

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Application Date: June 10, 2025

Applicant: Toufic Halabi, agent for, Michele Stanley, owner

Property: 1215 Ashland Street, Lot 13, Tract 14A, Block 181, Houston Heights Neighborhood Subdivision. The property includes a historic 964 square foot, one-story wood single-family residence and detached garage situated on a 6,600 square foot (50' x 132') interior lot.

Significance: Contributing Bungalow style residence, constructed circa 1940, located in the Houston Heights West Historic District.

Proposal: Alteration: Two-Story Rear Addition

- Total sq. ft. 1,936
- Differentiation between historic structure and addition on the rear roof pane
- Smooth, cementitious siding with a 6" reveal
- Max ridge height at 27' 11"
- Composition shingles with a 6:12 roof pitch
- Mix of casement and DH, 1-over-1, inset & recessed wood windows
- Demolish non-historic infill at right, rear corner that was once a screened in porch **see Sanborn and BLA images**

Front Porch

- Replacing non-historic columns with rounded columns

Public Comment: No public comment received.

Civic Association: No comment received.

Recommendation: Approval

HAHC Action: -

APPROVAL CRITERIA**ALTERATIONS, REHABILITATIONS, RESTORATIONS AND ADDITIONS**

Sec. 33-241: HAHC shall issue a certificate of appropriateness for the alteration, rehabilitation, restoration or addition of an exterior feature of (i) any landmark, (ii) protected landmark, (iii) any building, structure or object that is part of an archaeological site, or (iv) contributing building in a historic district upon finding that the application satisfies the following criteria, as applicable:

S	D	NA		S - satisfies	D - does not satisfy	NA - not applicable
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(1)			The proposed activity must retain and preserve the historical character of the property;
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(2)			The proposed activity must contribute to the continued availability of the property for a contemporary use;
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(3)			The proposed activity must recognize the building, structure, object or site as a product of its own time and avoid alterations that seek to create an earlier or later appearance;
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(4)			The proposed activity must preserve the distinguishing qualities or character of the building, structure, object or site and its environment;
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(5)			The proposed activity must maintain or replicate distinctive stylistic exterior features or examples of skilled craftsmanship that characterize the building, structure, object or site;
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(6)			New materials to be used for any exterior feature excluding what is visible from public alleys must be visually compatible with, but not necessarily the same as, the materials being replaced in form, design, texture, dimension and scale;
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(7)			The proposed replacement of exterior features, if any, should be based on an accurate duplication of features, substantiated by available historical, physical or pictorial evidence, where that evidence is available, rather than on conjectural designs or the availability of different architectural elements from other structures;
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(8)			Proposed additions or alterations must be done in a manner that, if removed in the future, would leave unimpaired the essential form and integrity of the building, structure, object or site;
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(9)			The proposed design for any exterior alterations or addition must not destroy significant historical, architectural, archaeological or cultural material, including but not limited to siding, windows, doors and porch elements;
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(10)			The proposed alteration or addition must be compatible with the massing, size, scale material and character of the property and the context area; and
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(11)			The distance from the property line to the front and side walls, porches, and exterior features of any proposed addition or alteration must be compatible with the distance to the property line of similar elements of existing contributing structures in the context area.

HEIGHTS DESIGN GUIDELINES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In accordance with Sec. 33-276, the proposed activity must comply with the City Council approved Design Guidelines.
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District Map



Inventory Photo



Current Photos Provided By Applicant



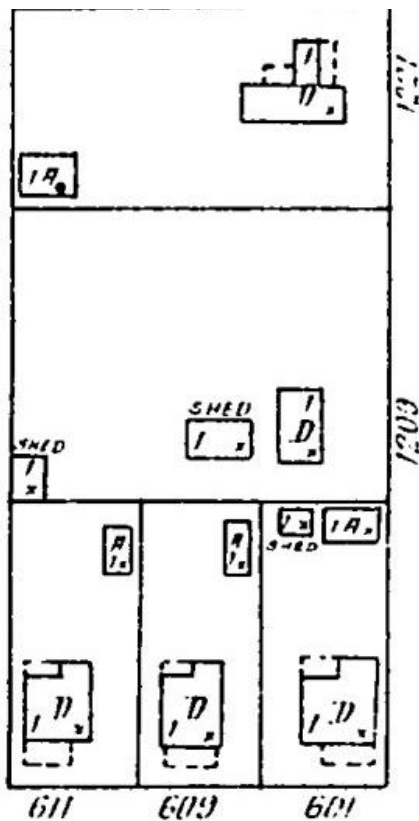
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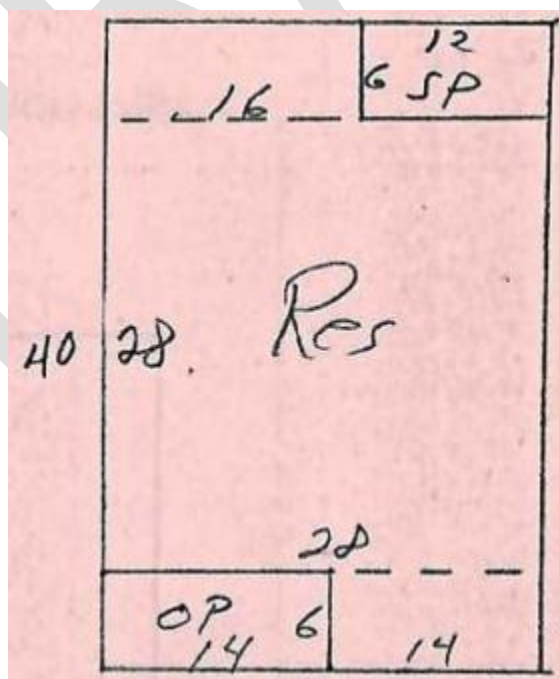
1924 Sanborn

