**ADDRESS: 559 RIGHTER ST** 

Proposal: Construct three-story multi-unit building

Review Requested: Final Approval

Owner: James W. Barnes

Applicant: A. Robert Torres, Studio Torres

History: 1850; Amos Barnes House Individual Designation: 4/13/2017

District Designation: Ridge Ave Roxborough Historic District, Significant, 10/12/2018

Staff Contact: Kim Chantry, kim.chantry@phila.gov

#### **OVERVIEW:**

The Historical Commission individually designated the property at 559 Righter Street for the building's architectural and historical significance and the site's archaeological potential. This application proposes to restore the historic building and construct a three-story multi-family building behind the historic building. The scope of work proposed for the historic building can be approved by the staff. The historic building sits at a prominent corner of the Roxborough-Wissahickon neighborhood where Ridge Avenue, Righter Street, and Hermit Street intersect. The new building would face onto Hermit Street and would not obstruct significant views of the historic building. Two options for façade and roofing materials are provided in the application. The new building appears to be slab-on-grade construct, but it is unclear whether its construction will require significant ground disturbance.

#### SCOPE OF WORK:

Construct three-story multi-unit building at rear of property.

#### STANDARDS FOR REVIEW:

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

- Standard 8: Significant archeological resources affected by a project shall be protected and preserved. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures shall be undertaken.
  - If the project requires significant ground distrurbance, an archaeologist must be retained to ensure compliance with Standard 8.
- 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.
  - The proposed new construction is generally compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features of the property and its environment, satisfying Standard 9. It is a modern interpretation of several buildings in the immediate area. The general proportions of the façade elements could be reconsidered to be more in keeping with typical proportions, including windows, doors, and mansard height.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval, provided an archaeologist is retained to ensure compliance with Standard 8 if the project requires significant ground disturbance, with the staff to review details, pursuant to Standards 8 and 9.

Kim Chantry Philadelphia Historic Commission 1515 Arch St Philadelphia PA

#### **Property Address:**

559 Righter Street

Owner:

James W Barnes

#### **Project Representative:**

A. Robert Torres, RA
Principal- StudioTorres LTD
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#### **Project Summary:**

This submission is in regards to the proposed new construction in the rear of 559 Righter St. As discussed, there are no proposed modifications to the existing historic structure.

The new construction will be a total 12,375 (3 stories at 4,125 SF each) 16 unit multi-family property.

The proposed exterior materials consist of masonry/stucco, metal/asphalt mansard, schist, and black vinyl windows with divided lites.

Within this submission you will find photographs of the existing site, proposed floor plans, 2 proposed elevation options, and a formal building permit as per directed.

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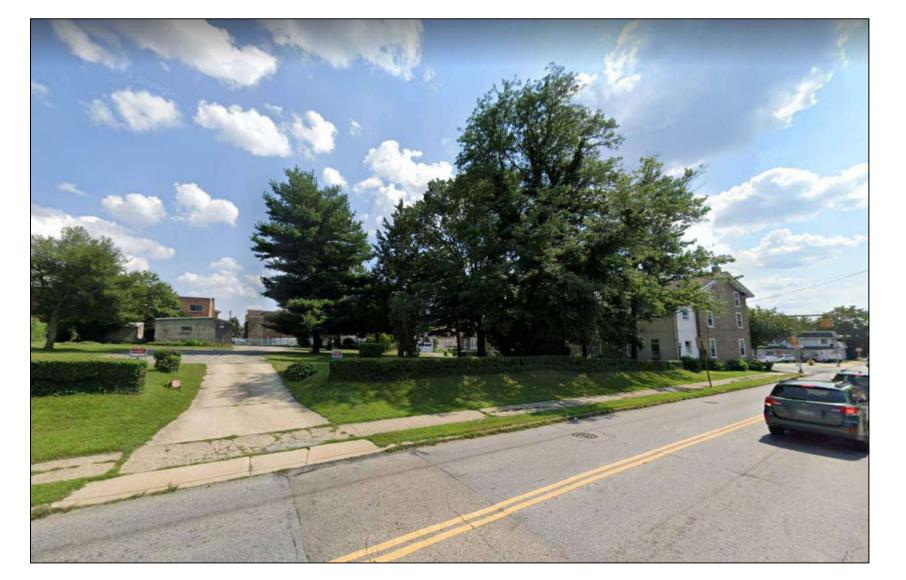
#### Application for Construction Permit

