BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

STAFF REPORT Date: September 12, 2022

CASE NUMBER 6314

APPLICANT NAME Mariner Mobile I, LLC

LOCATION 505, 507 & 515 St. Louis Street and 510 St. Michael Street

(Southeast corner of St. Louis Street, and North Cedar Street, extending to the Southwest corner of St. Louis Street and North Lawrence Street, and the Northeast corner of North

Cedar Street and St. Michael Street).

VARIANCE REQUEST TRANSPARENCY: To allow reduced transparency in an

SD-WH, Special District – Warehousing Sub-District of the

Downtown Development District.

ZONING ORDINANCE

REQUIREMENT TRANSPARENCY: The Zoning Ordinance requires a

minimum of 80% transparency along a primary frontage, and 30% transparency along a secondary frontage for Shopfront frontage types in an SD-WH, Special District – Warehousing Sub-District of the Downtown Development

District.

ZONING SD-WH, Special District – Warehousing Sub-District of the

Downtown Development District.

AREA OF PROPERTY 1.6+ Acre

CITY COUNCIL

DISTRICT District 2

ENGINEERING

COMMENTS No comments.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

COMMENTS No comments.

URBAN FORESTRY

<u>COMMENTS</u> Property to be developed in compliance with state and local laws that pertain to tree preservation and protection on both city and private properties [Act 929 of the 1961 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature (Acts 1961, p. 1487), as amended, and City Code Chapters 57 and 65]. Private removal of trees in the right-of-way will require approval

of the Mobile Tree Commission. Removal of heritage trees from undeveloped residential sites, developed residential sites in historic districts, and all commercial sites will require a tree removal permit.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

COMMENTS All projects within the City Limits of Mobile shall comply with the requirements of the City of Mobile Fire Code Ordinance (2012 International Fire Code). Fire apparatus access is required to be within 150' of all commercial and residential buildings. A fire hydrant is required to be within 400' of non-sprinkled buildings and 600' of sprinkled buildings.

ANALYSIS

The applicant is requesting an extension of a previously approved Transparency Variance to allow reduced transparency in an SD-WH, Special District – Warehousing Sub-District of the Downtown Development District; the Zoning Ordinance requires a minimum of 80% transparency along a primary frontage, and 30% transparency along a secondary frontage for Shopfront frontage types in an SD-WH, Special District – Warehousing Sub-District of the Downtown Development District.

The site was originally granted variance approval by the Board at its March 2, 2020 meeting, with three previous six-month extensions, the most recent being on March 7, 2022. The original approval was granted with the following condition:

1) full compliance with all other municipal codes and ordinances.

The applicant provided the following statement regarding the extension request:

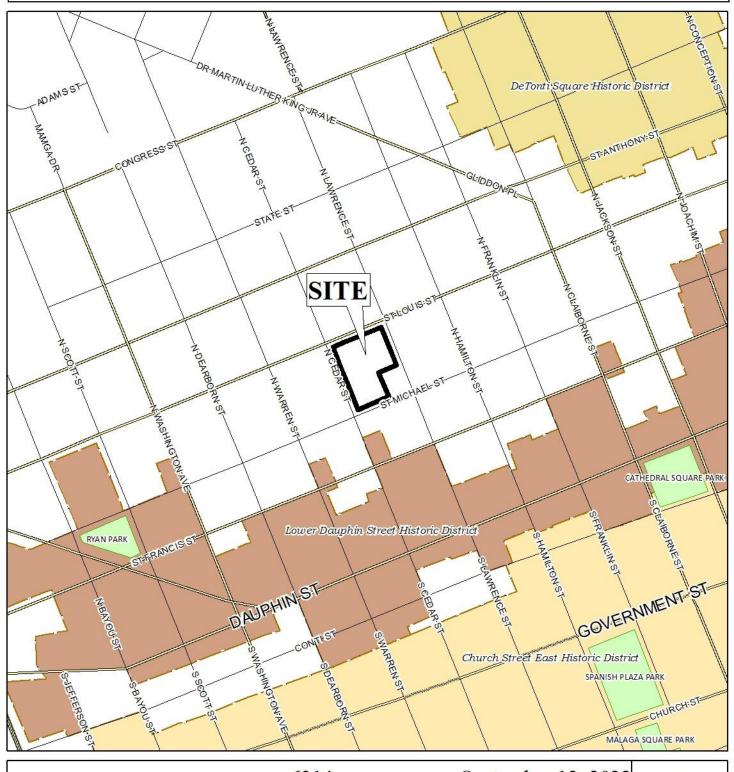
In the time since our last extension we have made considerable progress in securing our capital and receiving our preliminary commitment from HUD for our construction loan. Our Firm Application to HUD has been submitted and underwriters and appraisers are currently reviewing the application. At this time the development is on track for an end of 3^{rd} quarter or beginning of 4^{th} quarter start.

