### CITY OF WEST DES MOINES STAFF REPORT COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: September 26, 2022

ITEM: Picket Fence Communities, Northeast corner of S. 88<sup>th</sup> Street and Mills Civic Parkway – Approve a Preliminary Plat to create 1 lot for Multi Family Residential development and 7 lots for single family development and approve a Site Plan to allow construction of single family detached and bi-attached homes – Hurd Riverview, LLC – PPSP-005675-2022

Resolution: Approval of Preliminary Plat and Site Plan

<u>Background:</u> Brent Culp with Snyder and Associates, Inc., on behalf of the applicant, Picket Fence Communities, LLC, and property owner, Hurd Riverview, LLC, requests approval of a Preliminary Plat for the approximately 22.82-acre property generally located at the northeast corner of S. 88<sup>th</sup> Street and Mills Civic Parkway. The applicant proposes to subdivide the property into 1 lot for multi-family development, 7 lots for single family development, and 1 street lot to be dedicated to the city. Additionally, the applicant requests approval of a Site Plan to allow the construction of 1 and 2 story, single family detached and biattached homes within lot 1, along with associated site improvements.

#### **Staff Review & Comment:**

- *Financial Impact:* There is no City funding of this project; however, there is staff time for processing of development application and inspections during construction.
- <u>History</u>: In May of 2022, the land use designation of this property was changed from Office (OF) to Medium Density Residential (MD) to allow for the proposed development. Also, the Silverwood Planned Unit Development, where this property is located, was amended to specify development parameters for the proposed development.
- Key Development Aspects:
  - 1. <u>Building Types:</u> This development will consist of 16 single family detached homes and 180 dwellings within bi-attached homes all on the same lot (Lot 1). Based on 196 total dwelling units (as proposed), there will be 10 dwelling units per acre within Lot 1 which is within the maximum 12 dwellings per acre allowed for the Medium Density Residential zoning district. All dwellings within Lot 1 will be rental homes. Attached garages will be provided on some of the units, along with detached garages that can be rented by any resident. The City recently approved a code amendment aimed at minimizing visual clutter and the presence of personal belongings kept within the property. That code amendment does allow for the use of buffers or fencing of private areas to negate views into private areas where personal items may be. This development plans six foot (6') enclosed patios on the back of all units which addresses the desire to mitigate visual clutter. Additionally, it has been indicated that the homes along the perimeter will orient towards the street rather than the rear yard or 'private area' of each unit being adjacent to and readily visible from the street. Finally, staff is being told that the on-site property management will enforce rules about what can be outside and in public view areas.
  - 2. <u>Buffers:</u> A minimum thirty foot (30') wide buffer will be required adjacent to Mills Civic Parkway, S. 88<sup>th</sup> Street, Coachlight Drive, and S. 85<sup>th</sup> Street rights of way. Earthen berming which is typically a component of the buffer will not be required in the buffer along S. 85<sup>th</sup> Street and Coachlight Drive but is being required along Mills Civic Parkway and S. 88<sup>th</sup> Street. The buffer along Mills Civic and S. 88<sup>th</sup> Street are due to the road classification to mitigate road traffic on adjoining properties and provide green space and soften the expanse of pavement of wider roadways. Berming is a standard component of a buffer and aids in buffering the adjoining

land use(s) and adds to the visual aesthetic. With the exception of ground monument signs as allowed by city code, fencing or other structures are not to be located within buffers. Vegetation will comply with code which for a 30' wide buffer requires a minimum of one (1) overstory or evergreen tree, two (2) ornamental trees, and six (6) shrubs are required for every thirty-five (35) lineal feet of buffer.

The property to the northwest of the subject property is zoned Office (OF), therefore since the subject property was recently changed from Office to Residential Medium Density (RM-12), a minimum 30' landscape buffer is required between the two properties. Due to limited space for a buffer, the applicant contacted that property owner (Scenic Development) and asked if they would agree to waive the buffer requirement along their shared property line due to their anticipated use of the property for a memory care facility, which would also require RM zoning. Scenic Development has provided written documentation that they would agree to a waiver of the buffer requirement. Staff recommends a condition of approval that the City Council grant a waiver of the buffer requirement along this shared property line.

3. <u>Building Designs:</u> The residential dwelling units for this development include 2 detached home models and 8 bi-attached home models, with 4 of the bi-attached models providing attached garages. One of the bi-attached models will also include a two-story option. There are three material palette options for the homes to provide some variety in materials and colors throughout the development. All three material palettes use the same primary material of James Hardie horizonal lap siding to unify the buildings, while providing three options for masonry, either limestone stone or brick, and three Hardie Shake color options for variation in the building's secondary materials. The building designs vary in size, roof form and application of materials to provide some visual interest across the development. Staff is continuing to work with the applicant to finalize a few details for the building designs including public view elevations and trim details.

The development provides some additional features including an entry portico at the main entrance area along S. 85<sup>th</sup> Street. A clubhouse, outdoor pergola, seating areas, outdoor kitchen with dining areas, and fire pit with circular porch swing are provided as amenities for the overall development. An open lawn area is also shown beyond the amenity spaces, which is noted as the area for a possible future swimming pool for the development.

- 4. <u>Outdoor spaces:</u> Each dwelling unit will have a private outdoor space, which will consist of a minimum 5' X 12' patio within an approximately 10' X 25'-37' fenced in backyard. The backyard area will consist of artificial turf so each enclosed outdoor space does not have to be maintained by the owner.
  - Open Space within a development is desired to balance the natural and built environment. The open space is intended to generally be visible to the public as they pass by a development. Due to the fencing that blocks visibility of the rear yards, the fenced in areas will not be counted toward the open space requirement for the site. Even without these areas, the development provides the 25% open space required of the zoning district.
- 5. <u>Curbs and Pedestrian Pathways:</u> City code requires drive aisles and off-street parking areas to be constructed with permanent, integrally attached portland cement concrete curbing not less than four inches (4") high at any given time. Due to a combination of driveways to garages and off-street parking areas, the development proposes 4" rolled curbs throughout. For safety reasons, city code requires pedestrian pathways to be physically separated from vehicle drives. The sidewalks within this development are indicated to be located immediately adjacent to the roadway edge or edge of parking areas. Staff does not believe that a rolled curb intended for vehicles to easily pass over provides adequate separation and safety. To provide the appropriate safety for pedestrians, staff would prefer to see the sidewalk either pulled back away from the edge of the drive aisles and parking areas or a 6" vertical (standard) curb

implemented. Staff discussed the matter with the design consultant and were unable to come to a resolution that wouldn't greatly impact the layout of the development. Staff does take comfort in the development's layout with somewhat winding roadways which will aid in keeping vehicle speeds low due to lack of long straight roadways. Because of this, staff recommends acceptance that pedestrian safety is being met even though the physical separation from roadways is not being provided.

• <u>Traffic Impact Study Findings</u>: The proposed site is estimated to generate less traffic than estimated in earlier traffic studies.

The intersection of S. 85th Street & Coachlight Drive currently operates with 2-way stop control, with Coachlight Drive operating as the designated thru street. With S. 85th Street being continued to the south to serve the proposed site and intersect with Mills Civic Parkway, traffic patterns are expected to shift and additional north/south traffic will be generated through the intersection. As a result of the shifting traffic patterns and with the two streets functioning as two residential neighborhood collector streets of similar design, traffic volumes, and anticipated operating characteristics, the intersection is recommended to have all-way stop control. This would also help control vehicle/pedestrian conflicts, as additional pedestrian activity is expected between the proposed development and Huston Ridge Park to the northeast of the intersection. As the area continues to develop, modifying the intersection from an all-way stop to a mini-roundabout may be considered in the future to further improve the operation of the intersection. These changes are due in part, but not entirely, to traffic generated by the proposed site.

- <u>Developer Responsibilities</u>: In conjunction with site development or platting of the lots, whichever
  occurs first, the developer will be responsible for construction and/or installation of all required
  public and private infrastructure improvements necessary to support development. The following
  items are known improvements; additional improvements may be required in response to
  development proposals:
  - S. 85<sup>th</sup> Street: As a part of this development, S. 85<sup>th</sup> Street will be extended from its existing terminus south to Mills Civic Parkway.
- <u>Development & Planning Subcommittee</u>: At the February 7, 2022, Development & Planning City Council Subcommittee meeting mixed attached and detached residential developments such as the proposed Picket Fence Communities project and another proposed project was discussed. Also, the requirement for garages for detached single family homes was discussed as under current code language, it would apply to the detached dwelling structures in the development, but not the bi-attached dwelling buildings. Additionally, it was explained to the Subcommittee that the mixing of attached and detached residential structures on a common lot is currently not permitted by the city zoning ordinance, thus necessitating a code amendment to allow the development as proposed. At the meeting, the Subcommittee members noted that they were supportive of the development concept and directed staff to process the necessary code amendments that would enable this type of development.
- <u>Plat Validity:</u> Per City Code, the associated Final Plat must be presented to the City Council for approval within 12 months of the approval of this Preliminary Plat if surety is being posted for Public Improvements; or, within 18 months if Public Improvements are being constructed prior to Final Plat consideration. It is the responsibility of the developer to be aware of these deadlines and request an extension of the Preliminary Plat approval <u>prior to</u> the Preliminary Plat expiration date. The associated Final Plat has been submitted and is currently in the city's review process. It is anticipated that the Final Plat will be presented to the City Council within the next few months.
- <u>Vesting of Entitlement</u>: Per City Code, entitlement (approval to construct or implement) shall remain
  in effect so long as substantial site work has progressed beyond grading and completion of
  structural foundations and twenty-five percent (25%) of the total building area has occurred above
  grade within twenty-four (24) months of the effective date of the approval, unless a greater time

period is authorized at time of the original entitlement, or by approval of an extension of the original entitlement. It is the responsibility of the developer to be aware of this deadline and request an extension of the approval <u>prior to</u> the expiration date.

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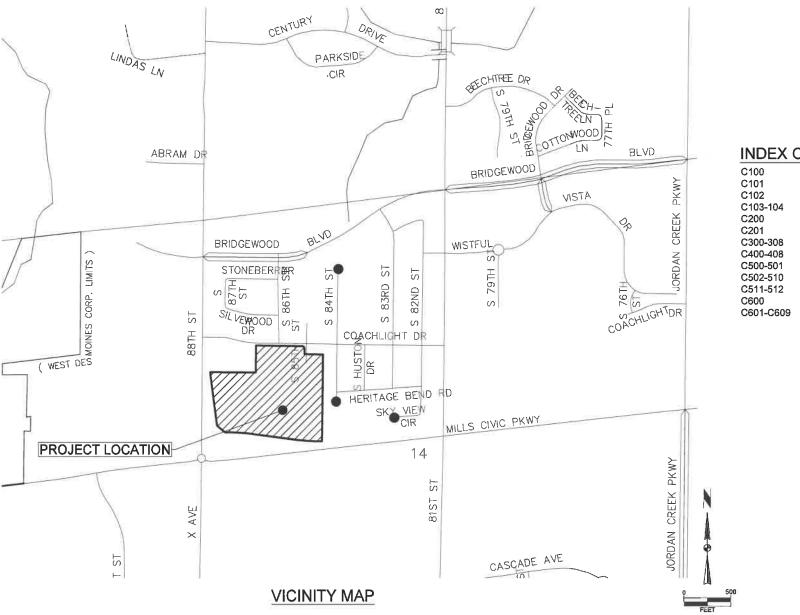
## PICKET FENCE COMMUNITIES PLAT 1

MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
CITY OF WEST DES MOINES, DALLAS COUNTY, IOWA

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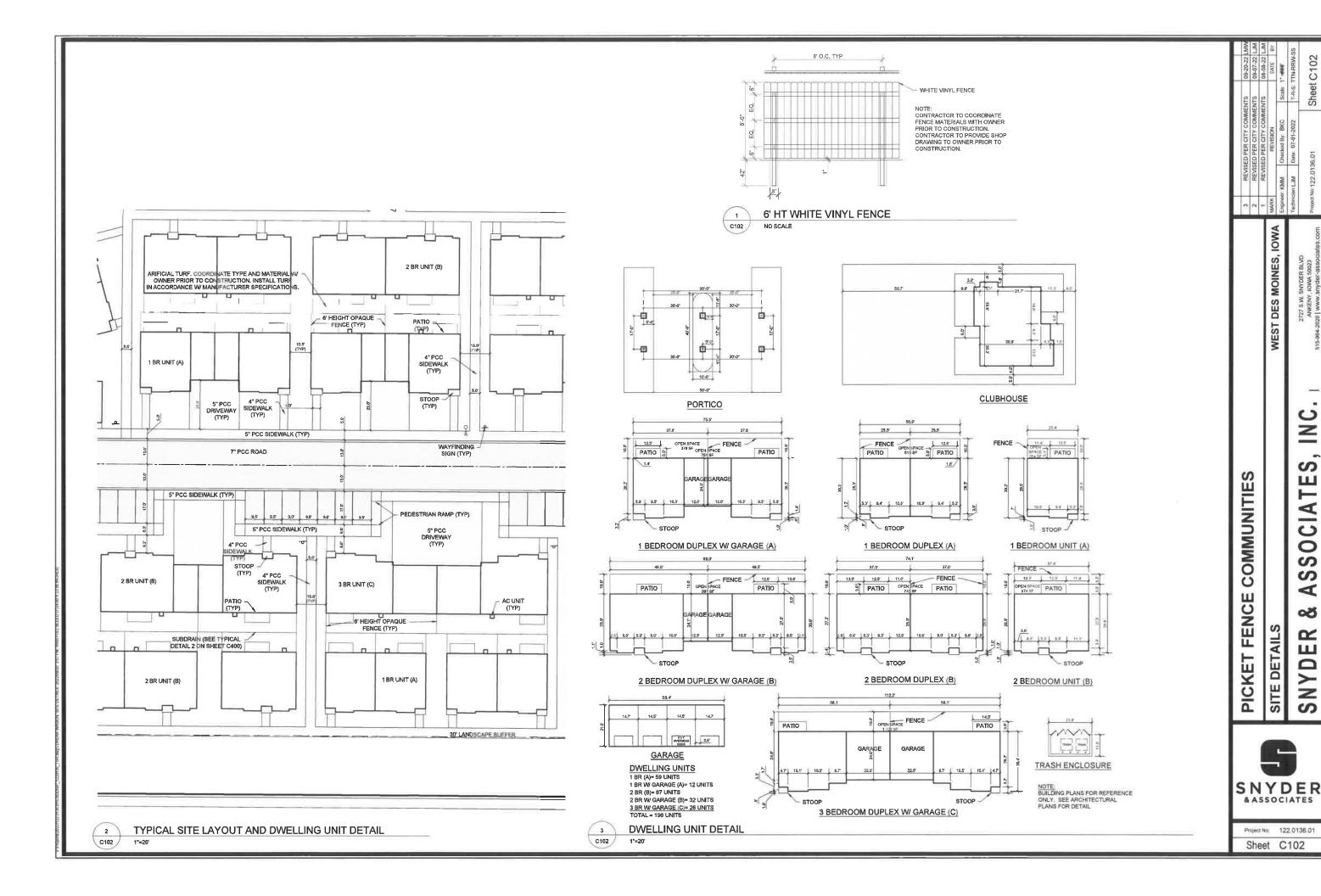
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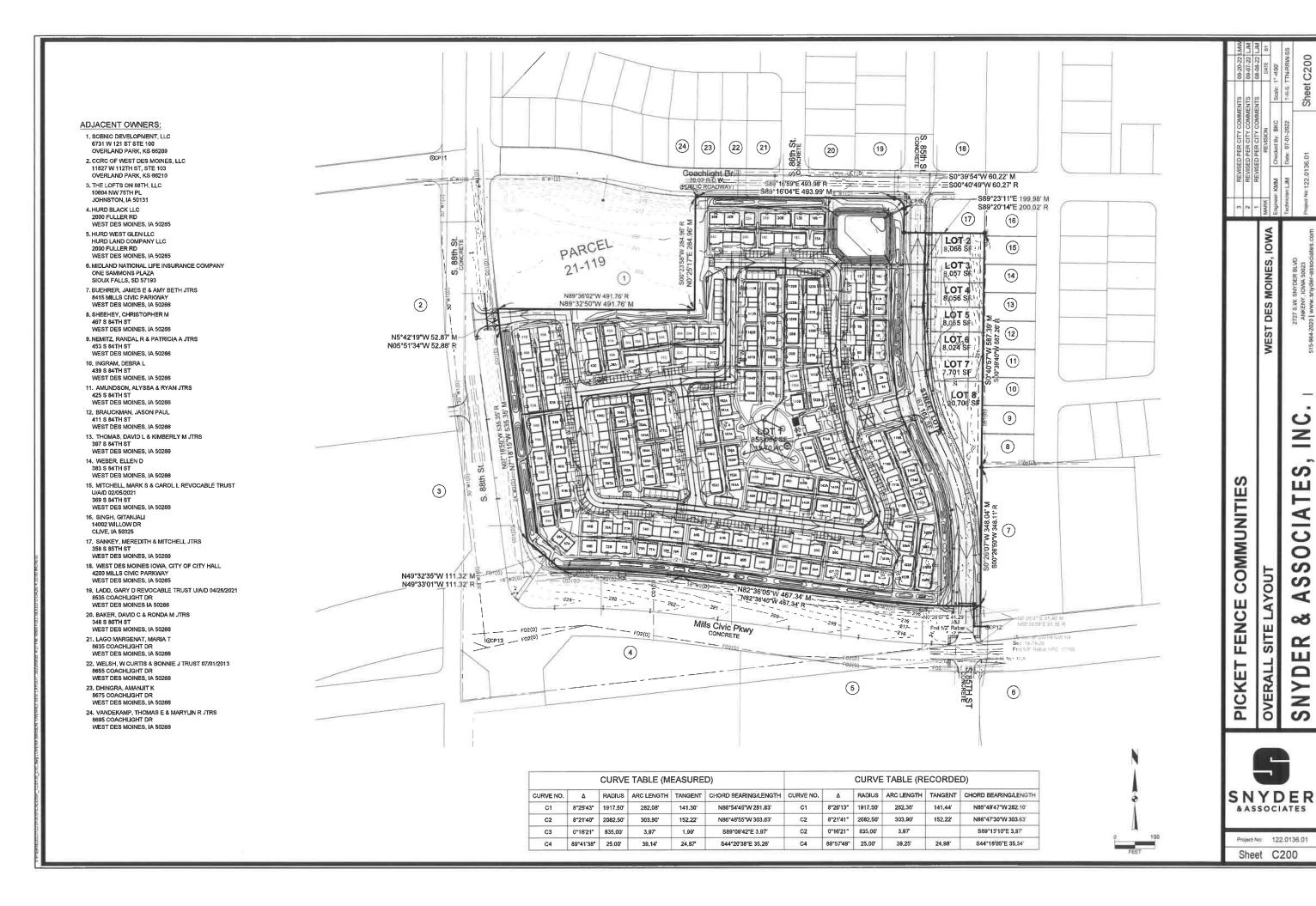
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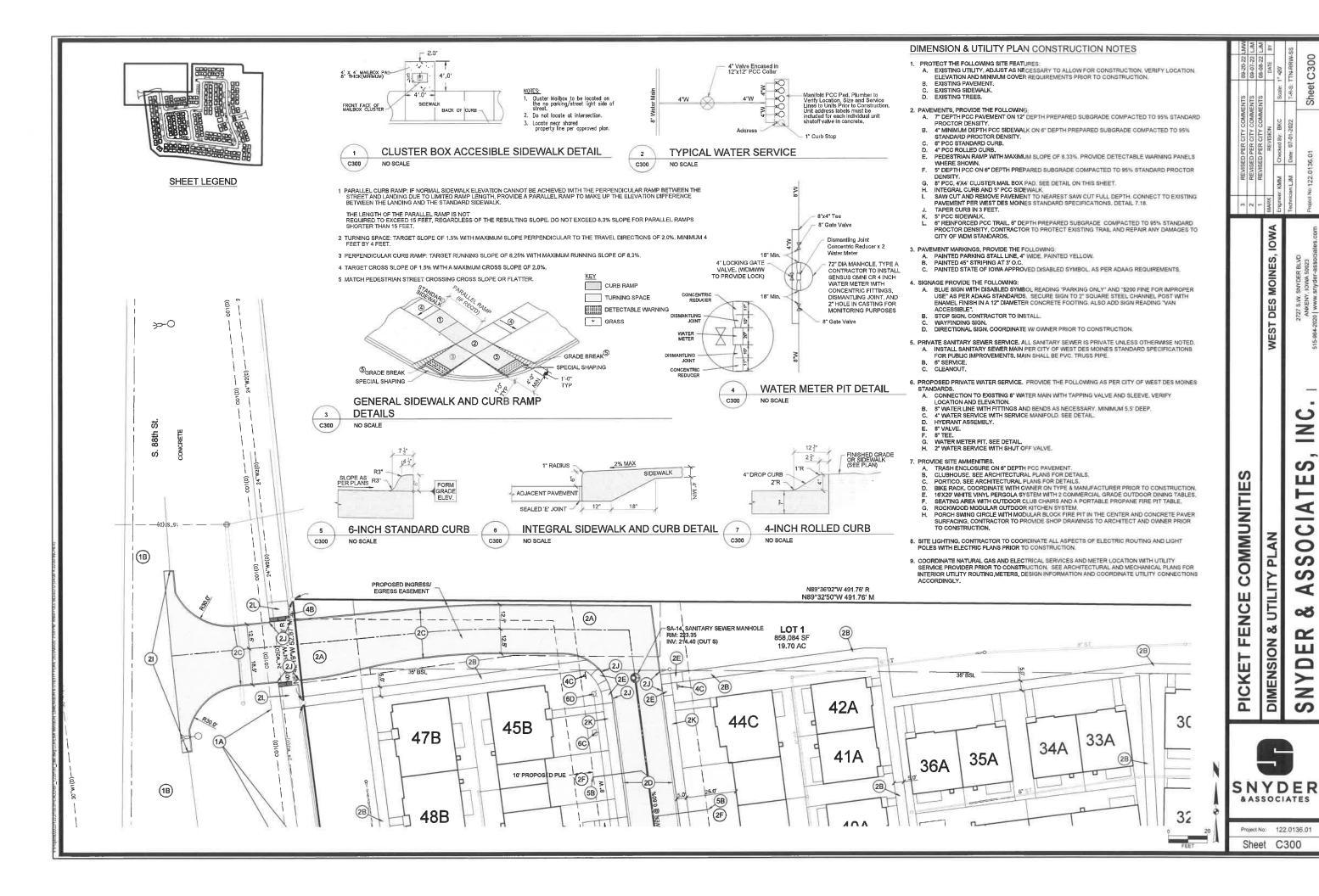
