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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

## ON APPLICATION FOR TWO SPECIAL PERMITS

Notice is hereby given that the Belmont Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM by a hybrid public hearing at the Art Gallery on the third floor of the Homer Building, 19 Moore Street, and by remote access through the Zoom app. to consider the application of Venkata Sabbisetti, for TWO Special Permits under section 1.5.4A of the By-Law to construct a one-story addition and new third story deck located at 37-39 Chestnut Street located in General Residence (GR) Zoning District. Special Permits: (1) §1.5.4A of the By-Law allows alteration and expansion in the GR district by a Special Permits granted by the Board of Appeals. (2) §4.2.2 of the By-Law allows for a maximum building height of two and a half (2-1/2) stories. The existing structure is three and a half (3-1/2) stories since the lowest level of the dwelling is a basement (45.1% of the foundation walls are below grade) and is considered a story. The reconstructed deck would be located at a three (3) story level.

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## OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TOWN OF BELMONT

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August 7, 2023

Venkata Subbasetti 37-39 Chestnut Street Belmont, MA 02478

RE: Denial to Construct a One-Story Addition & Deck at Two-Family Home

Dear Venkata,

The Office of Community Development is in receipt of your building permit application for the construction of One-Story Addition & Deck at 37-39 Chestnut Street located in a General Residence (GR) Zoning District.

Your application has been denied because it does not comply with the Town of Belmont Zoning By-Law. More specifically, Section 1.5.4 A of the By-Law allows a pre-existing non-conforming structure in the General Residence (GR) Zoning District to be extended or altered via a Special Permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Section 4.2.2 of the Zoning By-Law Dimensional Regulations allows a maximum building height of two and a half (2-1/2) stories.

- 1. The proposed changes to the structure are allowed by a Special Permit.
- 2. The existing structure is three and a half (3-1/2) stories. The lowest level of the dwelling is a basement (45.1% of the foundation walls are below grade) and is considered a story. The proposed rear deck is located at the third (3) story level.

You may alter your plans to conform to the current Town of Belmont Zoning By-Law and resubmit a building permit application, or you may request one (1) Special Permit from the **Zoning Board of Appeals**. If you choose this option, please contact the Office of Community Development to schedule an appointment with **Gabriel S. Distler**, Staff Planner, at (617) 993-2666 or <a href="mailto:gdistler@belmont-ma.gov">gdistler@belmont-ma.gov</a> in order to begin the process.

Sincerely,

Glenn R. Clancy, P.E. Inspector of Buildings



## Town of Belmont Zoning Board of Appeals

## **APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT**

Date: 07/24/2023

Zoning Board of Appeals Homer Municipal Building 19 Moore Street Belmont, MA 02478

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A,
Section 9, as amended, and the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Belmont, I/we the
undersigned, being the owner(s) of a certain parcel of land (with the buildings thereon)
situated on 37-39 Chestrut Street/Road, hereby apply to your Board
for a SPECIAL PERMIT for the erection or alteration on said premises or the use
thereof under the applicable Section of the Zoning By-Law of said Town for
a one story front addition and a two story rear addition
two story rear addition
on the ground that the same will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of
said Zoning By-Law.
Said Zohing By Law.
Signature of Petitioner Substitution
Print Name Venkata Sabbisett
Address 37-39 Chestnut St
Belmont
Daytime Telephone Number 318-348-6858

### **Belmont ZBA**

## **Special Permit Narrative Statement**

## 37-39 Chestnut Street

Venkata Sabbisetti of 37-39 Chestnut Street seeks two special permits to maintain an existing 3 ½ story count and to alter a nonconforming structure in the GR district.

The proposed alterations include rebuilding the two story rear enclosed porches so that this space can be better integrated into the living space for both units, incorporating two rear decks to improve the connection to the back yard and provide egress, and adding a small front expansion to the first floor living room.

For the first floor unit, the enclosed rear porch would become a sunroom open to the kitchen with a door leading out to a deck. The new sunroom would be 108 sf larger than the current enclosed porch. The proposed deck would be  $8' \times 11'$  and would have steps down to grade. Also on the first floor, the front living room would be expanded to align with the existing front porch, increasing the livable area by 59 sf and providing a much more functional living space. All of these proposed changes meet zoning regulations.

