

# Development Services

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### APPEAL SUMMARY

**Status:** Decision Rendered

<b>Appeal ID:</b> 22236	<b>Project Address:</b> 1518, 1520, 1522, 1524 N Blandena St
<b>Hearing Date:</b> 12/18/19	<b>Appellant Name:</b> Paul Wolfe
<b>Case No.:</b> B-014	<b>Appellant Phone:</b> 5039543065
<b>Appeal Type:</b> Building	<b>Plans Examiner/Inspector:</b> Geoffrey Harker
<b>Project Type:</b> commercial	<b>Stories:</b> 4 <b>Occupancy:</b> R-1 <b>Construction Type:</b> V-A
<b>Building/Business Name:</b> Homestead at Pittman Park Hotel	<b>Fire Sprinklers:</b> Yes - Throughout - NFPA 13
<b>Appeal Involves:</b> occ Change from R-2 to R-1	<b>LUR or Permit Application No.:</b> 14-254723-CO
<b>Plan Submitted Option:</b> pdf [File 1]	<b>Proposed use:</b> Transient Dwelling (Hotel/Motel)

### APPEAL INFORMATION SHEET

#### Appeal item 1

**Code Section** 2019 OSSC 1006.3.3.5.1

**Requires** Individual single-story or multistory dwelling units shall be permitted to have a single exit or access to a single exit from the dwelling unit provided that both the following criteria are met: 5.1 The dwelling unit complies with Section 1006.2.1 as a space with one means of egress.

**Proposed Design** Permit 14-254719-CO and 14-254723-CO established a multifamily residential project of (2) buildings with (4) 4-story units in each building. Both buildings are permitted under the commercial code, construction type VA, and equipped throughout with NFPA 13 fire sprinkler systems. The eastern building on the site includes the addresses 1518, 1520, 1522, and 1524 N Blandena Street. The western building on the site includes addresses 1528, 1530, 1534, and 1536 N Blandena Street. The unit layout for all 8 units is nearly identical.

It is proposed that the existing (8) 4-story R-2 units be converted to R-1 occupancy for transient use with no change to the existing exit travel distance of (max.) 121 feet.

Please note that the conversion of these units from R-2 to R-1 will be a phased approach over the course of several permits as existing R-2 tenants run out the course of their leases. The applicant intends to utilize this appeal to apply to multiple permits as all 8 units are converted to R-1 over time. In addition to the conversion of the 4-story units to R-1, the existing garages will be converted to R-1 use; however that is of limited relevance to this appeal as the garage conversions will comply with all code requirements for R-1 and will not share means of egress with the larger 4-story units.

The existing units are 4-story and include one central, open stair connecting all 4 stories. The upper story of each unit includes a living area and exterior roof deck. Maximum travel distance as

existing/proposed is 121' from the most remote point of the roof deck area to the exit on the ground floor. Two exits are provided from each R-1 dwelling unit, at ground level, each exiting to a separate side of the building; one exit to the central shared drive court between buildings and one exiting to a sidewalk between the building and the east or west property line. The buildings are equipped throughout with an NFPA 13 fire sprinkler system. Each 4-story unit is separated by a 2-hr rated fire barrier.

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**Reason for alternative** Section 1006.3.3.5 allows for multistory dwelling units to have a single exit access provided those units comply with two criteria. Section 5.2 is for the exit to be at the level of exit discharge and our proposal complies with that criterion. Section 5.1 requires compliance with Table 1006.2.1 Spaces with One Exit. For the reasons outlined below we propose the 4-story R-1 units should be permitted to use the R-2 travel distance of 125' per Table 1006.2.1 rather than the 75' travel distance required for R-1 occupancies.

Unit separations are provided beyond the code requirements; 2019 OSSC 420.2/708.3 require 1-hr fire barriers between R-1 units. 2-hr fire barriers are provided in this proposal between the 4-story R-1 units.

