TOWNSHIP OF VERONA BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION

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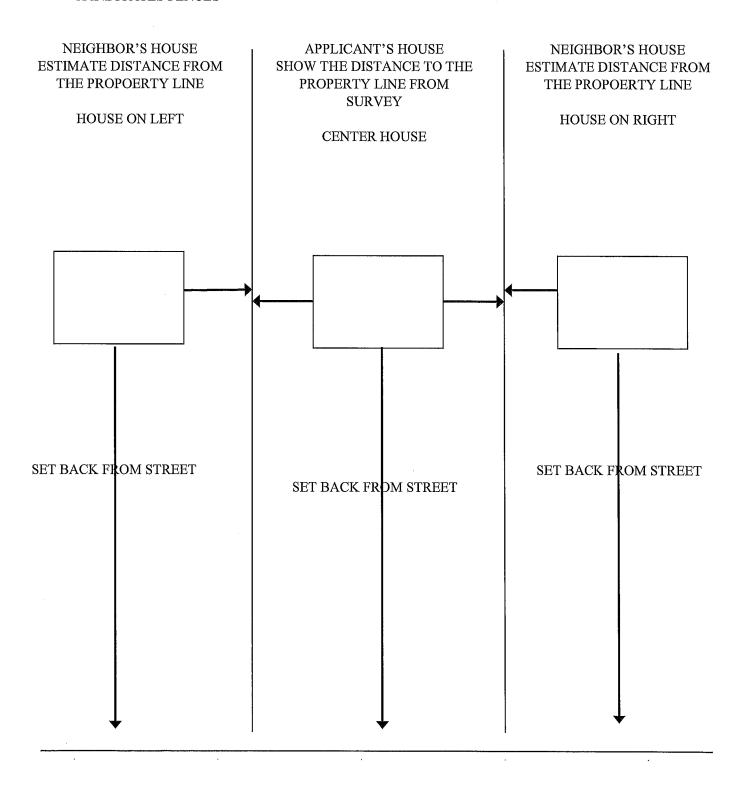
TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION PRO			
SIGN INFORMATION (if applicab	le): supply details o	n location, dimensions, h	neight and illumination
AREA PER FLOOR (square feet): BASEMENT	EXISTING	PROPOSED	TOTAL
FIRST FLOOR	3,500-4,000	3,500-4,000	3,500-4,000
SECOND FLOOR			
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NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS	S: EXISTING 2	PROPOSED	2
NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES	: EXISTING 0	PROPOSED	0
History of any previous appeals to t	he Roard of Advist	nents and the Discoins D	
unknown	·	ŭ	
Supply a statement of facts showing and without substantially impairing	g how relief can be g the intent and purpo	granted without substanti	al detriment to the public good the Zoning Ordinance
History of any deed restrictions:			
unknown			
A legible plot plan or survey to scal proposed structure and scale drawin	•	, , ,	\mathcal{E}
A copy of any conditional contract	relating to this appli	cation must be filed with	this application.
If the applicant is a corporation or p or greater interest in the corporation		es, addresses and phone i	numbers of those owning a 10%
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Expert witness(es) that will present evidence on behalf of this application:

Attorney:	Name_Reginald Jenkins, Jr., Esq./Trenk Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian, PC
	Address 290 W. Mount Pleasant Ave., Ste 2370, Livingston, NJ 07039
	Phone # 973-533-1000
	Fax # 973-533-1111
	Email rjenkins@tisslaw.com
Architect/Engineer:	Name_ Nassir Aimukhtar, RA/Heritage Madison Architecture, LLC
	Address 1171 Madison Ave., Ste 201, Paterson, NJ 07503
	Phone # 973-689-8780
	Fax # 862-239-1888
	Email admin@hmallc.net
Planner:	Name_George Wheatle Williams, PP/AICP/ Nishuane Group
	Address 105 Grove Street, Suite #3 & 4, Montclair, NJ 07042
	Phone # 973-954-2677
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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION SITE PLAN

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Schedule 1

Request is hereby made for permission to do the following:

Applicant proposes to lease the ground floor, approximately 3,500 to 4,000 square feet, of the existing two-story building located at 544 Bloomfield Avenue with assess from 10 Park Place to operate as a place of worship. There will be no alterations to the exterior or interior of the building. The hours of operation will be approximately 5:00 -7:00 a.m. and 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. daily, allowing for the time adjustment of sunrise and sunset. Each service is 30 to 45 minutes with an estimated 15 attendees. Fridays will have an additional service between approximately 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m. with an estimated 60 attendees. The space will be vacant outside of services. Parking is available at the adjacent municipal lot located on Park Place. Attached is a copy of the existing floor plan.