For the second floor unit, the enclosed porch would become 1' deeper in order to align with the space below. This translates to an additional 15 sf across the back. The proposed second floor deck would be 10'-2" x 11', directly above the deck below, and with a set of stairs on the side of the structure. This proposed change conforms to setbacks, however because the basement counts as a story, this additional 15 sf is considered an alteration to the third story of the structure.

The roof heights are, and will remain, well below the 33' allowed. The current height of the main roof is 25.13' to the midpoint, and that roof will not change. The current height of the rear enclosed porch roof is only 20'-4" to the midpoint, and that will not change.

Venkata has shared these plans with and received support from neighbors. We will be providing a signed petition demonstrating neighborhood support.

In summary, the overall effect will remain in harmony with the architecture and scale of the neighborhood. The proposed design is in keeping with the intent of Town Meeting and the Planning Board Special permit criteria (Section 1.5.4.B) and is not substantially detrimental to the neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.



Right side Elevation



Rear Elevation

## Zoning Compliance Check List

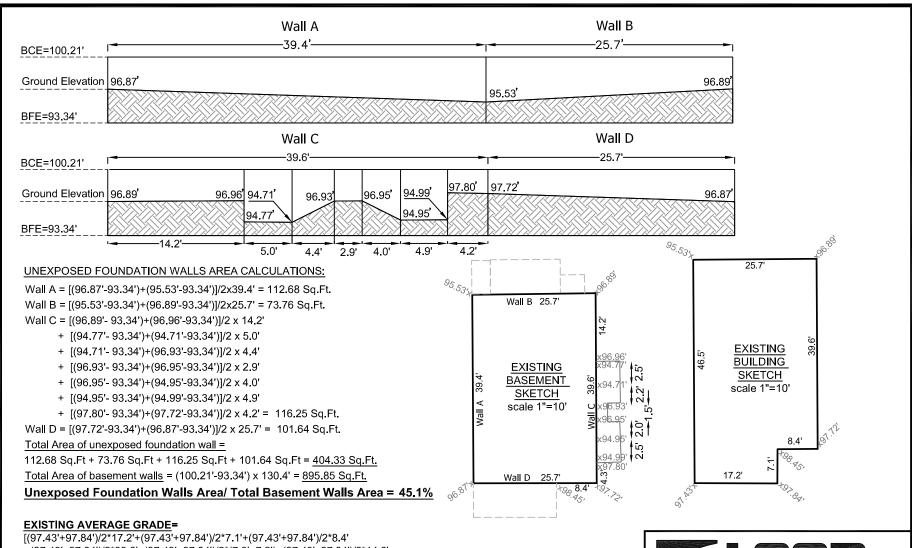
(Registered Land Surveyor)

Property Address: <u>37-39 CHESTNUT STREET</u> Zone: <u>GR</u>

Surveyor Signature and Stamp: Pulled Rosephe Date: 08/04/2023

	REQUIRED	EXISTING	PROPOSED
Lot Area	MIN. 7,000 S.F.	5,624 S.F.	N/A
Lot Frontage	MIN. 70'	55'	N/A
Floor Area Ratio	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lot Coverage	MAX. 30%	24.0% (1,347 Sq.Ft)	28.5% (1,602 S.F.)
Open Space	MIN. 40%	57.8% (3,252 S.F.)	54.7% (3,077 S.F.)
Front Setback	MIN 12.0'	14.3'	14.2'
Side Setback	MIN 10'	6.6'	10.4'
Side Setback	MIN 10'	20.3'	10.7'
Rear Setback	MIN 20'	34.4'	28.9'
Building Height	MAX. 33'	25.13'	25.13'
Stories	MAX. 2.5	3.5	3.5
½ Story Calculation			

