

City of Detroit Inter-Departmental Communication

- TO: Richard Doherty, City Engineer City Engineering/Department of Public Works
- FROM: Debra Singleton, Engineer Detroit Water and Sewerage Department
- **DATE:** April 11, 2018
- RE: Petition No. 1712 Request to Convert to Easement The East/West And North/South Alleys In The Block Bound By Theodore, Fredrick, Helen, And East Grand Blvd.

The above petition received by this office has been reviewed. With regard to DWSD's interests, our comments are as follows

• Our records indicate that there is a sewer in the alleys. DWSD has no objections to the conversion to easement provided that the attached provisions for conversion to easement are followed.

If you have any questions, please call me at (313) 267-8309 or Mohammed Fa Siddique at (313)-964-9245.

Sincerely,

Debra Singleton Engineer Permits Section

DS/MS/gl Attachments

CC: Mohamad Farhat, CSF

City of Detroit City Engineering Division, Department of Public Works Survey Bureau

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE IN PROPERTY

	Date: 02/20/2018
	Petition: <u>x1712</u>
AT&T Telecommunication	
Comcast Television (CATV)	Berm Use
Detroit Edison (DTE)	
Fire Department	X Conversion to Easement
Great Lakes Water Authority	
Land Bank Authority	Dedication
Michcon (DTE)	
Planning & Development Department	Encroachment
Public Lighting Authority	
Public Lighting Department	Outright Vacation
Police Department	
Solid Waste Division, DPW	Temporary Closing
Street Design Bureau, DPW	
Street Maintenance Division, DPW	
Traffic Engineering Division, DPW	
Water and Sewerage Department	

A petition drawing is attached. Property shown on the attached print is proposed to be changed as indicated. Kindly report (using the back of this sheet) the nature of your services, if any affected by the proposed change and the estimated costs of removing and rerouting such services (if necessary).

Please return one copy to City Engineering Division, DPW within two weeks of the submittal date. Retain one copy and print for you file.

Ron Brundidge, Director, Department of Public Works

By: Richard Doherty, CED DPW City Engineer

TO: City Engineering Division, DPW 2 Woodward Ave., Suite 642 Detroit, Michigan 48226-3462 Survey Bureau: 313-224-3970

The proposed change in property (referred to on the other side of this sheet) would affect our services as follows:

Not Involved

Involved; but asking you to hold action on this petition until further notice.

Involved; but no objections to the property change.

Involved; objection to the property change.

Involved; but no objections to the property change...provided as easement of the full width of the public right-of-way (street, alley or other public place) is reserved.

Involved; the nature of our services and the estimated costs of removing and/or rerouting such services are:

(Utility or City Department)

By

Title

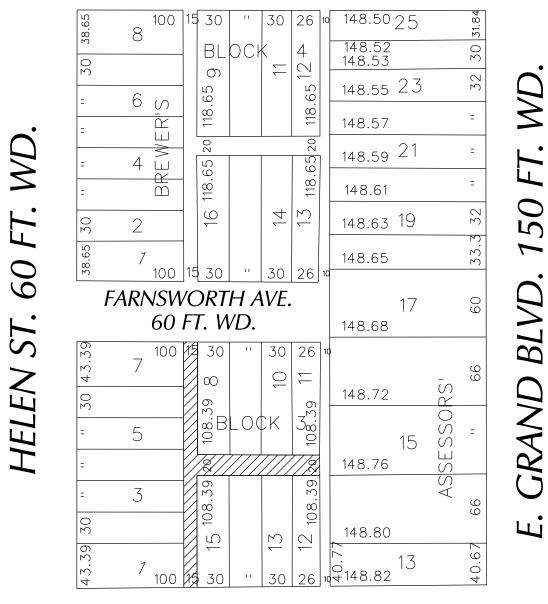
Date

Area code – Telephone number

PETITION NO. 1712 J. BLACKSHER 5126 HELEN ST. DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48239 PHONE NO. 313 897-6543



FREDERICK AVE. 60 FT. WD.



THEODORE AVE. 50 FT. WD.

