

***ENVIRONMENTAL DECLARATION**

(CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME CODE SECTION 711.4)

LEAD AGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS

City of Berkeley
Planning and Development
Land Use Planning
1947 Center Street, 2nd floor
Berkeley, CA 94704

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JAN 28 2026

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MELISSA WILK, County Clerk
By [Signature] Deputy

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Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Alameda

From: (Public Agency): City of Berkeley
Planning and Development, Land Use Division
1947 Center Street, 2nd floor, Berkeley, CA 94704

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Project Title: Berkeley Animal Hospital

JAN 28 2026

Project Applicant: Katherine Orloff, Wells Construction Inc.

MELISSA WILK, County Clerk
By [Signature] **Deputy**

Project Location - Specific:

2709 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley, CA

Project Location - City: Berkeley Project Location - County: Alameda County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

To expand the floor area of an existing veterinary clinic into the adjacent tenant space.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Berkeley, Land Use Planning

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Katherine Orloff, Wells Construction Inc.

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15303 ("New Construction or Copy)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt because the project involves converting an existing 1,984 square foot retail space to a veterinary hospital where no modifications are made to the exterior of the structure.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Vicky Schlepp Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (510) 981-7422

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signature: Vicky Schlepp Date: Jan. 28, 2026 Title: City of Berkeley Planner

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____



Planning and Development Department
Land Use Planning

U S E P E R M I T

CITY OF BERKELEY ZONING ORDINANCE
Berkeley Municipal Code Title 23

USE PERMIT MODIFICATION: #ZP2025-0054

Property Address: **2709 SAN PABLO AVENUE**

Permittee Name: **KATHERINE ORLOFF, WELLS CONSTRUCTION**

Use and/or Construction Permitted: **Use Permit Modification #ZP2025-0054 to modify Use Permit #ZP2021-0112 which established a veterinary clinic in the C-W Zoning District, by expanding the floor area into the adjacent tenant space.**

- **Permit Modification.** BMC Section 23.404.070 “Permit Modification Required” to modify an approved discretionary permit.

FINDINGS, CONDITIONS AND APPROVED PLANS ATTACHED

The Use Permit herein described has been duly granted by the Zoning Adjustments Board and is in effect on January 20, 2026.



Zoning Adjustments Board Findings

App # ZP2025-0054

December 11, 2025

Use Permit Modification at 2709 San Pablo Avenue

Project Facts	Project Description:
Applicant: Katherine Orloff / Wells Construction Inc. Property Owner: Dr. Shikher Singla Project Address: 2709 San Pablo Ave. GP Land Use: AC, Avenue Commercial Zoning: C-W, West Berkeley Commercial CEQA: Section 15303 Submittal Date: June 3, 2025 Date Deemed Complete: August 12, 2025 Project Planner: Vicky Schlepp	The applicant is seeking approval to modify Use Permit #ZP2021-0112 which established a veterinary clinic in the C-W Zoning District, by expanding the floor area into the adjacent tenant space.
	Permits Requested:
	1. Permit Modification. BMC Section 23.404.070 “<i>Permit Modification Required</i>” to modify an approved discretionary permit.
	Staff Recommendation:
	Staff recommends that ZAB determine the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines (“New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures”) and approve ZP2025-0054 pursuant to Section 23.406.040 (E) (1-5) “Findings for Approval” and subject to the attached Findings and Conditions of Approval.

CEQA

Categorical Exemption

The project is categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines (“New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures”) because the project involves converting an existing 1,984 square foot retail space to a veterinary hospital where no modifications are made to the exterior of the structure.

FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL

As required by BMC Section 23.406.040 (E) (1-4) “Findings for Approval,” the following findings shall be made:

1. To approve a Use Permit, the ZAB shall find that the proposed project or use:

- (a) Will not be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort, or general welfare of persons residing or visiting in the area or neighborhood of the proposed use.

Evidence: The project will not be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort, or general welfare of persons residing or visiting in the area or neighborhood of the proposed use because the existing veterinary hospital has been successfully operating since 2023; expanding the business will activate a vacant storefront and increase pedestrian activity. The enhanced facility would allow for improved services to the community. The use is consistent with the purpose of the C-W Zoning District, including providing a commercial service which serves a citywide or broader clientele.

- (b) Will not be detrimental or injurious to property and improvements of the adjacent properties, the surrounding area or neighborhood, or to the general welfare of the City.

Evidence: The project will not be detrimental or injurious to property and improvements of the adjacent properties, the surrounding area or neighborhood, or to the general welfare of the City because the change of use will occur within the existing building and no exterior changes to the building are proposed.

2. To approve the Use Permit, the ZAB must also make any other Use Permit findings specifically required by the Zoning Ordinance for the proposed project.

Evidence: N/A

3. When taking action on a Use Permit, the ZAB shall consider in its findings:

(a) The proposed land use; and

Evidence: The proposed land use meets the findings for approval because the proposed veterinary hospital aligns with the purposes of the C-W District and the General Plan. The project will improve the neighborhood commercial area by providing a service to the neighborhood and surrounding region and will revitalize an underutilized storefront.

(b) The structure or addition that accommodates the use.

Evidence: The proposed project will convert an existing space. There are no proposed changes to the exterior of the building.

4. Required findings shall be made based on the circumstances existing at the time a decision is made on the application.

Evidence: The required findings are satisfied because the project has been determined to be fully compliant with all applicable regulations based on the project plans submitted on November 10, 2025, and evaluated based on the existing conditions of the subject site and surrounding neighborhood at the time of decision.

5. The ZAB shall deny a Use Permit application if it determines that it is unable to make any of the required findings.

Evidence: N/A



USE PERMIT ZP2025-0054

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

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2709 San Pablo Avenue

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I. STANDARD CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR ALL PROJECTS

Pursuant to Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Title 23 Zoning Ordinance and Title 13 Public Peace, Morals, and Welfare, the following conditions, as well as all other applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, apply to this Permit:

- 1. Conditions Shall be Printed on Plans.** The conditions of this Permit shall be printed on the *second* sheet of each plan set submitted for a building permit pursuant to this Use Permit, under the title 'Use Permit Conditions.' *Additional sheets* may also be used if the *second* sheet is not of sufficient size to list all of the conditions. The sheet(s) containing the conditions shall be of the same size as those sheets containing the construction drawings.
- 2. Compliance Required (BMC Section 23.102.050).** All land uses and structures in Berkeley must comply with the Zoning Ordinance and all applicable City ordinances and regulations. Compliance with the Zoning Ordinance does not relieve an applicant from requirements to comply with other federal, state, and City regulations that also apply to the property.
- 3. Approval Limited to Proposed Project and Replacement of Existing Uses (BMC Sections 23.404.060(B)(1) and (2)):**
 - A.** This Permit authorizes only the proposed project described in the application. In no way does an approval authorize other uses, structures or activities not included in the project description.
 - B.** When the City approves a new use that replaces an existing use, any prior approval of the existing use becomes null and void when permits for the new use are exercised (e.g., building permit or business license issued). To re-establish the previously existing use, an applicant must obtain all permits required by the Zoning Ordinance for the use.
- 4. Conformance to Approved Plans (BMC Section 23.404.060(B)(4)).**