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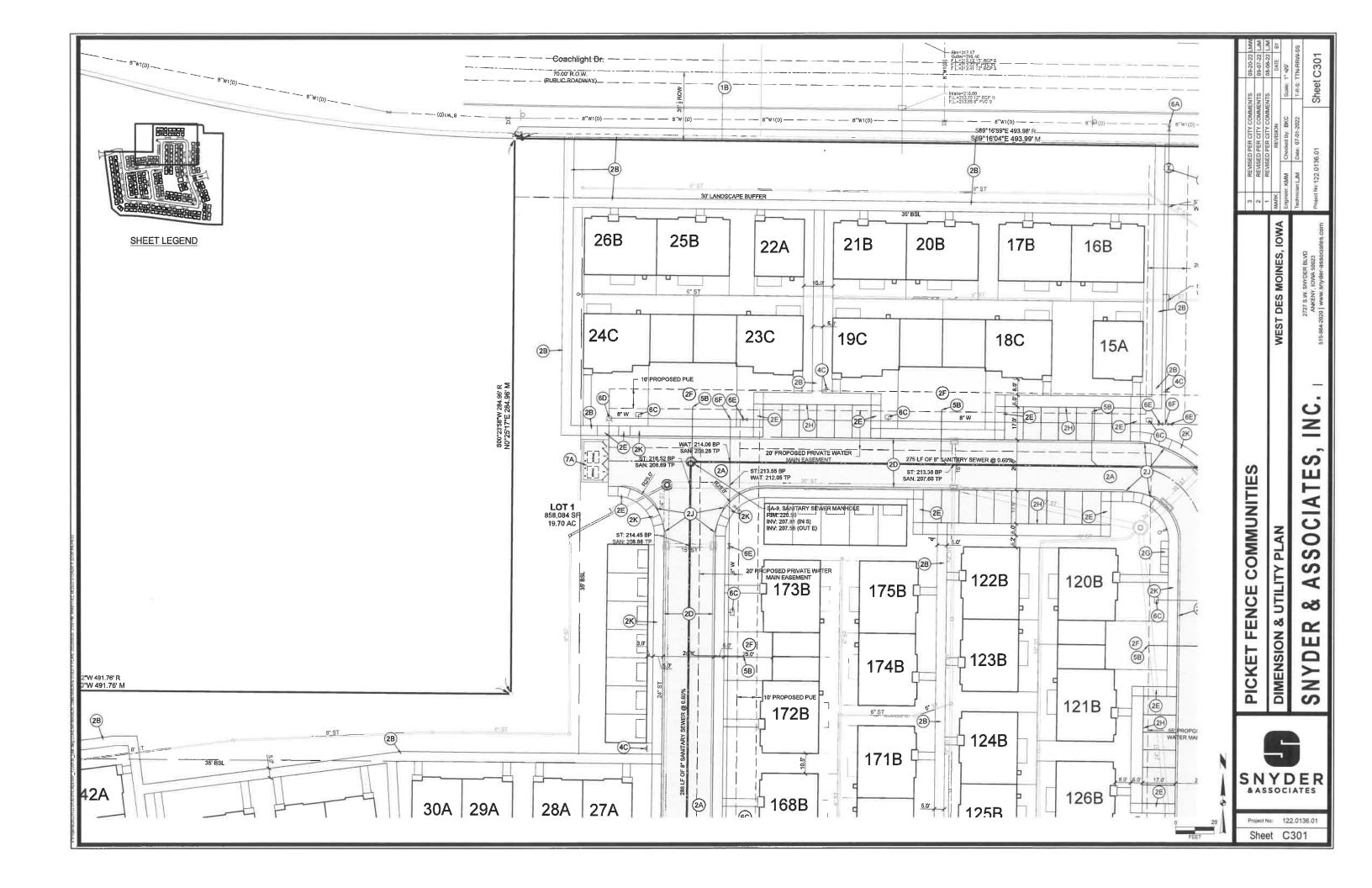
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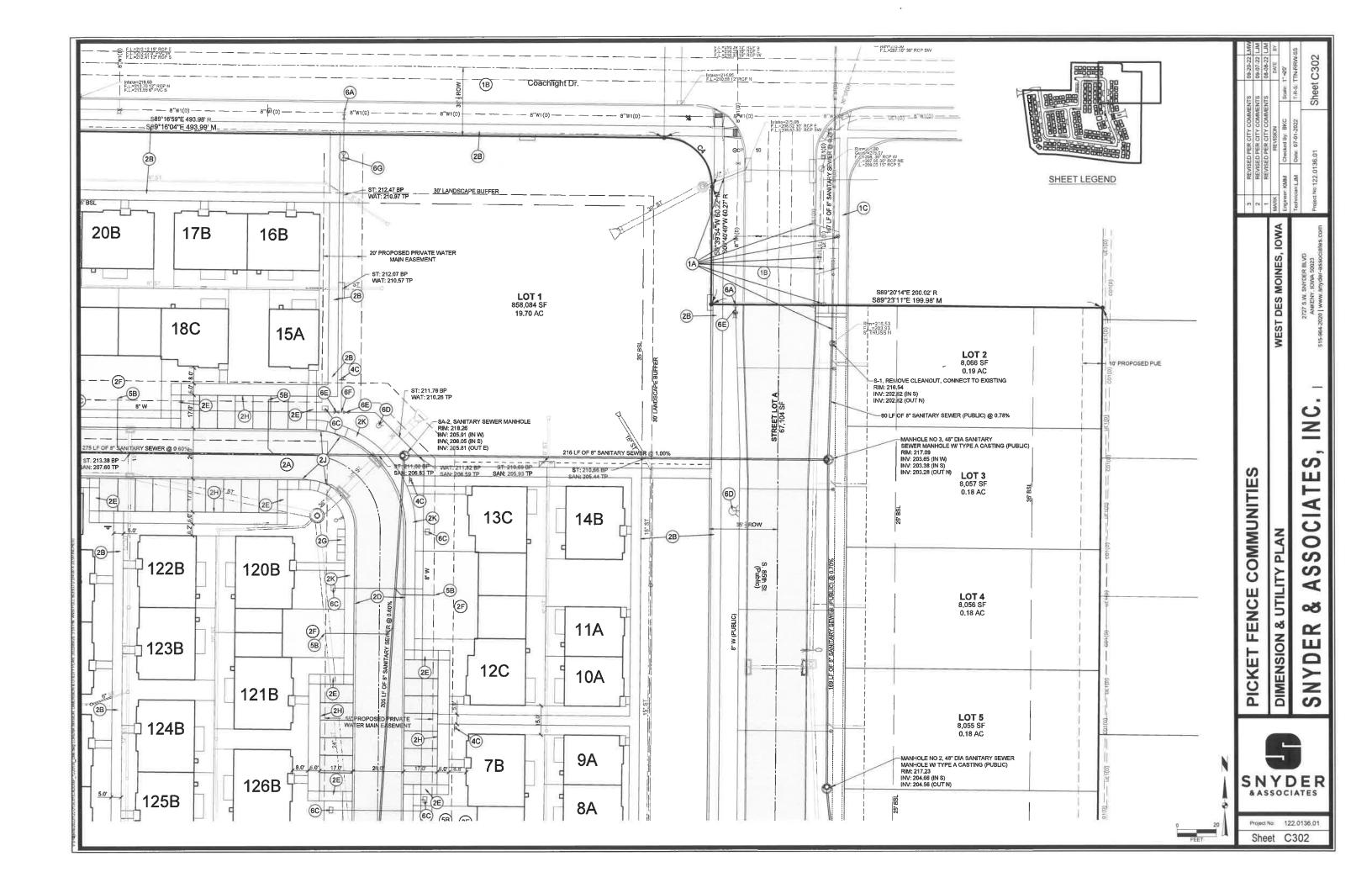
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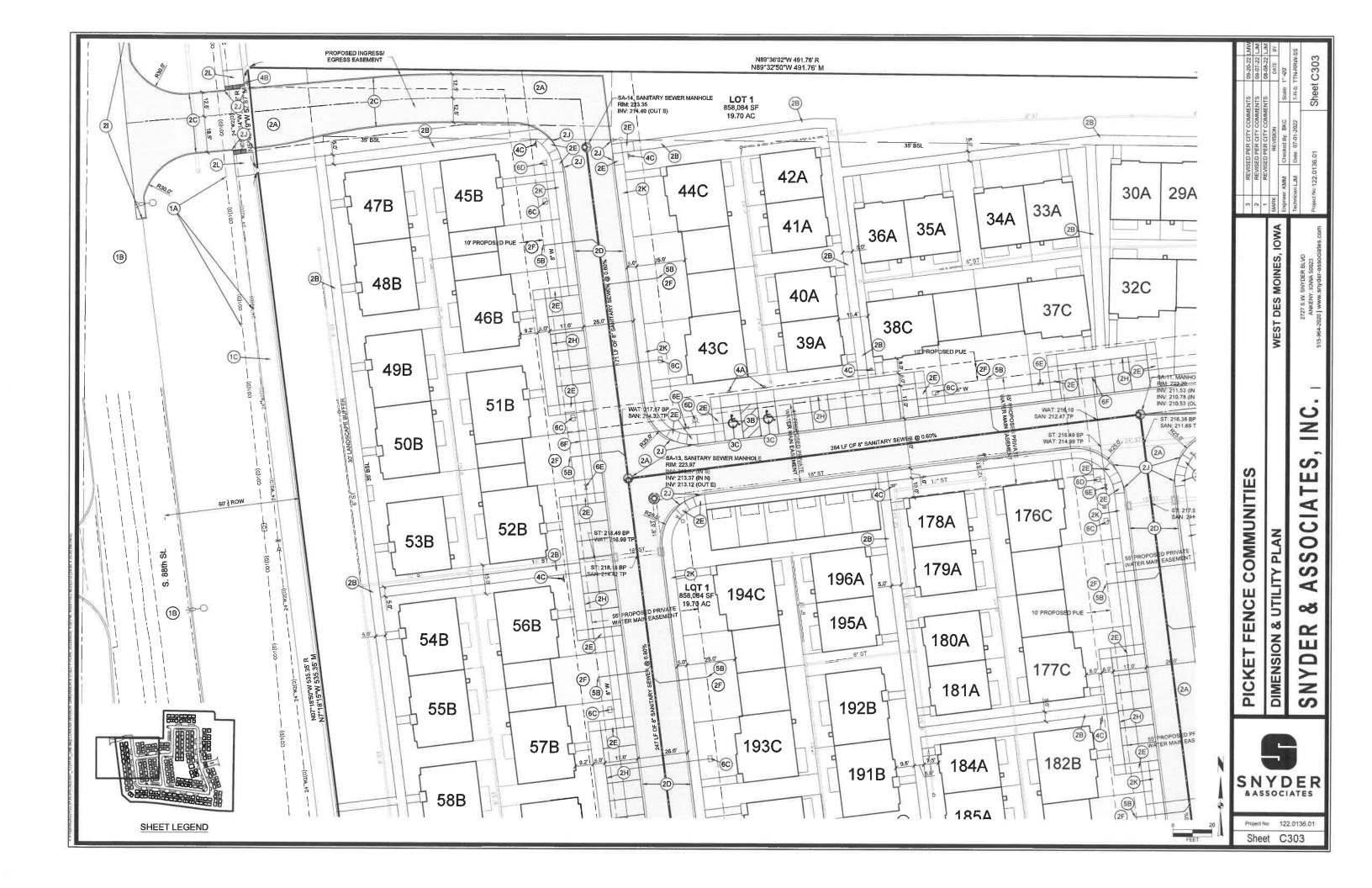
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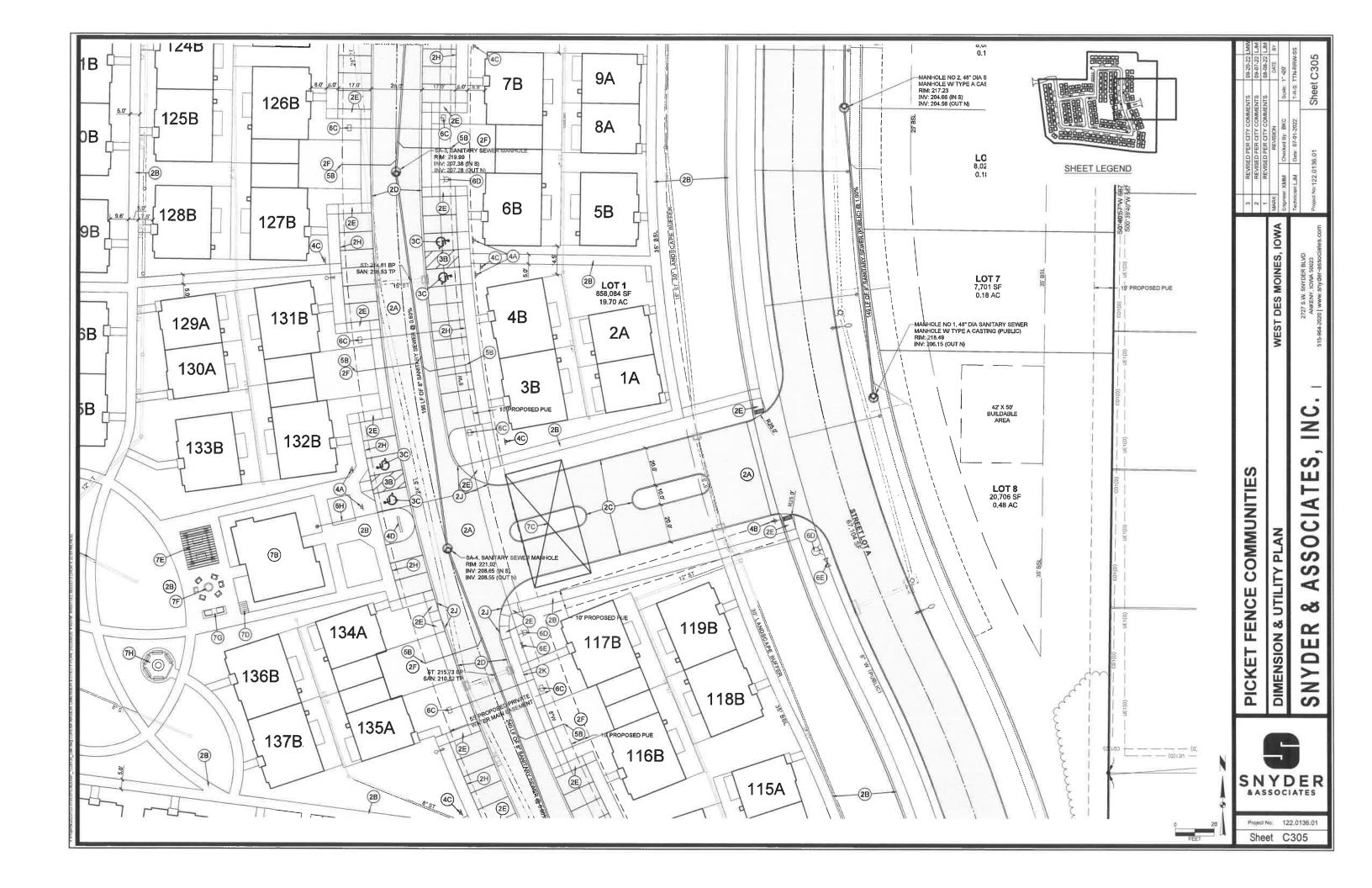


