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City Clerk

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Andre P. Gilbert II  
Deputy City Clerk

**DEPARTMENT PETITION REFERENCE COMMUNICATION**

*To: The Department or Commission Listed Below*

*From: Janice M Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk*

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The following petition is herewith referred to you for report and recommendation to the City Council.

In accordance with that body's directive, kindly return the same with your report in duplicate within four (4) weeks.

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Petition No.	2026-080
Name of Petitioner	Freedom House Detroit
Description of Petition	Petition to request 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.
Type of Petition	<b>Alley Vacation/Encroachment/Utility Vacation</b>
Submission Date	04/29/26
Concerned Departments	Buildings, Safety Engineering, and Environmental Department (BSEED), Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT), Detroit Fire Department (DFD), Detroit Health Department (DHD), General Services Department (GSD), Media Services Department, Municipal Parking Department, Police Department (DPD)
Petitioner Contact	Annie Zobel 1777 Rademacher Street Detroit, MI 48209 313-213-9839 <a href="mailto:azobel@freedomhousedetroit.org">azobel@freedomhousedetroit.org</a>



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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  
313-224-3985



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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.

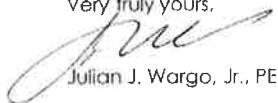
Payment of \$400 for the review fee will be made upon your request.

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](mailto:azobel@freedomhousedetroit.org)

Thank you for processing this request.

Very truly yours,

  
Julian J. Worgo, Jr., PE

Encl.

