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To: Clerk's Office
From: The Department of Public Works
City Engineering Division
MapsandRecordsBureau@DetroitMI.Gov
(313) 224-3970

Petitioner:
Freedom House Detroit
1777 RADEMACHER
Detroit, MI, 48209

On behalf of the above-mentioned petitioner the Department of Public Works: City Engineering Division is submitting a petition request for the action below. The petitioner has received a project consultation from the Department of Public Works: City Engineering Division and has been advised the following:

Type of action recommended:

The petitioner Detroit Freedom House is petitioning for an encroachment approval for an existing retaining wall that is encroaching into the easterly part of Waterman Ave. The petitioner wants to continue to keep the existing retaining wall, the retaining wall encroaches outside of the property line.

Raven Wright
Supervisor of Maps & Records
Department of Public Works
City Engineering Division
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March 31, 2026

City of Detroit
Department of Public Works
City Engineering Division
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 601
Detroit, MI 48226

Re: Encroachment Request for Existing Retaining Wall into Waterman Street R.O.W. for
Freedom House Detroit, 1777 N. Rademacher Street, Detroit, MI 48209
Plan Review #BLDG2025-202996

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Freedom House Detroit is in the process of expanding their existing kitchen and revising their existing parking lot on the west side of the building.

It has been pointed out that there is an existing concrete retaining wall located along the east side of Waterman Street south of Desmond Street that is outside of the property's boundary lines and encroaching into the Waterman Street right-of-way. As such, we are submitting the following items for approval of the encroachment on behalf of the Owner/Applicant to supplement the online petition:

- Cover letter.
- Site plan and detailed sketch.
- Photograph documenting the encroachment.

Payment of \$400 for the review fee will be made upon your request.

For your records, the Owner/Applicant is:

Ms. Annie Zobel
Freedom House Detroit
1777 Rademacher Street
Detroit, MI 48209
C: 313-213-9839
E: azobel@freedomhousedetroit.org

Thank you for processing this request.

Very truly yours,

Julian J. Wargo, Jr., PE

Encl.