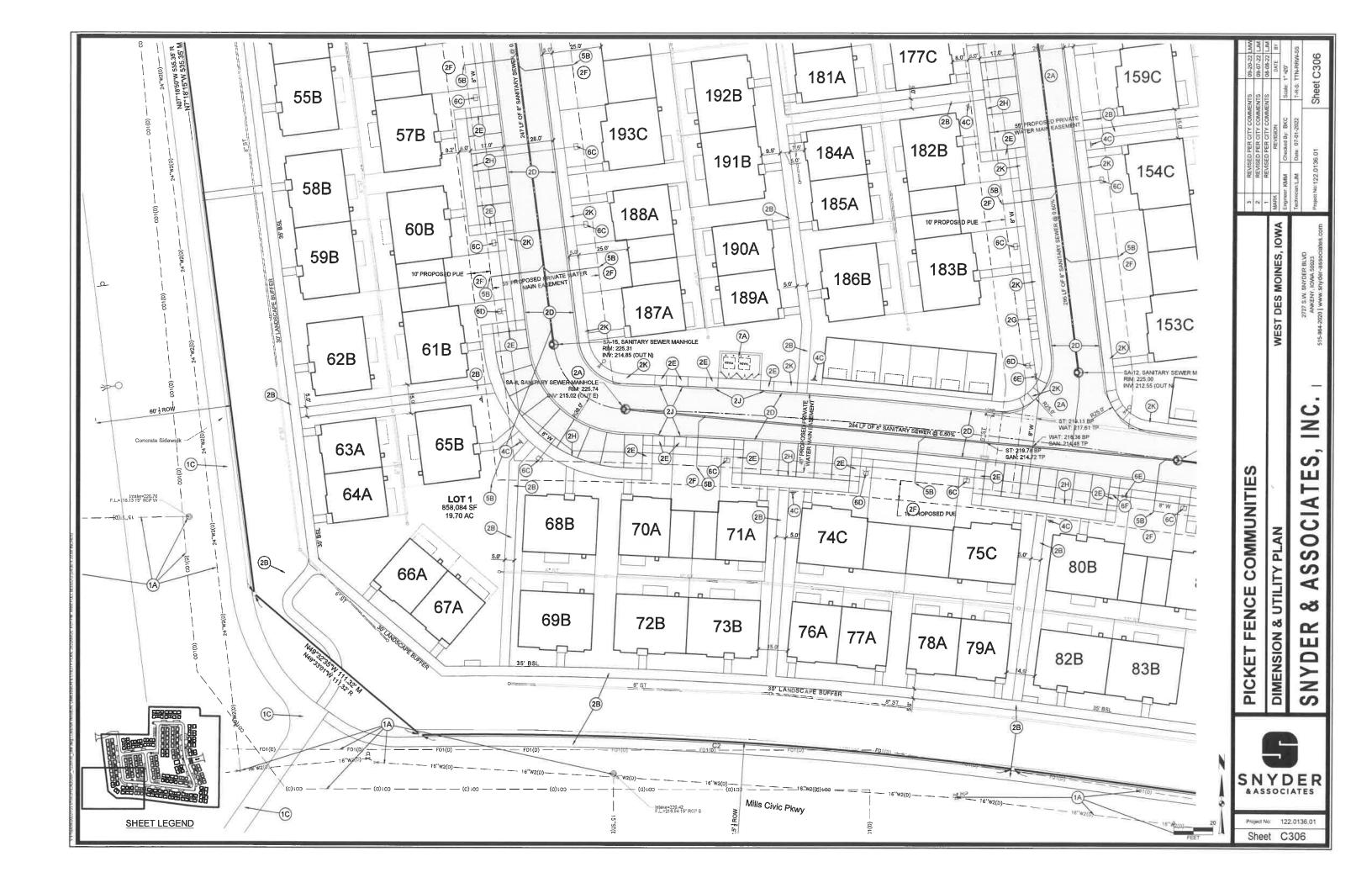


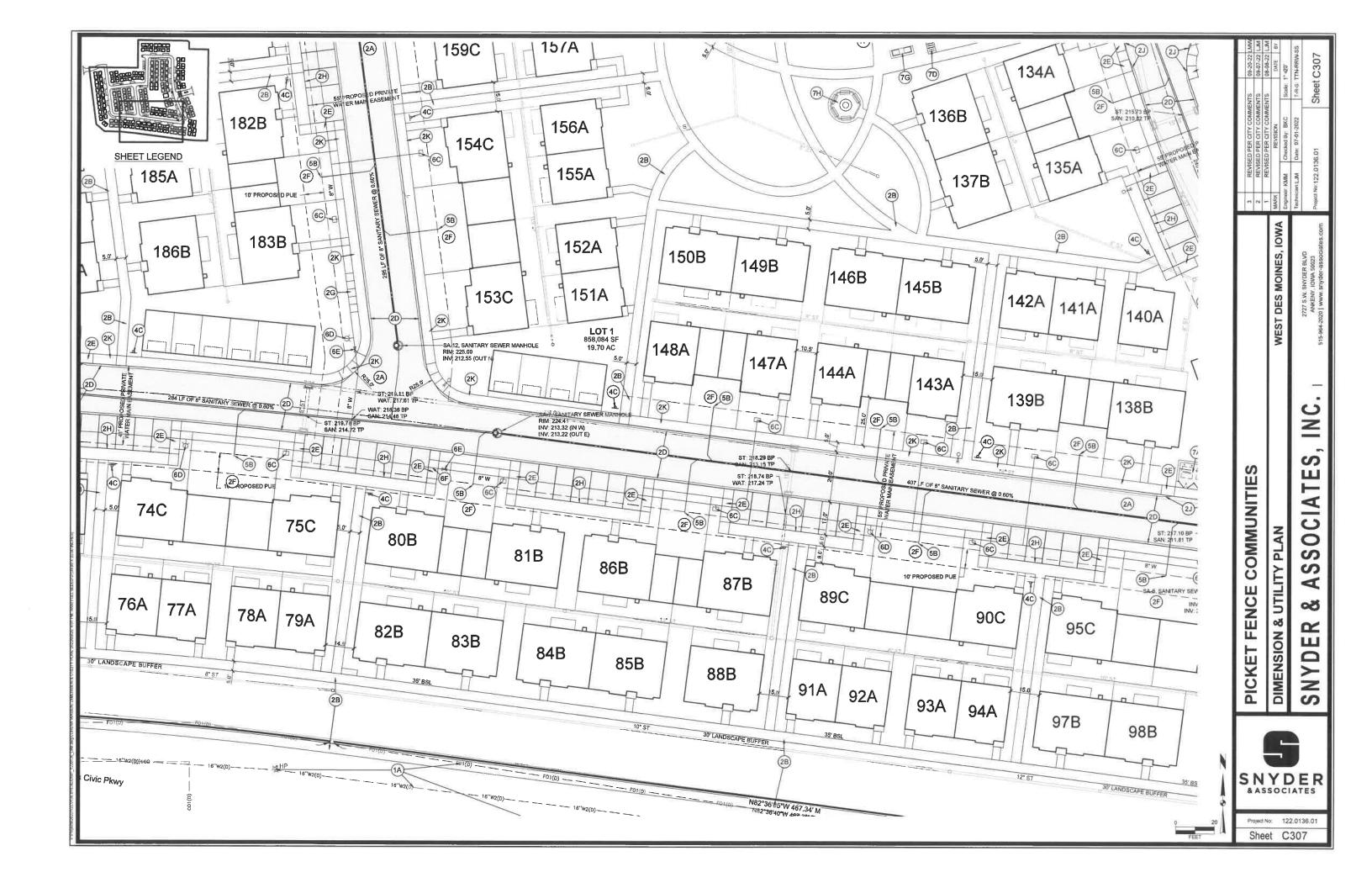


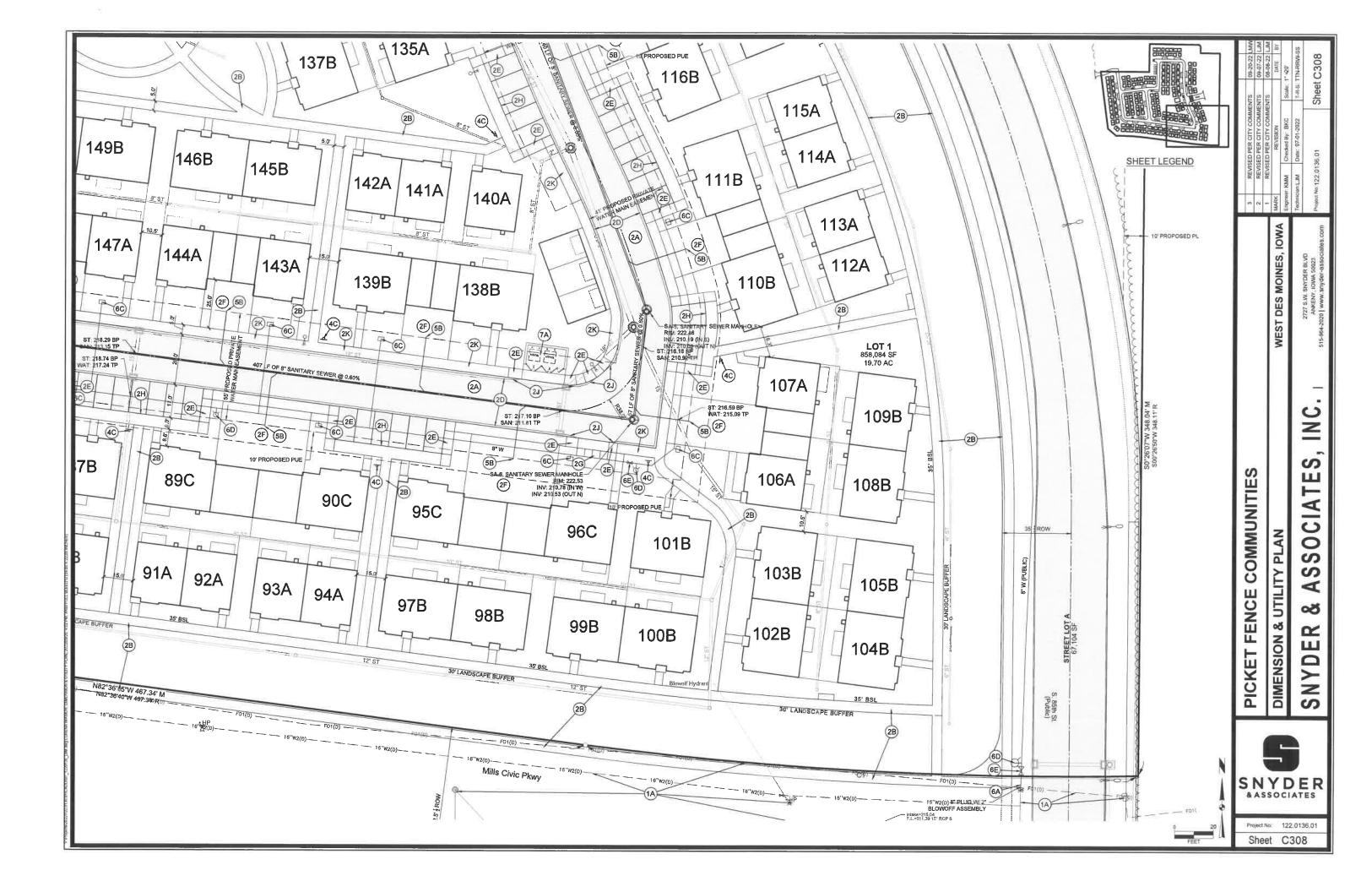


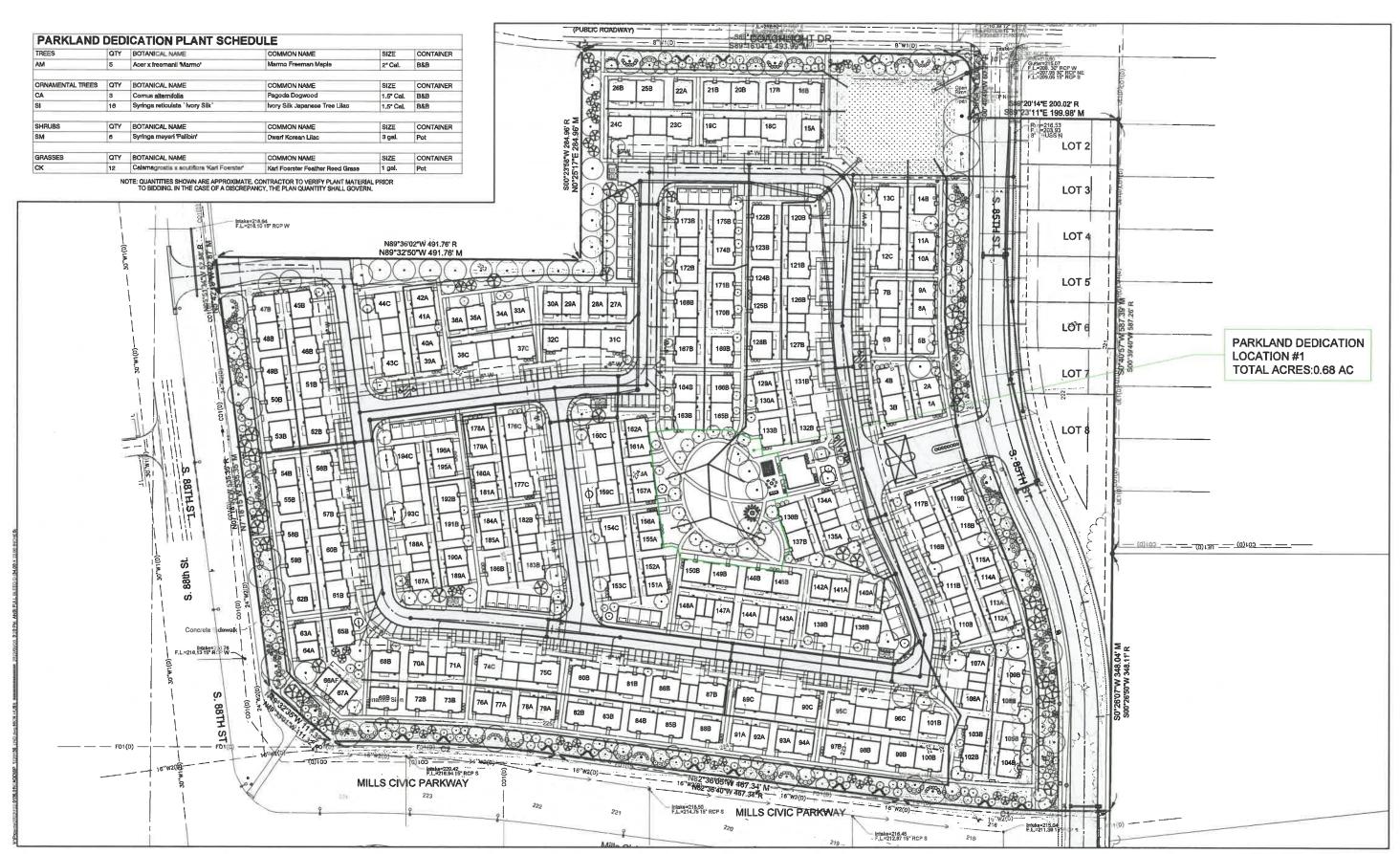












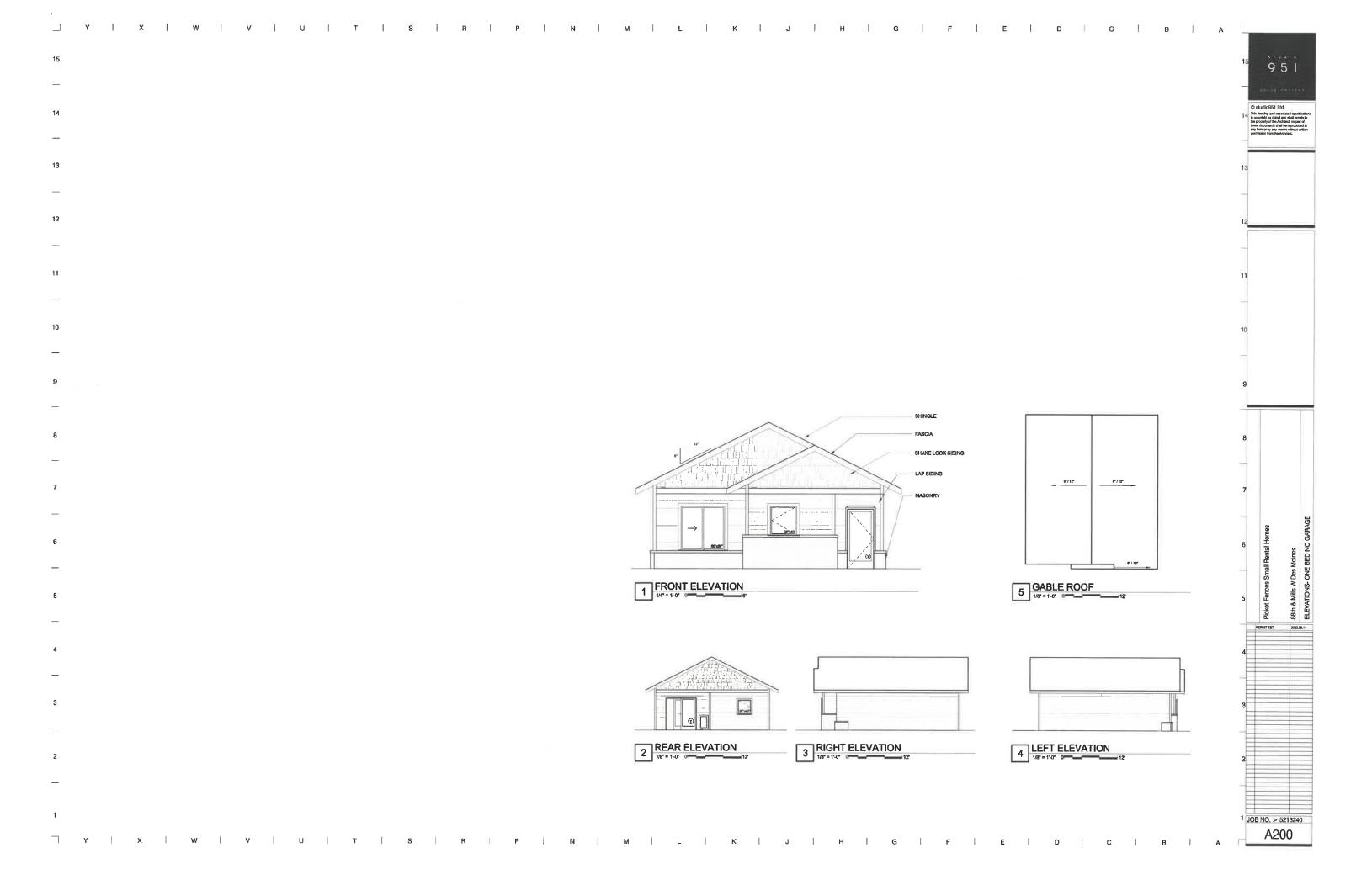


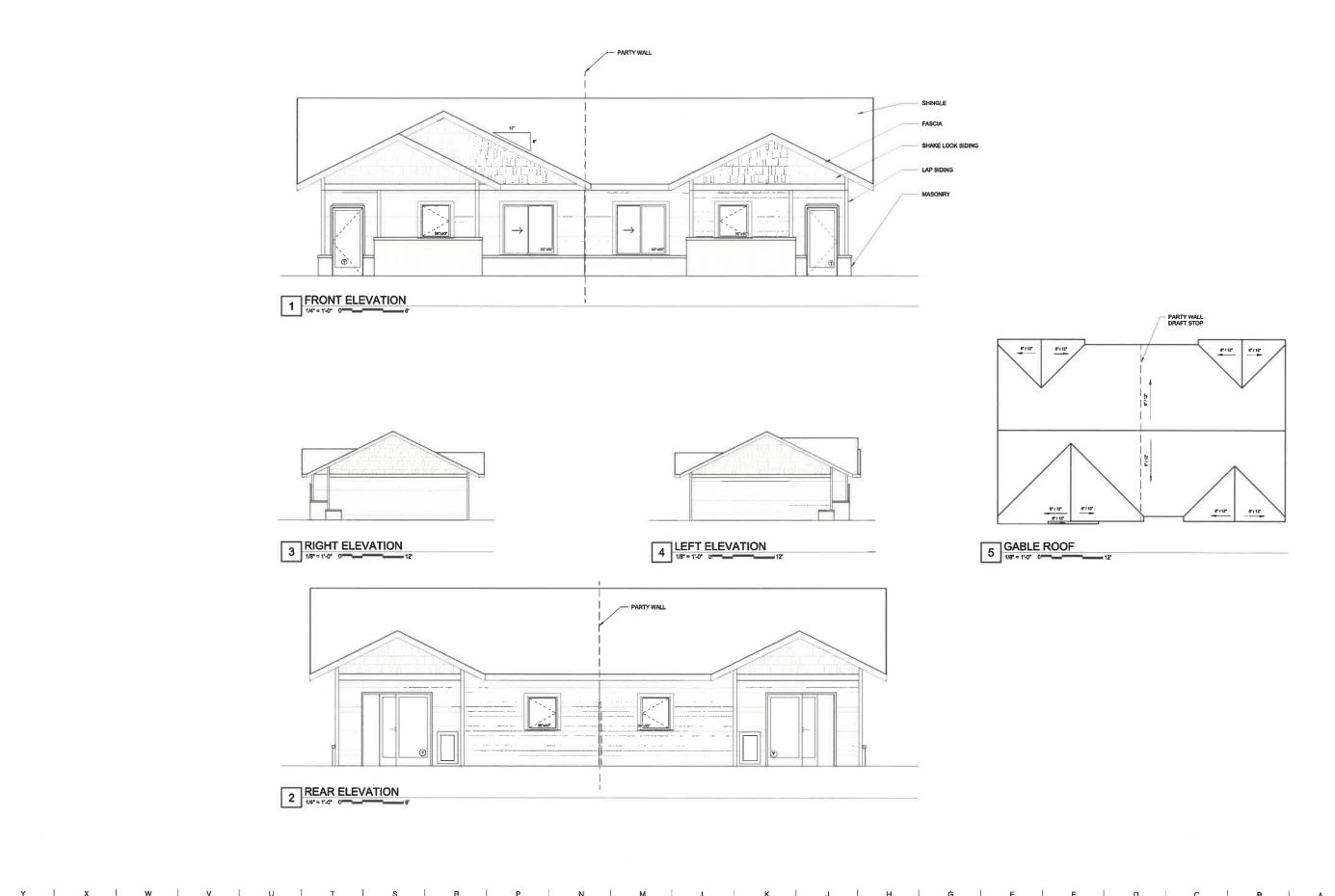




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**OVERALL PLANTING PLAN** 