What are the exceptional conditions that warrant relief from compliance with the zoning Ordinance?

Place of worship

Supply a statement of facts showing how relief can be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially impairing the intent and purpose of the Zone Plan and the Zoning Ordinance

As a proposed house of worship, the use is an inherently beneficial use. There is no negative impact. Currently used as retail space. Applicant is not seeking any alterations either externally or internally. There is ample parking nearby and this proposed use is not going to generate any additional noise, light, odor or any other condition that may be adverse to any neighbor.

AFFIDAVIT OF OWNERSHIP

STATE OF NEW JERSEY COUNTY OF ESSEX
Kim K. Cheung of full age, being duly sworn according to law on
OATH DEPOSED AND SAYS, THAT DEPONENT RESIDES AT 642 Bloom field Au , IN THE CITY OF
Verona in the county of Essex and state of NJ and that
IS THE OWNER IN FEE OF ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, PIECE OF LAND,
SITUATED, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AFORESAID AND KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS
BLOCK 1703 AND LOT 68 AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA.
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NOTARY OWNER
MICHELLE SEWARD-JUDKINS
AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT Notary Public - State of New Jersey My Commission Expires May 8, 2026
COUNTY OF ESSEX STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Mohamad Solaiman OF FULL AGE, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO LAW, ON
OATH DEPOSED AND SAYS THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THE PAPERS SUBMITTED
HEREWITH ARE TRUE. SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME ON THIS
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NOTARY APPLICANT
MICHELLE SEWARD-JUDKINS Notary Public - State of New Jersey My Commission Expires May 8, 2026
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AUTHORIZATION

IF ANYONE OTHER THAN THE OWNER IS MAKING THIS APPLICATION, THE FOLLOWING AUTHORIZATION MUST BE EXECUTED.

TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Islamic Center of Essex County

IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THE WITHIN APPLICATION.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS DAY OF January

NOTARY

APPLICANT

MICHELLE SEWARD-JUDKINS Notary Public - State of New Jersey My Commission Expires May 8, 2026

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA

COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY

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VERONA COMMUNITY CENTER 880 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE VERONA, NEW JERSEY 07044 MUNICIPAL BUILDING 600 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE VERONA, NEW JERSEY 07044 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS 10 COMMERCE COURT VERONA, NEW JERSEY 07044

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Zoning Office

880 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, NJ 07044

973-857-4772

December 23, 2024

Zoning Application #2024-214 – Denied - New Tenant – House of Worship

Applicant:

The Islamic Center of Essex County

Contact: Muhamad Solaiman

21 Howell Drive

West Orange, NJ 07052

Attorney:

Trenk Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian

Reginald Jenkins, Jr., Partner 290 West Mount Pleasant Avenue

Suite 2370

Livingston, NJ 07039

Property Owner:

No Information Submitted

Property:

544 Bloomfield Avenue (10 Park Place); Block 1703, Lot 68

Zone:

TC (Town Center) Zone District

Submittals:

This office is in receipt of the following:

- Zoning Permit Application received December 16, 2024 A 2021 Zoning Permit
 Application was submitted. This application is not the current application and lacks the
 sign-off from the property owner. Property owner signature is required should the
 applicant seek variances.
- Proposed: Lease of the ground floor, approximately 3,500 to 4,000 square feet, of an existing two-story building located at 544 Bloomfield Avenue with access from 10 Park Place to operate a House of Worship.
- Interior Alteration Plan by Heritage Madison Architecture, LLC, signed and sealed by Nassir Almukhtar, RA, dated December 13, 2024.

ZONING REQUEST:

Based upon the zoning permit application, the applicant is seeking approval to lease the
ground floor, approximately 3,500 to 4,000 square feet, of an existing two-story building
located at 544 Bloomfield Avenue with access from 10 Park Place to operate a House of
Worship. No other requests have been submitted or shown and therefore have not been
considered in this department's review.