NOTES:	FRONT SETBACK CALCS:	TH OF MASS
	(9.4+14.5')/2 = 12.0'	PATRICK ROSEINGRAVE NO. 35790
		AND SURVEYOR

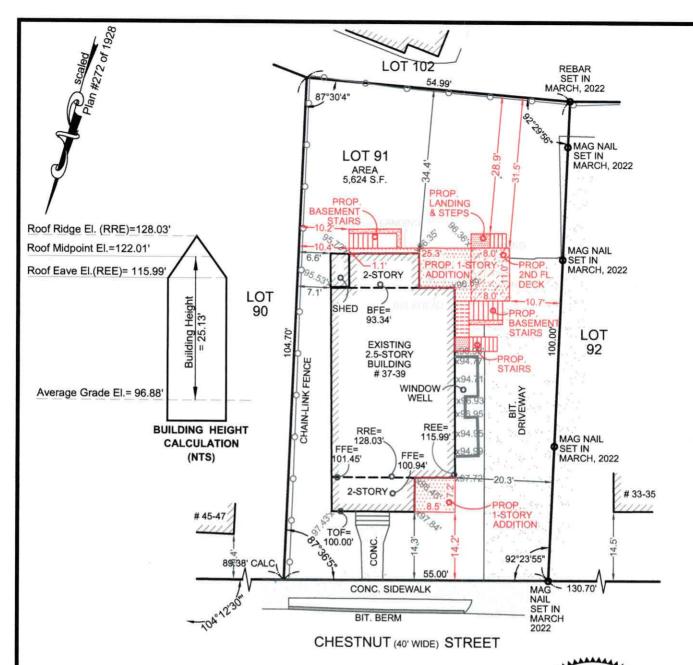


[(97.43'+97.84')/2\*17.2'+(97.43'+97.84')/2\*7.1'+(97.43'+97.84')/2\*8.4' +(97.43'+97.84')/2\*39.6'+(97.43'+97.84')/2\*(7.3'+7.2')+(97.43'+97.84')/2\*14.6' +(97.43'+97.84')/2\*(7.1'+3.8')+(97.43'+97.84')/2\*46.8']/ (17.2'+7.1'+8.4'+39.6'+7.3'+7.2'+14.6'+7.1'+3.8'+46.5')=**96.88'** 

Calculation Sheet
37—39 Chestnut Street
Belmont, MA 02478



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## NOTES:

\* Assessors Ref.: Map 15, Lot 91

\* Deed Ref.: Book 73714, Page 91

\* Plan Ref.: Plan No. 272 of 1928

Plan No. 680 of 1928

Plan No. 441 of 1952

Plan Book 319, Plan 6 Plan Book 364, Plan 17

- \* Zone: General Residence
- \* Max. Lot Coverage = 30 %
- \* Existing Lot Coverage = 1,347 Sq.Ft. (24.0%)
- \* Proposed Lot Coverage = 1,602 Sq.Ft. (28.5%)
- \* Min. Open Space = 40%
- \* Existing Open Space = 3,252 Sq.Ft. (57.8%)
- \* Proposed Open Space = 3,077 Sq.Ft. (54.7%)
- \* Existing Average Grade = 96.88'
- \* Property is outside of flood zone based on Flood Insurance Rate Map for the town of Belmont #25017C 0418E, effective date June 4, 2010.
- \* Locus lot is not within the wetlands or wetland buffer zone.
- \* No public shade trees are located within the limits of the property frontage of the subject property.
- \* Distances shown were measured from building clapboard.
- \* Elevations are shown in reference to assumed datum.

PATRICK ROSEINGRAVE NO. 35790

Patrick Roseingrave Licence # 35790 Professional Land Surveyor

# Proposed Addition 37-39 Chestnut Street Belmont, MA 02478

Owner: Venkata Sabbisetti

House No. 37-39

Lot No. 91

App. No. n/a

Date May 05, 2023 Scale 1 inch = 20 feet



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#### GENERAL NOTES:

- 1. CONTRACTOR TO OBTAIN AND PAY FOR ALL PERMITS REQUIRED TO PERFORM THE WORK
- 2. COORDINATE AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY FOR THE DURATION OF CONSTRUCTION AS REQUIRED BY AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES HAVING JURISDICTION.
- 3. DO NOT DAMAGE BUILDING ELEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS INDICATED TO REMAIN
- 4. DO NOT INTERRUPT UTILITIES WITHOUT THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE OWNER.
- 5. REMOVE SALVAGE AND DEBRIS FROM THE SITE AS IT ACCUMULATES. DO NOT STORE, SELL, BURN OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF THE DEBRIS ON THE SITE. KEEP ALL PAVEMENTS AND AREAS ADJACENT TO AND LEADING FROM THE SITE CLEAN AND FREE OF MUD, DIRT, AND DEBRIS AT ALL TIMES. ALL MATERIALS SHALL BE DISPOSED OF IN A LEGAL MANNER
- 6. SORT DEBRIS FOR RECYCLING TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. REMOVE OR ARRANGE FOR THE TRANSPORT OF SORTED MATERIALS SCHEDULED TO BE RECYCLED TO APPROPRIATE OFF-SITE FACILITIES EQUIPPED FOR THE RECYCLING OF SPECIFIC MATERIALS. PROVIDE CONTAINERIZED DUMPSTERS FOR THE SORTING OF DEMO WASTES.
- 7. CEASE OPERATIONS IF PUBLIC SAFETY OR REMAINING STRUCTURES ARE ENDANGERED. PERFORM TEMPORARILY CORRECTIVE MEASURES UNTIL OPERATIONS CAN BE CONTINUED PROPERLY.
- 8. ALL INTERIOR DIMENSIONS ARE FROM FACE OF GWB TO FACE OF GWB UNLESS SPECIFICALLY NOTED OTHERWISE. DO NOT SCALE DRAWINGS
- 9. HVAC CONTRACTOR TO MODIFY EXISTING MECHANICAL SYSTEM AS NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE ADDITION AND THE NEW LAYOUT. CONTRACTOR TO COORDINATE SPECIFICS WITH OWNER
- 10. CONTRACTOR TO UPGRADE ELECTRICAL PANEL, PROVIDE ALL WIRING AND OUTLETS AS NEEDED TO MEET CODE, COORDINATE THE LOCATION OF NEW ELECTRICAL OUTLETS TO MEET CODE, AND SUBMIT SWITCHING LOCATIONS TO OWNER / ARCHITECT FOR APPROVAL
- 11. PAINT AND/OR STAIN ALL EXTERIOR SIDING, DOORS, WINDOWS, AND TRIM AND INTERIOR SURFACES PER OWNERS DIRECTION.
- 12. ALL INTERIOR WOOD TRIM AND WOOD BASE TO BE SELECTED BY OWNER.
- 13. ALL FLOOR TILE, APPLIANCES, PLUMBING FIXTURES AND LIGHT FIXTURES TO BE FURNISHED BY OWNER, INSTALLED BY CONTRACTOR.
- 14. ALL INTERIOR WALLS TO BE 2X4 CONSTRUCTION AND EXTERIOR WALLS TO BE 2X6 CONSTRUCTION, UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE
- 15. R13 BATT INSULATION TO BE PROVIDED IN ALL INTERIOR BEDROOM AND BATHROOM WALLS. R25 BATT INSULATION TO BE PROVIDED IN ALL INTERIOR BEDROOM AND BATHROOM FLOORS.
- 16. CONTRACTOR TO SPRAY APPLY ICYNENE INSULATION FORMULA, APPLIED TO A THICKNESS ADEQUATE TO ACHIEVE SPECIFIED R VALUES. ALL FOUNDATION SILL PLATES AND FLOOR / WALL JUNCTION PLATES TO BE CAULKED TO AVOID AIR LEAKAGE. ALL ROUGH OPENINGS FOR EXTERIOR DOORS AND WINDOWS TO BE SIZED TO FURNISH A MINIMUM 1/2" SPACE AROUND THE PERIMETER OF FRAME TO PERMIT INSTALLATION OF FOAM INSULATION. ALL JOINTS BETWEEN EXTERIOR FRAMING MEMBERS TO BE CAULKED TO AVOID AIR LEAKAGE. CEILING VAPOR BARRIER TO BE CAULKED AND STAPLED TO THE TOP PLATES OF INTERIOR PARTITIONS AND TO THE LOWER TOP PLATES OF EXTERIOR WALLS. ROOF ASSEMBLY TO BE NON-VENTED (NO SOFFIT OR RIDGE VENTS) PER MFGR SPECS FOR ICYNENE INSULATION SYSTEM, ROOF INSULATION TO BE CLASS II VAPOR PERMEANCE TO MEET CODE. BUILDING TO BE MECHANICALLY VENTED. ALL VERTICAL WIRING FOR ELECTRIC, CABLE, TELEPHONE, SECURITY, ETC. SHALL BE SECURED TO THE INSIDE OF STUDS EVERY 3'-0" AND 1 1/2" FROM THE GWB SURFACE FOR ALL RUNS. CEILING OUTLETS SHALL BE INSTALLED USING VAPOR BARRIER PANS/ BOXES WHICH ARE CAULKED WITH ACOUSTICAL CAULKING MATERIAL PRIOR TO THE INSTALLATION OF THE ATTIC INSULATION.
- 17. ALL MATERIALS, SYSTEMS AND ASSEMBLIES TO BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL CODES AND WITH MANUFACTURER SPECIFICATIONS.

