



CHARLOTTE

# Historic District Commission

## Examples of Approved Projects

*Major Works*

# Design Philosophy: Additions

1. Additions to existing structures in Local Historic Districts have a responsibility to complement the original structure.
2. Additions should reflect the design, scale and architectural style of the original structure.
3. Additions must respect the original character of the property, but must be distinguishable from the original construction.

*Charlotte Historic District Policy & Design Guidelines, page 36.*



# Examples of Approved Additions

The following slides are examples of approved major addition projects reviewed between 2014 and 2015. Critical design criteria for major additions are Size, Scale and Massing. These projects were reviewed and approved by the full Historic District Commission.

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**Example 1:** The addition to the one story house is toward the rear and slightly taller than the original house. The front façade and most windows were not changed.



1 EXISTING FRONT ELEVATION - E. WORTHINGTON AVE.  
A22 SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"



1 EXISTING REAR ELEVATION  
A22 SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"

Addition

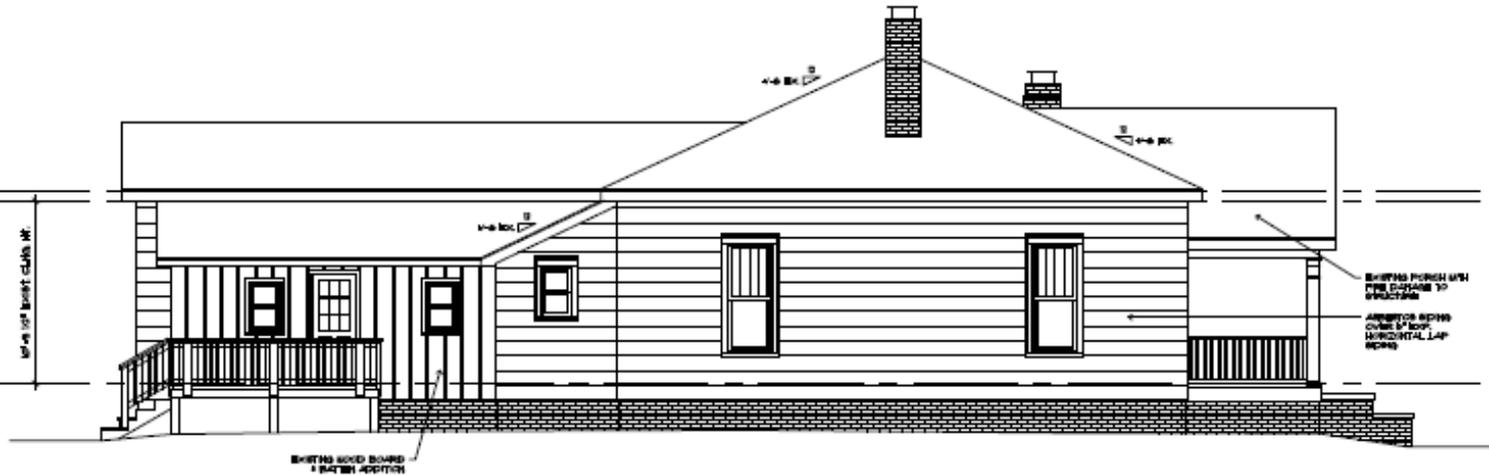


2 PROPOSED FRONT ELEVATION - EAST WORTHINGTON AVE.  
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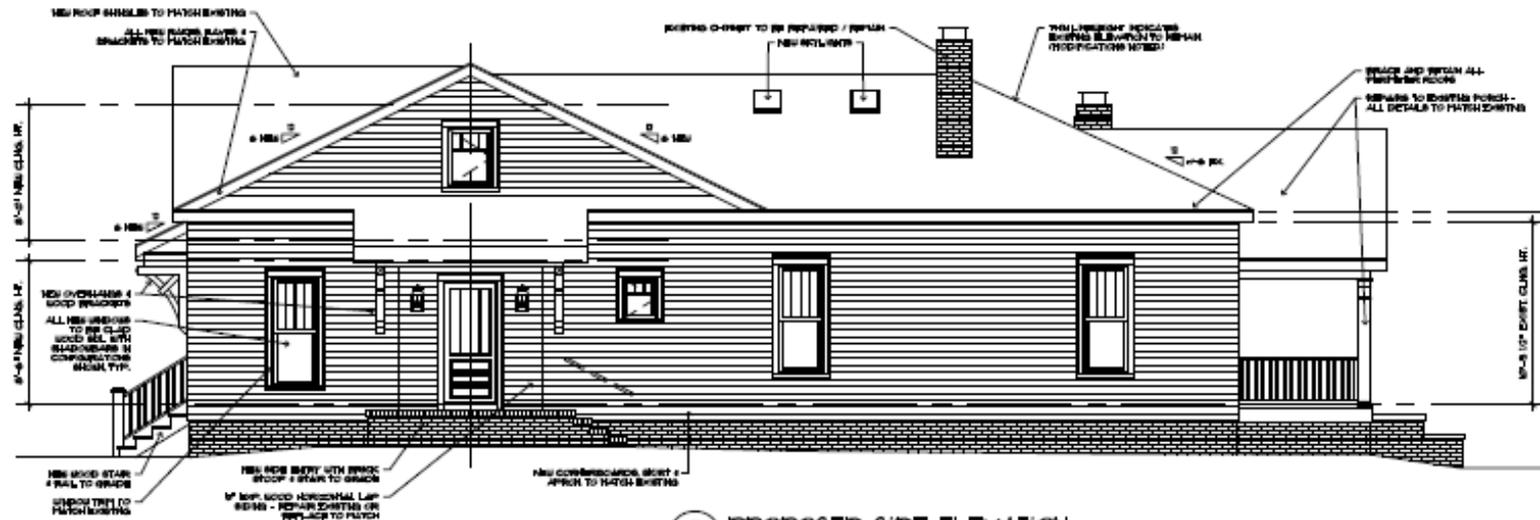


2 PROPOSED REAR ELEVATION  
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2 EXISTING SIDE ELEVATION  
 A23 SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

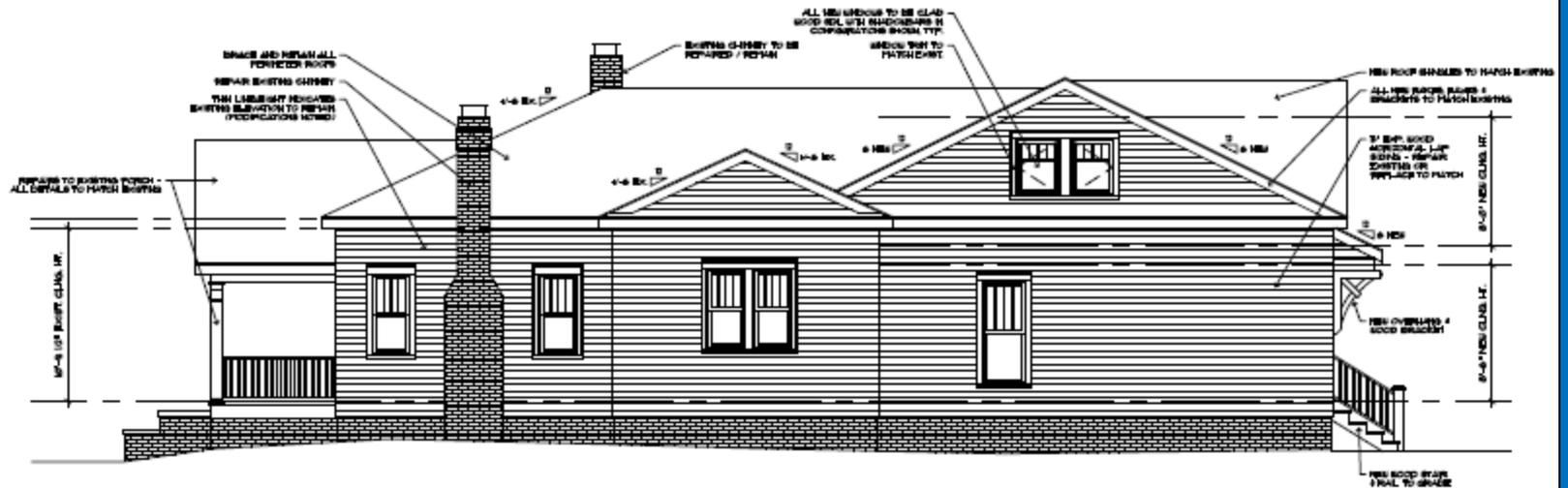


2 PROPOSED SIDE ELEVATION  
 A21 SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"





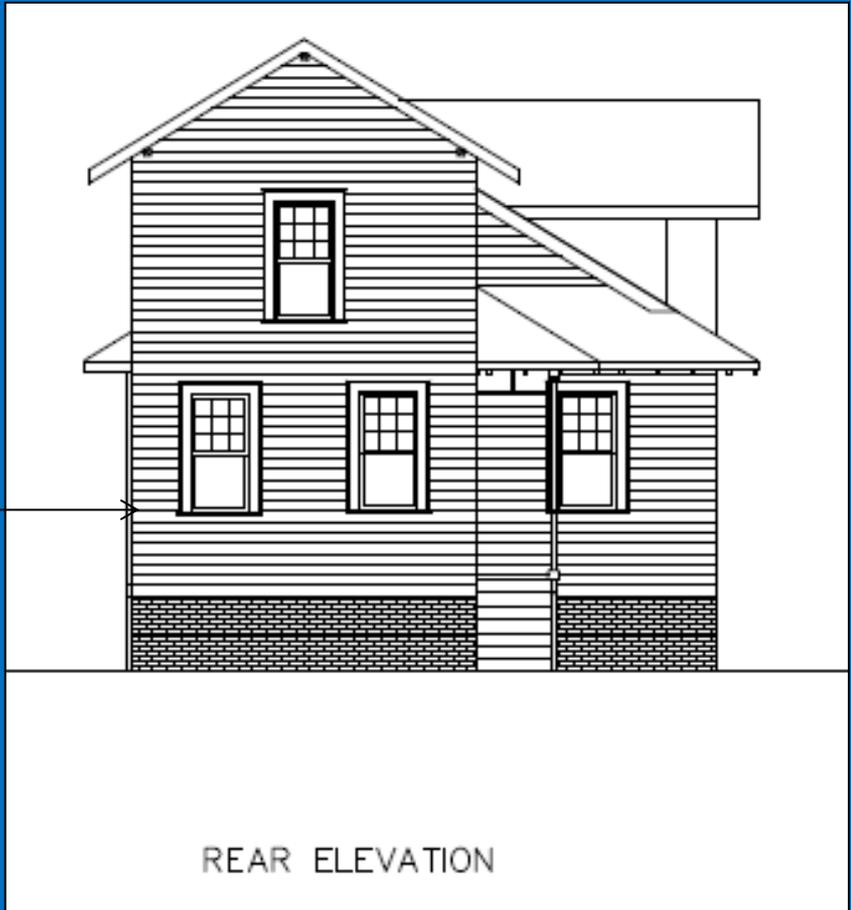
1 EXISTING SIDE ELEVATION  
A23 SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



2 PROPOSED SIDE ELEVATION  
A23 SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



**Example 2:** The two story addition takes advantage of the deep lot by locating it on the rear of the house. The addition is not highly visible from the street.