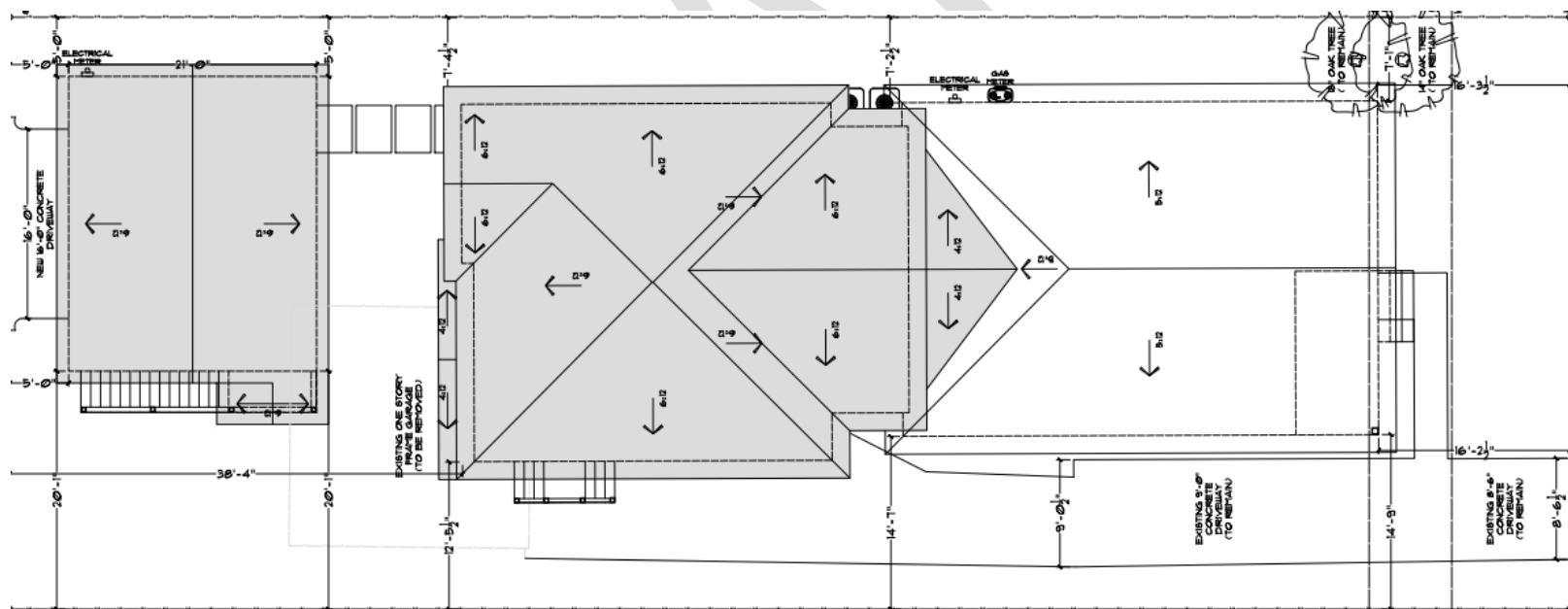
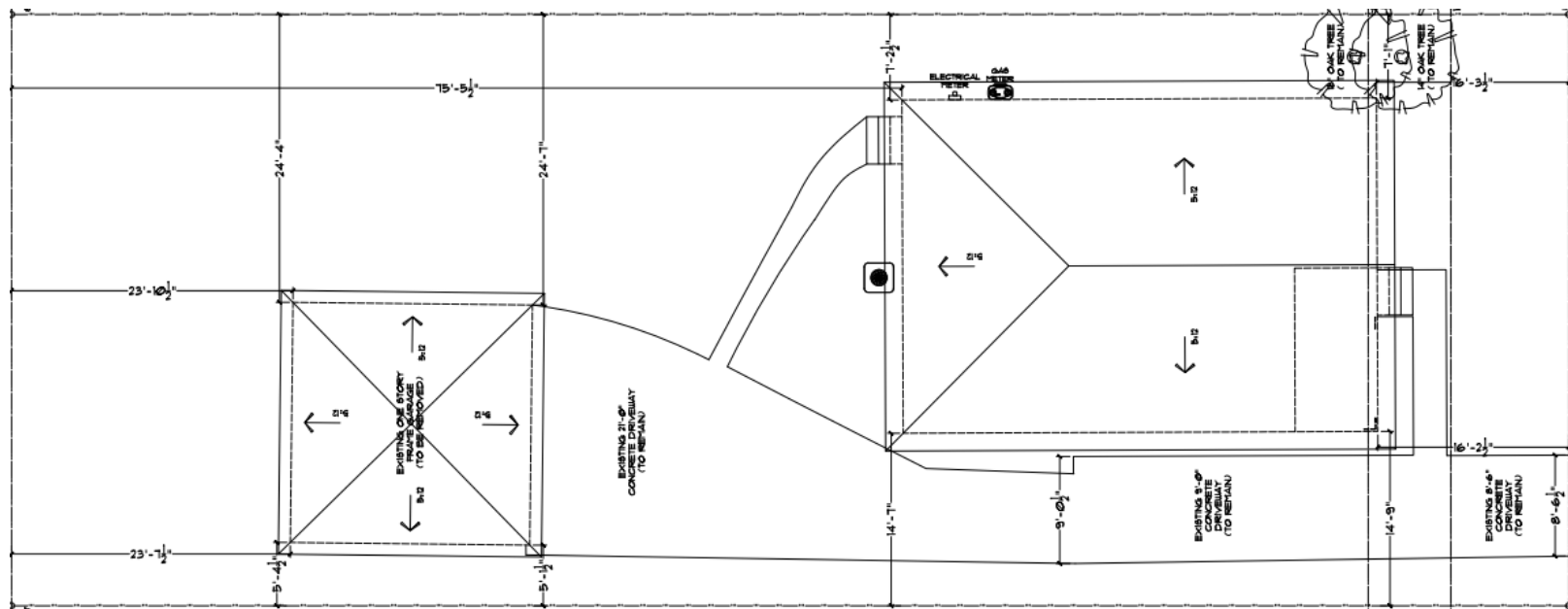


