

ADDRESS: 1907 GREEN ST

Proposal: Demolish rear three-story addition; construct three-story addition and roof deck

Review Requested: Final Approval

Owner: 1907 Green St LLC

Applicant: Benjamin Estepani, Pace Architecture & Design

History: 1859; stucco, 1986

Individual Designation: 4/25/1974

District Designation: Spring Garden Historic District, Contributing, 10/11/2000

Staff Contact: Heather Hendrickson, heather.hendrickson@phila.gov

OVERVIEW: This application proposes to demolish a rear ell and rear wall at 1907 Green Street and built a larger rear ell. The building at 1907 Green Street is an 1859 three-story, five-bay structure with a shorter three-story, two-bay addition at the rear. The Historical Commission's staff asserts that the addition is original to the house, although significantly altered over time. As the building stands, the floors of the main block and rear ell do not align, and the proposed addition would remedy that as well as add one additional living unit to the building. The application also proposes a roof deck. The addition and roof deck would not be visible from Green Street, and the property is landlocked in the rear.

SCOPE OF WORK: Demolish three-story rear ell and rear wall and construct larger three-story rear ell with roof deck.

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 will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.*
 - The rear ell has been significantly altered over time and does not characterize the property. The proposed rear ell and roof deck will not be visible from the public right-of-way.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval, with staff to review details, pursuant to Standard 9.



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Date: November 10, 2025
Project: Green St Residences
1907 Green St
Philadelphia, PA 19130
Attn: Heather Hendrickson
Philadelphia Historic Commission
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Philadelphia, PA 19102

Applicant: Benjamin Estepani
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Owner: 1907 Green St LLC
1907 Green St
Philadelphia, PA 19130

Dear Mrs Hendrickson,

We would like to submit the following project narrative, along with the accompanying set of drawings dated November 10th, 2025, for review by the Architectural Committee and Historic Commission, for our addition and renovation project located at 1907 Green St.

The building at 1907 Green Street, in the Fairmount district, is an 1850s three-story, L-shaped structure currently containing seven dwelling units in an RM-1 district. The primary volume faces Green Street, while a narrow secondary attached volume along the southeast lot line has independent floor and roof levels.

Pace Architecture + Design proposes selective demolition and an addition to create eight dwelling units, permitted by-right on this 3,420 SF lot. The proposal reuses the Green Street façade, existing roof, and floor framing within the primary building, preserving the street-facing character and neighborhood presence.

The demolition targets the rear secondary volume (298 SF), whose misaligned floor and roof levels hinder reconfiguration. The rear brick wall of the primary building—showing discoloration, patchwork repairs, and non-original windows—will also be removed to accommodate the expansion and meet contemporary tenant needs.



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The proposal increases lot coverage to 2,565 SF (75% of lot area), as allowed by the dimensional standards in the Philadelphia Code Table 14-701-2 and comparable to neighboring redevelopments at 1911, 1905, 1903, and 1901 Green Street, all exceeding 2,600 SF coverage on identical lots.

The proposed design preserves the Green Street façade with repairs only. The new rear façades, landlocked and not publicly visible, will feature lap siding and wood-tone accents distinct from the main façade's stucco.

A roof deck will also be provided atop the new addition. This placement avoids modifications to the existing building roof and ensures that the pilot house access structure is significantly set back and not visible from the public right of way.

We would like to thank you for your time in discussing this proposal with our team ahead of this review process. Please feel free to contact us with any questions regarding the proposed scope of work.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Estepani, AIA
Pace Architecture + Design LLC