ZONING DECISION:

- The property is in the TC (Town Center) Zone District;
- Per § 150-17.14 A. & D. A House of Worship is not a permitted use or a conditional use
 A Variance is required;
- Per § 150-12.6 C. Parking schedule: House of Worship. 1 space per 3 seats or 72 inches of seating space when benches rather than seats are used. Applicant has provided that there is public parking available adjacent municipal lot located on Park Place. A Variance is needed;
- Proposed hours of operation: 5:00am 7:00am and 7:30pm 10:00pm daily (allowing for time adjustment of sunrise/sunset); services are 30 to 45 minutes with an estimated 15 attendees; Fridays additional service between noon and 2:00pm with an estimated 60 attendees.
- No alterations are shown to the interior or exterior of the property;
- No signage has been submitted.

Based on the reviewed submitted items, the applicant's request for a Zoning Permit has been DENIED by this office. Please note that the proposed use is not permissible at this time and the location cannot be used as a House of Worship without the necessary variances.

Please Note:

- 1. No electrical, plumbing or building codes were reviewed as part of this application.
- 2. Please reach out to the Board Secretary, Caitlin Kester (<u>ckester@veronanj.org</u> or 973-857-4773) regarding information on the variance process.

Please feel free to contact this office should you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

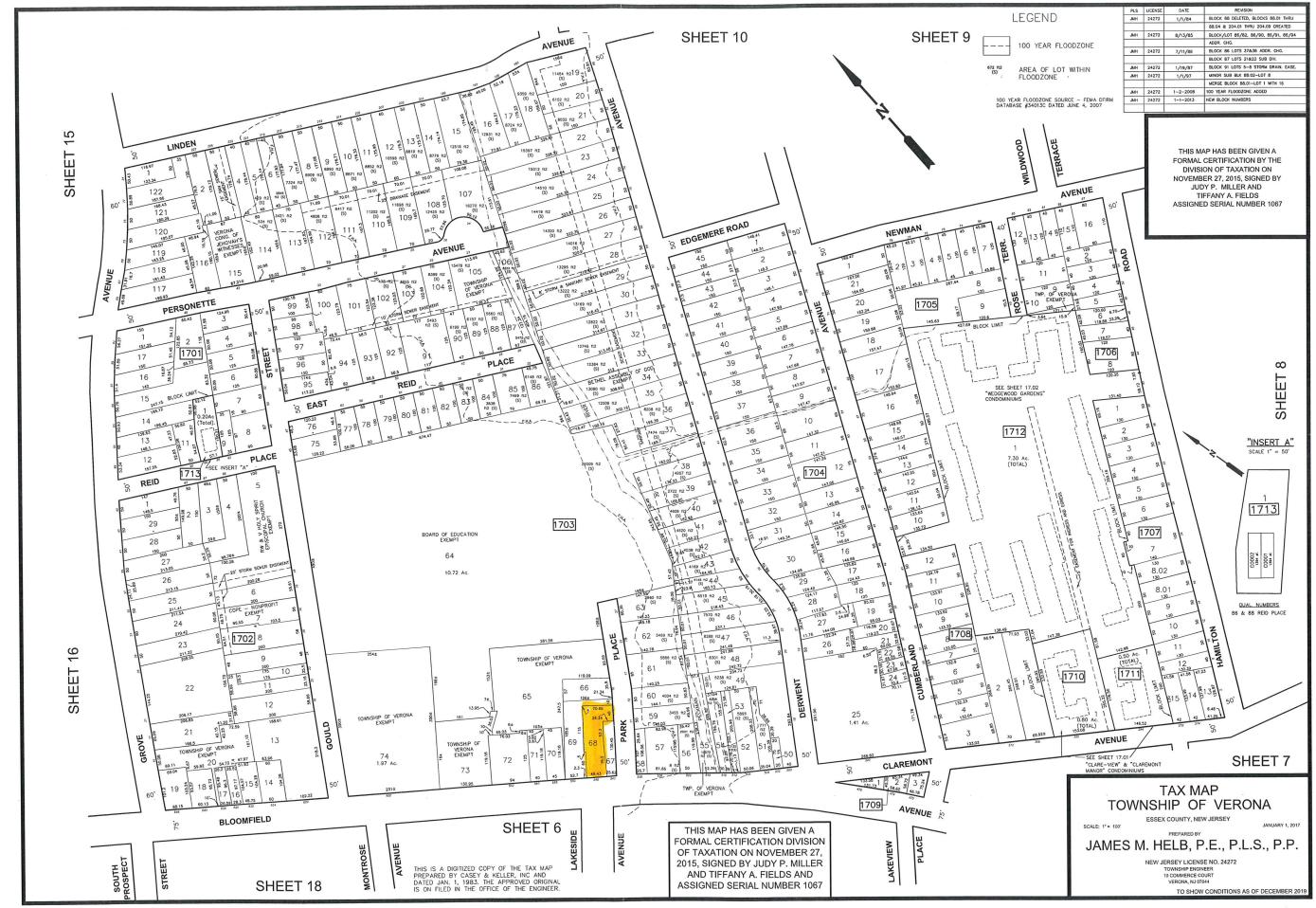
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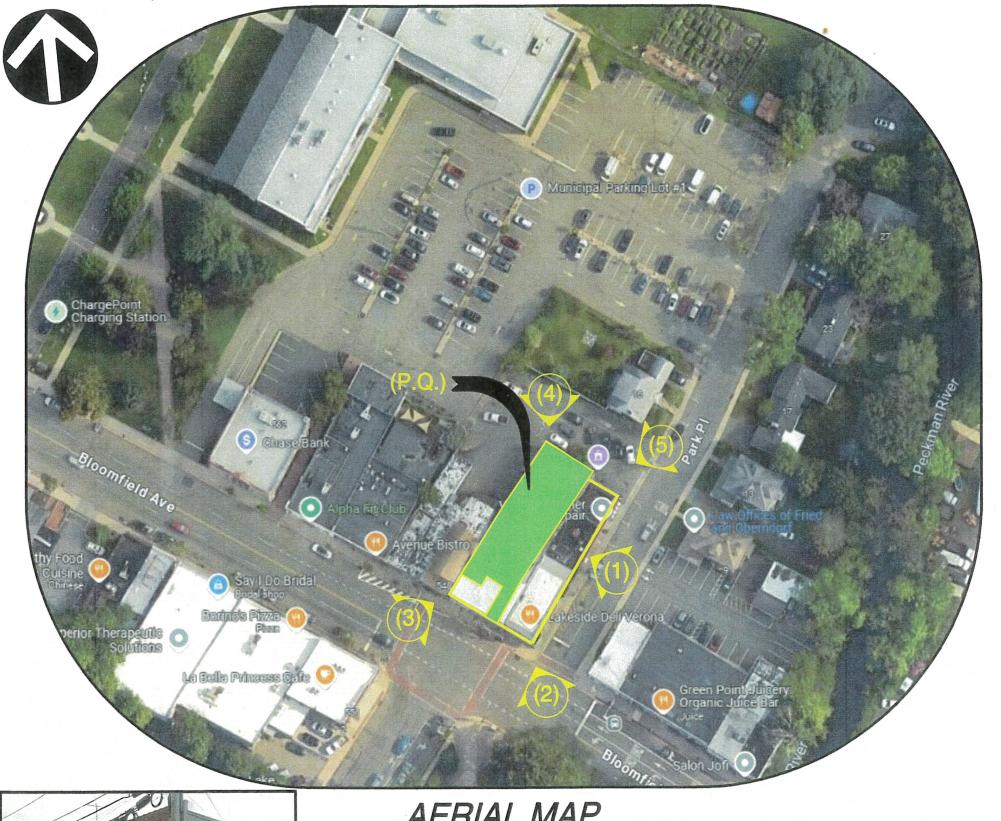
Kathleen Miesch Zoning Official

