

	Linear feet of building: Front:Secondary front (if corner lot): Square feet of existing signs to remain: Photograph of building showing existing conditions. Dimensioned drawings of proposed sign identifying materials, color, lettering style and text. Location of sign (show exact location on building including the height above sidewalk). Means of attachment (drawing or manufacturer's cut sheet of bracket if applicable).

Alterations: Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.

N/A	Clear and labeled photographs of the site, especially the area being impacted by the alterations,
	all sides of the building and any pertinent details.
	Manufacturer's specifications for materials to include, but not limited to: roofing, siding, windows, doors, lighting, fencing, HVAC equipment and walls.
	Drawings accurately representing the changes to the proposed structure, including materials and overall dimensions. Drawings must be to scale.
	An official survey plat showing the proposed locations of HVAC units, fences, and sheds. Historic elevations or photographs should accompany any request to return a structure to an earlier appearance.

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ALL APPLICATIONS: Please read and check that you have read and understand the following items:

- I understand that after reviewing the proposed alterations, BAR staff will invoice the appropriate filing fee in APEX. The application will not be processed until the fee is paid online.
- I understand the notice requirements and will return a copy of the three respective notice forms to BAR staff at least five days prior to the hearing. If I am unsure to whom I should send notice I will contact Planning and Zoning staff for assistance in identifying adjacent parcels.
- I, the applicant, or an authorized representative will be present at the public hearing.
- I understand that any revisions to this initial application submission (including applications deferred for restudy) must be accompanied by the BAR Supplemental form and revised materials.

The undersigned hereby attests that all of the information herein provided including the site plan, building elevations, prospective drawings of the project, and written descriptive information 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 undersigned also hereby authorizes the City staff and members of the BAR to inspect this site as necessary in the course of research and evaluating the 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:**

Signatu	ure:	$\sim$	
Printed	Name:	Chris Lyon	
Date:	3/25/2	025	

#### OWNERSHIP AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT Use additional sheets if necessary

<u>1. Applicant.</u> 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
<sup>1.</sup> Sean Murphy		50%
<sup>2.</sup> Laura Gustafson		50%
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2. <u>Property.</u> State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the property located at<u>417 S. Royal Street</u> (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.

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<sup>1.</sup> Sean Murphy		50%
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3. <u>Business or Financial Relationships.</u> Each person or entity listed above (1 and 2), with an ownership interest in the applicant or in the subject property is required 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.

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.)
<sup>1.</sup> N/A		
<sup>2.</sup> N/A		
<sup>3.</sup> N/A		