GREEN ST RESIDENCES

1907 GREEN ST, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19130



PROJECT SITE



REAR CONTEXT VIEW



REAR CONTEXT FACING 1909 GREEN



STREET CONTEXT VIEW



REAR CONTEXT FACING 1905 GREEN



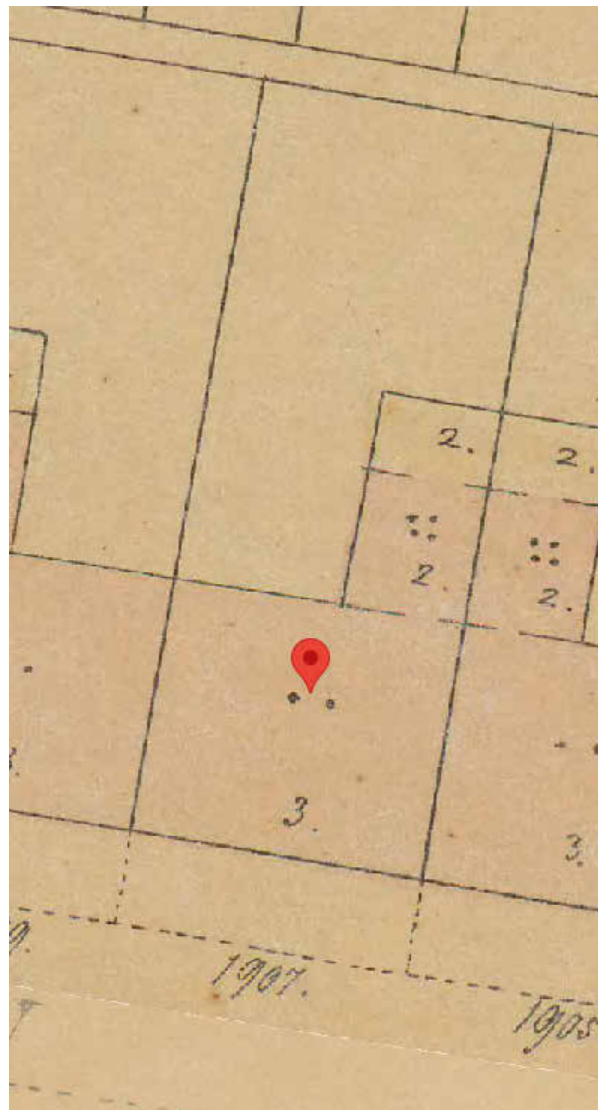
1907 GREEN ST - FRONT VIEW



1907 GREEN ST - OVERALL REAR VIEW COMPOSITE

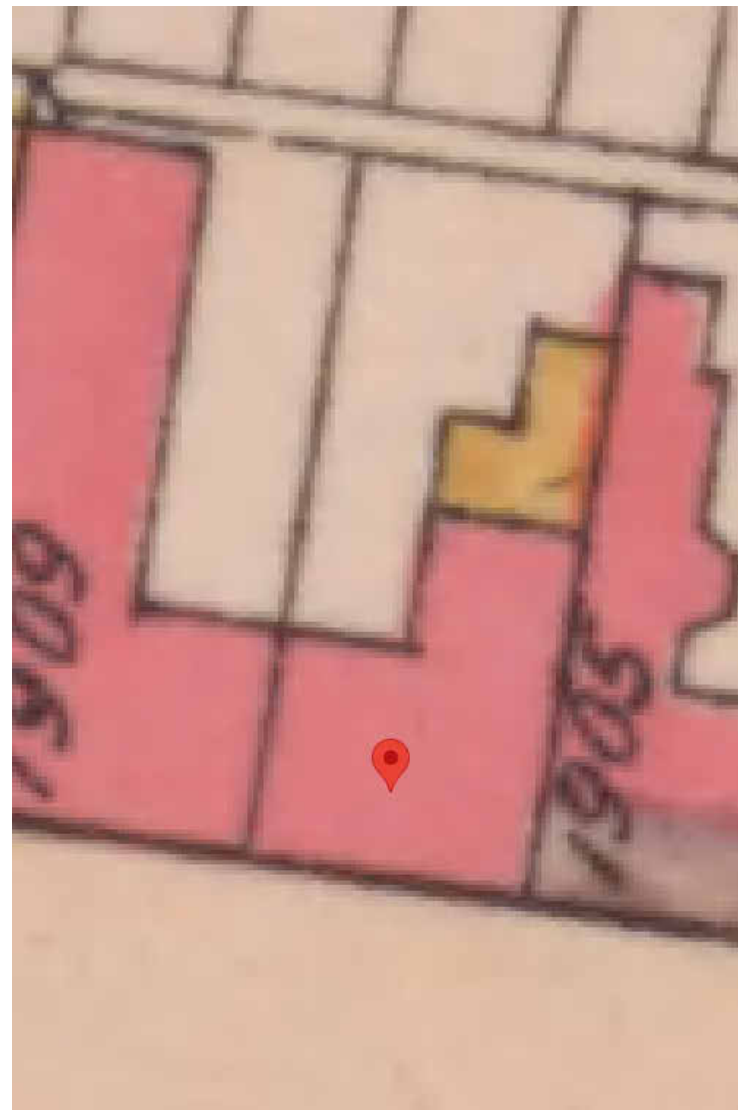


1907 GREEN ST - REAR PARTIAL VIEW



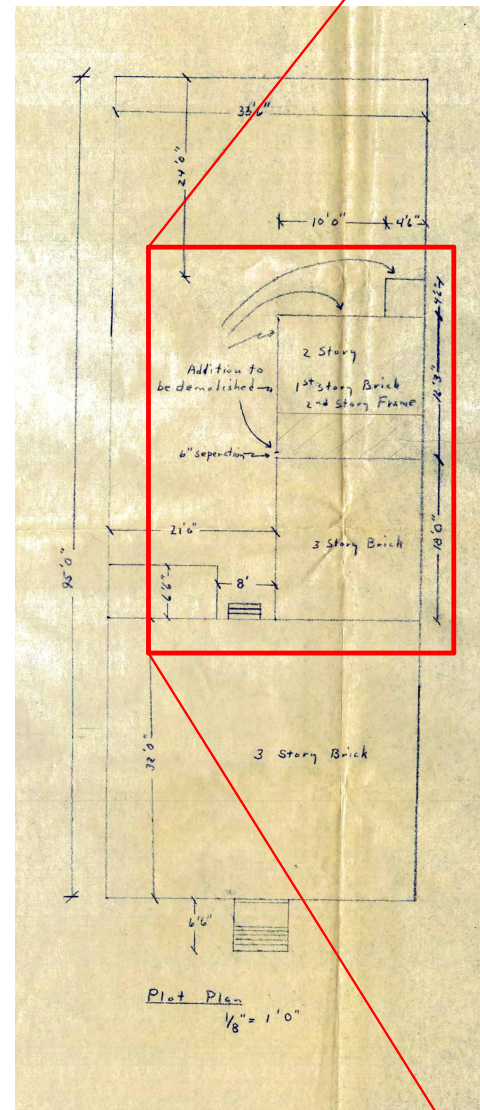
1850'S MAP

MAP INDICATES BOTH PORTIONS OF REAR VOLUME AS 2-STORIES



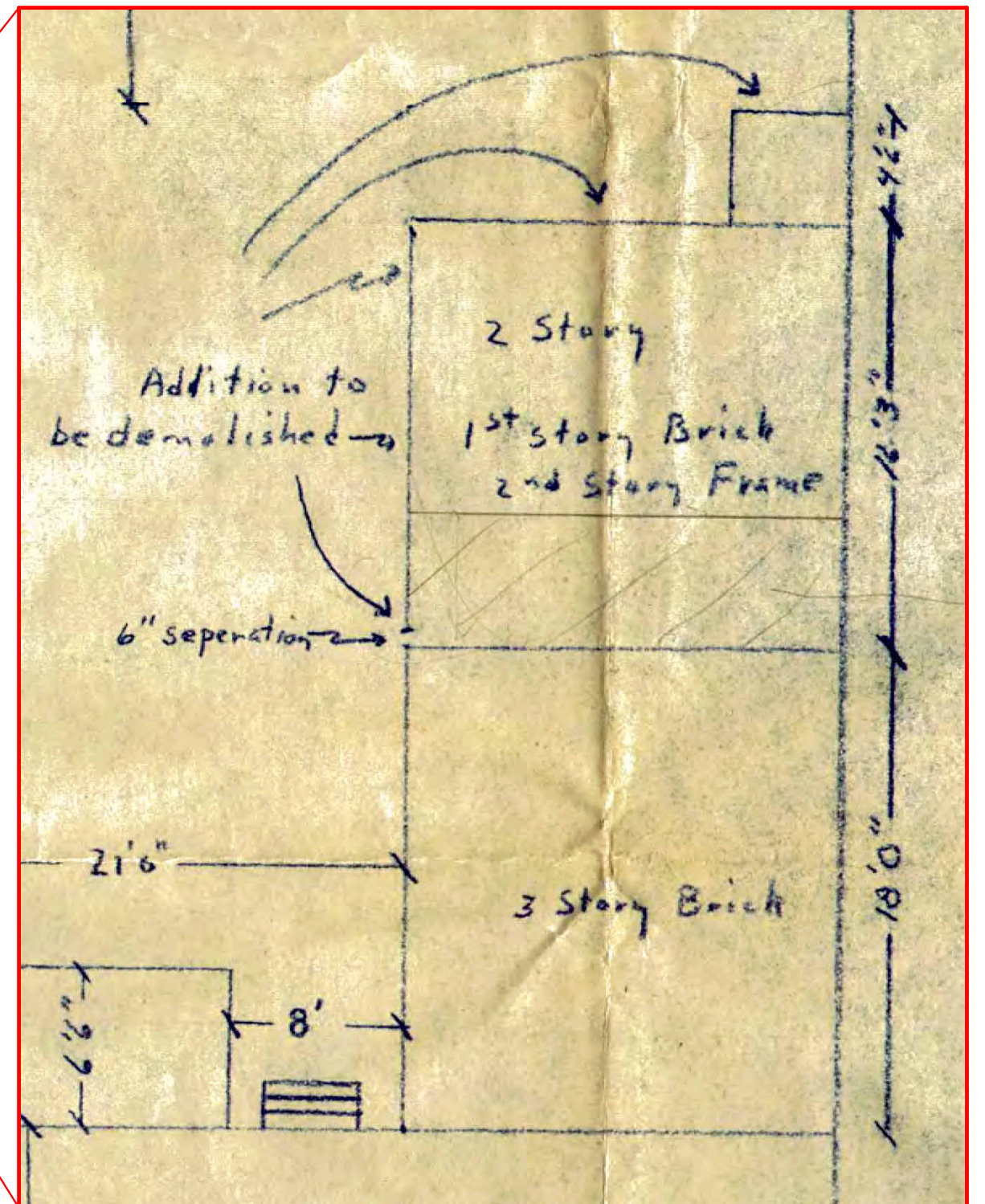
1895 MAP

REAR 2-STORY PORTION OF BUILDING EXPANDED

