

2<sup>ND</sup> October 2019

Metro Planning Department 800 Second Avenue South Nashville. TN

RE: LC Sobro Building A, 3rd Avenue South, Ash Street & Elm Street

Nashville Downtown Code amended August 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 Sub-district: Lafayette

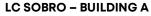
We request for your consideration, a variance to the step back requirements within the Lafayette Sub-district. This sub-district requires a 15' setback to occur between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> stories.

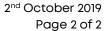
The building proposed is 7 stories high consisting of 3 levels and 1 mezzanine level of above grade structured parking lined with apartments, and 4 levels of apartments above. Full compliance with the setback requirements would have an adverse effect on not only the quality of the apartments, but also on the architecture and financial viability of this project.

To make the project viable a wood structure is designed for the residential floors above the 3<sup>rd</sup> level concrete podium. Considering this structural system, integrating building setbacks into the fire rated wood framing design can be difficult and costly. Fully conforming to the setback requirements in this sub district would ultimately make this project unfeasible for our client.

The maximum height within this sub-district is 8 stories with an available bonus height of up to 10 stories. The building proposed is only 7 stories high which is significantly less in scale than what could be built on this site.

In order to regulate building scale and preserve desirable qualities at street level, the massing along the longer side of the building (facing 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave S.) is broken up with elevated courtyards to create relief at the 4<sup>th</sup> story. These have the effect of lowering the building center of mass and providing maximum light and openness to the street level below. In compliance with the required set back requirements, a 15' recess has been provided at the 7<sup>th</sup> floor along the facade facing Elm St. and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.







The proposed building adheres to all other DTC standards except for the setback requirements. The scale and height of the proposed building is less than the maximum allowed in this Subdistrict and while one floor is not fully in compliance with the setback requirements, it is minor in its effect. The massing and scale are broken up, punctuated with open courtyards and the recess at the 7<sup>th</sup> floor.

Taking this all into consideration we feel that the scale and height of this building is appropriate and still in keeping with the intent of the Downtown Code.

