

**ADDRESS: 1432 DIAMOND ST**

Proposal: Rebuild demolished rear ell with addition

Review Requested: Final Approval

Owner: Lopsonzski 1432 W Diamond

Applicant: Shae Morong, Plato Studio Architect LLC

History: 1886; John M. Sharp, builder

Individual Designation: None

District Designation: Diamond Street Historic District, Contributing, 1/29/1986

Staff Contact: Meredith Keller, meredith.keller@phila.gov, 215-686-7660

**BACKGROUND:**

The building at 1432 Diamond Street comprises one half of a twin and is part of three identical twins on the south side of Diamond Street. The side and rear elevations are highly visible from N. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, owing to an adjacent vacant lot to the west where another twin historically stood. In June 2019, the staff of the Historical Commission approved a building permit for interior alterations. Work to the building began once the permit was issued in early July. During the interior work, part of the side façade of the rear ell collapsed. In August 2019, the Department of Licenses & Inspections declared the building imminently dangerous and abated the dangerous condition by demolishing the rear ell. At this time, only a one-story portion of the ell's rear wall remains standing, and the rear of the main block where the ell was attached is open to the elements.

**SCOPE OF WORK:**

- Construct three-story brick addition in place of demolished rear ell.

**STANDARDS FOR REVIEW:**

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and Guidelines include:

- *Standard 9: New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.*
  - Although the proposed three-story rear ell would be clad in brick to match the now-demolished structure, the new ell would include a significant addition at the rear that would extend the building beyond its neighbors. The proposed ell would also not replicate the original bay of the rear wall, an extant feature of all other buildings in the row. The application does not comply with this standard.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Denial of the application as proposed, but approval of the reconstruction of a rear ell that more accurately replicates the appearance and dimensions of the historic ell, with the staff to review details, pursuant to Standard 9.