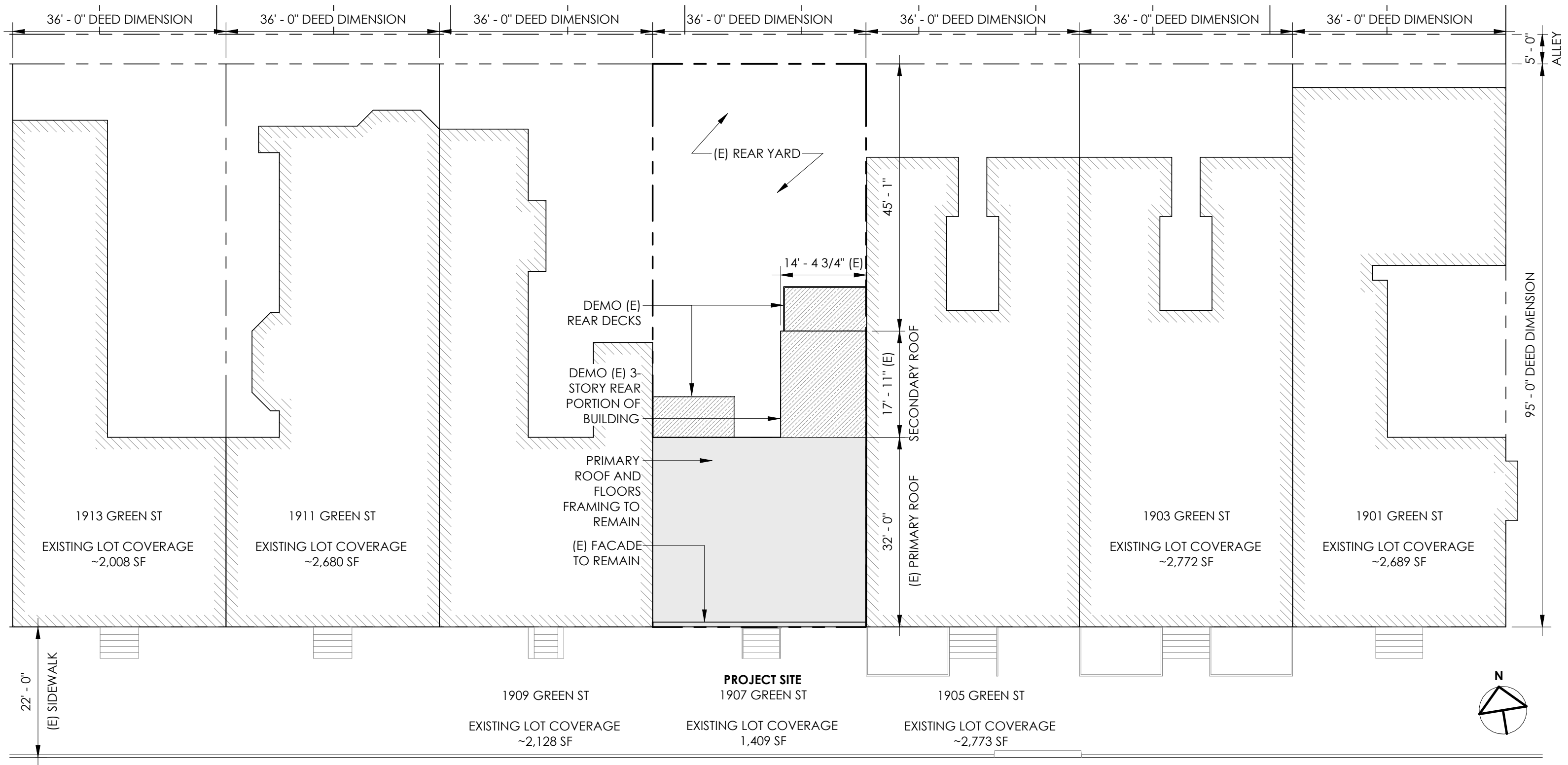


1976 PLAN AND CLOSE-UP

REAR 2-STORY PORTION OF BUILDING DEMOLISHED, BRICK PORTION OF REAR DESCRIBED AS 3-STORIES



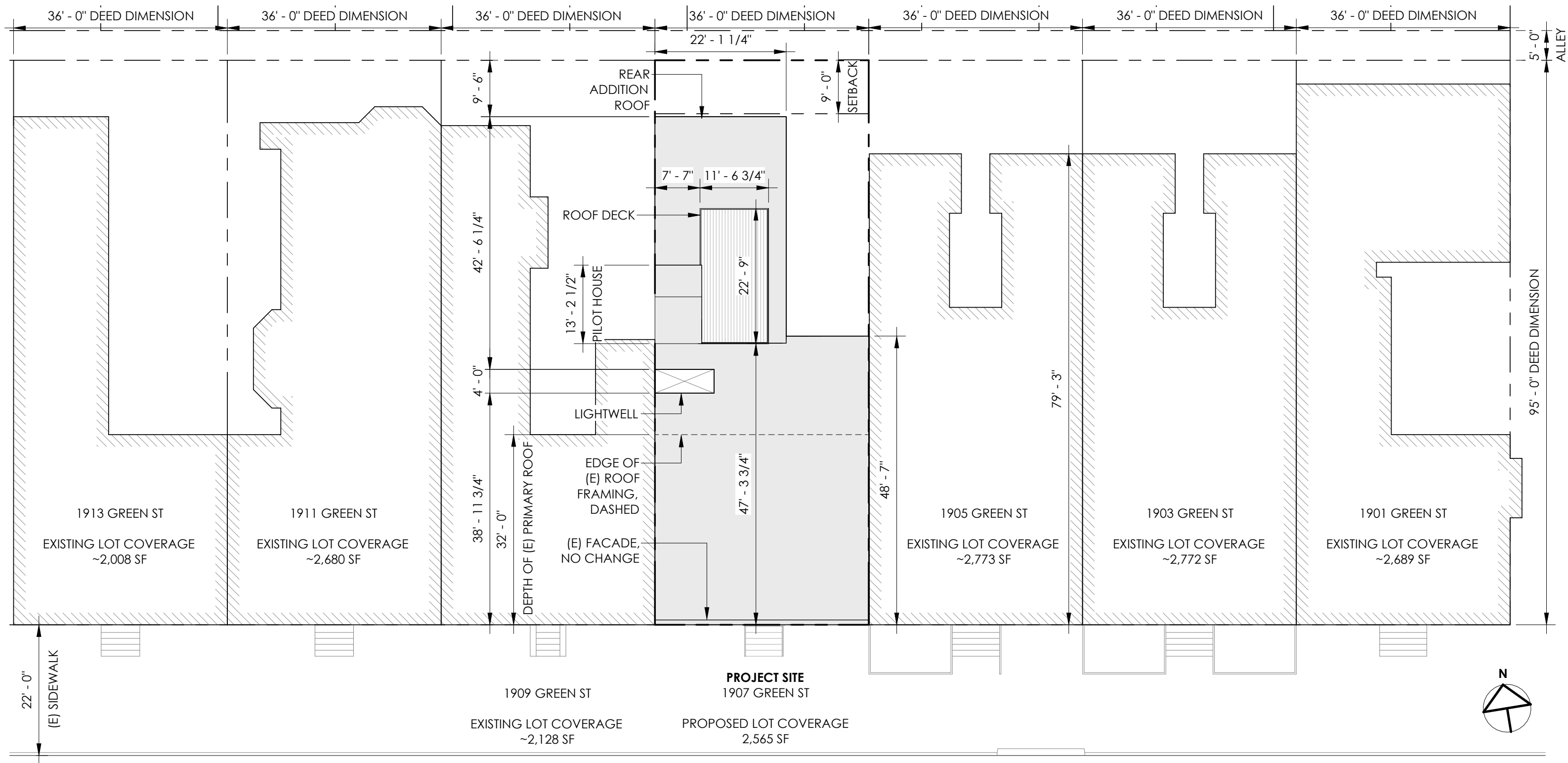
THESE PLANS DEMONSTRATE THAT THE REAR VOLUME OF 1907 GREEN ST HAS UNDERGONE SEVERAL ALTERATIONS OVER THE YEARS. THE CHANGE FROM 2- TO 3-STORY SUGGESTS THAT OPENINGS HAVE BEEN MODIFIED TO ALIGN WITH THE ALTERED FLOOR LEVELS



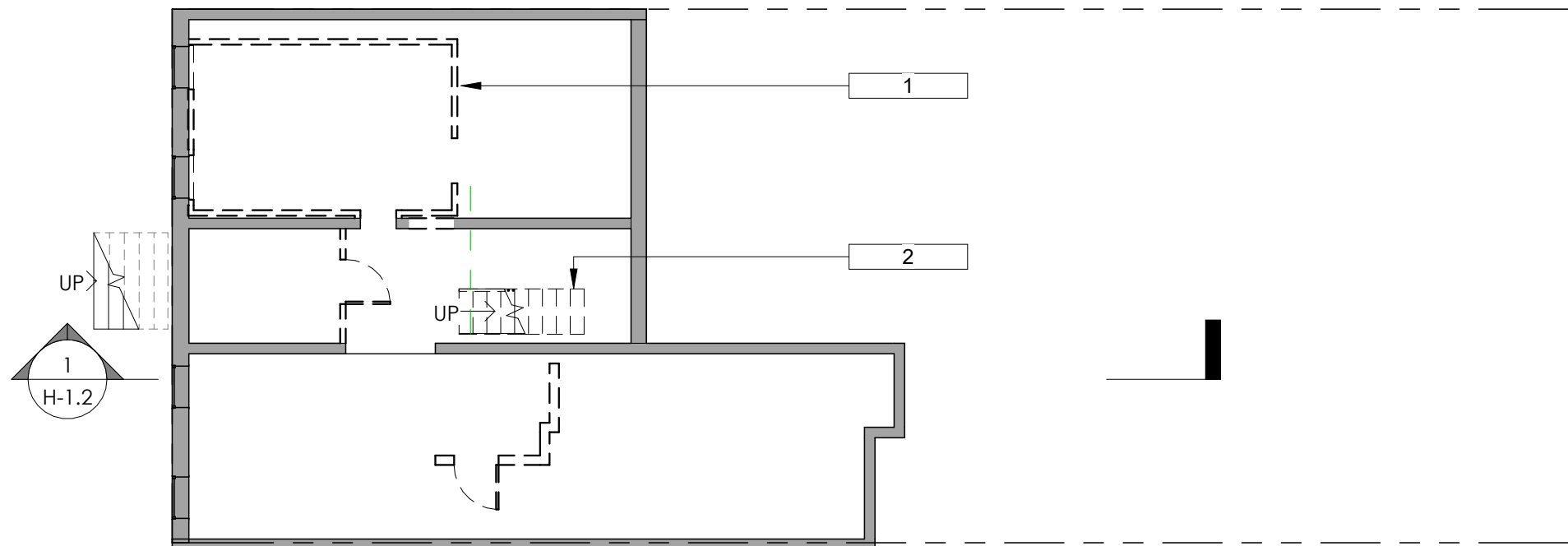
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EXISTING SITE PLAN, 1/16" - 1'-0"
GREEN STREET RESIDENCES
11/10/2025