Fire sprinklers are provided beyond the code requirements; 2019 OSSC 420.4/903.2.8 require NFPA 13R fire sprinklers throughout R-1 occupancies. NFPA 13 fire sprinklers are provided throughout in this proposal.

Exits are provided beyond the required quantity; 2019 OSSC 1006.3.3.5 allows for multistory dwelling units with one exit. 2 exits are provided at the level of exit discharge on each 4-story R-1 unit, each leading to a separate exterior area.

Occupants of the R-1 units will be familiar with the overall design and layout of the units. Since the units were designed and permitted as R-2 dwelling units, the overall layout and design including means of egress, doors, windows, and corridor layout will be immediately familiar and understandable to the vast majority of occupants.

Additionally, the means of egress system (stair) is the only means of vertical circulation within the dwelling unit, meaning that strictly by using the space, the occupants will have a familiarity with the means of egress system, making it easier to traverse in event of an emergency. There are no shared corridors or public spaces either, the R-1 unit includes the single interior stair, which leads directly to 2 exits directly to the exterior.

For the reasons outlined above, the applicant believes the proposed 4-story R-1 units with enhanced fire protection features and 125' max. travel distance provides equivalent life-safety to an R-1 unit with a 75' travel distance which has been designed to the code minimum fire protection requirements.

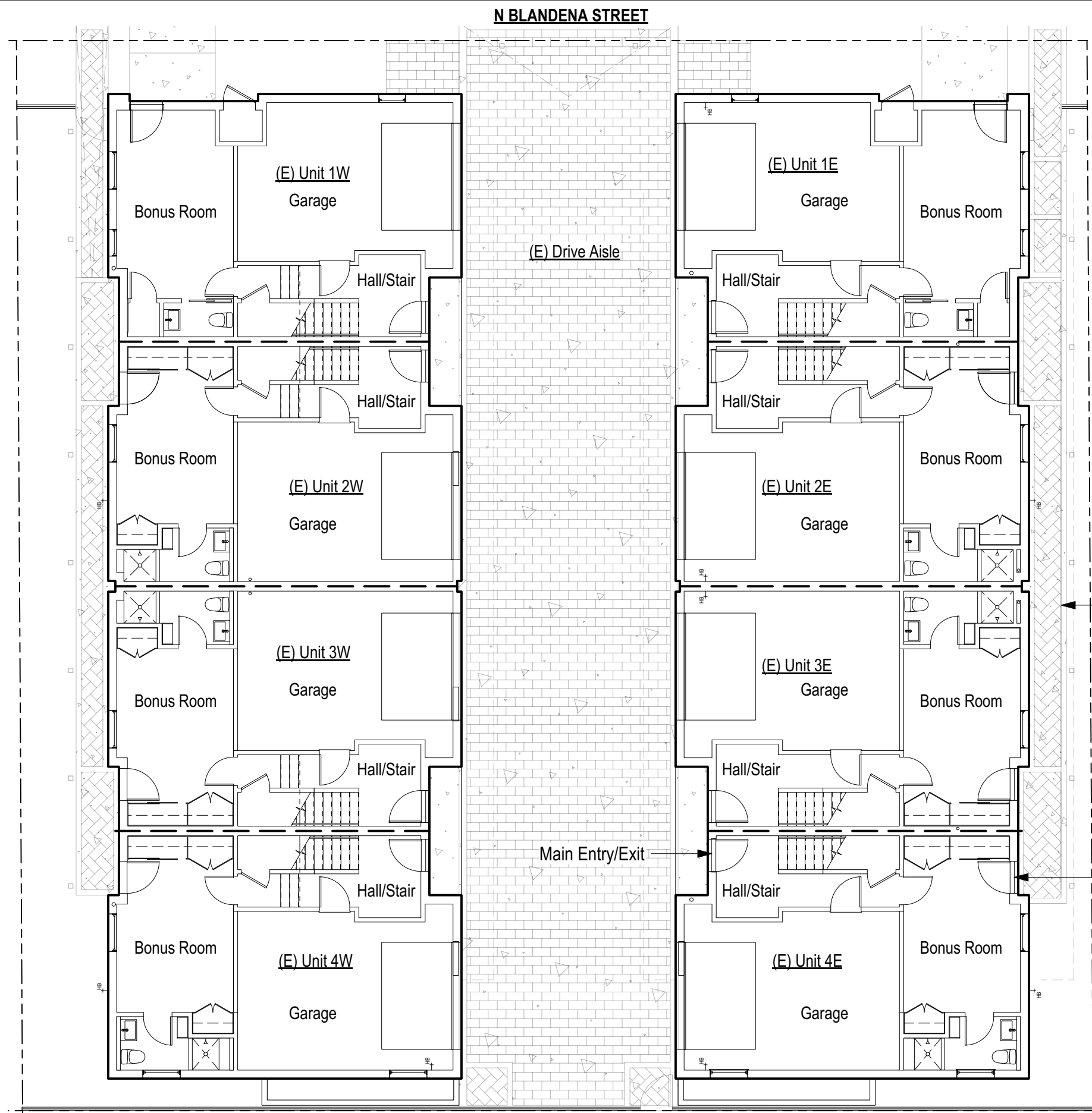
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## APPEAL DECISION