**MAPS & IMAGES:**

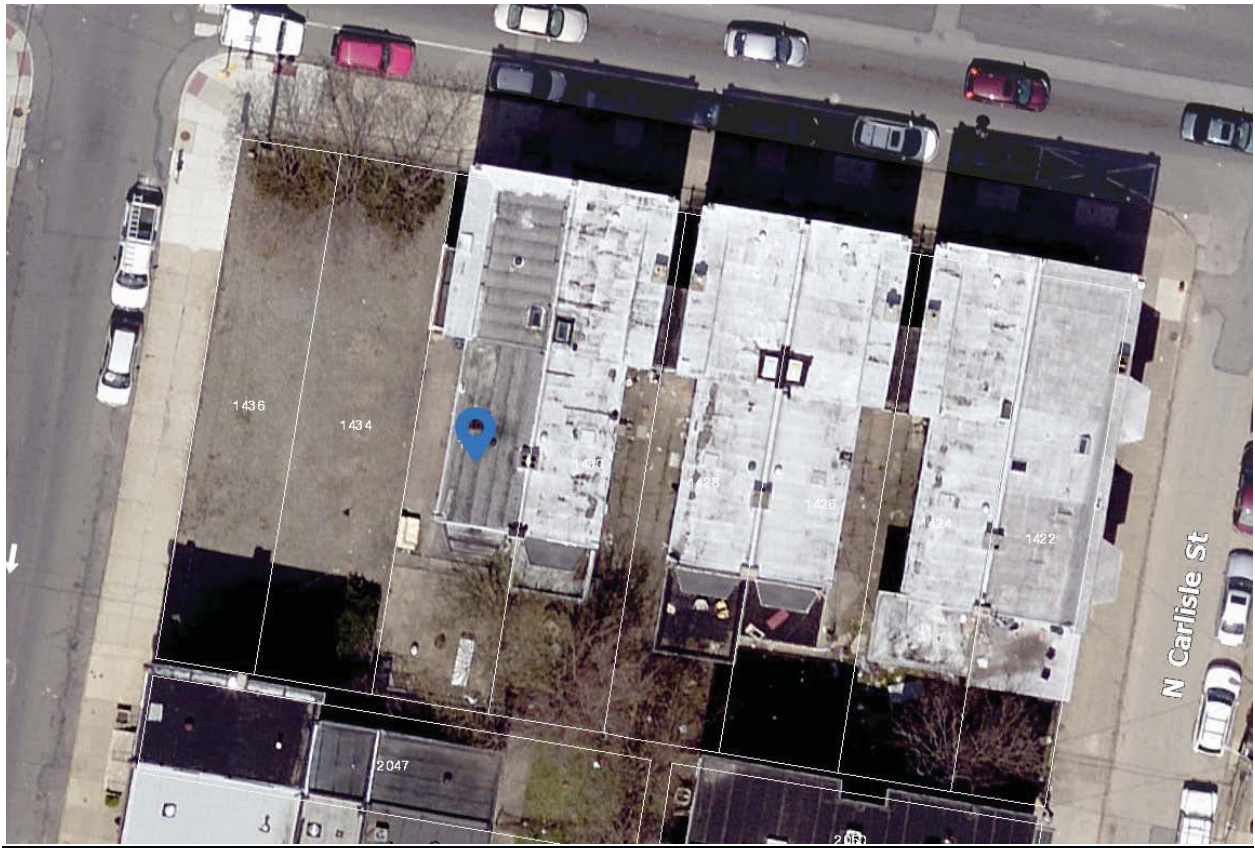


Figure 1: 2018 parcel map showing 1432 Diamond Street. Source: CityAtlas



Figure 2: Front façade of 1432 Diamond Street. Source: Cyclomedia.

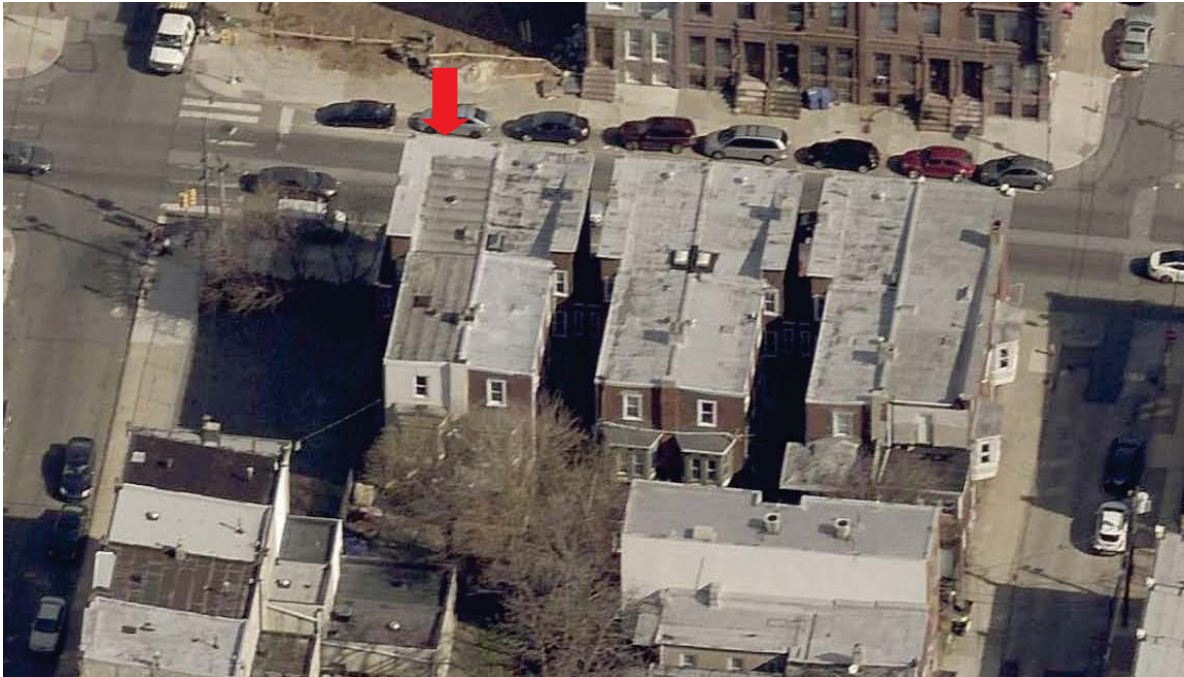


Figure 3: Aerial image of 1432 Diamond Street prior to the demolition of the rear ell, 2019. Source: Pictometry.





Figure 4: The rear ell and rear bay prior to demolition, June 2019. Source: Google StreetView.



Figure 5: Partial collapse of the west wall of the rear ell, August 2019. Source: Philadelphia Historical Commission.





Figure 6: Side elevation of 1432 Diamond Street, showing the main block and rear ell prior to its demolition, 2019. Source: Cyclomedia.



Figure 7: 1432 Diamond Street following the demolition of the rear ell, 2019. Source: Philadelphia Historical Commission.

# APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT



CITY OF PHILADELPHIA  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUILDING - CONCOURSE  
1401 JOHN F. KENNEDY BOULEVARD  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102

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APPLICATION # \_\_\_\_\_

(Please complete all information below and print clearly)

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION:  
1432 W. Diamond Street Philadelphia, PA 19121

APPLICANT:  
Shae Morong  
COMPANY NAME  
Plato Studio Architect, LLC.

APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:  
107 South 2nd Street 2nd Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

PHONE # (267) 866-0933 FAX # \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSE # \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME:  
LOPSONZSKI 1432 W DIAMOND

PROPERTY OWNER'S ADDRESS:  
2542 WEST FAIRVIEW STREET ALLENTOWN PA 18104

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ FAX # \_\_\_\_\_

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER IN RESPONSIBLE CHARGE  
Plato A. Marinakos, Jr.  
ARCHITECT/ENGINEERING FIRM:  
Plato Studio Architect, LLC.

ARCHITECT/ENGINEERING FIRM ADDRESS:  
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CONTRACTOR:  
Lopsonski 1809 N Willington St, LP  
CONTRACTING COMPANY:

CONTRACTING COMPANY ADDRESS:  
2542 W. Fairview Street  
Allentown, PA 18104

PHONE # (610) 248-4177 FAX # \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSE # 46197 E-MAIL: mlopsonzski@hotmail.com

USE OF BUILDING/SPACE  
Group Living

ESTIMATED COST OF WORK  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WORK:  
Proposed rear addition to a 3 story existing dwelling that will consist of 8 units.  
As shown on the enclosed plans provided.

TOTAL AREA UNDERGOING CONSTRUCTION: 2,866.00 square feet

COMPLETE THESE ITEMS IF APPLICABLE TO THIS APPLICATION:  
# OF NEW SPRINKLER HEADS (suppression system permits only): \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION OF SPRINKLERS: \_\_\_\_\_  
# OF NEW REGISTERS/DIFFUSERS (hvac/ductwork permits only): \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION OF STANDPIPES: \_\_\_\_\_

IS THIS APPLICATION IN RESPONSE TO A VIOLATION?  NO  YES VIOLATION #: \_\_\_\_\_

All provisions of the building code and other City ordinances will be complied with, whether specified herein or not. Plans approved by the Department form a part of this application. I hereby certify that the statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that I am authorized by the owner to make the foregoing application, and that, before I accept my permit for which this application is made, the owner shall be made aware of all conditions of the permit. I understand that if I knowingly make any false statement herein I am subject to such penalties as may be prescribed by law or ordinance.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 11 / 4 / 19



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Principal  
Plato A. Marinakos, Jr. AIA, CSI, Architect\*  
\*Architect licensed in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland

**Wednesday October 30, 2019**

Philadelphia Historical Commission  
1515 Arch Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Philadelphia PA 19102

**1432 W. Diamond Street: Concept Approval**

To Whom It May Concern,

We are submitting this application to the Historical Commission for a review on our project at 1432 W. Diamond Street. Below we have listed the owners and the architect for the property at 1432 W. Diamond Street, along with a brief description of the project.

**Owner:**

Michael Lopsonski  
[mlopsonzski@hotmail.com](mailto:mlopsonzski@hotmail.com)  
610-248-4177

**Architect:**

Plato A Marinakos LLC  
107 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Philadelphia PA, 19106  
267-866-0931 or 267-866-0933 (Shae)  
[Plato@plato-studio.com](mailto:Plato@plato-studio.com) & [Shae@plato-studio.com](mailto:Shae@plato-studio.com)

**Scope of Work:**

We are proposing to add an addition to the rear of this property which is an existing building with 8 units and maximize the area per the zoning district. The back half of the building collapsed due to bad weather in which L&I declared it Imminently Dangerous and decided to demolish the rear portion of the building. Our proposal is to rebuild the back half of the building to meet the open area requirements and to match the brick material with the existing structure of the building.

**Adjacent Structures:**

1432 W. Diamond Street is located next to a three-story residential building. That address is 1430 W. Diamond Street.

In our professional opinion we believe our proposed alterations and addition to the existing building located at 1432 W. Diamond Street, will conform with the historical character, style and spirit of the historic Independence Hall Area. Please see our proposed plans, photos of the existing structure and brick samples in the package.