		is, Electrical, Plumbing, and Fire Suppression trade details are found on page 2.
Address Identify the location of work for the permit(s).		Parcel Address 559 Righter St
If the activity will take place in a specific building, tenant space, floor level, or suite,	1	Specific Location 559 Righter St
note that detail in the 'Specific Location' field. If applicable, list PR #.		Check box if this application is part of a project and provide project number: PR-2 0   -
Applicant Identify how you are associated with the property.		I am the: Property Owner Tenant Equitable Owner Licensed Professional or Tradesperson  A Robert Torres  Company StudioTorres
Licensed professionals include design professionals, attorneys, and expediters. A tradesperson must have an active	2	Address 5150 Ridge Ave
Philadelphia license for their trade or hold a PA Home Improvement Contractor Registration.		$\underline{Email} ART@StudioTorres.com \\ \underline{Phone}\ \  2,1,5 8,8,0 5,2,4,7 $
Property Owner Identify the deeded property		The property owner is a/an: Individual Company*
owner. *If the property owner is a 'company', then		Owner (1)  Name James W Barnes
provide the contact information for any natural person with more than 49% equity interest in the property. If no individual	3	Address 559 Righter St
has such an interest, provide contact information of at least two (2) natural persons with the largest equity interest in the property.		Owner (2)
If there was a recent change of ownership, documentation such as a deed or settlement sheet will be required.		Name Address
Design Professional in		Name A Robert Torres StudioTorres
Responsible Charge Identify the PA- licensed design	4	PA License # Phila. Commercial Activity License #
professional who is legally responsible.		art@studiotorres.com Phone  2,1,5 8,8,0 5,2,4,6
Project Scope Use this section to provide project details; all fields are mandatory.		(a) Occupancy Single-Family Two-Family  Other, please describe: Multi Family
(a) Choose the proposed occupancy of the entire building. If not one- or two- family, provide a description of group(s) per code.		(b) Scope of Work  New Construction Addition and/or Alteration Shell (No Fit Out) – Option for Commercial Permits Only
(b) Identify if the project will be new construction, an addition, or interior/ exterior alterations.		(c) Earth Disturbance  Area of Earth Disturbance 11,662 (Sq. Ft.)
(c) List the site area that will be disturbed by construction, if any. Enter 'zero' if no disturbance.		(d) Building Floor Areas
(d) Note the new floor area created, including basements, cellars, and occupiable roofs. Where existing areas will be altered, list those areas	5 (e	New Floor Area 4,125 (Sq. Ft.) Existing Altered Area 4,125 (Sq. Ft.)  (e) Number of Stories 3
separately.  (e) State the number of new or affected		(f) Description of Work <u>Erection of 3 story 16 unit multi-family</u>
stories.  (f) Provide a detailed description of the		structure
work proposed.		(g) Project Conditions  New High Rise  Green Roof Included  Initial Fit Out of Newly Constructed Space
(g) Select all conditions that apply to this project (if any).		Modular Construction  Façade Work  Project Impacts Streets/Right-of-Way*
*Provide the associated Streets Review number if "Project Impacts Streets/Right-of-Way" is selected.		*Provide the associated <b>Streets Review</b> number for this project, if applicable: <b>SR - 2 0</b>

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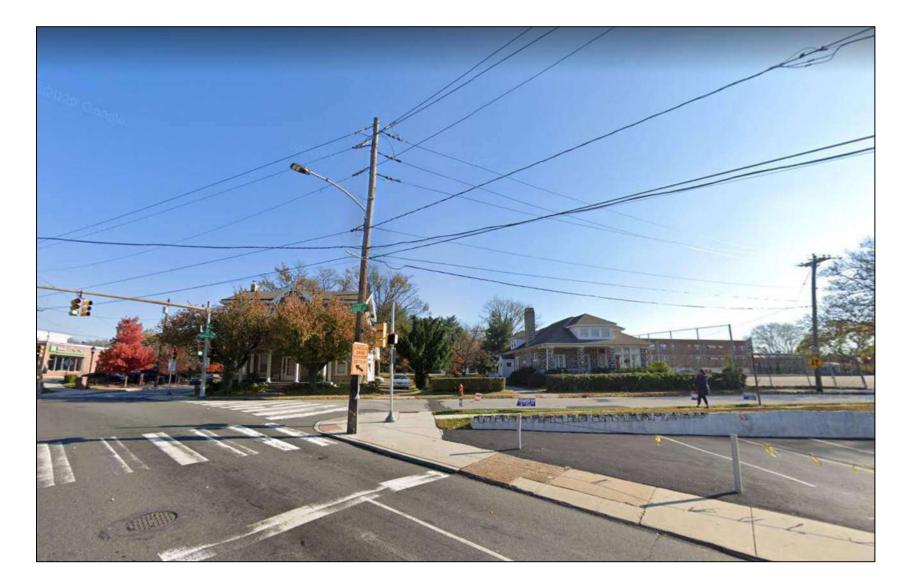
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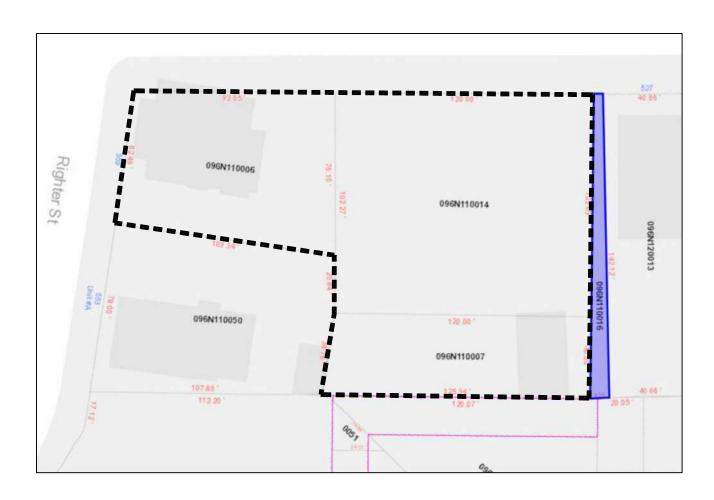
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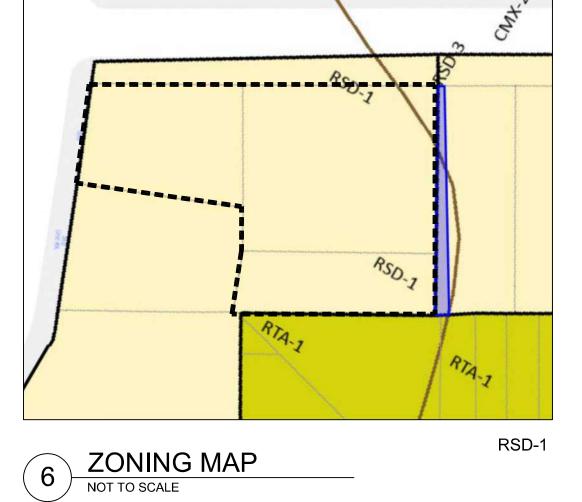




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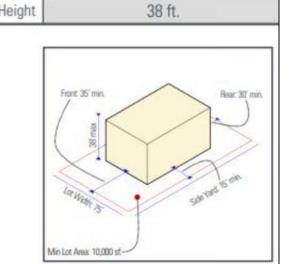
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#### ZONING STUDY



Min. Lot Width	75 ft.
Min. Lot Area	10,000 sq. ft.
Min. Open Area	65%
Min. Front Setback	35 ft.
Min. Side Yard Width [6]	15 ft.
Min. Rear Yard Depth	30 ft.
Max. Height	38 ft.



