

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Application Date: July 11, 2025

Applicant: Phoung Nguyen, agent for, Jennifer Bevilacqua, owner

Property: 1125 Cortlandt Street, Lot 06, Block 199, Houston Heights East Subdivision. The property includes a historic 2,604 square foot, two-story wood single-family residence and detached garage situated on a 6,600 square foot (50' x 132') interior lot.

Significance: Contributing Four square style residence, constructed circa 1920, located in the Houston Heights East Historic District.

Proposal: Alteration: Rear Addition and Front Porch

- Remodel existing detached garage apartment
- Replace doors, windows, and exterior staircase
- Replace garage doors and reconfigure layout to have alley loading garage doors.

Public Comment: No public comment received.

Civic Association: No comment received.

Recommendation: Approval

HAHC Action: -

REPORT SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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**

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| <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

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| <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



Houston Heights East Historic District

Historic District Boundary

Building Classification

- Contributing
- Non-Contributing
- Park

Established: February 20, 2008

Source: GIS Services Division

Date: May 1, 2013

Reference: p17025_Heights_East

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INVENTORY PHOTO



CURRENT PHOTO

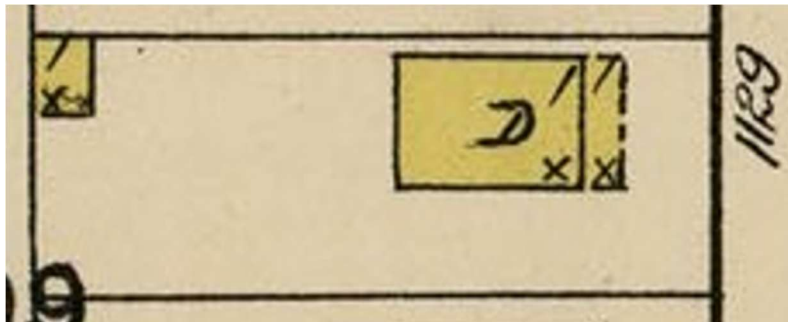


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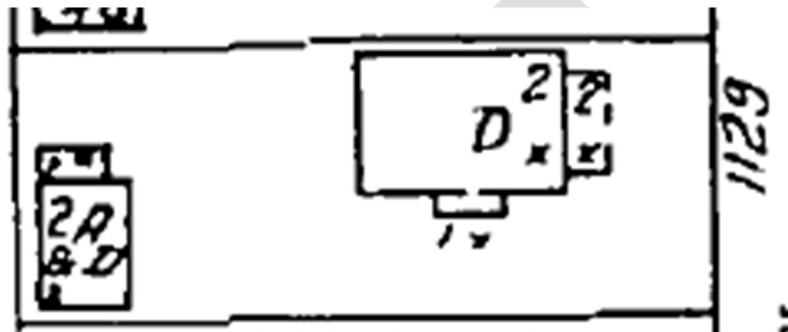
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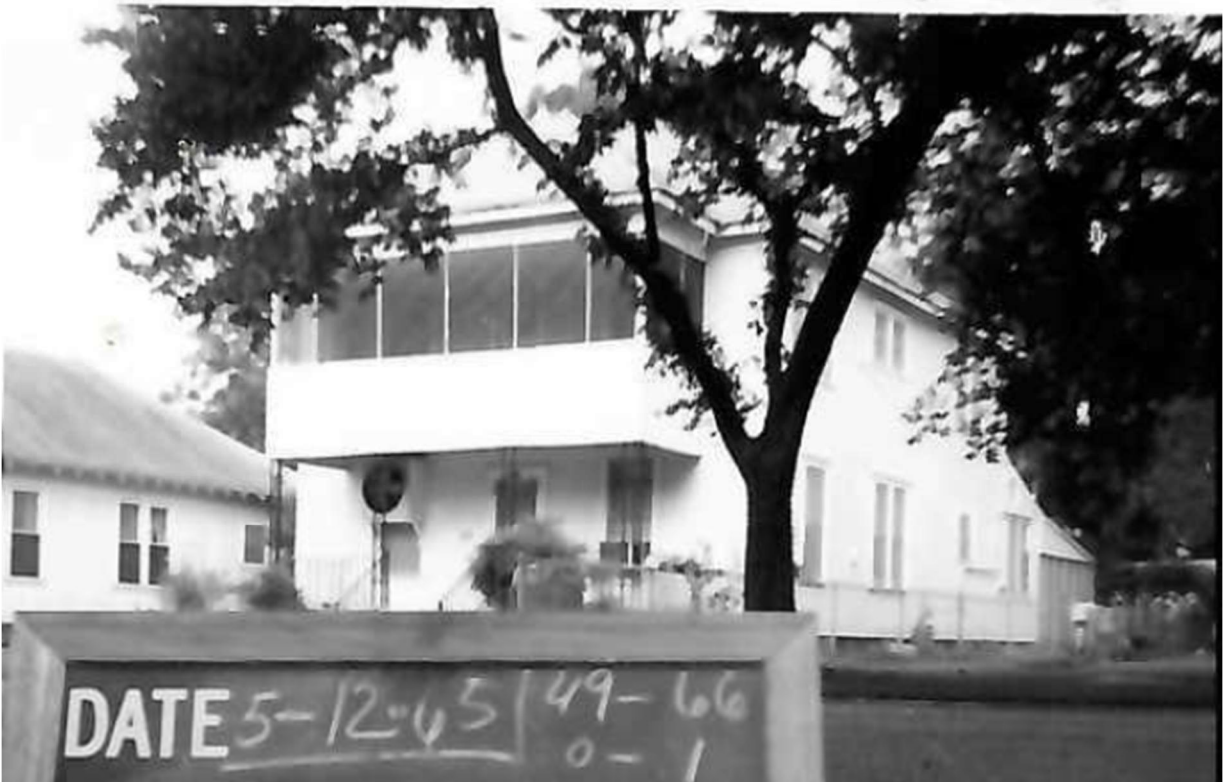
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1924-1950