All work performed under an approved permit shall comply with the approved plans and any conditions of approval.
- 5. Exercise and Expiration of Permits (BMC Section 23.404.060(C)):**

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- A. A permit authorizing a land use is exercised when both a valid City business license is issued (if required) and the land use is established on the property.
 - B. A permit authorizing construction is exercised when both a valid City building permit (if required) is issued and construction has lawfully begun.
 - C. The Zoning Officer may declare a permit lapsed if it is not exercised within one year of its issuance, except if the applicant has applied for a building permit or has made a substantial good faith effort to obtain a building permit and begin construction. The Zoning Officer may declare a permit lapsed only after 14 days written notice to the applicant. A determination that a permit has lapsed may be appealed to the ZAB in accordance with BMC Chapter 23.410, Appeals and Certification.
 - D. A permit declared lapsed shall be void and of no further force and effect. To establish the use or structure authorized by the lapsed permit, an applicant must apply for and receive City approval of a new permit.
- 6. Permit Remains Effective for Vacant Property (BMC Section 23.404.060(D)).** Once a Permit for a use is exercised and the use is established, the permit authorizing the use remains effective even if the property becomes vacant. The same use as allowed by the original permit may be re-established without obtaining a new permit, except as set forth in Standard Condition #5 above.
- 7. Permit Modifications (BMC Section 23.404.070).** No change in the use or structure for which this Permit is issued is permitted unless the Permit is modified by the Board. The Zoning Officer may approve changes to plans approved by the Board, consistent with the Board's policy adopted on May 24, 1978, which reduce the size of the project.
- 8. Permit Revocation (BMC Section 23.404.080).** The City may revoke or modify a discretionary permit for completed projects due to: 1) violations of permit requirements; 2) Changes to the approved project; and/or 3) Vacancy for one year or more. However, no lawful residential use can lapse, regardless of the length of time of the vacancy. Proceedings to revoke or modify a permit may be initiated by the Zoning Officer, Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB), or City Council referral.

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9. Hold Harmless. The permittee agrees as a condition of approval of this application to indemnify, protect, defend with counsel selected by the City, and hold harmless, the City, and any agency or instrumentality thereof, and its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees and agents, from and against any and all liabilities, claims, actions, causes of action, proceedings, suits, damages, judgments, liens, levies, costs and expenses of whatever nature, including reasonable attorney's fees and disbursements (collectively, "Claims") arising out of or in any way relating to the approval of this application, any actions taken by the City related to this entitlement, or any environmental review conducted under the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code Section 210000 et seq., for this entitlement and related actions. The indemnification shall include any Claims that may be asserted by any person or entity, including the permittee, arising out of or in connection with the approval of this application, whether or not there is concurrent, passive or active negligence on the part of the City, and any agency or instrumentality thereof, and its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees and agents. The permittee's duty to defend the City shall not apply in those instances when the permittee has asserted the Claims, although the permittee shall still have a duty to indemnify, protect and hold harmless the City.

II. ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE ZONING ADJUSTMENTS BOARD

Pursuant to BMC Section 23.404.050(H) Conditions of Approval, the Zoning Adjustments Board attaches the following additional conditions to this Permit:

Prior to Submittal of Any Building Permit:

10. Project Liaison. The applicant shall include in all building permit plans and post onsite the name and telephone number of an individual empowered to manage construction-related complaints generated from the project. The individual's name, telephone number, and responsibility for the project shall be posted at the project site for the duration of the project in a location easily visible to the public. The individual shall record all complaints received and actions taken in response and submit written reports of such complaints and actions to the project planner on a weekly basis. Please designate the name of this individual below:

☐ **Project Liaison** _____
Name Phone #

Prior to Issuance of Any Building & Safety Permit (Demolition or Construction)

11. Construction and Demolition Diversion. Applicant shall submit a [Construction Waste Management Plan](#) that meets the requirements of BMC Chapter 19.37 including 100 percent diversion of asphalt, concrete, excavated soil and land-clearing debris and a minimum of 65 percent diversion of other nonhazardous construction and demolition waste.

12. Toxics. The applicant shall contact the Toxics Management Division (TMD) at 1947 Center Street or (510) 981-7470 to determine which of the following documents are required and timing for their submittal:

- A. Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) (per ASTM 1527).** A recent Phase I ESA (less than 2 years old) shall be submitted to the Toxics Management Division for developments for: all new commercial, industrial and mixed-use developments and all improvement projects that require work 5 or more feet below grade, and all new residential buildings with more than four dwelling units located in the Environmental Management Area (or EMA). The EMA can be viewed at: [City of Berkeley Community GIS Portal \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)
- B.** Depending on the findings in the Phase I, a Phase II or additional investigation may be necessary. Any available soils and groundwater analytical data available for projects listed in this section must also be submitted to TMD.
- C. Environmental Site Clearance.** The applicant shall provide environmental screening clearance from either the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), or the Alameda County Department of Environmental Health's Local Oversight Program (LOP). Clearance from one of these regulatory agencies will ensure that the property meets development investigation and cleanup standards for the specific use proposed on the property. Environmental screening clearance shall be submitted to the City of Berkeley's Toxics Management Division prior to issuance of any building permits.
- D. Soil and Groundwater Management Plan.** A site-specific Soil and Groundwater Management Plan (SGMP) shall be submitted to Toxics Management Division (TMD) for all non-residential projects, and residential or mixed-use projects with more than four dwelling units, that: (1) are in the Environmental Management Area (EMA), as shown on the most recent City of Berkeley EMA map, and (2) propose any excavations deeper than 5 feet below grade or if significant soils removal is anticipated. The SGMP shall be submitted to the TMD with the project's building permit application and shall be approved by TMD prior to issuance of the building permit.

The SGMP shall comply with the hazardous materials and waste management standards required by BMC Section 15.12.100, the stormwater pollution prevention requirements of San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's Order No. R2-2009-0074, California hazardous waste generator regulations (Title 22 California Code of Regulations (CCR) 66260 et seq.), and the East Bay Municipal Utility District's Ordinance 311, and shall include the following:

- i. procedures for soil and groundwater management including identification of pollutants and disposal methods;
- ii. procedures to manage odors, dust and other potential nuisance conditions expected during development;
- iii. notification to TMD within 24 hours of the discovery of any previously undiscovered contamination; and
- iv. the name and phone number of the individual responsible for implementing the SGMP and who will respond to community questions or complaints.