cc: Tom Jacobsen, Construction Official Kristin Spatola, Technical Assistant

ZONING APPLICATION #2024-214 - DENIED - House of Worship - 544 Bloomfield Avenue (10 Park Place); Block 1703, Lot 68

Caitlin Kester, Board Secretary













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AERIAL MAP

SCALE: 1/64" = 1.0'

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PROPERTY ADDRESS (544 BLOOMFIELD AVE.) WITH ACCESS FROM 10 PARK PLACE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA ESSEX COUNTY, NJ



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159 EILEEN DR., SUITE 106
CEDAR GROVE, NJ 07009
PHONE: 1973/ 239-2628 FAX: (973) 239-6356

01-08-2025 DATE:

PROPOSED PLACE OF WORSHIP

LOCATION MAP

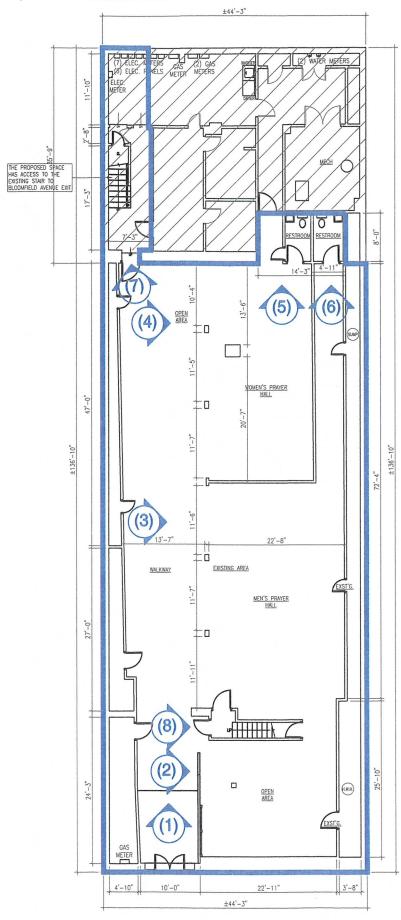
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FLOOR PLAN SCALE: 1/16" = 1.0'



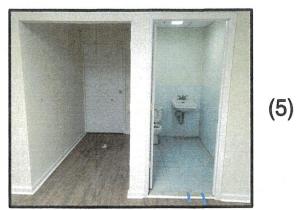






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ILLUSTRATION MAP

PROPOSED PLACE OF WORSHIP

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INTERIOR ALTERATIONS

544 BLOOMFIELD AVE W/ACCESS TO 10 PARK PLACE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA

COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY

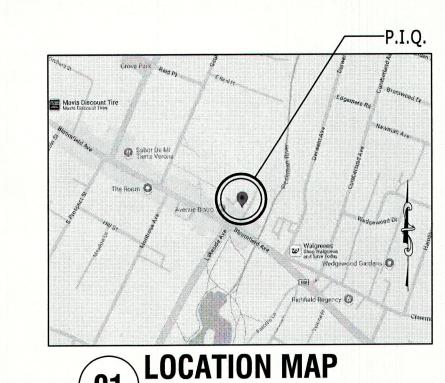
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PROPOSED INTERIOR ALTERATIONS
FOR A HOUSE OF WORSHIP