**Increase in maximum allowable exit access travel distance: Denied. Proposal does not provide equivalent Life Safety protection.**

**Appellant may contact John Butler (503 823-7339) with questions.**

Pursuant to City Code Chapter 24.10, you may appeal this decision to the Building Code Board of Appeal within 90 calendar days of the date this decision is published. For information on the appeals process, go to [www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/appealsinfo](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/appealsinfo), call (503) 823-7300 or come in to the Development Services Center.



### Existing Conditions Plan

Current project configuration is a 2-building, 4-story 8 unit R-2 apartments permitted under the commercial code (2014 OSSC). Each unit includes a ground floor garage and bonus room w/ full or 1/2 bath.

--- Existing 2-hr Unit Separations

Appeal ID 10784 allows for 4-story R-2 units with 2 exits on the ground floor (exempting the units from the second floor second exit requirements of 2010 OSSC 1021.1.4.1 (Code at time of appeal). Unit 4E has the exits for this typical approved condition noted.

(E) Walkways; Typ. along PL

Second Exit

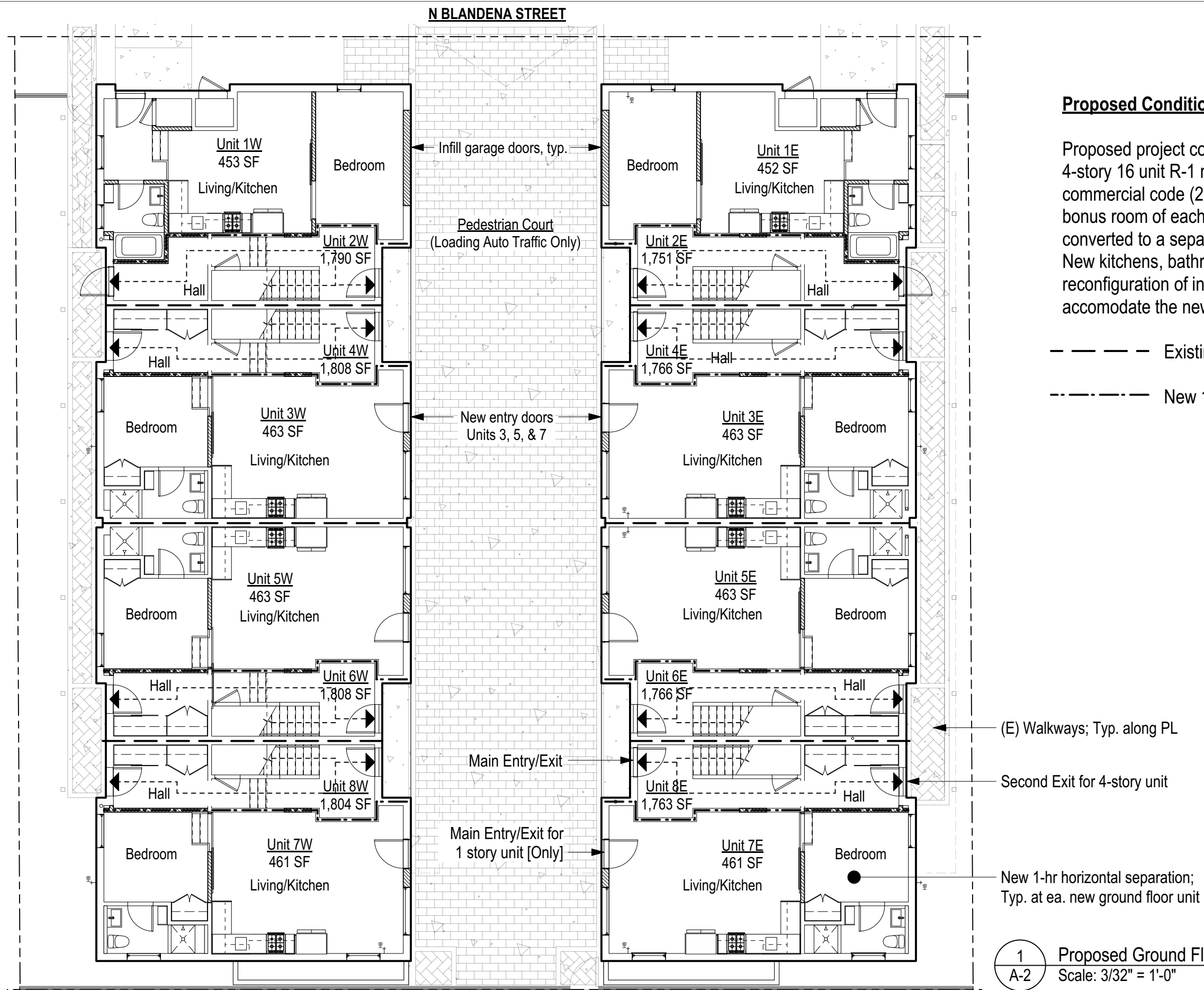
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Existing Ground Floor

