ISSUE: Permit to Demolish/Capsulate (partial) and Certificate of Appropriateness

for alterations

APPLICANT: Joan Porche

LOCATION: Old and Historic Alexandria District

425 South Lee Street

ZONE: Residential Townhouse Zone

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations with the conditions:

- 1. Submit material specifications and detailing drawing of the proposed new gate when applying for the building permit, and;
- 2. The applicant must submit window specifications with the building permit to confirm that the proposed windows comply with the Alexandria New and Replacement Window Performance Specifications in the Historic Districts.

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, Room 4200, City Hall, 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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 Department of Historic Resources (VDHR)</u> prior to initiating any work to determine whether the proposed project may qualify for such credits.



Note: Staff coupled the applications for a Permit to Demolish (BAR2020-00404) and Certificate of Appropriateness (BAR2020-00411) for clarity and brevity. The Permit to Demolish requires a roll call vote.

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

The applicant requests a Permit to Demolish/Capsulate (partial) and Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish the west (rear) elevation, and roof of the later addition and install stairs, as well as make alterations, at 425 South Lee Street.

The proposed demolition on the west elevation includes the removal of the flat roof, gutter, downspout, rear wall, six-over-six windows, doors, and railing. The a/c unit will also be relocated within the rear yard. The proposed alterations include a new flat membrane roof, gutter, downspout, casement windows on the third-story, sliding glass doors on the second-story, and painted PVC panel and bead. The wood siding on the south elevation will be replaced in-kind. The alterations will also include adding a new metal staircase with painted PVC risers and skirt on the west elevation.

Additionally, a portion of the existing garden wall and gate on the north elevation facing the street will be removed. A new gate will be installed on the north wall and the demolished portion will be repaired in-kind.

Site context

The proposed alterations will minimally be visible from the right-of-way.

II. <u>HISTORY</u>

The two-bay, three-story Federal style house consists of a masonry and frame main block and a two-story frame ell at the rear. The subject property first appears on the 1902 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map and includes a one-story ell on the rear. The existing two-story addition on the west elevation was approved by the Board on April 21, 1971.

Previous BAR Approvals

10/14/1959 – Approved for replacement of wooden steps with brick.

4/21/1971 – Approved as submitted for an addition.

10/20/1971 – Approved as submitted for replacement of basement window.

III. ANALYSIS

Permit to Demolish/Capsulate

In considering a Permit to Demolish/Capsulate, the Board must consider the following criteria set forth in the Zoning Ordinance, §10-105(B), which relate only to the subject property and not to neighboring properties. The Board has purview of the proposed demolition/capsulation regardless of visibility.

Standard	Description of Standard	Standard Met?
(1)	Is the building or structure of such architectural or historical interest that its moving, removing, capsulating or razing would be to the detriment of the public interest?	No
(2)	Is the building or structure of such interest that it could be made into a historic shrine?	No
(3)	Is the building or structure of such old and unusual or uncommon design, texture and material that it could not be reproduced or be reproduced only with great difficulty?	No
(4)	Would retention of the building or structure help preserve the memorial character of the George Washington Memorial Parkway?	N/A
(5)	Would retention of the building or structure help preserve and protect an historic place or area of historic interest in the city?	No
(6)	Would retention of the building or structure promote the general welfare by maintaining and increasing real estate values, generating business, creating new positions, attracting tourists, students, writers, historians, artists and artisans, attracting new residents, encouraging study and interest in American history, stimulating interest and study in architecture and design, educating citizens in American culture and heritage, and making the city a more attractive and desirable place in which to live?	No

In the opinion of staff, none of the criteria for demolition and capsulation are met and the Permit to Demolish/Capsulate should be granted. The west elevation to be demolished is part of a 1971 addition; it is not of unusual or uncommon design and could be reproduced easily today.

Certificate of Appropriateness

The proposed alterations are limited to the west elevation and flat roof of the 1970s rear addition and will be minimally visible from the public right-of-way. The use of modern materials and a different window configuration will further distinguish the rear addition from the historic main block. The alterations will not obscure or dilute the architectural character or historic importance of the historic main block. The proposed exterior staircase will provide a second means of egress for the upper-floors of the subject property. The staircase meets the requirements of the *Design Guidelines* as its materials respect the age and character of the building and will be located on the rear elevation.