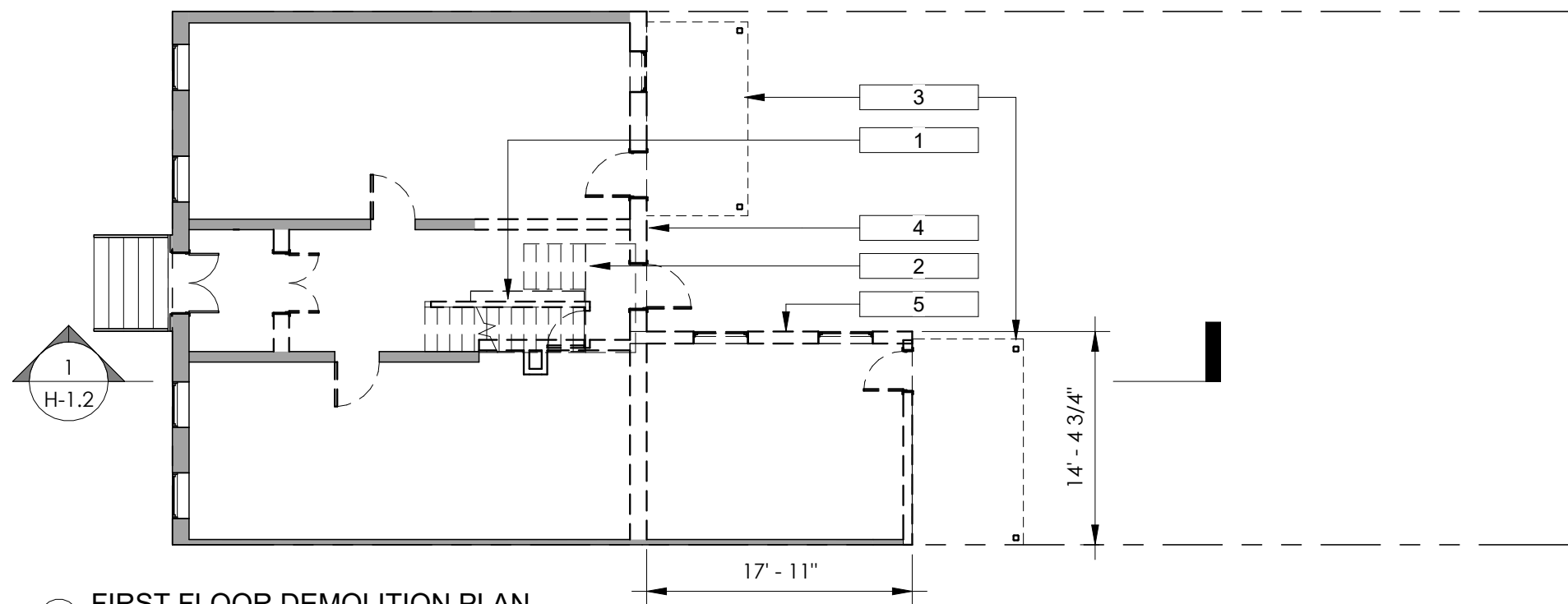
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THE PROPOSED ADDITION TO **1907 GREEN STREET** IS COMPARABLE IN BULK AND LOT COVERAGE TO ADJACENT DEVELOPMENTS ALONG GREEN STREET.



B BASEMENT DEMOLITION PLAN
3/32" = 1'-0"



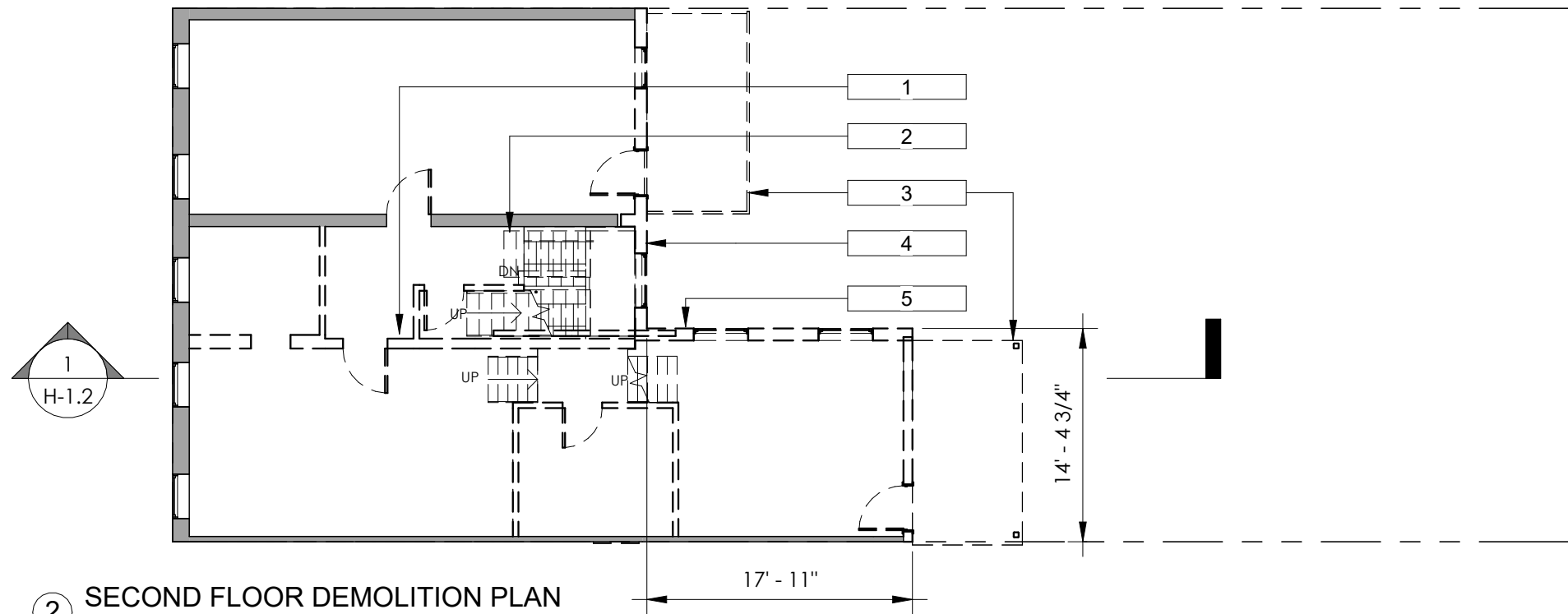
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DEMO NOTES

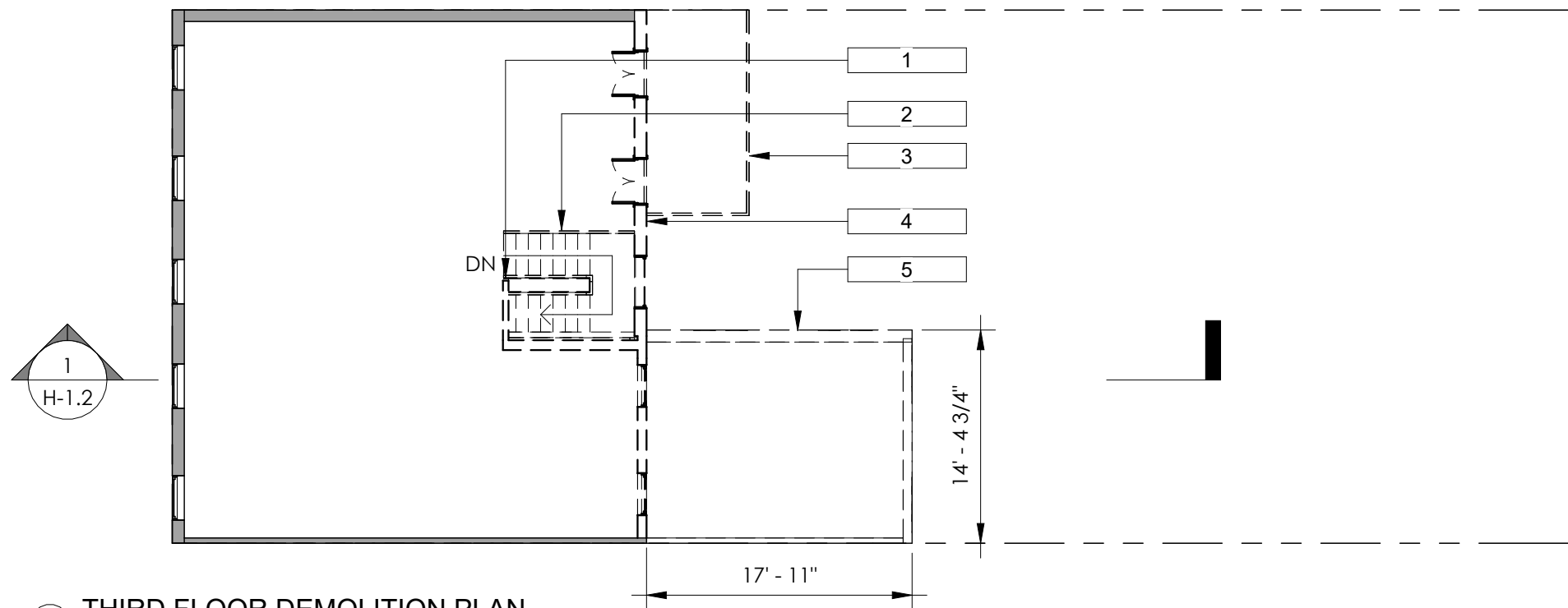
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2. DEMO INTERIOR NON-COMPLIANT STAIRS, TYP.
3. DEMO NON-ORIGINAL DECKS.
4. DEMO PRIMARY BUILDING REAR FACADE.
5. DEMO 3-STORY REAR PORTION OF BUILDING.

