

ISSUE: Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations

APPLICANT: Kevin and Courtney Kramer

LOCATION: Old and Historic Alexandria District
419 Queen Street

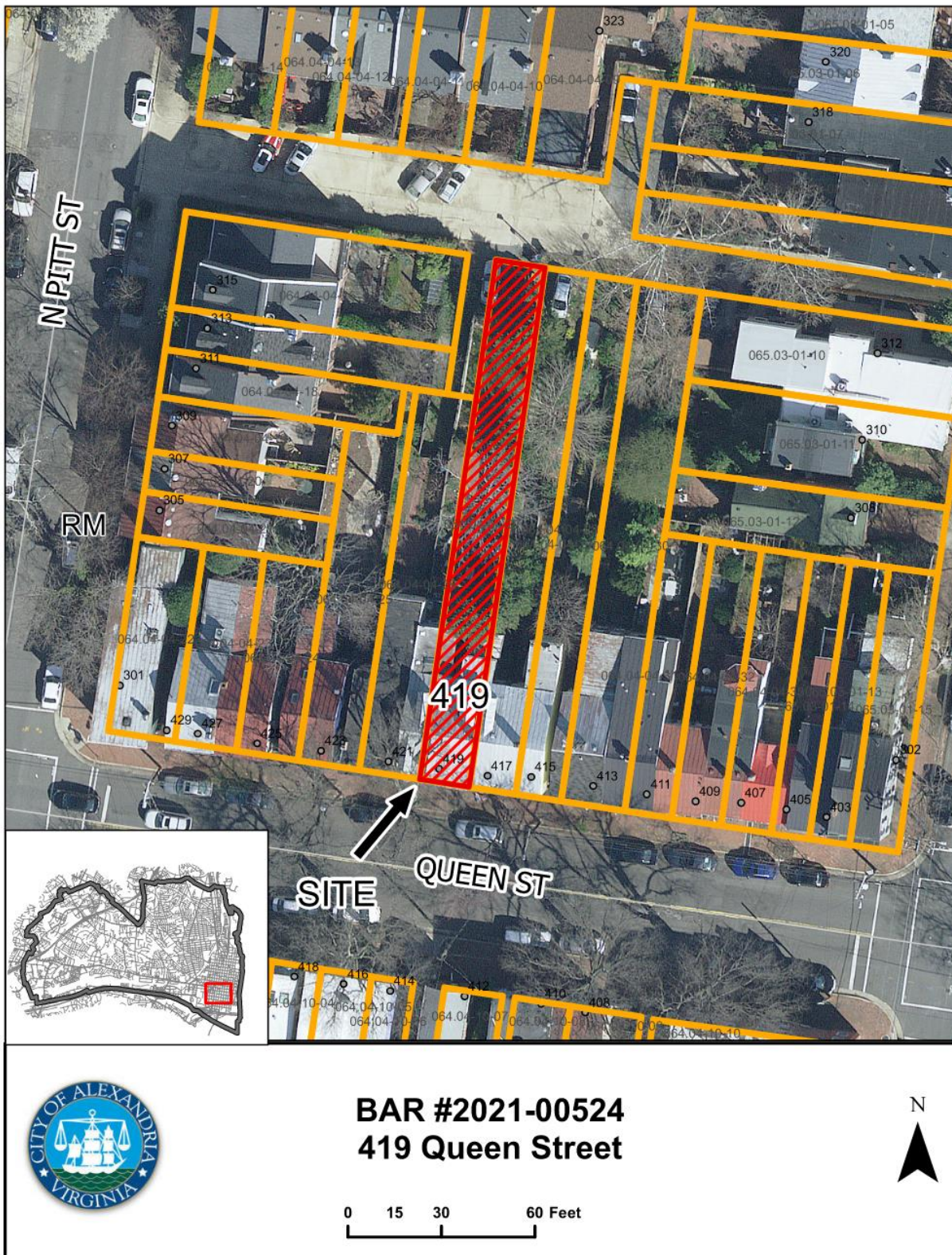
ZONE: RM/Residential Townhouse Zone

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations, 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 (including signs). 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 Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) prior to initiating any work to determine whether the proposed project may qualify for such credits.



I. APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL

The applicant requests a Certificate of Appropriateness to pave an existing dirt and gravel parking area at the north/rear of the property with brick, at 419 Queen Street.

Site context

The alley to the north is public. The proposed parking area is therefore fully visible from a public right-of-way.