## **ZBA APPROVAL** JULY 24, 2023

## FRONT AND REAR EXPANSIONS

### ENERGY AUDIT:

REFERENCE CH 11 - ENERGY EFFICIENCY 2015 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE W/ MASS AMENDMENTS.

PRESCRIPTIVE OPTION FOR RESIDENTIAL ADDITION (401.3):

- 1. RENOVATION TO COMPLY WITH ENERGY STAR QUALIFIED HOMES THERMAL BYPASS INSPECTION CHECKLIST. INSULATION VALUES AS FOLLOWS: R49 ROOF R-VALUE, R20 WALL R-VALUE, R15/19 BASEMENT / CRAWL SPACE WALL R-VALUE
- 2. RENOVATION TO COMPLY WITH ENERGY STAR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL WINDOWS, DOORS, AND SKYLIGHTS - VERSION 5.0. ALL NEW WINDOW GLAZING TO BE .30 U FACTOR AND SKYLIGHTS TO BE 55 U-FACTOR
- 3. HEATING / COOLING DUCTS TO BE SEALED AND TESTED TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF 401.3.

### PROJECT INFORMATION:

BEI MONT ZONING GR

REQUIRED:

MAX 30% LOT COVERAGE MIN 40% OPEN SPACE

FRONT YARD SETBACK: AVERAGE REAR YARD SETBACK: 20'-0" SIDE YARD SETBACK: 10'-0"

MAX HEIGHT: 2 1/2 STORIES, 33' TO MIDPOINT

NEW GROSS AREA = 290 SF 290 < 300 THEREFORE NO PLANNING BOARD APPROVAL NEEDED

## DRAWING LIST

**COVER SHEET** EXISTING BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN NEW BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN

EXISTING FIRST FLOOR PLAN

A5 NEW FIRST FLOOR PLAN A6 EXISTING SECOND FLOOR PLAN

NEW SECOND FLOOR PLAN Α7

EXISTING EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS A8 NEW EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS

## LIGHTING LEGEND

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RECESSED LED CAN LIGHT - AS SELECTED BY OWNER

CEILING MOUNTED PENDANT - AS SELECTED BY OWNER

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WALL MOLINTED SCONCES AS SELECTED BY OWNER

CEILING FAN WITH INTEGRAL LIGHT - AS SELECTED BY OWNER

SMOKE DETECTOR - NOTE ALL NEW AND EXISTING SMOKES TO BE HARD-WIRED PER CODE

S/CO HARD-WIRED SMOKE / CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR

DATA CONNECTION

TELEPHONE / DATA CONNECTION

ELECTRIC OUTLET (SPECIFIC LOCATIONS ONLY - ALL OUTLETS AS REQUIRED BY CODE ARE NOT SHOWN ON PLANS)

### SYMBOL LEGEND

WALL TO BE DEMOLISHED

EXISTING WALL TO REMAIN

NEW WALL



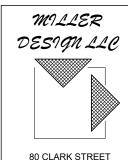
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DOOR TAG