BLA PHOTO



HEIGHTS DESIGN GUIDELINES MEASURABLE STANDARDS

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:

Remaining Amount:

☒ ☐ ☐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:

Remaining Amount:

☒ ☐ ☐Side Wall Length and Insets (Addition and New Construction)

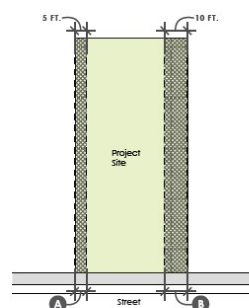
MEASUREMENT	APPLICATION
50 FT.	Maximum side wall length without inset (1-story)
40 FT.	Maximum side wall length without inset (2-story)
1 FT.	Minimum depth of inset section of side wall (1-story)
2 FT.	Minimum depth of inset section of side wall (2-story)
6 FT.	Minimum length of inset section of side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

Side Wall Length:

Right (North) Inset Length:

Inset on North side:

Inset on South side:

Side Setbacks (Addition and New Construction)

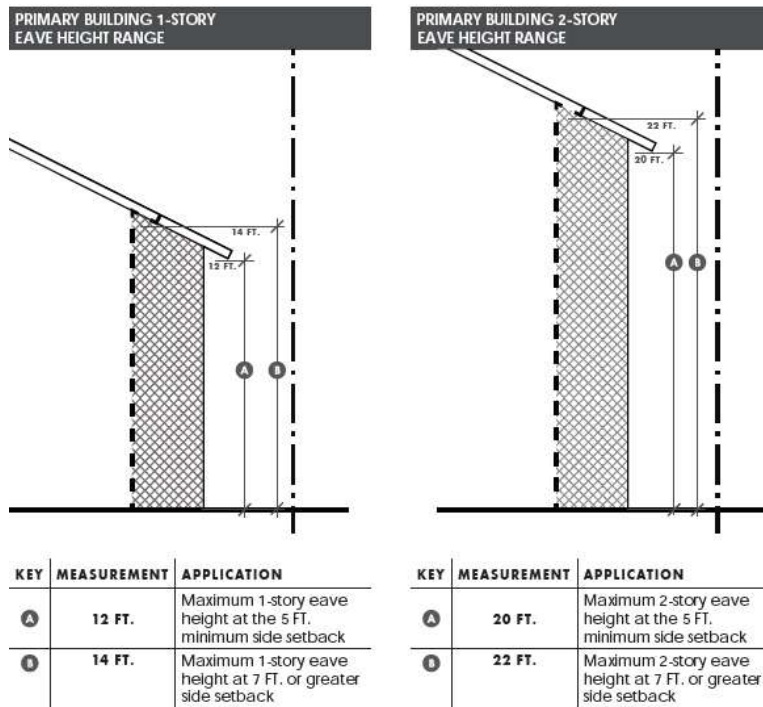
Note: This diagram shows just one example of a side setback configuration.