	- CONVERSION TO EASEMENT							
	(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)							
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A	X					THE EAST/WEST PUBLIC ALLEY, 20 FT. WD.		NEERING DEPARTMENT
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DRAWN BY WLW CHECKED			IN THE AREA BOUND BY THEODORE, FREDERICK AVE., HELEN ST.	JOB NO. (01-01			
DATE 02-20-18				DRWG. NO.	X 1712			

PETITION FOR CONVERSION OF ALLEY PASSAGEWAY TO EASEMENT

DETROIT, MI

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

ATTN: Office of the City Clerk 200 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center Detroit, MI 48226 VOICE: 313. 224-3260 FAX: 313. 224-2075 FAX: 313. 224-1466 JULY 20, 2017

SPONSORING PETITIONER

Name: Blacksher, J

Address: 5126 Helen Street

Phone #: 313.897-6543

Honorable City Council of Detroit:

We, the herein undersigned petitioners who reside on the east side of Helen Street bounded by

<u>Theodore and Farnsworth</u> abutting an alley passageway, do so respectfully petition your Honorable Body to "permanently and in perpetuity" vacate and convert said grass-overgrown, nonfunctioning, nonfunctional, and non-travelable by motor traffic alley passageway from public "right-of-way" to "private property with easement". There are no garage entrances on any property owners' lots abutting this alley passageway. We so graciously anticipate the consummation and conclusion of this matter within 30-45 days of the date of this petition.

Further, the undersigned represents not less than ³/₃-rds. (66-2/3%) ownership of property abutting said alley passageway.

Lot Nbr.	Signature of Deed Holder	Signature of Co-Owner	Address	Date
15008902	<u>Shan</u> <u>Pren</u> Brown, Shon - Agent, DSB		5140 Helen Street	<u>July 17, 201</u> 7

15008899-901 L. Blacksher N/ Blacksher, J	A 5126 Helen Street July 17, 2017
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All petition signers are fully apprised and keenly aware that:

- All expenses in connection with fencing or barricading the alley will be at the expense of each property owner
- Utility companies have the right to maintain access to existing utility easement
- The City of Detroit reserves an easement for public utility purposes
- No building, structures, improvements of encroachments of any kind (except line fences) may be placed in the easement area without prior written consent from the City of Detroit Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works
- The alley lights will be removed
- The vacated portion becomes part and parcel of each adjacent lot. The Public Lighting Department for the City of Detroit provides lighting only for public properties such as streets or alley passageways; and that the lighting fixtures affected by the vacating will be removed from private property at the expense of the public Lighting Department
- Once approved, the choice to rescind the approved vacated alley passageway is generally irreversible. Division of the alley parcel is guided by the State of Michigan Subdivision Law and Title to the portion of the vacated alley adjacent to any given property owner's lot vests ownership to that owner (up to the centerline of the alley passageway, if the lots across the alley are in the same subdivision), generally as per MCL 560.2278; 560
- The size of the numbers required by City of Detroit Code 1964, \$50-5-27 shall be not less than three (3) inches in beight, and shall be in contrast with the immediate background on which they are mounted.
- The director of Environmental Protection and Maintenance shall install numbers in accordance with the provisions of this this division, the cost of the numbers and installation to be borne by the City of Detroit

Helen Street, between Theodore & Farnsworth

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PETITION FOR CONVERSION OF ALLEY PASSAGEWAY TO EASEMENT

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Furthermore, all petition signers are fully apprised and keenly aware as per City of Detroit Ordinance §50-6-4, when a petition to vacate the alley passageway is received by the City of Detroit Law Department it shall be and is chargeable with the following responsibilities...

