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Application for Certificate of Appropriateness

Date submitted: July 22, 2025

Date Received: _____

Address of Subject Property: 611 Ridgecrest Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30307

Applicant: Rebecca & Henry Chalmers E-Mail: chalmersfamily@bellsouth.net

Applicant Mailing Address: 611 Ridgecrest Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30307

Applicant Phone: 404-502-4035

Applicant's relationship to the owner: Owner ☒ Architect ☐ Contractor/Builder ☐ Other ☐

Owner(s): Henry Chalmers Email: Henry.Chalmers@AGG.com
Owner(s): Rebecca Chalmers Email: chalmersfamily@bellsouth.net
Owner(s) Mailing Address: 611 Ridgecrest Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30307
Owner(s) Telephone Number: 404-502-4035

House 1929, Garage 1950

Approximate date of construction of the primary structure on the property and any other structures affected by this project: _____

Nature of work (check all that apply):

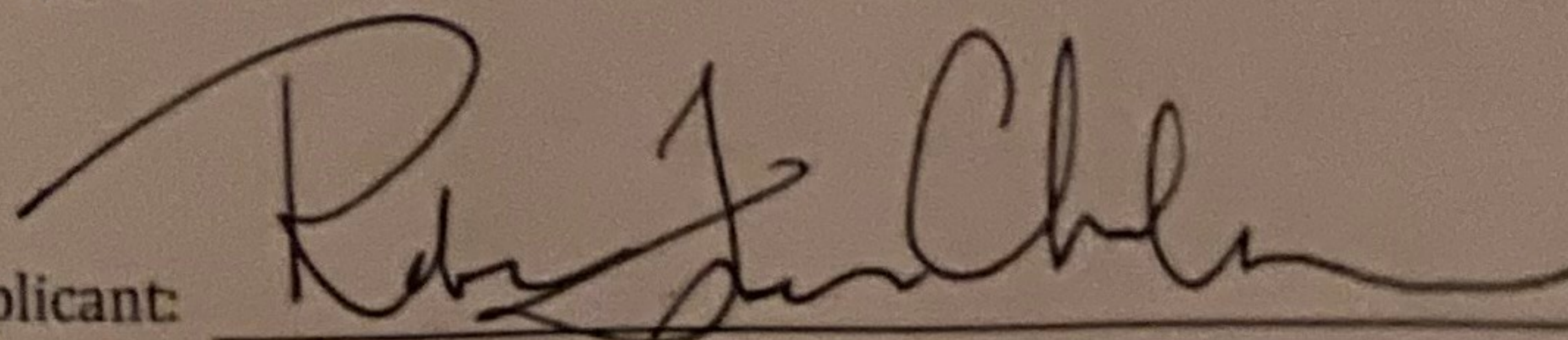
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Demolition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Environmental Changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Addition	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fence/Wall	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Moving a Building	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sign Installation	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Description of Work:

After 23 years of living in our home, we have decided to replace our non-historic, structurally unsound garage/shed with a functioning garage/studio ADU. The new structure will be on the same site with a slight widening (3.5 feet to the South--not visible from the street) and additional four feet back. The design will be sensitive to the historic nature of our home and neighborhood we love. As such, it will be 1 1/2 stories and lower than the roofline of the existing house. A trellis will add greenery and the siding will be wood/Hardi painted in a gray-green to blend, 10 inch lap. Custom wood door to match existing.

This form must be completed in its entirety and be accompanied by supporting documents, such as plans, list of materials, color samples, photographs, etc. All documents should be in PDF format, except for photographs, which may be in JPEG format. Email the application and supporting material to plansustain@dekalbcountyga.gov and pvjennings@dekalbcountyga.gov. An incomplete application will not be accepted.