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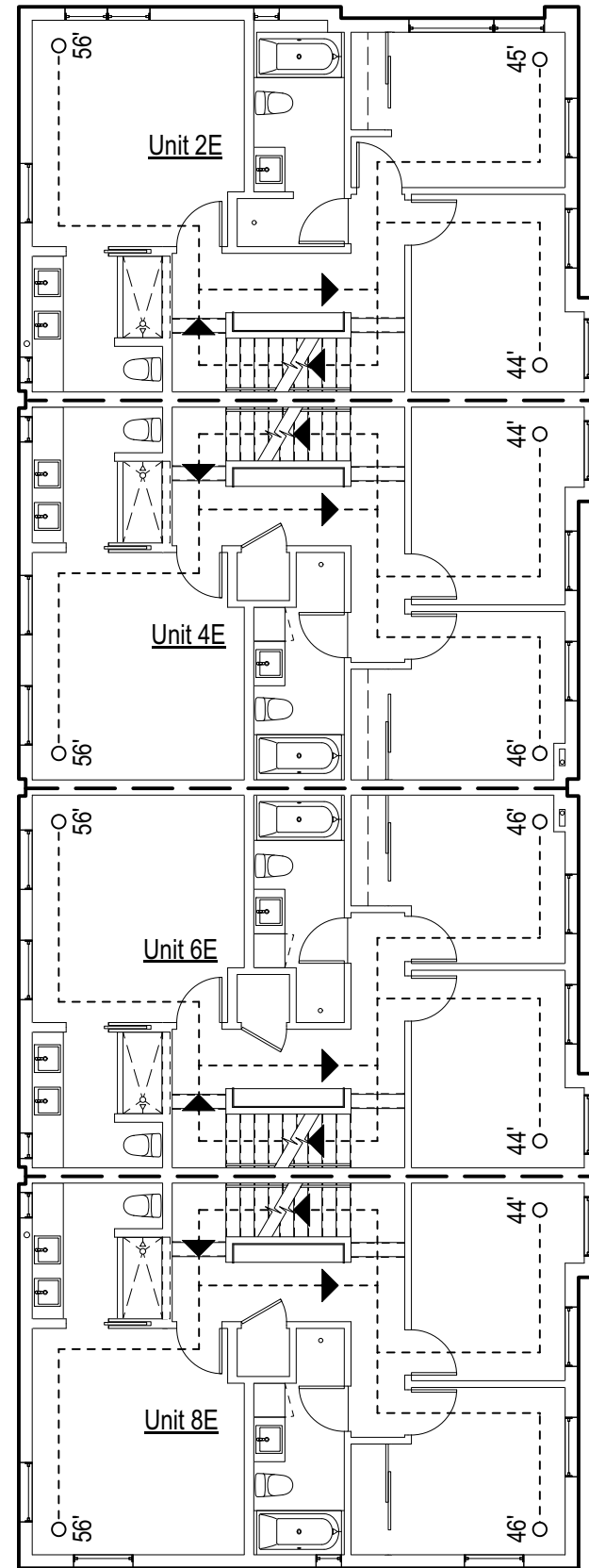
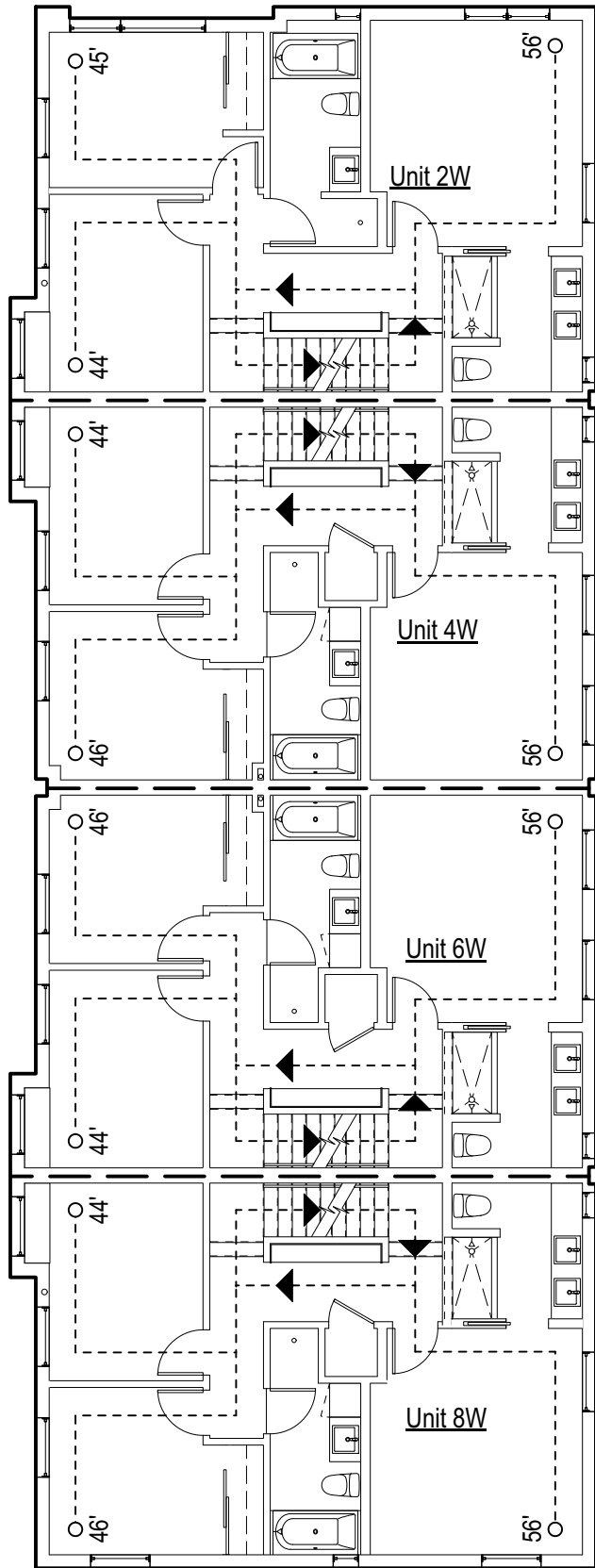
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**Homestead at Pittman Park Hotel**  
1518 N Blandena Street, Portland, OR 97217