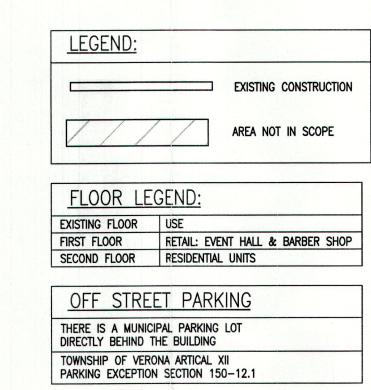
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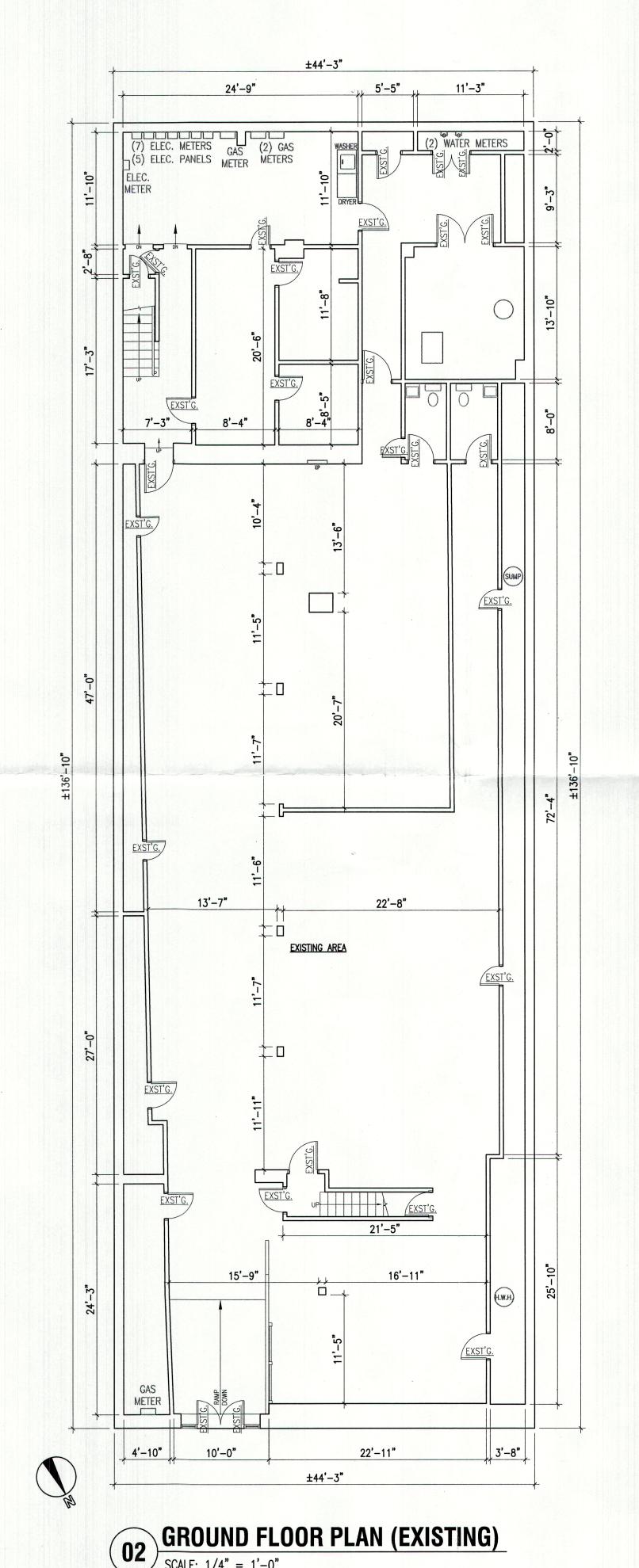
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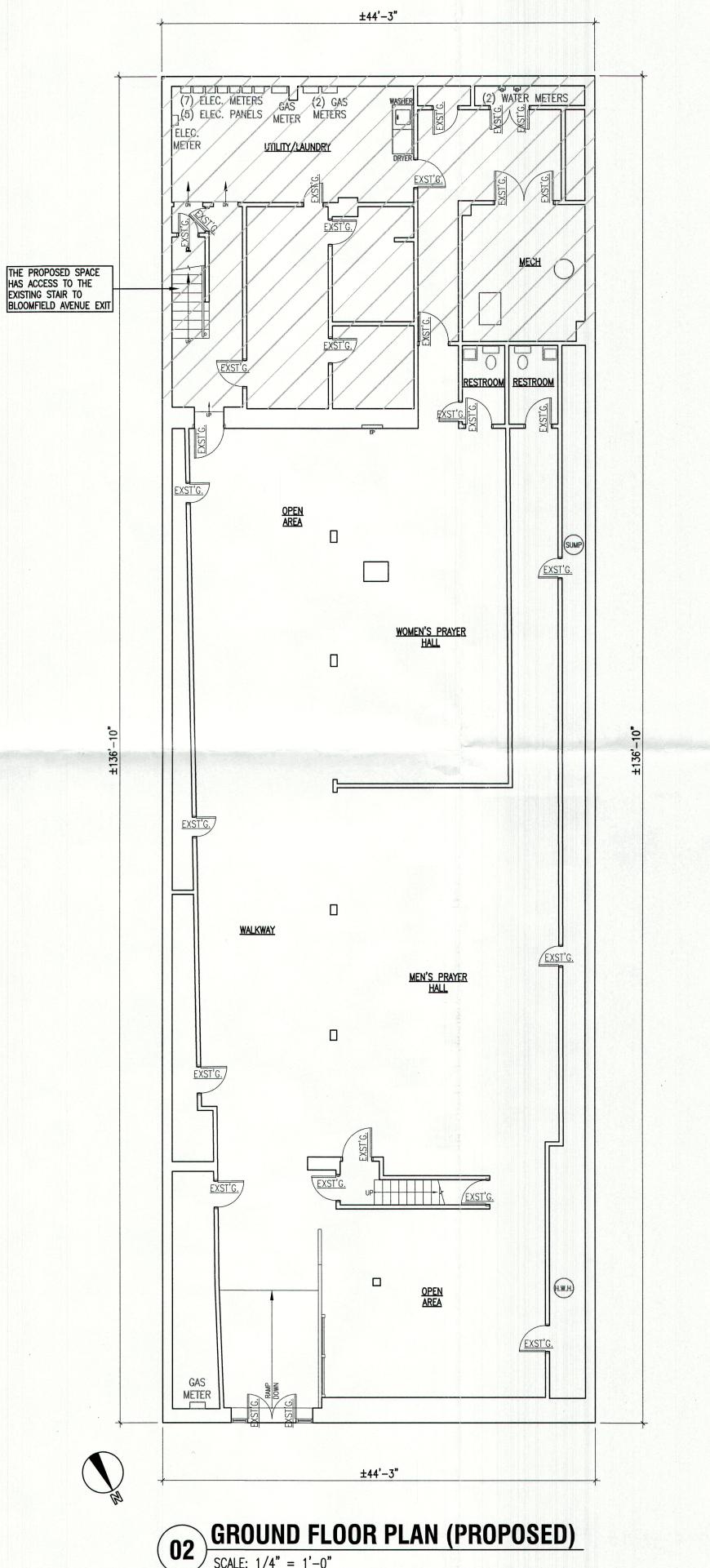
BUILDING CHARACTERISTICS:	
USE GROUP (EXISTING)	B-3
USE GROUP (PROPOSED)	B-3 (NO CHANGE IN USE)
CONSTRUCTION TYPE	5B
NUMBER OF STORIES	3 STORIES
HEIGHT OF STRUCTURE	29 FT. ±
AREA (NET)	4,690 SQ.FT.
VOLUME OF EXISTING	42,991 CU.FT.
MAX. LIVE LOAD	40 PSF
MAX. OCCUPANT LOAD	342 OCCUPANTS