#### OVERLAY DISTRICTS:

- NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT WISSAHICKON
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   OPEN SPACE AND NATURAL RESOURCES STEEP SLOPE PROTECTION
- FOURTH DISTRICT OVERLAY DISTRICT FOURTH DISTRICT AREA
- NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL AREA OVERLAY DISTRICT RIDGE AVENUI

Y = Yes permitted as of right   S = Special exception approval required   N = Not allowed (expressly prohibited)  Uses not listed in this table are prohibited	RSD-1
Residential Use Category	
Household Living (as noted below)	
Single-Family	Υ
Two-Family	N
Multi-Family	N
Group Living (except as noted below)	N
Personal Care Home	N
Single-Room Residence	N

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ZONING CRITERIA	REQUIRED/ALLOWED	EXISTING	PROPOSED	CONFORMS
AREA	10,000 SF MIN.	23,329 <del>SF</del>	NO CHANGE	Y
MIN. LOT DIMENSIONS:				
LOT WIDTH	75'-Ø' MIN	62.49' / 213.65'	NO CHANGE	N/A
LOT DEPTH	-	-	NO CHANGE	N/A
IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE:				
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MIN. OPEN AREA	65%	+/- 20,672 SF (+/- 88,6%)	+/- 17,238 SF (+/- 73.9%)	Y
BUILDING COVERAGE	-	+/- 2,657 SF (+/- 11.4%)	+/- 6,091 SF (+/- 26.1%)	N/A
MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT	38'-Ø"	>38'-@"	>38'-@"	Y
SETBACKS:				
FRONT	35'-Ø" MIN.	+/- 3-3" / +/- 26'-3"	EX. BLDG: +/- 3-3" / +/- 26'-3" NEW: 20'-0"	
SIDE(S)	15'-0" MIN.	+/- 20'-8"	EX. BLDG: +/- 20'-8" NEW: 15'-0"	Y
REAR	30'-0" MIN.	+/- 21'-11"	EX. BLDG: +/- 21'-11" NEW: 30'-0"	Y