KEY	MEASUREMENT	APPLICATION
A	3 FT.	Minimum distance between side wall and the property line for lots less than 35 feet wide
B	5 FT.	Minimum distance between the side wall and the property line
	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 North side setback (1):

Proposed South side setback (2):

Cumulative side setback:

Eave Height (Addition and New Construction)

Proposed eave height:

Eave Height

An eave is the overhanging lower edge of a roof. Eave height is the vertical distance from the ground to the eave, as measured from existing natural grade relative to a fixed point in the right-of-way, such as the crown of the street or a manhole cover. Measure to the eave where it is parallel to the ground.

Eaves on an addition should be the same height or lower than the eaves for the same floor of the existing contributing house. If the house and a new detached garage have the same number of stories, the eaves of the garage should be lower than those of the house.

Rear Setbacks (Addition and New Construction)

The City of Houston requires a minimum setback of three feet from the rear property line for all properties, except under the following circumstances:

- A front-facing garage which is located with its rear wall at the alley may have a zero-foot setback.
- An alley-loading garage generally must be located to establish a minimum of 20 feet of clearance from an opposing alley-loading garage door, the rear wall of a front-facing garage, or a fence; a 24-foot clearance is preferred.

Proposed rear setback: 34'-3 5/8"

☒ ☐ ☐**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:

Proposed first floor plate height:

Proposed second floor plate height:

Building Wall (Plate) Height

Plate height is the distance from the subfloor of a building to the top of the framed wall; in other words, it is the height of one "floor" of the building.