Addition

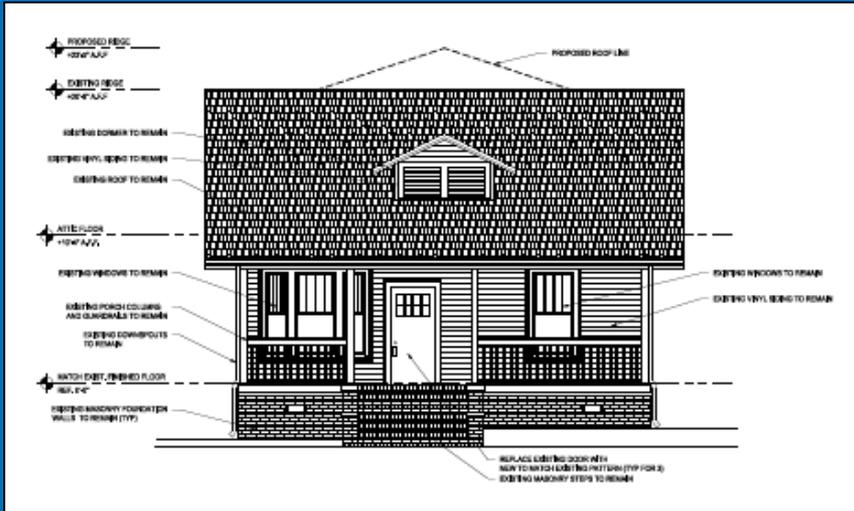


816 BROOKSIDE AVENUE  
RENOVATIONS AND ADDITION

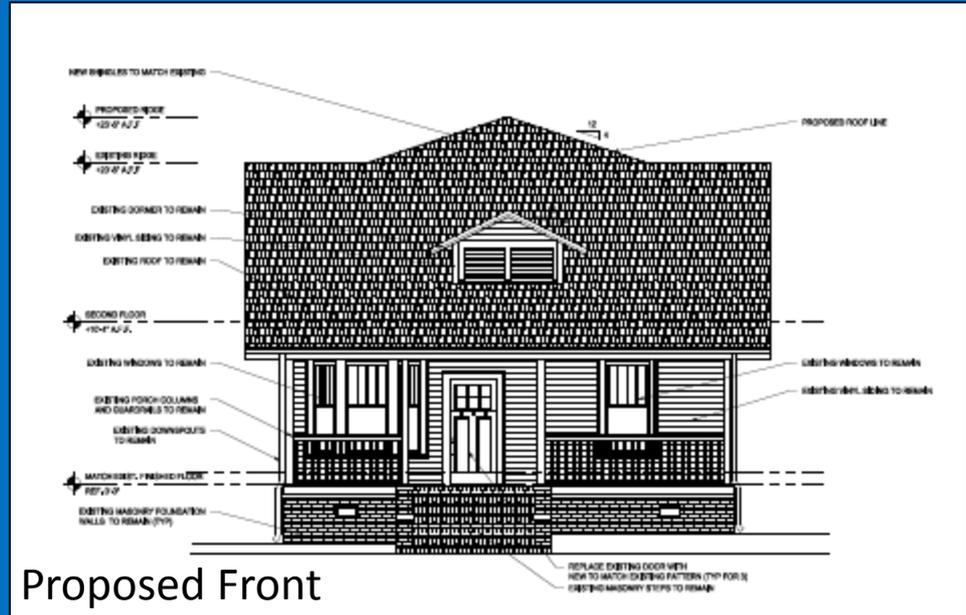
FRONT ELEVATION



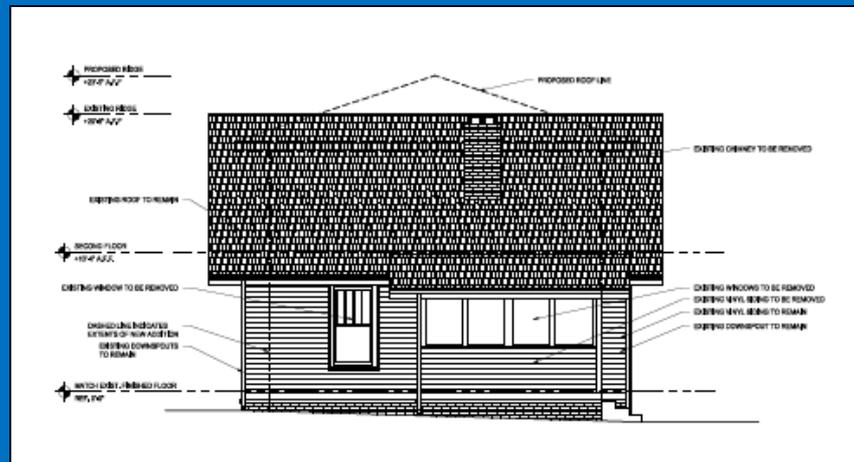
**Example 3:** This is another two story addition at the rear of the original house but within the existing building footprint. The new roof is an extension of the original roof line.



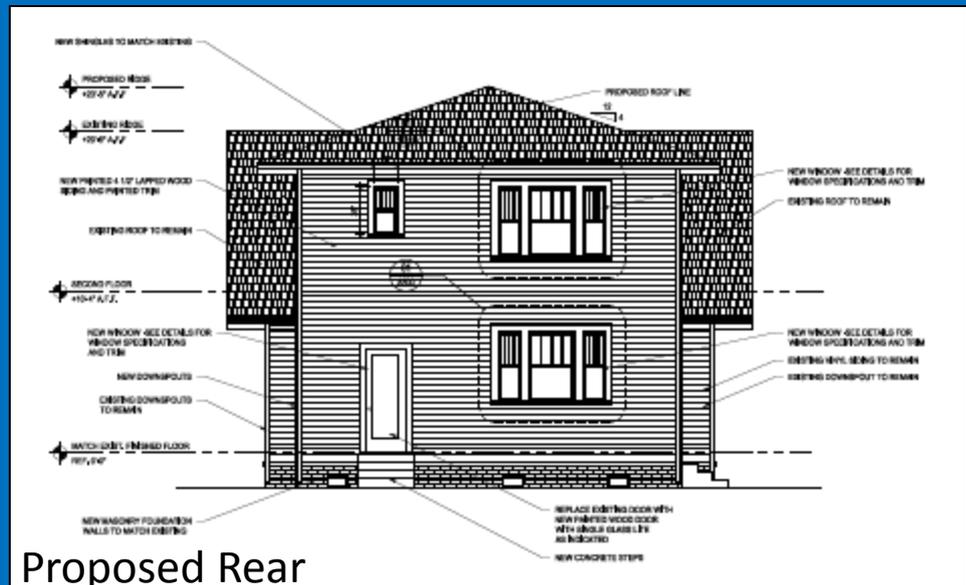
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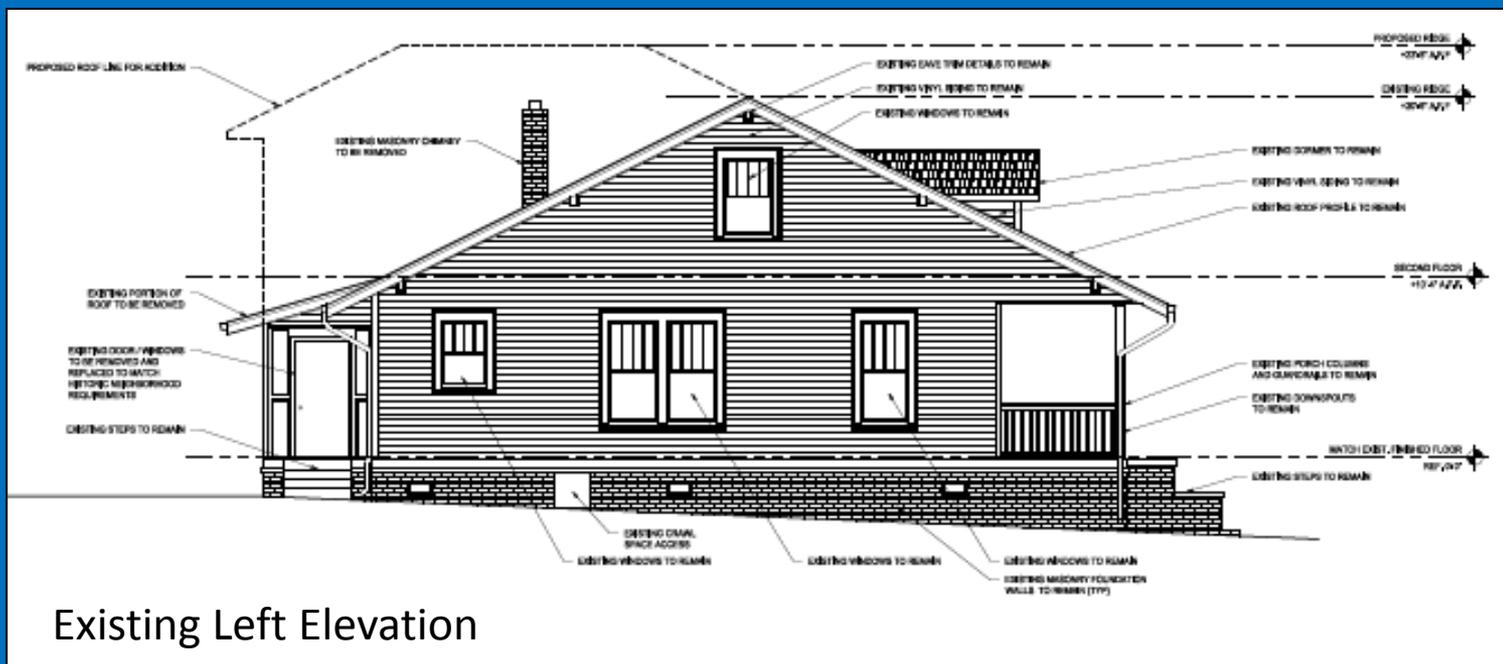
Proposed Front