This is the third extension request since the initial approval. There have been no changes in the area, nor have there been any changes to the regulations that would impact previous approvals.

Due to the continuing economic situation as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, it would seem reasonable to grant another six-month extension. However, the applicant should be made aware that future extensions are unlikely.

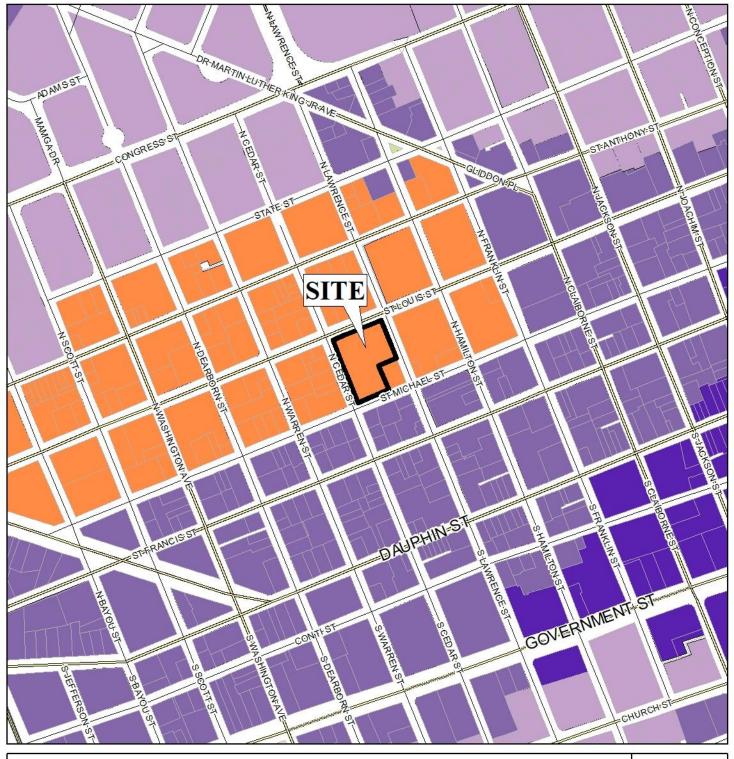
RECOMMENDATION: Based on the preceding, the request for a six-month extension of approval is recommended for approval. However, the applicant should be made aware that future extensions are unlikely.

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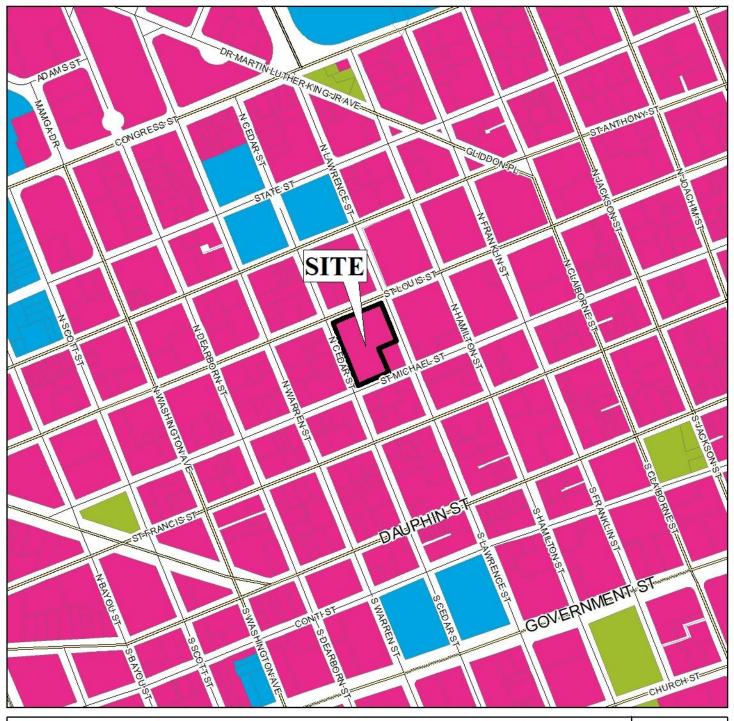
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LOCATOR ZONING MAP