# 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.

3/25/2025	Chris Lyon	
Date	Printed Name	Signature



### Department of Planning and Zoning Floor Area Ratio and Open Space Calculations

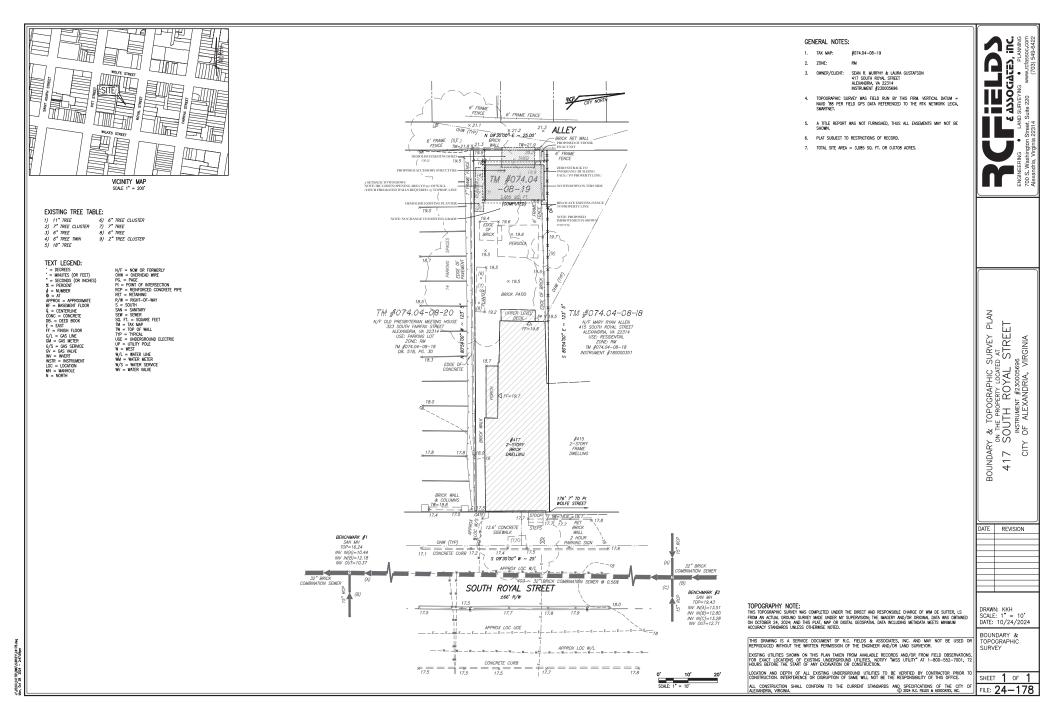
Α.	Property Info	ormation		
A1.	417 S Royal Stre	et	RM	
	Street Address		Zone	
A2.	3,075 Total Lot Area		x 1.5= 4,612.5Floor Area Ratio Allowed by ZoneMaximum Allowable Floor Area	
В.	Existing Gross		Allowable Exclusions**	
	Basement	0	Pasamant**	
	First Floor	1237	Basement     B1. 2,000       Stairways**     Existing Gross Floor Area*	t.
	Second Floor	1237	Mechanical** B2. 117 Sq. F	-t
	Third Floor	0	Allowable Floor Exclusions**	
	Attic	0	B3. 2,539 Sq. F	t.
	Porches	72	Porches**     72     Existing Floor Area Minus Exclusions       Balcony/Deck**     45     (subtract B2 from B1)	
		45	Lavatory*** Comments for Existing Gross Floor Area	
	Balcony/Deck		Other**	
	Lavatory***	65	Other** Includes 65 sf shed, to be demolished	
	Other**	2,656		
B1.	Total Gross	2,000	B2. <u>Total Exclusions</u> 117	
C.	Proposed Gros	oss Floor Area	Allowable Exclusions**	
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	Second Floor		Allowable Floor Exclusions**	ι.
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	Balcony/Deck	45	Lavatory***	
	Lavatory***	242	Other**	
	Other	240	Other** Notes *Gross floor area is the sum of all area	19
C1.	Total Gross	2,831	C2. <u>Total Exclusions</u> 117 <u>under roof of a lot</u> , measured from the fac of exterior walls, including basements	e
D.	). Total Floor Area		E. Open Space garages, sheds, gazebos, guest building and other accessory buildings.	
D1.	D1. 2,714 Sq. Ft. Total Floor Area (add B3 and C3)		E1. 1,350 Sq. Ft. ** Refer to the Zoning Ordinance (Section 2-145(B)) and consult with Zoning Staff for	or
			Existing Open Space information regarding allowable exclusions. Sections may also be required for som	
D2.	4,612.5	Sq. Ft.	E2. 1,076 Sq. Ft.	
	Total Floor Area by Zone (A2)	Allowed	Required Open Space ***Lavatories may be excluded up to maximum of 50 square feet, per lavatory	
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			Proposed Open Space gross floor area.	

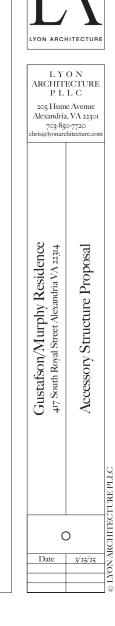
The undersigned hereby certifies and attests that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the above computations are true and correct.