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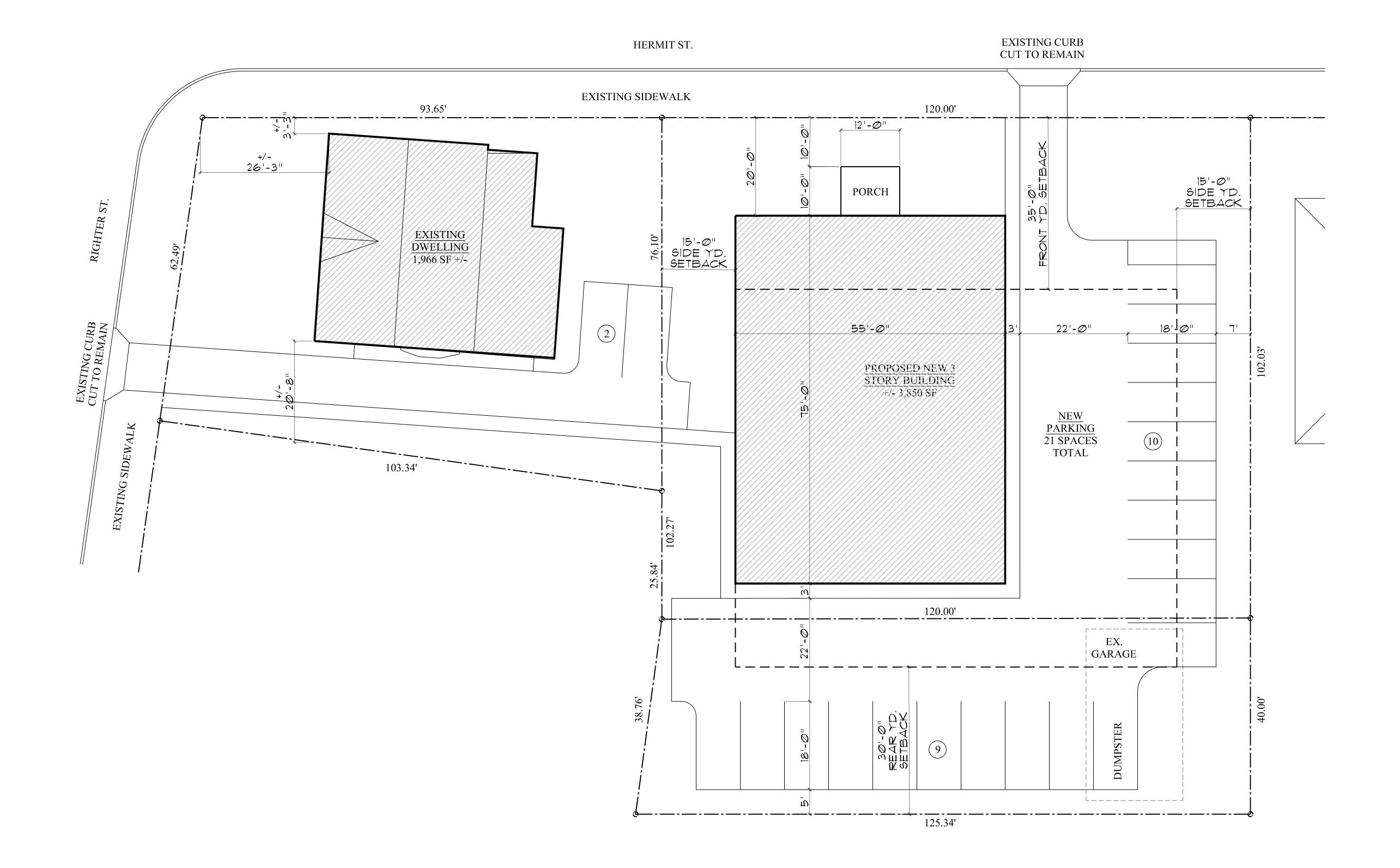
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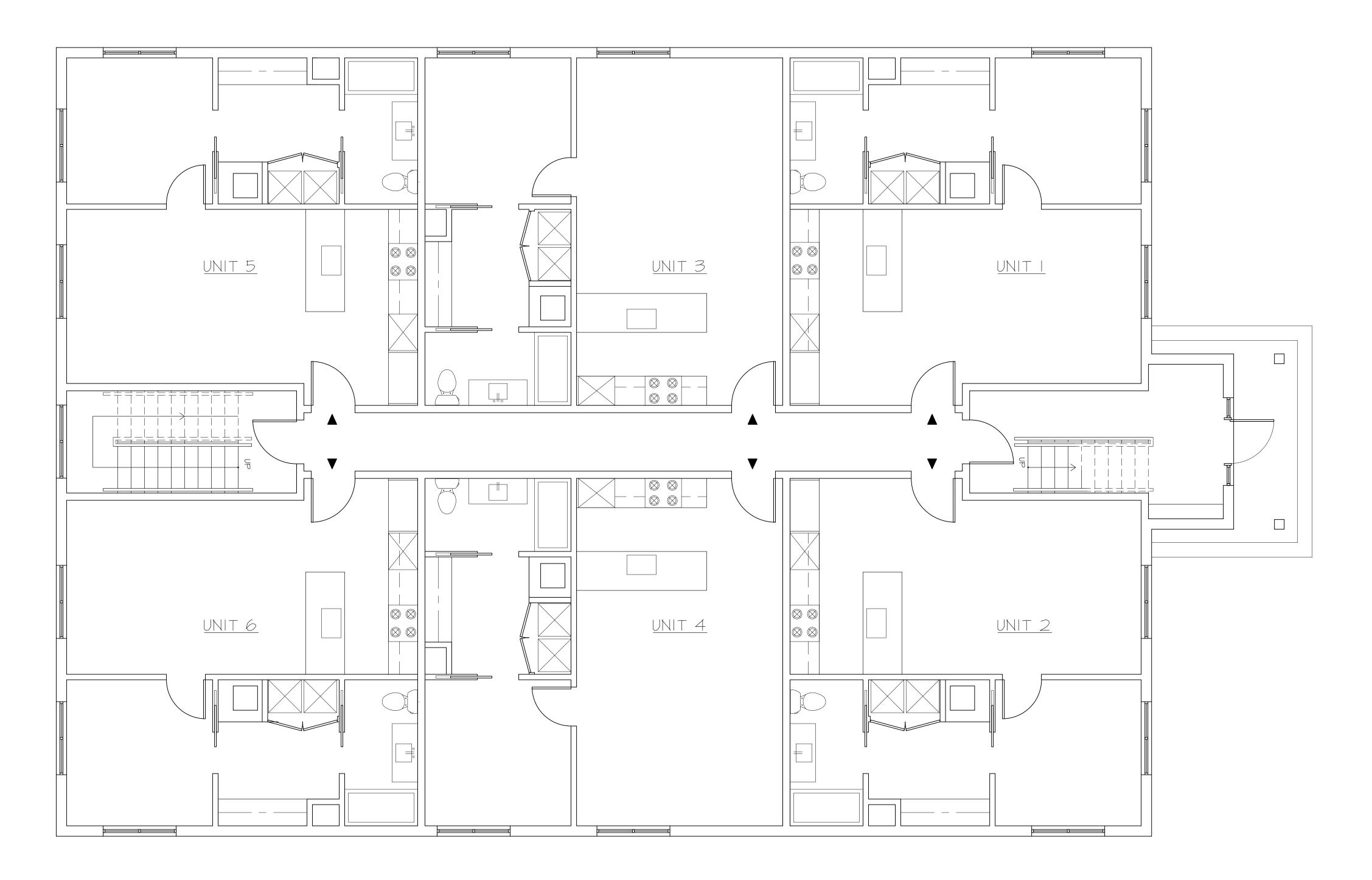