1950 Sanborn

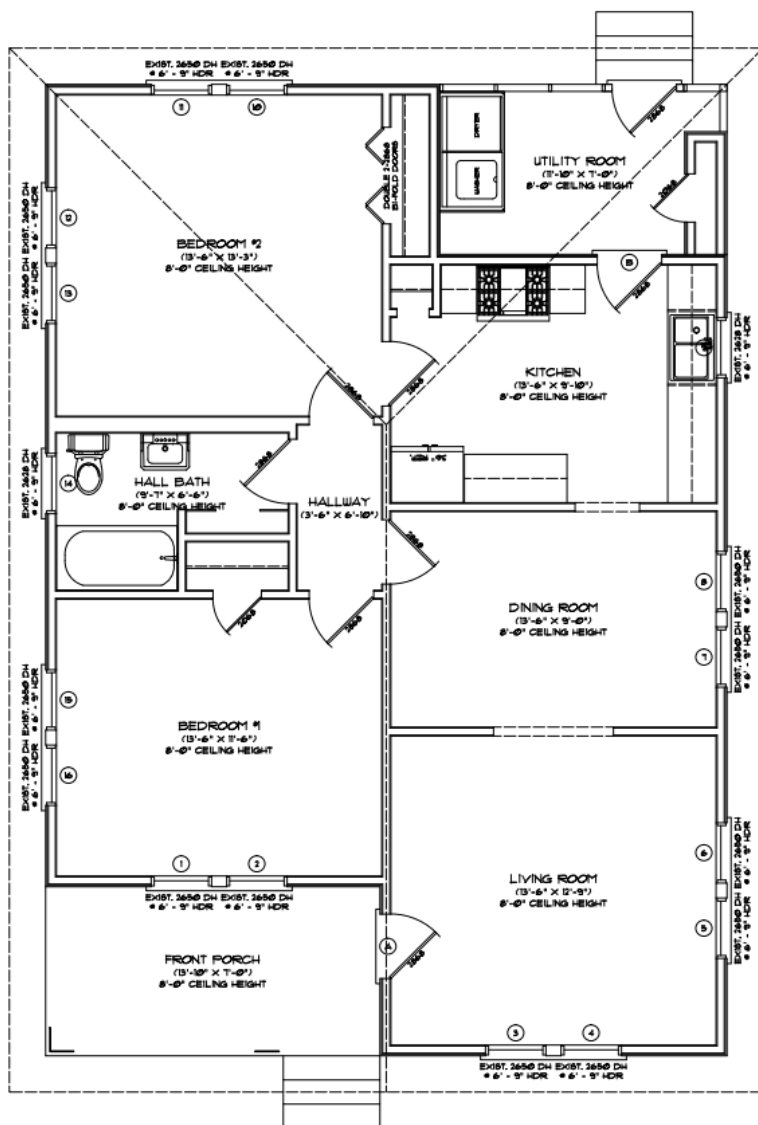


Harris County Building Land Assessment Survey: 1968

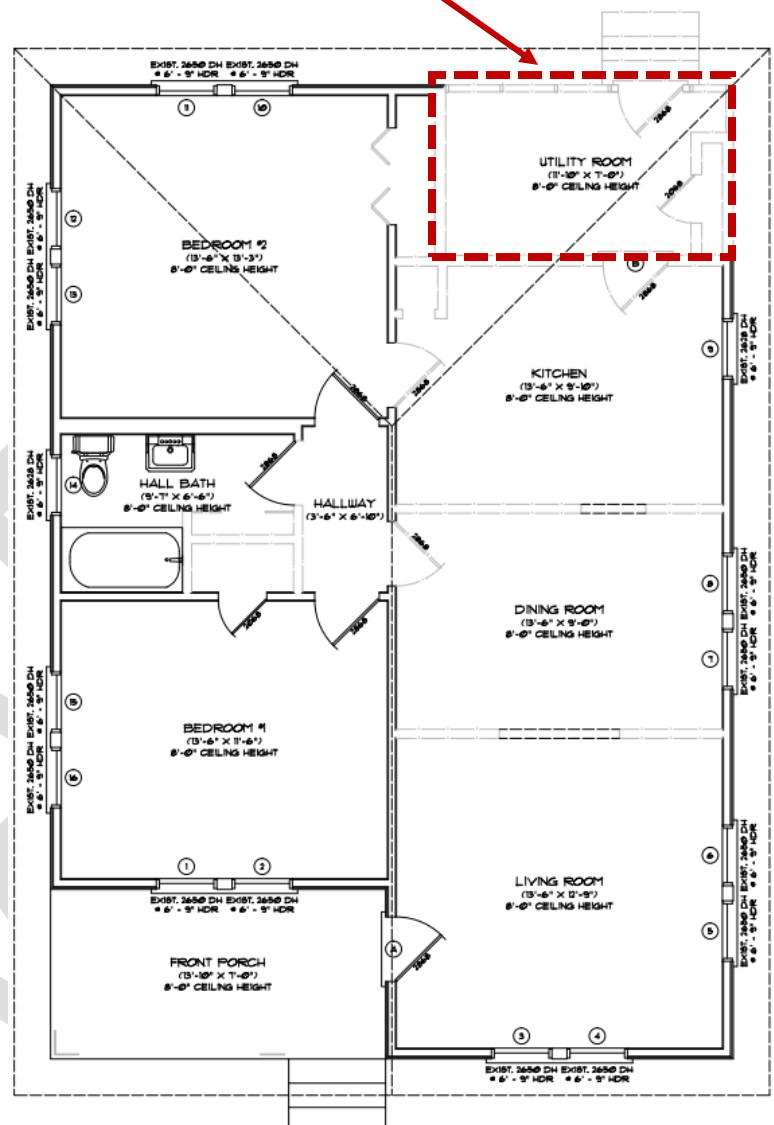