II. HISTORY

This two-story, two-bay Greek Revival vernacular house appears on the G.M. Hopkins 1877 "Atlas of Alexandria, VA" in the same configuration as it appears on the 1885 "Sanborn Fire Insurance Map," which depicts it as a two-story frame dwelling with a rear ell. The house today retains that same form, although we cannot be certain that all is original. Without a full chain of title and land records research, the construction date cannot be determined more accurately than **before 1877**.

Previous BAR Approvals

The BAR approved the installation of dormers at the May 19, 1971 hearing. The minutes for this hearing do not include a case number or further details.

III. ANALYSIS

Certificate of Appropriateness

The *Design Guidelines* state that "Paving materials for garden yard areas, driveways and sidewalks...are important elements in the overall visual composition of the historic districts. Care should be taken in selecting materials that are appropriate..." The *Design Guidelines* also praise the City of Alexandria for using "...brick for sidewalks throughout the historic districts." Therefore, the applicant's chosen paving material, brick, is deemed fully appropriate for this property. Additionally, paving a dirt and gravel parking area with brick in a herringbone pattern will enhance the appearance of the public alley. See Figure 1. The subject property's parking area on the right will resemble the parking area of the neighboring property at 417 Queen Street shown on the left.



Figure 1: Subject parking area on right; neighbor at 417 Queen parking area on left.

Staff recommends approval of the project, as submitted.

STAFF

Susan Hellman, 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

F-1 The proposed use of bricks in the existing parking area complies with zoning.

Code Administration

No Code comment.

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:
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.
For a Private Alley - 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

- F-1 No archaeology oversight necessary for this undertaking.

V. ATTACHMENTS

- 1 – Application Materials*
2 – Supplemental Materials

BAR Case # _____

ADDRESS OF PROJECT: 419 Queen Street

DISTRICT: ☒ Old & Historic Alexandria ☐ Parker - Gray ☐ 100 Year Old Building

TAX MAP AND PARCEL: 064.04-04-27

ZONING: _____

APPLICATION FOR: (Please check all that apply)

☒ CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

☐ PERMIT TO MOVE, REMOVE, ENCAPSULATE OR DEMOLISH
(Required if more than 25 square feet of a structure is to be demolished/impacted)

☐ WAIVER OF VISION CLEARANCE REQUIREMENT and/or YARD REQUIREMENTS IN A VISION
CLEARANCE AREA (Section 7-802, Alexandria 1992 Zoning Ordinance)

☐ WAIVER OF ROOFTOP HVAC SCREENING REQUIREMENT
(Section 6-403(B)(3), Alexandria 1992 Zoning Ordinance)

Applicant: ☒ Property Owner ☐ Business (Please provide business name & contact person)

Name: Kevin Kramer

Address: 919 Maryland Avenue, NE

City: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20002

Phone: 408-431-5616

E-mail: californiakramer@yahoo.com

Authorized Agent (if applicable): ☐ Attorney ☐ Architect ☐ _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Legal Property Owner:

Name: Kevin Kramer

Address: 919 Maryland Avenue, NE

City: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20002

Phone: 408-431-5616

E-mail: californiakramer@yahoo.com

- ☐ Yes ☒ No Is there an historic preservation easement on this property?
☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, has the easement holder agreed to the proposed alterations?
☐ Yes ☒ No Is there a homeowner's association for this property?
☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, has the homeowner's association approved the proposed alterations?

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

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NATURE OF PROPOSED WORK: Please check all that apply.☐ NEW CONSTRUCTION☒ EXTERIOR ALTERATION: Please check all that apply:☐ awning☐ doors☐ lighting☒ other parking space improvements☐ fence, gate or garden wall☐ windows☐ pergola/trellis☐ HVAC equipment☐ siding☐ painting unpainted masonry☐ shutters☐ shed☐ ADDITION☐ DEMOLITION/ENCAPSULATION☐ SIGNAGE**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK:** Please describe the proposed work in detail (Additional pages may be attached).

Upgrade the ground cover on the parking spaces at the rear of the property from dirt and gravel to brick. The parking spaces about the alley at the back of the property and include an area approximately 16 feet wide by 24 feet deep.

We currently propose to lay the brick in a herringbone pattern or a basket pattern and also might include a perimeter row or two to outline the area.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

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.

- N/A
- ☐ ☒ 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.

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.

- ☐ ☒ N/A 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.

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.

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 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:

Signature: Kevin T. Kramer
 Printed Name: Kevin T. Kramer
 Date: 9/22/21

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 Kevin Kramer	875 Maryland Avenue, NE, Washington DC 20002	100%
2 Courtney Kramer	875 Maryland Avenue, NE, Washington DC 20002	100%
3.		