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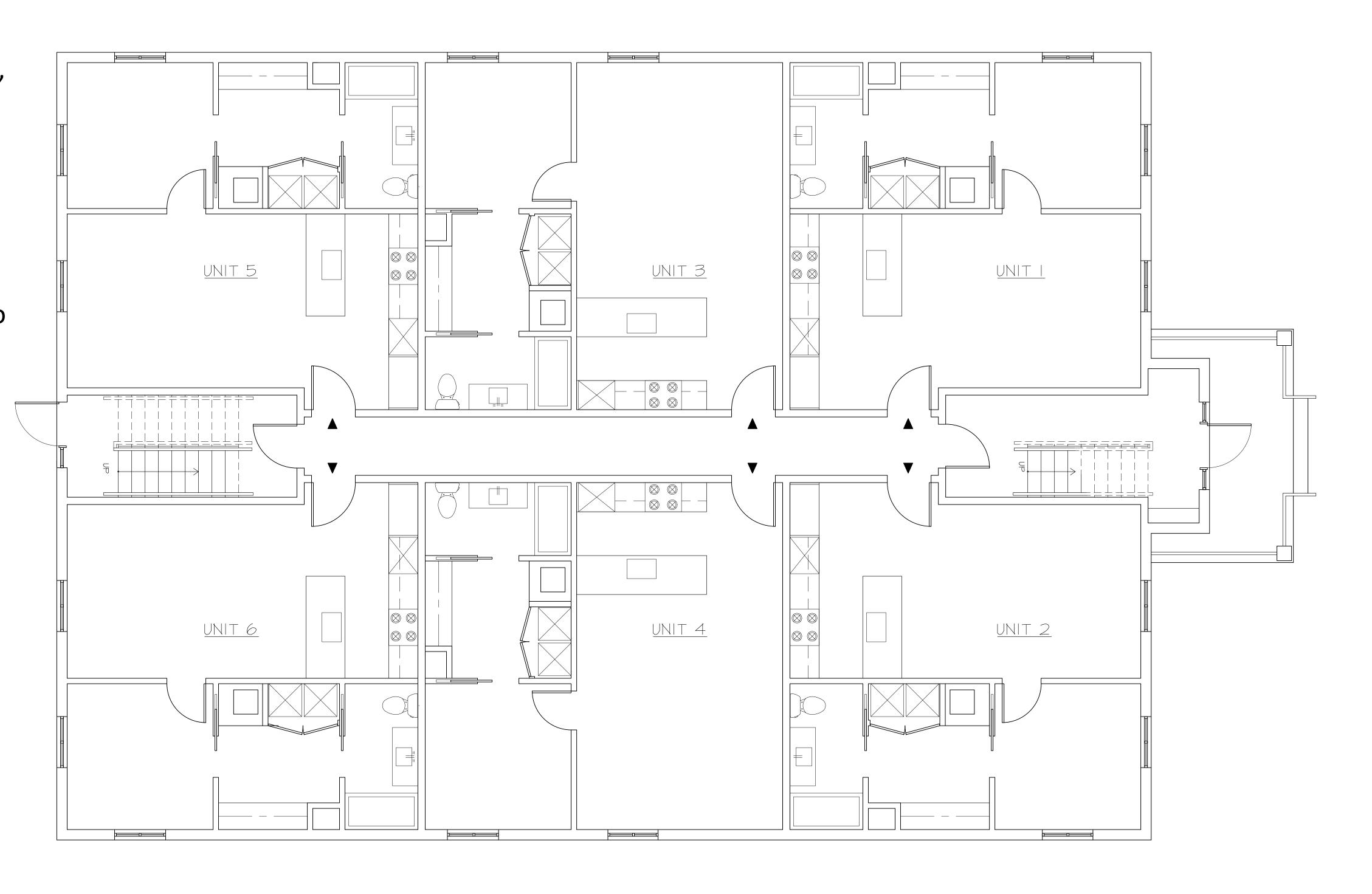
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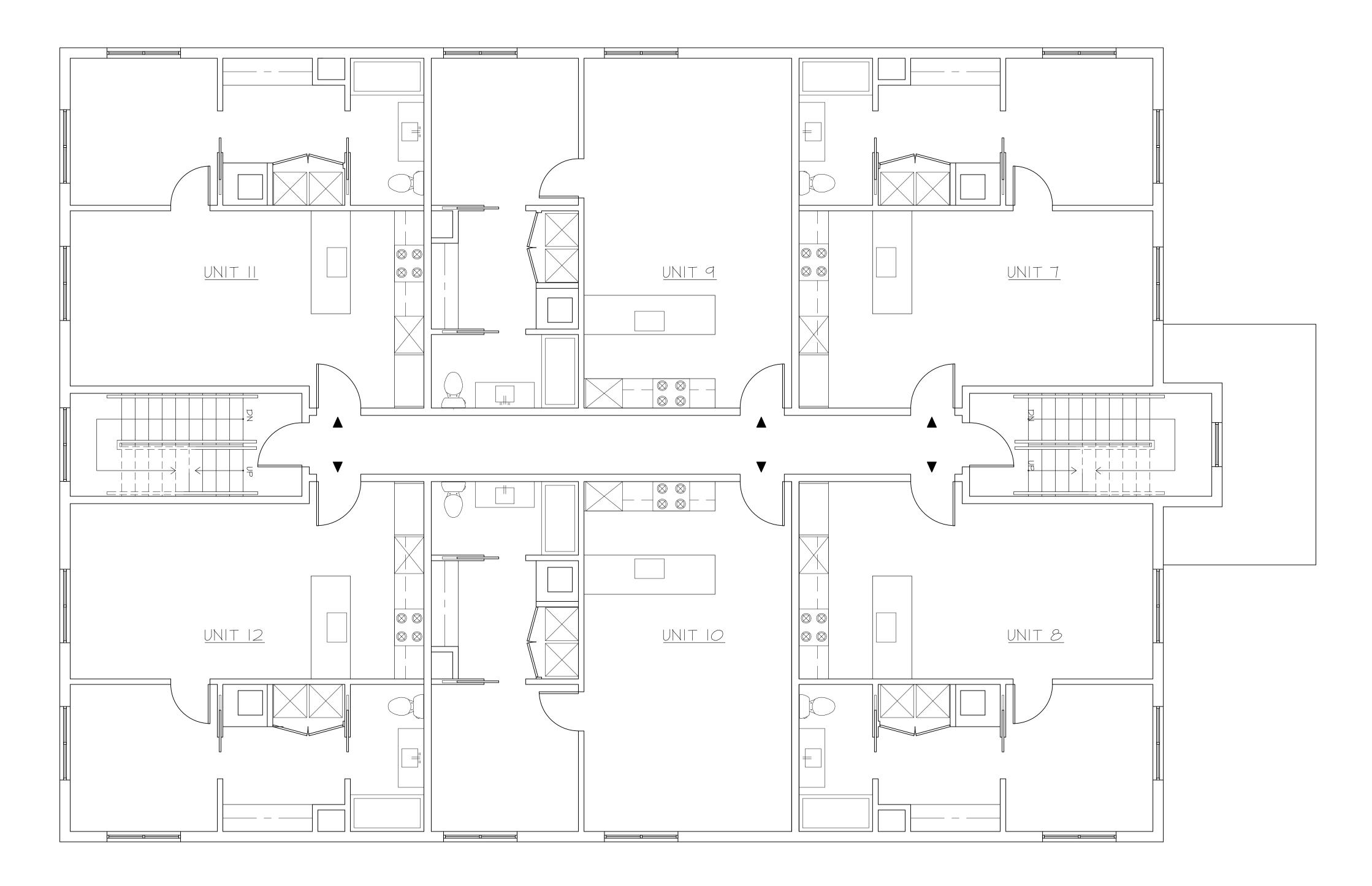