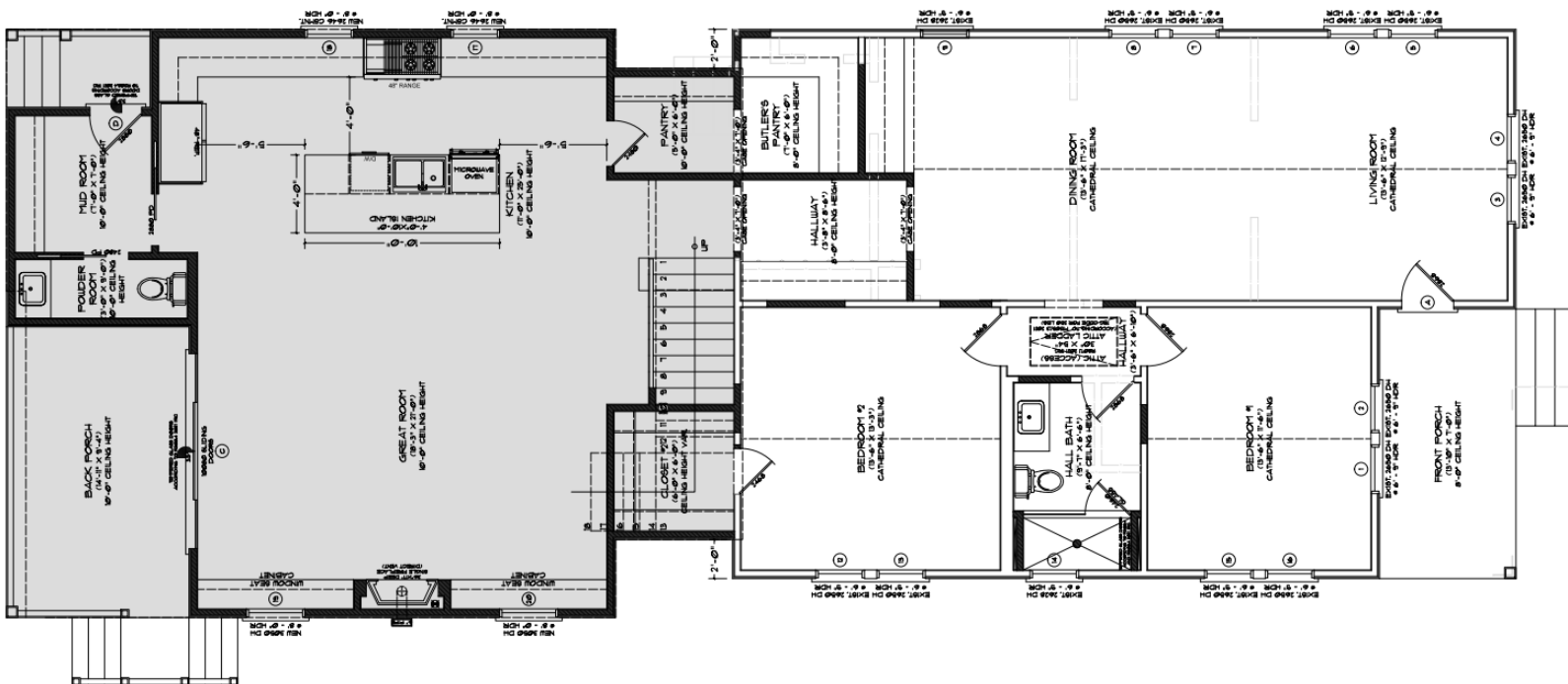
Existing Floor Plan



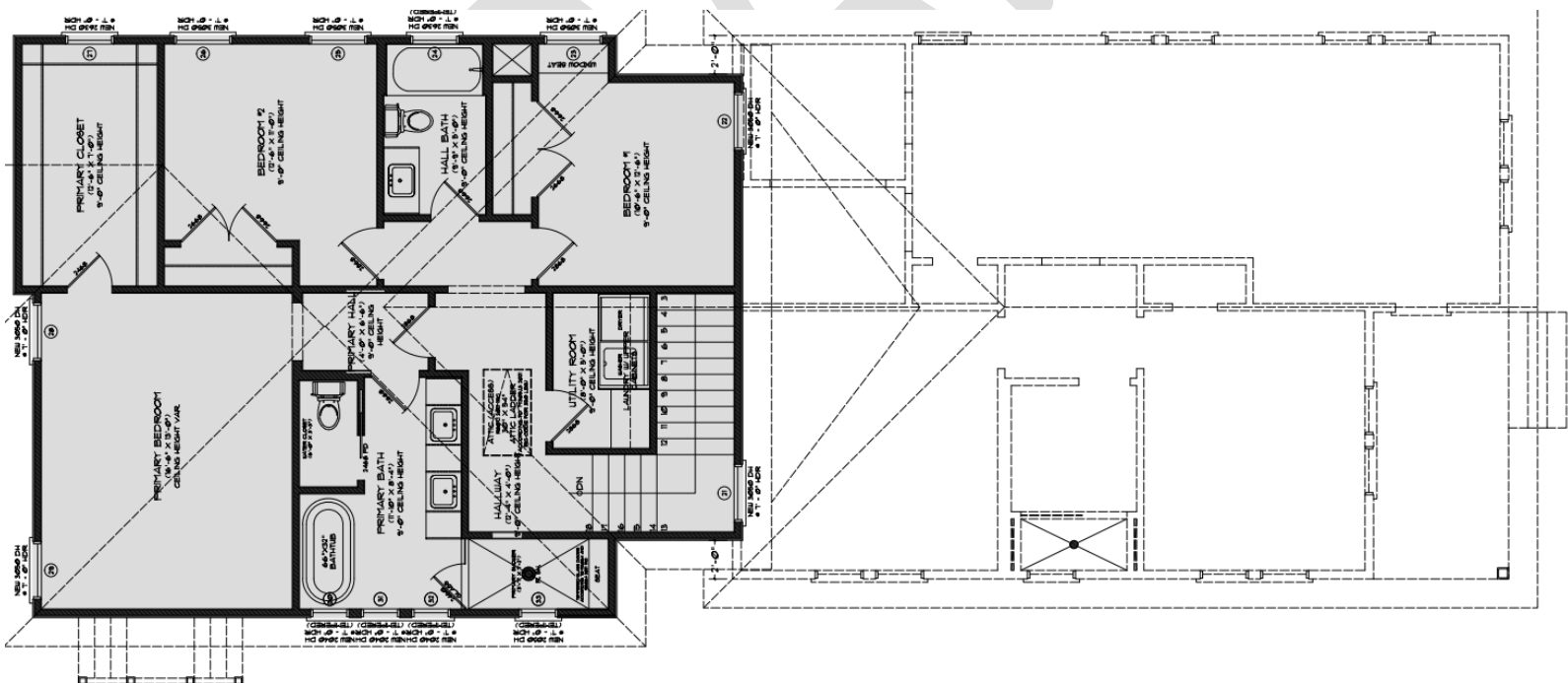
Demolition Plan



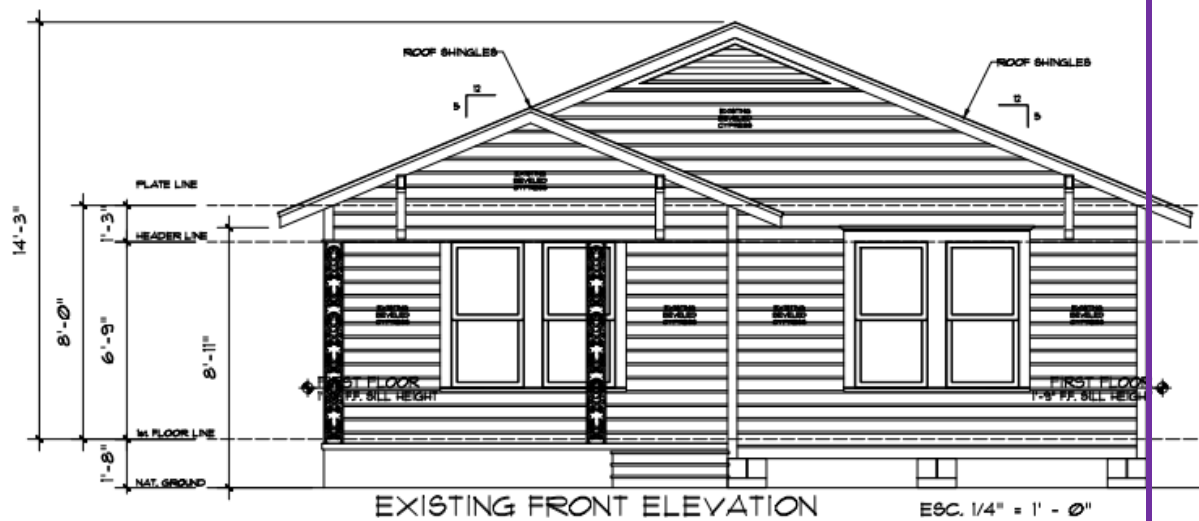
