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Chief Executive Officer

**DeKalb County Zoning Board of Appeals** 

Department of Planning & Sustainability 330 Ponce De Leon Avenue, Suite 300 Decatur, GA 30030



Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 1:00 PM

**Planning Department Staff Analysis** 

N2 Case No: A-21-1244470

Parcel ID(s): 15-215-03-037

## Commission District: 03 Super District 06

- Applicant: Wright Gardner 154 Krog Street, NE Suite 125 Atlanta, GA 30307
- Owner: Chris Turner 1259 Fenway Circle Decatur, GA 30030
- Project Name: 1259 Fenway Circle
- Location: The property is located north of Fenway Circle, approximately 60 feet west of Oilfield Road at 1259 Fenway Circle Decatur, GA 30030.
- **REQUEST:** Variance from Chapter 27-2.2 Division 2- Residential Zoning Districts: Dimensional Requirements of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to reduce the west side yard setback from 7.5 feet to 3 feet for a carport, relating the R-75 zoning district.

Staff Denial. Recommendation:

## STAFF FINDINGS:

### Variance Analysis:

The subject property is located within the R-75 zoning district. Per Chapter 27-2.2 Division 2- Residential Zoning Districts: Dimensional Requirements of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance states the minimum lot area for R-75 zoned properties is 10,000 square feet, and the street frontage is 75 feet. Based on the submitted site plan, the subject property has a lot size of 11,147.61 square feet and a street frontage of 100 feet, conforming to the requirements of the R-75 zoning district.

Based on the submitted materials, the applicant is requesting a variance to reduce the western side yard building setback from 7.5 feet to 3 feet for a proposed car port addition to the existing single-family, detached structure. Per County records, the existing single-family detached structure was constructed in 1950, approximately six years before the adoption of the *1956 Dekalb County Zoning Ordinance*. The extant side-gabled, minimal traditional house conforms to the current zoning codes. Based on the submitted site plan, the proposed addition will encroach approximately 4.5 feet into the southern side yard setback.

The subject lot and house are conforming and based on the submitted materials the requested variance may go beyond the minimum necessary to afford relief. The requested variance may constitute a grant of special privilege inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the zoning district in which the property is located.

<u>1. By reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape of a specific lot, or by reason of exceptional topographic conditions, which were not created by the owner or applicant, the strict application of the requirements of this chapter would deprive the property owner of rights and privileges enjoyed by other property owners in the same zoning district:</u>

The application does not show by reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness, or shape that the strict application of the requirements of this chapter would deprive the property owner of rights and privileges enjoyed by other property owners in the same zoning district. Based on the site plan, the subject lot exceeds the minimum lot size and street frontage for the R-75 zoning district.

# 2. The requested variance does not go beyond the minimum necessary to afford relief, and does not constitute a grant of special privilege inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the zoning district in which the subject property is located:

Based on the submitted materials, it appears that the requested variance may go beyond the minimum necessary to afford relief and may constitute a grant of special privilege inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the zoning district in which the subject property is located. The carport may be constructed in the rear yard without encroaching into a setback.

## <u>3. The grant of the variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property or improvements in the zoning district in which the subject property is located:</u>

Based on the submitted materials, it appears that granting the variance may be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property or improvements in the zoning district. The proposed carport would extend in front of the front elevation and be visible from the public right-of-way. The proposed carport would narrow the space between the house at 1259 Fenway Circle and its western neighbor, 1265 Fenway Circle, from approximately 28 feet to 17 feet.

## <u>4. The literal interpretation and strict application of the applicable provisions or requirements of this chapter would cause undue and unnecessary hardship:</u>

Based on the submitted materials, it appears that the strict application of the applicable provisions and requirements of this chapter may not cause an undue and unnecessary hardship, as the proposed addition may be constructed within the current setback.

## 5. The requested variance would be consistent with the spirit and purpose of this Chapter and the DeKalb County Comprehensive Plan Text:

Based on the submitted materials, it appears that the requested variance may be consistent with the spirit and purpose of this chapter. The future land use for the subject property described in the *DeKalb County Comprehensive Plan* text is Suburban. The plan states that the intent of the character area is to recognize those areas of the county that have developed in traditional suburban land use patterns while encouraging new development to have increased connectivity and accessibility.