Signature:

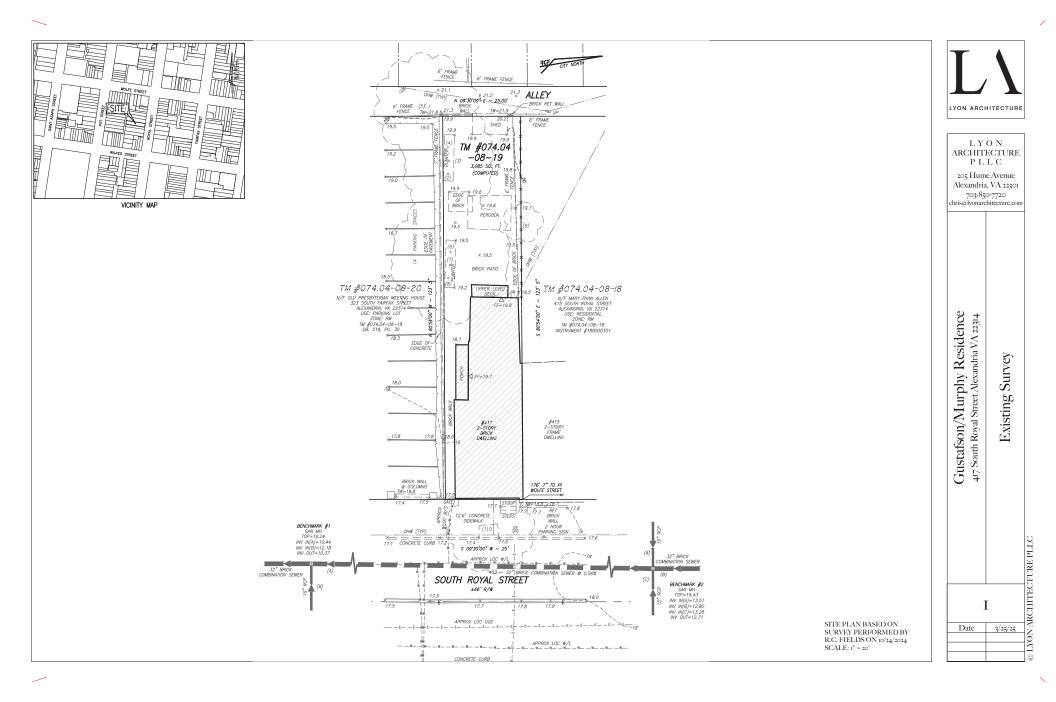
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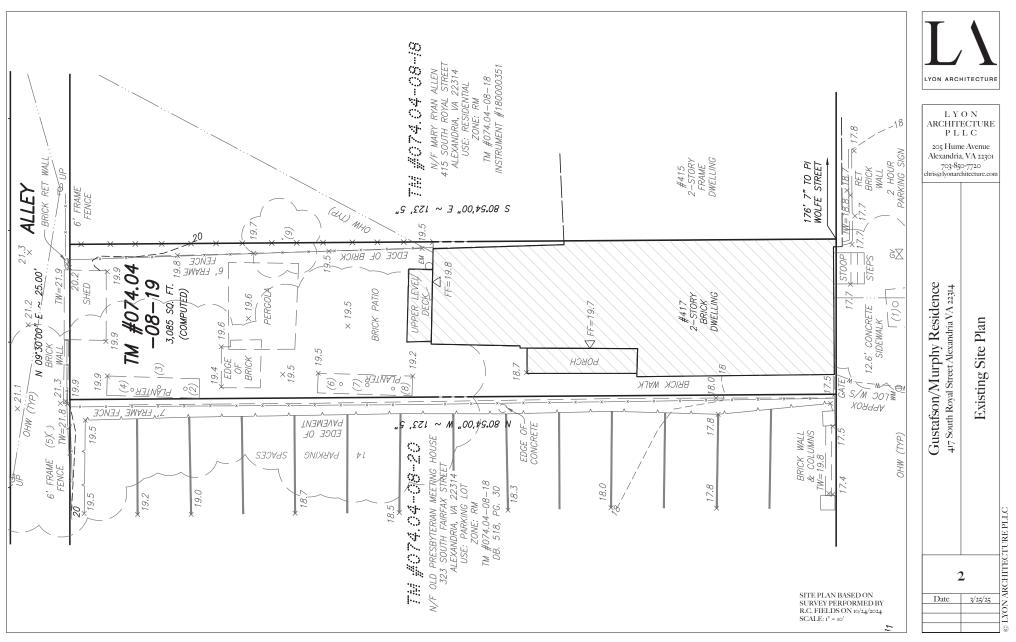
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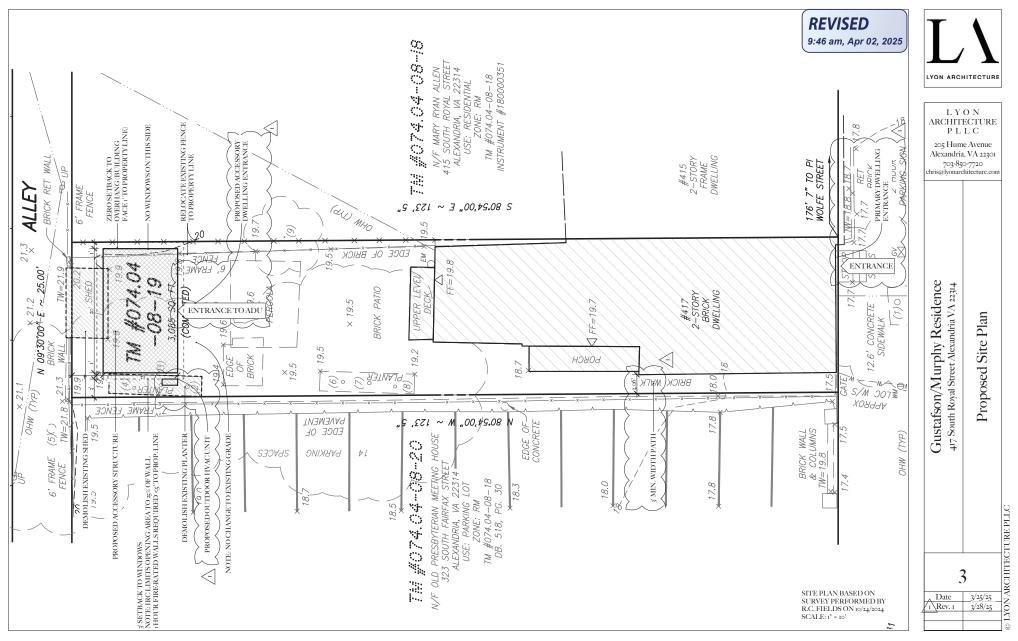