Proposed First Floor Plan



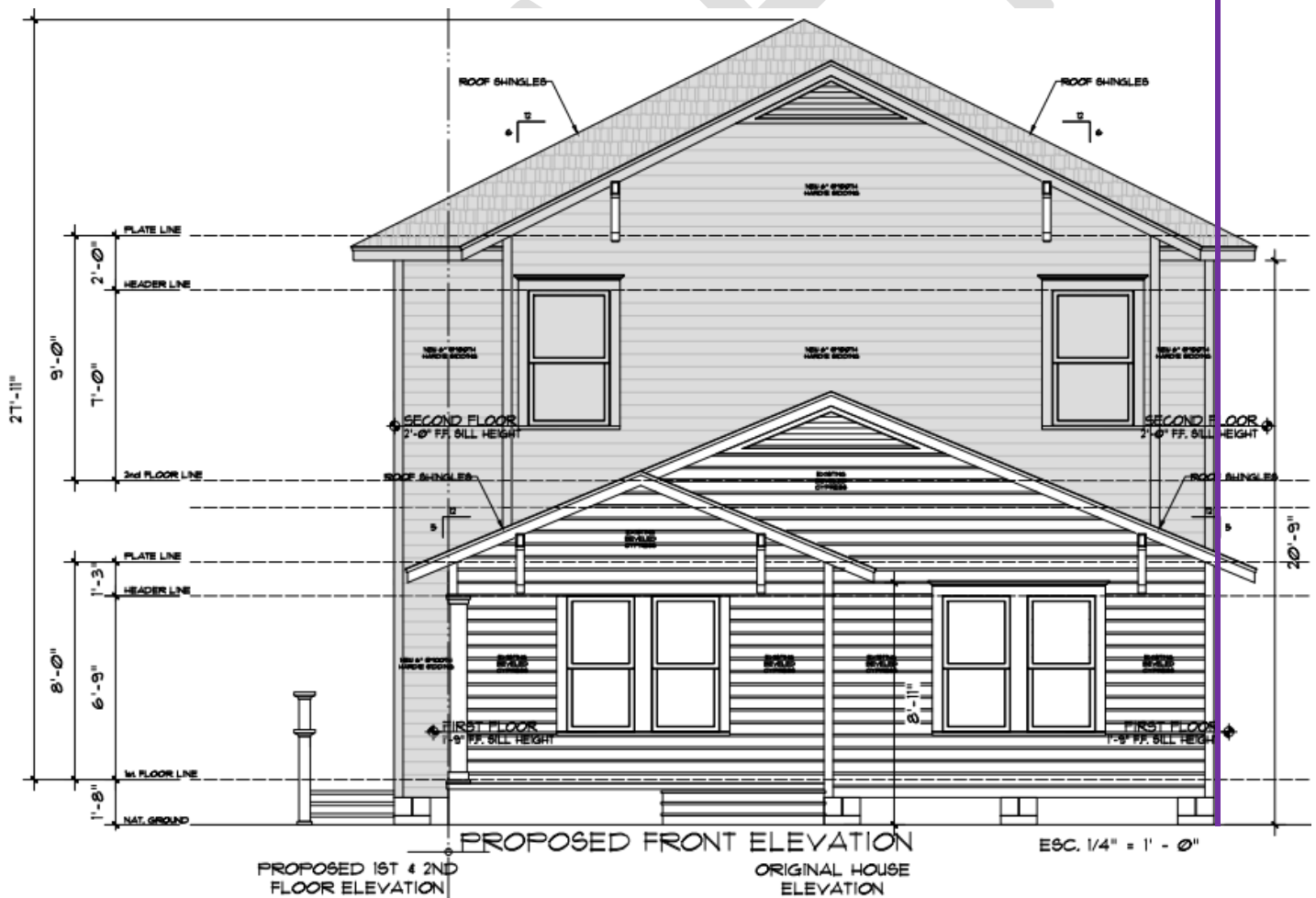
Proposed Second Floor Plan



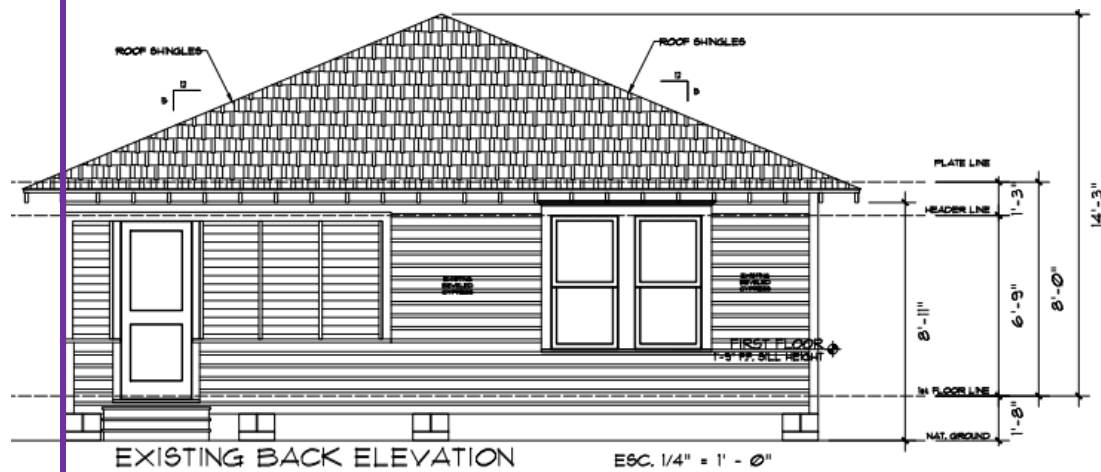
Existing Front (East) Elevation



