Historic Landmark Commission March 26, 2012 National Register Historic Districts NRD-2012-0026 Old West Austin 3003 Beverly Road

PROPOSAL

Relocate the existing c. 1947 house and construct a new 3,824 sq. ft. house.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The c. 1947 residence is a 1,036 sq. ft. minimal tradition house with a side gabled roof and a cross gable front over the partial width front porch. The porch roof is supported by three pairs of square posts. The house is sided with horizontal and board and batten siding, and has multi-paned picture and casement window that are flanked by shutters. There is a 380 sq. ft. detached garage at the rear of the property that is accessed from the street by a driveway that runs on the side of the house.

The applicant proposes to relocate the existing house to a location outside the City limits and construct a new 3,824 sq. ft. house. The design for the new house is a contemporary interpretation of the National Folk style with a gable-front-and-wing form and a shed roofed porch. The house will have multiple pairs of 2:2, double-hung windows, as well as casement and fixed windows, a metal standing seam roof, 8" or 10" exposure, horizontal Hardi board siding, and a stone exterior chimney. A single-car, attached garage faces the street and will be set back approximately 9 ft. from the front façade.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is listed as contributing to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District. The Old West Austin National Register Historic District has no design guidelines for new construction. Applicable general design review guidelines state:

- The distinguishing original qualities or character of a property and its environment shall not be destroyed. Removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features should be avoided.
- All properties shall be recognized as products of their own time. Alterations which have no historical basis and which seek to create an earlier appearance shall be discouraged.
- Distinctive stylistic features or examples of skilled craftsmanship, which characterize a property, shall be treated with sensitivity.
- Contemporary designs for alterations and additions to existing properties are appropriate when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historic, architectural, or cultural material and are compatible with the size, scale, color, material, and character of the property, neighborhood, or environment.
- Whenever possible, new additions or alterations to structures shall be done in such a manner that if such additions or alterations were to be removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the structure would not be impaired.

Relocating the existing house will eliminate the contributing property from the National Register Historic District so does not comply with the design guidelines.

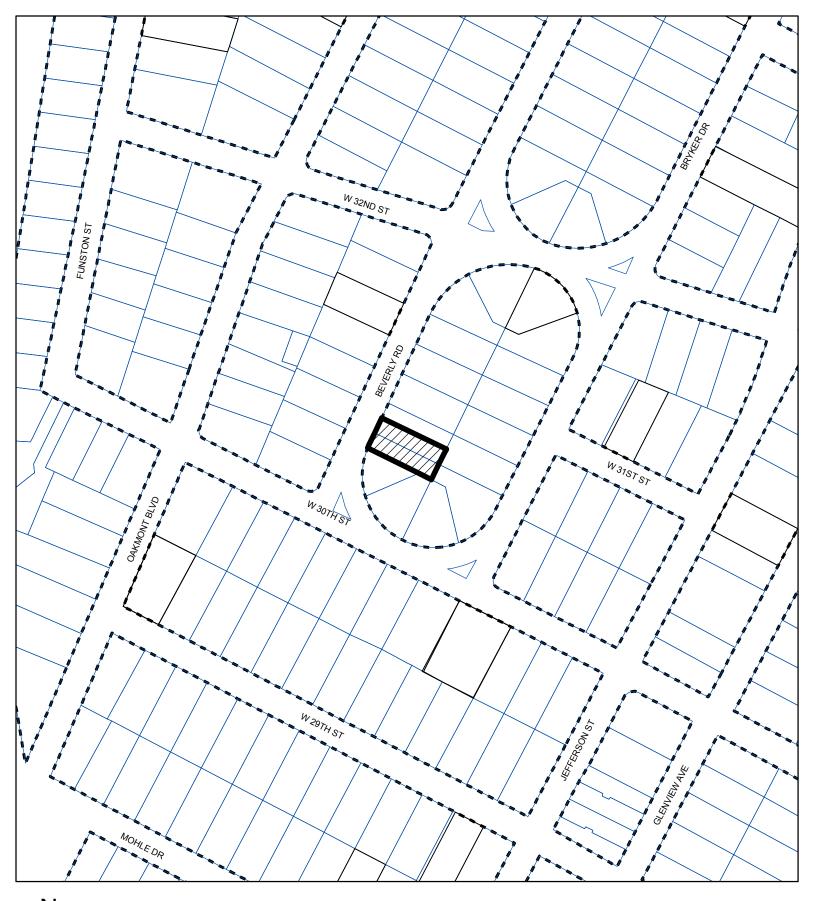
The new residence is compatible with the character of the National Register District in size and scale, however the front facing garage is not.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests the applicant reconsider relocating the house and pursue rehabilitation and reuse instead. If the applicant continues to seek relocation, staff requests that the applicant revise the design of the new house to have a detached garage, and recommends not releasing the permit until the applicant has submitted a City of Austin Documentation Package consisting of a sketch of the existing site and floor plan, photographs of all four elevations, and an occupancy history of the house.