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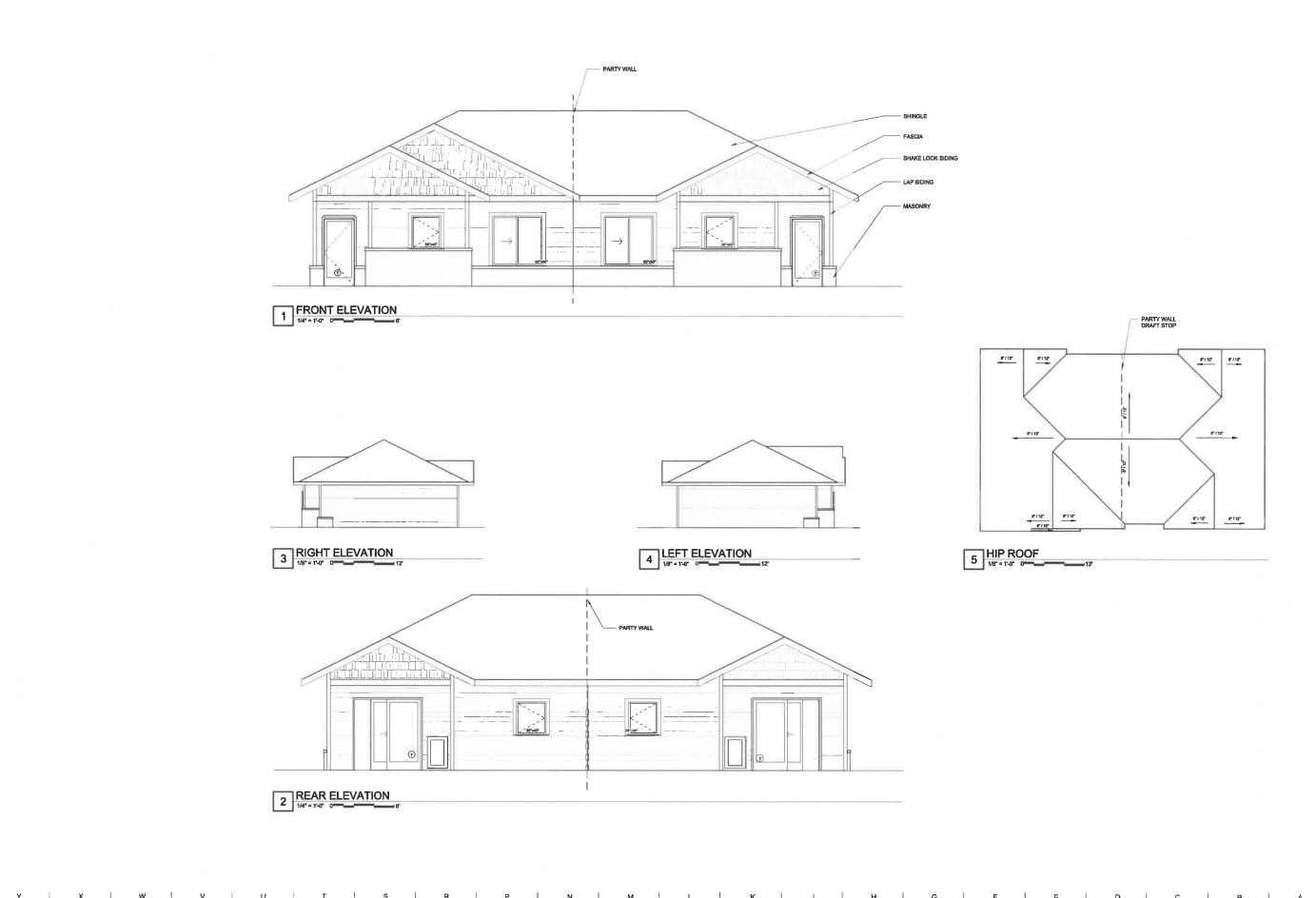
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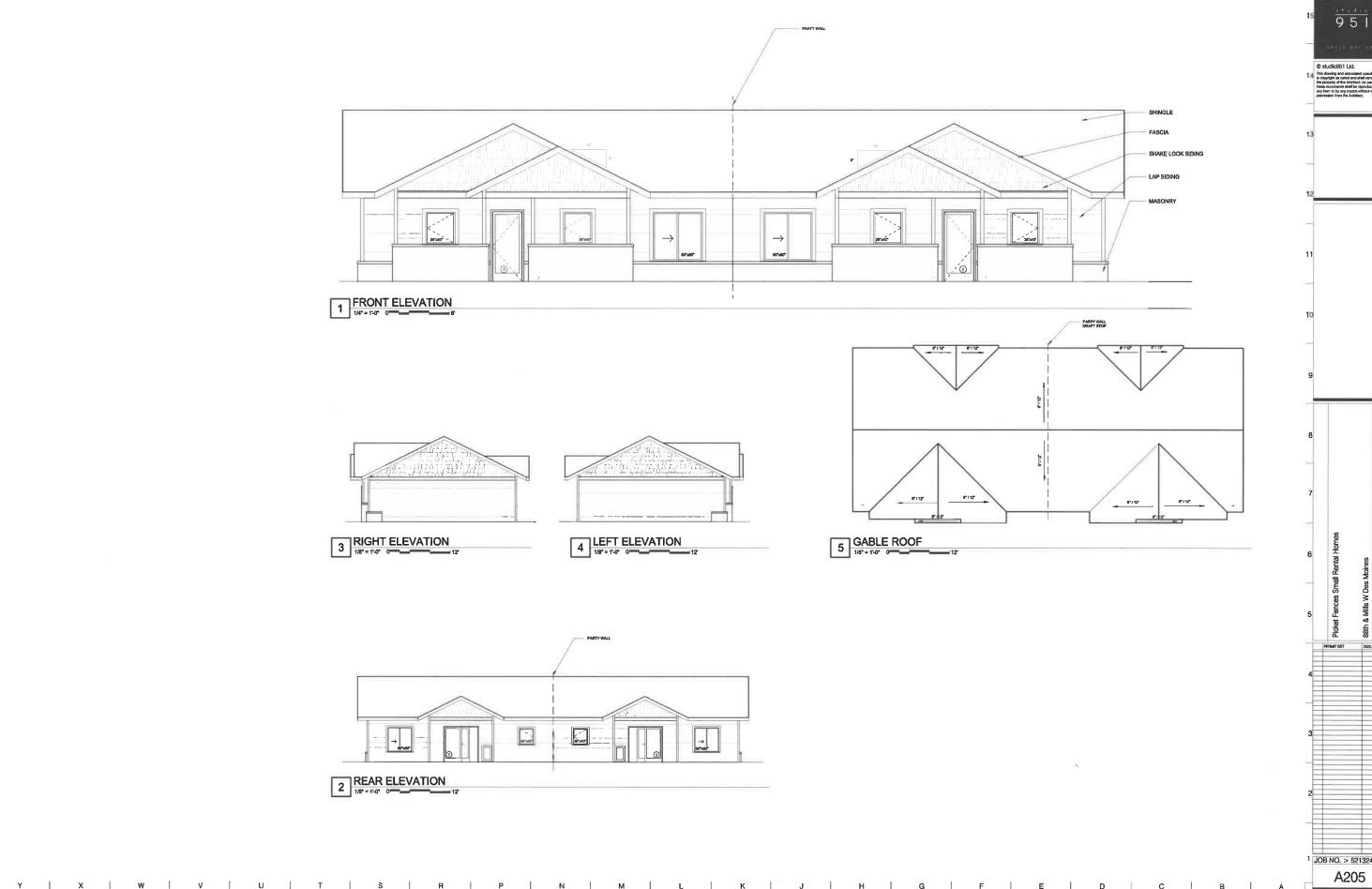
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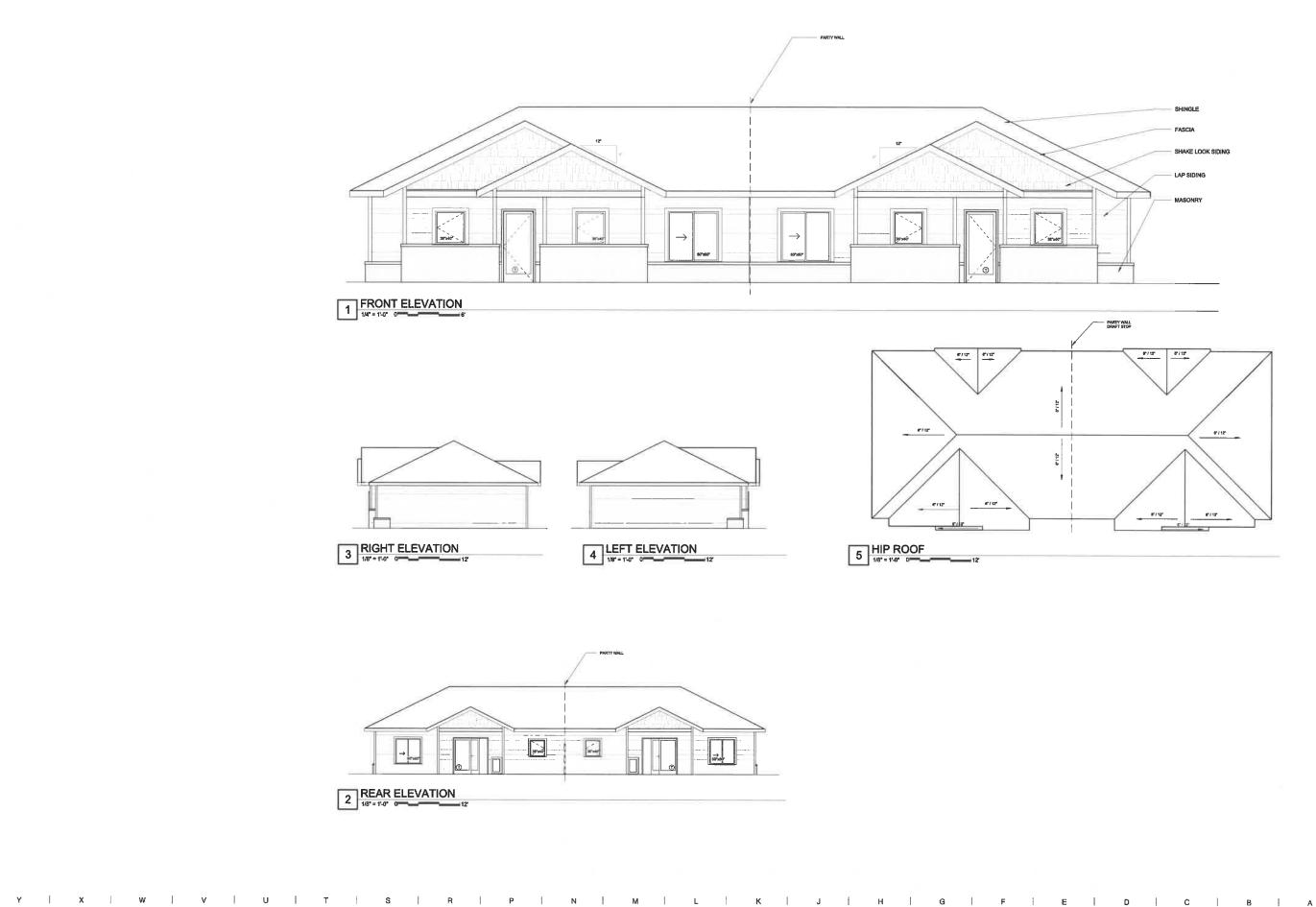
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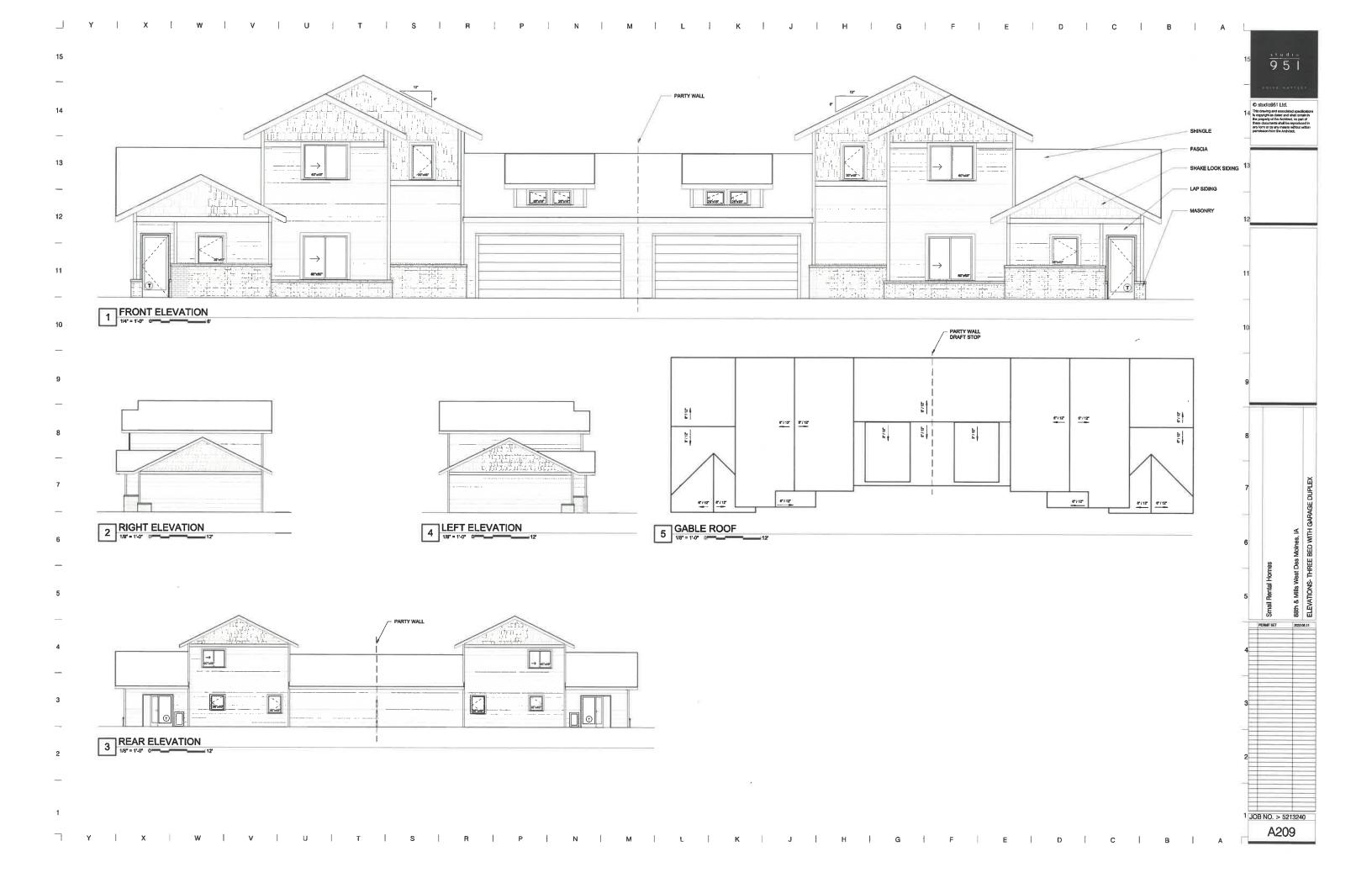
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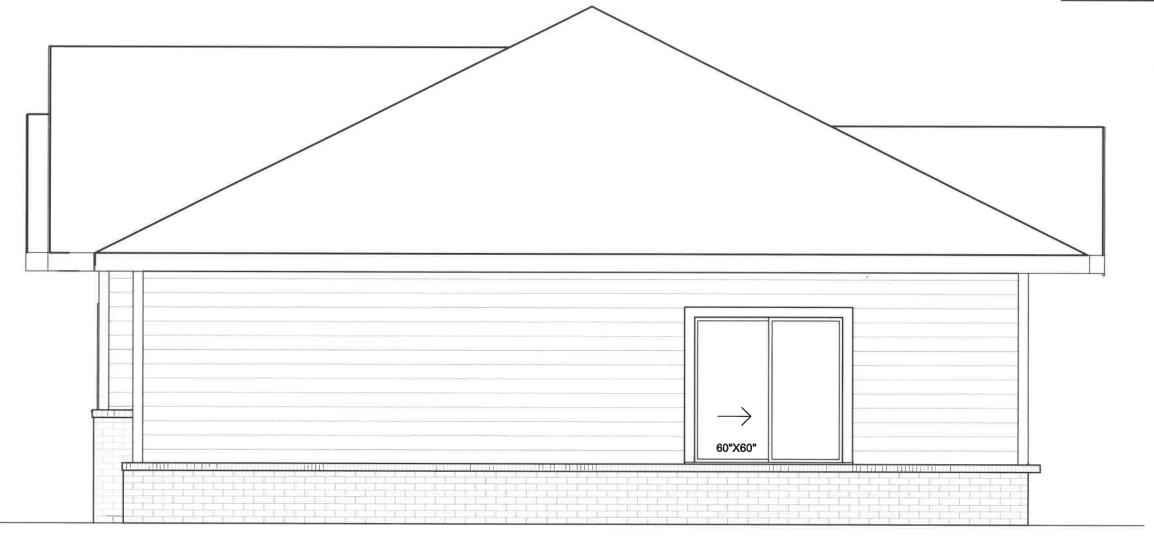