- Prepare the necessary resolution for consideration by the City Council
- Contact the "City Clerk" for the Detroit City Council to schedule a date and time for the public hearing in the matter
- Send notice of public hearing to the owners of the property abutting on such alley, or any portion thereof sought to be vacated, and to send notice to any other pertinent parties
- Transmit, as per City of Detroit Ordinance #267-H, \$1(58-5-4), 7-5-78, the resolution and a copy of the notice of public hearing together with the petition to the Detroit City Council, the sketch of the alley heretofore mentioned, along with the written report and recommendation from the Community and Economic Development Department to the Detroit City Council

Additionally, all petition signers are fully apprised and keenly aware as per City of Detroit Code 1964, §58-5-4, Ordinance #267-H, §58-5-4, 7-5-78, that once the City of Detroit Law Department returns the petition to vacate the alley passageway to the Detroit City Council along with the report and recommendation of the Community and Economic Development Department...

• The Detroit City Council shall by majority decision decide to grant the petition along with the resolution prepared and generated in the manner as prescribed and approved by the City of Detroit Law Department. Such resolution shall contain, among other things, a provision for the retention of an easement for public utility purposes in the designated area

Moreover, all petition signers are fully apprised and keenly aware as per City of Detroit Ordinance #267-H, §1(58-5-6), 7-5-78; and City of Detroit Ordinance #31-93, §1, 12-1-93, that within thirty (30) days of adoption of the resolution by the Detroit City Council to vacate the designated alley passageway or any portion thereof, the "City Clerk" shall...

• Record a certified copy with Wayne County Register of Deeds, send a certified copy to the State of Michigan Treasurer, and shall transmit copies to the City of Detroit Director of Department of Public Works and to the Corporation Council for the City of Detroit, respectively.

Also, all petition signers are fully apprised and keenly aware as per City of Detroit Ordinance #267-H, \$1(58-5-7), 7-5-78; and City of Detroit Ordinance #31-93 that upon receipt of a copy of the resolution from the Detroit City Council to vacate an alley passageway ...

• The Law Department of the City of Detroit shall notify the owners of the property abutting on such alley passageway, or any portion thereof, and to any other pertinent parties that the alley passageway of any portion thereof has been officially vacated and converted into an easement of utilities

Likewise, all petition signers are fully apprised and keenly aware as per City of Detroit Ordinance #267-H, \$1(58-5-7), 7-5-78; and City of Detroit Ordinance #31-93, \$1, 12-1-93 that upon receipt of a copy of the resolution from the Detroit City Council to vacate an alley passageway ...

• The Director of the Department of Public works shall correct the official City of Detroit maps and records

Correspondingly, all petition signers are fully apprised and keenly aware as per City of Detroit Ordinance #267-H, §1(58-5-7), 7-5-78; and City of Detroit Ordinance #31-93, §1, 12-1-93 that upon receipt of a copy of the resolution from the Detroit City Council lo vacate an alley passageway ...

• The Department of Public works shall adjust its municipal refuse collection services accordingly

Finally, all petition signers are fully apprised and keenly aware as per City of Detroit Ordinance #267-H, \$1(58-5-8), 7-5-78, \$50-6-5 that ...

• Nothing in this article shall be construed to limit any regulatory powers possessed by the Detroit City Council with respect to a vacated street, alley passageway, or public place within the boundaries of the City of Detroit

PROVISIONS FOR CONVERSION TO EASEMENT

1. An easement, the full width of the existing right of way, is reserved for the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department for the purpose of installing, maintaining, repairing, removing, or replacing any sewers, water mains, fire hydrants and appurtenances, with the right of ingress and egress at any time to, and over said easement for the purpose above set forth.