Staff has no objection to the proposed alterations. The applicant must submit material specifications and a detailed drawing of the proposed new gate when applying for the building permit. Additionally, the applicant must submit window specifications with the building permit to confirm that the proposed windows comply with the Alexandria New and Replacement Window Performance Specifications in the Historic Districts. With the conditions above, staff recommends approval of the project.

STAFF

Amirah Lane, Historic Preservation Planner, Planning & Zoning Tony LaColla, AICP, Land Use Services Division Chief, Planning & Zoning

IV. CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

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

Zoning

- C-1 Property currently has roughly 300 square feet of open space and is therefore deficient in open space (.35 x 968 square feet of lot area= 338 square feet).
- C-2 The proposed reconfiguration of the rear stairs will not decrease the existing open space to less than the existing square feet.
- F-1 The proposed stair alterations comply with zoning.

Code Administration

No comments received.

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 Previously reviewed under BAR2019-00009; BAR2019-00370 (T&ES)
- F-2 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-3 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 - 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>

<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)

Alexandria Archaeology

No archaeological oversight will be necessary for this undertaking.

V. ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Application for BAR 2020-00404 & BAR2020-00411: 425 South Lee Street
- 2 Supplemental Materials

	BAR Case #
ADDRESS OF PROJECT: 425 S. Lee St. Alexandria, Virginia 2	22314
DISTRICT: ☑ Old & Historic Alexandria ☐ Parker – Gray	
TAX MAP AND PARCEL: 075.03-07.23	ZONING:
ADDI ICATION FOR (Disease shoots all that exacts)	
APPLICATION FOR: (Please check all that apply)	
▼ CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS	
PERMIT TO MOVE, REMOVE, ENCAPSULATE OR DEMOI (Required if more than 25 square feet of a structure is to be demolished/im)	
WAIVER OF ROOFTOP HVAC SCREENING REQUIREMENT (Section 6-403(B)(3), Alexandria 1992 Zoning Ordinance)	NT
Applicant: ☑ Property Owner ☐ Business (Please provide b	business name & contact person)
Name: Joan Porche	<u></u>
Address: 425 S. Lee St.	<u> </u>
City: Alexandria State: VA Zip: 2	2314
Phone: 571-217-4958 E-mail: joankporche	@yahoo.com
Authorized Agent (if applicable): Attorney Architect	ct
Name: Jon Reinhard	Phone: 301-437-2436
E-mail: jon.reinhard@me.com	
Legal Property Owner:	
Name: Joan Porche	<u> </u>
Address: 425 S. Lee St.	<u> </u>
City: Alexandria State: VA Zip: 2	2314
Phone: 571-217-4958 E-mail: joankporche@	<u></u> yahoo.com
Yes No thels there an historic preservation easement on this Yes No If yes, has the easement holder agreed to the pro Yes No If yes, has the homeowner's association for this proper Yes No If yes, has the homeowner's association approve	oposed alterations? erty?

If you answered yes to any of the above, please attach a copy of the letter approving the project.

	BAR Case #
NATURE OF PROPOSED WORK: Please check all that apply	_
doors windows siding	C equipment ☐ shutters g ☐ shed ing unpainted masonry
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK: Please describe the be attached).	proposed work in detail (Additional pages may
renovation to minimally visible rear facade including removal of frenc replacement with new casement windows, sliding glass door and wal	h doors and existing windows lk out
SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:	
Items listed below comprise the minimum supporting materia request additional information during application review. Please <i>Design Guidelines</i> for further information on appropriate treatments.	refer to the relevant section of the
Applicants must use the checklist below to ensure the applicatio material that are necessary to thoroughly describe the project. In docketing of the application for review. Pre-application meetings All applicants are encouraged to meet with staff prior to submiss	ncomplete applications will delay the sare required for all proposed additions.
Electronic copies of submission materials should be submitted w	vhenever possible.
Demolition/Encapsulation : All applicants requesting 25 square must complete this section. Check N/A if an item in this section does not	
N/A ✓ □ Survey plat showing the extent of the proposed demolitie ✓ □ Existing elevation drawings clearly showing all elements □ □ Clear and labeled photographs of all elevations of the beautone to be demolished. □ □ Description of the reason for demolition/encapsulation. □ □ Description of the alternatives to demolition/encapsulation considered feasible.	s proposed for demolition/encapsulation. uilding if the entire structure is proposed