OR PLANS





GRAPHIC SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"

GENERAL NOTES

1.1 ALL RIGHTS RESERVED DRAWINGS & SPECIFICATIONS AS INSTRUMENTS OF SERVICE REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE ARCHITECT COMMON LAW COPYRIGHT PROVISIONS. THEY ARE NOT TO BE REUSED EXCEPT AND ARE PROTECTED UNDER AGREEMENT IN WRITING AND WITH THE AGREED COMPENSATION TO THE ARCHITECT. IF REUSED WITHOUT PERMISSION, THE ARCHITECT SHALL BE INDEMNIFIED AND HELD HARMLESS FROM ALL LIABILITY, LEGAL EXPOSURE, CLAIMS, DAMAGES, LOSSES AND EXPENSES.

1.2 DRAWINGS SHALL NOT BE USED FOR ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT UNLESS SIGNED AND SEALED BY THE ARCHITECT. DRAWINGS SHALL NOT BE USED FOR MULTIPLE OR PROTOTYPE DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE ARCHITECT BOTH SIGNED AND SEALED.

1.3 ARCHITECTS ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORK BY MUTUAL CONSENT, IS NOT PART OF THIS AGREEMENT. THE OWNER AND/OR GENERAL CONTRACTOR SHALL APPOINT A PERSON TO BE IN CHARGE OF THE WORK PER "NJUCC 5.23-2.21 CONSTRUCTION CONTROL" EXECUTION.

1.4 THE ARCHITECT SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE WHERE CONSTRUCTION DEVIATES FROM THESE DRAWINGS OR FROM WRITTEN RECOMMENDATIONS. CHANGES TO THE PLANS BY THE OWNER AND/OR CONTRACTOR SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERSONS MAKING SUCH CHANGES.

1.5 THE OWNER AND CONTRACTOR SHALL HOLD HARMLESS THE ARCHITECT FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, DAMAGES, LOSSES AND EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ATTORNEY'S FEES ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING FROM THE PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK BY THE CONTRACTOR. THE ARCHITECT SHALL NOT HAVE CONTROL OR CHARGE OF AND SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSTRUCTION MEANS, METHODS, TECHNIQUES, SEQUENCES, OR PROCEDURES; OR FOR SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND PROGRAMS IN CONNECTION WITH THE WORK; OR FOR THE ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE CONTRACTOR, SUBCONTRACTORS, OR ANY OTHER PERSONS PERFORMING ANY OF THE WORK; OR FOR THE FAILURE OF ANY OF THEM TO CARRY OUT THE WORK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

1.6 EXAMINATION OF SITE, DRAWINGS, AND SPECIFICATIONS: THE CONTRACTOR SHALL CAREFULLY EXAMINE THE SITE, DRAWINGS, AND SPECIFICATIONS, FULLY ACQUAINT AND FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH THE CONDITIONS AS THEY EXIST AND MAKE SUCH INVESTIGATIONS AS HE MAY SEE FIT SO THAT HE SHALL FULLY UNDERSTAND THE FACILITIES, DIFFICULTIES, AND RESTRICTIONS PERTAINING TO THE WORK.

1.7 PERMITS: THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING AND PAYING FOR ALL REQUIRED PERMITS, INSPECTIONS, ETC.