WALL TYPES

- EXISTING WALLS
- DEMO WALLS



② SECOND FLOOR DEMOLITION PLAN
3/32" = 1'-0"



③ THIRD FLOOR DEMOLITION PLAN
3/32" = 1'-0"

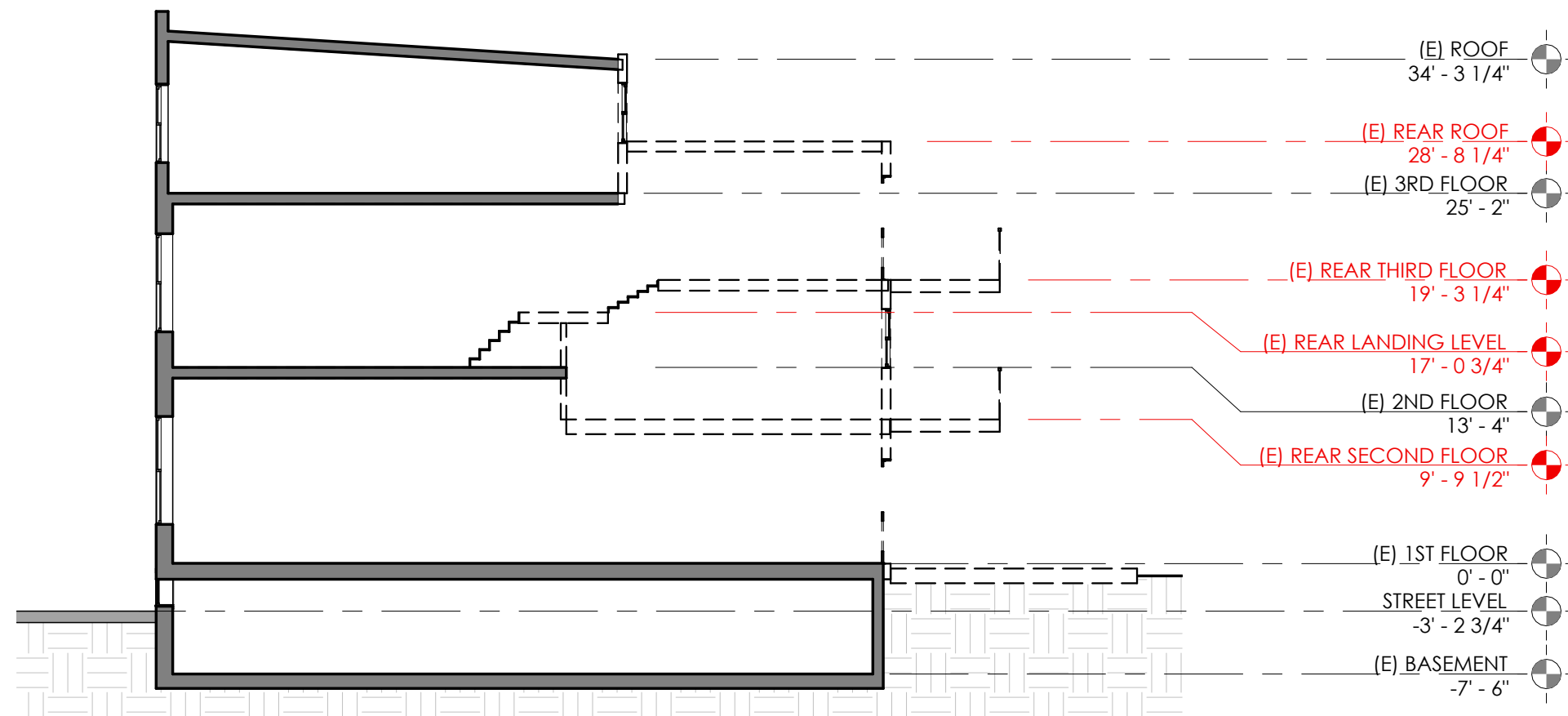
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① DEMO SECTION AT REAR VOLUME
3/32" = 1'-0"

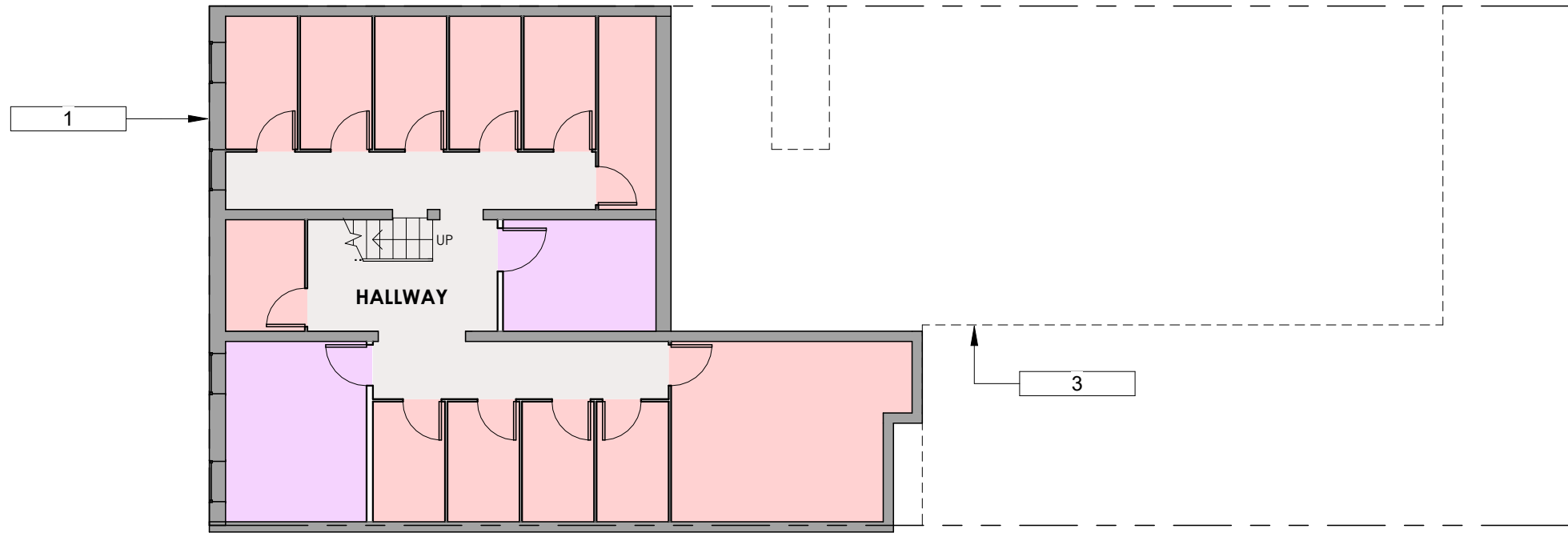
DEMO SECTION NOTES

THE EXISTING BUILDING AT 1907 GREEN ST HAS A REAR SECTION FEATURING A LOWER ROOF ELEVATION, AS WELL AS FLOOR LEVELS INDEPENDENT FROM THE PRIMARY BUILDING.

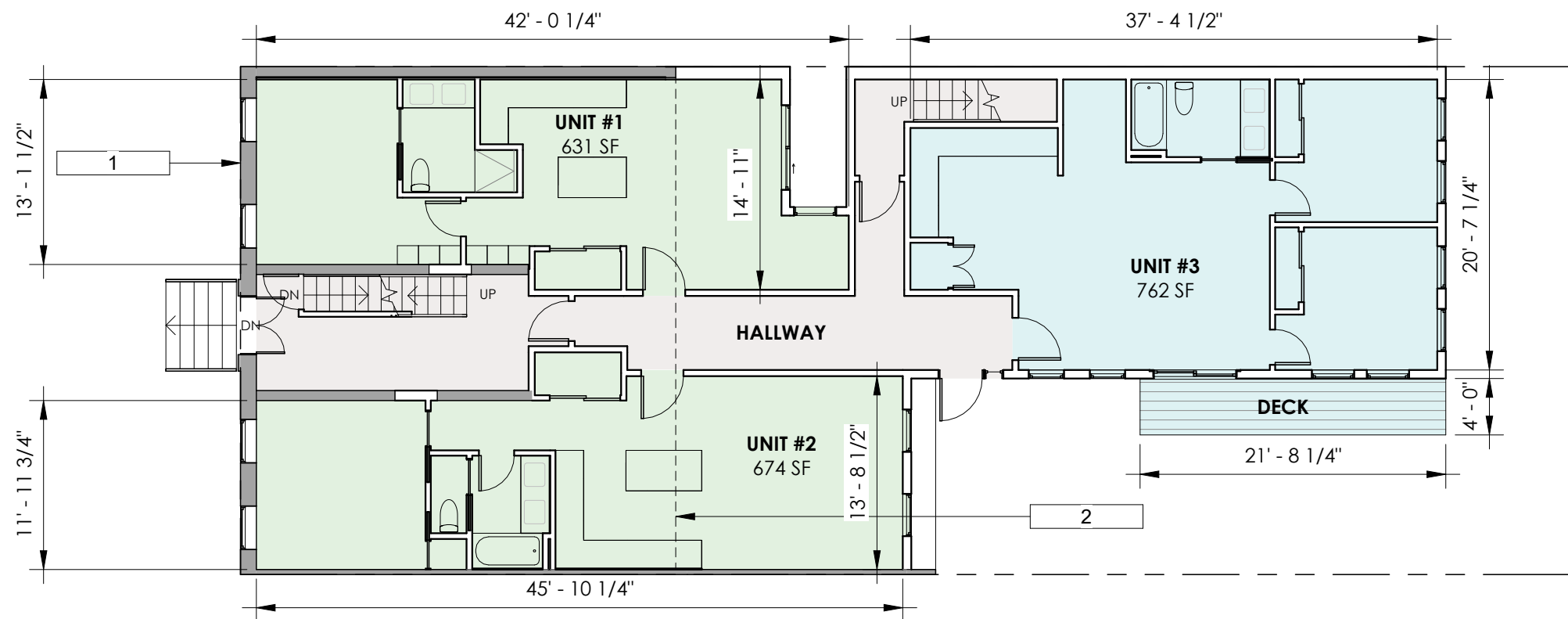
THESE REAR LEVELS ARE SITUATED AT INTERMEDIARY ELEVATIONS BETWEEN FLOORS, AND ARE NOT CONDUCTIVE FOR REUSE DUE TO THEIR MISALIGNMENT FROM THE PRIMARY FLOOR LEVELS OF THE BUILDING AND PARTIAL WIDTH IN THE PROJECT LOT.