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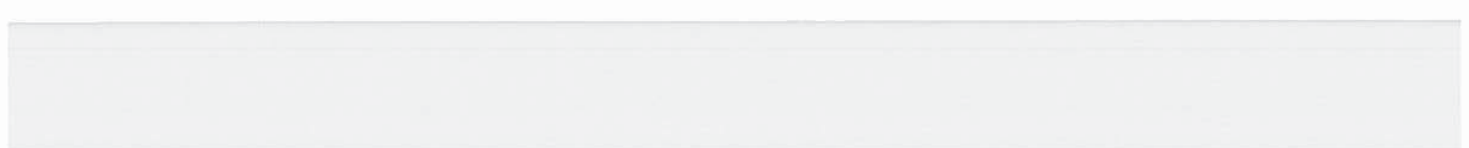
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Respectfully,

Very truly yours,

Plato A. Marinakos, Jr., AIA, CSI Member  
Plato A. Marinakos Jr. Architect, LLC

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Front of the building from public right-of-way



Side facade on the alley



Front of the building from the street



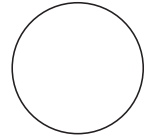
Front of the building from public right-of-way

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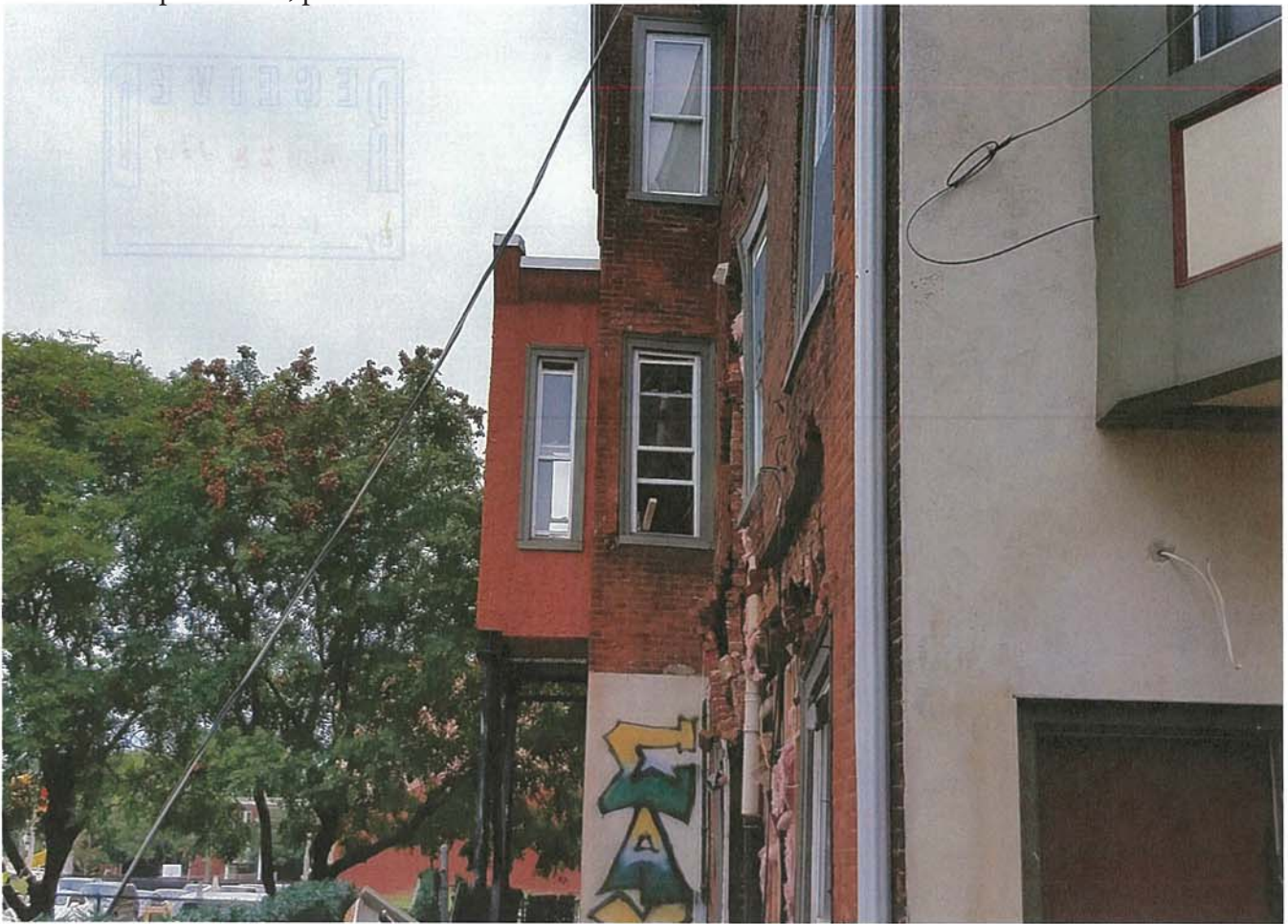