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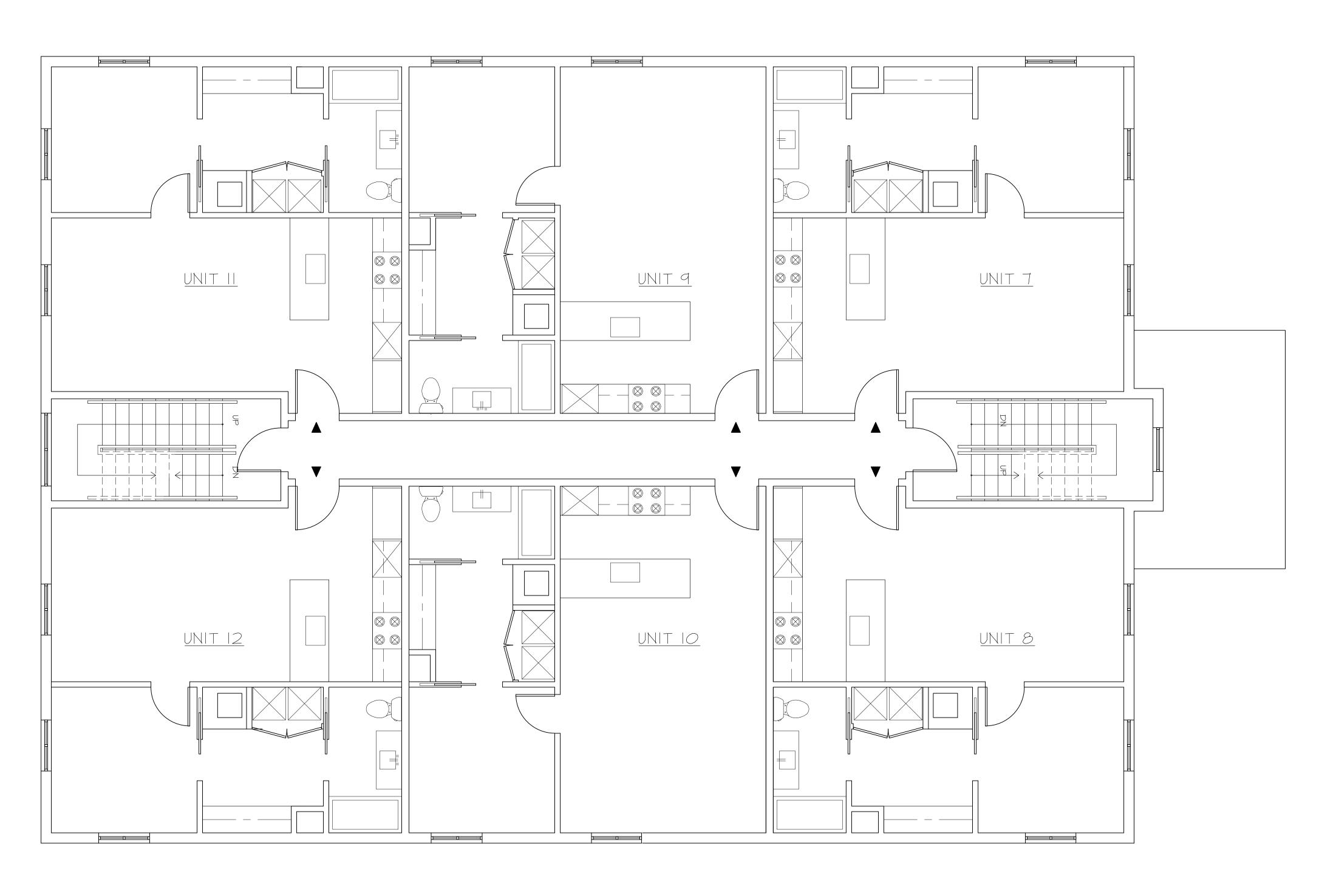
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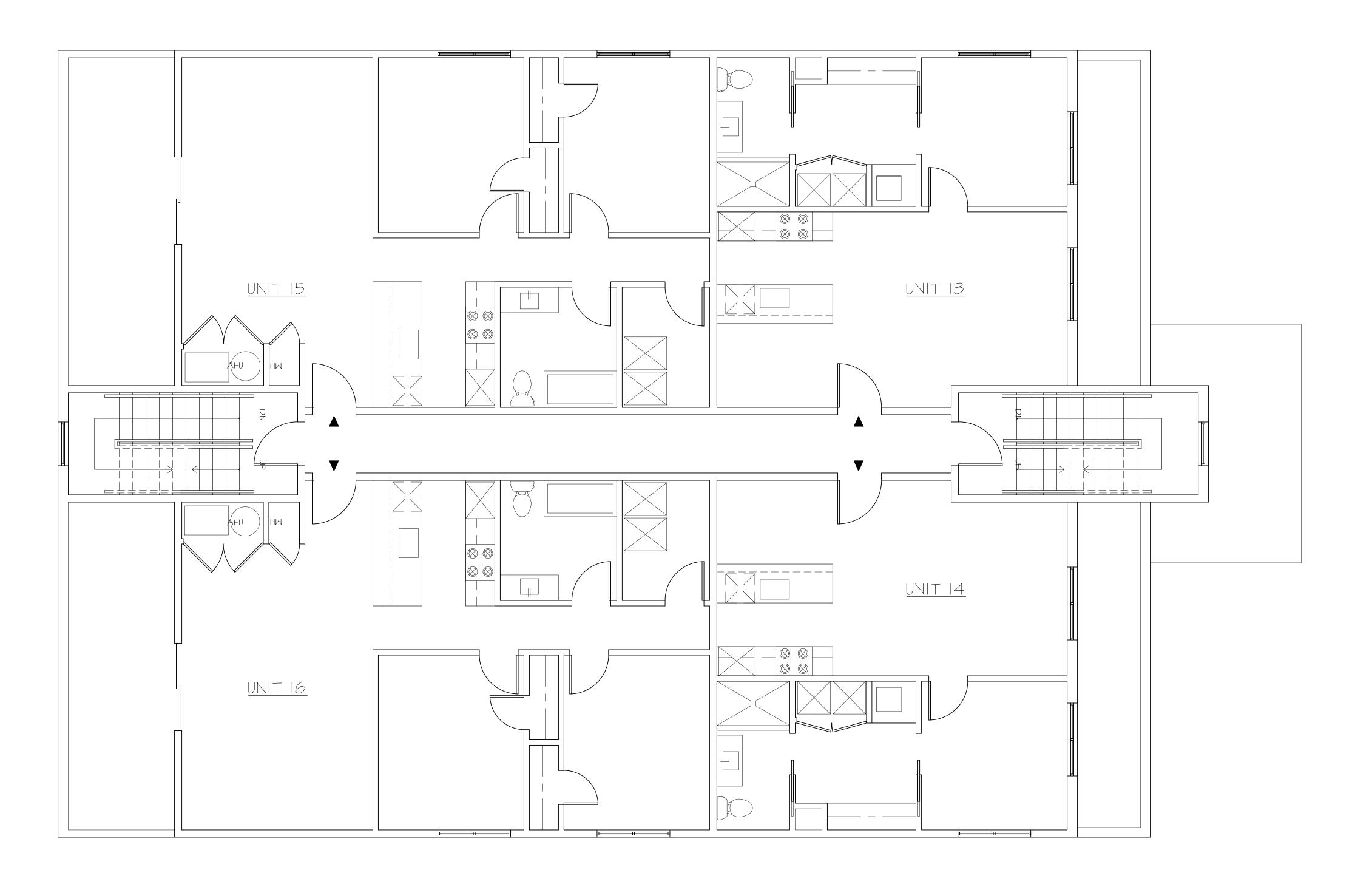