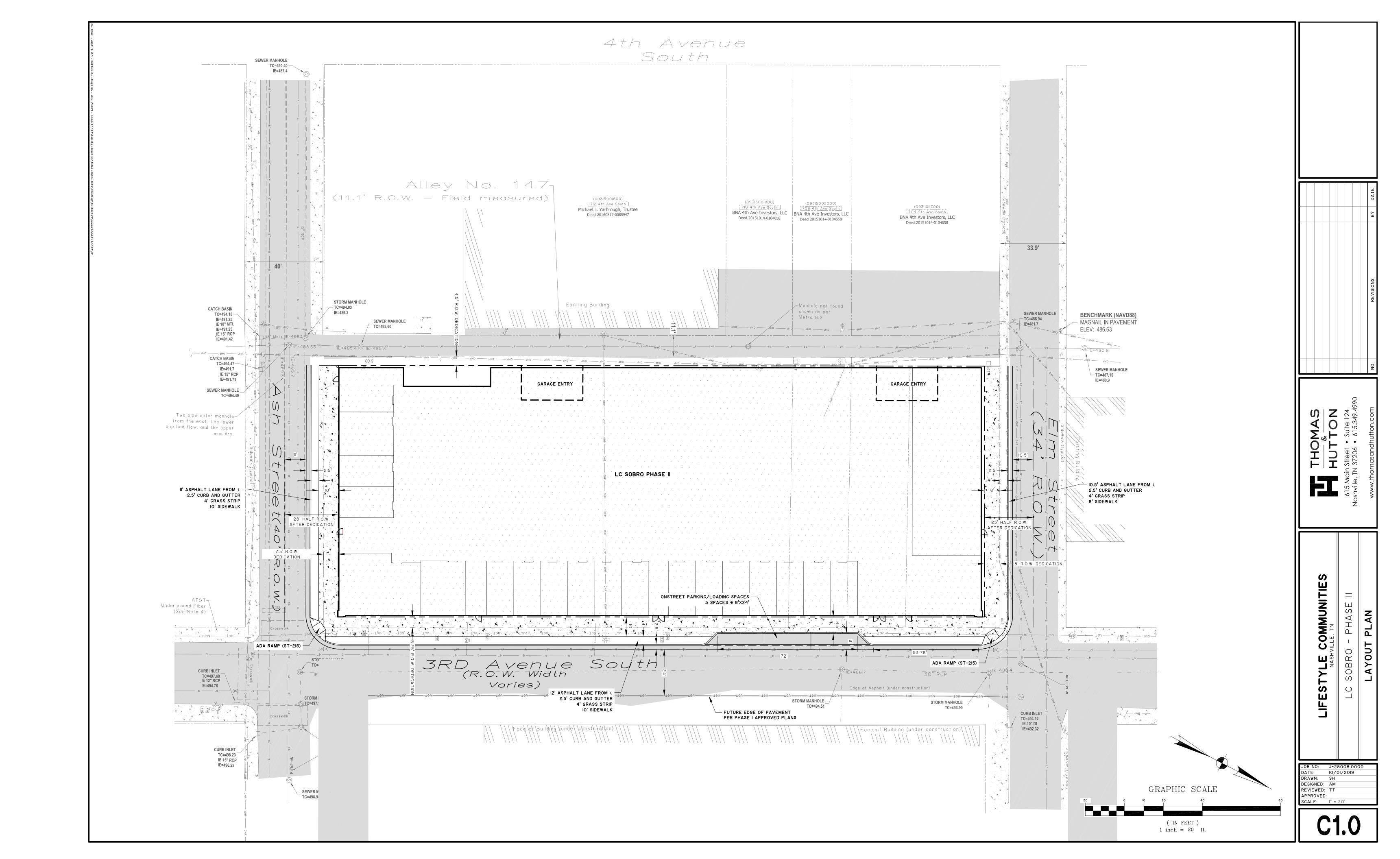
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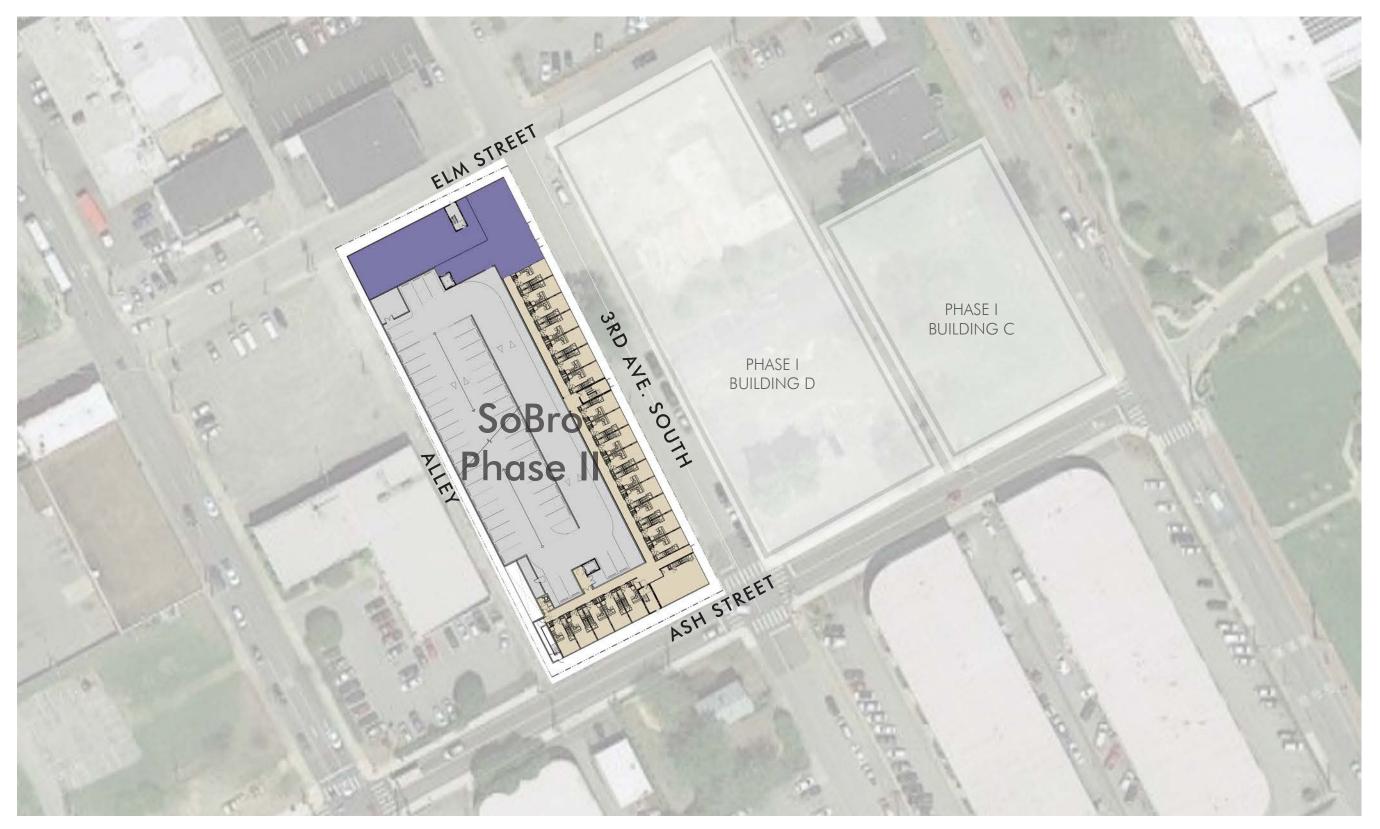
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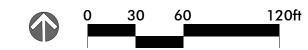