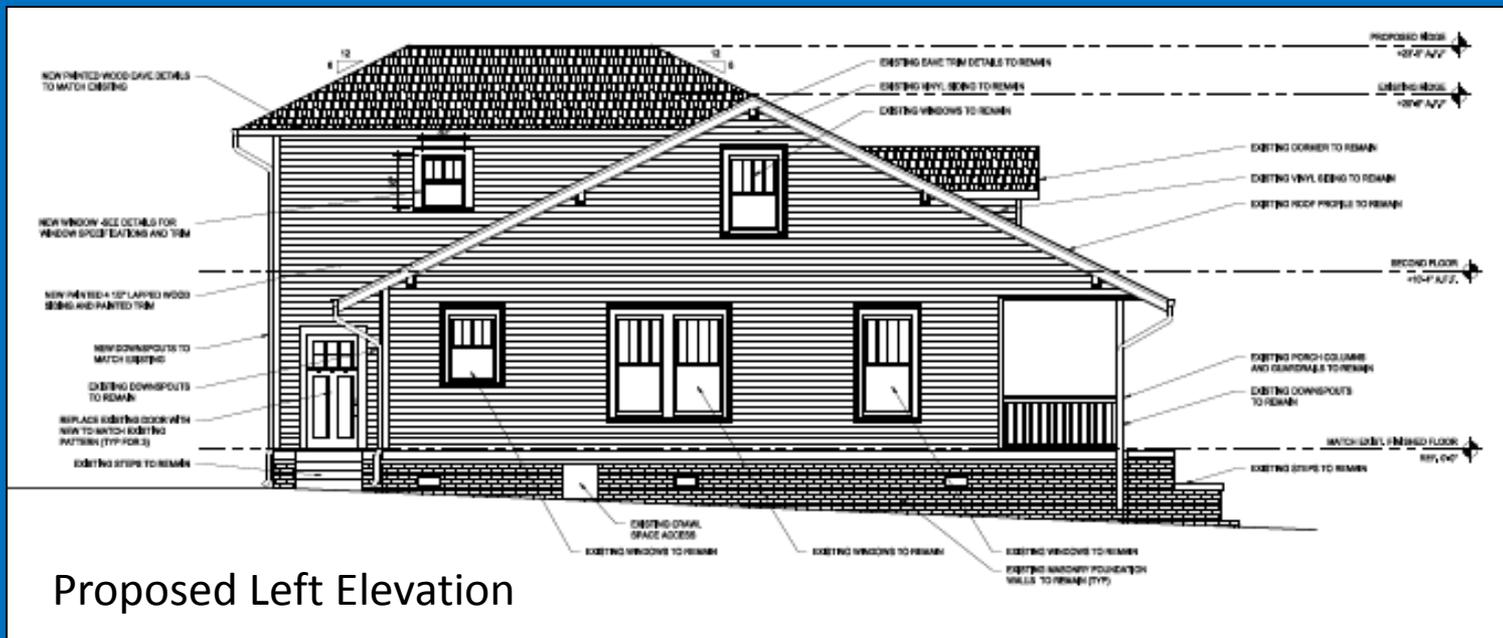
Existing Rear



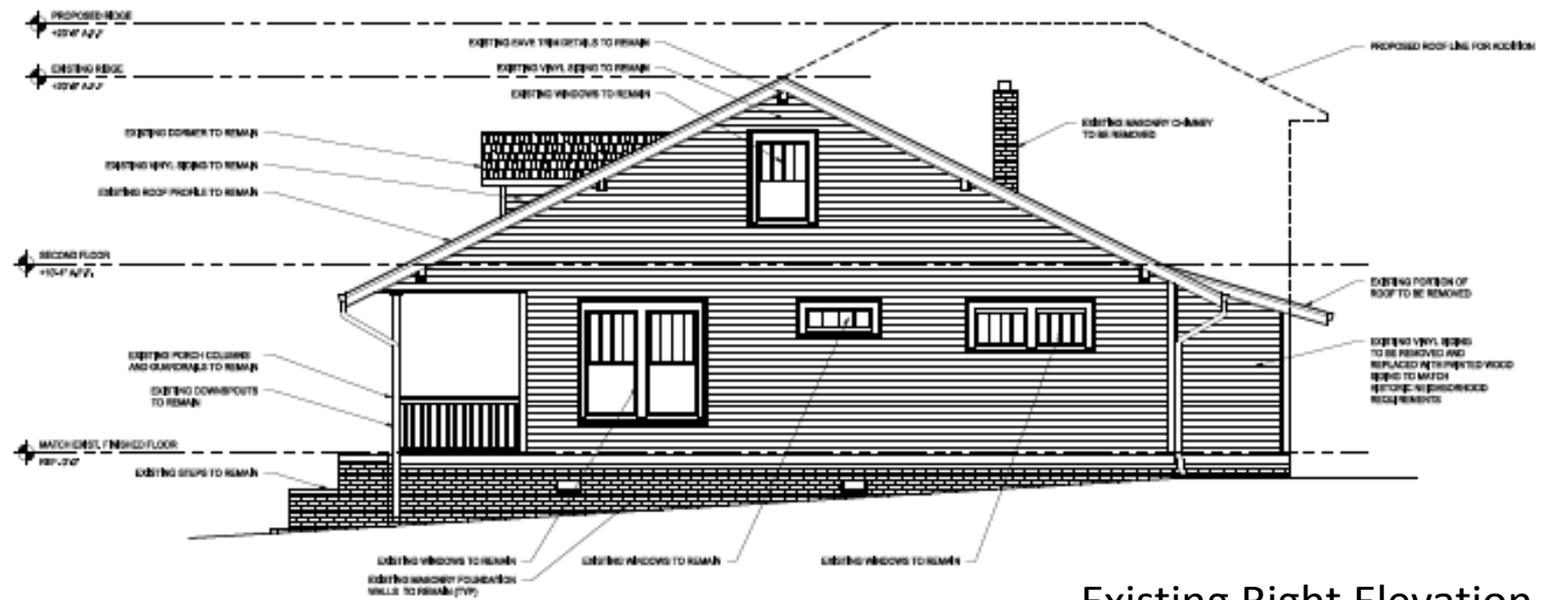
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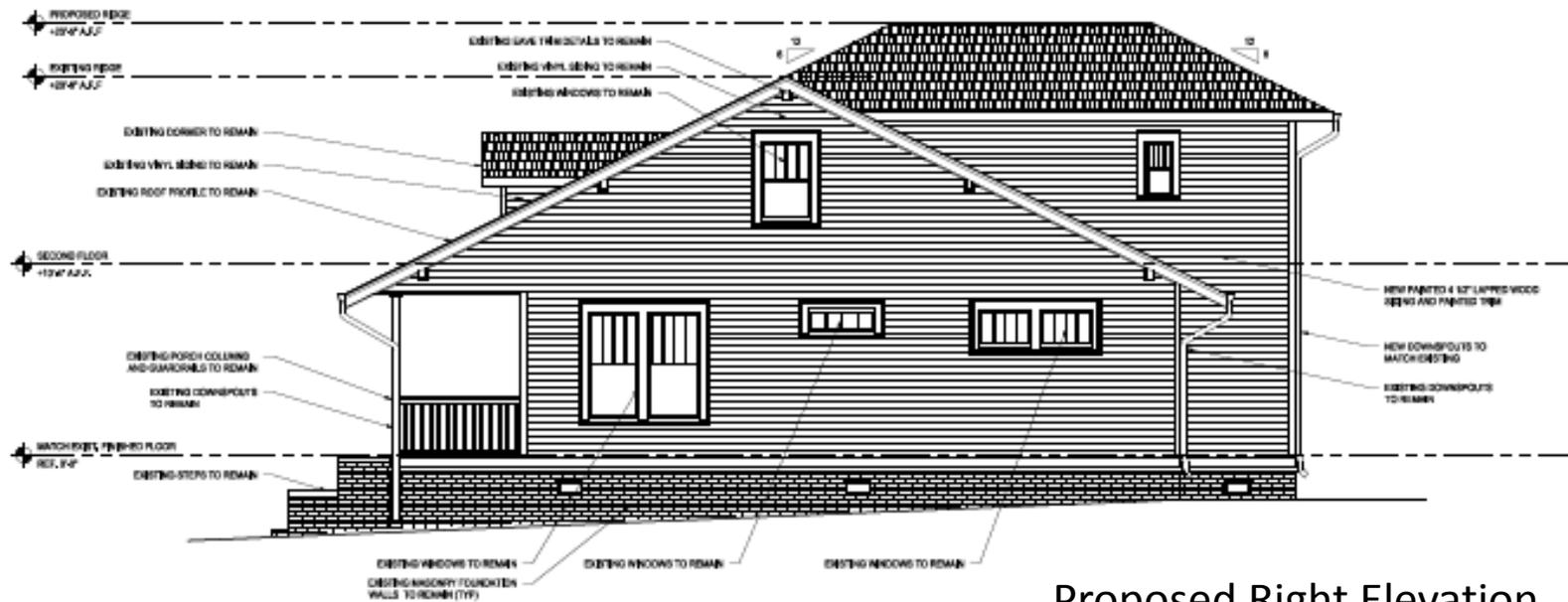
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Proposed Left Elevation

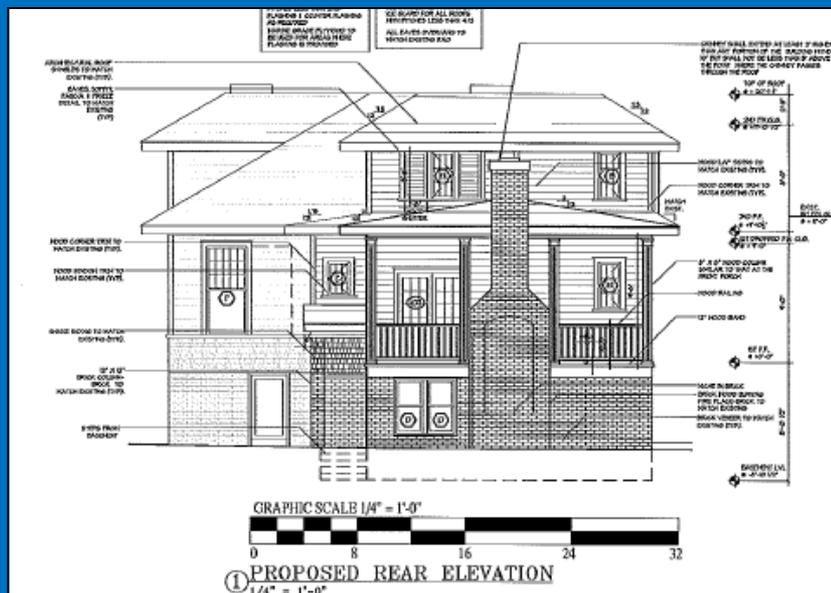
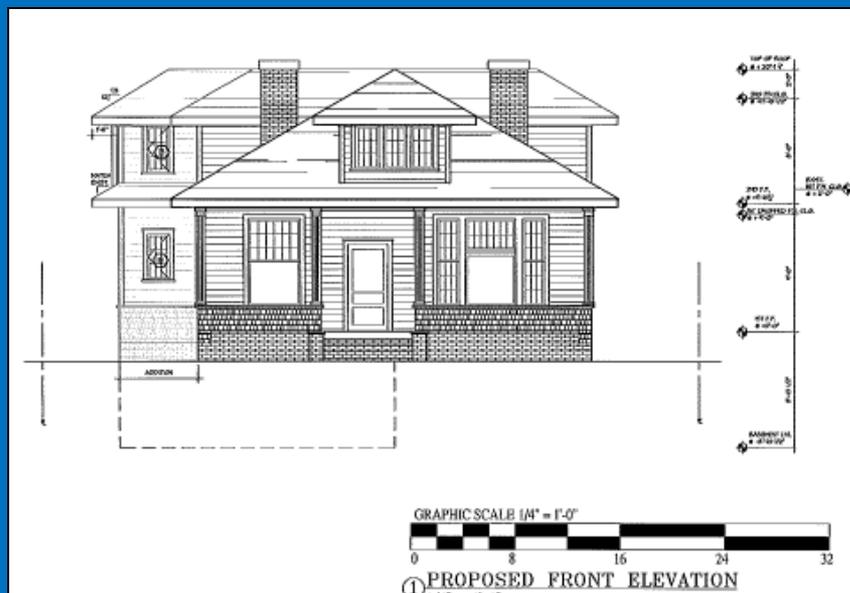
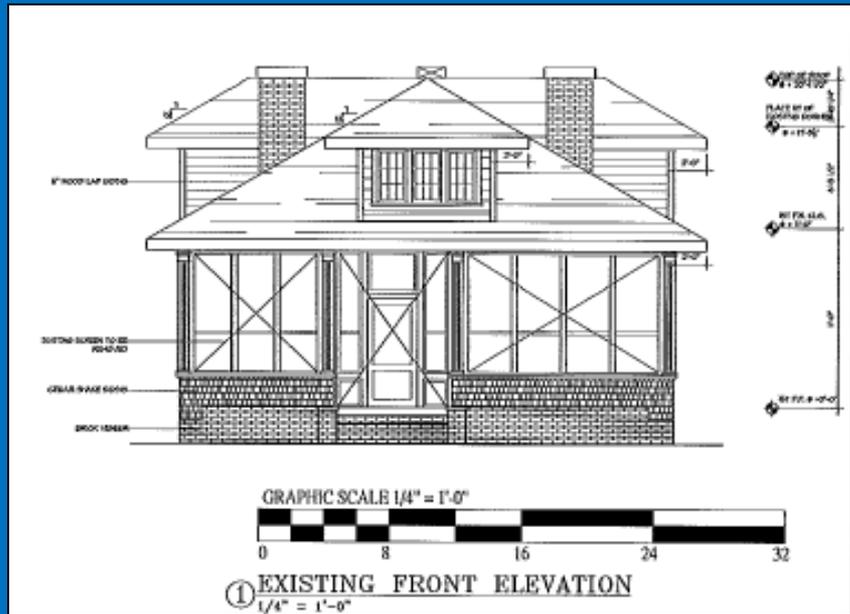


Existing Right Elevation

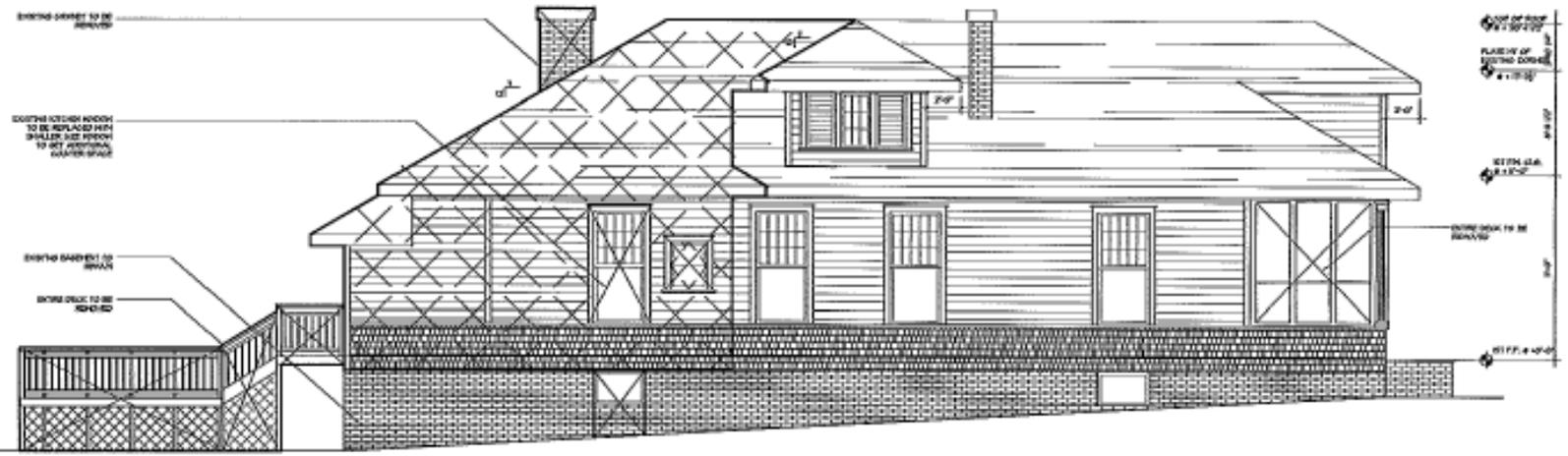


Proposed Right Elevation

**Example 4:** The addition to this house is not taller but wider on the left side. The new roof design and window pattern of the addition compliments the original house.