WINDOW TAG



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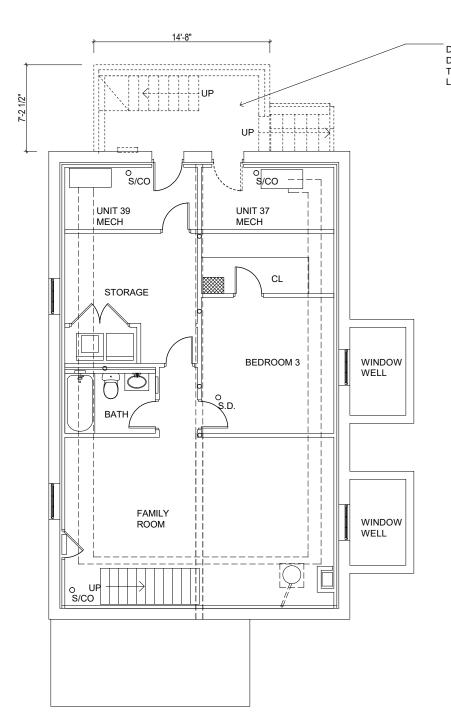
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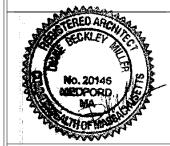
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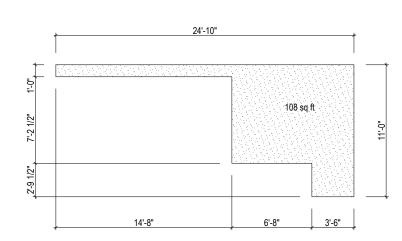
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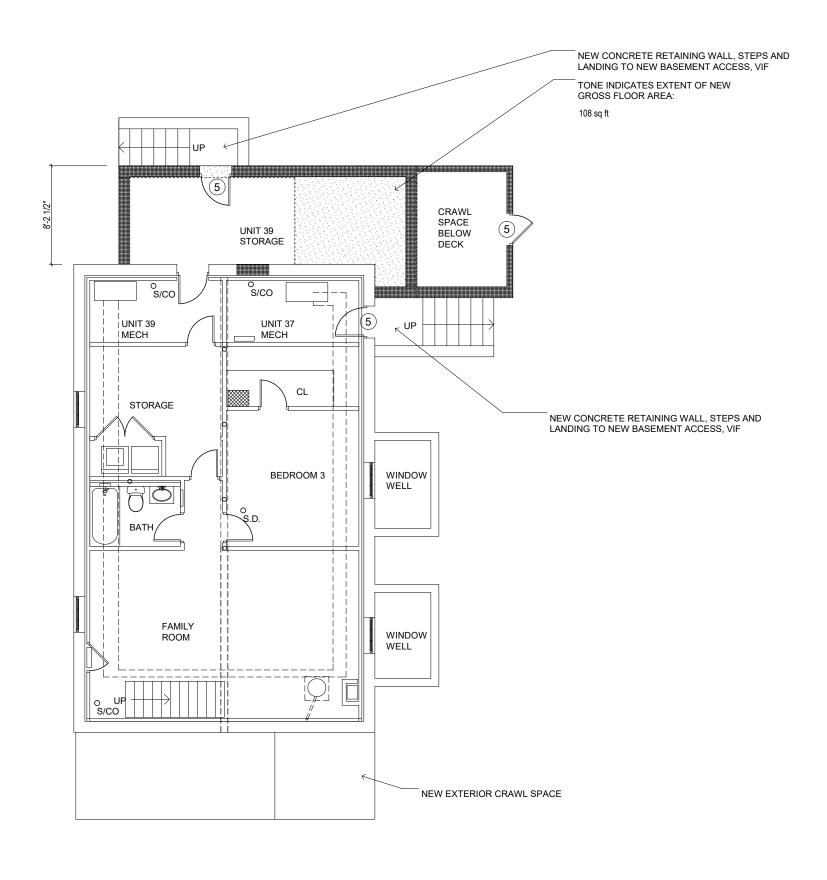
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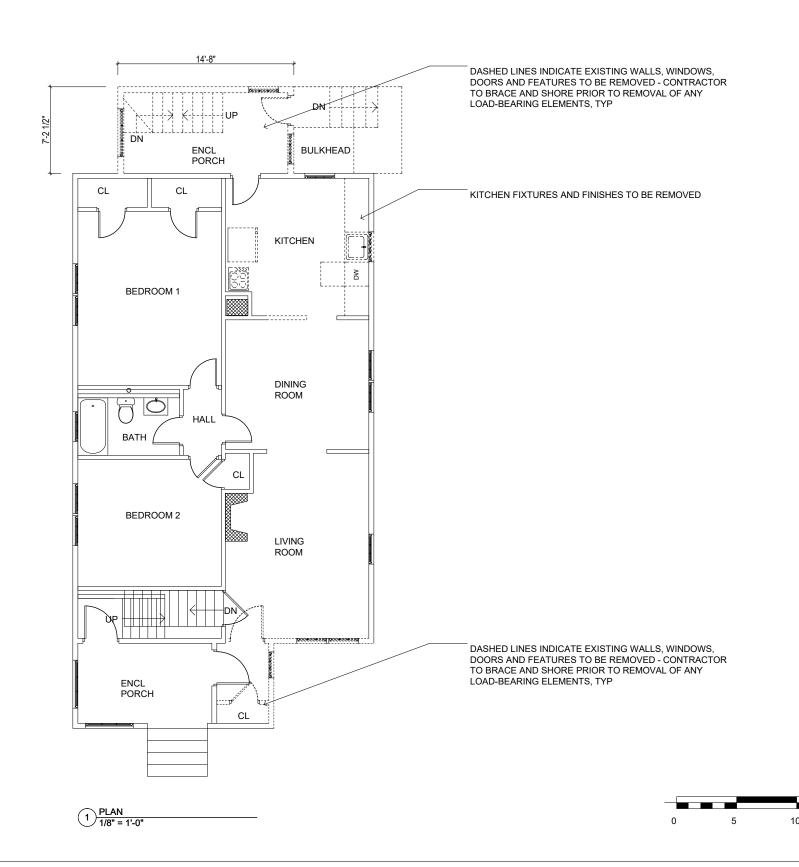
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NEW BASEMENT PLAN