Signature of Applicant:



APPLICATION for CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Henry & Rebecca Chalmers
611 Ridgecrest Road, NE
Atlanta, GA 30307
(Historic Druid Hills, Unincorporated Dekalb)

Description of Work:

After 23 years of living in our home, it is time to replace our non-historical, dilapidated garage. It is not really safe because, try as we have, it is falling apart and has proven impossible to keep rats from living in it. We looked into repairing the structure, but that is not feasible given how the original slab was poured and the condition of the siding. The new structure will protect our cars from falling acorns, limbs, and tree sap and give us a safe studio /ADU.

Site Location:

The new structure will be on the same basic site as the current garage/shed. It is well within the setback and over 60 feet from either of our neighbor's houses or garages.

Visibility from Street:

The garage is set far back from the house at the end of the driveway so is not very visible from the street. It can be seen only partially if looking closely. Our new structure will be painted wood/Hardie to blend in to the landscape like the existing structure. (See Photo)

Appropriateness:

We have designed the new structure to fit with both the front and back of our house. We will have dormers in the roof that match our back dormers and 1 ½ stories in keeping with our front. We think wood/Hardie will look better than brick and will use wood windows with simulated divided light and wood mullions. The roof shingles will match our house. In addition, our new garage/ADU will have a slightly larger footprint: we are adding 3 ½ feet to the South and 4 feet back to the East. None of this will be visible from the front of the house.

Garage Door:

We will have a custom wood door made to look like carriage house doors--similar to our current pattern unless the Historic Committee has a recommendation.

Tree Protection Plan:

We value our trees. Our site plan shows how our White Oak, Japanese Maple, and Oak trees on the property line will be protected. We use Boutte Tree and an arborist. No trees will need to be moved or pruned. We will be relocating a camelia bush and wisteria vine from behind the garage before construction.



View of current Garage/Shed from Street (Hard to see but behind gate at end of driveway). Driveway after the gate will be re-done with cut-out. Some pavement will be removed (parking pad and turn around) and returned to landscaping/permeable rocks. Cut-out may be added to driveway in front of gate if feasible.



View of back of house



View of back of house with Garage and site for new structure. White Oak and Japanese Maple will be protected. Old Wisteria Vine and Camelia will be moved.

Materials

Windows and Doors – Style per plans. Typical brands are Jeld Wen or equivalent.
Divisions will be simulated divided lite:



Roofing – architectural shingle to match existing house



Application Materials for Henry and Rebecca Chalmers, 611 Ridgecrest Road, Atlanta, GA 30307



Front of Existing Garage to be demolished - West



South Side



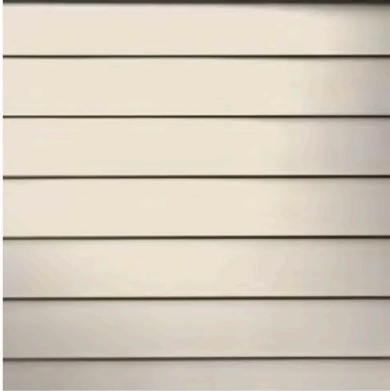
Rear - East Side



North Side

Materials to be used: 10" lap siding, painted; board and batten in dormers;

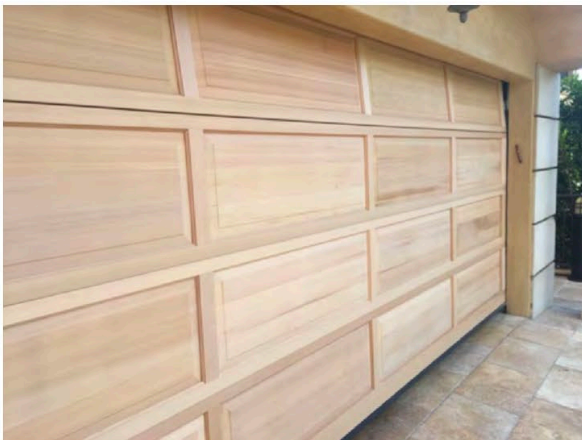
Siding – 10" exposure Hardie (or equal) lap siding and board and batten.
B&B to match existing current dormers as shown.