GRAPHIC SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"

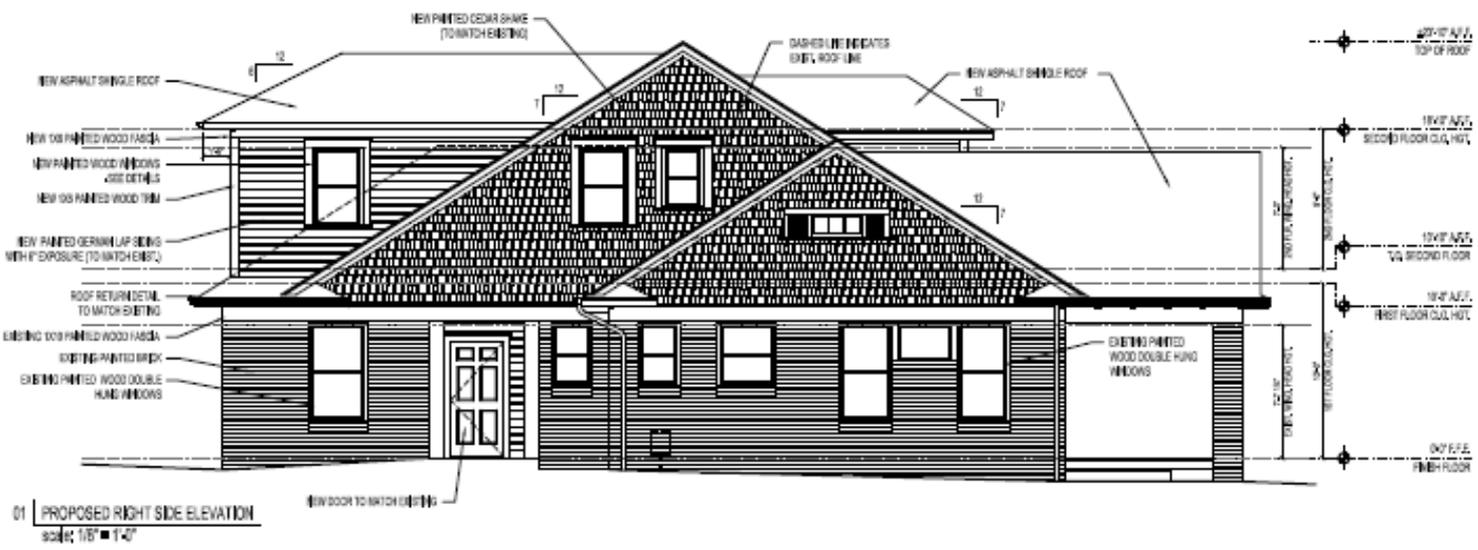
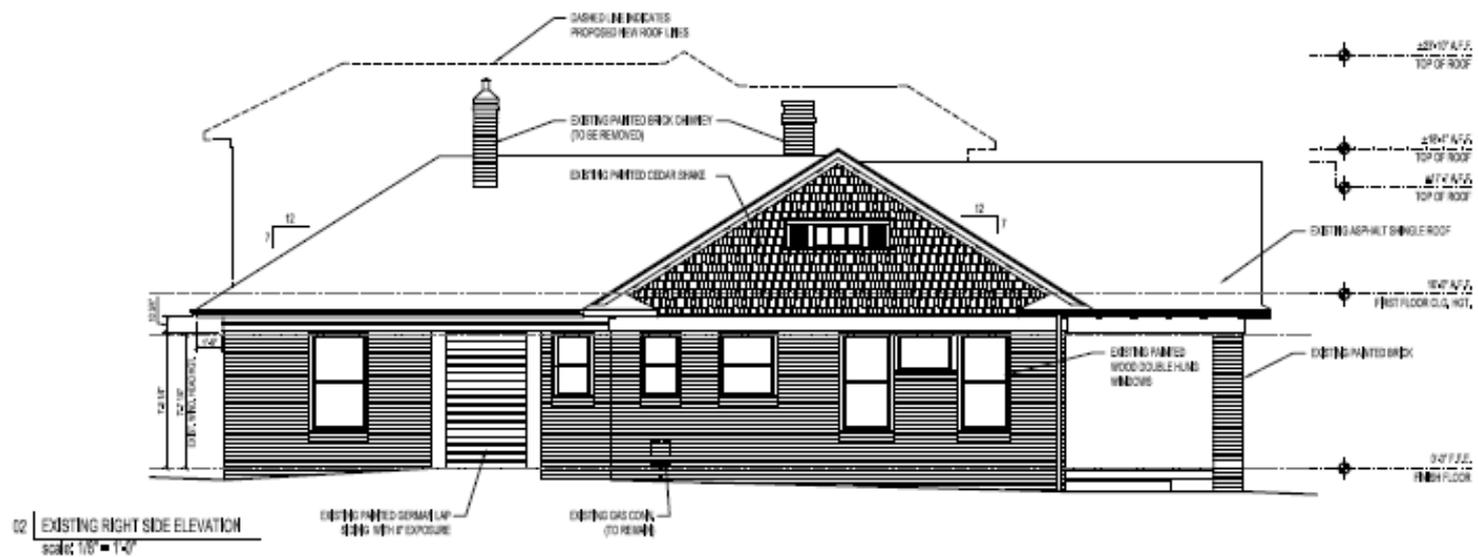


② EXISTING LEFT SIDE ELEVATION  
1/4" = 1'-0"

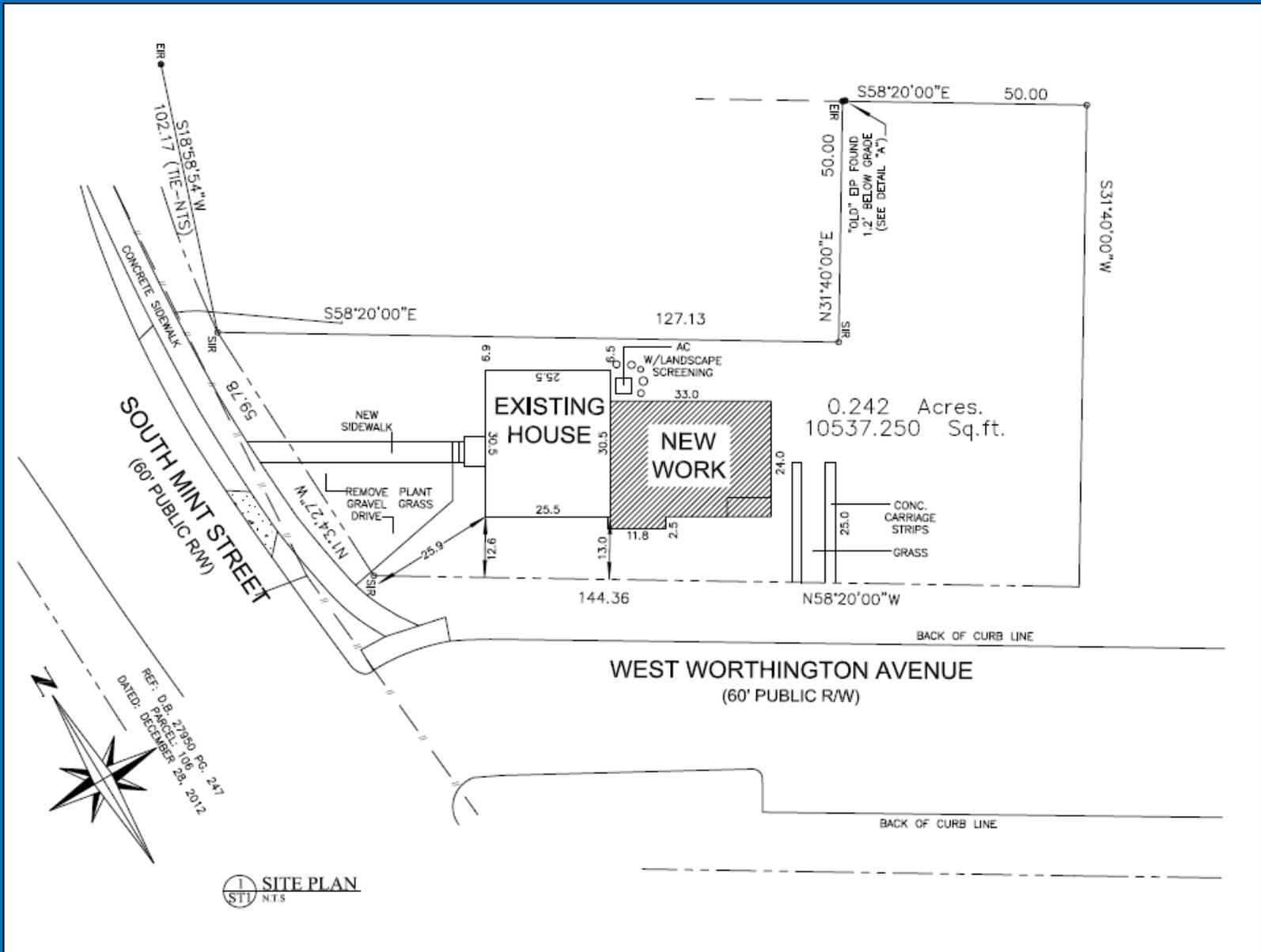


② PROPOSED LEFT SIDE ELEVATION  
1/4" = 1'-0"





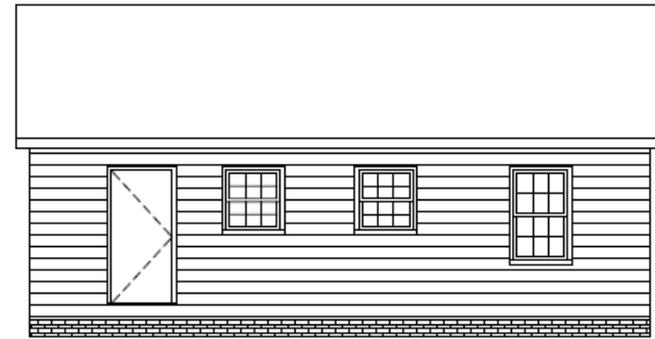
**Example 6:** The house is one story located on a corner lot. The design is a modest addition to a small house. New wall planes are offset from the existing walls to define new from old.



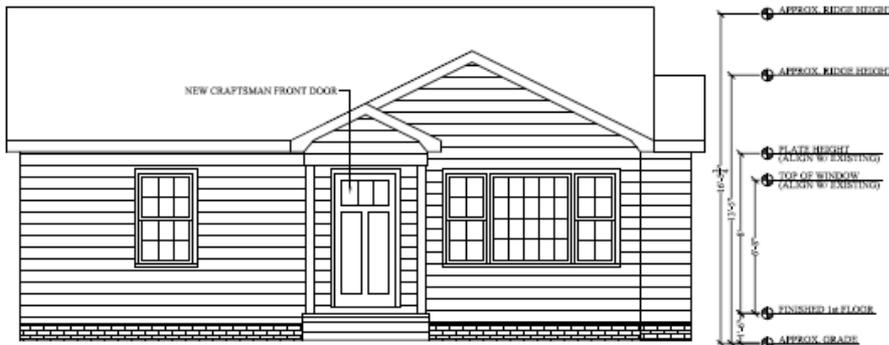
# Example 8: Drawings of the existing house with notes and dimensions.



1 FRONT ELEVATION - AS BUILT  
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



3 REAR ELEVATION - AS BUILT  
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



2 FRONT ELEVATION - RENOVATED  
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



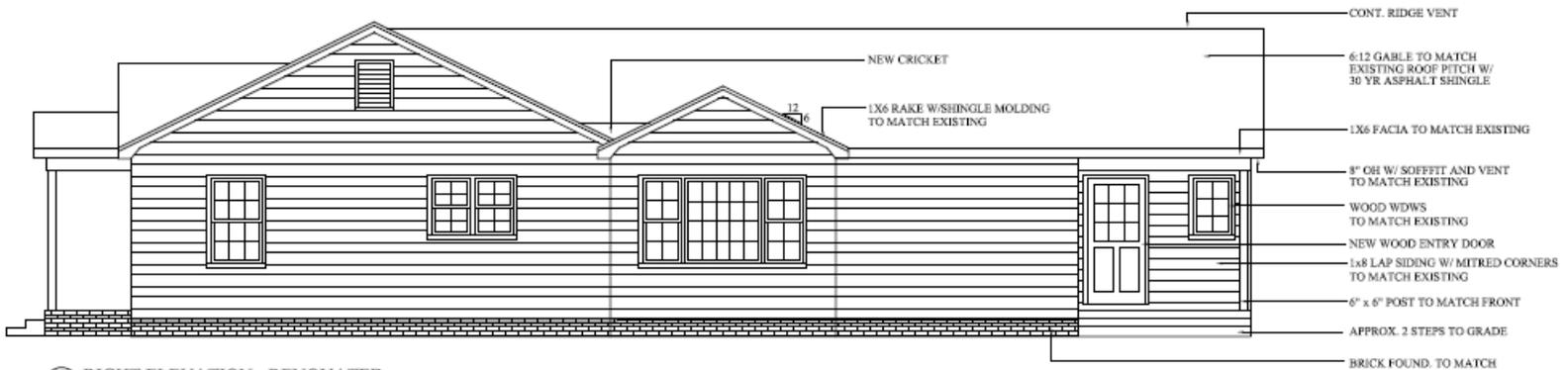
4 REAR ELEVATION - RENOVATED  
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

# Example 8: Existing and proposed design. The new addition maintains a one story height.



1 RIGHT ELEVATION - AS BUILT  
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

- ELEVATION NOTES**
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  2. WINDOW DRILLS SHOWN ARE TO SCHEMATICALLY EXPRESS DESIGN INTENT. ACTUAL STD DRILLS MAY VARY PER MANUFACTURER OR CUSTOM DRILLS MAY BE REQUIRED. ANY VARIATIONS FROM THAT SHOWN MUST BE APPROVED BY OWNER.
  3. DOWNSPIGITS NOT SHOWN FOR CLARITY. CONTRACTOR TO VERIFY LOCATIONS WITH OWNER.
  4. PROVIDE FLASHING PER CODE AT ALL ROOF-WALL CONNECTIONS AND ROOF/CHIMNEY CONNECTIONS. NO ALUMINUM FLASHING TO BE USED WITH MASONRY.
  5. USE PRESSURE TREATED MATERIAL WHERE IN CONTACT WITH MASONRY, CONCRETE OR STONE.