## FINAL STAFF ANALYSIS:

Based on the submitted materials, it appears that the requested variance may go beyond the minimum necessary to afford relief and constitute a grant of special privilege inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the zoning district in which the subject property is located as the home addition could be constructed within the current setback. Therefore, the Department of Planning and Sustainability recommends denial of the request based on the submitted site plan received on February 2, 2021.

If this application is approved, it should be subjected to the following condition:

1. The following information about this variance shall be noted on any site plan prepared for the subject property: case number, approval date, type of variance, and condition(s) of approval.



DeKalb County Department of Planning & Sustainability

Hon. Michael Thurmond Chief Executive Officer

Andrew Baker, AICP, Director

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING (VARIANCES, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, APPEALS OF ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS)

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Applicant and/or Authorized Representative WRIGHT GARDAGTE,
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City/State/Zip Code: ATCIMTA GA 30307
Email: Wright & Wrightgardner architect com
Telephone Home: 404-218-8460 Business: SAMO Fax No.: MA
OWNER OF RECORD OF SUBJECT PROPERTY
Owner:HRIS TURNER
Address (Mailing): 1259 FENWAY CIRCLE
City/State/Zip Code: DECATUR, GA 30030
Email: chris@ moonrise, com
Telephone Home:706-284-9767Business: Fax No.:
ADDRESS/LOCATION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY
Address: 1259 FEMWAY CIRCLE City: DECATUR State: 67A Zip: 30030
District(s): Land Lot(s): Block: Parcel: Parcel:
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Zoning Classification: <u>R-75</u> Commission District & Super District: <u>4</u>
CIRCLE TYPE OF HEARING REQUESTED
VARIANCE (From Development Standards causing undue hardship upon owners of property.)
SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS (To reduce or waive off-street parking or loading space requirements.)
OFFICIALS APPEALS OF ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS.
TO BE COMPLETED BY PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT Date Received: Fee Paid:
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The project includes a home renovation and addition to the existing house at 1259 Fenway Circle. Proposed changes to the existing property are as follow:

- 1. Second story addition to the existing house over the existing main house footprint
- 2. A two story addition to the rear of the main house (within buildable area, no variance required)
- 3. Mud room entry on West side of house (within buildable area, no variance required)
- 4. Covered Rear Porch and Screened porch on North side of house (within buildable area, no variance required)
- 5. Front porch extends 8' past the existing front of the house.
- 6. Carport on West side of house (requires setback variance and parking not behind the front of the house.

Most proposed changes do not require variances.

Variances that are requested include the following.

- 1. Reduce the West side yard setback from 7.5' to 3' in order to build carport. Reviewing the survey, the way that the lot is shaped pinches the lot placing the house at the narrowest part of the lot making it difficult and not possible to provide covered parking close to the house.
- The front of the Proposed carport is in the same line as the front of the existing front porch and places the carport partially in front of the line of the existing/proposed front wall of the house. Variance is needed for the location of the carport to be partially in front of the house.
- 3. The existing house is partially over the front setback line but is generally in line with the neighboring houses. We are proposing to add a second level to the house in line with the front of the existing house. Only open porch extends 8' in front of the line of the existing house Variance needed to build outside of buildable area at the front of the house but no closer to the street than the existing house.



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## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION

## AUTHORIZATION OF THE PROPERTY OWNER

I hereby authorize the staff and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals To inspect the premises of the Subject Property

I hereby certify that the information provided in the application is true and correct.

I hereby certify that I am the owner of the property subject to the application.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_February 3, 2021

Applicant: \_ Signature

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature



### **DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY**

## **ZBOA APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION**

Completion of this form is required if the individual making the request is not the owner of the property.

DATE: \_12/17/2020

CHECK TYPE OF APPLICATION:

- () ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL
- **VARIANCE**
- () SPECIAL EXCEPTION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

(I) / (WE), \_\_\_\_\_\_ Christopher Michael Turner and Hannah Oothoudt Turner

### [Name of owner(s)]

being (owner) / (owners) of the property described below or attached hereby delegate authority to