TMD may require additional information or impose additional conditions as deemed necessary to protect human health and the environment. All requirements of the approved SGMP shall be deemed conditions of approval.

E. Demolitions & Renovations – Building Materials Survey. A hazardous materials survey for building materials and plans on hazardous materials and hazardous waste removal and disposal is required and must be prepared by qualified professionals, and submitted to the Toxics Management Division (TMD) prior to issuance of the building permit.

- i. The survey shall include the identification of all materials to be disturbed for lead-based paints, PCB containing equipment and caulking, hydraulic fluids, refrigerants, treated wood, and mercury containing devices (including fluorescent light bulbs and mercury switches), asbestos and other hazardous materials and chemicals.
- ii. If asbestos is identified, Bay Area Air Quality Management District Regulation 11-2-401.3 a notification must be made and the J number must be made available to the City of Berkeley Permit Service Center. Contractors must follow state regulations where there is asbestos-related work involving 100 square feet or more of asbestos containing material (8 Cal. Code Regs. §1529, §341.6 et seq.)
- iii. The report to the TMD shall include, in addition to the survey, plans on hazardous materials and hazardous waste removal and disposal that comply with State and Federal codes including California Code of Regulations (CCR) 66260 et seq.
- iv. Documentation evidencing disposal of hazardous waste in compliance with the survey shall be submitted to TMD within 30 days of the completion of the demolition.

Please note, the PCB Screening Form required by Public Works, Engineering, is a separate requirement and does not address the PCB identification requirement of the Toxics Management Division.

F. Hazardous Materials Business Plan. A Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMBP) in compliance with BMC Section 15.12.040 and California Health & Safety Code, Chapter 6.95 Div. 20, shall be submitted to the Toxics Management Division through the California Environmental Reporting System: <http://cers.calepa.ca.gov/> for chemicals used or stored on site during construction that exceed reporting thresholds. The reporting is required if your facility stores or handles hazardous materials in aggregate quantities equal to or greater than 55 gallons for liquids, 500 pounds for solids, or 200 cubic feet of compressed gases, or generates any quantity of hazardous waste. This includes welding gases, emergency generator fuel, paints, etc.

Additionally, the business occupant must submit an HMBP within 30 days of starting operations.

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G. Petroleum Storage. An (SPCC) Plan is required to be prepared and implemented for facilities with any one of the following:

- i. aggregate aboveground petroleum storage capacities of 1,320 gallons or more stored in aboveground storage containers, tanks, oil-filled equipment, or
- ii. one or more tank(s) in an underground area (TIUGA) with petroleum storage capacities of 55 gallons or greater. More information on TIUGAs can be found here: <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/divisions/pipeline-safety-and-cupa/certified-unified-program-agency-cupa/aboveground-petroleum-storage-act/tank-in-an-underground-area-tiuga/>

The SPCC plan must be prepared prior to beginning operations and you must submit facility information to Toxics Management Division (TMD) through the California Environmental Reporting System: <http://cers.calepa.ca.gov/>. The SPCC plan will be reviewed during the site inspection and shall not be submitted in CERS or to the TMD.

Prior to Issuance of Any Building (Construction) Permit

- 13. Recycling and Organics Collection.** Applicant shall provide recycling and organics collection areas for occupants, clearly marked on plans, which comply with the Alameda County Organics Reduction and Recycling Ordinance (2021-02). Contact the Zero Waste Division at RecyclingProgram@berkeleyca.gov.
- 14. Public Works ADA.** Plans submitted for building permit shall include replacement of sidewalk, curb, gutter, and other streetscape improvements, as necessary to comply with current City of Berkeley standards for accessibility.

Prior to Demolition or Start of Construction:

- 15. Parking Permits.** Contact the Permit Service Center (PSC) at 1947 Center Street or 981-7500 for details on obtaining Construction/No Parking Permits (and associated signs and accompanying dashboard permits). Please note that the Zoning Officer and/or Traffic Engineer may limit off-site parking of construction-related vehicles if necessary to protect the health, safety or convenience of the surrounding neighborhood.

During Construction:

- 16. Construction Hours.** Construction activity shall be limited to between the hours of 7:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Monday through Friday, and between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM on Saturday. No construction-related activity shall occur on Sunday or any Federal Holiday.
- 17. Construction and Demolition Diversion.** Divert debris according to your plan and collect required documentation. Get construction debris receipts from sorting facilities in order to verify diversion requirements. Upload recycling and disposal receipts if using [Green Halo](#) and submit online for City review and approval prior to final inspection. Alternatively, complete the [Construction Waste Management Plan](#) and present it, along with your construction debris receipts, to the Building Inspector by the final inspection to demonstrate diversion rate compliance. The Zoning Officer may request summary reports at more frequent intervals, as necessary to ensure compliance with this requirement.

18. Low-Carbon Concrete. The project shall maintain compliance with the Berkeley Green Code (BMC Chapter 19.37) including use of concrete mix design with a cement reduction of at least 25 percent. Documentation on concrete mix design shall be available at all times at the construction site for review by City Staff. (Project required to meet applicable code at time of building permit application, if different from above.)

19. Avoid Disturbance of Nesting Birds. Initial site disturbance activities, including vegetation and concrete removal, shall be prohibited during the general avian nesting season (February 1 to August 30), if feasible. If nesting season avoidance is not feasible, the applicant shall retain a qualified biologist to conduct a preconstruction nesting bird survey to determine the presence/absence, location, and activity status of any active nests on or adjacent to the project site. The extent of the survey buffer area surrounding the site shall be established by the qualified biologist to ensure that direct and indirect effects to nesting birds are avoided. To avoid the destruction of active nests and to protect the reproductive success of birds protected by the MBTA and CFGC, nesting bird surveys shall be performed not more than 14 days prior to scheduled vegetation and concrete removal. In the event that active nests are discovered, a suitable buffer (typically a minimum buffer of 50 feet for passerines and a minimum buffer of 250 feet for raptors) shall be established around such active nests and no construction shall be allowed inside the buffer areas until a qualified biologist has determined that the nest is no longer active (e.g., the nestlings have fledged and are no longer reliant on the nest). No ground-disturbing activities shall occur within this buffer until the qualified biologist has confirmed that breeding/nesting is completed and the young have fledged the nest. Nesting bird surveys are not required for construction activities occurring between August 31 and January 31.

20. Stormwater Requirements. The applicant shall demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the City's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit as described in BMC Section 17.20. The following conditions apply:

- A.** The project plans shall identify and show site-specific Best Management Practices (BMPs) appropriate to activities conducted on-site to limit to the maximum extent practicable the discharge of pollutants to the City's storm drainage system, regardless of season or weather conditions.
- B.** Trash enclosures and/or recycling area(s) shall be covered; no other area shall drain onto this area. Drains in any wash or process area shall not discharge to the storm drain system; these drains should connect to the sanitary sewer. Applicant shall contact the City of Berkeley and EBMUD for specific connection and discharge requirements. Discharges to the sanitary sewer are subject to the review, approval and conditions of the City of Berkeley and EBMUD.
- C.** Landscaping shall be designed with efficient irrigation to reduce runoff, promote surface infiltration and minimize the use of fertilizers and pesticides that contribute to stormwater pollution. Where feasible, landscaping should be designed and operated to treat runoff. When and where possible, xeriscape and drought tolerant plants shall be incorporated into new development plans.