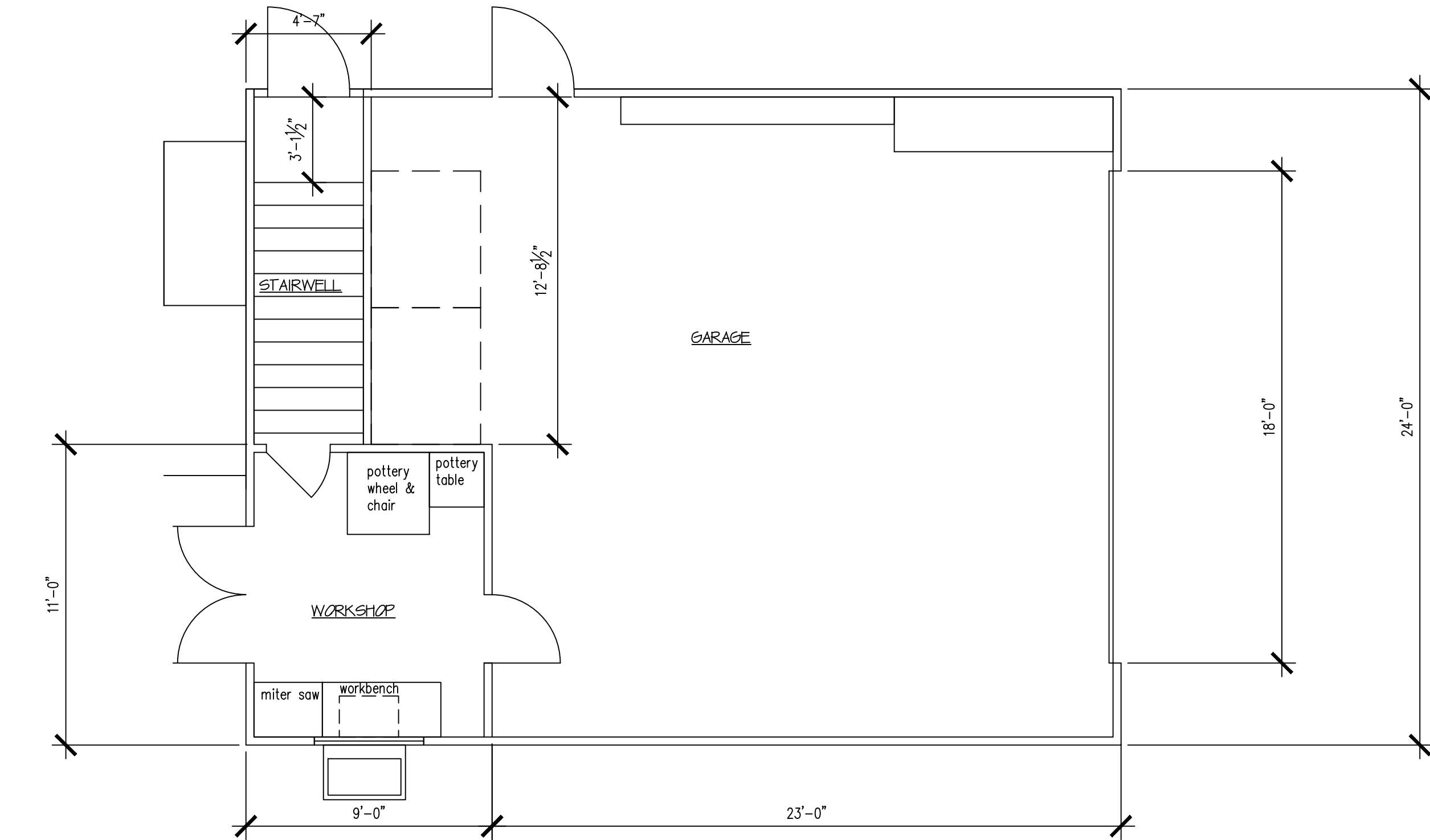


Solar panels - south side (not visible from the street)