WALL TYPES

- EXISTING WALLS + FLOOR JOISTS
- DEMO WALLS + FLOOR JOISTS



(B) PROPOSED BASEMENT PLAN
3/32" = 1'-0"



(1) PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR PLAN
3/32" = 1'-0"

GENERAL NOTES

1. (E) GREEN STREET FACADE AND OPENINGS, NO CHANGE.
2. EDGE OF (E) FRAMING, DASHED.
3. FOOTPRINT OF ADDITION ABOVE, DASHED.
4. DECK ON POSTS, TYP. AT 2ND-3RD FLOOR 2BR UNITS.
5. (N) ROOF DECK AND PILOT HOUSE.

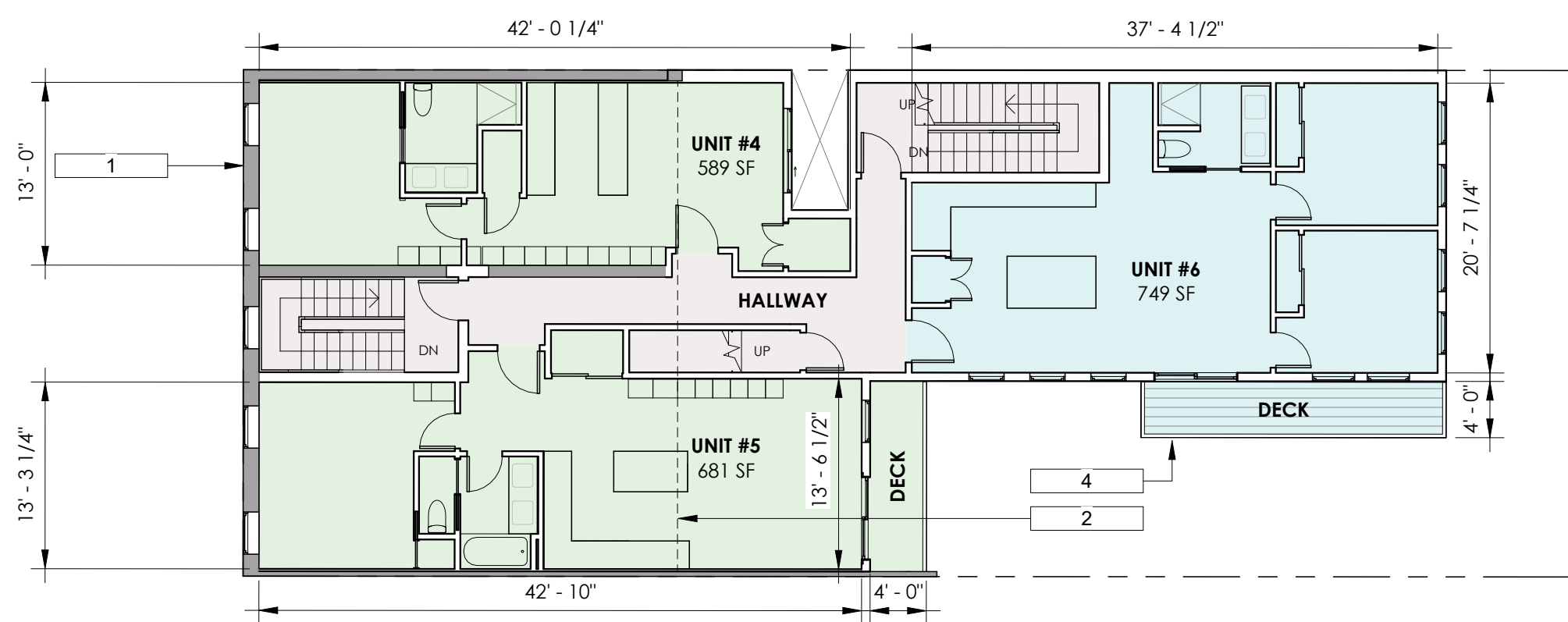
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- DEMO WALLS
- PROPOSED WALLS