- D. Design, location and maintenance requirements and schedules for any stormwater quality treatment structural controls shall be submitted to the Department of Public Works for review with respect to reasonable adequacy of the controls. The review does not relieve the property owner of the responsibility for complying with BMC Chapter 17.20 and future revisions to the City's overall stormwater quality ordinances. This review shall be conducted prior to the issuance of a Building Permit.
 - E. All paved outdoor storage areas must be designed to reduce/limit the potential for runoff to contact pollutants.
 - F. All on-site storm drain inlets/catch basins must be cleaned at least once a year immediately prior to the rainy season. The property owner shall be responsible for all costs associated with proper operation and maintenance of all storm drainage facilities (pipelines, inlets, catch basins, outlets, etc.) associated with the project, unless the City accepts such facilities by Council action. Additional cleaning may be required by City of Berkeley Public Works Engineering Dept.
 - G. All on-site storm drain inlets must be labeled "No Dumping – Drains to Bay" or equivalent using methods approved by the City.
 - H. Most washing and/or steam cleaning must be done at an appropriately equipped facility that drains to the sanitary sewer. Any outdoor washing or pressure washing must be managed in such a way that there is no discharge or soaps or other pollutants to the storm drain. Sanitary connections are subject to the review, approval and conditions of the sanitary district with jurisdiction for receiving the discharge.
 - I. All loading areas must be designated to minimize "run-on" or runoff from the area. Accumulated wastewater that may contribute to the pollution of stormwater must be drained to the sanitary sewer or intercepted and pretreated prior to discharge to the storm drain system. The property owner shall ensure that BMPs are implemented to prevent potential stormwater pollution. These BMPs shall include, but are not limited to, a regular program of sweeping, litter control and spill cleanup.
 - J. Sidewalks and parking lots shall be swept regularly to prevent the accumulation of litter and debris. If pressure washed, debris must be trapped and collected to prevent entry to the storm drain system. If any cleaning agent or degreaser is used, wash water shall not discharge to the storm drains; wash waters should be collected and discharged to the sanitary sewer. Discharges to the sanitary sewer are subject to the review, approval and conditions of the sanitary district with jurisdiction for receiving the discharge.
 - K. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all contractors and sub-contractors are aware of and implement all stormwater quality control measures. Failure to comply with the approved construction BMPs shall result in the issuance of correction notices, citations, or a project stop work order.
- 21. Public Works.** Subject to approval of the Public Works Department, the applicant shall repair any damage to public streets and/or sidewalks by construction vehicles traveling to or from the project site.

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- 22. Public Works.** All piles of debris, soil, sand, or other loose materials shall be covered at night and during rainy weather with plastic at least one-eighth millimeter thick and secured to the ground.
- 23. Public Works.** The applicant shall ensure that all excavation accounts for surface and subsurface waters and underground streams so as not to adversely affect adjacent properties and rights-of-way.
- 24. Public Works.** The project sponsor shall maintain sandbags or other devices around the site perimeter during the rainy season to prevent on-site soils from being washed off-site and into the storm drain system. The project sponsor shall comply with all City ordinances regarding construction and grading.
- 25. Public Works.** Prior to any excavation, grading, clearing, or other activities involving soil disturbance during the rainy season the applicant shall obtain approval of an erosion prevention plan by the Building and Safety Division and the Public Works Department. The applicant shall be responsible for following these and any other measures required by the Building and Safety Division and the Public Works Department.
- 26. Public Works.** The removal or obstruction of any fire hydrant shall require the submission of a plan to the City's Public Works Department for the relocation of the fire hydrant during construction.
- 27. Public Works / Building and Safety.** If underground utilities leading to adjacent properties are uncovered and/or broken, the contractor involved shall immediately notify the Public Works Department and the Building & Safety Division, and carry out any necessary corrective action to their satisfaction.

Prior to Final Inspection or Issuance of Occupancy Permit:

- 28. Compliance with Conditions.** The project shall conform to the plans and statements in the Use Permit. The developer is responsible for providing sufficient evidence to demonstrate compliance with the requirements throughout the implementation of this Use Permit.
- 29.** All landscape, site and architectural improvements shall be completed per the attached approved drawings dated November 10, 2025.

At All Times:

- 30. Compliance with Approved Plan.** The project shall conform to the plans and statements in the Use Permit.
- 31. Exterior Lighting.** All exterior lighting shall be energy efficient where feasible; and shielded and directed downward and away from property lines to prevent excessive glare beyond the subject property.
- 32. Design Review.** Signage and any other exterior modifications, including but not limited to landscaping and lighting, shall be subject to Design Review approval.

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- 33. Drainage Patterns.** The applicant shall establish and maintain drainage patterns that do not adversely affect adjacent properties and rights-of-way. Drainage plans shall be submitted for approval of the Building & Safety Division and Public Works Department, if required.
- 34. Loading.** All loading/unloading activities associated with deliveries to all uses shall be restricted to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily.
- 35. Required Bike Parking.** Secure and on-site bike parking for at least two bicycles shall be provided for the life of the building.
- 36. Transit Subsidy Condition.** If 10 or more employees, the business operator shall reimburse employees the maximum non-taxable cost of commuting to and from work on public transportation (e.g., monthly passes) if they commute, and a notice informing employees of the availability of such subsidy shall be permanently displayed in the employee area as per BMC Chapter 9.88.
- 37. Periodic Review and Reporting.** The City may require periodic review of this approved project to verify compliance with permit requirements and conditions of approval. The permit holder or property owner is responsible for complying with any periodic reporting, monitoring, or assessments requirement. This permit is subject to the provisions of BMC Section 23.404.080 (Permit Revocation) if violations of the permit requirements are found by the Zoning Officer.
- 38.** This permit is subject to review, imposition of additional conditions, or revocation if factual complaint is received by the Zoning Officer that the maintenance or operation of this establishment is violating any of these or other required conditions or is detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort or general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood or is detrimental or injurious to property and improvements in the neighborhood or to the general welfare of the City.