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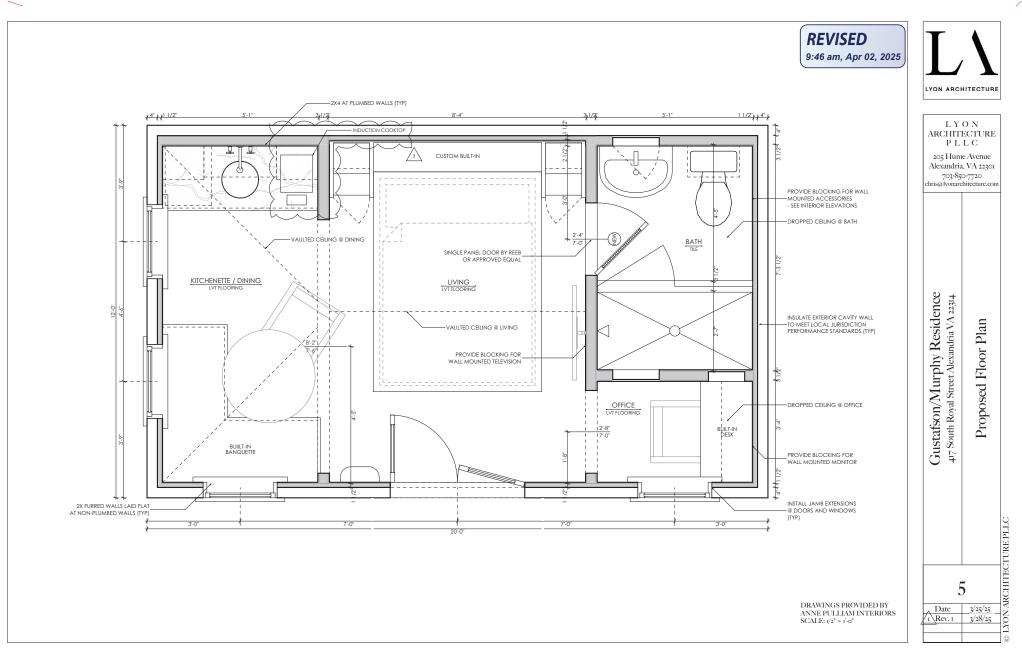