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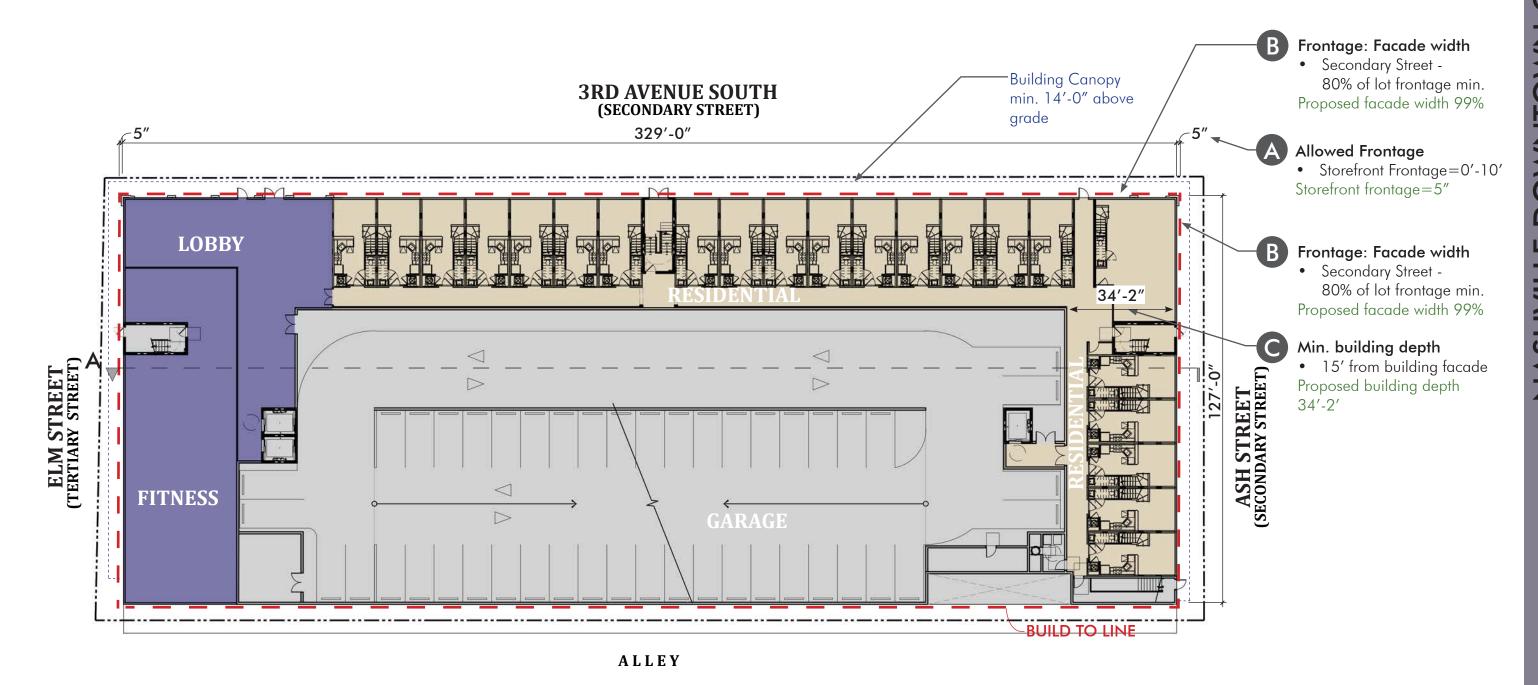
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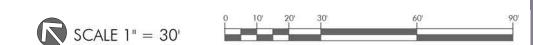