Proposed Front (East) Elevation



Existing Rear (West) Elevation



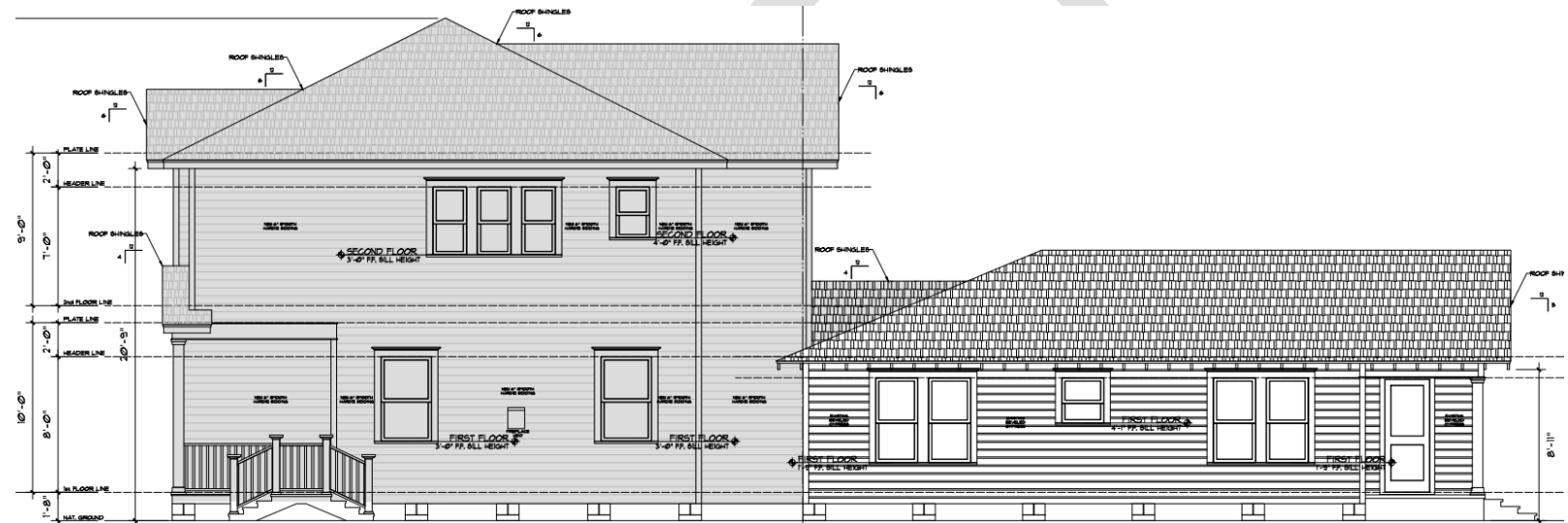
Proposed Rear (West) Elevation



Existing Left (South) Elevation



Proposed Left (South) Elevation



S D NA

S - satisfies D - does not satisfy NA - not applicable☒ ☐ ☐Maximum Lot Coverage (Addition and New Construction)