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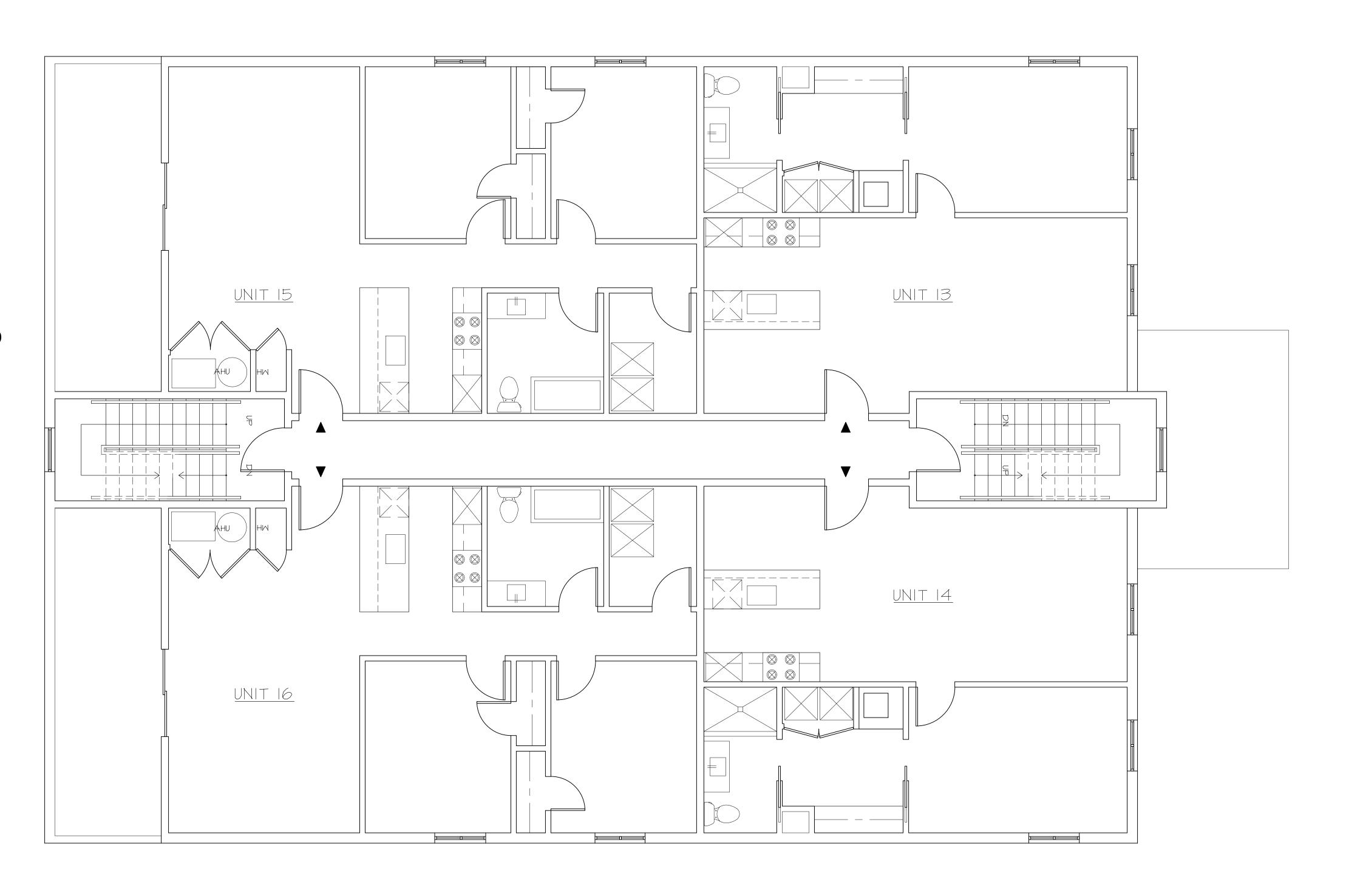
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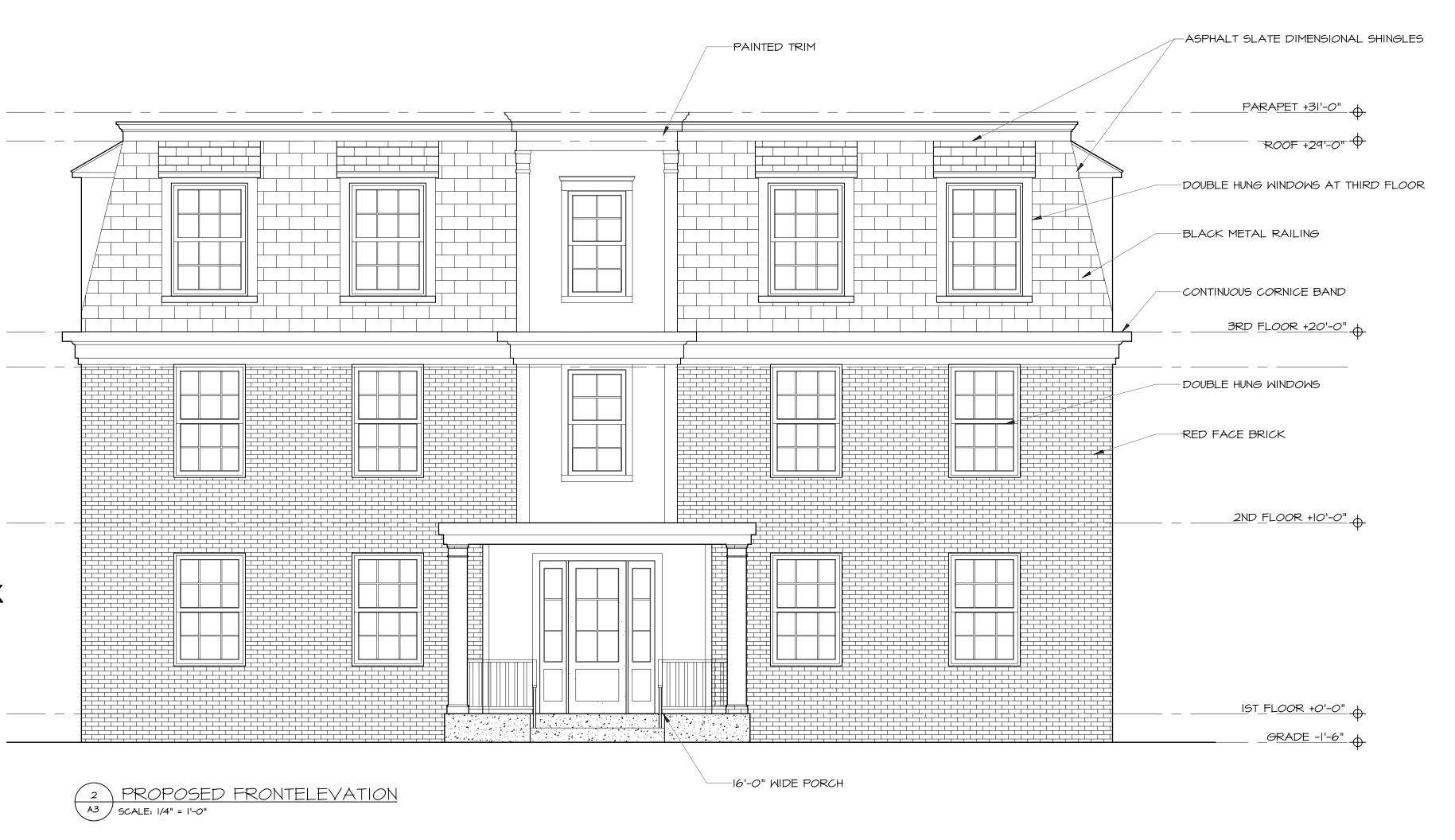
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#### **559 Righter St Existing Photographs**

1 Existing Structure Front Facade















8 Righter facing NW on Ridge



9 Intersection of Righter and Ridge