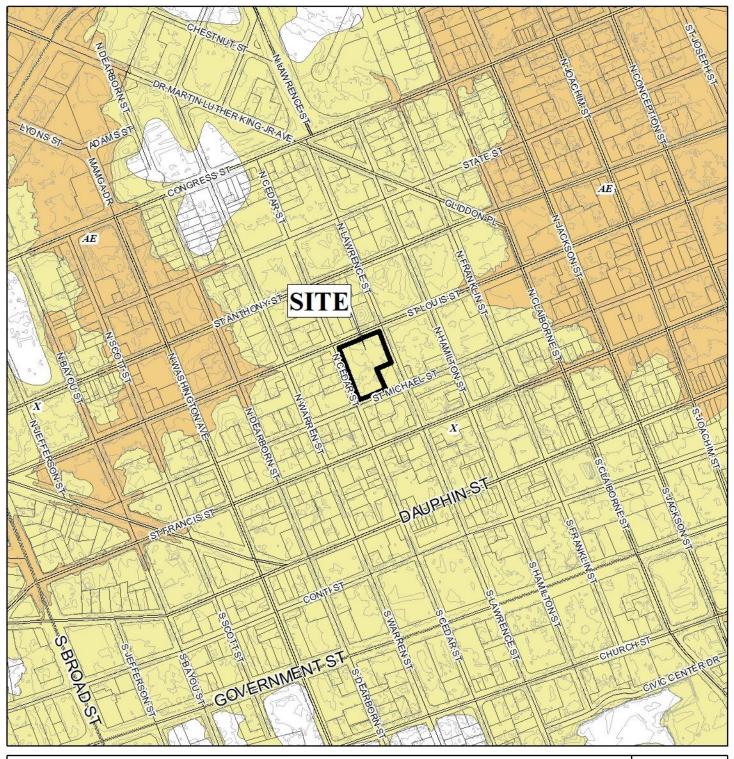
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FLUM LOCATOR MAP