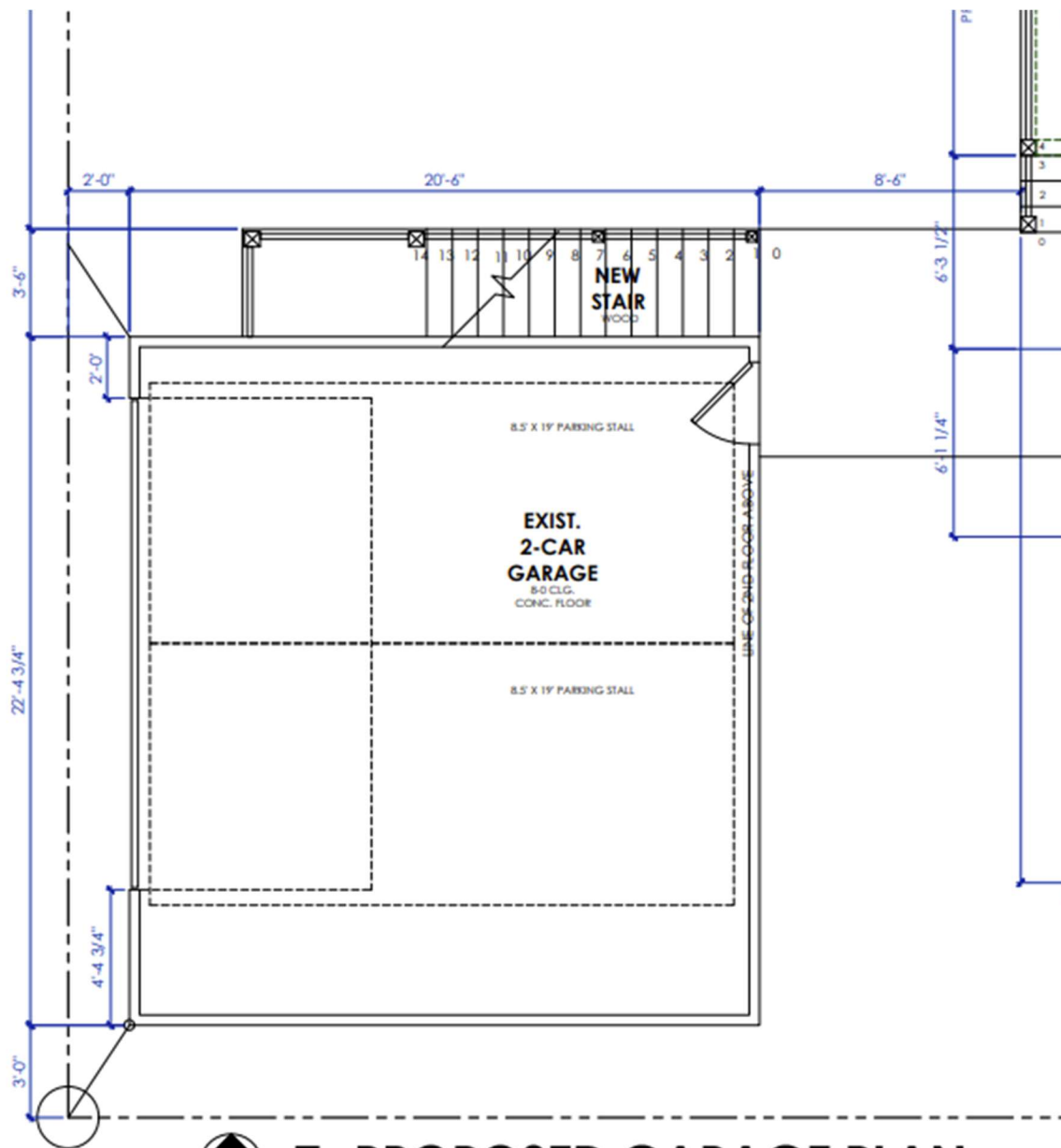
Additions

Plate heights for additions should appear to be the same or lower than those of the existing house.

The following measurable standards are not applicable to this project:

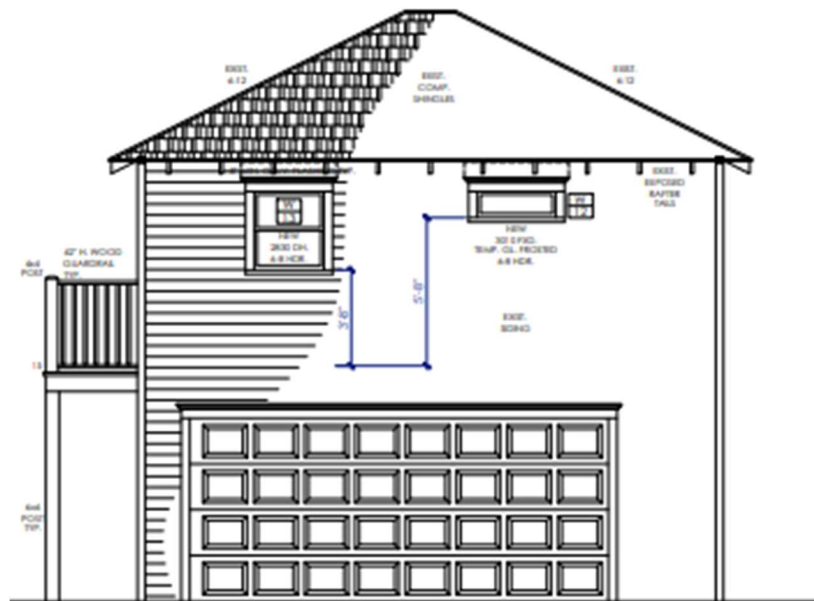
- Front Setbacks
- Front Wall Width and Insets
- Front Porch Width and Depth
- Porch Eave Height
- Detached Garage Ridge Height