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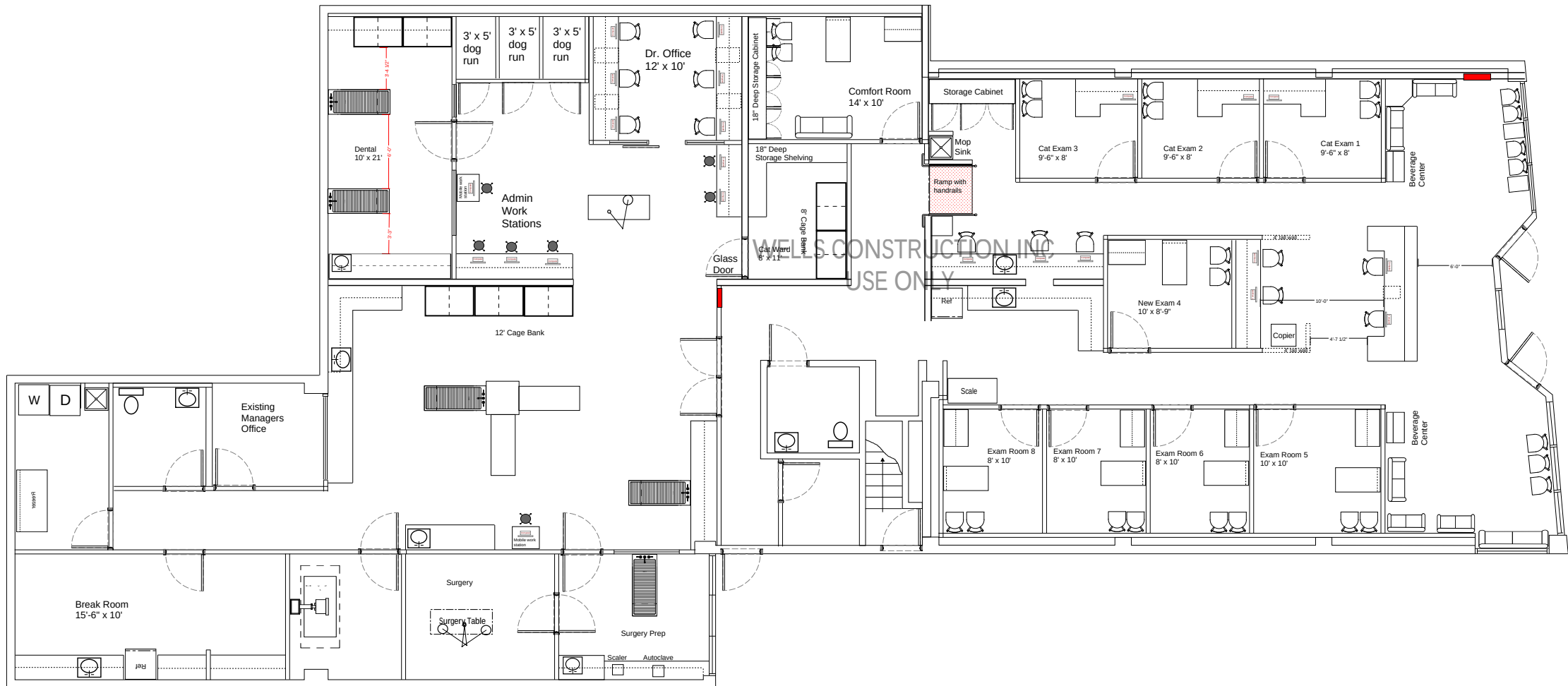
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Project Description

Berkeley Animal Hospital is requesting to expand their existing hospital with an additional of 1984 SF for a total of 5160 SF.

No Exterior modifications are proposed at this time.

Interior improvements to include:

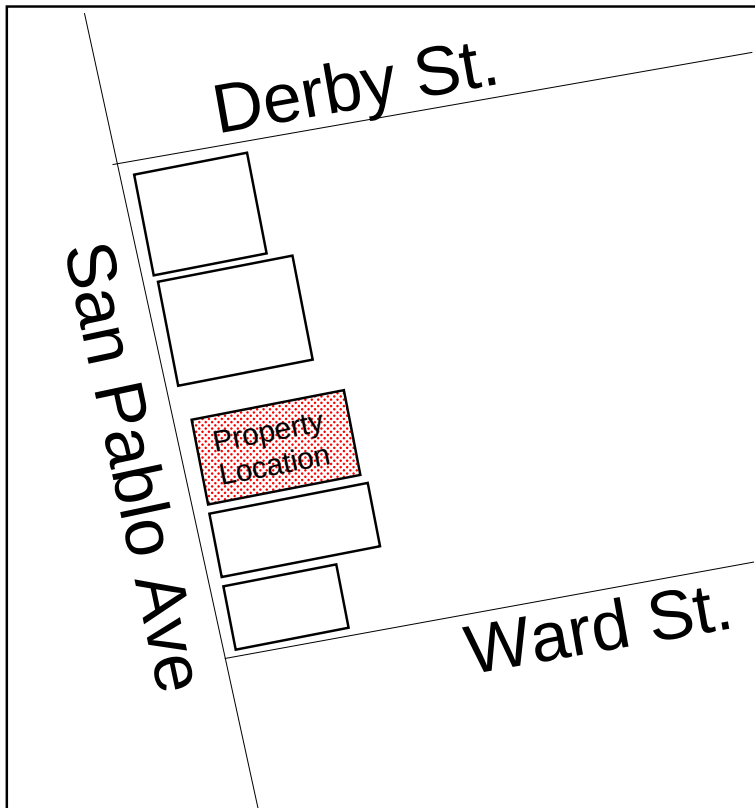
Improvements to include:
Remodel of the existing hospital, Demolition of walls in vacant space, new interior walls, new flooring, wall and ceiling finishes, expansion of the reception, additional exam rooms, etc.

Project Data

Property Owner:	Dr. Jessica Holliday
APN:	054 17402202
Lot Size:	5,958 SF
Zoning:	SP-ECR-D
Occupancy:	B, 2nd floor R-3
Type of Construction:	V-B - Masonry Exterior Walls
Existing Veterinary Hospital:	3,176 SF SF
Proposed Expansion:	1,984 SF
Fire Sprinklers:	No