2 RIGHT ELEVATION - RENOVATED  
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

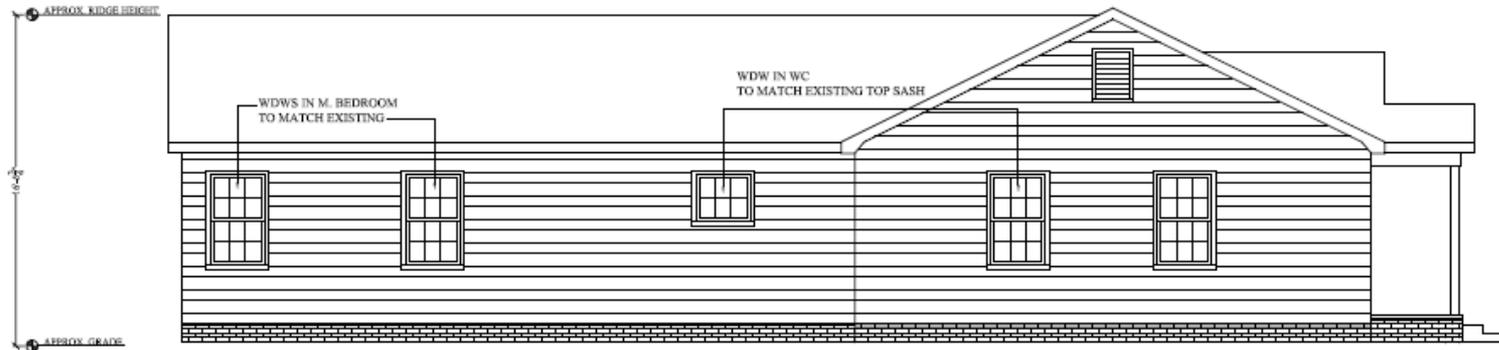
# Example 8: Existing and proposed design. The new addition maintains a one story height.

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1 LEFT ELEVATION - AS BUILT  
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2 LEFT ELEVATION - RENOVATED  
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

## **Design Philosophy: New Infill Construction**

- 1. New construction in Local Historic Districts has an obligation to blend in with the historic character and scale of the District in which it is located.**
- 2. The scale, mass and size of a building are often far more important than the decorative details applied.**
- 3. New construction projects in Local Historic Districts must be appropriate to their surroundings.**

***Charlotte Historic District Policy & Design Guidelines, page 34.***



## New Infill Construction: Defining Context and Scale

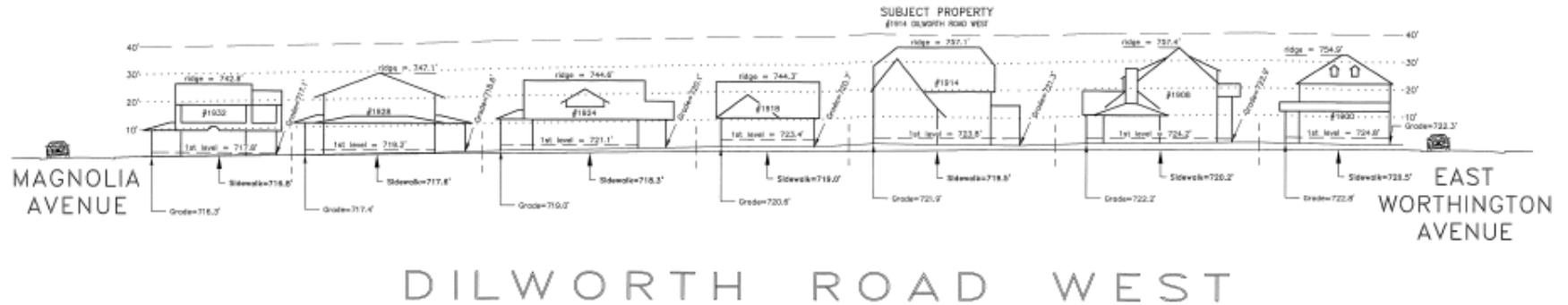
The next three slides illustrate various types of building scale on streets within historic districts. Some blocks have a uniform scale of buildings while others have a rhythm of varying building heights.

**Scale** is defined as “...the relationship of the building to those around it.” **Context** is defined as “...the overall relationship of the project to its surroundings.”

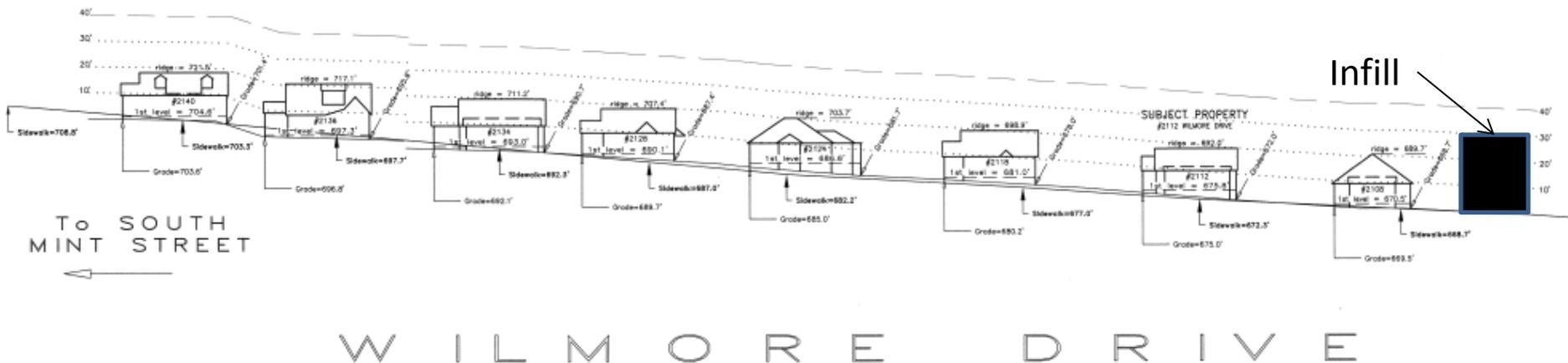
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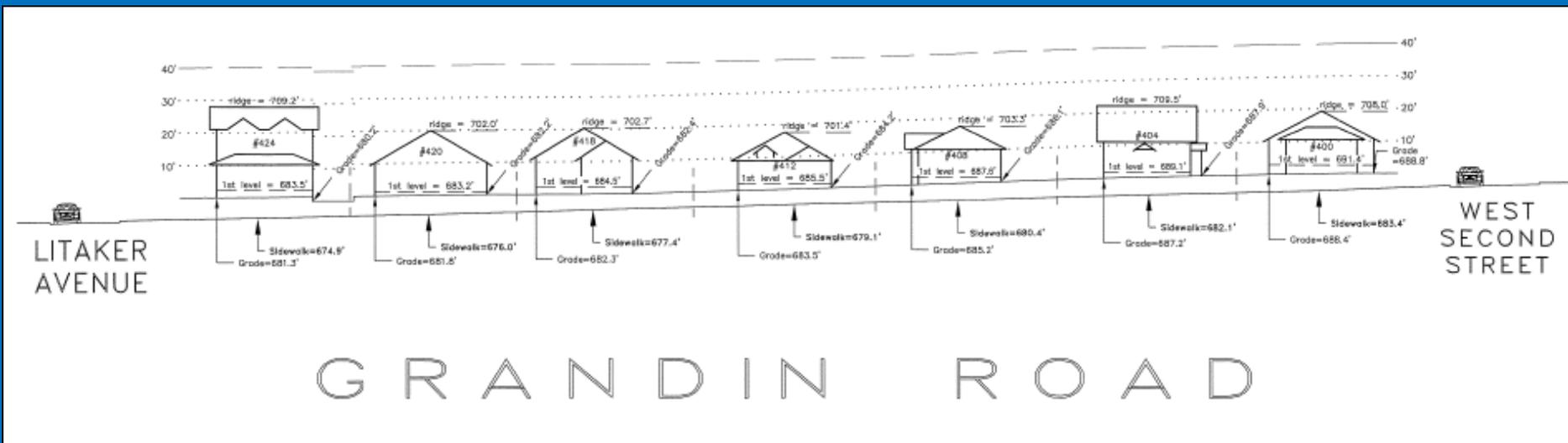
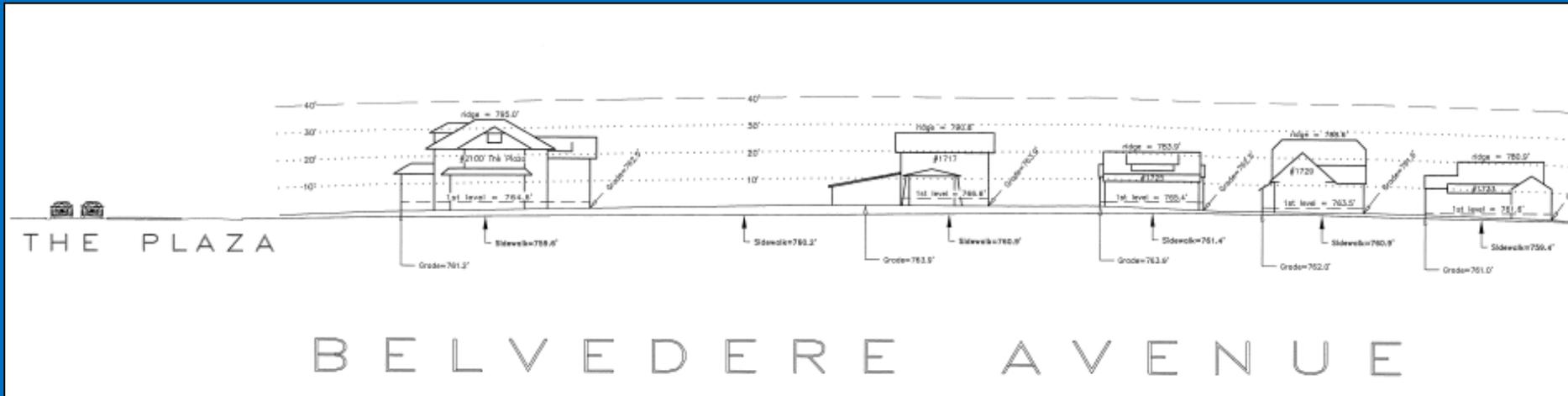
Building heights can vary greatly on some blocks. The height range of original homes on this block is between 23 and 35 feet.



The height of houses along this street are relatively uniform at an average of approximately 20 feet. An infill structure 30 feet tall or more may not be appropriate in this context.



Residential structures on corner lots are occasionally taller than others.





This project exhibits building mass, height, fenestration, and entry size inconsistent with neighboring buildings.

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### Inappropriate Scale & Proportion



New development that uses appropriately scaled building mass, height, fenestration, and entry size complements the surrounding buildings and respects the neighborhood fabric.