Wright Gardner

### [Name of Applicant or Representative]

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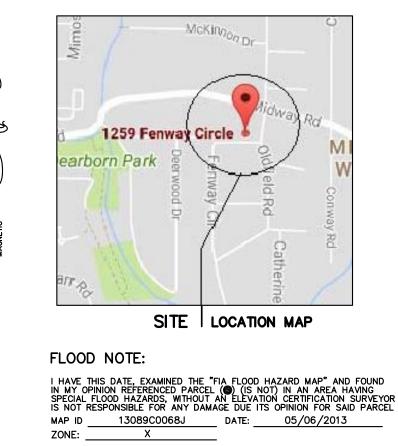
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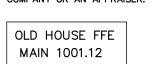
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Commission expiration date 08/03/2024

Notarized online using audio-video communication



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ZONING NOTE:

DEVELOPER AND ARCHITECT TO CONFIRM

BUILDING SETBACK: FRONT AVERAGE SIDE 7.5 REAR 40'

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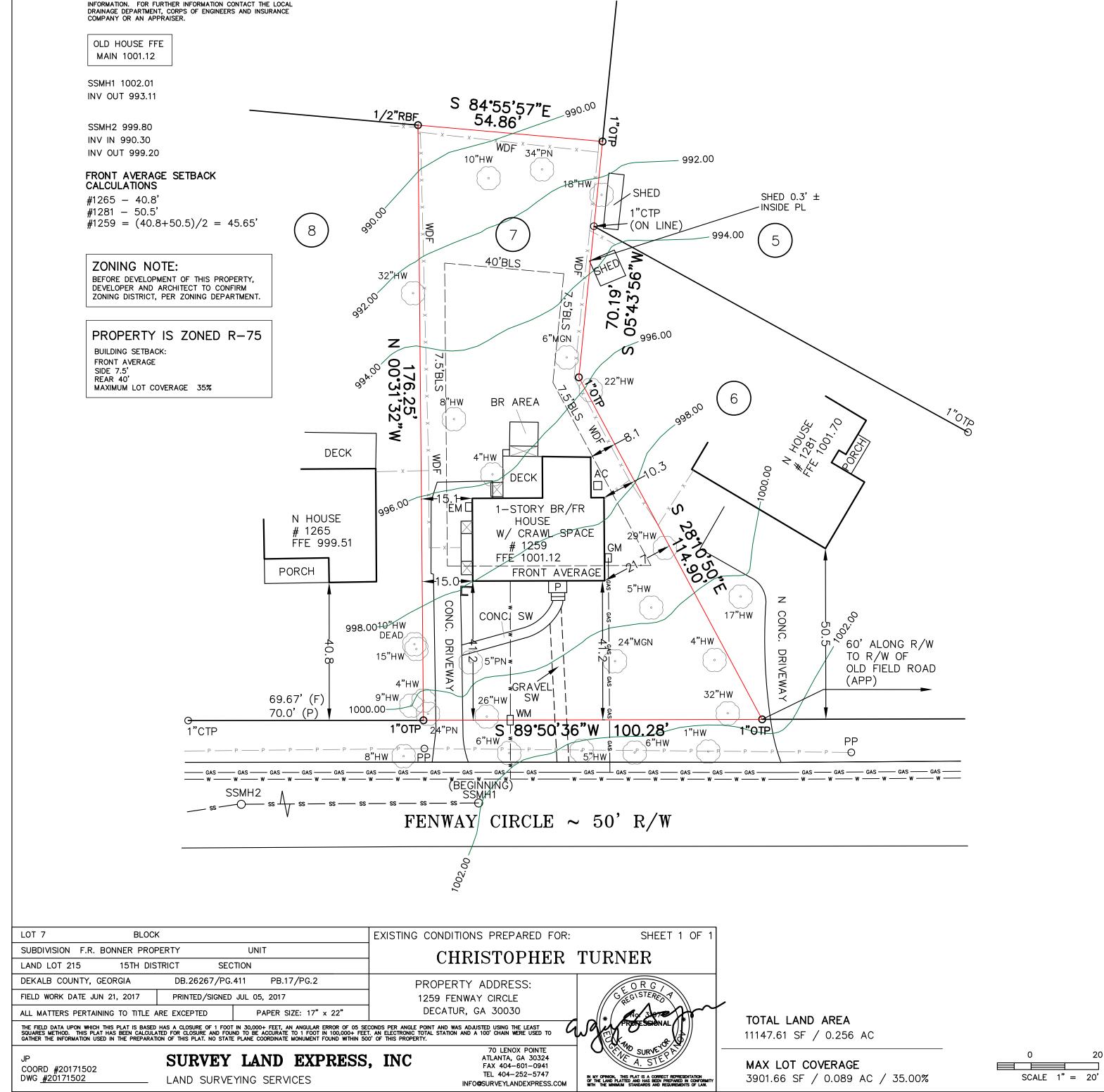
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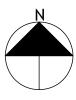
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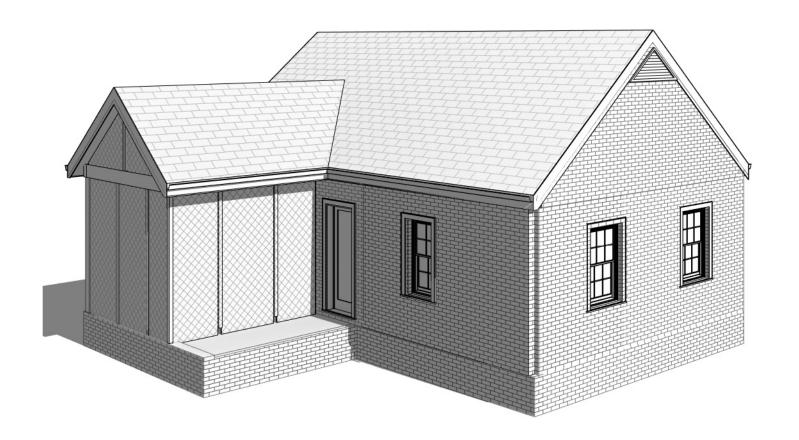
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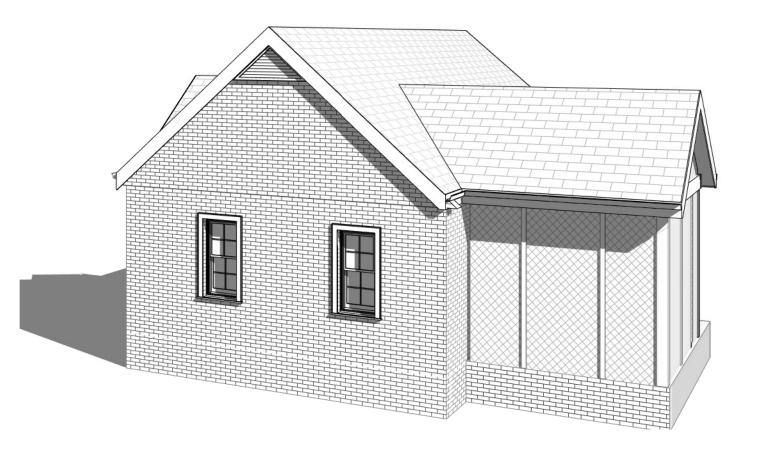