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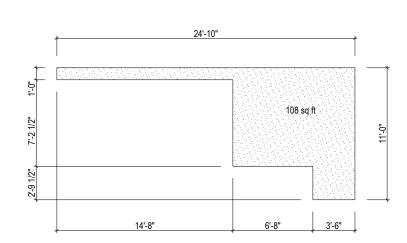


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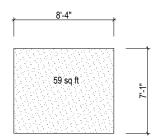
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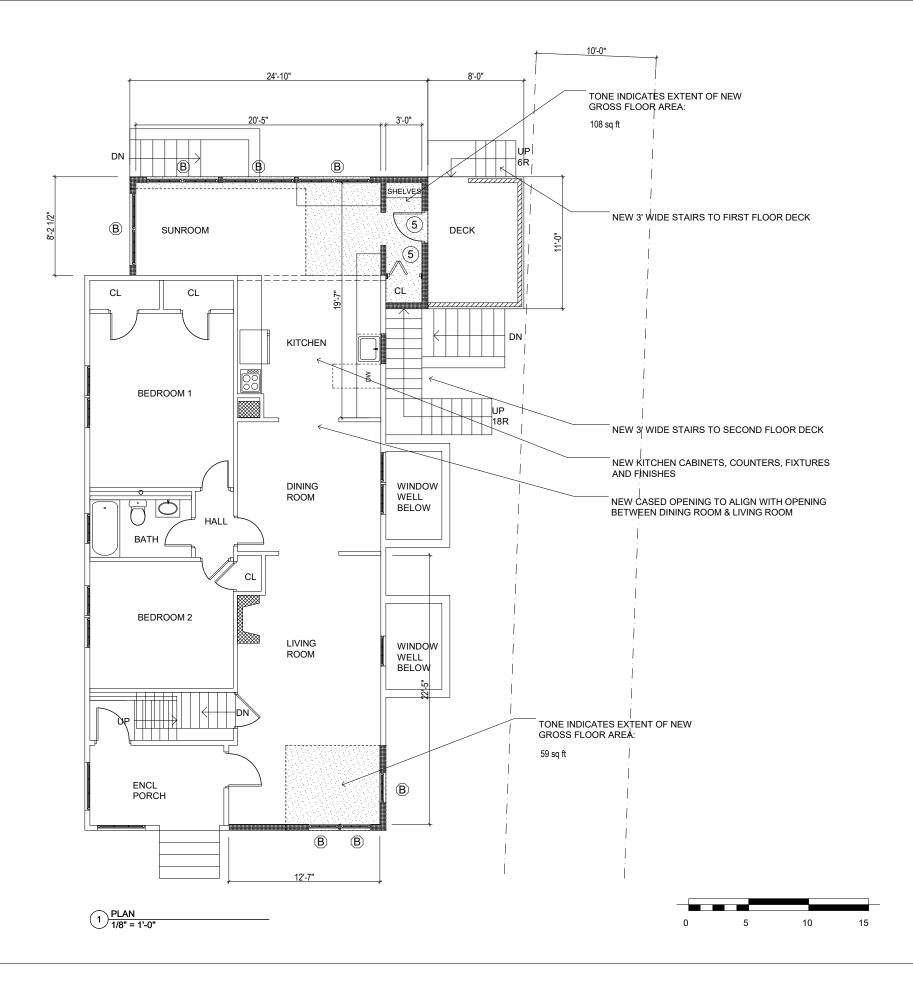
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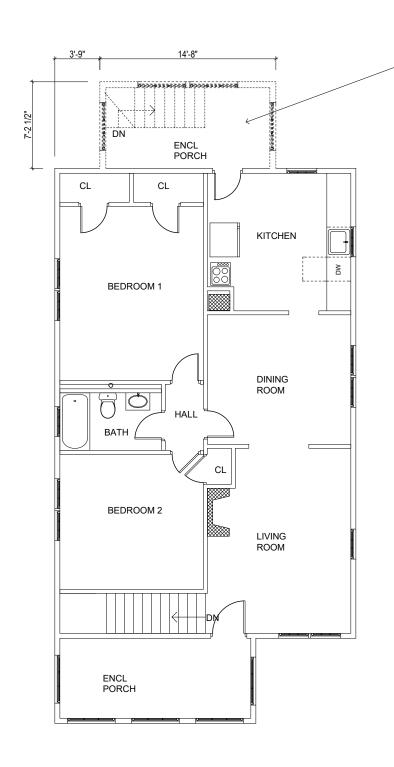