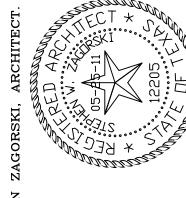




CASE#: NRD-2012-0026 LOCATION: 3003 Beverly Road



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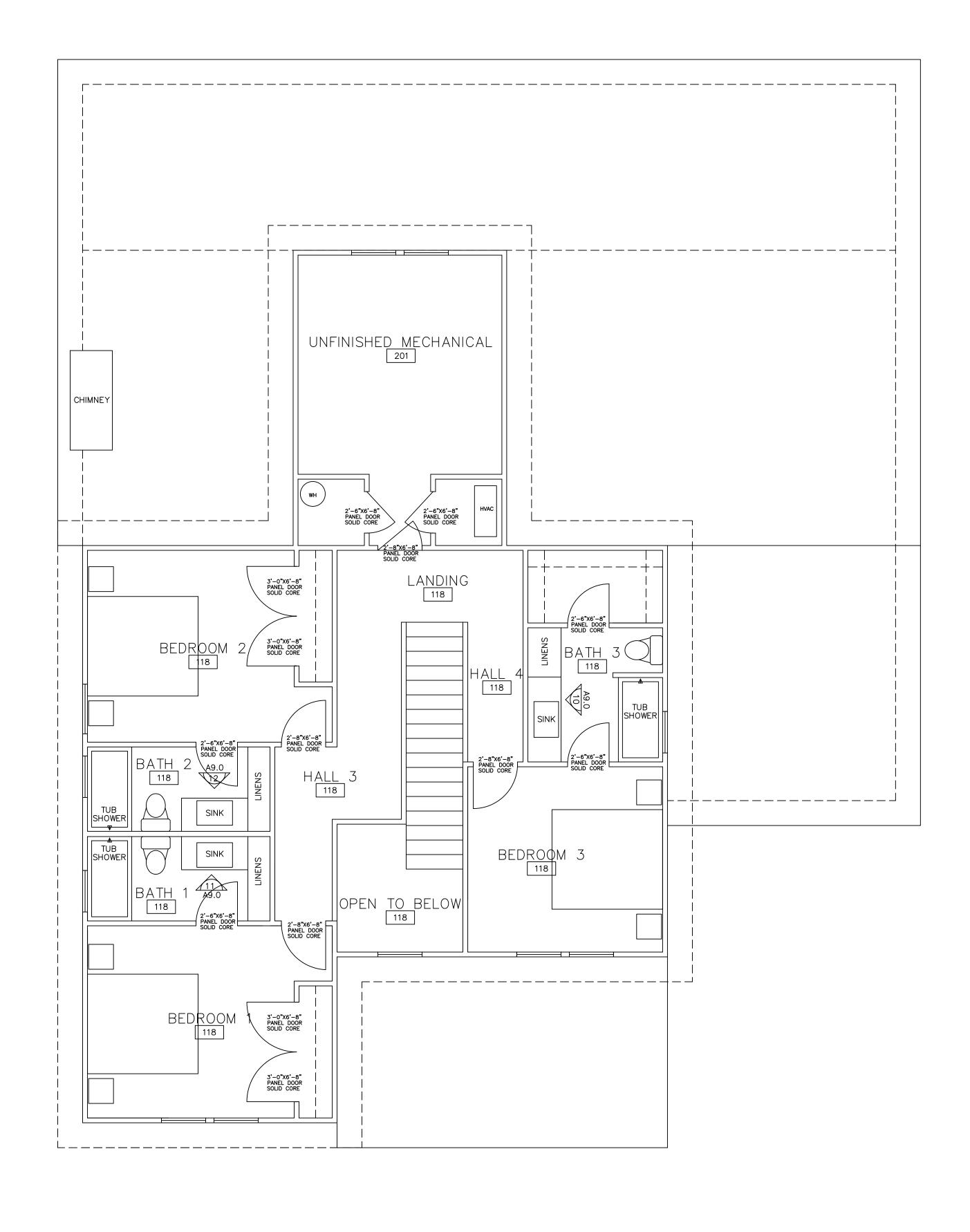
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