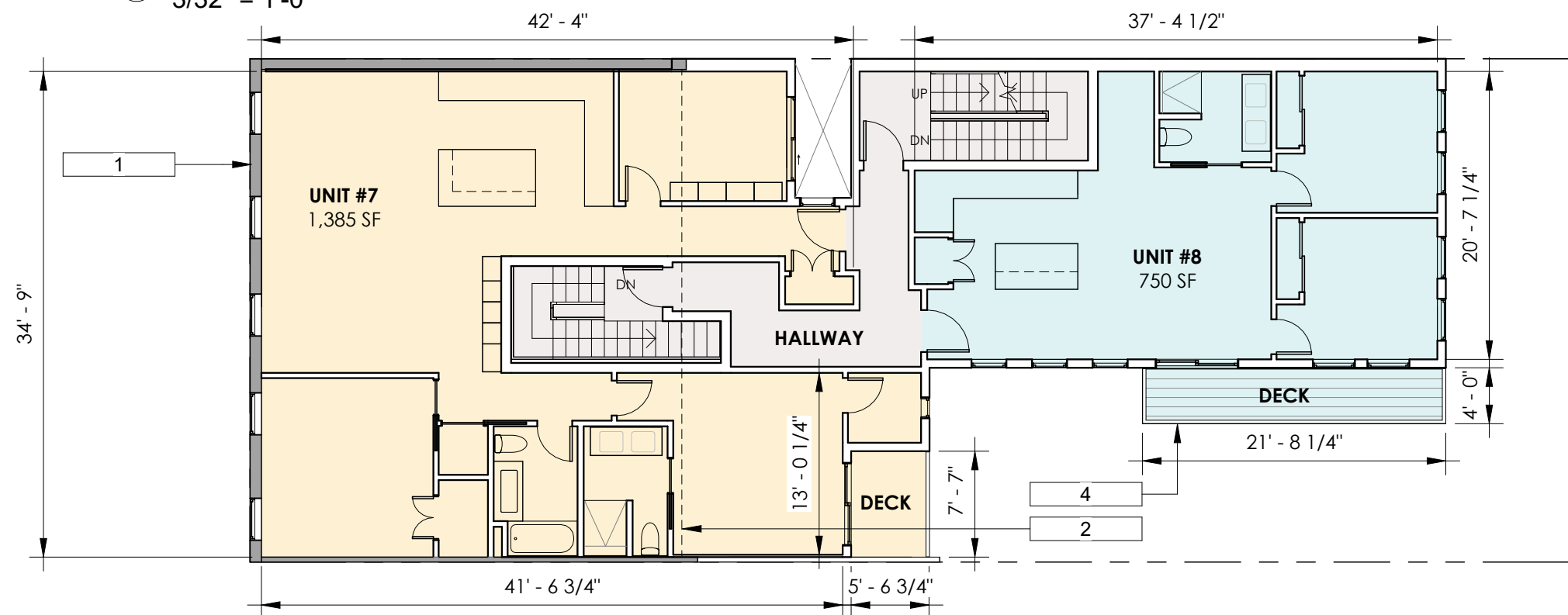
USE LEGEND

- 1 BEDROOM UNIT
- 2 BEDROOM UNIT
- 3 BEDROOM UNIT
- STORAGE SPACE
- UTILITY / TRASH AREA
- COMMON SPACE / CIRCULATION





② PROPOSED SECOND FLOOR PLAN
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① PROPOSED THIRD FLOOR PLAN
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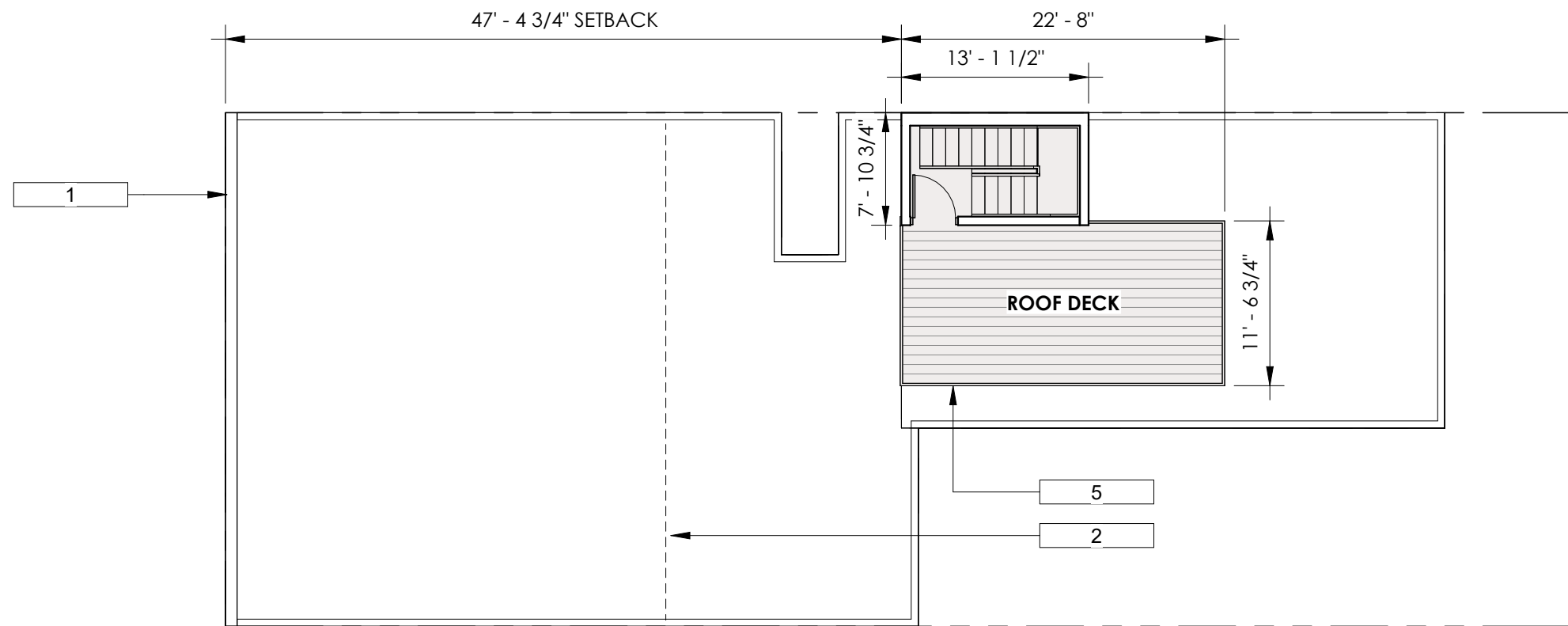
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① PROPOSED ROOF PLAN
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GENERAL NOTES

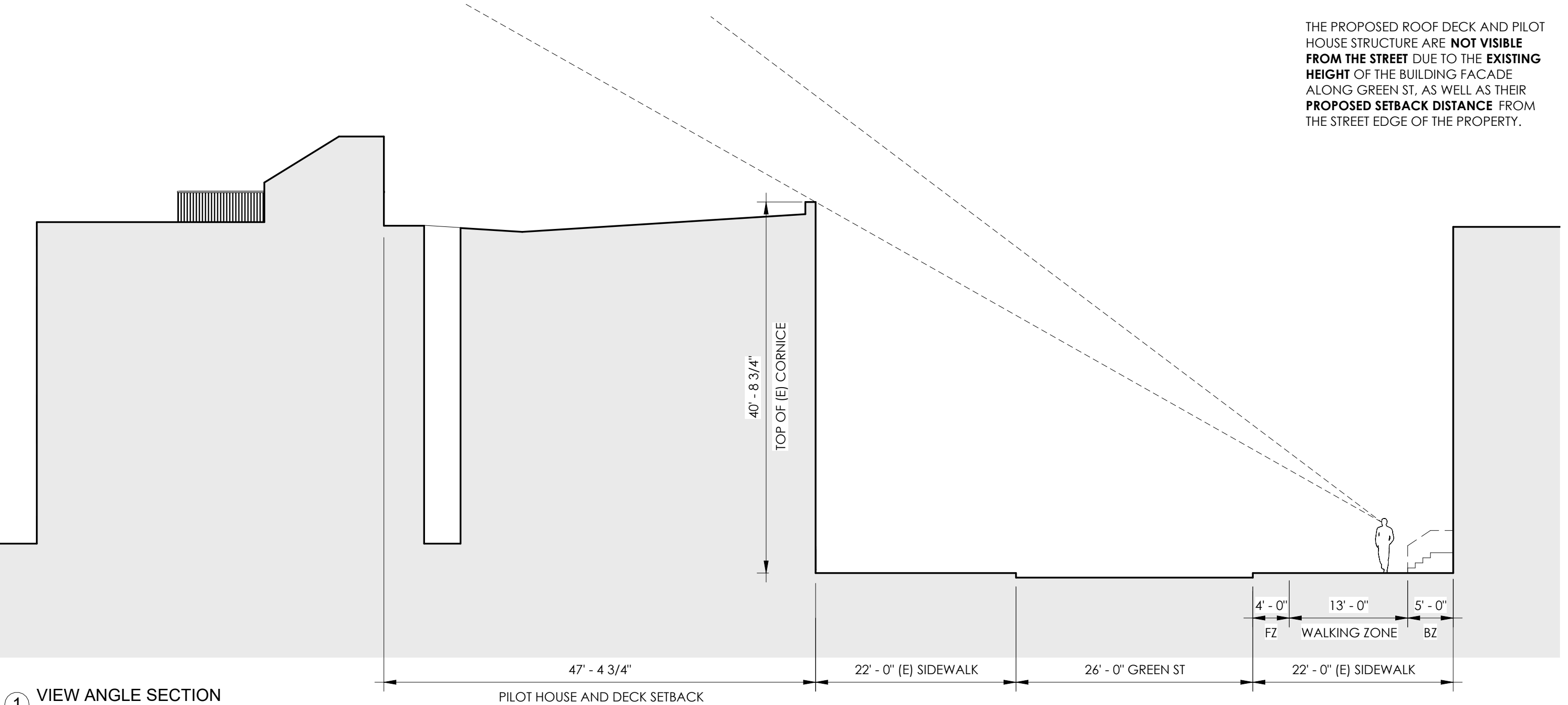
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① VIEW ANGLE SECTION
3/32" = 1'-0"



REPAIR CRACKS IN (E) STUCCO
AS NEEDED



REPAIR AND REFINISH (E) STEPS.
SALVAGE (E) RAILING FOR REUSE
IN CURRENT LOCATION



REPAIR STUCCO AT (E) WATER
TABLE DETAIL AS NEEDED

1907 GREEN ST - FRONT FACADE

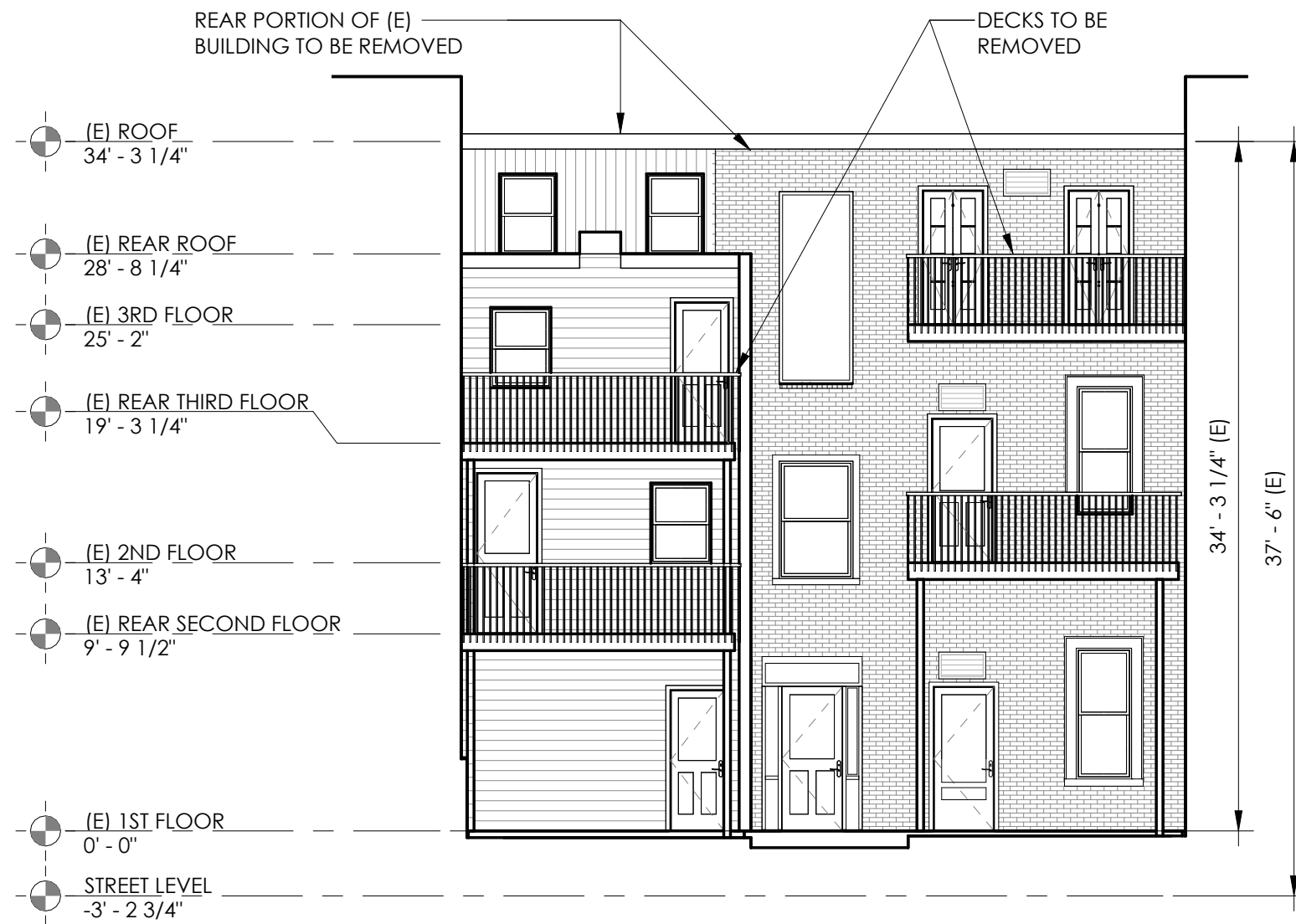
NOTE:
PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK AT FRONT
FACADE IS LIMITED TO REPAIR WORK ONLY.
EXISTING FACADE, FINISHES AND OPENINGS
TO REMAIN.