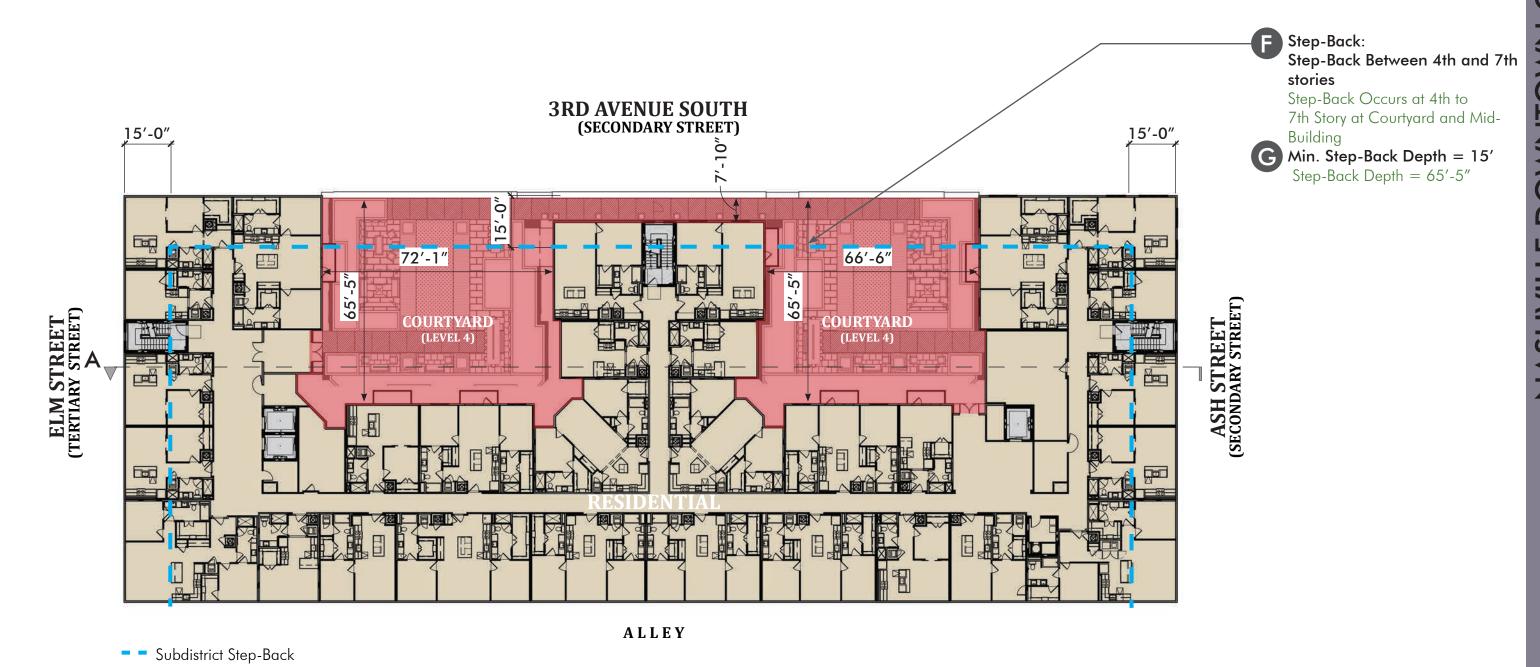






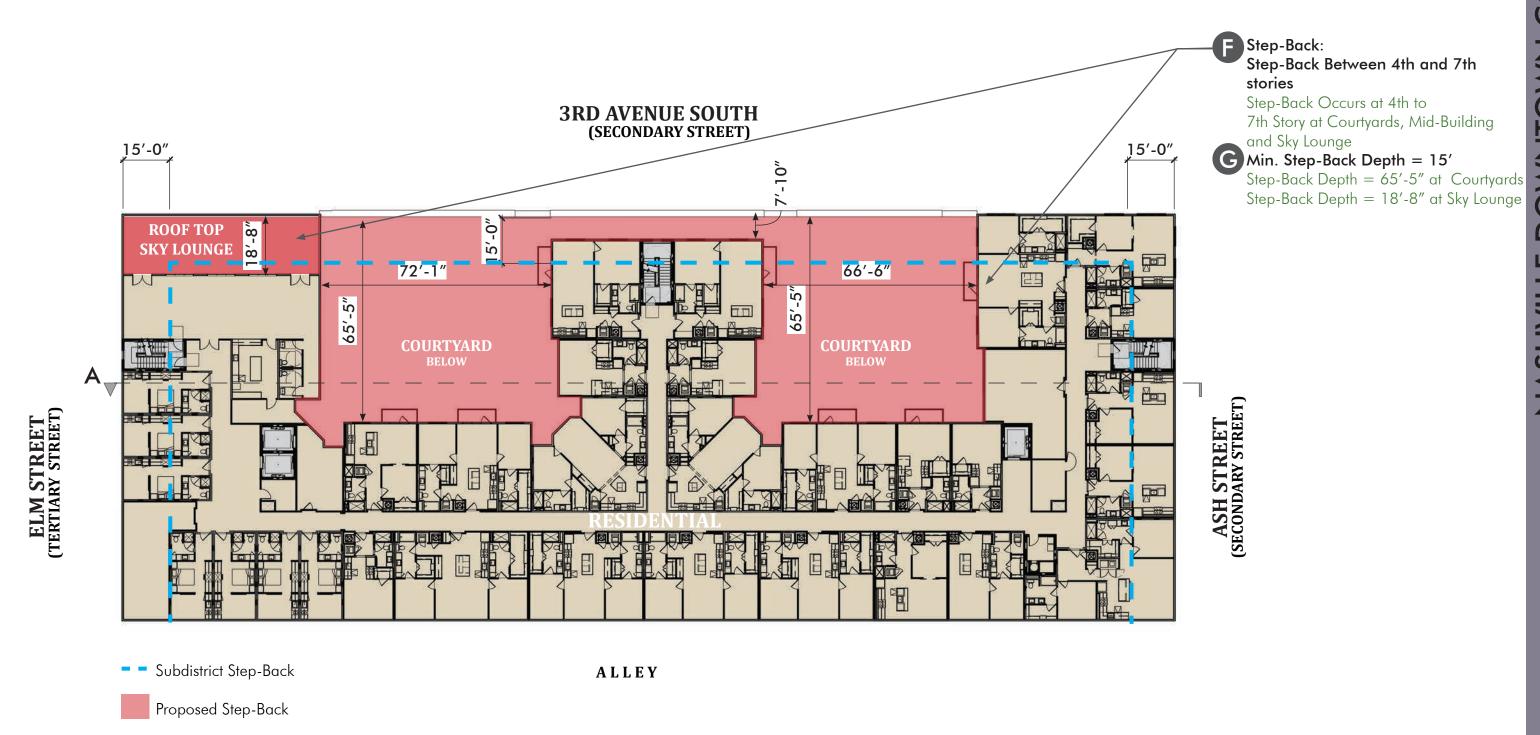