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Additions & New Construction: Drawings must be to scale and should not exceed 11" x 17" unless				
approved by staff. All plans must be folded and collated into 3 complete	e 8 1/2" x 11" sets. Additional copies may be			
requested by staff for large-scale development projects or projects from	ting Washington Street Check N/A if an item			

		ection 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.
H		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.
illun	ninate apply	& Awnings: One sign per building under one square foot does not require BAR approval unless ed. All other signs including window signs require BAR approval. Check N/A if an item in this section does y 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). Description of lighting (if applicable). Include manufacturer's cut sheet for any new lighting fixtures and information detailing how it will be attached to the building's facade.
Alte	erat	ions: Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.
		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 have submitted a filing fee with this application. (Checks should be made payable to the City of Alexandria. Please contact staff for assistance in determining the appropriate fee.)
- 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 3 sets of 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:

Ioan Porche

Signature: _

Printed Name: Joan Porche

Date: August 17, 2020

OWNERSHIP AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT Use additional sheets if necessary

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

	Name	Address	Percent of Ownership
1.	Joan Porche	425 South Lee Street	100%
2.			
3.			

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

Name	Address	Percent of Ownership
1. Joan Porche	425 South Lee Street	100%
2.		
3.		

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.)
1. Joan Porche	n/a	n/a
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	t, I hereby	attest to	the best	of my	ability	that
the information provided above is true and correct.						

August 17, 2020	Joan Porche	Joan Porche
Date	Printed Name	Signature



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



A. A1.							RM	▼	
	Street Address			1.50			Zon 1,452		
A2.	A2. 968.00 Total Lot Area			x 1.50 Floor Area Ratio Allowed by Zone				z.00 rimum Allowable Floor Area	
В.	Existing Gross			Allowable Exclu	sions**				
	Basement	612.00		Basement**			B1.	2,260.00 Sq. Ft.	
	First Floor	612.00		Stairways**	125.00			Existing Gross Floor Area*	
	Second Floor	612.00		Mechanical**	65.00		B2.	190.00 Sq. Ft.	
	Third Floor			Attic less than 7'**	424.00			Allowable Floor Exclusions** 2,070.00	
	Attic	424.00		Porches**			B3.	Sq. Ft. Existing Floor Area Minus Exclusions	
	Porches			Balcony/Deck**				(subtract B2 from B1)	
	Balcony/Deck			Lavatory***	110.00		Cor	nments for Existing Gross Floor Area	
	Lavatory***			Other**					
	Other**			Other**					
B1.	Total Gross	2,260.00	B2.	Total Exclusions	190.00				
C.	Proposed Gross	oss Floor Area		Allowable Exclu	sions**				
	Basement			Basement**	<u> </u>		C1.	0.00 Sq. Ft.	
	First Floor			Stairways**			• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Proposed Gross Floor Area*	
	Second Floor			Mechanical**			C2.	0.00 Sq. Ft.	
	Third Floor			Attic less than 7'**				Allowable Floor Exclusions**	
	Attic			Porches**			C3.	0.00 Sq. Ft. Proposed Floor Area Minus Exclusions	
	Porches			Balcony/Deck**				(subtract C2 from C1)	
	Balcony/Deck			Lavatory***					
	Lavatory***			Other**					
	Other			Other**				Notes	
C1	Total Gross	0.00	C2	Total Exclusions	0.00			*Gross floor area is the sum of all areas	
01.	<u>10101 01000</u>		U	Total Exolusions				under roof of a lot, measured from the face of exterior walls, including basements,	
D.	Total Floor A	rea	E. Open Space (RA & RB Zones)					garages, sheds, gazebos, guest buildings and other accessory buildings.	
D1.	2,070.00	Sq. Ft.	E1. 307.00 Sq. F			Ft.		** Refer to the Zoning Ordinance (Section 2-145(B)) and consult with Zoning Staff for	
	Total Floor Area ((add B3 and C3)		Existing Ope				information regarding allowable exclusions. Sections may also be required for some	
D2.	1,452.00	Sq. Ft.		E2. 307.00	Sq.	Ft.		exclusions.	
	Total Floor Area by Zone (A2)		Required Open Space ***Lavatories may be excluded up to a maximum of 50 square feet, per lavatory.						
	by Zone (AZ)			E3. 320.00 Proposed O		Ft.		The maximum total of excludable area for lavatories shall be no greater than 10% of gross floor area.	