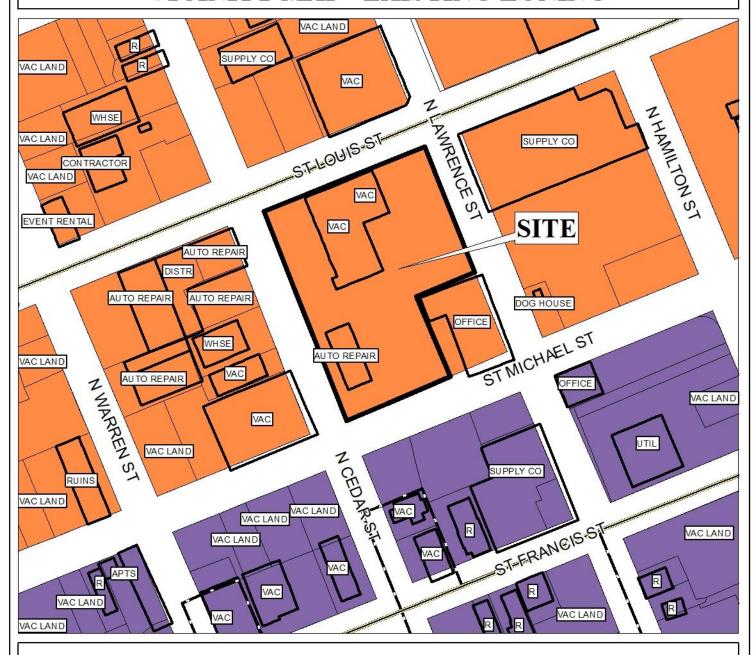


ENVIRONMENTAL LOCATOR MAP

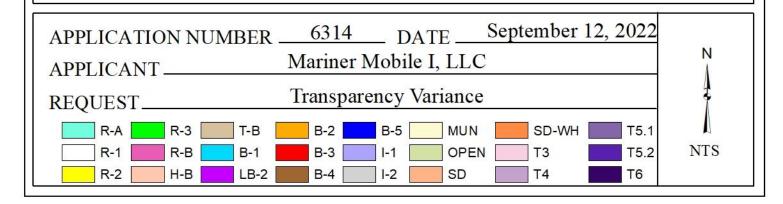


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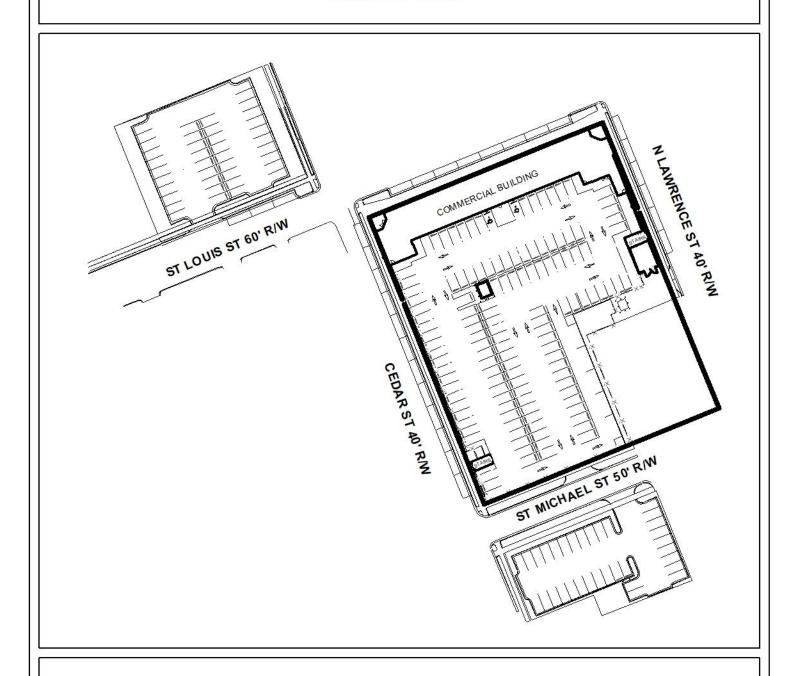


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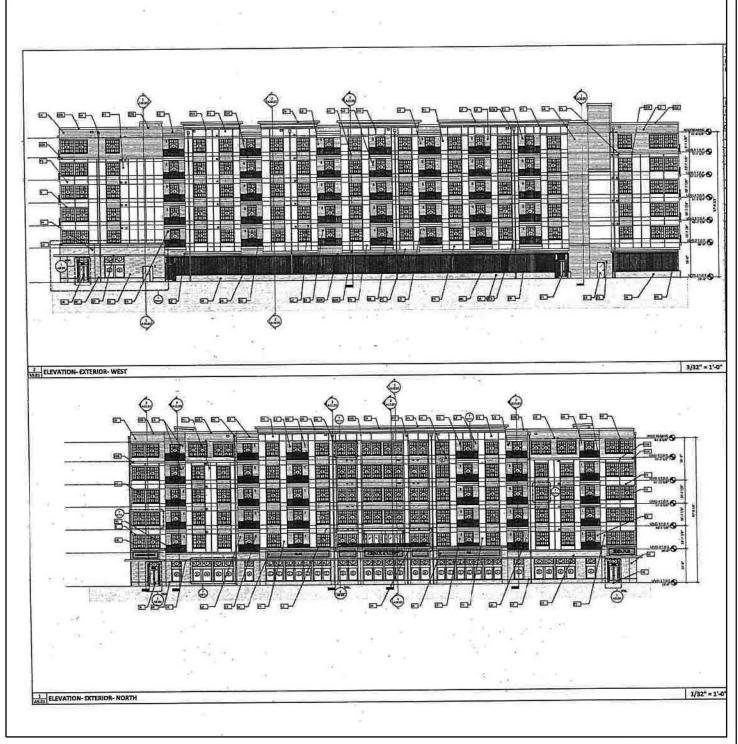
SITE PLAN