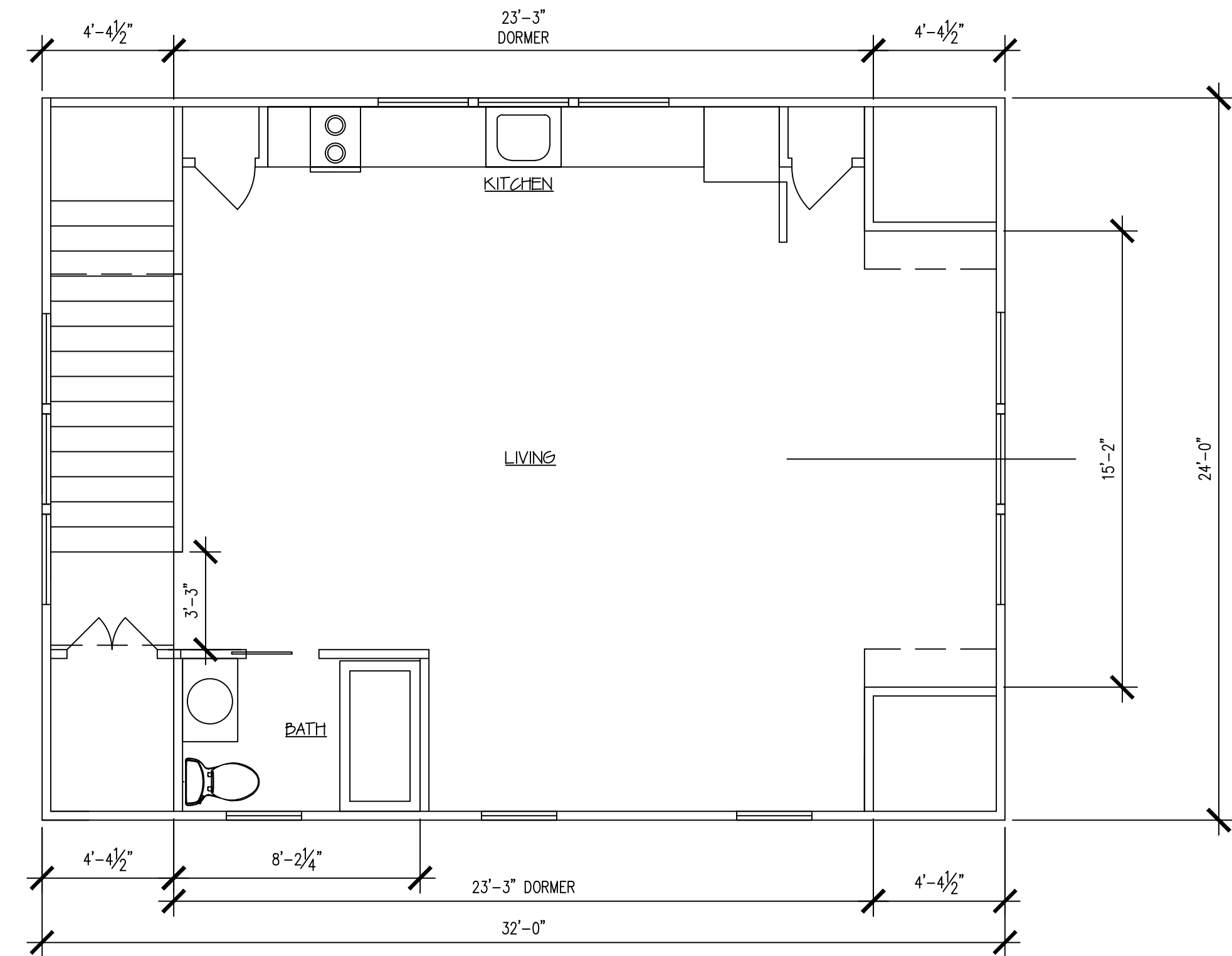


Wood garage door - painted





1 GARAGE PLAN
1/4" = 1'-0"

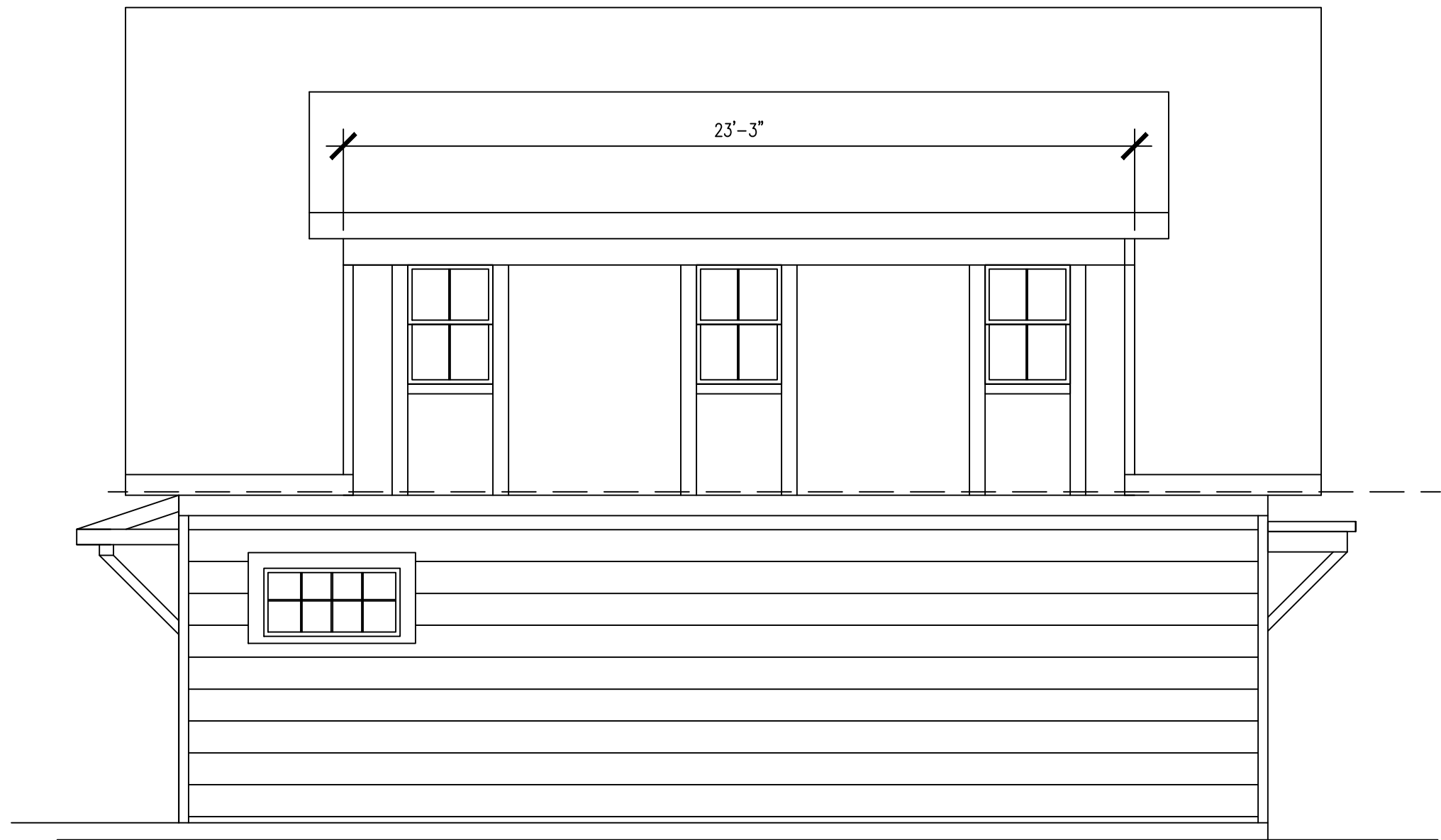