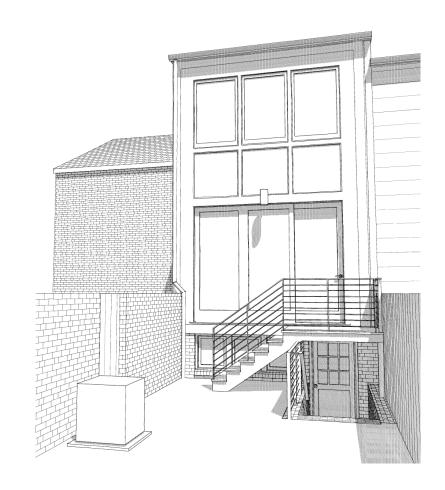
The undersigned bereby certifies and attests that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the above computations are true and correct.

CASE NAME: PORCHE #190507025

Porche Renovation

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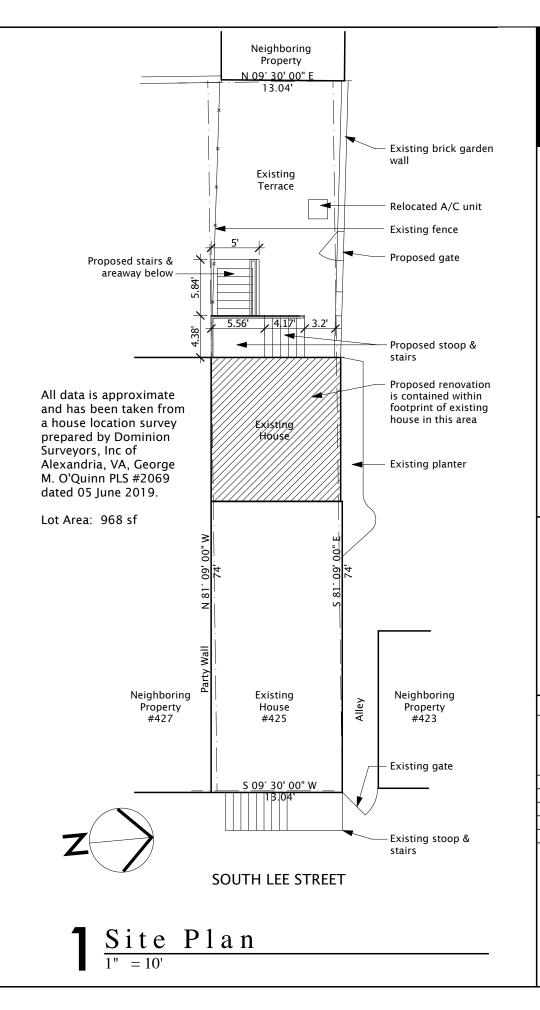