The site plan illustrates the proposed building, and parking.

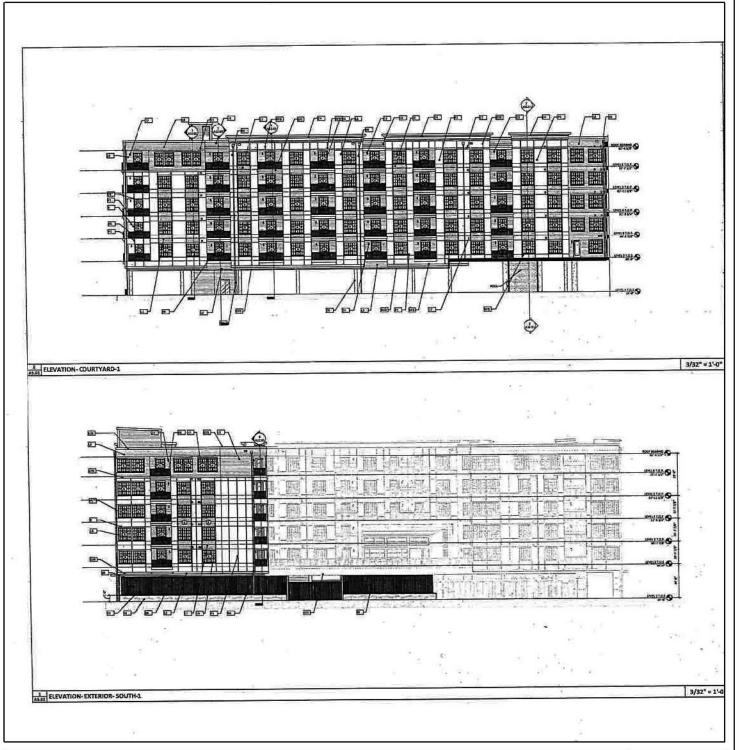
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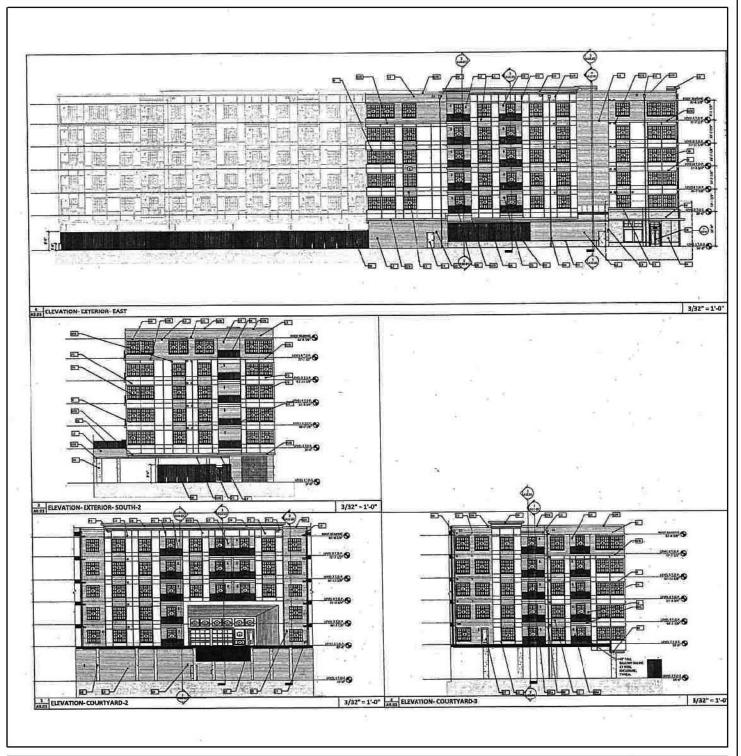