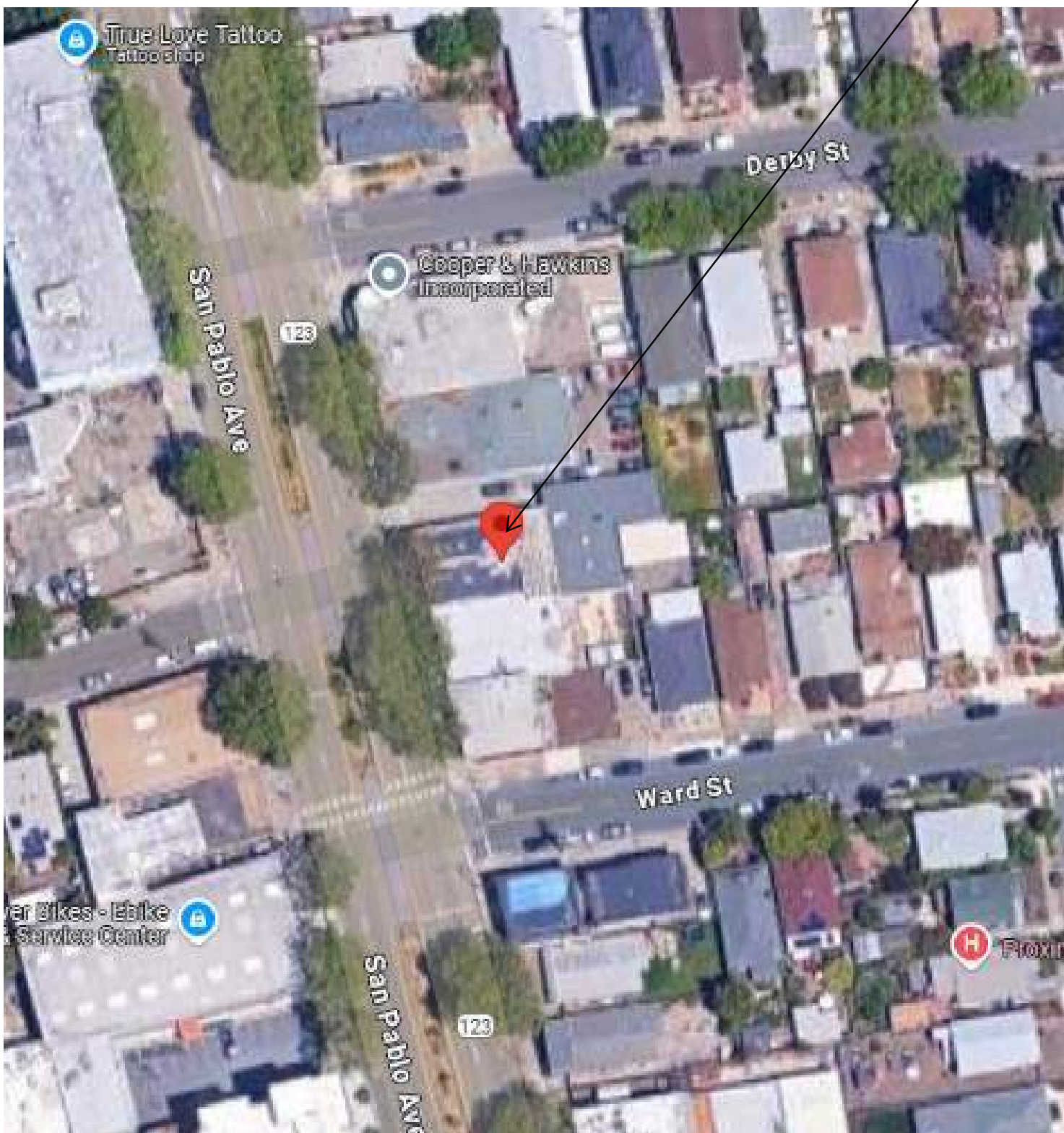
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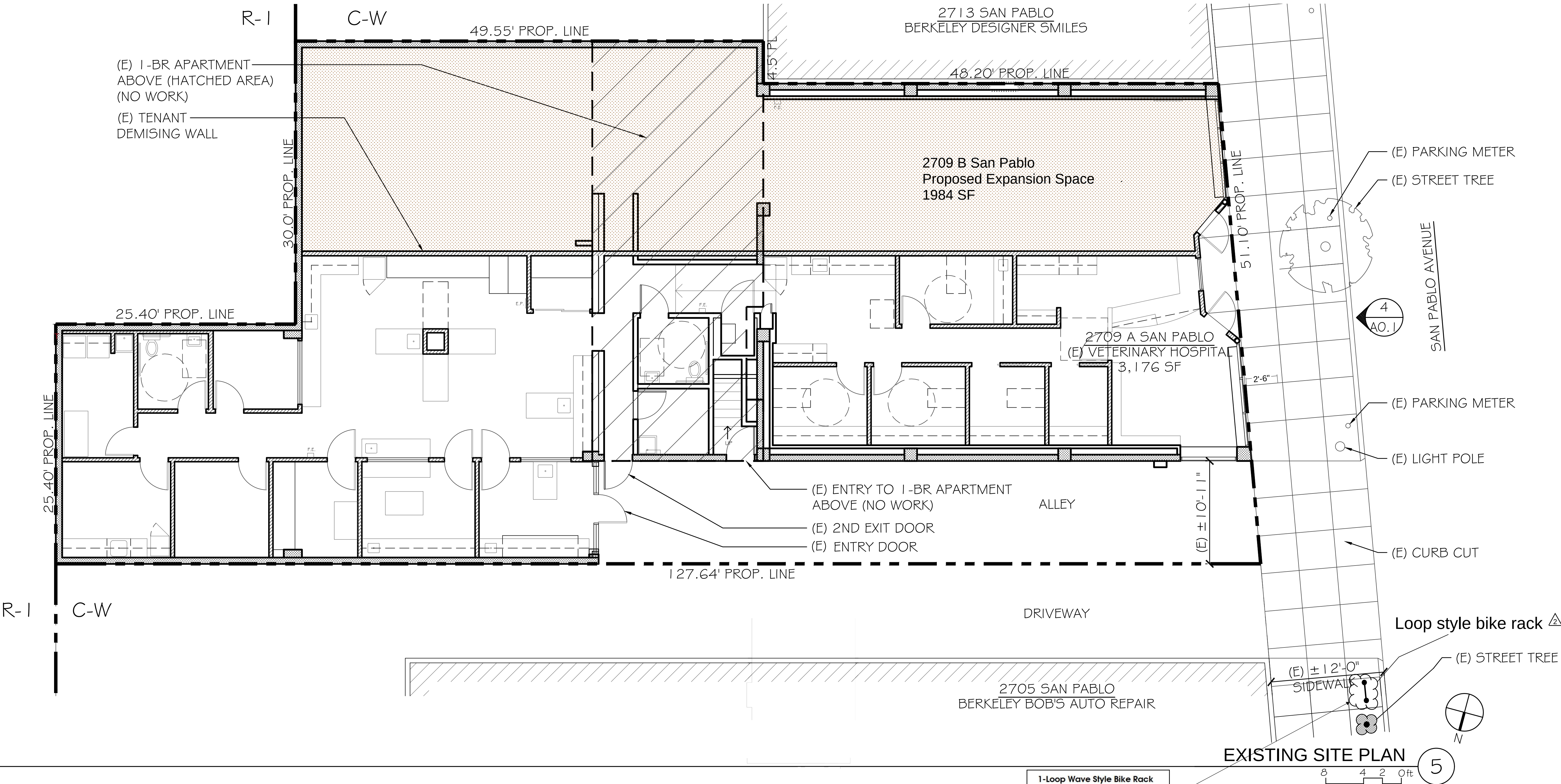
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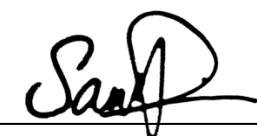