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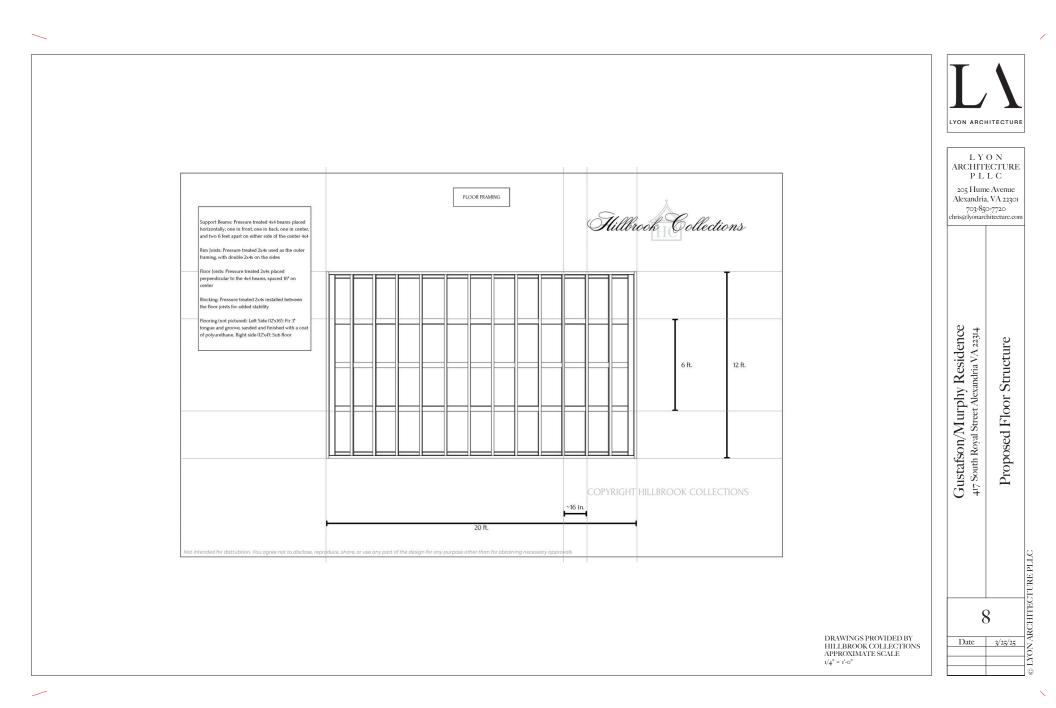
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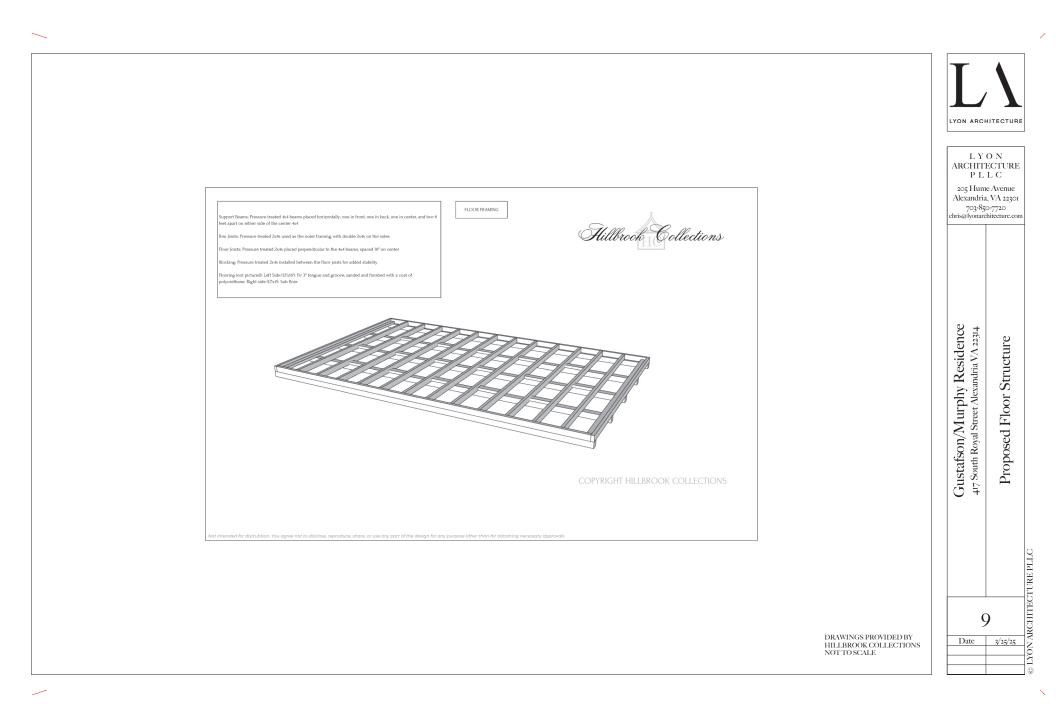
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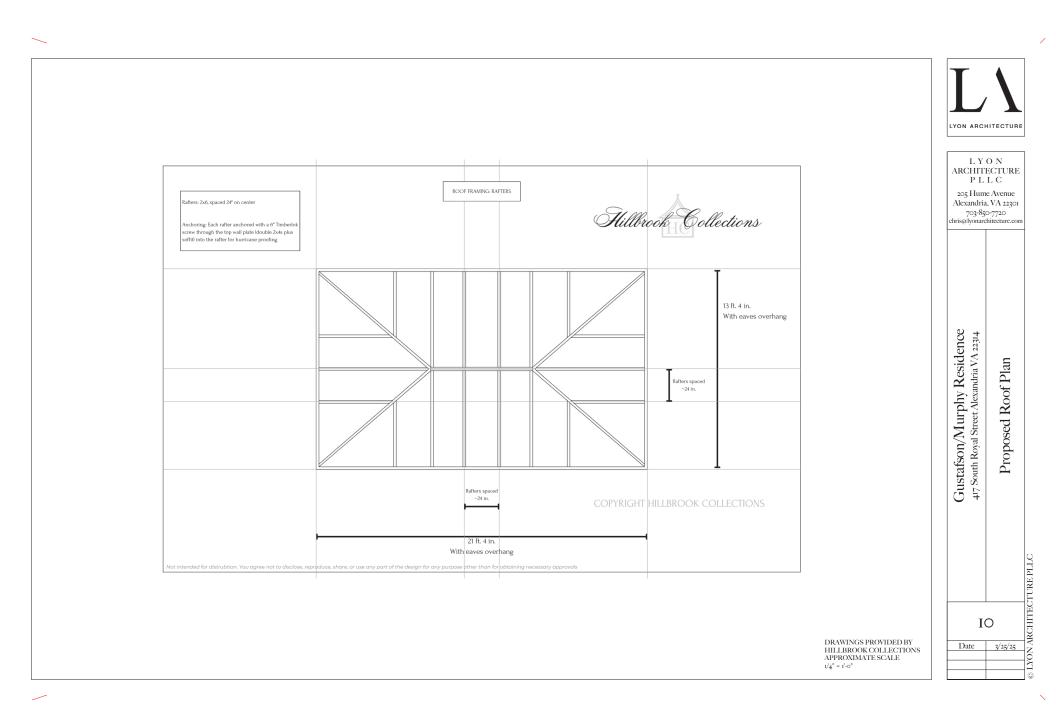
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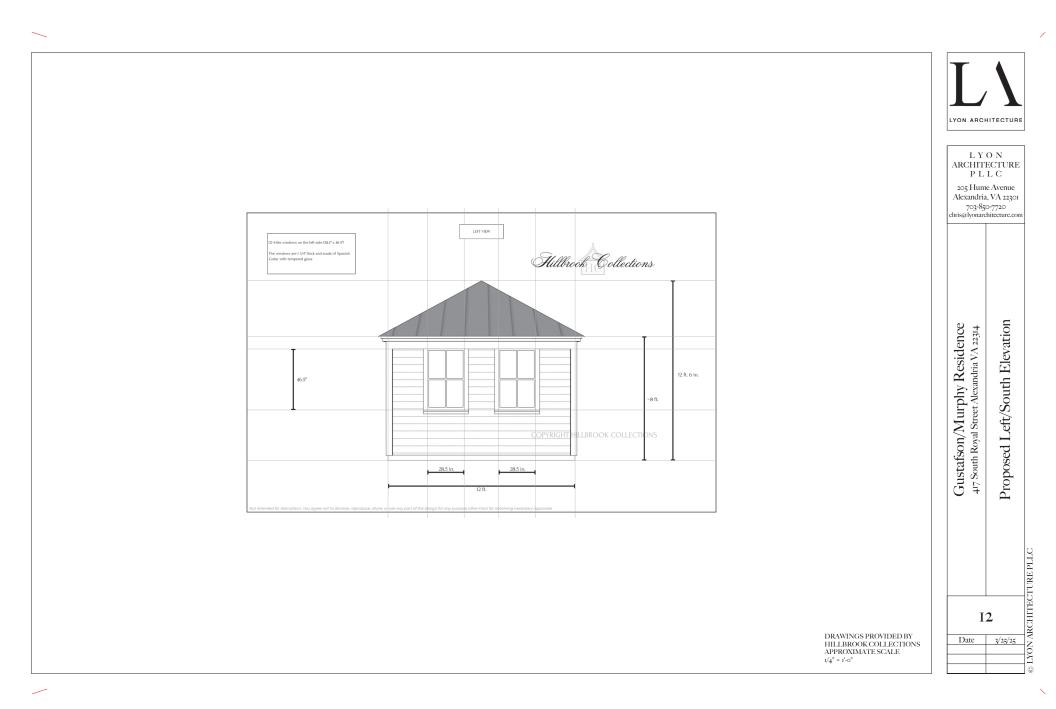
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BASE FRAMING	Support Beams: Pressure treated 4x4 beams placed horizontally; one in front, one in back, one in center, and two 6 feet apart on either side of the center 4x4 Rim Joists: Pressure treated 2x4s used as the outer framing, with double 2x4s on the sides Floor Joists: Pressure treated 