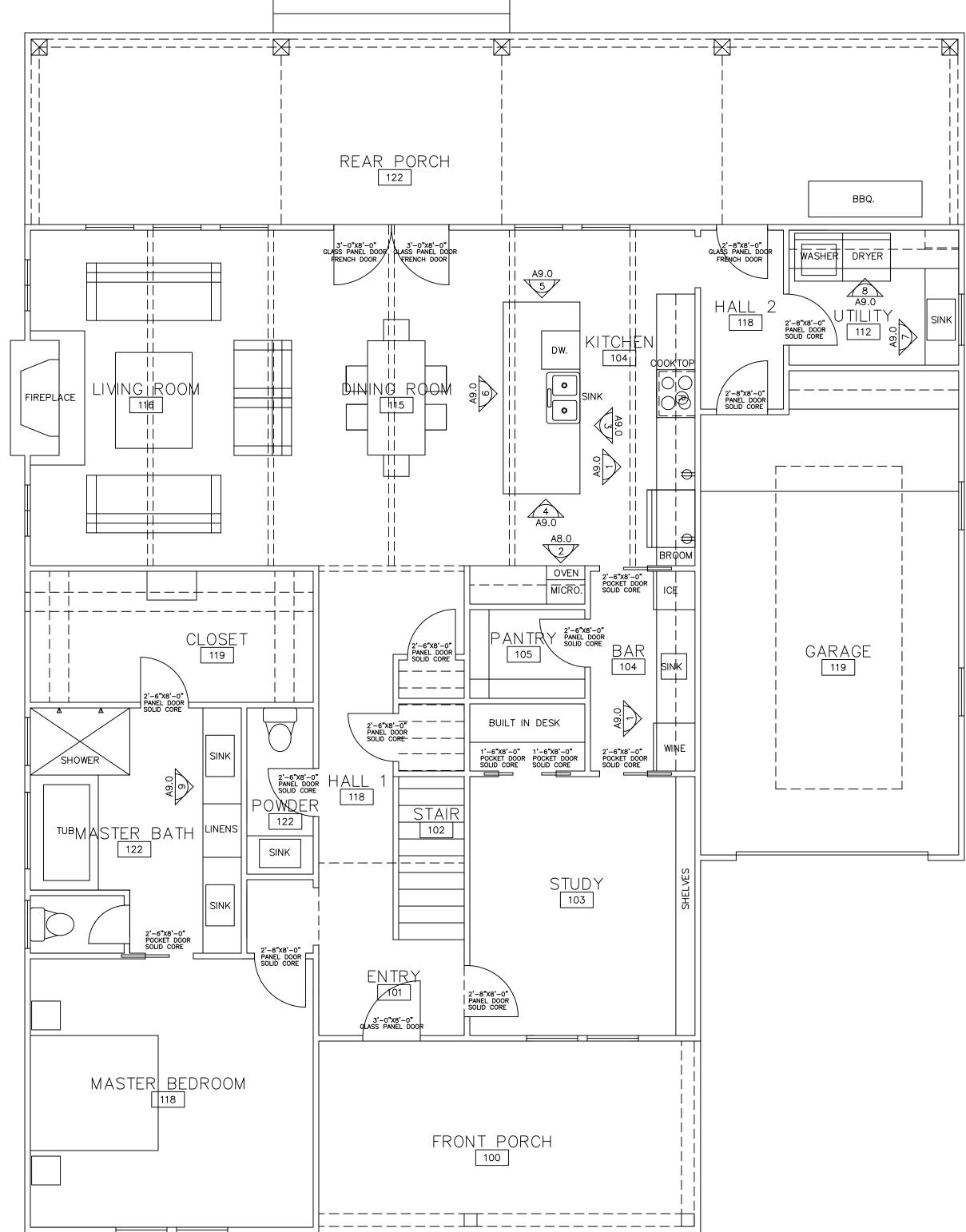
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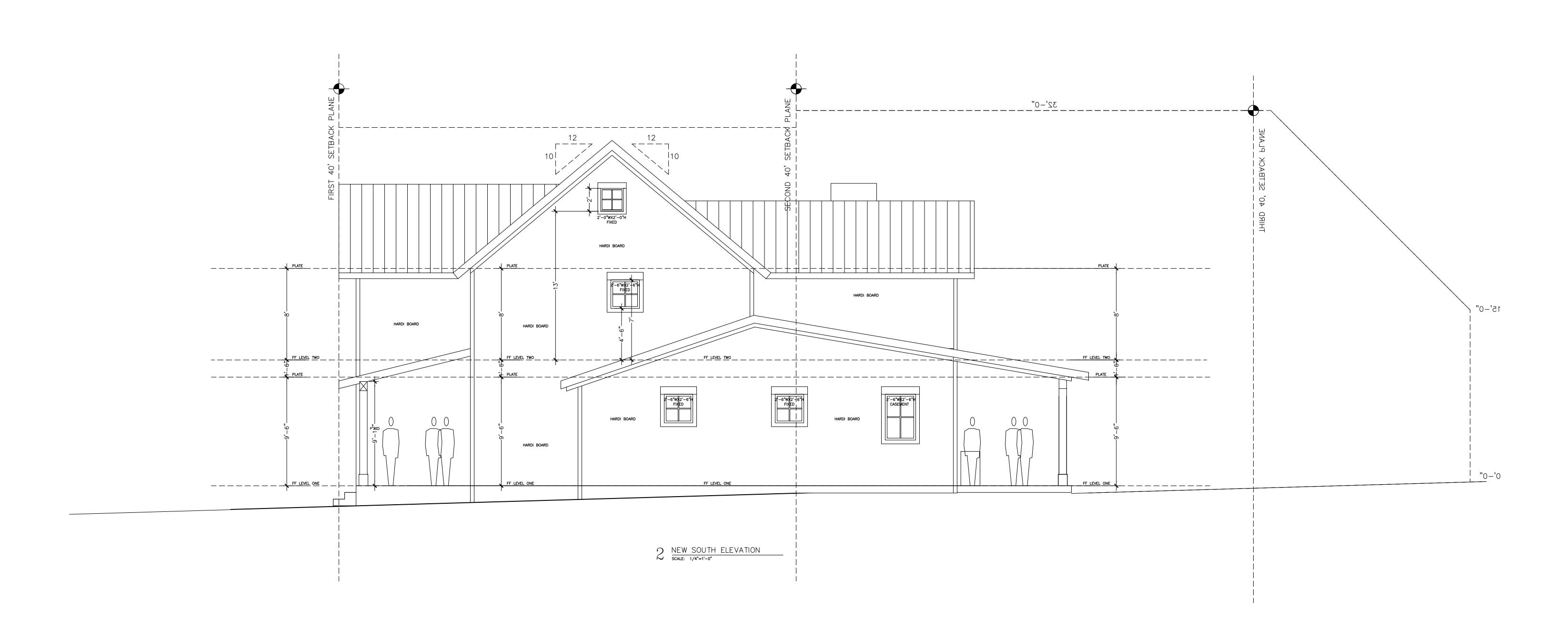