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### Appropriate Scale & Proportion

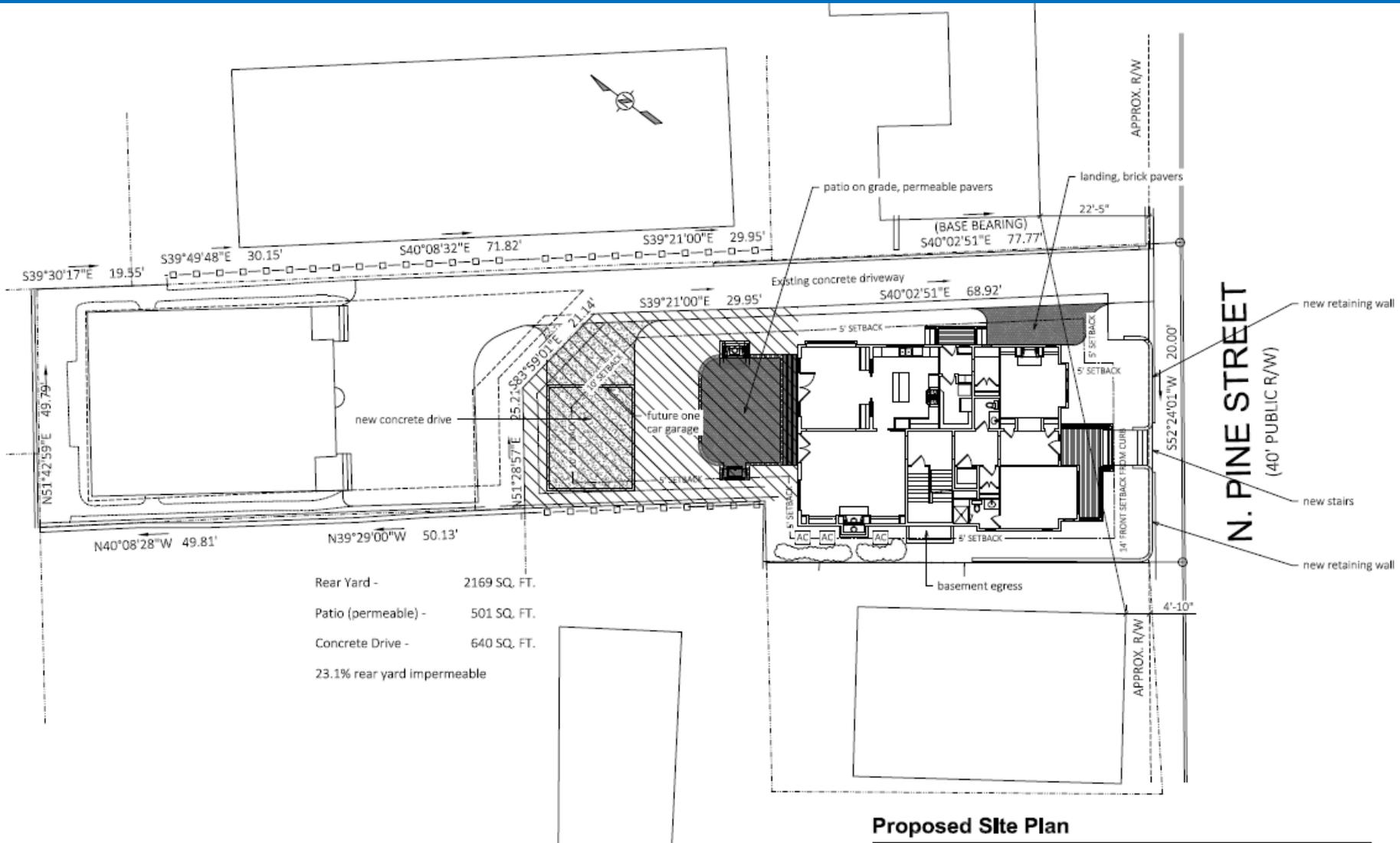
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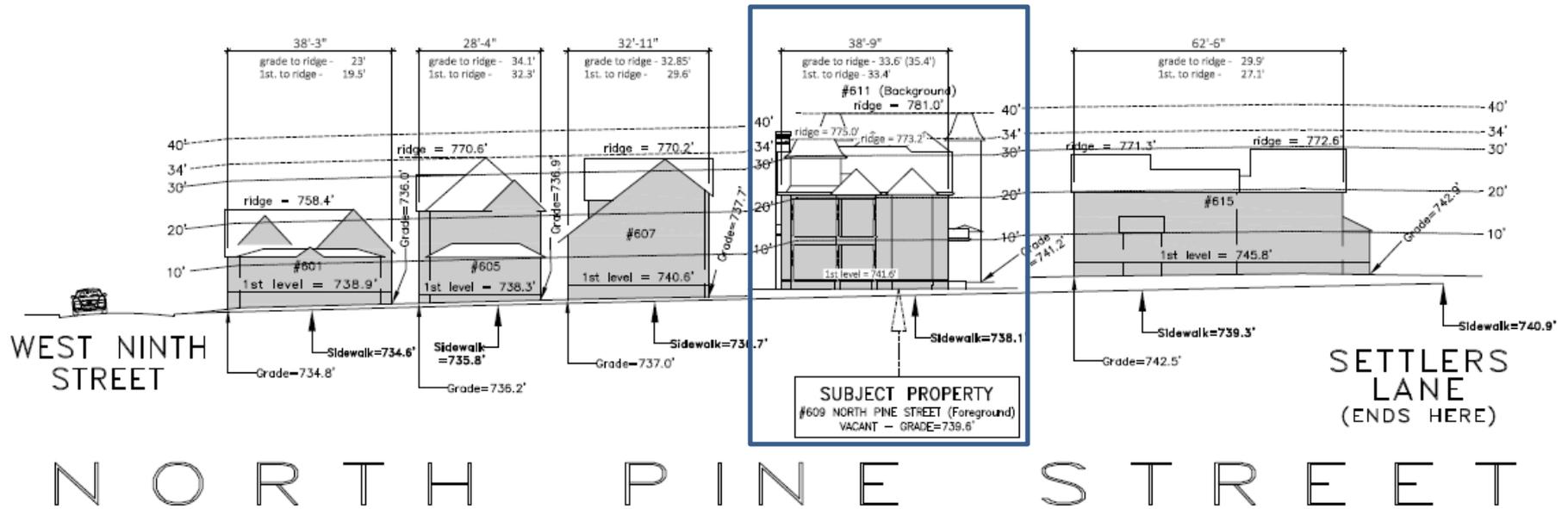
**Example 1: New construction - Single family house.** Site plans must have contextual information (adjacent setbacks, property lines) and site specific details.



**Proposed Site Plan**

Scale: 1" = 20'0"

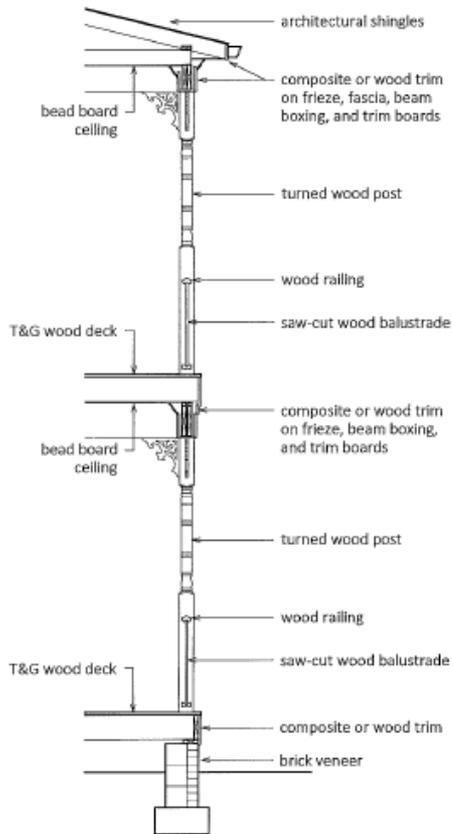
**Example 1: Single family house.** New construction should be consistent with the existing context.



Streetscape

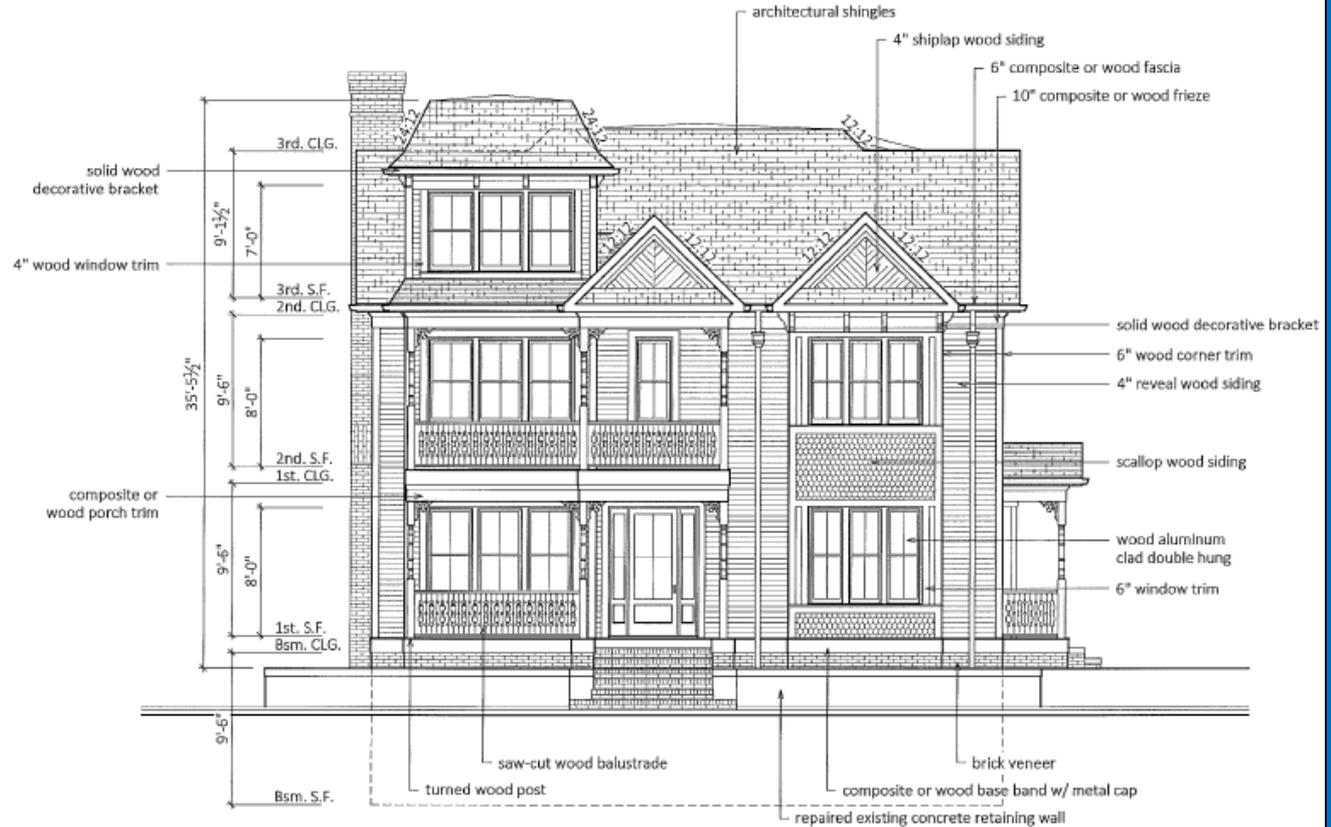
Scale: 1" = 25'-0"

# Architectural notes and dimensions must be legible.



**Front Porch Detail**

Scale:  $\frac{1}{4}'' = 1'-0''$

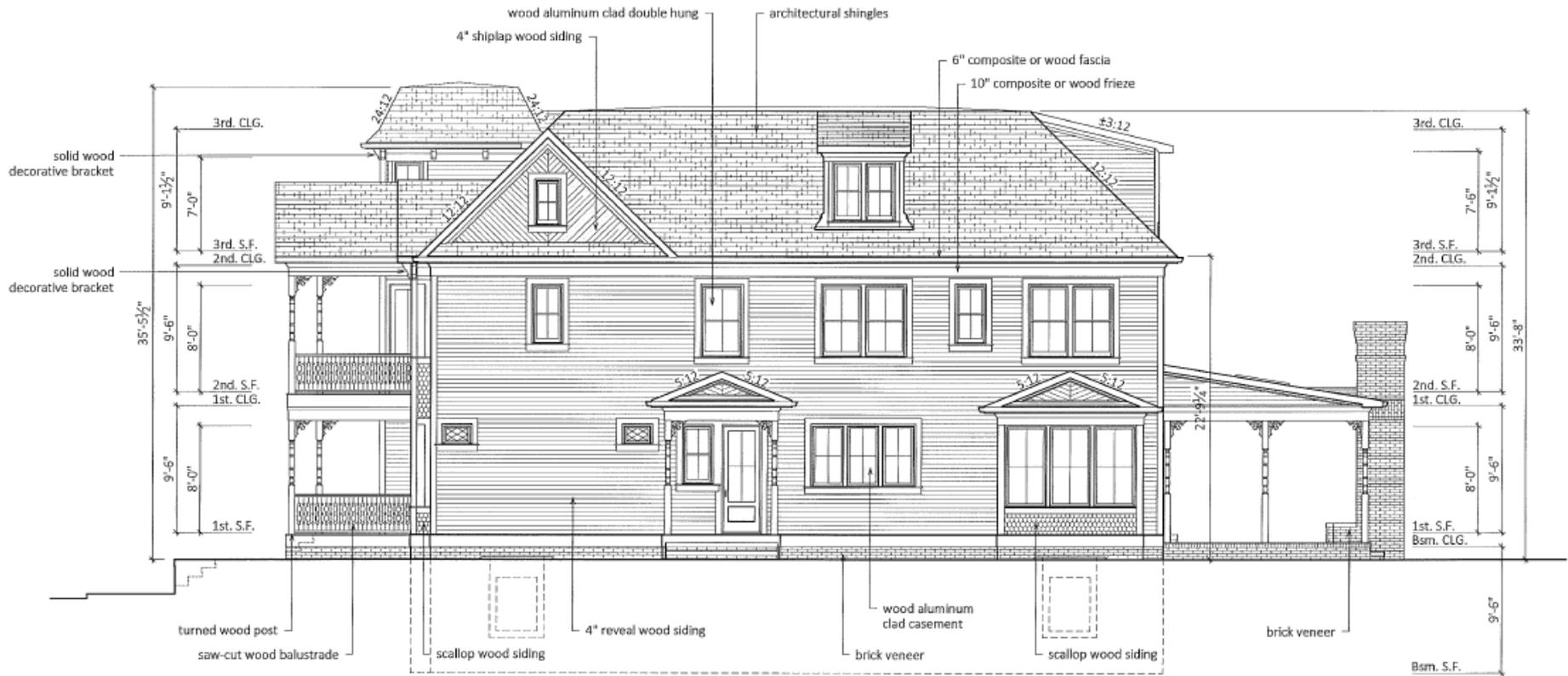


Note: If used all composite trim will be field painted.