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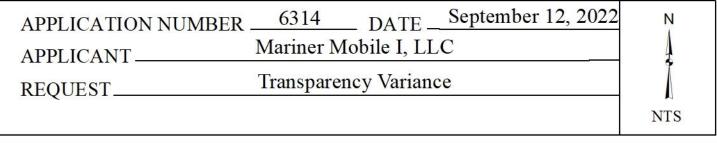
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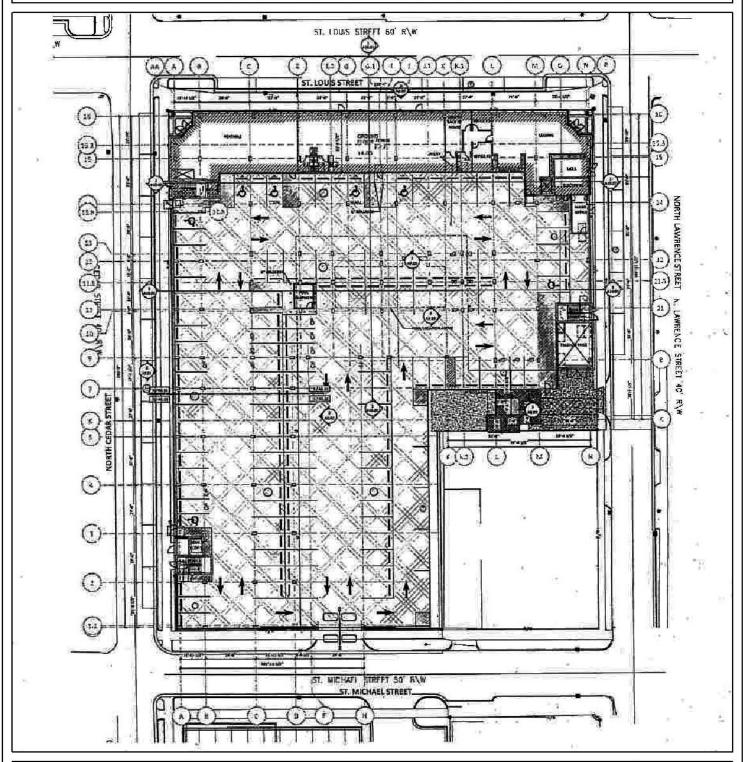