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

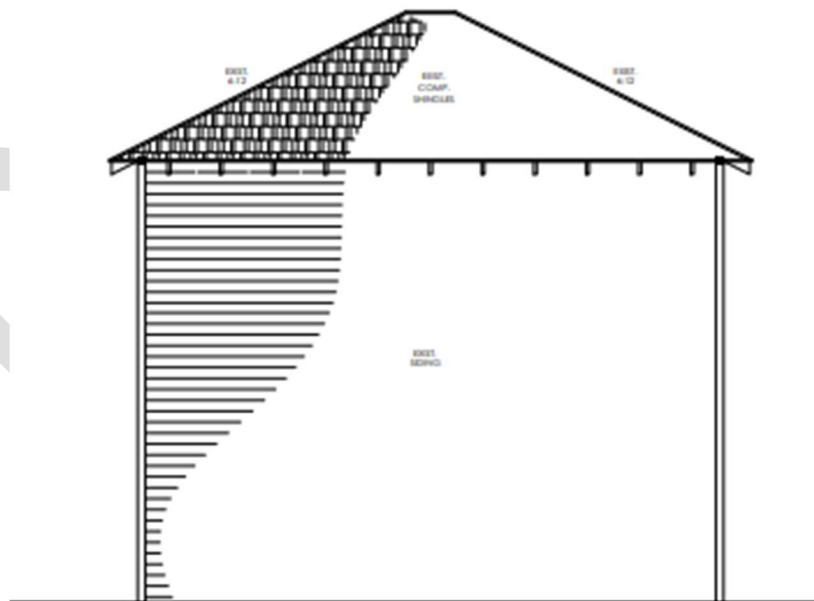


7- PROPOSED GARAGE PLAN

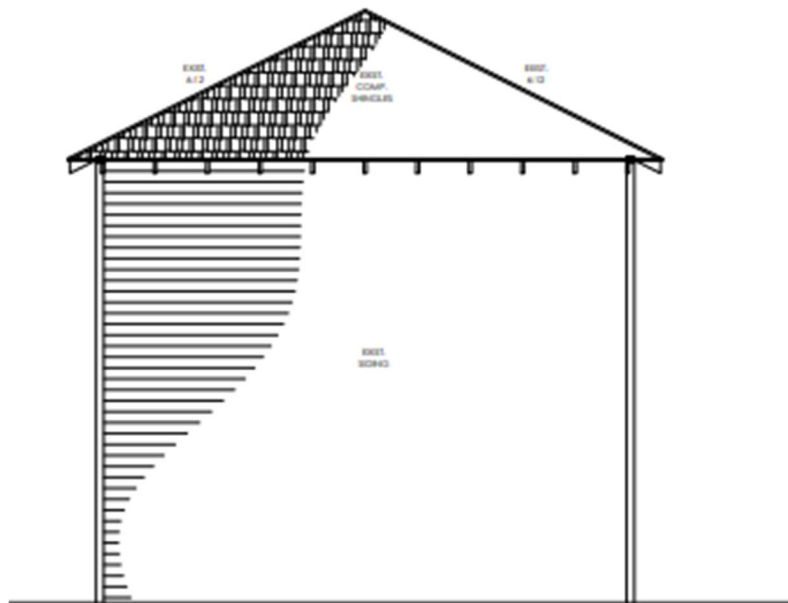
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7- PROPOSED ALLEY/WEST ELEVATION