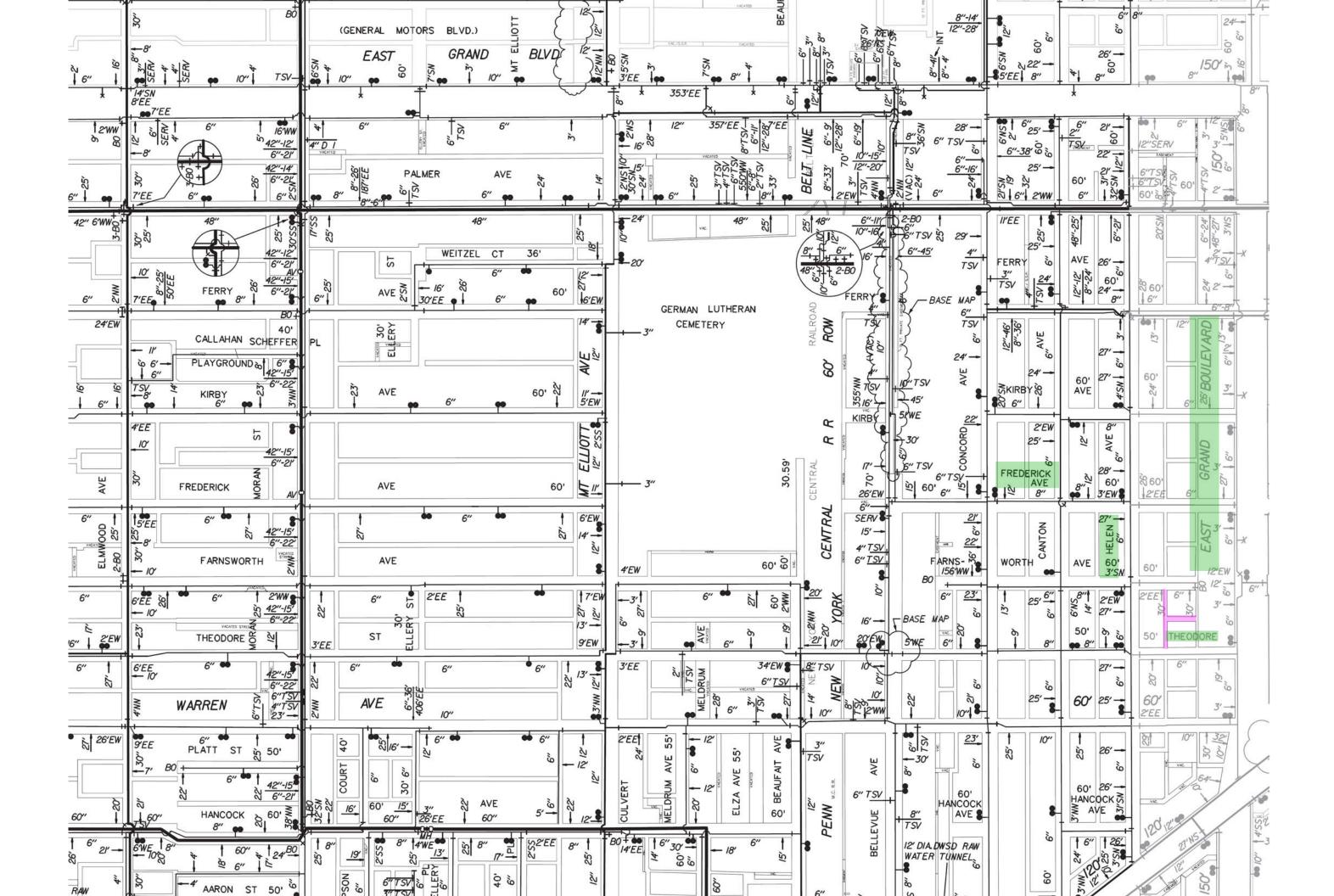
Free and easy access to the sewers, water mains, fire hydrants and manholes and structures within the easement is required for Detroit Water and Sewerage Department equipment, including the use of backhoes, bull dozers, cranes or pipe trucks, and other heavy construction equipment, as necessary for the alteration or repair of the sewer or water main facilities.

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department retains the right to install suitable permanent main location guide posts over its water mains at reasonable intervals and at points of deflection.