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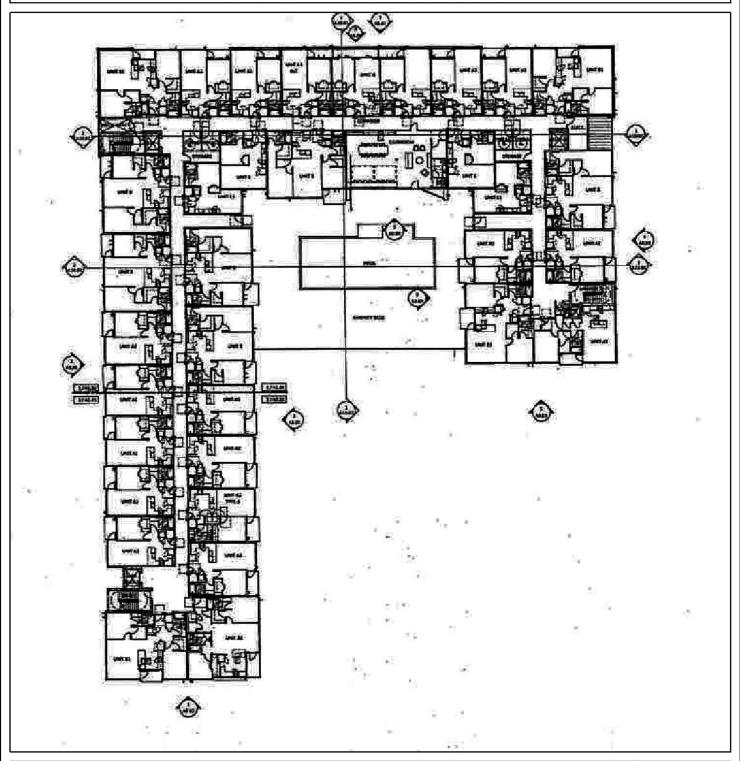
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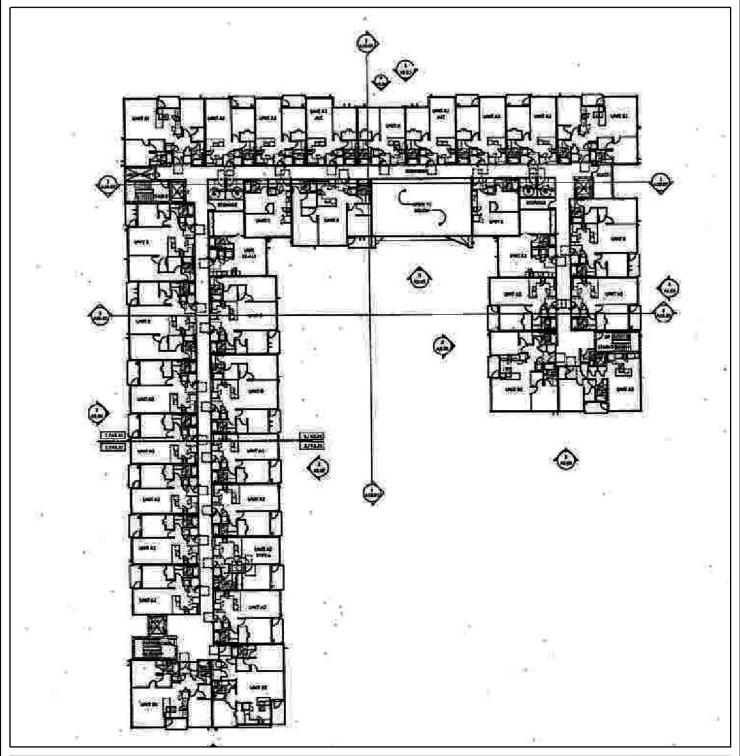