2x4s placed perpendicular to the 4x4 beams, spaced 16" on center Blocking: Pressure treated 2x4s installed between the floor joists for added stability Flooring: Fir 3" tongue and groove, sanded and finished with a coat of polyurethane	INSIDE FRAMING	Wall Framing: 2x4 studs, 16" on center Rafters: 2x6, 24" on center Roof Decking: Pine 8" shiplap, nailed and glued on top of the rafters, with the standing seam metal roof applied on top Anchoring: Each rafter anchored with a 6" Timberlok screw through the top wall plate (double 2x4s plus soffit) into the rafter for hurricane proofing	ARCHIT P L 205 Hun Alexandria	L C ne Avenue a, VA 2230 30-7720
ROOF	Copper roof	INSULATION	Not supplied by HC	Residence ndria VA 22314	ications
DOORS	(2) 26" x 85" 3-lite doors with panels on the front 20' side of the building. * The doors are 1 3/4" thick and made of Spanish Cedar with tempered glass.	ELECTRIC	Not supplied by HC	Gustafson/Murphy Residence 417 South Royal Street Alexandria VA 22314	Proposed Specifications
WINDOWS	(2) 4-lite windows on the left side (28.5" x 46.5") (2) 4-lite windows on the font side (28.5" x 46.5") * The windows are $1.34$ " thick and made of Spanish Cedar with tempered glass.	INTERIOR PAINT	Benjamin Moore	Gustafs 417 South	Prop
SIDING	German Style Eastern White Pine Siding 6" wide x 1" thick ¾" x 5 ½" face coverage	EXTERIOR PAINT	Benjamin Moore		
HARDWARE	The siding is nailed to the framing and glued	OTHER	None		