2. Property. State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the property located at 419 Queen Street, Alexandria VA 22314 (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 Kevin Kramer	419 Queen Street, Alexandria VA 22314	100%
2 Courtney Kramer	419 Queen Street, Alexandria VA 22314	100%
3.		

3. Business or Financial Relationships. 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 the 12-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. N/A		
2. N/A		
3. 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.

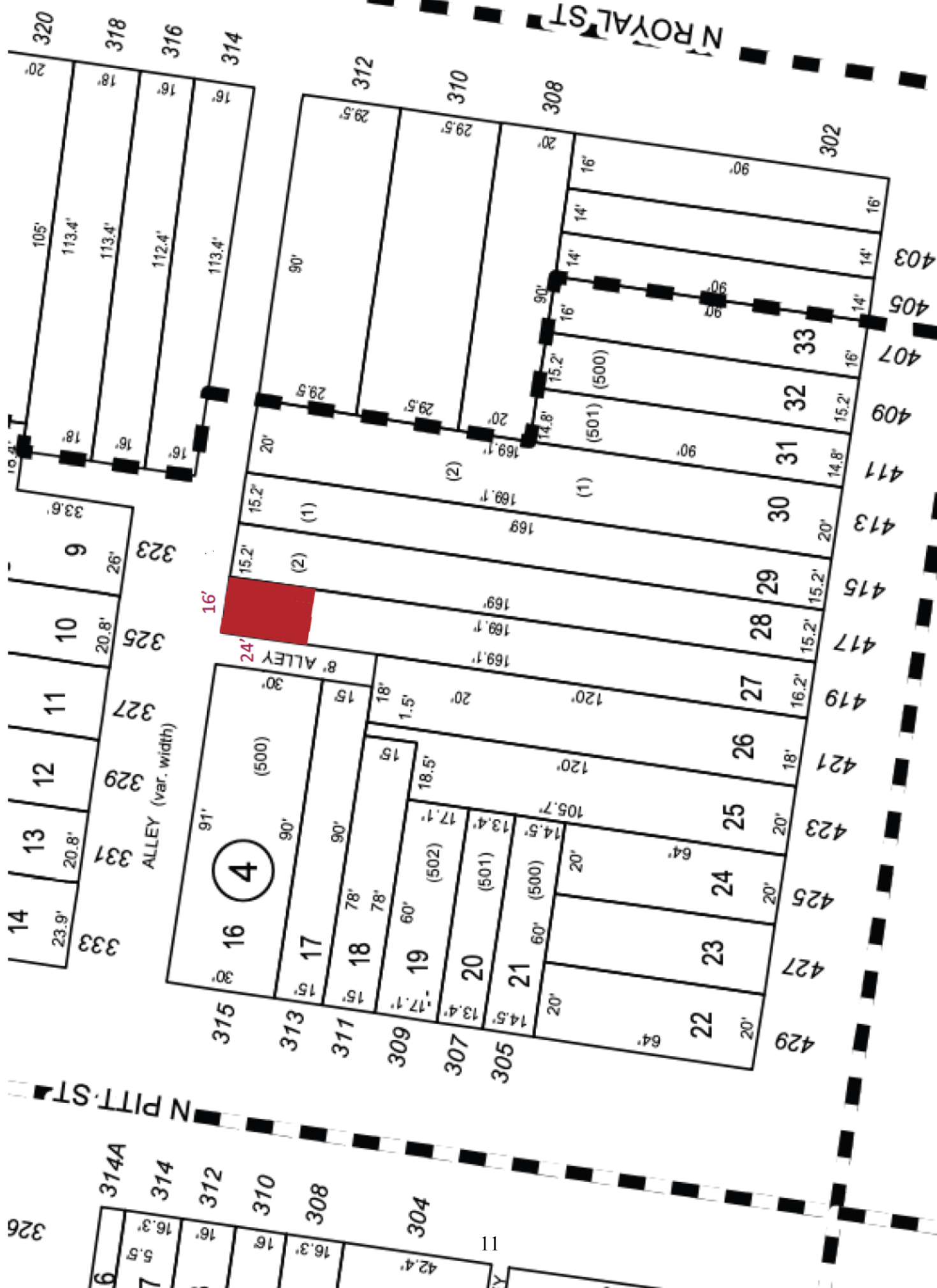
As the applicant or the applicant's authorized agent, I hereby attest to the best of my ability that the information provided above is true and correct.

9/22/21
Date

Kevin Kramer

Printed Name

Signature





















**Proposed Herringbone
Pattern for 419 Queen Street
Parking Spaces**