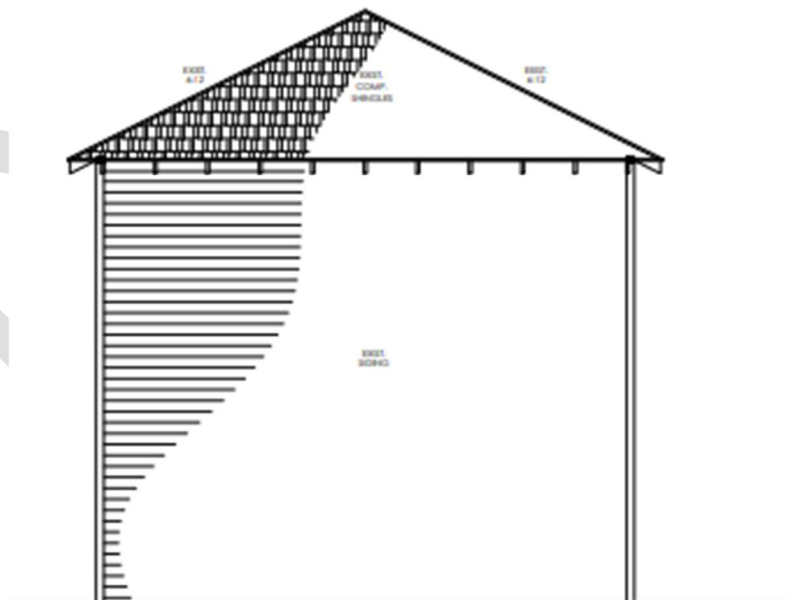


3- EXISTING ALLEY/WEST ELEVATION



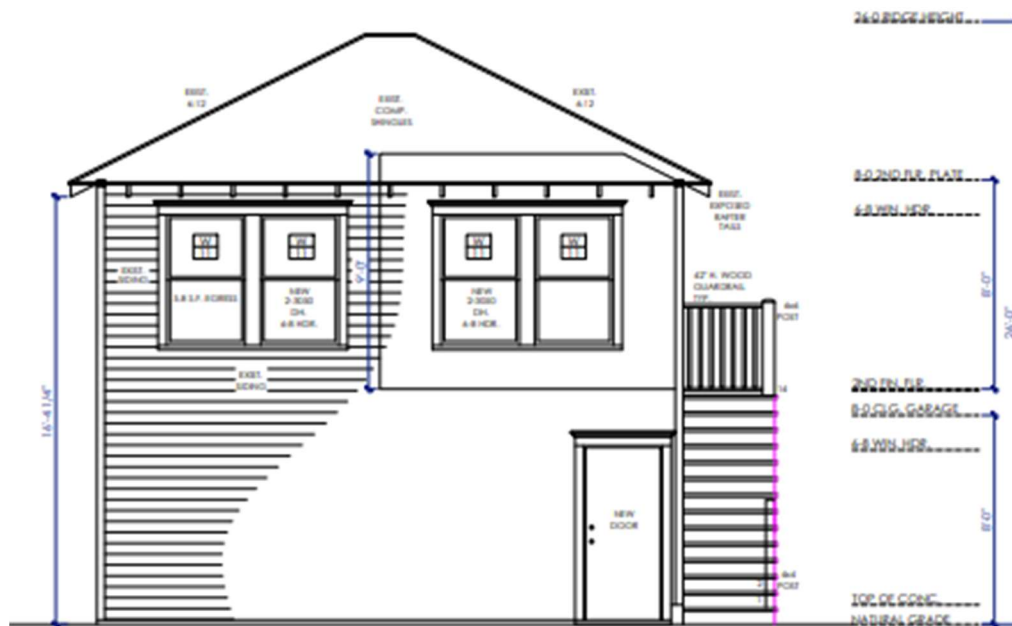
6- PROPOSED SIDE/SOUTH ELEVATION

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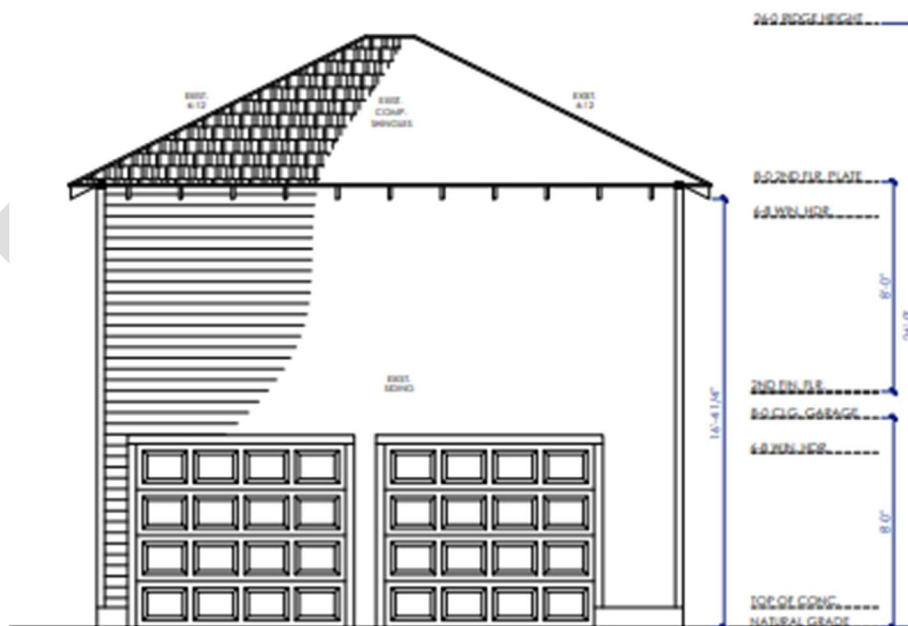