**Front Elevation**

Scale:  $\frac{1}{8}'' = 1'-0''$

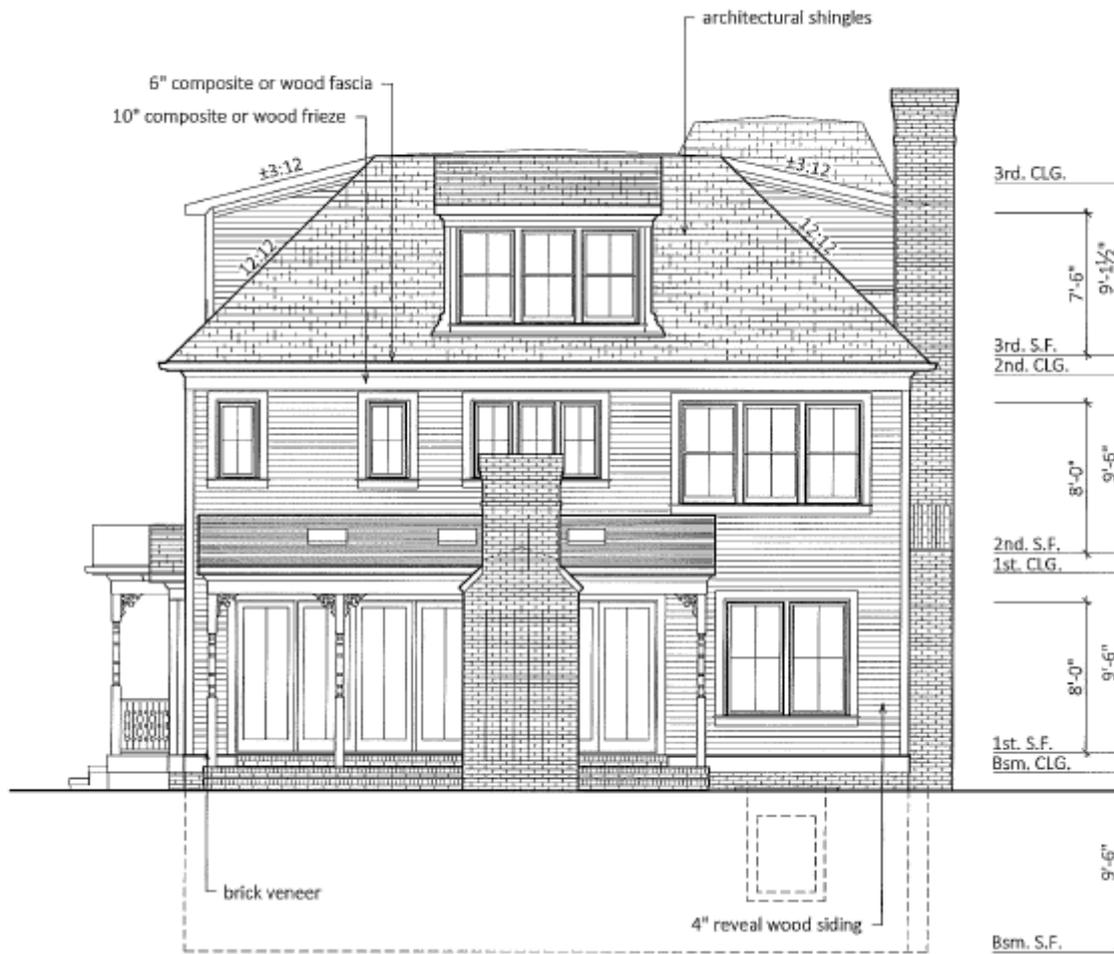
Elevations should include architectural features that compliment the house and each other.



Right Side Elevation

Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"

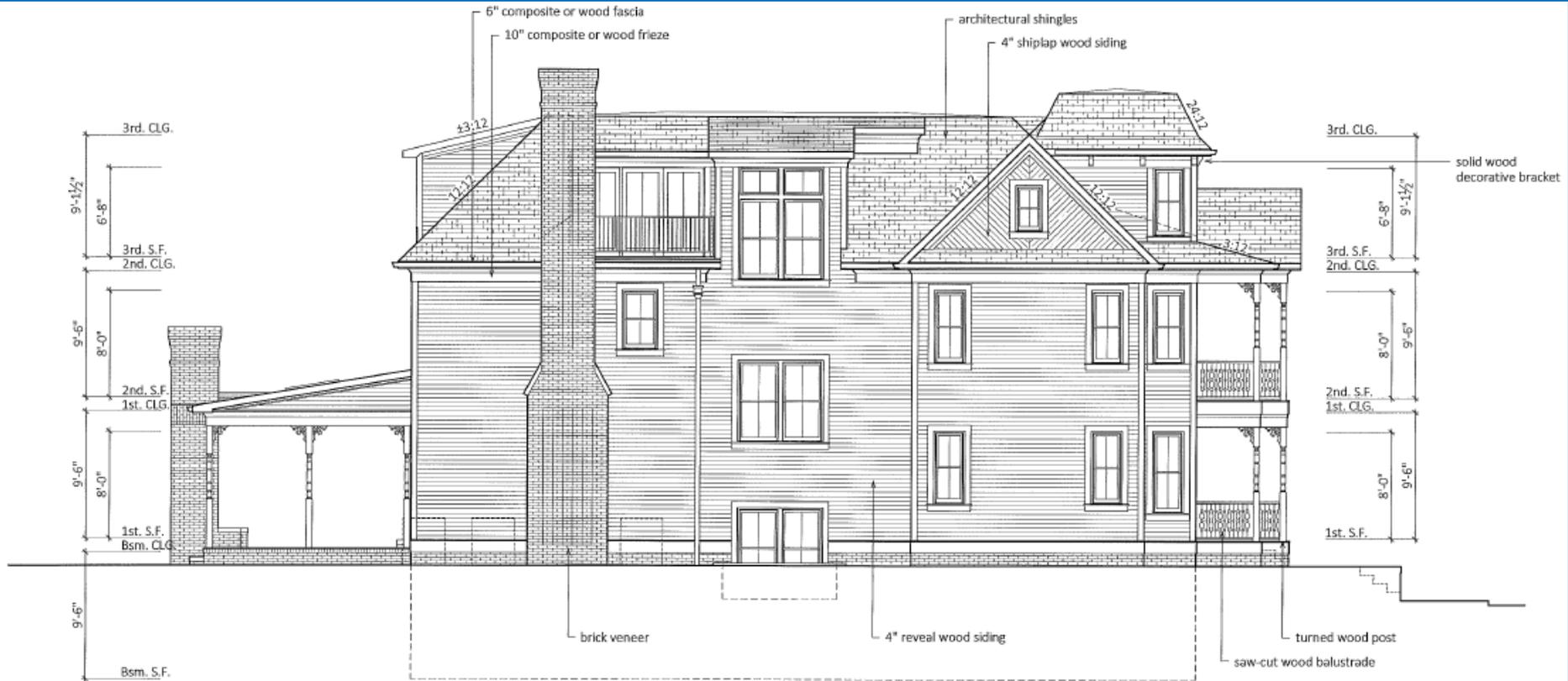
Blank walls should be minimal on all elevations.



Rear Elevation

Scale:  $\frac{1}{8}" = 1'-0"$

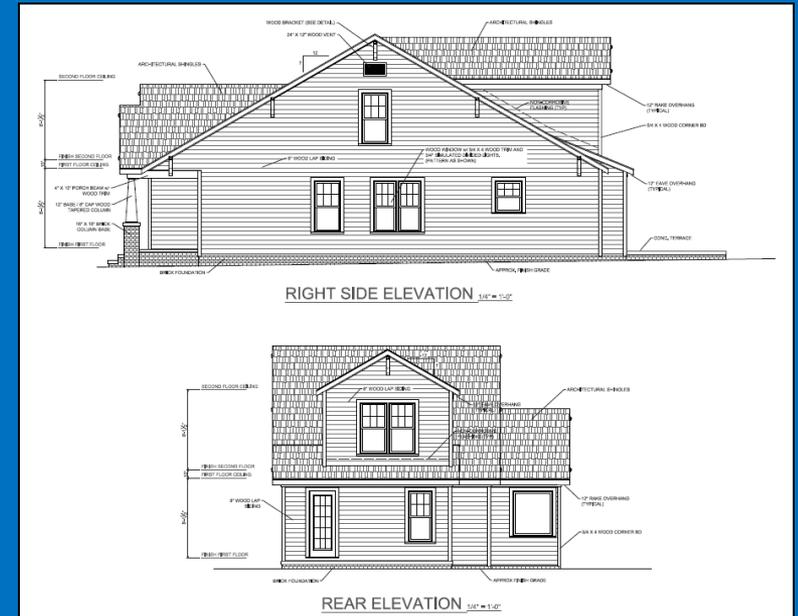
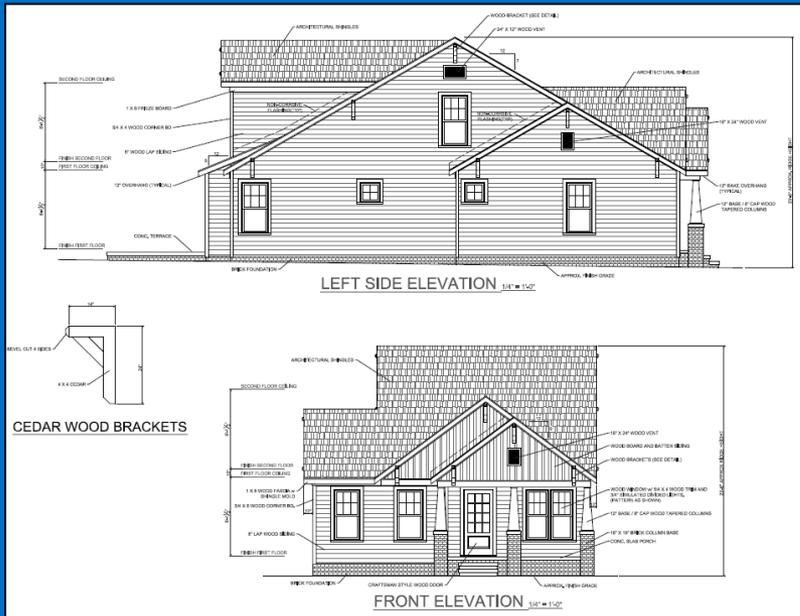
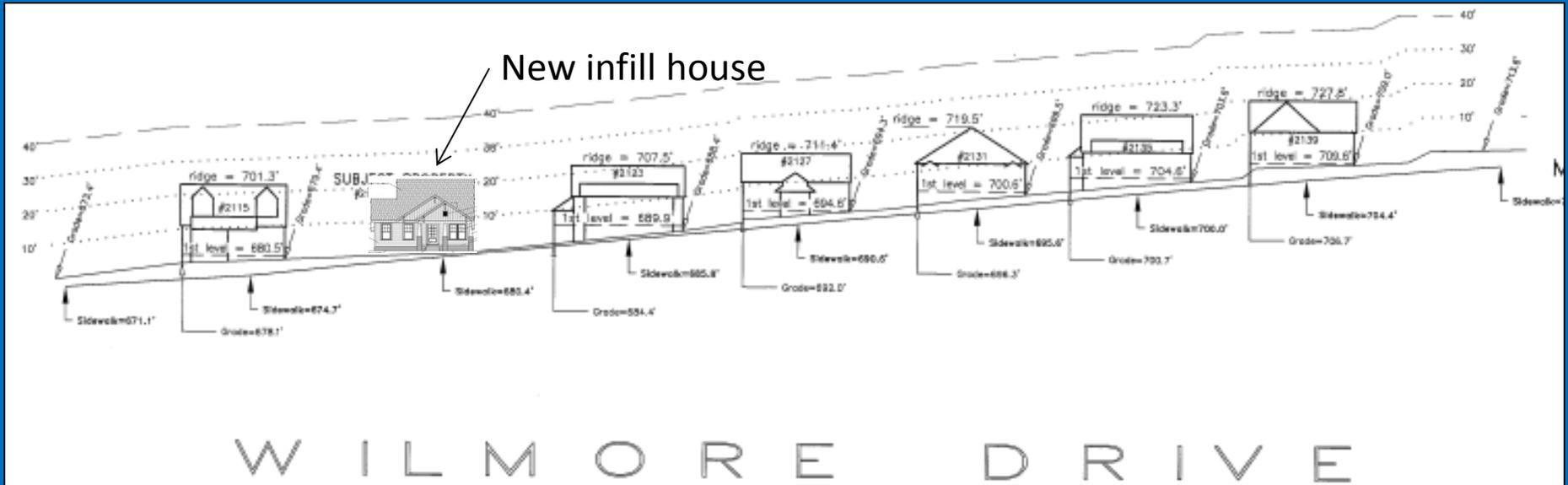
Wall and roof planes can be detailed with windows, varied roof forms, changes in materials and other complimentary architectural details.