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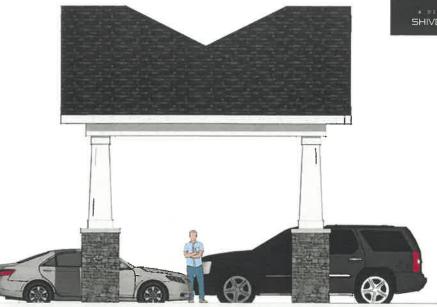
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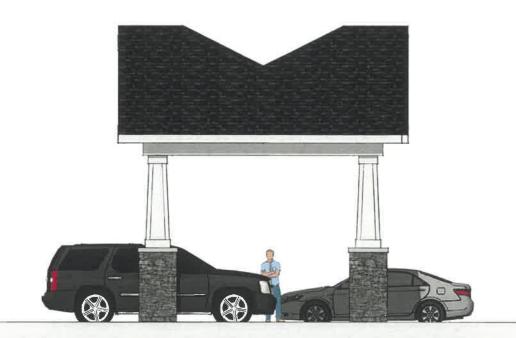
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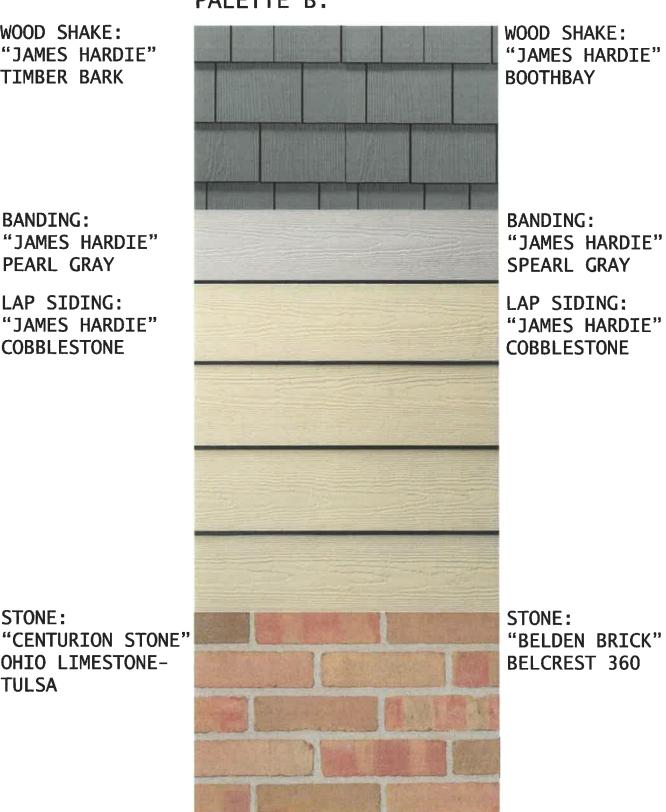
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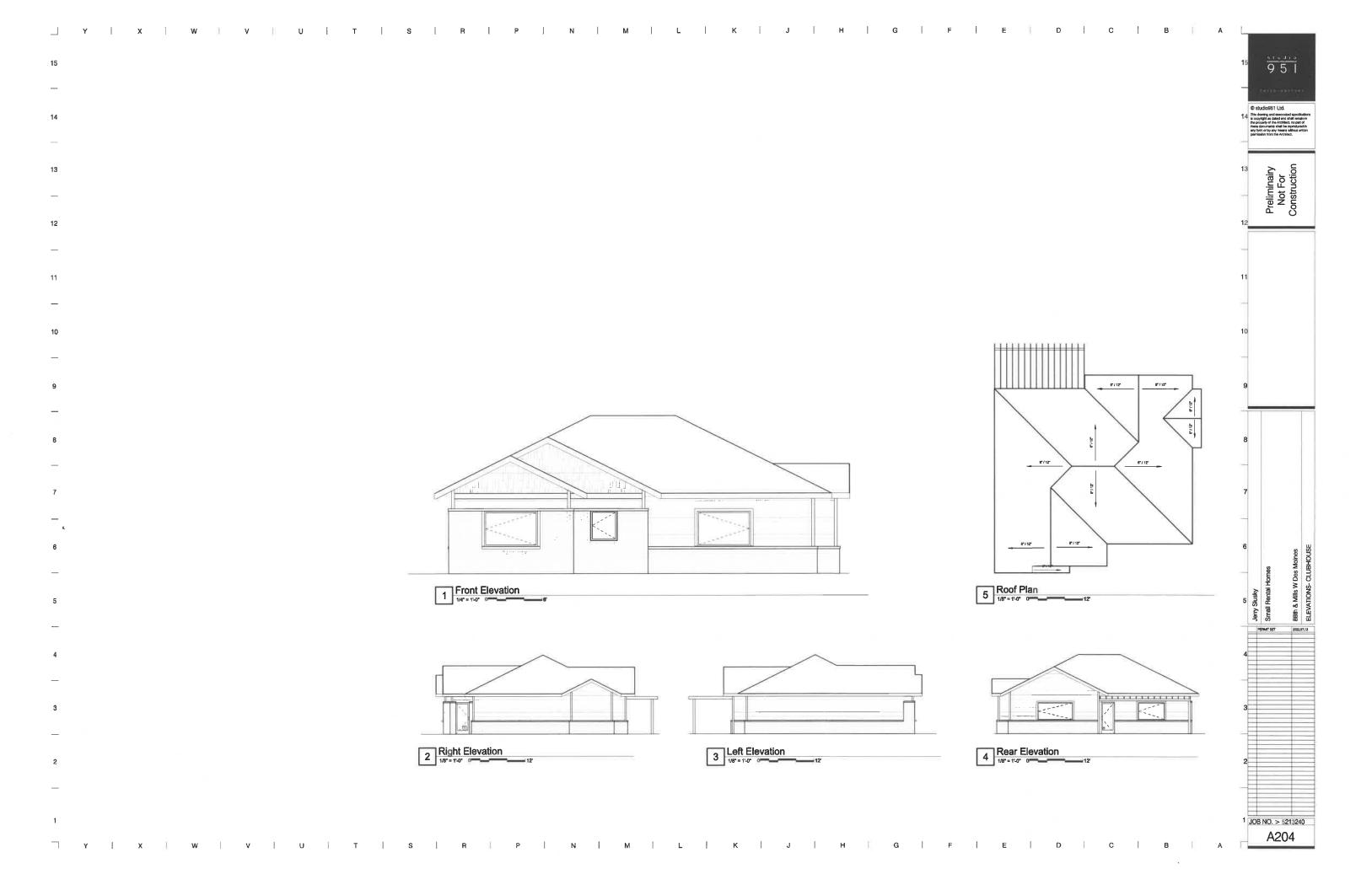