Partial collapse of wall; prior to demolition





Partial collapse of wall; prior to demolition







Side of building showing the rear



Side of building showing facing the rear on the public right-of-way



Side of building showing facing the rear on an angle on the public right-of-way



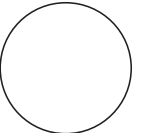
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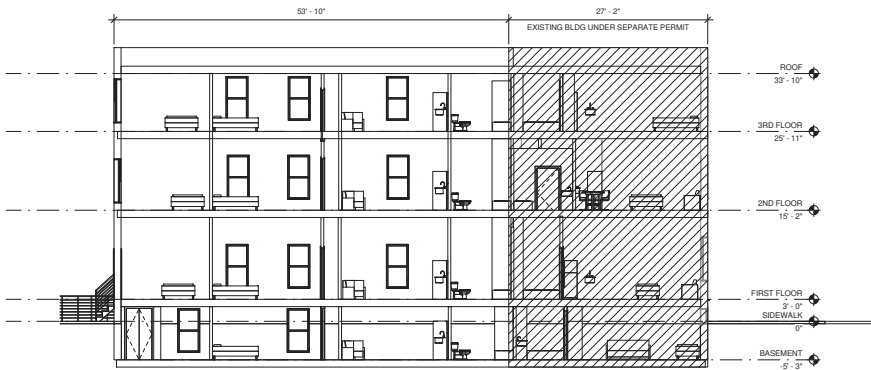
ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or piece of ground with the three story brick message or tenement thereon erected.

SITUATE on the South side of Diamond Street at the distance of thirty seven feet five inches Eastward from the East side of 15th Street in the 32nd Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

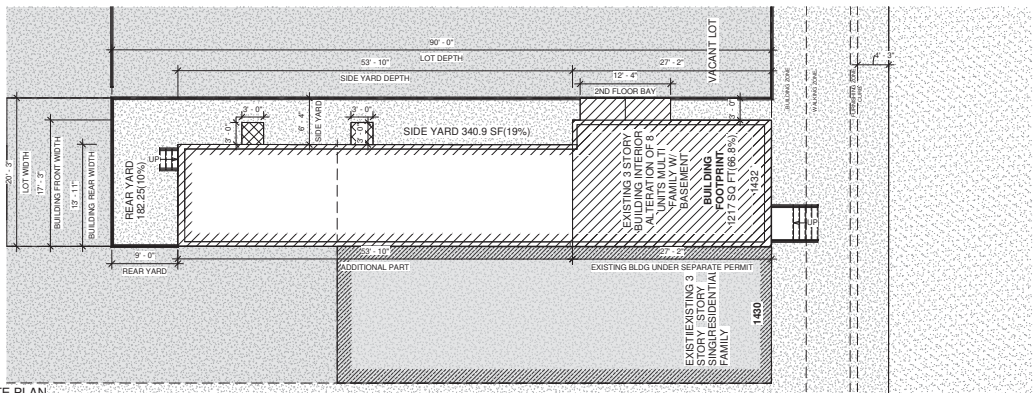
CONTAINING in front or breadth on the said Diamond Street twenty feet three inches and in depth continuing the same width at right angles to the said Diamond Street ninety feet.

BEING No. 1432 West Diamond Street.

DEED



Section 2 SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



ARCHITECTURAL SITE PLAN SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

Property Schedule table with columns for Parcel No., Address, Area, Proposed, RM-1, LOT DIMENSIONS, FRONT SETBACK, REAR YARD, HEIGHT, OPEN SPACE SQUARE FOOTAGE, BUILDING USE, STREETS DEPARTMENT, and ZONING APPROVAL STAMP.