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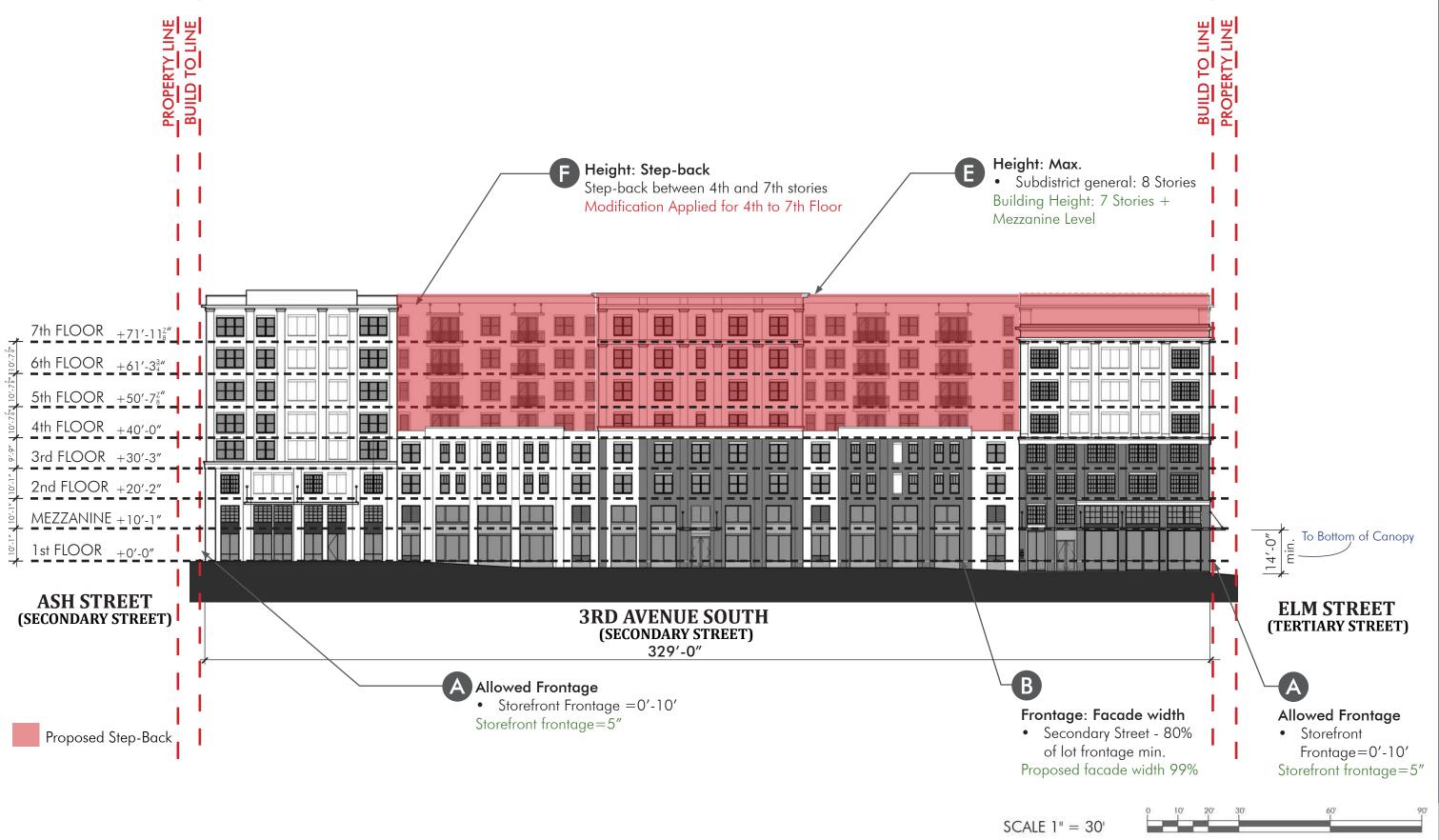
Proposed Step-Back