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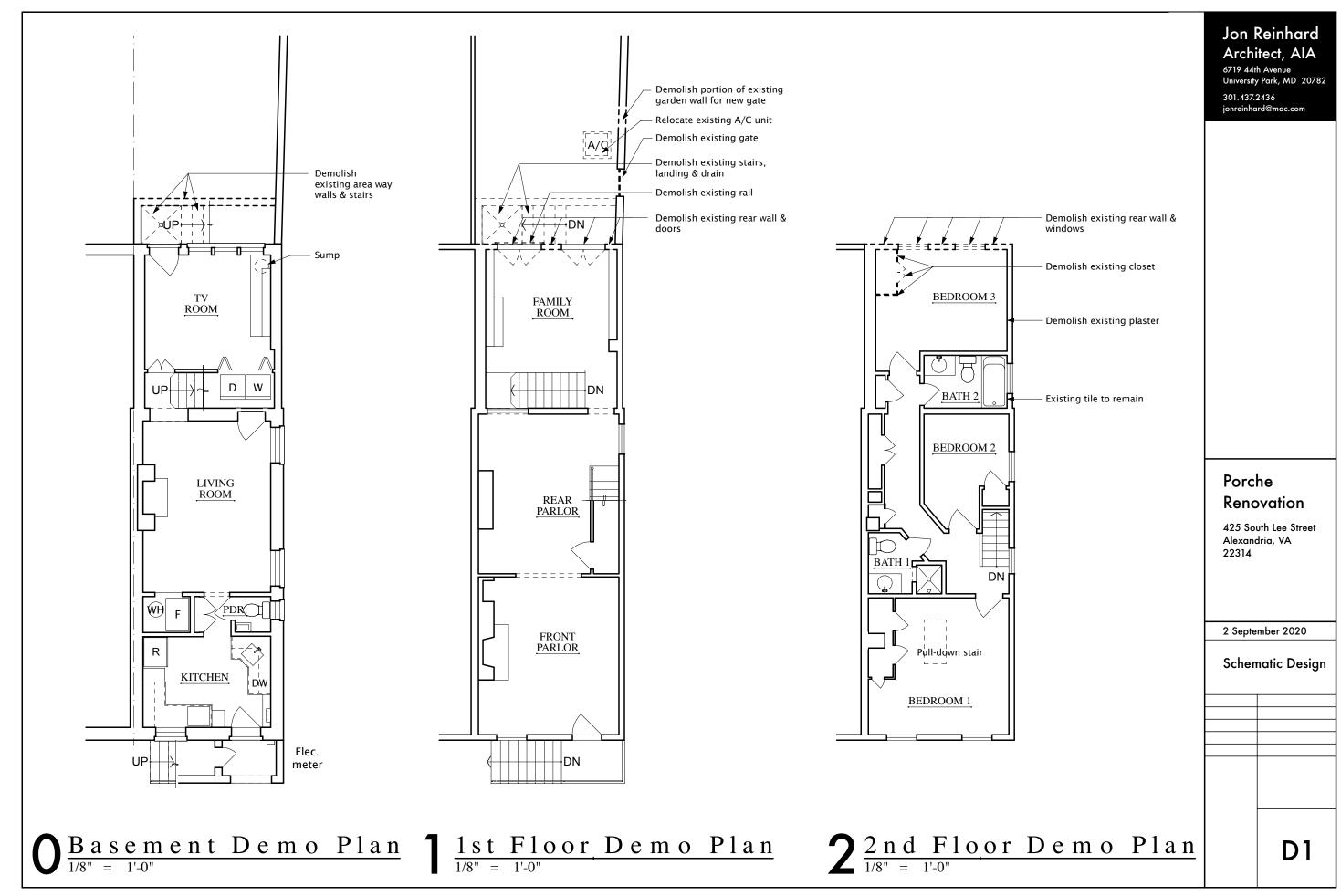
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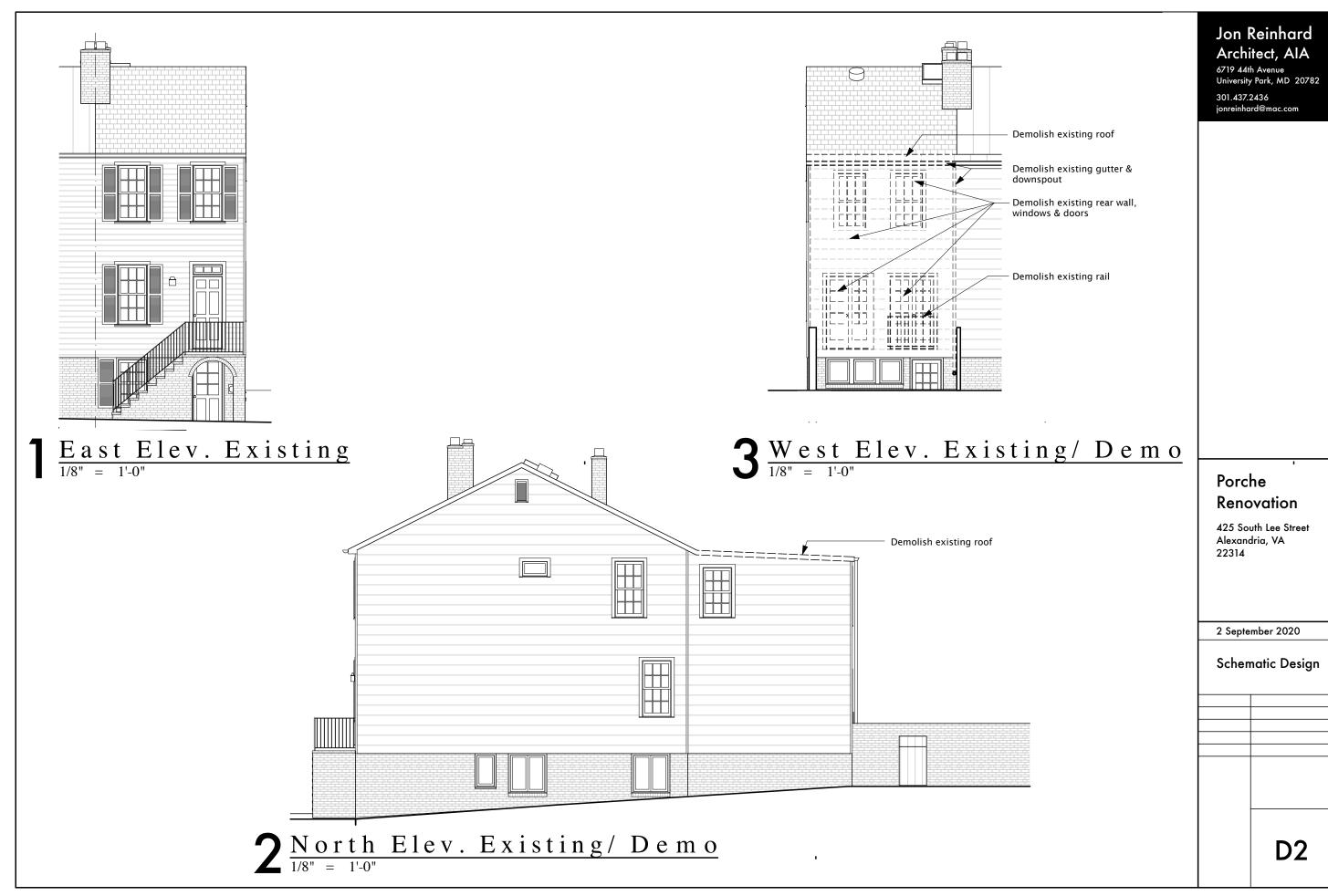
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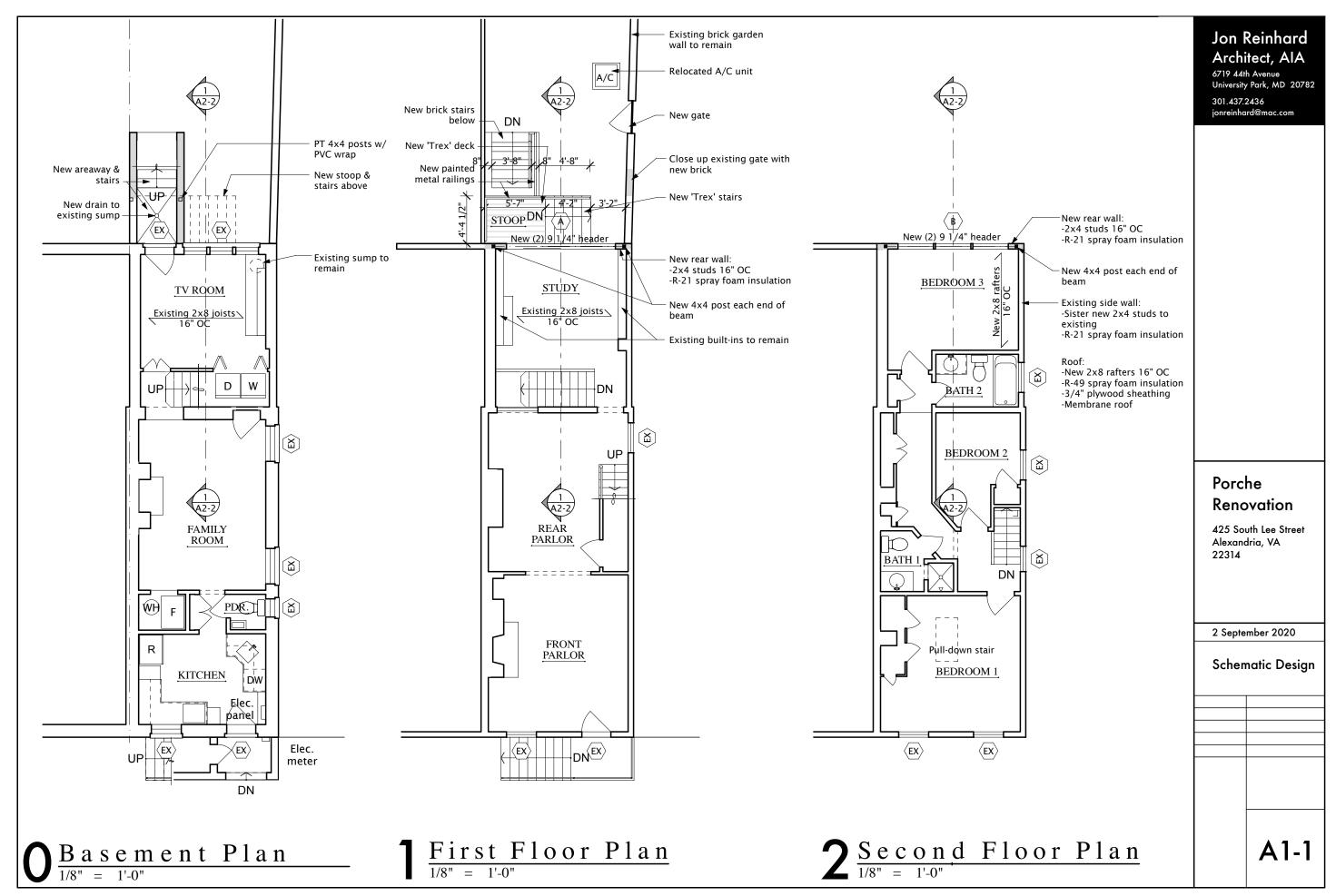