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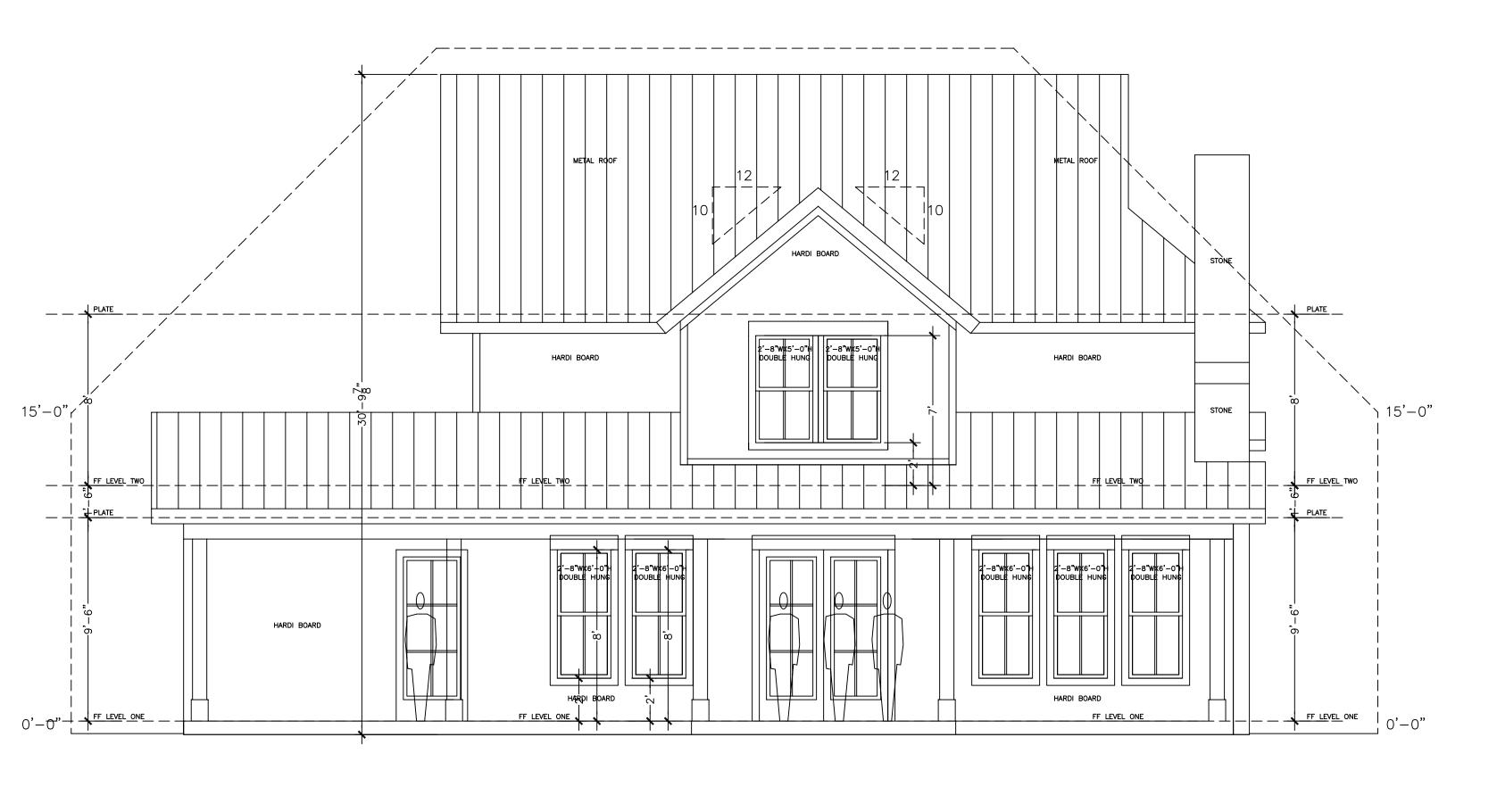
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