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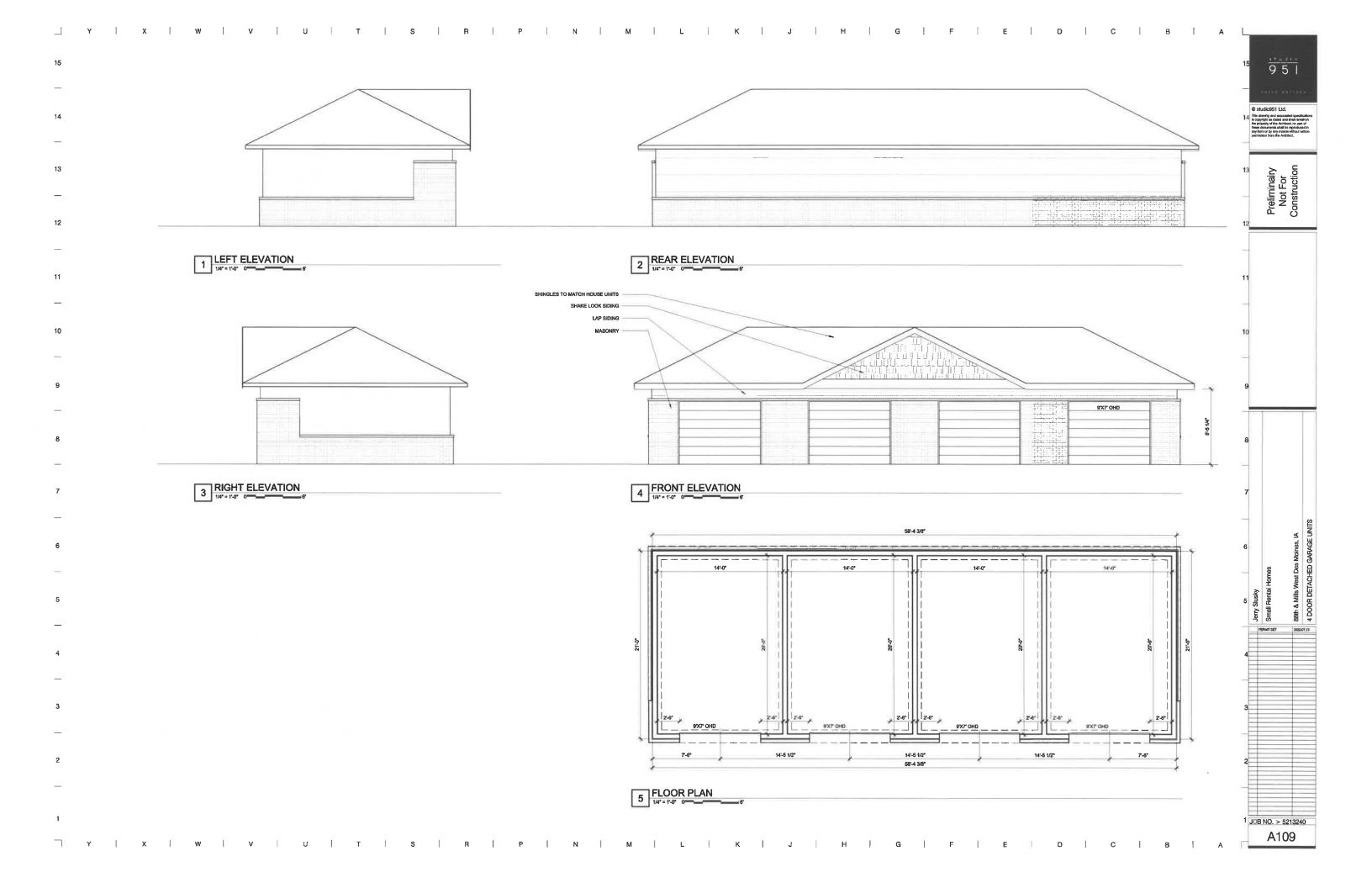
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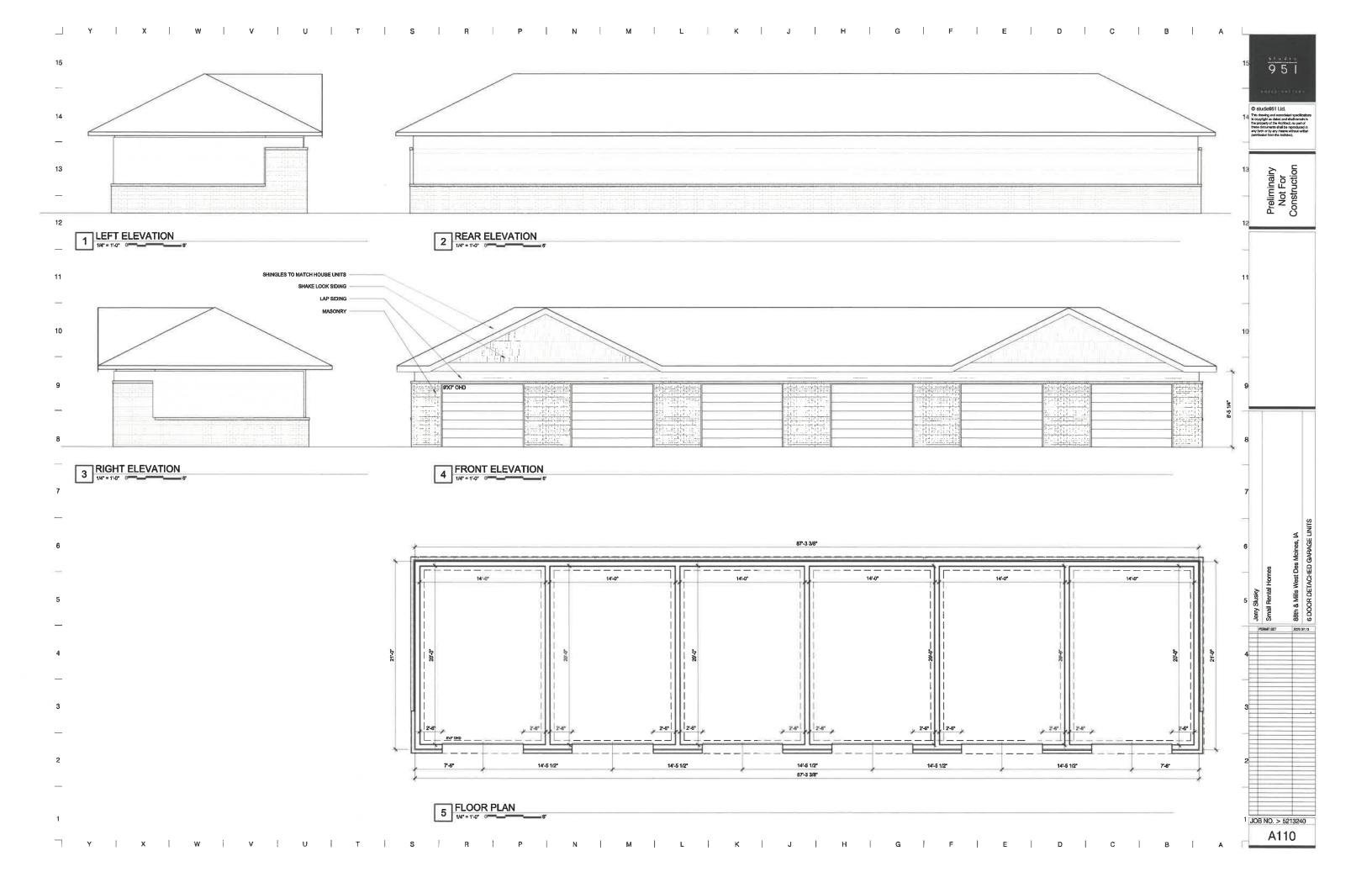
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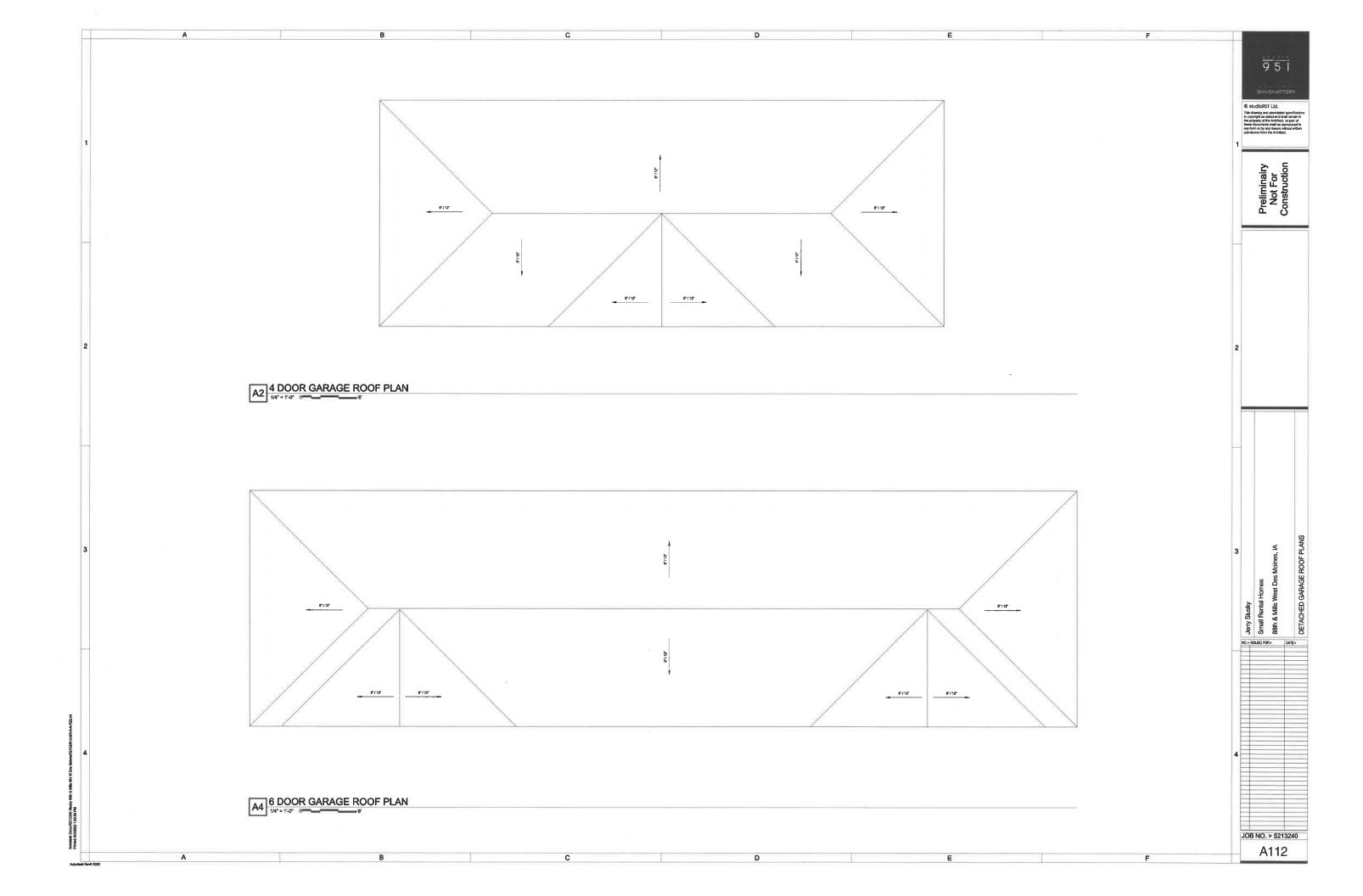
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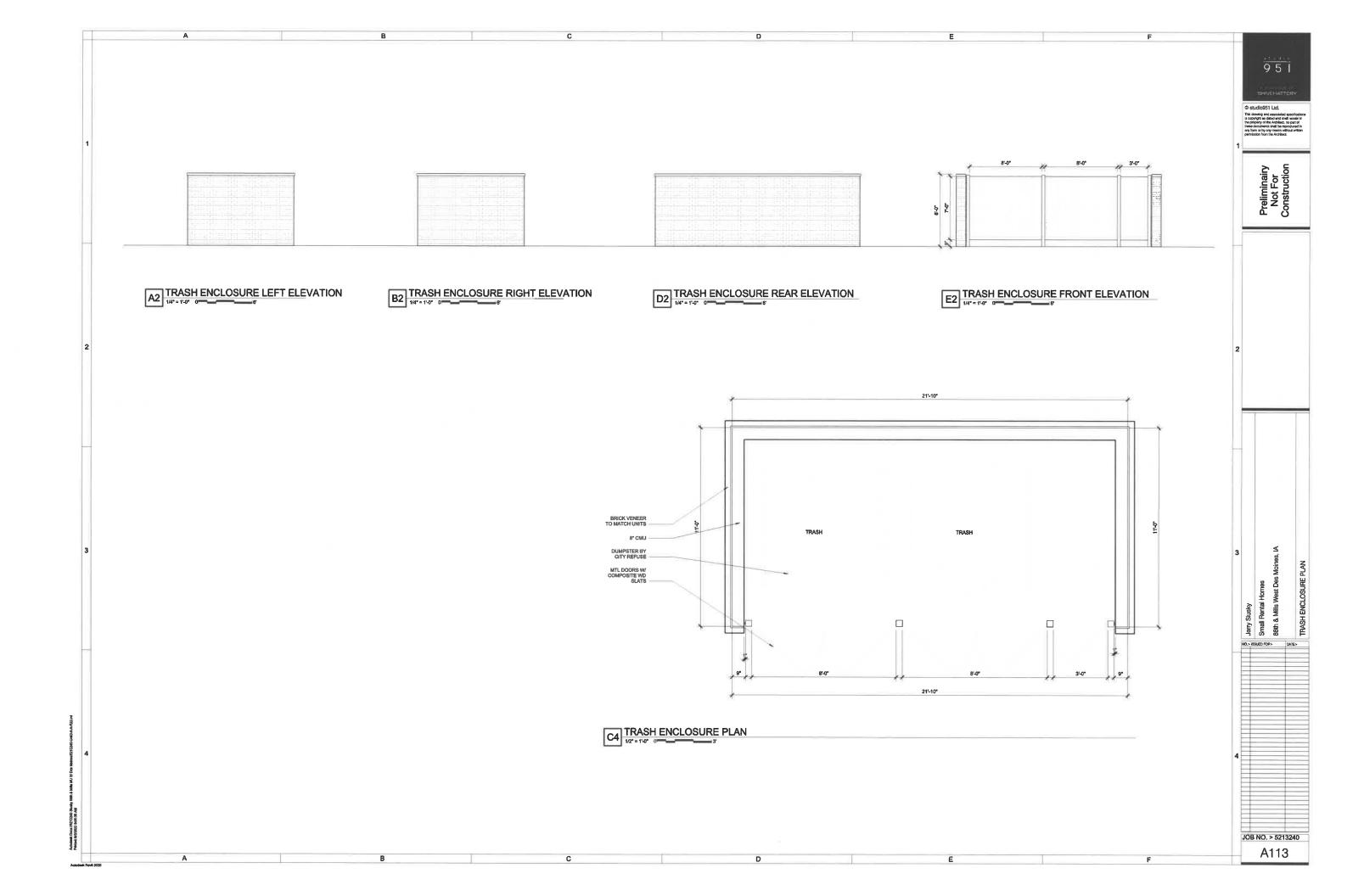