2 LOFT PLAN
1/4" = 1'-0"

ADU	712 SF
GARAGE	716 SF
ADU	716 SF



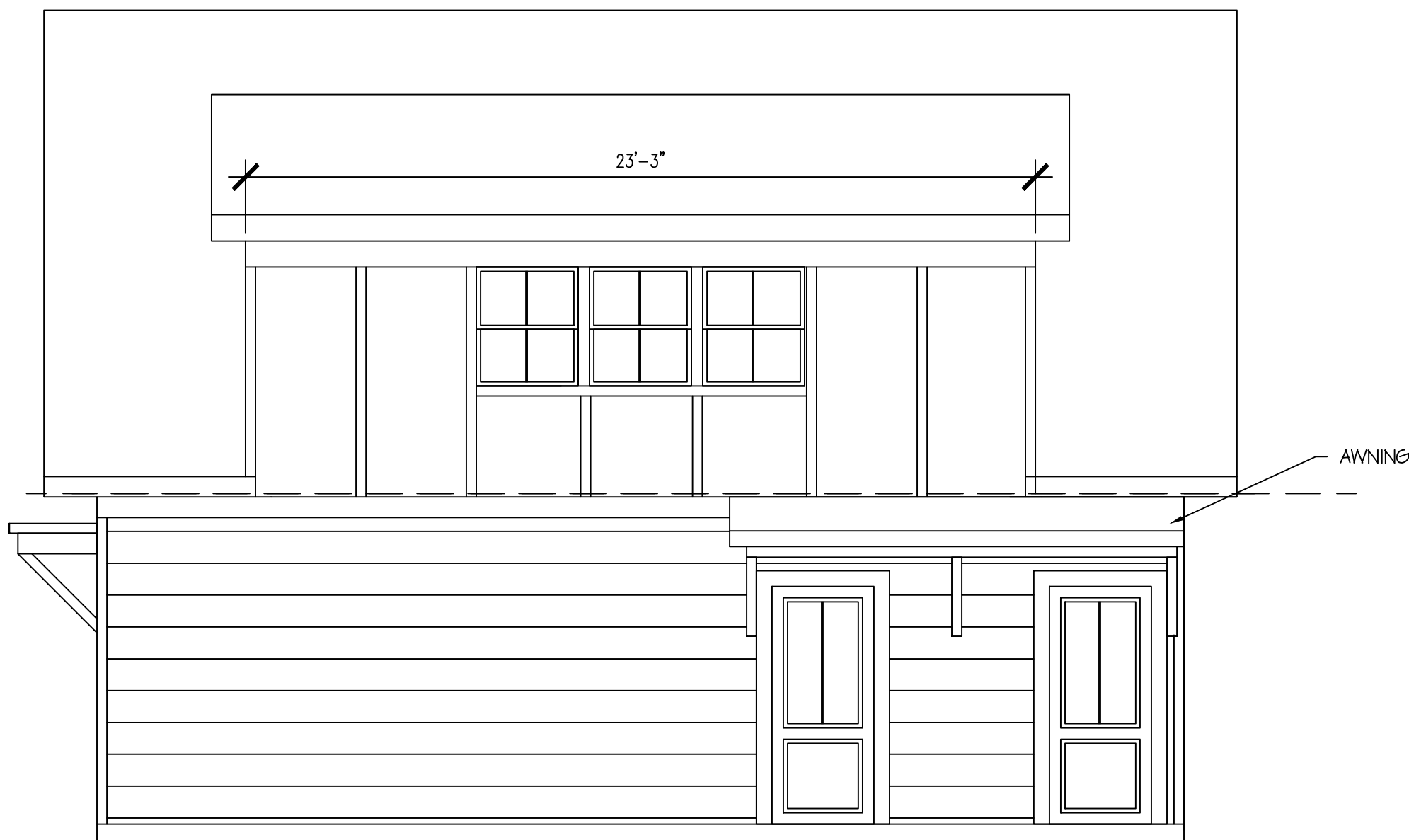
3 FRONT ELEVATION
1/4" = 1'-0"



4 SIDE ELEVATION
1/4" = 1'-0"



5 REAR ELEVATION
1/4" = 1'-0"



6 SIDE ELEVATION
1/4" = 1'-0"

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