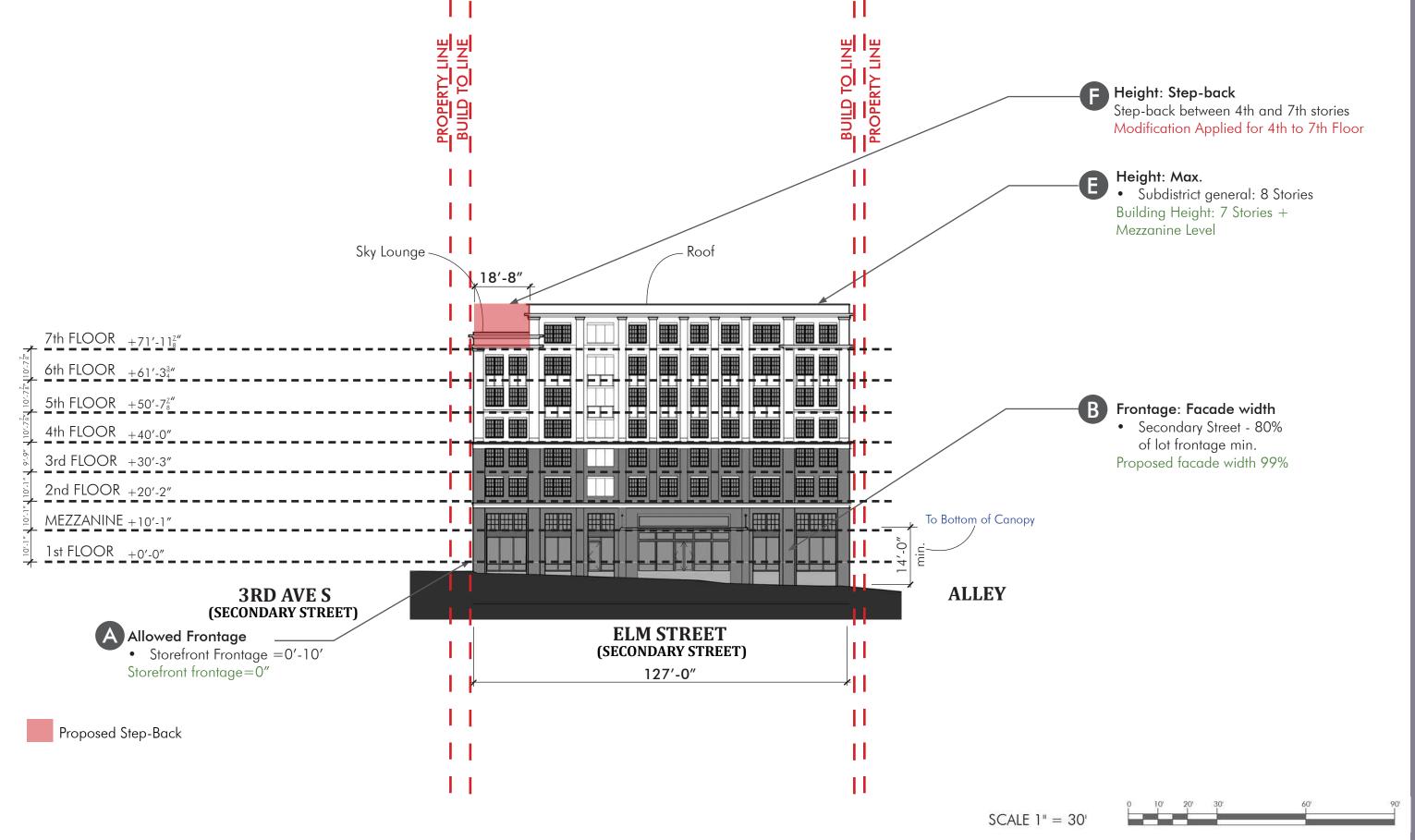


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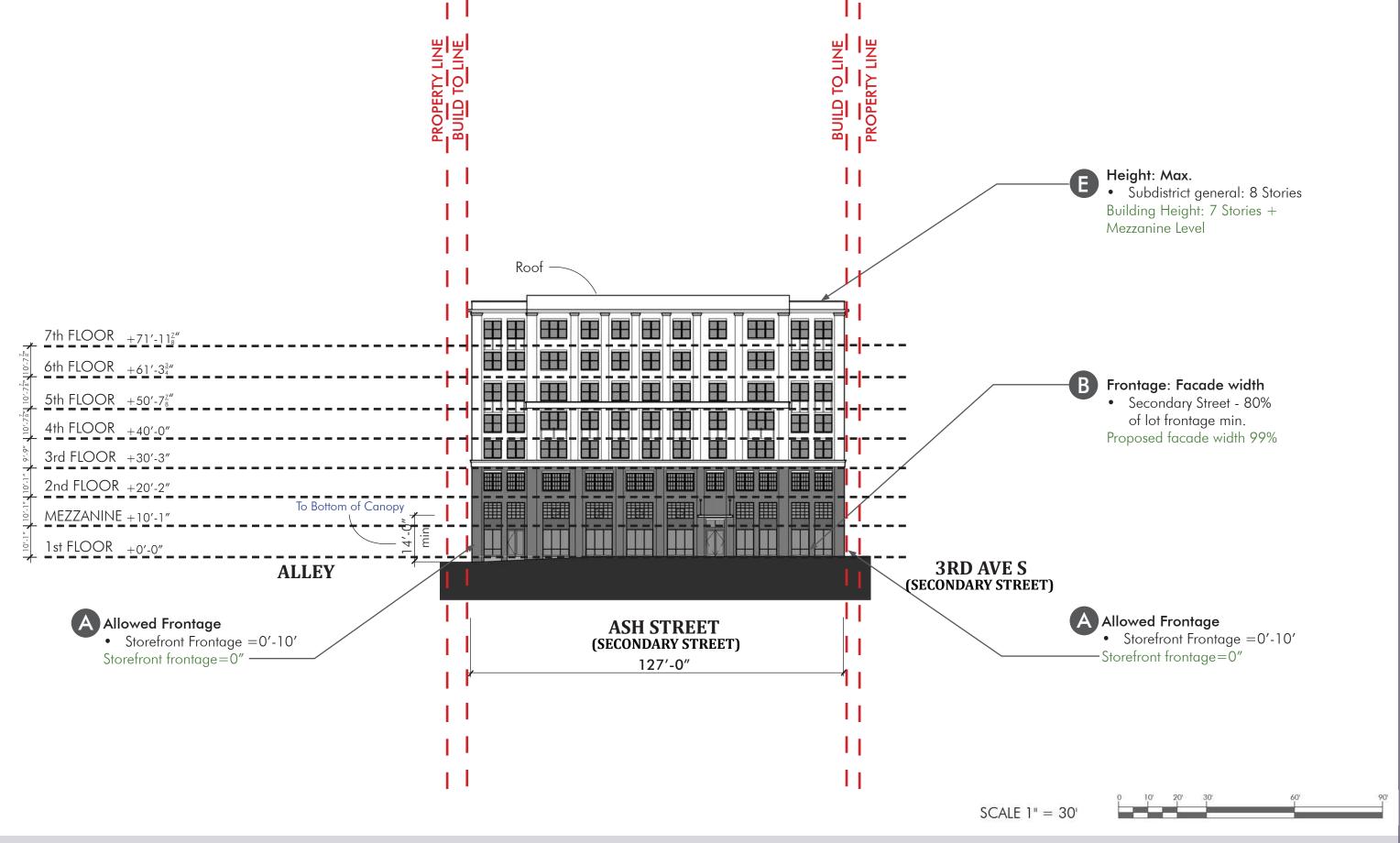