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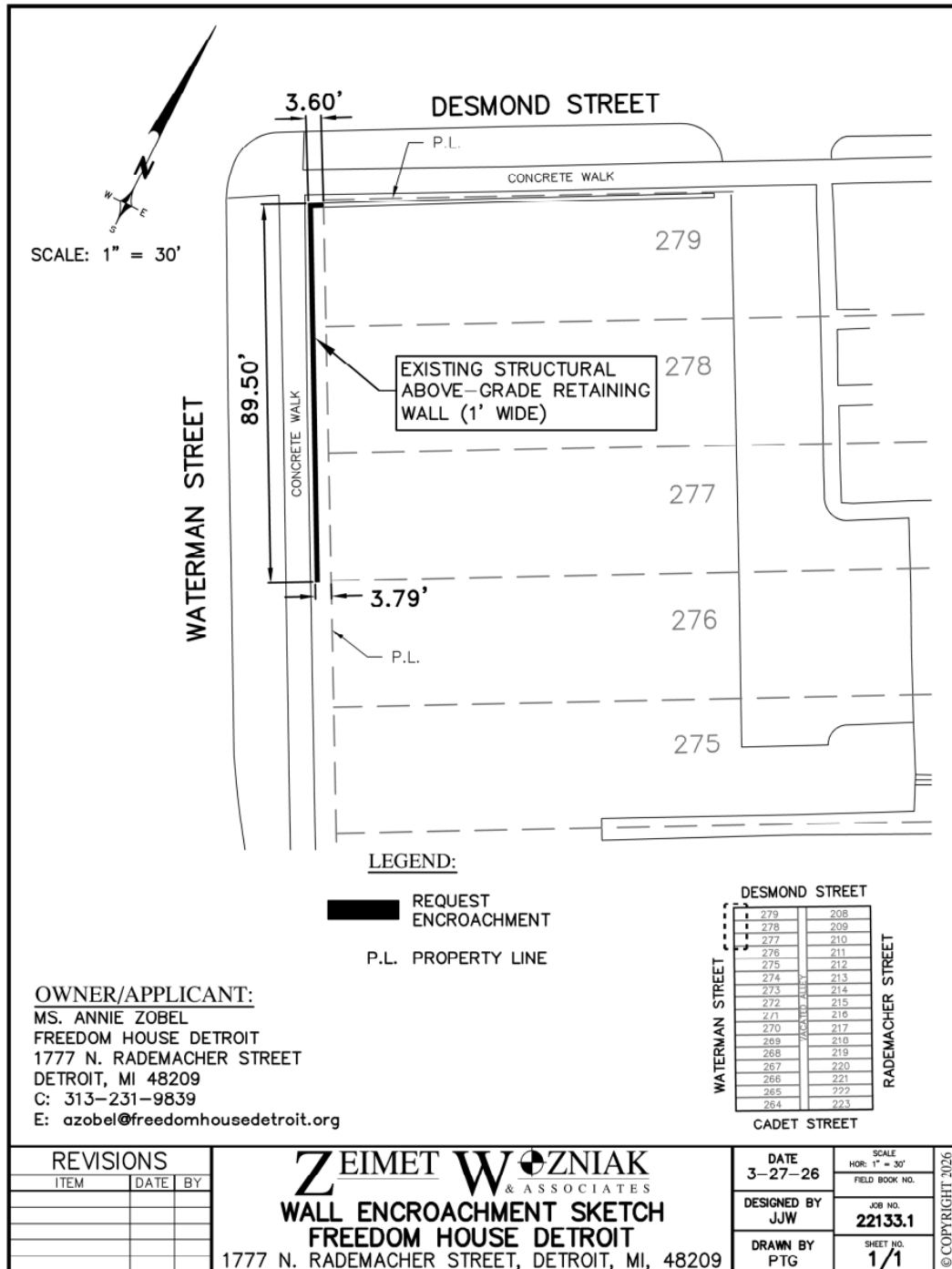
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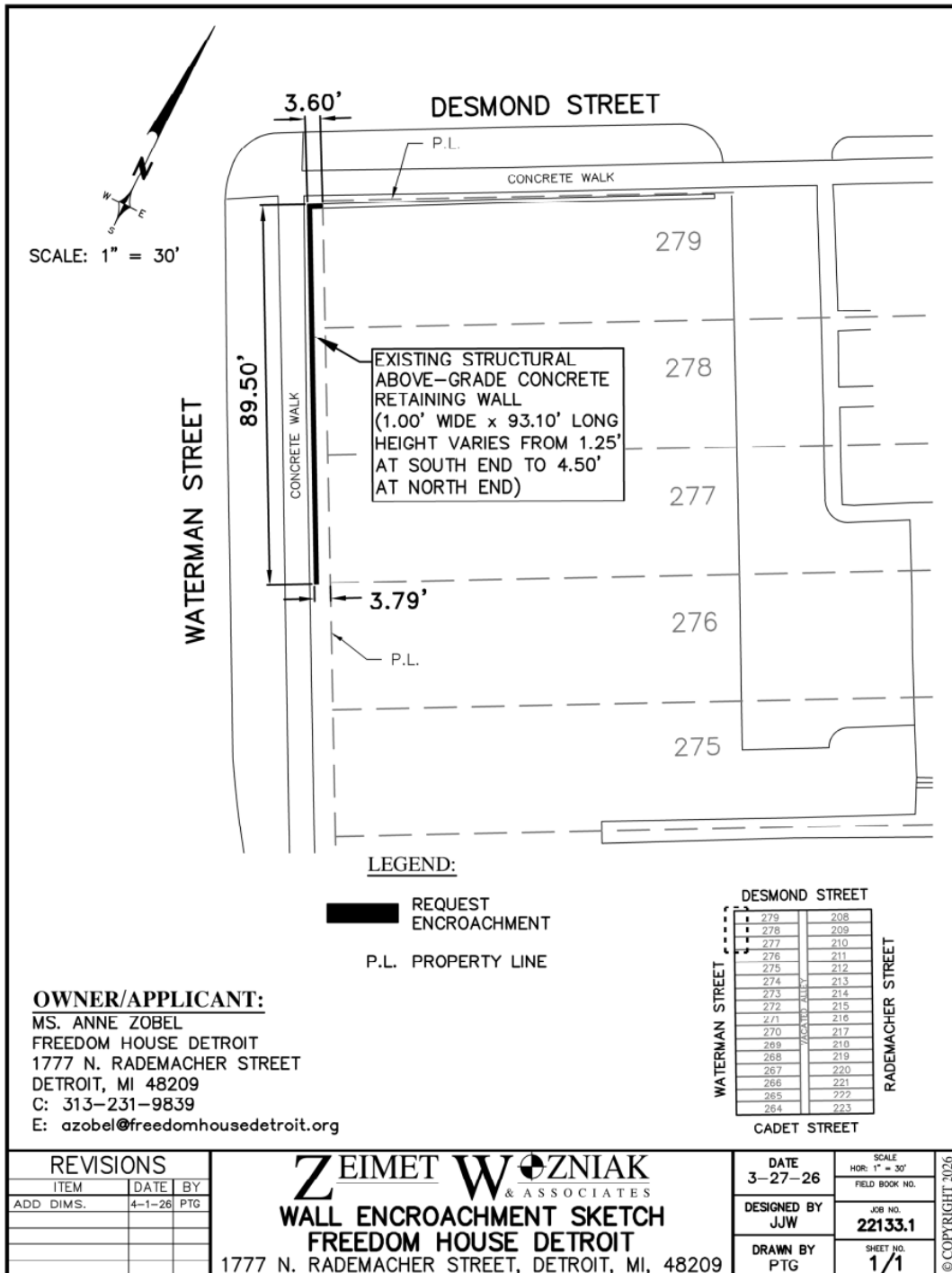
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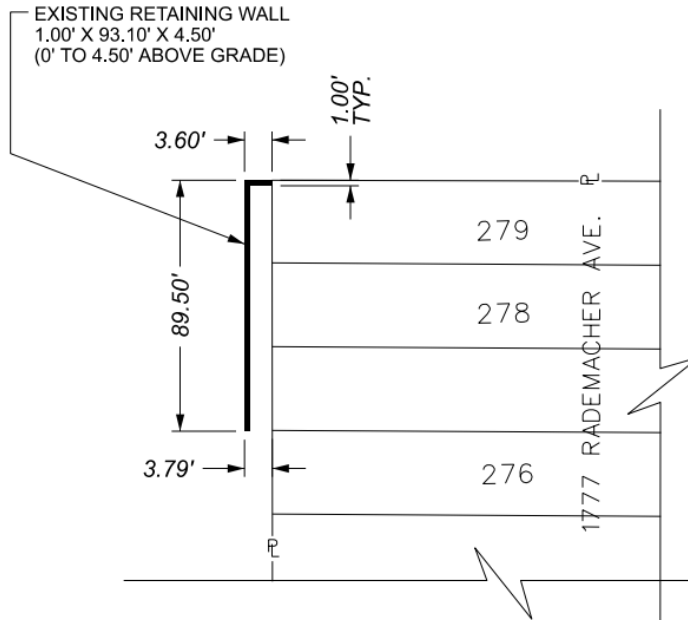
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DESMOND AVE. 60 FT. WD.

WATERMAN AVE. 66 FT. WD.

RADEMACHER AVE. 66 FT. WD.



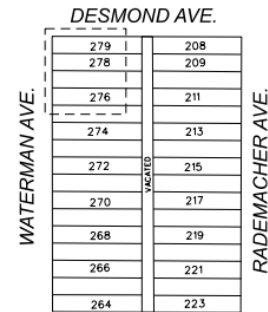
CADET AVE. 60 FT. WD.

NOTE:

CONCRETE RETAINING WALL
 HEIGHT VARIES FROM
 1.25' TO 4.50' FROM SOUTH
 END TO NORTH END

 - REQUEST ENCROACHMENT
 (FOR RETAINING WALL)

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)



CADET AVE.

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DRAWN BY	AP
DATE	04/02/2026
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**REQUEST ENCROACHMENT INTO
 WATERMAN AVE. BETWEEN
 DESMOND AVE. AND CADET AVE.
 AT 1777 RADEMACHER AVE.**

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