2- EXISTING SIDE/SOUTH ELEVATION

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**5-PROPOSED STREET/EAST ELEVATION**

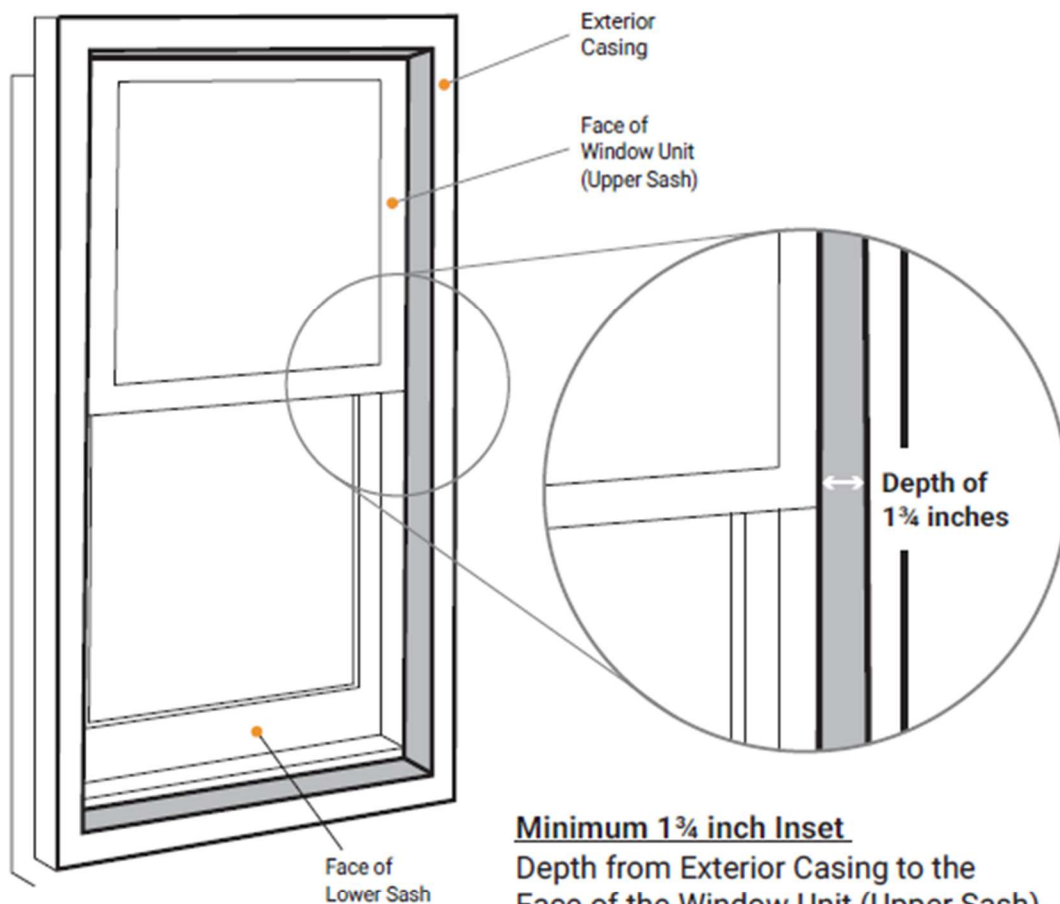
1/4"

**1-EXISTING STREET/EAST ELEVATION**

1/4"



Historic Window Standard: New Construction & Replacement



Minimum 1 3/4 inch Inset

Depth from Exterior Casing to the Face of the Window Unit (Upper Sash)

Windows must be 1-over-1
(equally horizontally divided)

1 3/4 inch minimum inset for Fixed Window

For more information contact:

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