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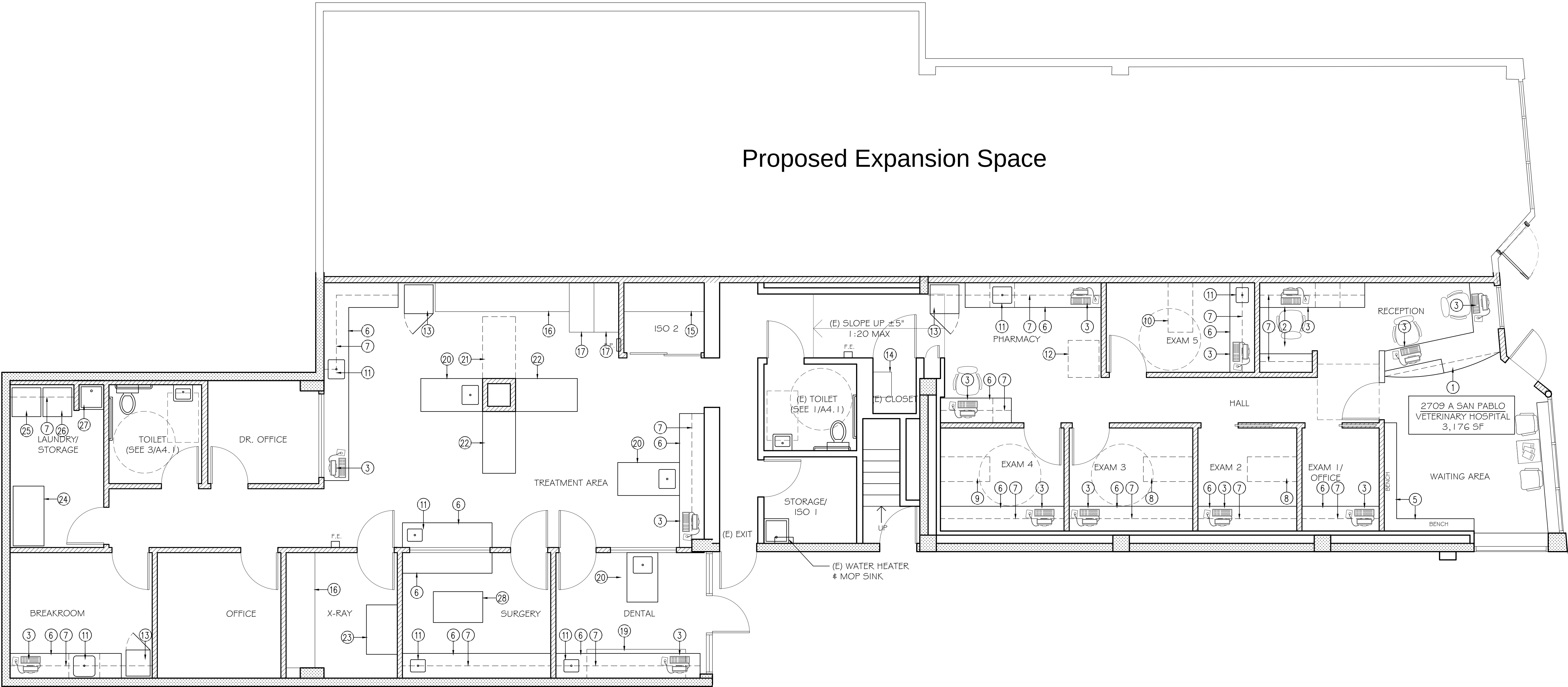
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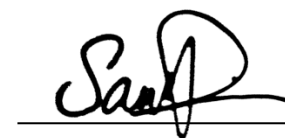
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Proposed Expansion Space