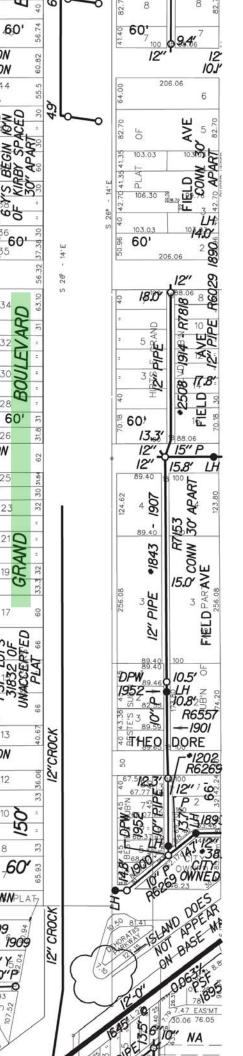
- 2. Said owners of the adjoining property, for themselves, their heirs and assigns, agree that no building or structure of any nature whatsoever, including fences, porches, patios, balconies, etc., shall be built upon or over said easement, or that no grade changes or storage of materials shall be made within said easement without prior written approval and agreement with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.
- 3. If at any time in the future, the owners of any lots abutting on said conversion to easement shall request the removal and/or relocation of the aforementioned utilities in said easement, such owners shall pay all costs incident to such removal and/or relocation. It is further provided that if sewers, water mains, and/or appurtenances in said easement shall break or be damaged as a result of any action on the part of the owner, or assigns, then in such event, the owner or assigns shall be liable for all costs incident to the repair of such broken or damaged sewers and water mains, and shall also be liable for all claims for damages resulting from his action.

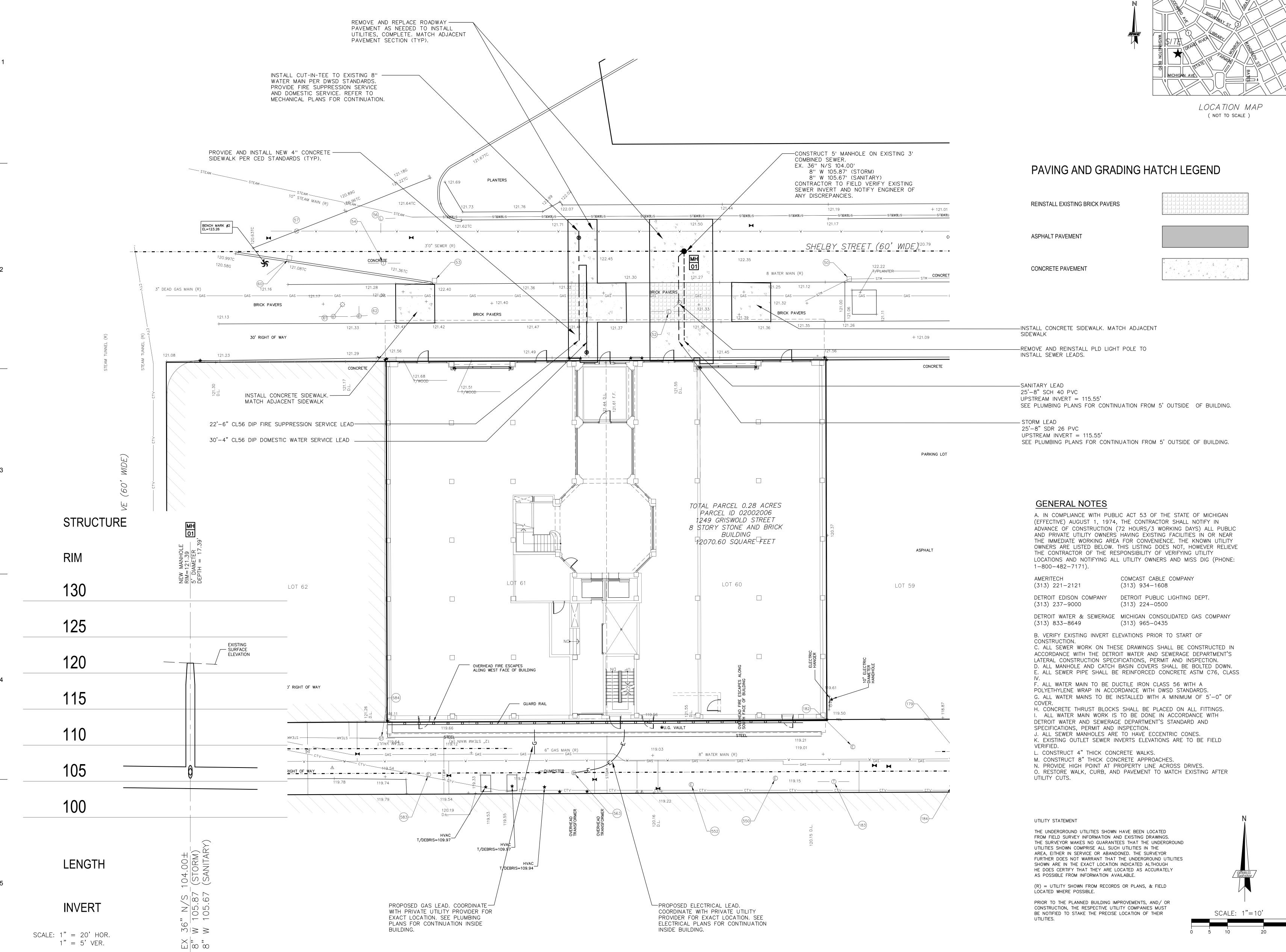
These provisions shall be made part of the City Council's Vacating Resolution.