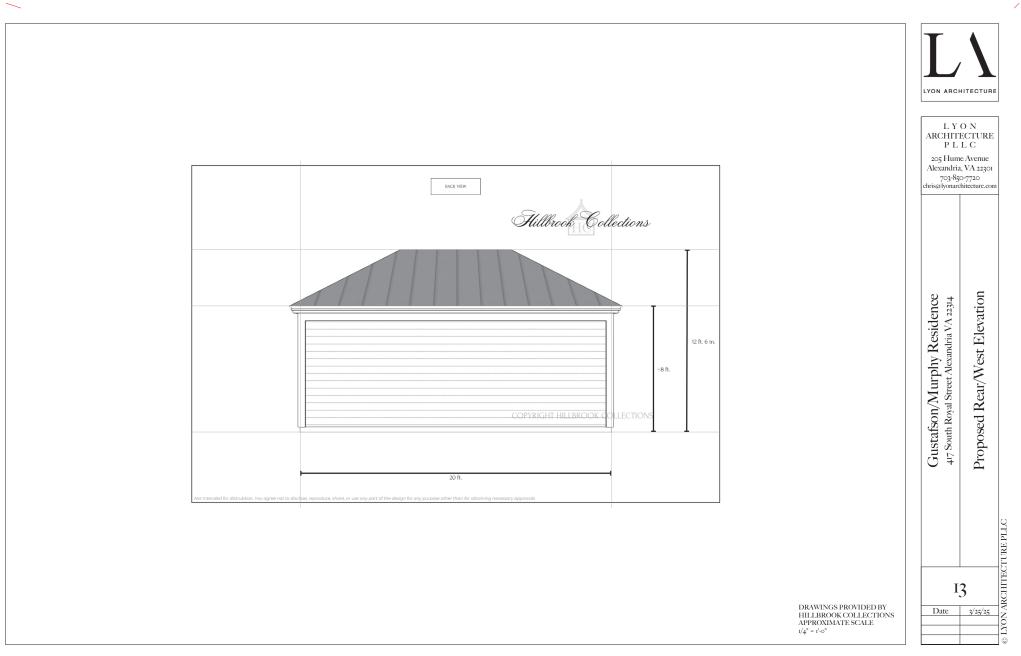












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