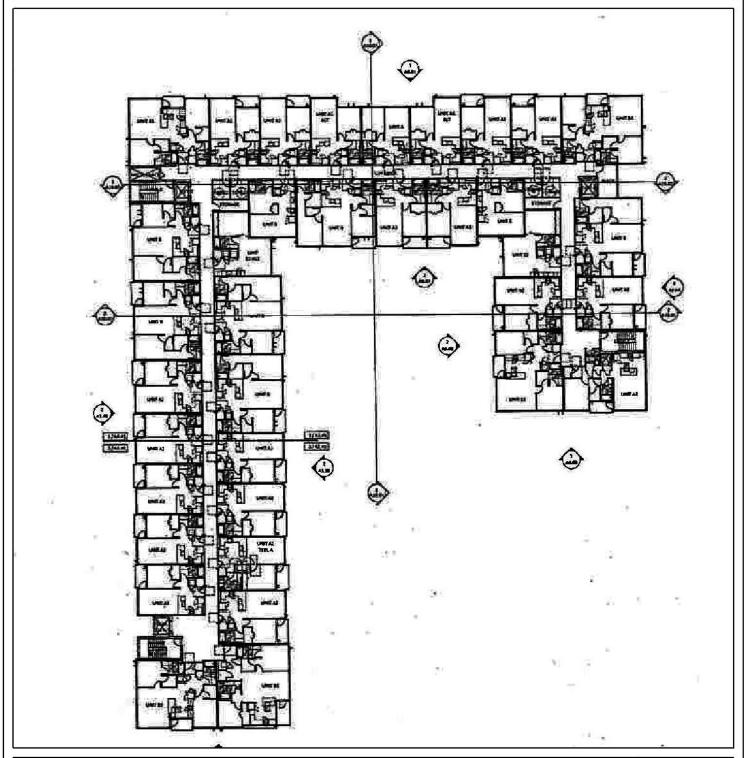
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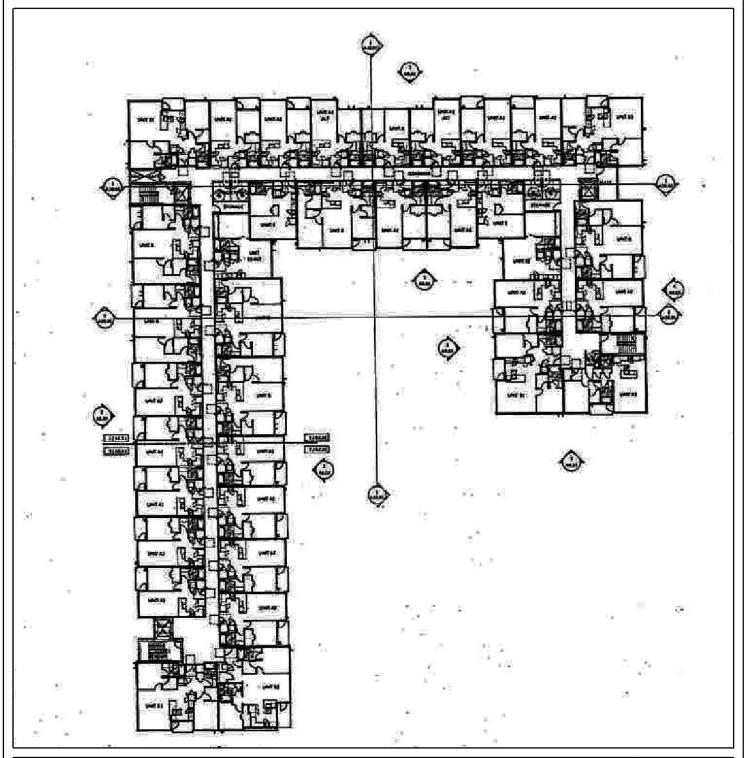
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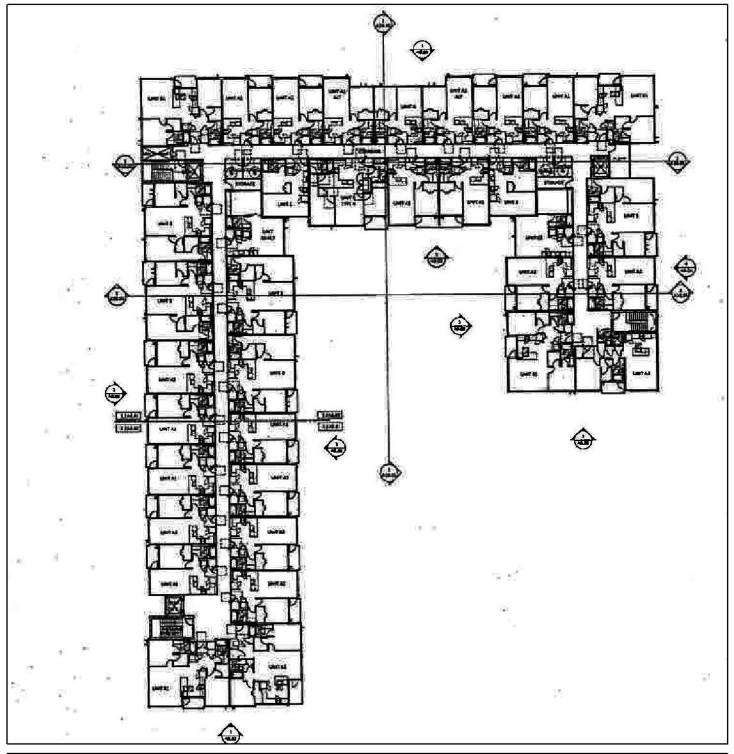
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