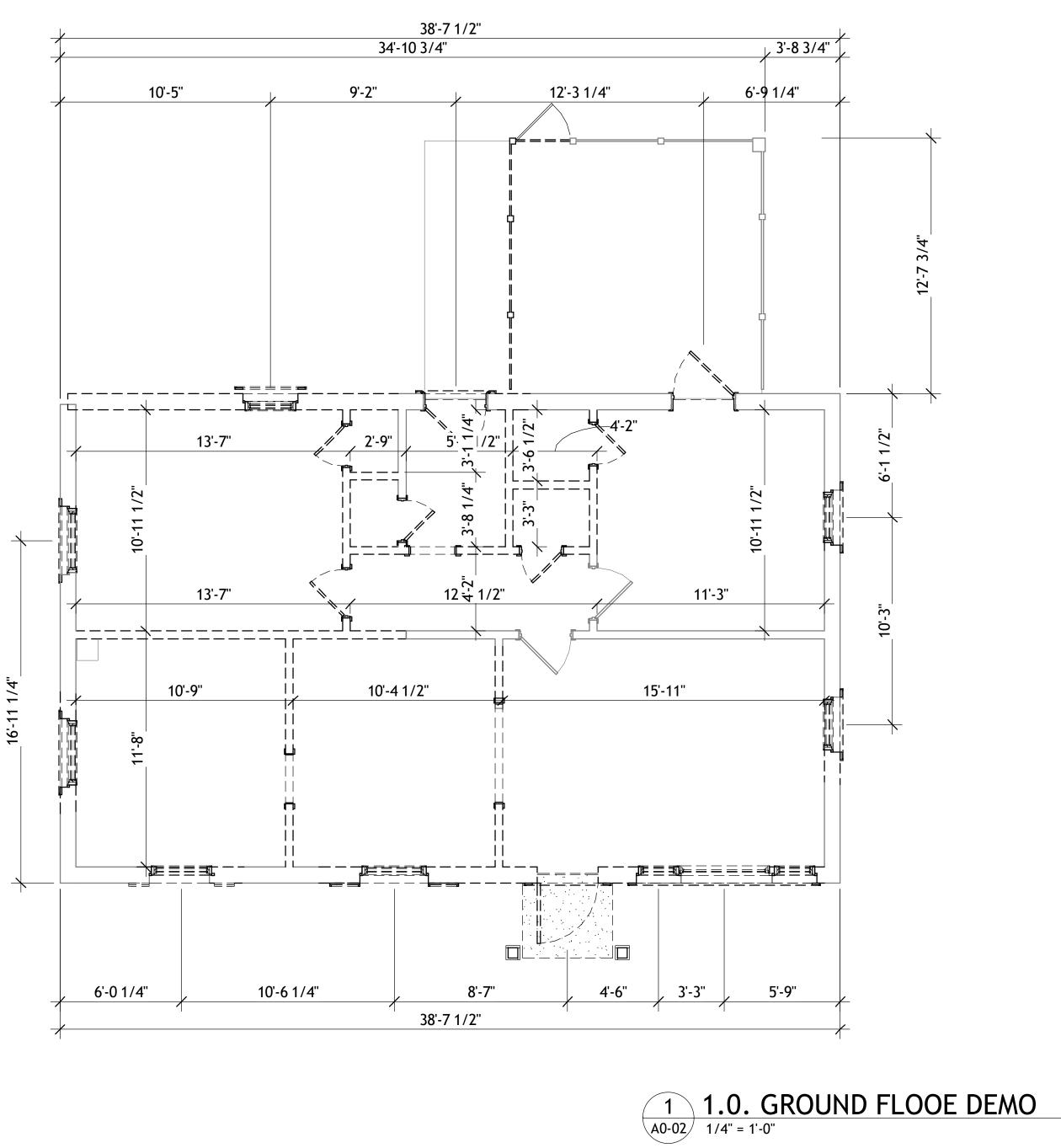
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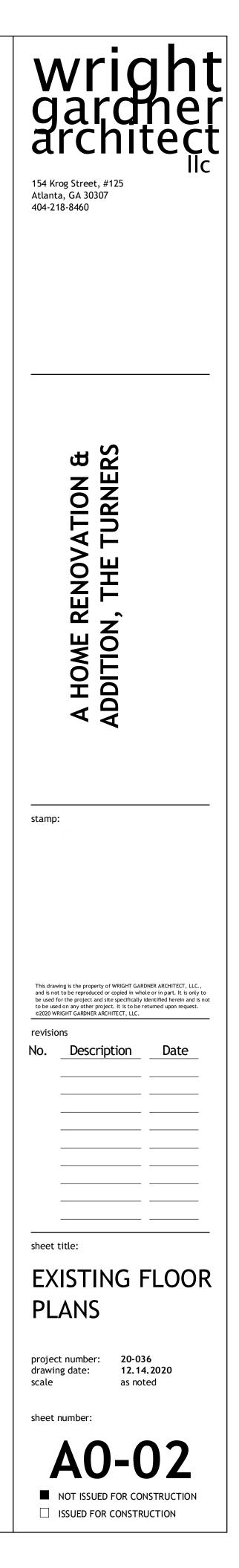