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NEW FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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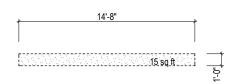
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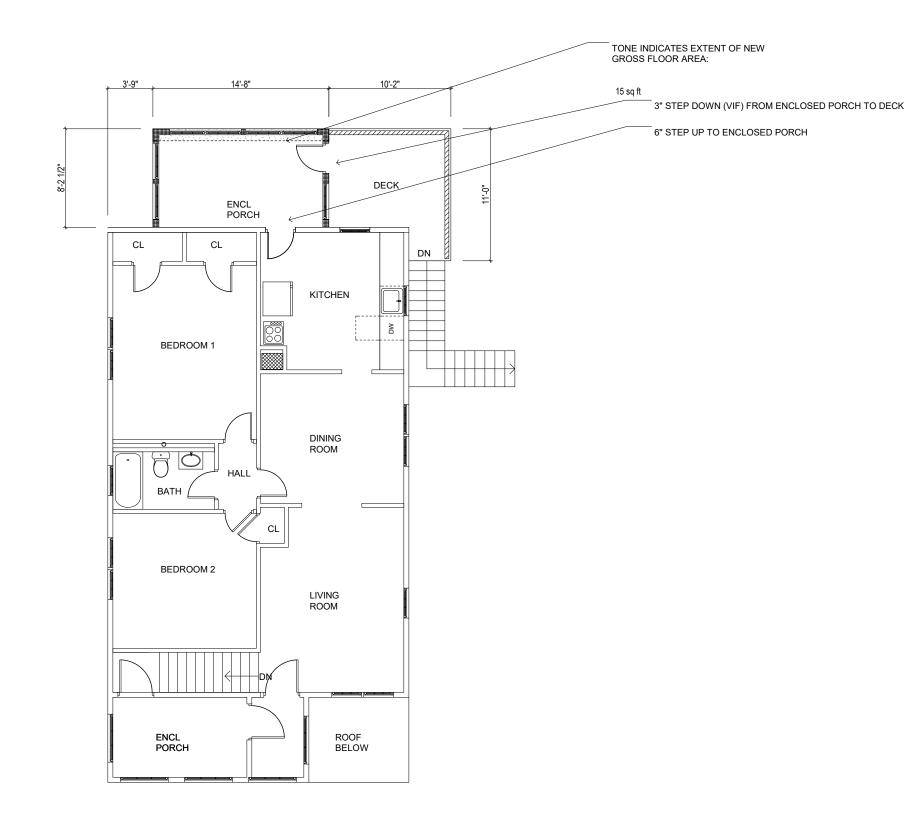
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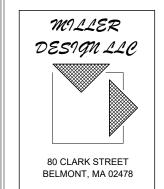
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NEW SECOND FLOOR PLAN

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