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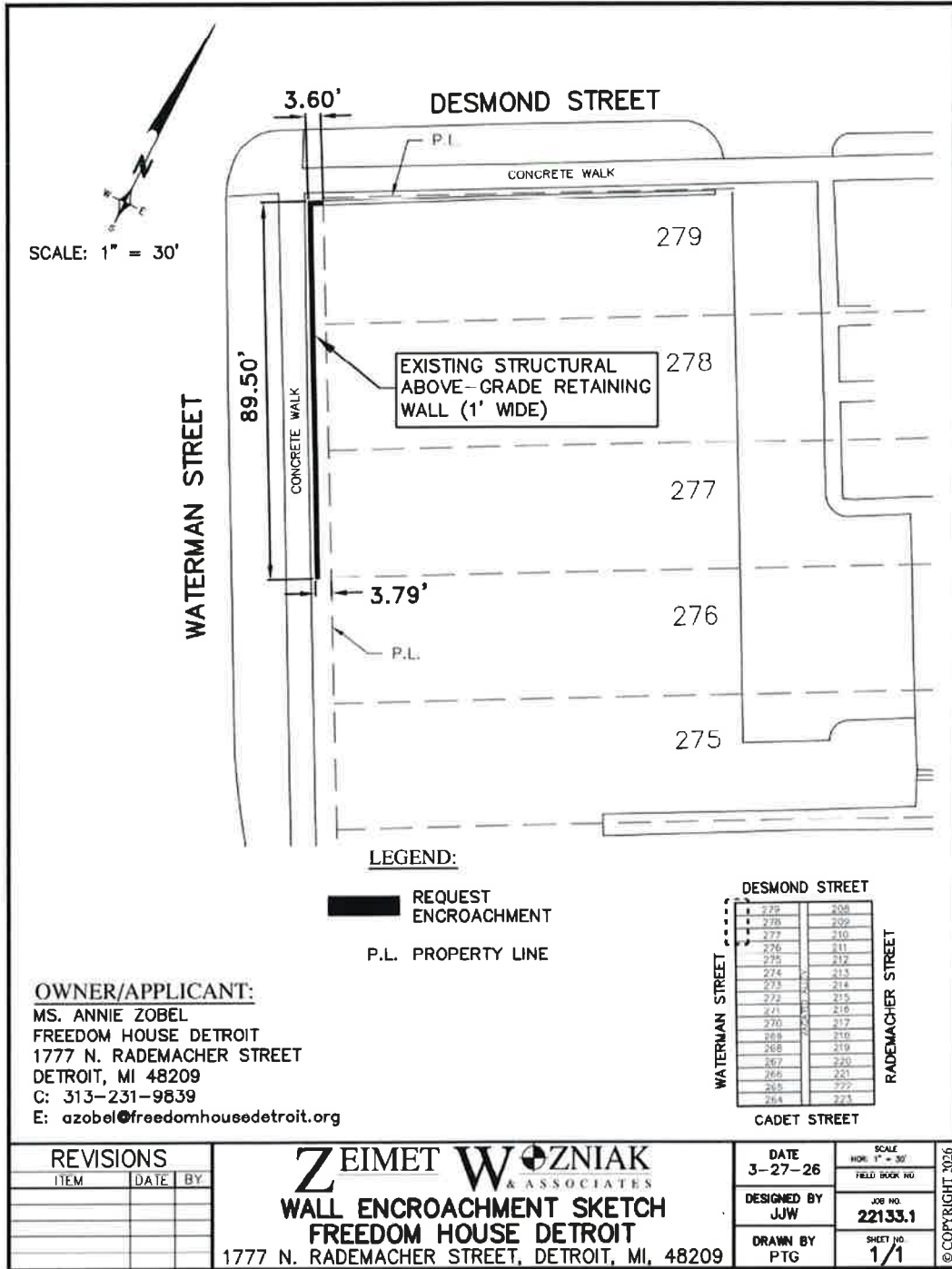
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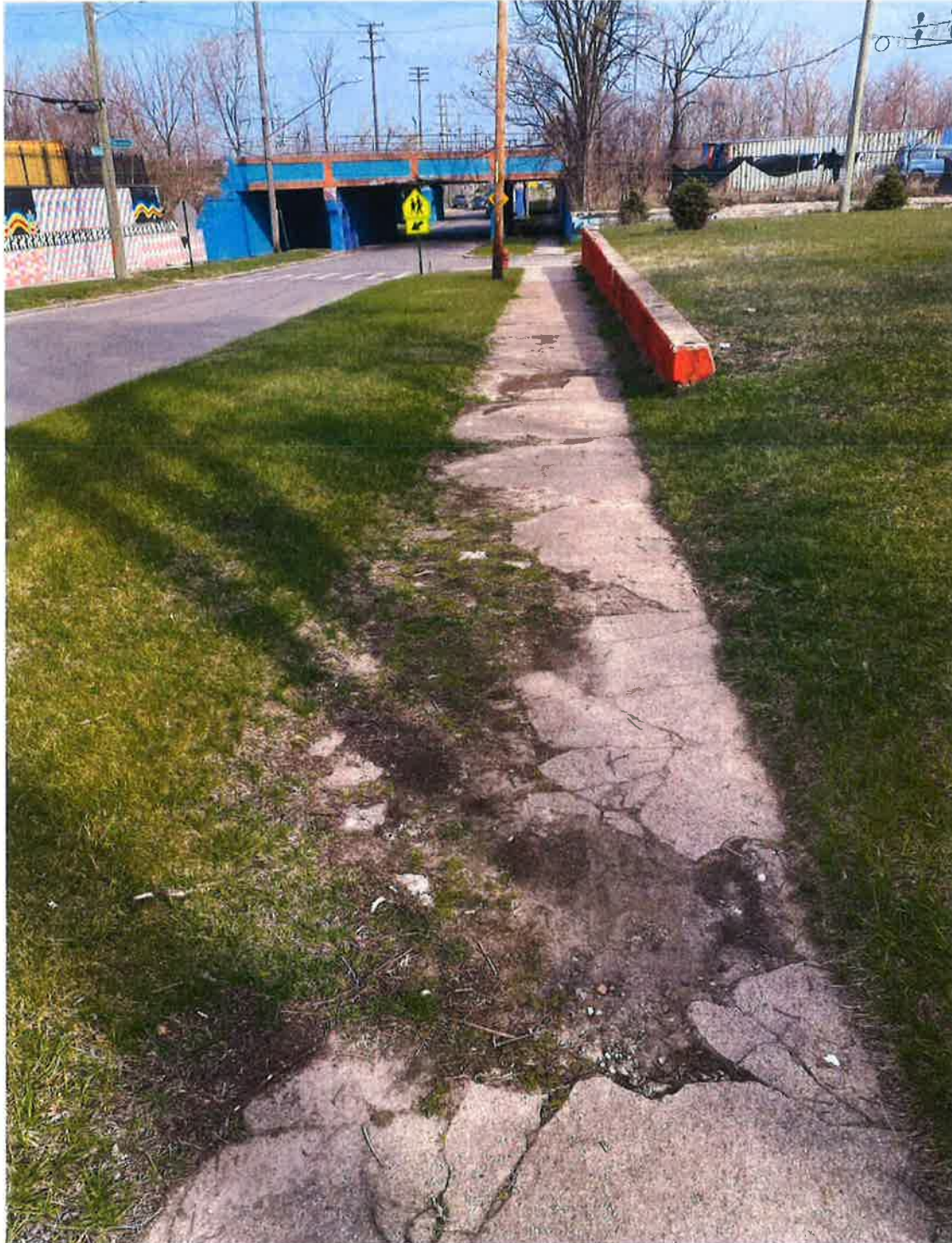
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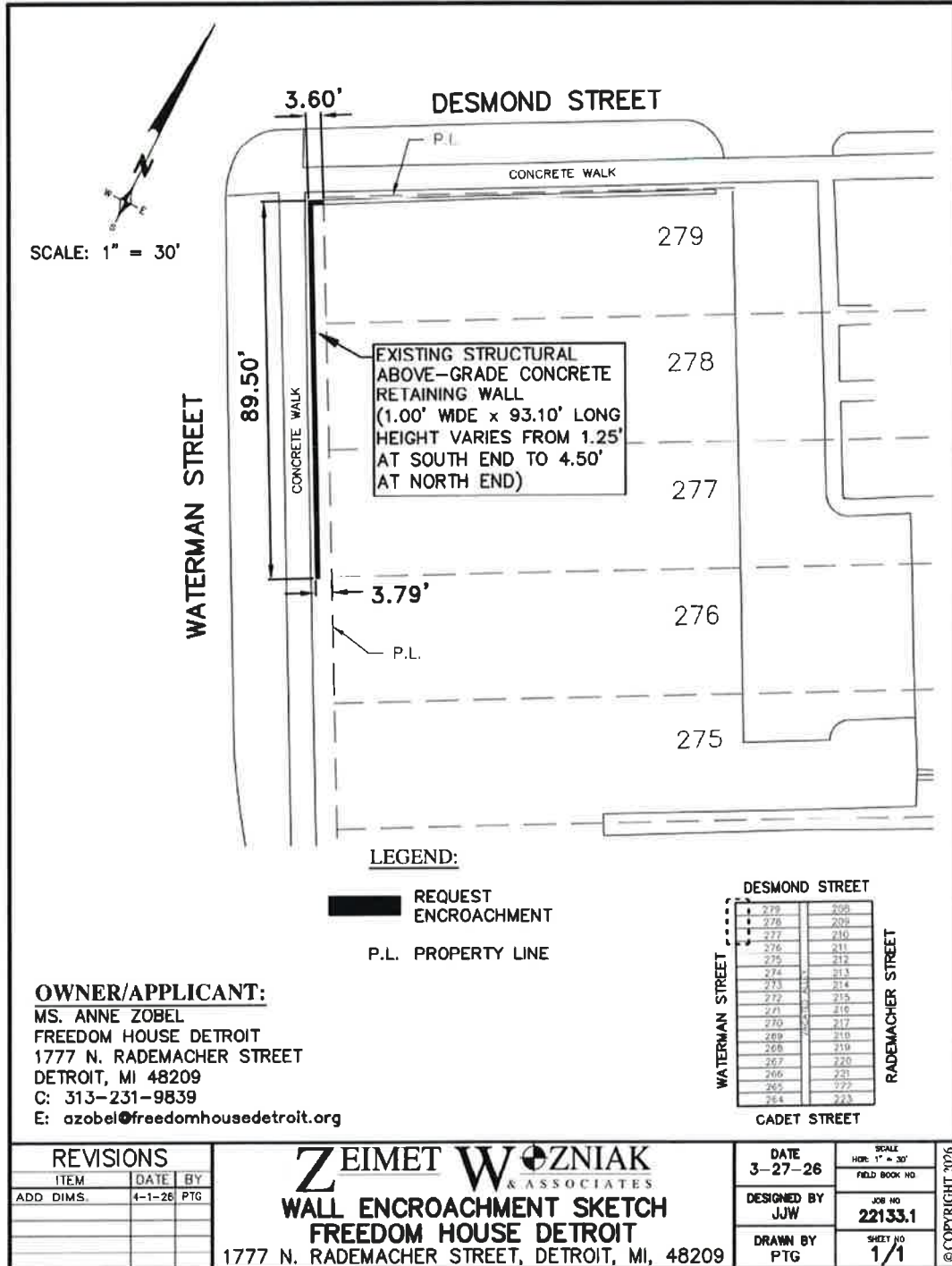
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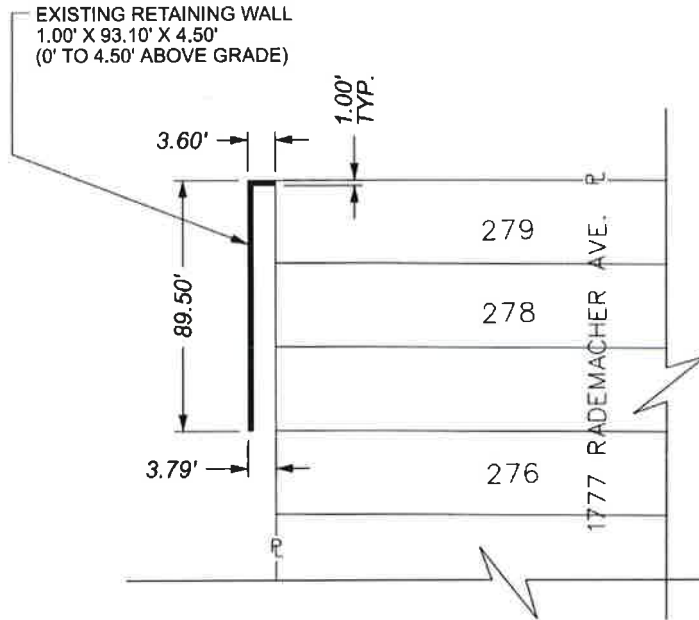
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**DESMOND AVE. 60 FT. WD.**

**WATERMAN AVE. 66 FT. WD.**

**RADEMACHER AVE. 66 FT. WD.**



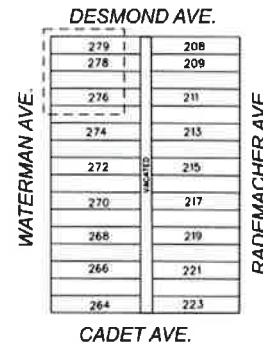
**CADET AVE. 60 FT. WD.**

**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)



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<b>DRAWN BY</b>	AP
<b>DATE</b>	04/02/2026
<b>CHECKED</b>	LC
<b>APPROVED</b>	GE

**REQUEST ENCROACHMENT INTO  
 WATERMAN AVE. BETWEEN  
 DESMOND AVE. AND CADET AVE.  
 AT 1777 RADEMACHER AVE.**

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**JOB NO. 26-30**

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