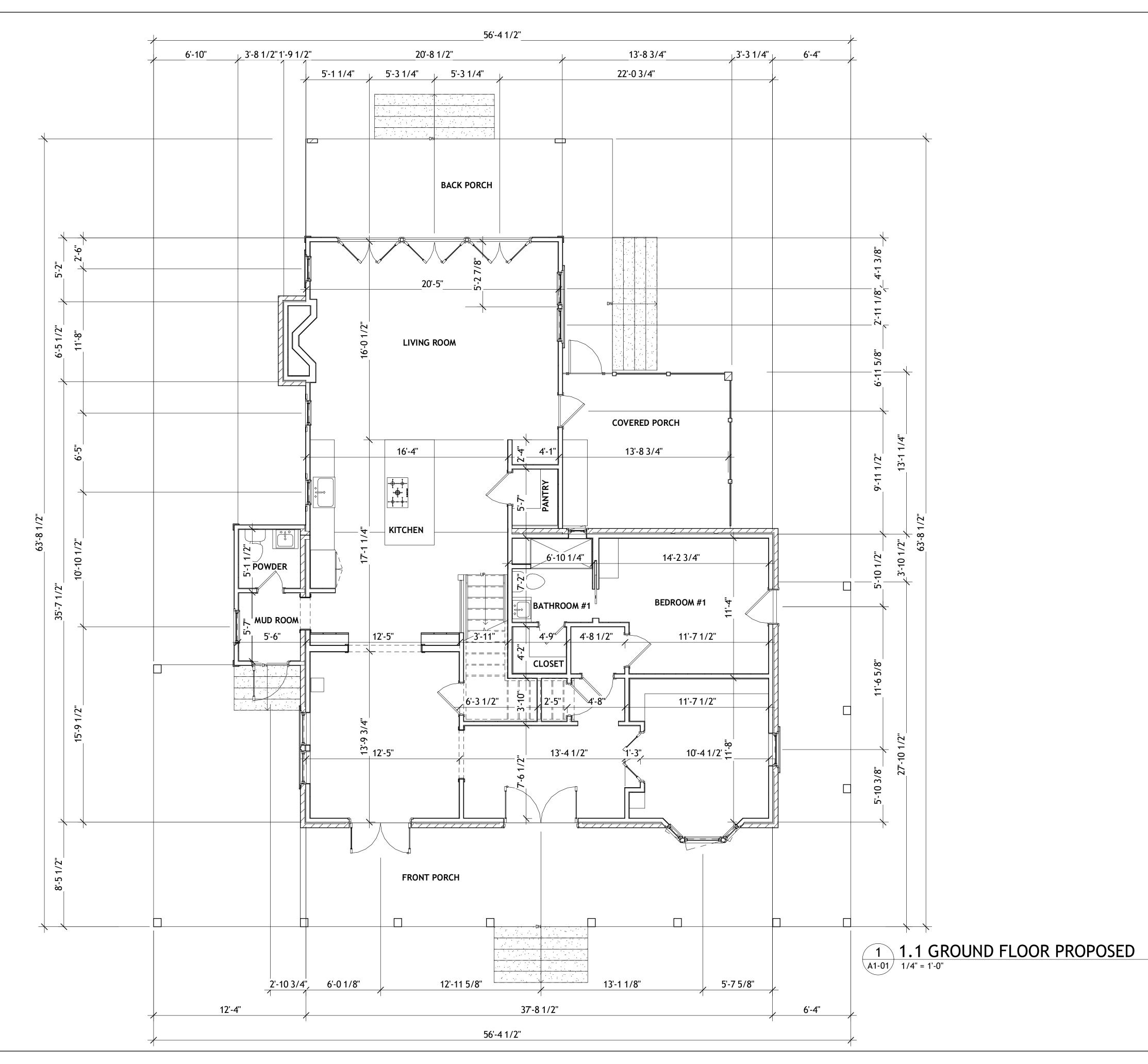


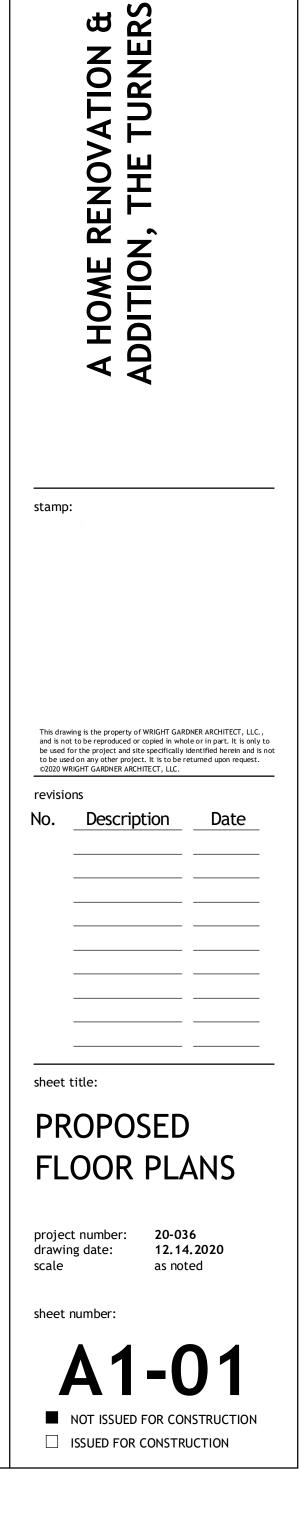