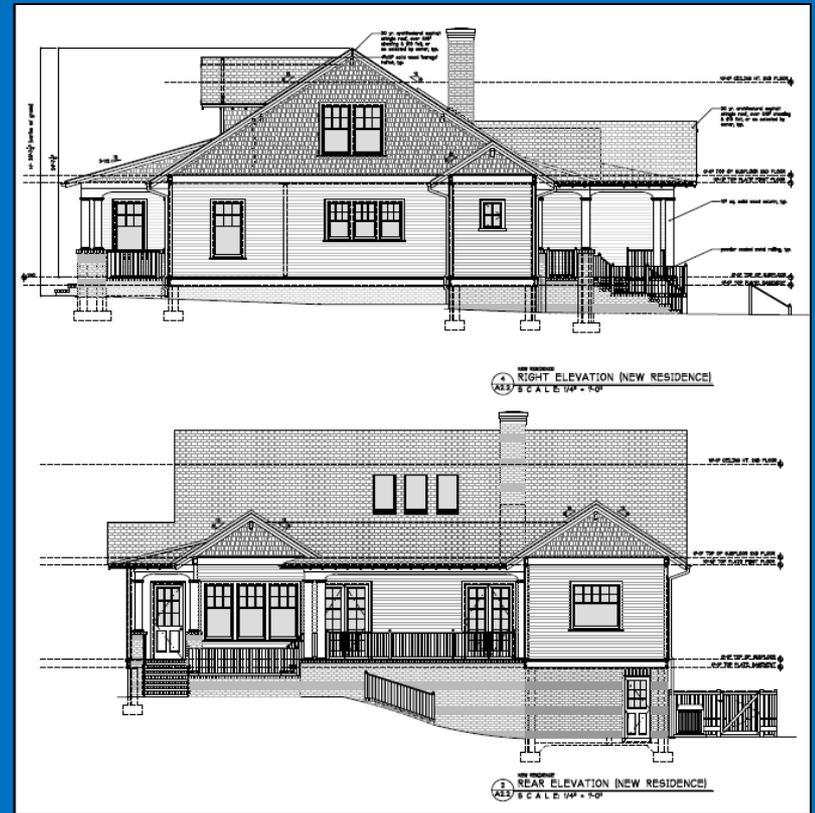
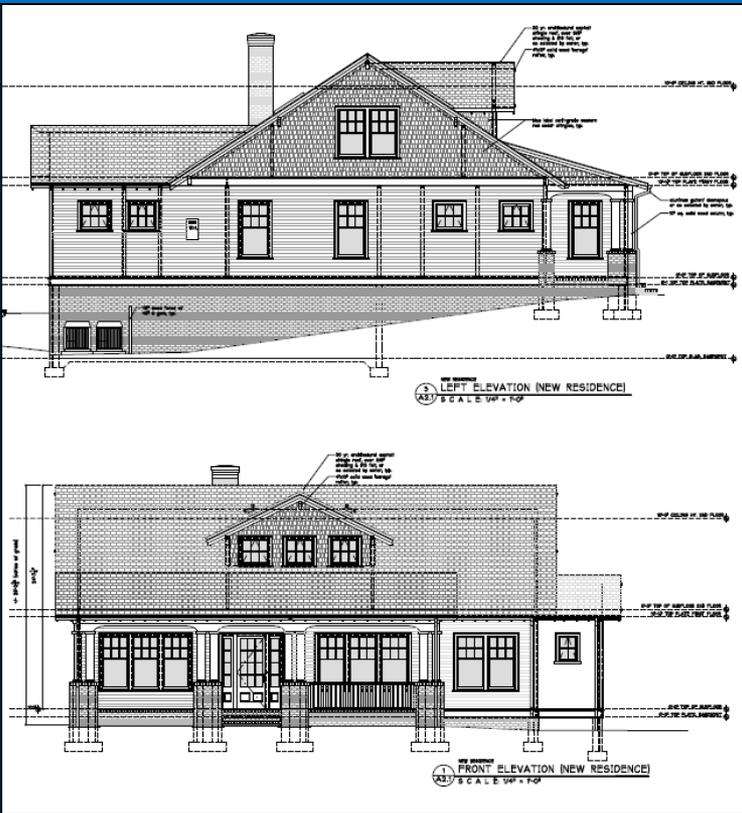
Left Side Elevation

Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"

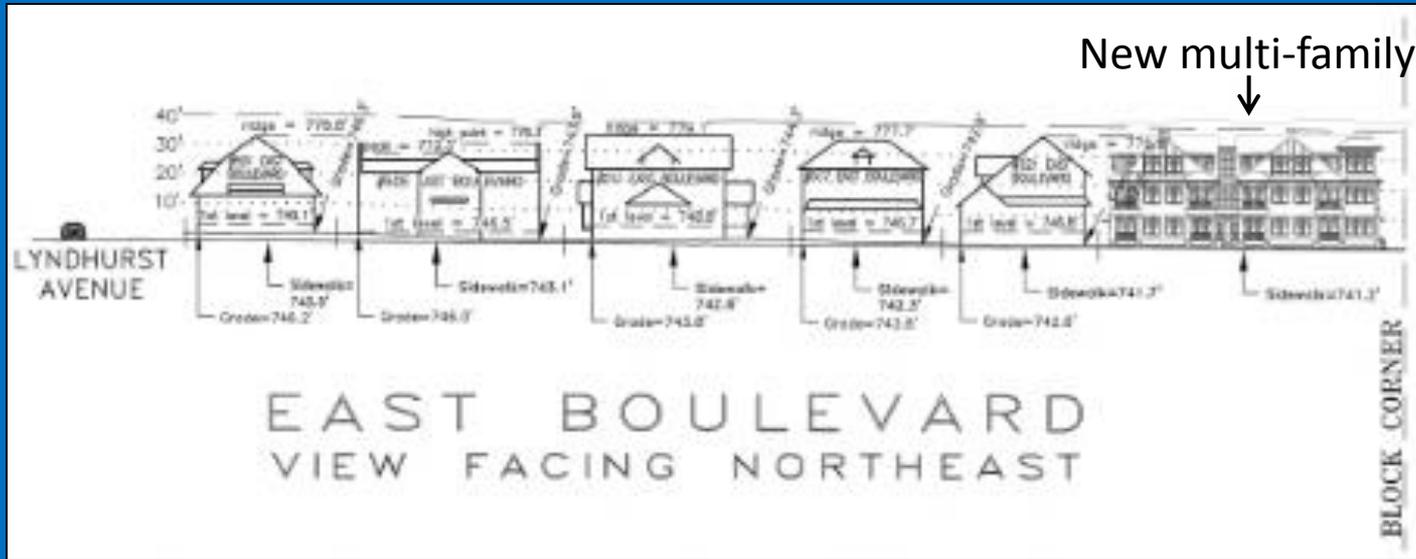
**Example 2:** The new house in this example has a scale that is harmonious with original houses on the street.



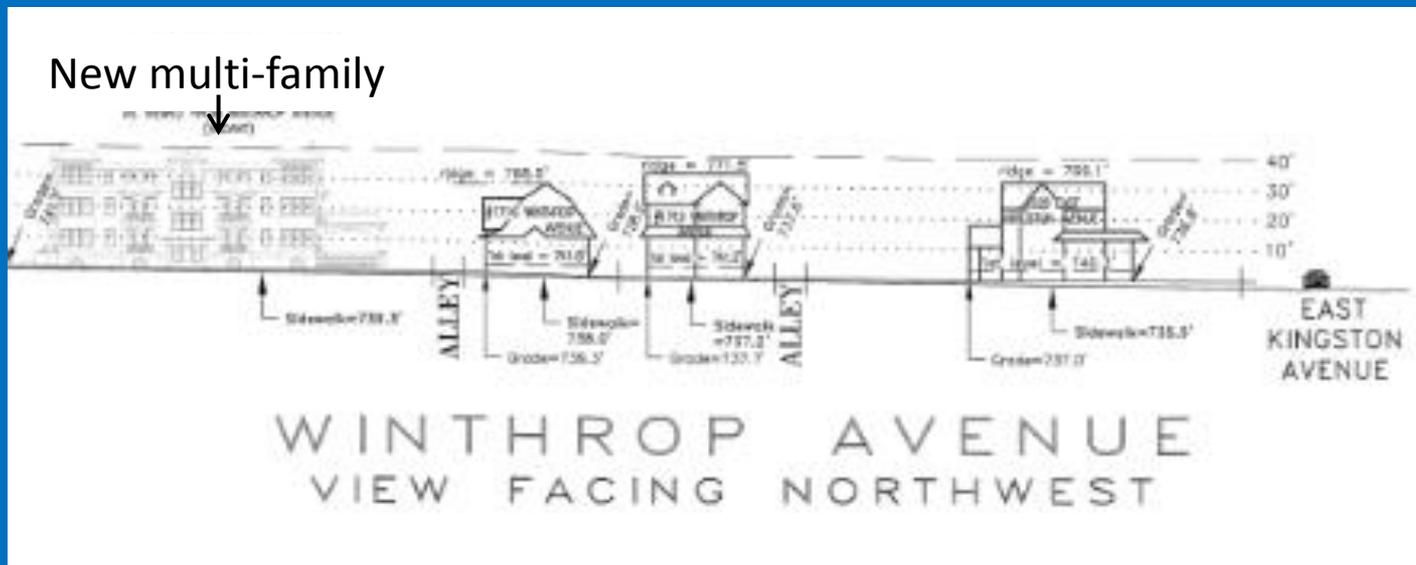
**Example 3:** Some areas have a suburban context with ranch style homes and larger lots. The proportions and scale of the new house is harmonious with adjacent houses on the street.



**Example 4:** The scale of the approved multi-family building on the corner compliments the existing streetscape.

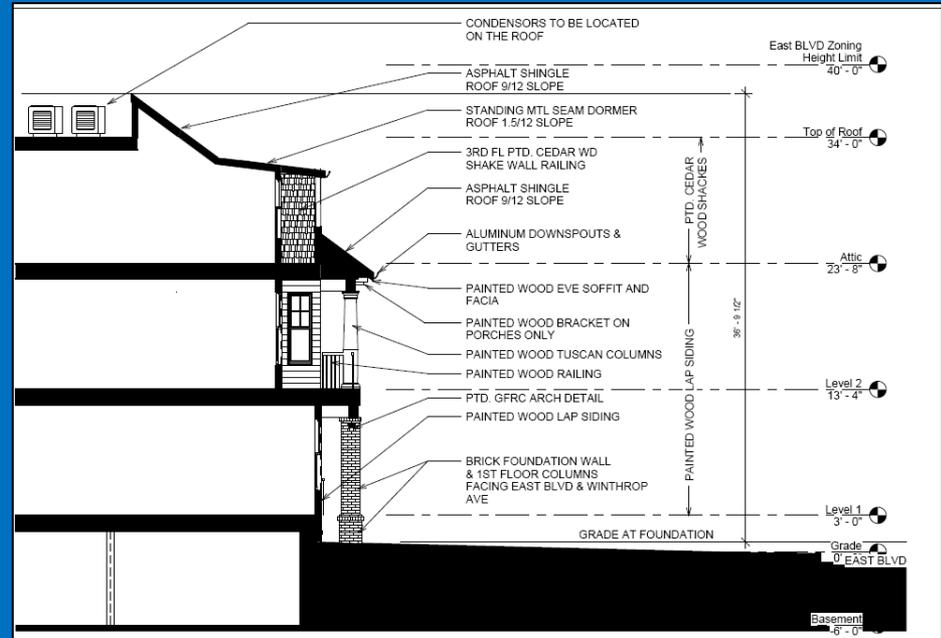


New multi-family  
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New multi-family  
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**Example 4 Continued:** Appropriate architectural details minimize the massing and scale of the building.



**Example 5:** The context of the area in this example is primarily multi-family, allowing more flexibility with building height. Appropriate architectural details minimize the massing and scale of the building.



# Additional Information



Refer to the  
*Policy and Design Guidelines*  
for additional information.

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