1.8 ALL WORK, MATERIALS, AND EQUIPMENT SHALL MEET THE LATEST REQUIREMENTS OF ALL APPLICABLE STATE & LOCAL BUILDING CODES, REGULATIONS, THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AUTHORITIES HAVING JURISDICTION AND THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS. WHERE APPLICABLE, COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE N.J.U.C.C. BARRIER FREE SUBCODE AND/OR THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA).

1.9 EXCEPT WHERE SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS ARE MORE STRINGENT, INSTALL ALL PRODUCTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE STANDARDS OF RECOGNIZED AGENCIES AND ASSOCIATIONS. PROVIDE ALL ANCHORS, FASTENERS, AND ACCESSORIES REQUIRED FOR A COMPLETE INSTALLATION. ALLOW FOR THERMAL EXPANSION/CONTRACTION AND BUILDING MOVEMENT. SEPARATE INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS WITH SUITABLE MATERIALS OR SPACING. PREVENT CATHODIC CORROSION. PROTECT ALUMINUM SURFACES FROM CONTACT WITH MASONRY OR OTHER METALS. PROVIDE CONTROL JOINTS AT MATERIALS AND ISOLATION JOINTS BETWEEN MATERIALS/STRUCTURE AS INDICATED AND AS REQUIRED BY MANUFACTURER OR RECOGNIZED INDIJETRY STANDARDS.

1.10 INSTALL PRODUCTS UNDER APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS (AIR TEMPERATURE, SURFACE TEMPERATURE, RELATIVE HUMIDITY, ETC.) TO INSURE QUALITY AND DURABILITY. MAINTAIN PROPER PROTECTION DURING DRYING/CURING.

1.11 THE CONTRACTOR SHALL, WITHOUT DELAY AND PRIOR TO FABRICATION OR INSTALLATION, BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ARCHITECT, ANY DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THE MANUFACTURER'S REQUIRED SPECIFICATIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS, APPLICABLE CODE PROVISIONS, AND THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. UNAUTHORIZED CHANGES TO THE PLANS BY THE OWNER AND CONTRACTOR SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERSONS MAKING SUCH CHANGES.

1.12 SUBSTITUTIONS: SUBMISSION OF A SUBSTITUTION REQUEST BY THE CONTRACTOR (WHERE PERMITTED IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS) SHALL CONSTITUTE A REPRESENTATION BY THE CONTRACTOR THAT HE HAS INVESTIGATED THE PROPOSED PRODUCT OR CONDITION AND DETERMINED THAT IT IS EQUAL TO OR BETTER THAN THE SPECIFIED PRODUCT OR CONDITION AND DETERMINED THAT IT IS EQUAL TO OR BETTER THAN THE SPECIFIED PRODUCT OR CONDITION (INCLUDING WARRANTY COVERAGE) AND THAT HE WILL COORDINATE THE INSTALLATION AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES (INCLUDING MODIFICATION AND COORDINATION OF OTHER WORK AFFECTED BY THE CHANGE) WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THEIR WORK TO BE COMPLETE IN ALL ASPECTS.

1.13 CUTTING & PATCHING: INCLUDE ALL CUTTING AND PATCHING FOR PENETRATIONS THROUGH FLOORS, WALLS CEILINGS AND ROOFS. DO NOT CUT OR NOTCH ANY STRUCTURAL MEMBER TO REDUCE ITS LOAD CARRYING CAPACITY.

1.14 UNFORESEEN CONDITIONS: SHOULD UNFORESEEN CONDITIONS BE ENCOUNTERED THAT AFFECT DESIGN OR FUNCTION OF THE PROJECT, CONTRACTOR SHALL INVESTIGATE FULLY AND SUBMIT AN ACCURATE, DETAILED REPORT TO THE ARCHITECT WITHOUT DELAY. WHILE AWAITING A RESPONSE, CONTRACTOR SHALL RESCHEDULE OPERATIONS AS REQUIRED TO AVOID DELAY OF OVERALL PROJECT.

1.15 PROVIDE TEMPORARY FACILITIES, SERVICES UTILITIES, AND PROTECTION AS REQUIRED TO SAFELY EXECUTE ALL WORK, PROTECT ADJACENT CONSTRUCTION, AND INHABITANTS. COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF GOVERNING AUTHORITIES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PUBLIC UTILITIES. PROVIDE 24 HOUR NOTIFICATION OF ANY DISCONTINUITY IN UTILITY SERVICES WITH THE OWNER. CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE TO REMOVE AND LEGALLY DISPOSE OF ALL MATERIAL FROM THE JOB SITE.



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