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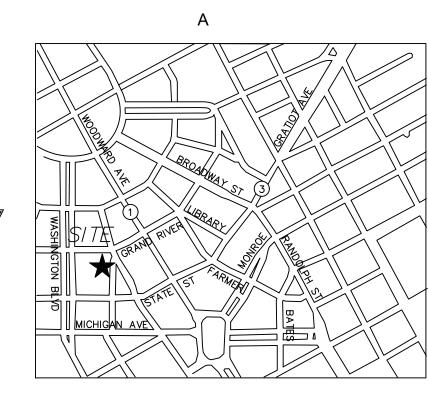
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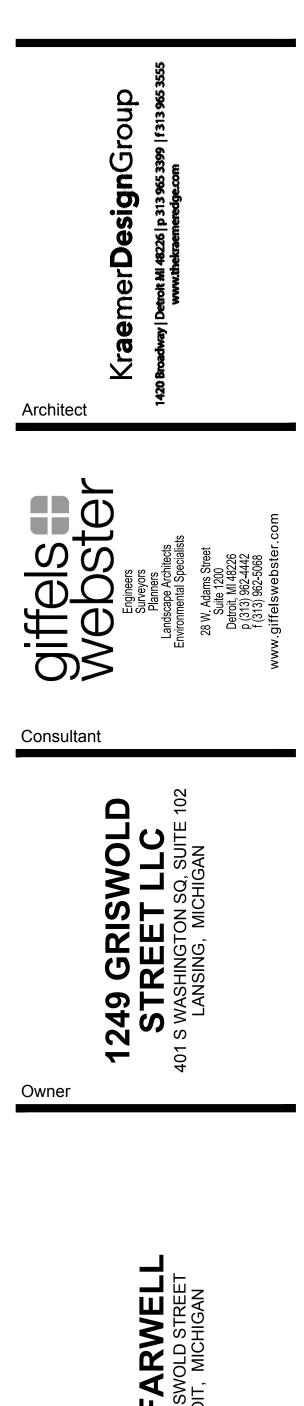