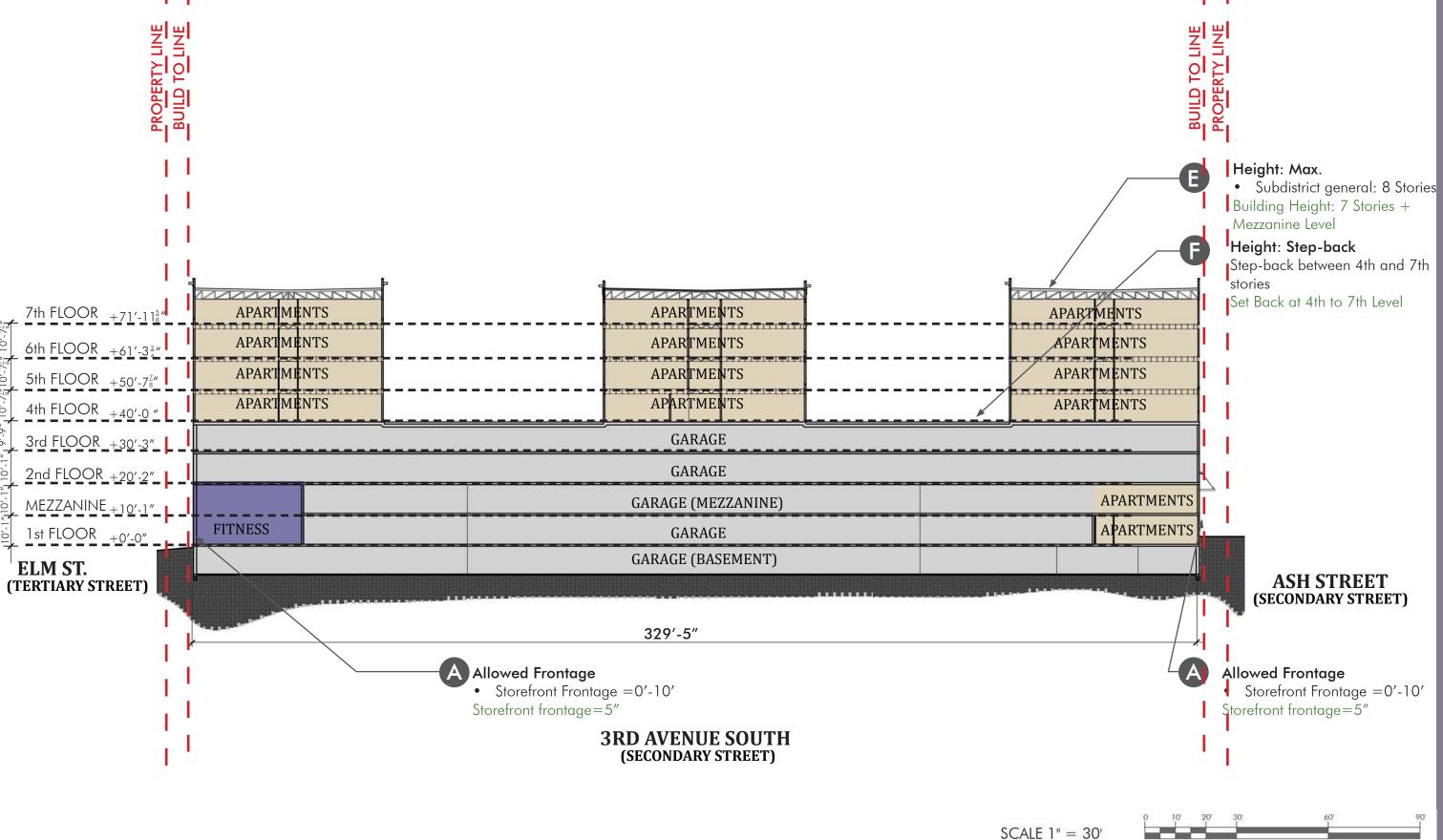








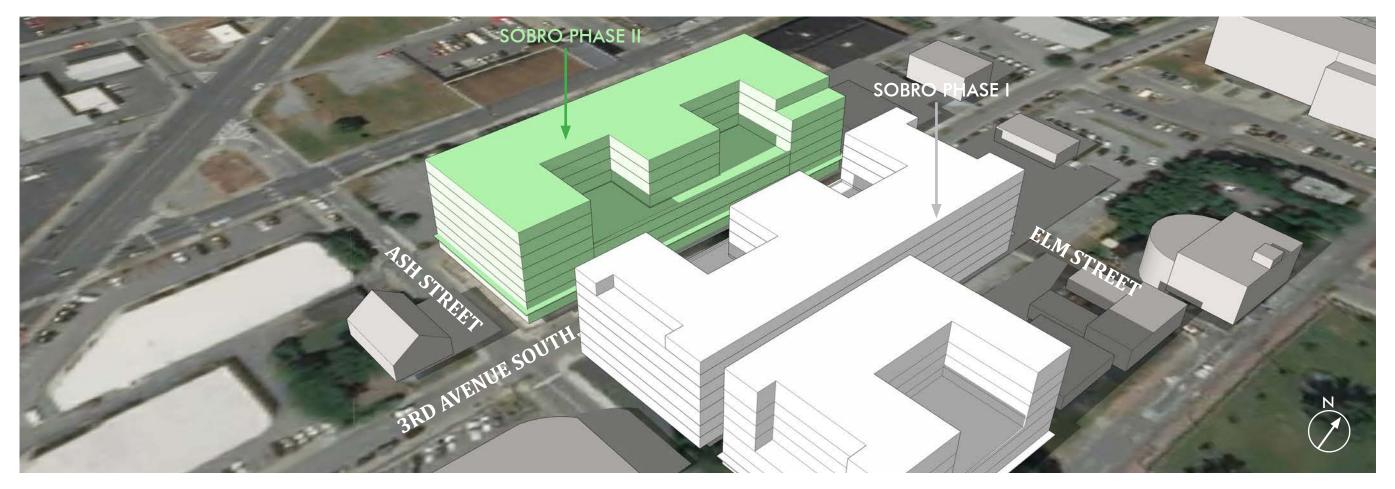


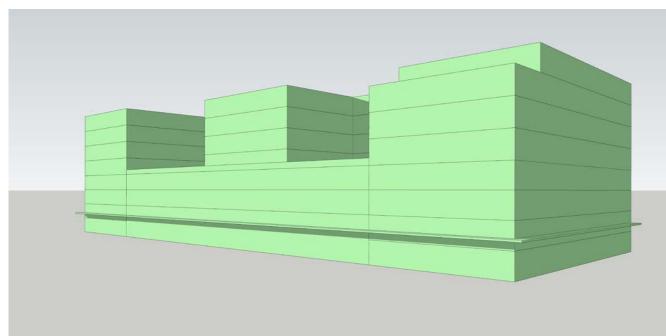


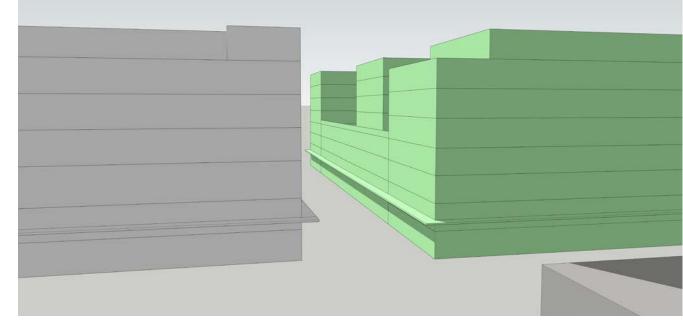