LOT SIZE	MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE
<4000	.44 (44%)
4000-4999	.44 (44%)
5000-5999	.42 (42%)
6000-6999	.40 (40%)
7000-7999	.38 (38%)
8000+	.38 (38%)

Existing Lot Size: 6,600

Max. Allowed: 2,640

Proposed Lot Coverage: 2,088

Remaining Amount: 552

☒ ☐ ☐Maximum Floor Area Ratio (Addition and New Construction)

LOT SIZE	MAXIMUM FAR
<4000	.48
4000-4999	.48
5000-5999	.46
6000-6999	.44
7000-7999	.42
8000+	.40

Existing Lot Size: 6,600

Max. FAR Allowed: 2,904

Proposed FAR: 2,903

Remaining Amount: 1

Side Wall Length and Insets (Addition and New Construction)

MEASUREMENT	APPLICATION
50 FT.	Maximum side wall length without inset (1-story)
40 FT.	Maximum side wall length without inset (2-story)
1 FT.	Minimum depth of inset section of side wall (1-story)
2 FT.	Minimum depth of inset section of side wall (2-story)
6 FT.	Minimum length of inset section of side wall

Side Wall Length: 37' 9-1/2"

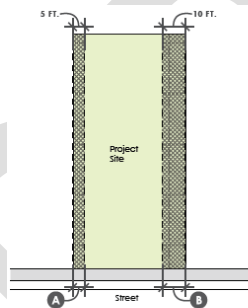
Inset Length: 6'

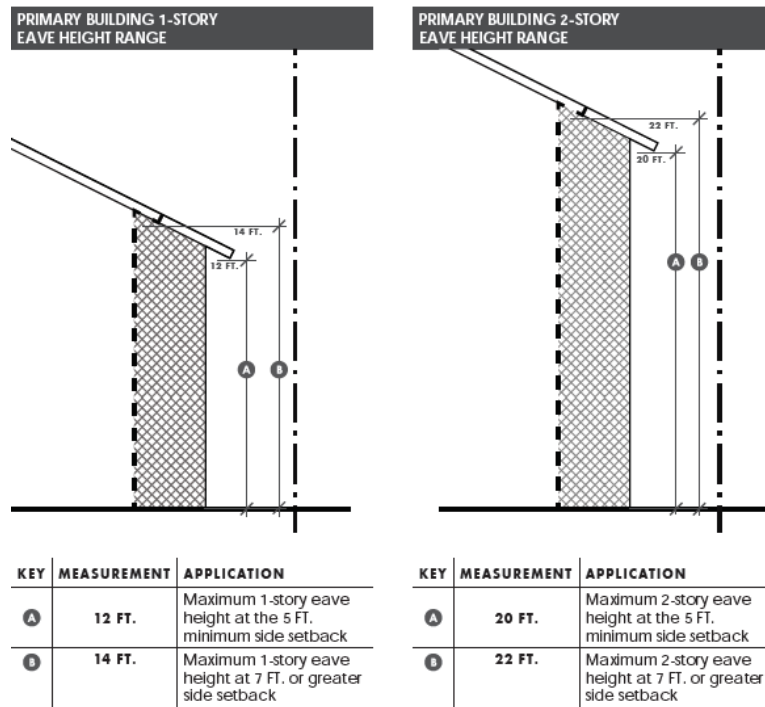
Inset on North side: 2'

Inset on South side: 2'

Side Setbacks (Addition and New Construction)

KEY	MEASUREMENT	APPLICATION
A	3 FT.	Minimum distance between side wall and the property line for lots less than 35 feet wide
	5 FT.	Minimum distance between the side wall and the property line
B	REMAINING	Difference between minimum side setback of 5 feet and minimum cumulative side setback
C	6 FT.	Minimum cumulative side setback for lots less than 35 feet wide
	10 FT.	Minimum cumulative side setback for a one-story house
	15 FT.	Minimum cumulative side setback for a two-story house

Proposed side setback (1): 12' 5-1/2"Proposed side setback (2): 7' 4-1/2"Cumulative side setback: 19'-10"

Eave Height (Addition and New Construction)

Proposed eave height: 20' 9"

Porch Eave Height (Addition and New Construction)

MEASUREMENT	APPLICATION
9-11 FT.	Minimum and maximum 1-story porch eave height.

Proposed porch eave height: 9' 1"

☒ ☐ ☐Building Wall (Plate) Height (Addition and New Construction)

MEASUREMENT	APPLICATION
36 IN.	Maximum finished floor height (as measured at the front of the structure)
10 FT.	Maximum first floor plate height
9 FT.	Maximum second floor plate height

Proposed finished floor: 1' 8"Proposed first floor plate height: 10'Proposed second floor plate height: 9'