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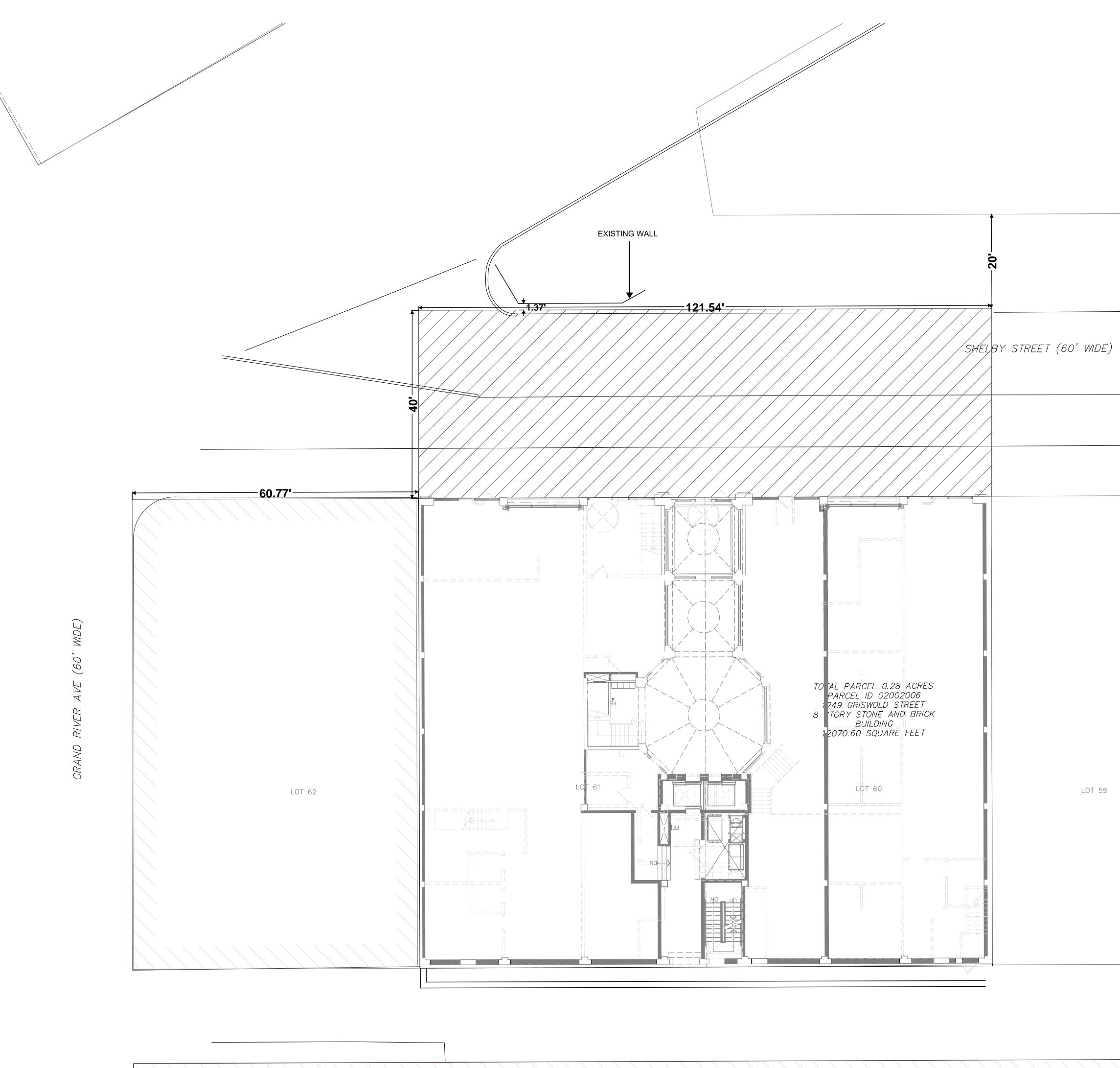


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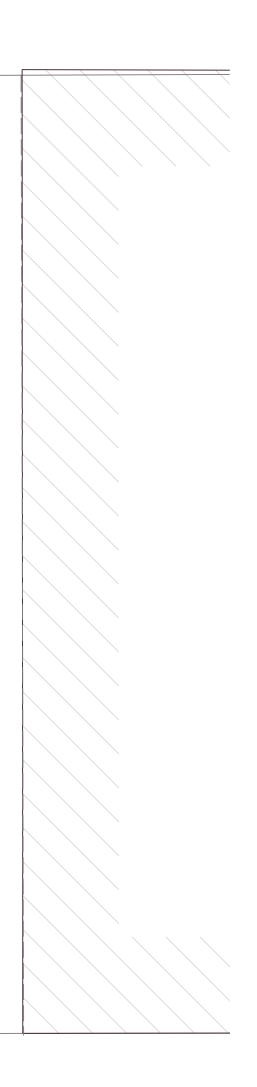
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