#### A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

NO. PZC-22-090

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Title 9, Zoning and Title 10, Subdivision Regulations of the West Des Moines Municipal Code, the applicant, Picket Fence Communities, LLC, and property owner, Hurd Riverview, LLC, requests approval of a Preliminary Plat for the purpose of subdividing that approximately 22.82-acre property generally located at the northeast corner of S. 88th Street and Mills Civic Parkway as depicted on the location map included in the staff report. The applicant proposes the creation of 1 lot for multi-family development, 7 lots for single family development, and 1 street lot to be dedicated to the city; and

WHEREAS, additionally, pursuant to the provisions of Title 9, Zoning of the West Des Moines Municipal Code, the applicant Picket Fence Communities, LLC, and property owner, Hurd Riverview, LLC, requests approval of the Site Plan for the approximately 22.82-acre property located at the northeast corner of S. 88<sup>th</sup> Street and Mills Civic Parkway for the purpose of constructing 1 and 2 story, single family detached and bi-attached homes within lot 1, along with associated site improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Plat complies with Iowa Code Chapters 354 and 414, the Comprehensive Plan and City Code; and

**WHEREAS,** the Site Plan complies with the findings stated in the applicable provisions of Title 9, Chapter 1, the Comprehensive Plan and City Code.

**NOW THEREFORE,** the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of West Des Moines recommends the City Council approve the Preliminary Plat and Site Plan (PPSP-005675-2022), subject to compliance with all the conditions of approval as stated in the staff report, including conditions added at the meeting, and attached hereto as Exhibit "A", if applicable.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on September 26, 2022.

		Jennifer Drake, Chair Planning and Zoning Commission
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