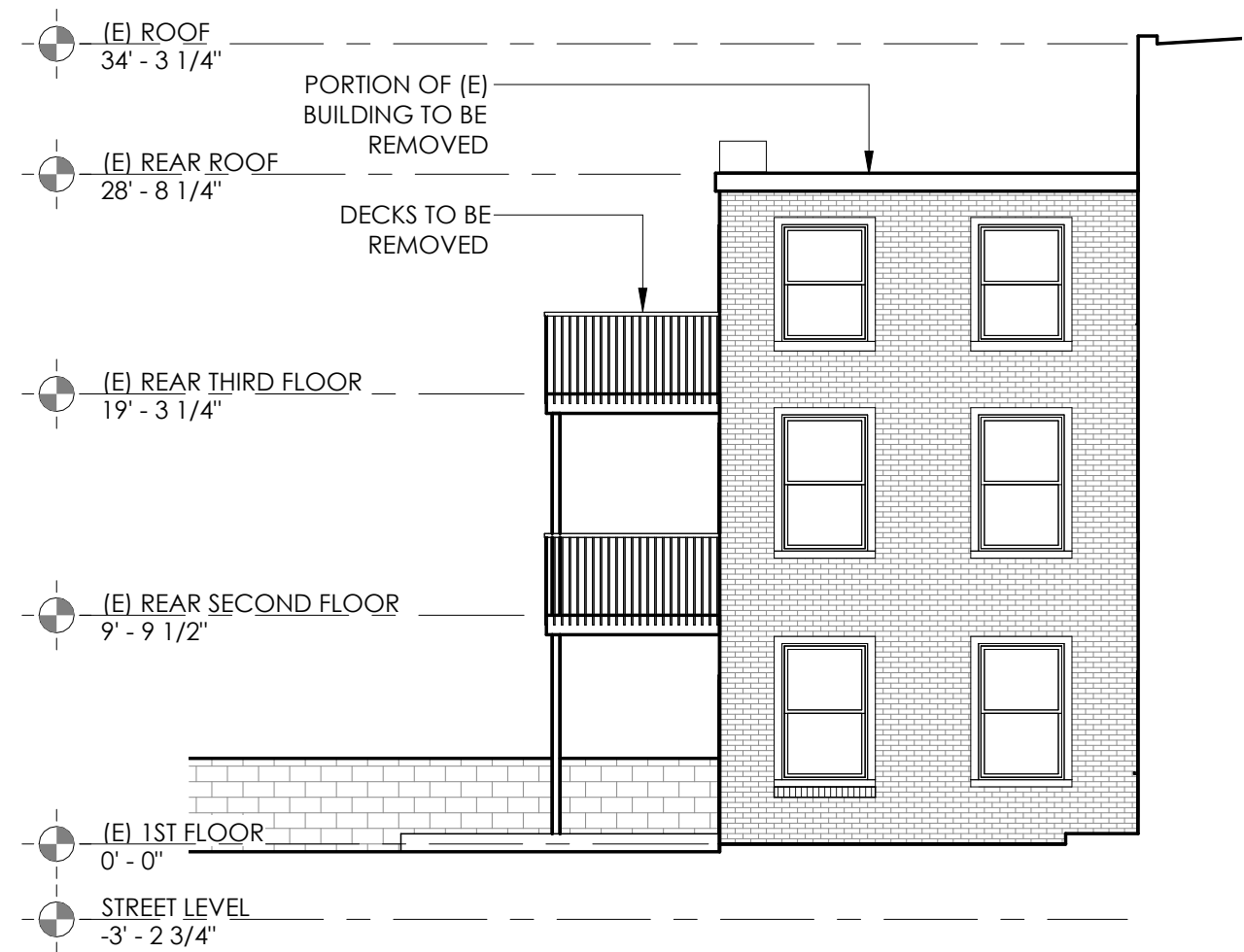
1907 GREEN ST - OVERALL REAR VIEW



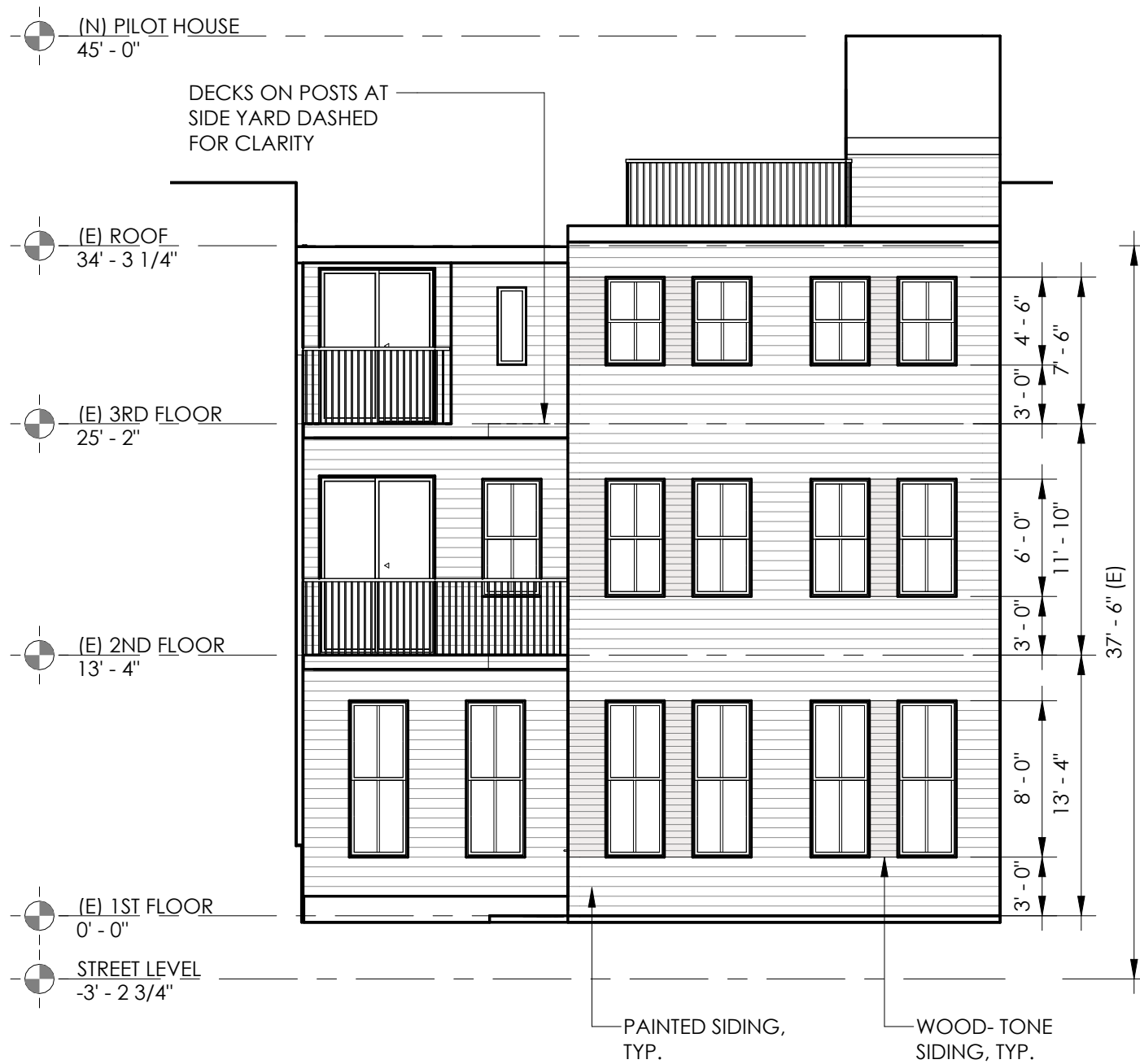
1907 GREEN ST - REAR SIDE VIEW



① EXISTING REAR ELEVATION
1/8" = 1'-0"



② EXISTING REAR SIDE ELEVATION
1/8" = 1'-0"



① PROPOSED REAR ELEVATION
1/8" = 1'-0"



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



JAMES HARDIE ARTISAN SIDING, OR SIM.
PAINTED FINISH



BENJAMIN MOORE **SILHOUETTE AF-655**
OR SIM.

FIBERGLASS WINDOWS AND DOORS
BLACK FINISH

VERTICAL METAL RAILING
BLACK FINISH

WOOD-TONE SIDING
TO MATCH DECKING SURFACE

PRIVATE DECKS ON POSTS