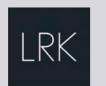






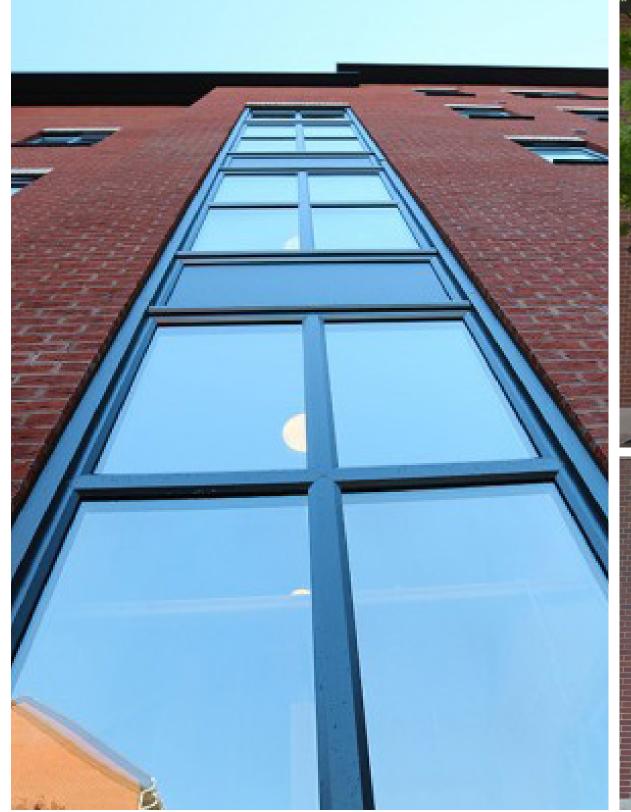
**3RD AVENUE SOUTH** 

**ELM STREET LOOKING SOUTH** 



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