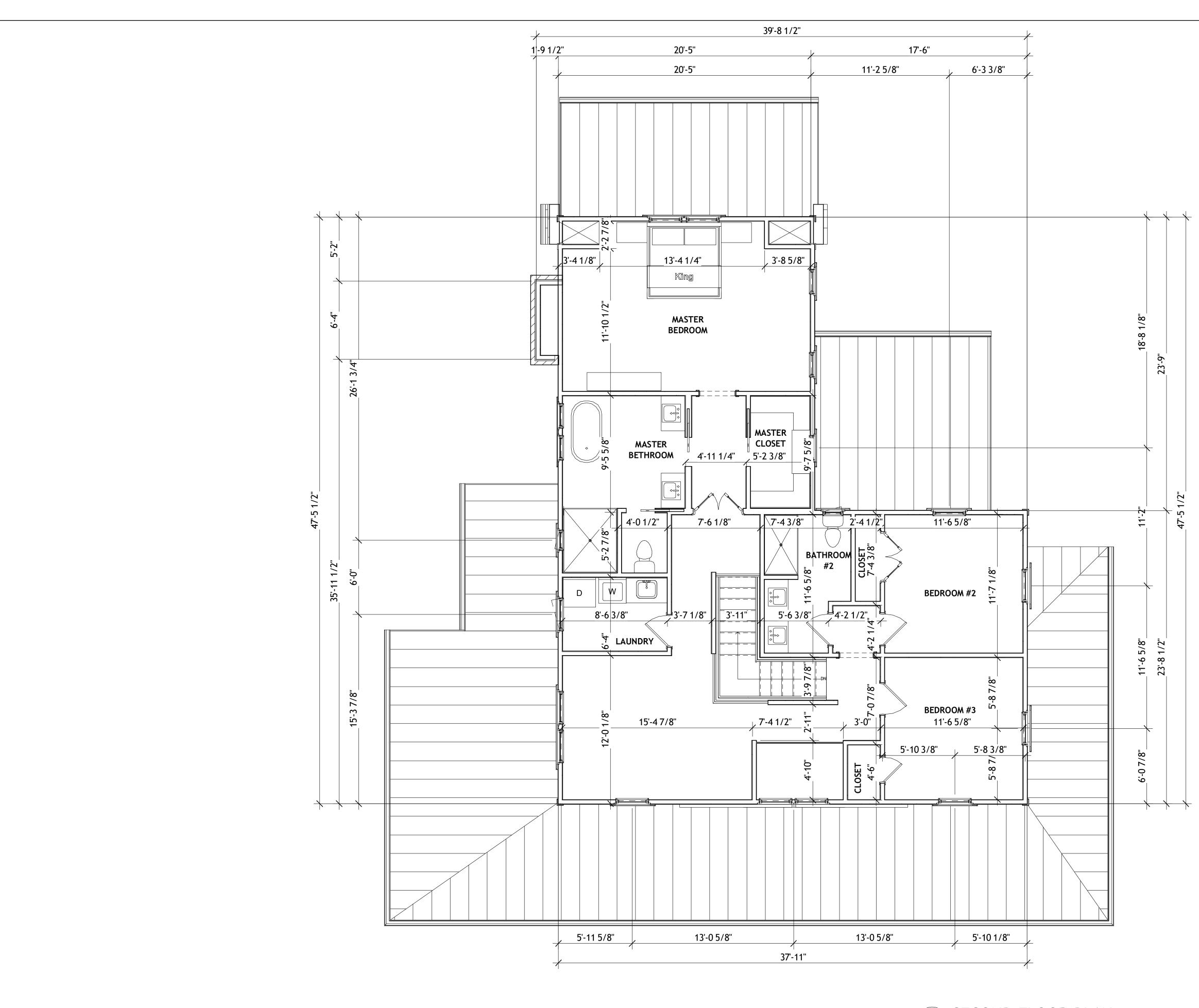








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