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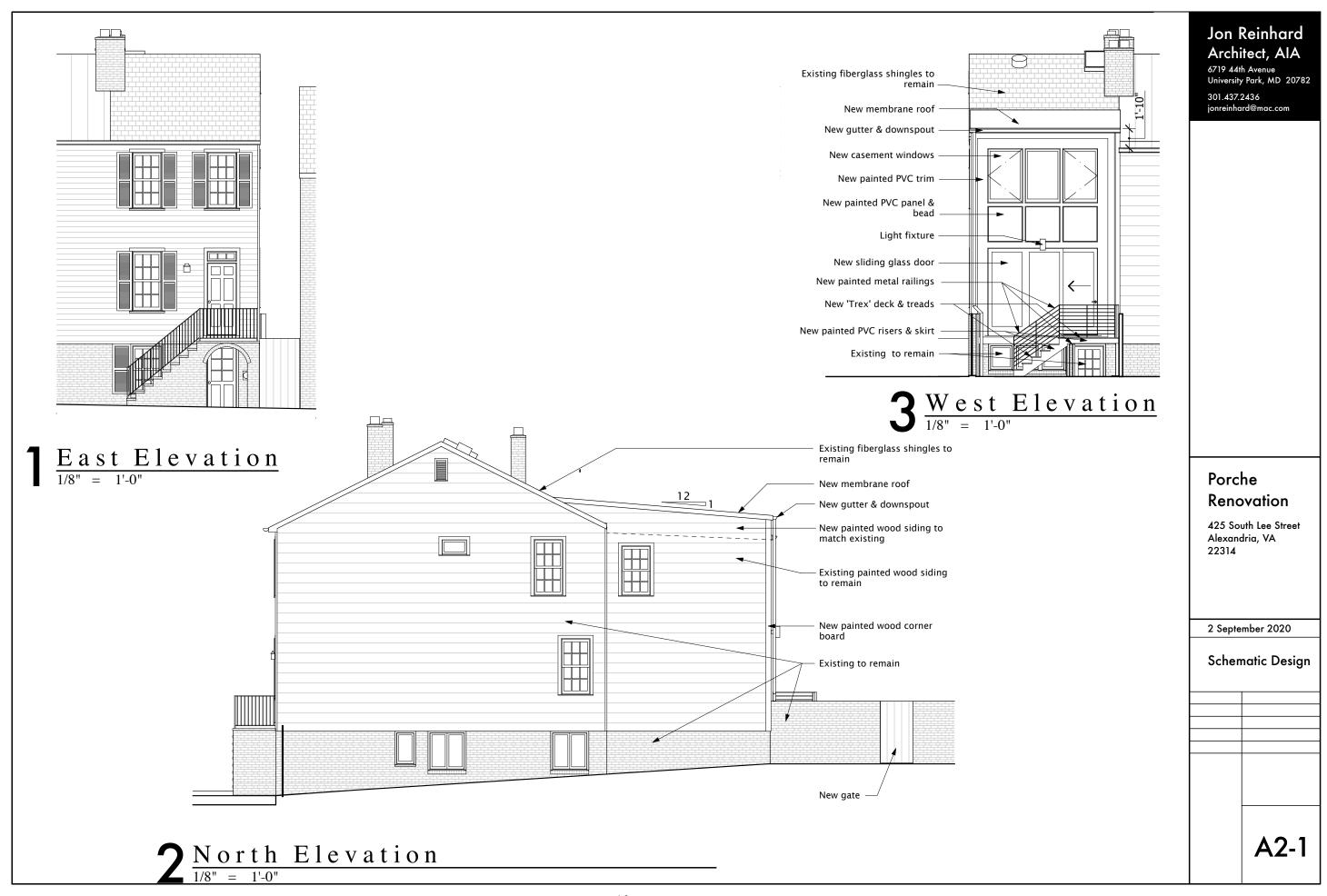
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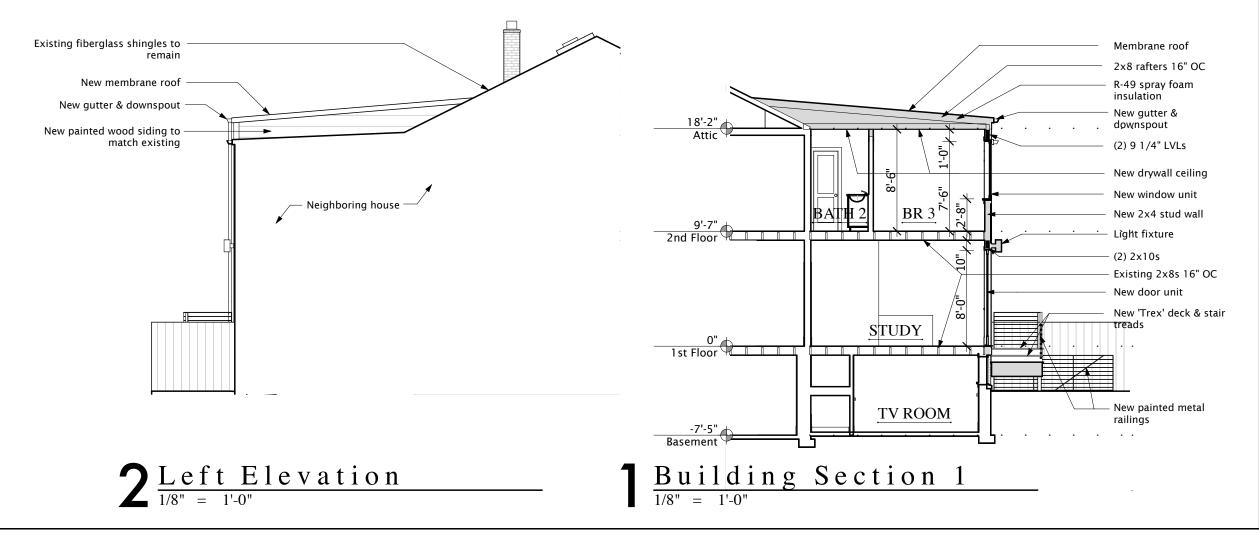


EXTERIOR DOOR & WINDOW SCHEDULE

Porche Renovation

- 1. All windows & doors to have clad exteriors & primed interiors.
- 2. 2x4 jambs.
- 3. Sizes shown are unit sizes. Consult manufacturer for rough opening sizes.
- 4. Insulated Low-e argon gas filled glass.
- 5. Hinge direction as viewed from exterior.

		Window/ Door						Frame Size						
Qty	Label	Units	Type	Mfr.	Model	Hinge	Lite Cut	Tempered	Width	Height	Finish Mull	Ext.Casing	Location(s)	Note
1	A	1	Sliding glass door	TBD	N/A	L	Single	X	10-0	8-0	N/A	None	Study	N/A
1	В	3	Casement	TBD	N/A	LSR	Single	N/A	3-3	5-0	Appox. 2"	None	Bedroom 3	Total unit width to match sliding door below



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