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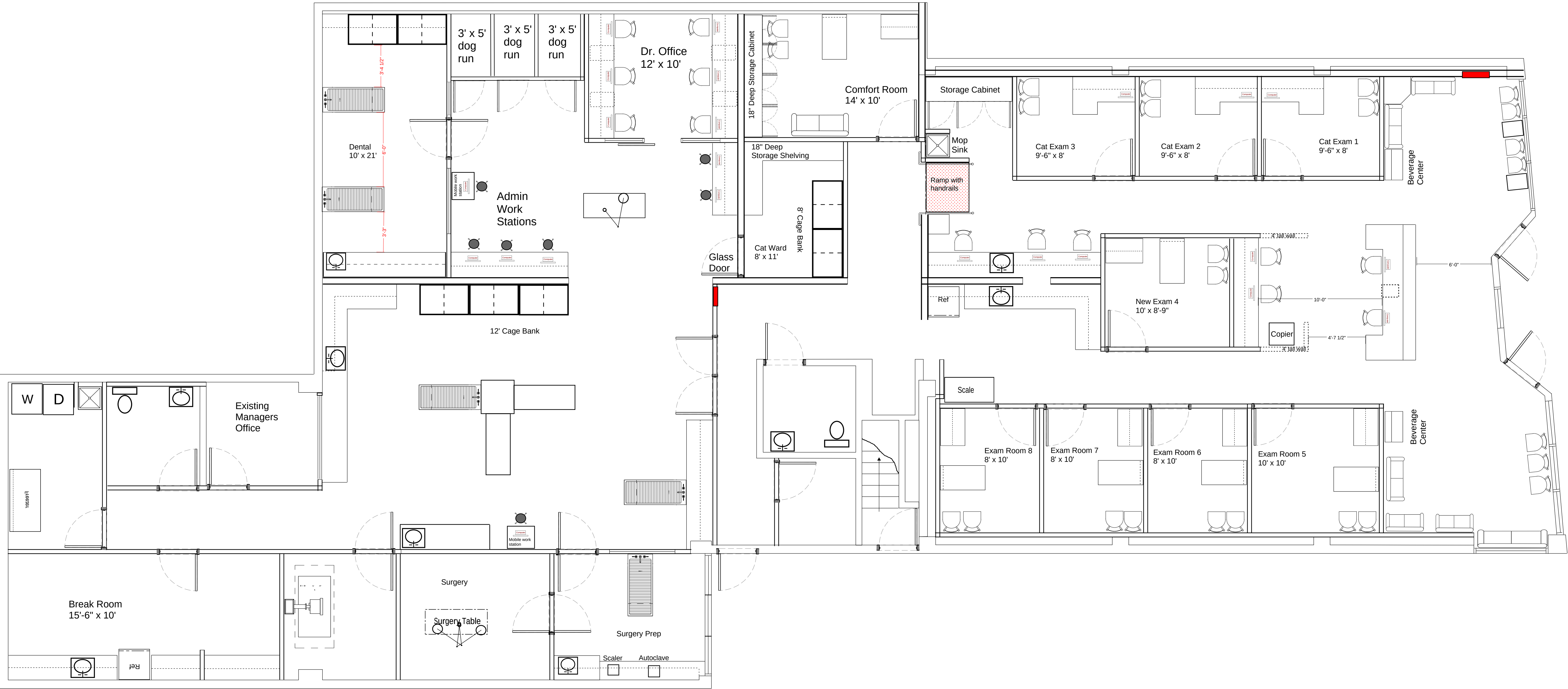
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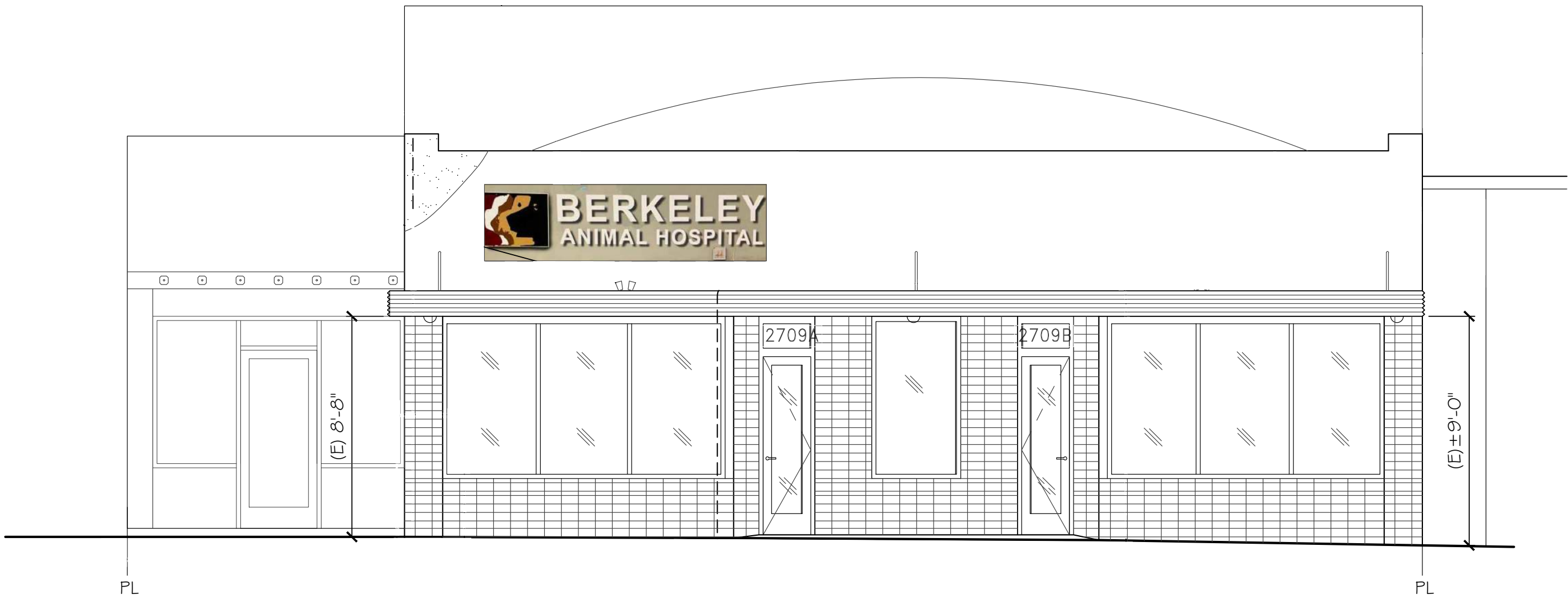
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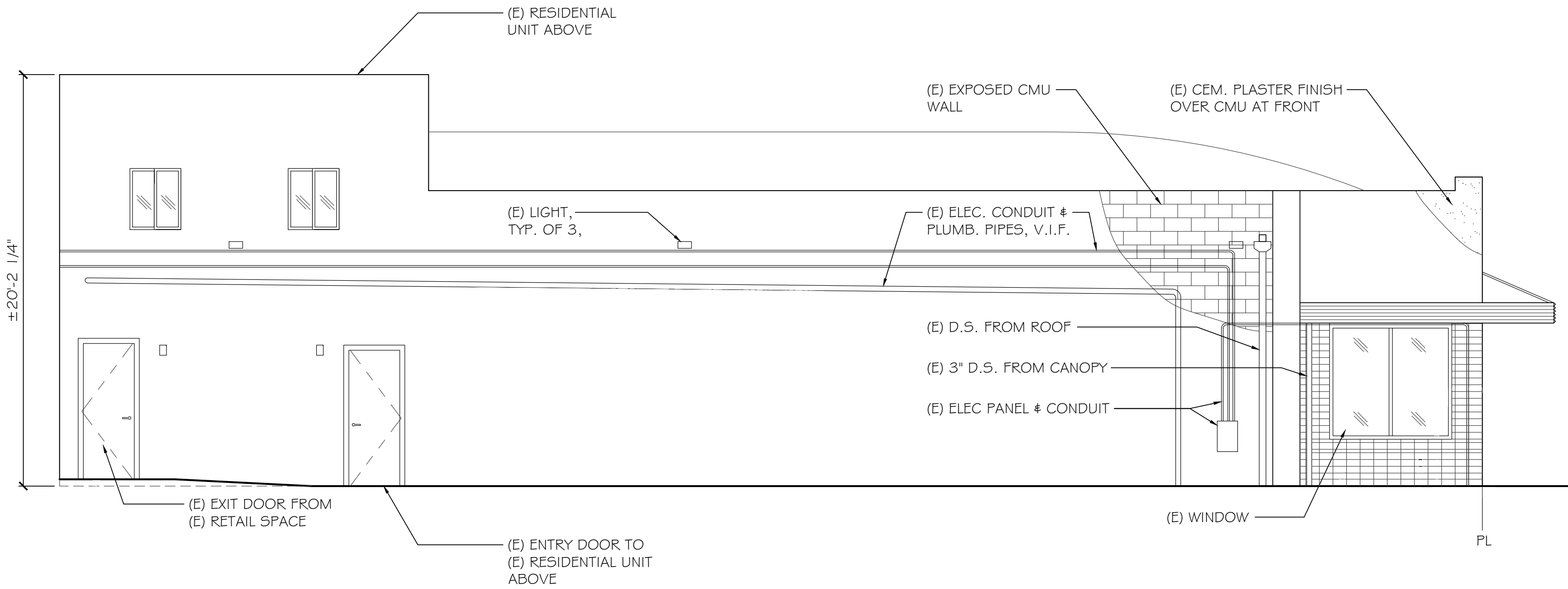
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EXISTING WEST (STREET) AND REAR WALL ELEVATION

4 2 0 ft 3



EXISTING NORTH ELEVATION

4 2 0 ft 1