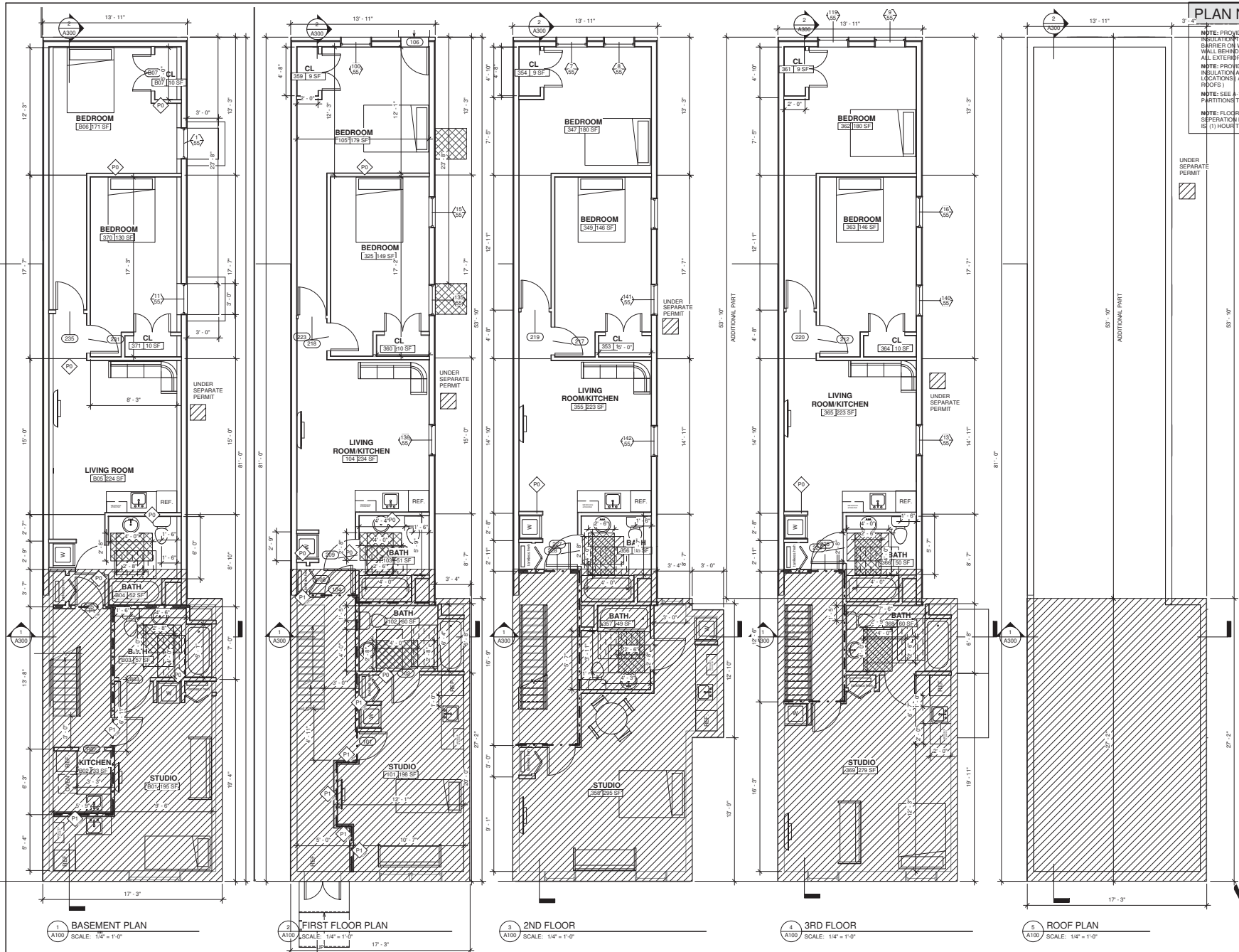
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**PLAN NOTES**

NOTE: PROVIDE R-19 BATTE INSULATION WITH VAPOR BARRIER ON WARM SIDE OF WALL BEHIND THE DRYWALL AT ALL EXTERIOR WALL-TYP

NOTE: PROVIDE R-38 BATTE INSULATION AT ALL ROOF LOCATIONS (AT PARTIAL ROOFS)

NOTE: SEE A-101 FOR WALL PARTITIONS TYPES

NOTE: FLOOR TO FLOOR SEPARATION BETWEEN UNITS IS (1) HOUR TYP

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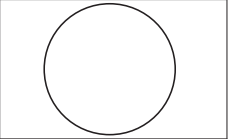


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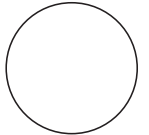
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