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**Existing/Proposed Conditions Plan**

No changes are proposed to the second, third, and fourth floors of the existing units.

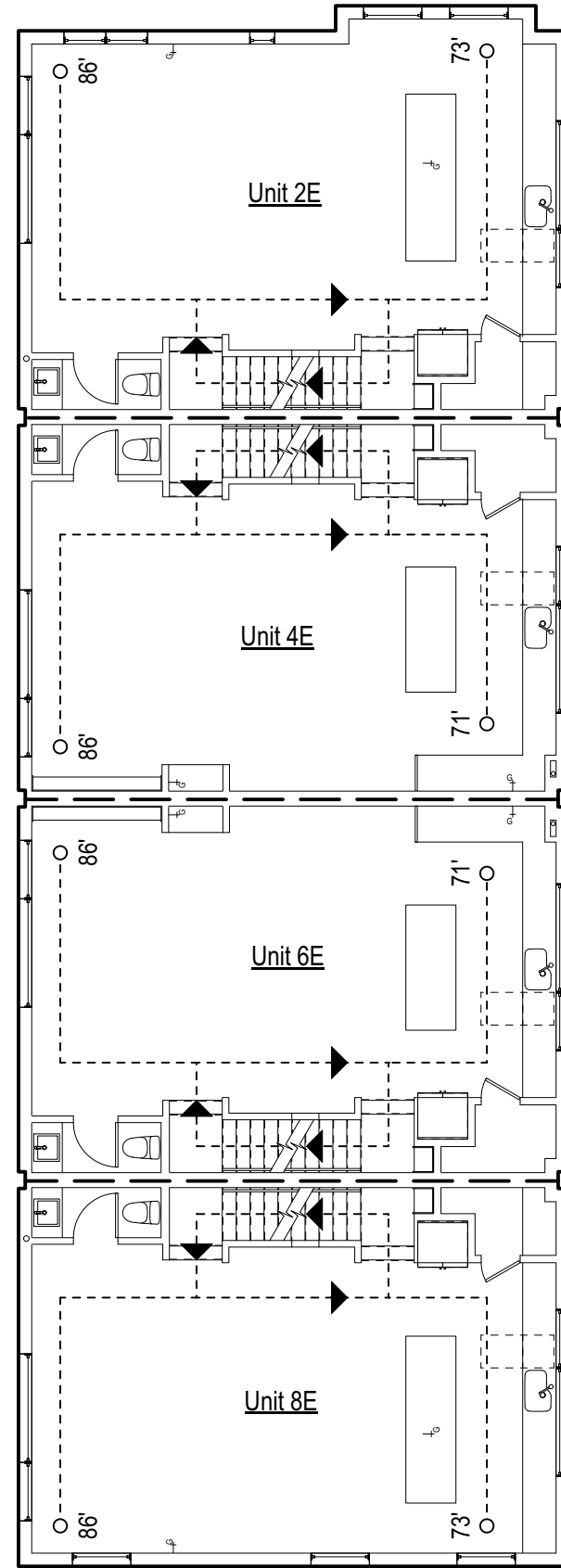
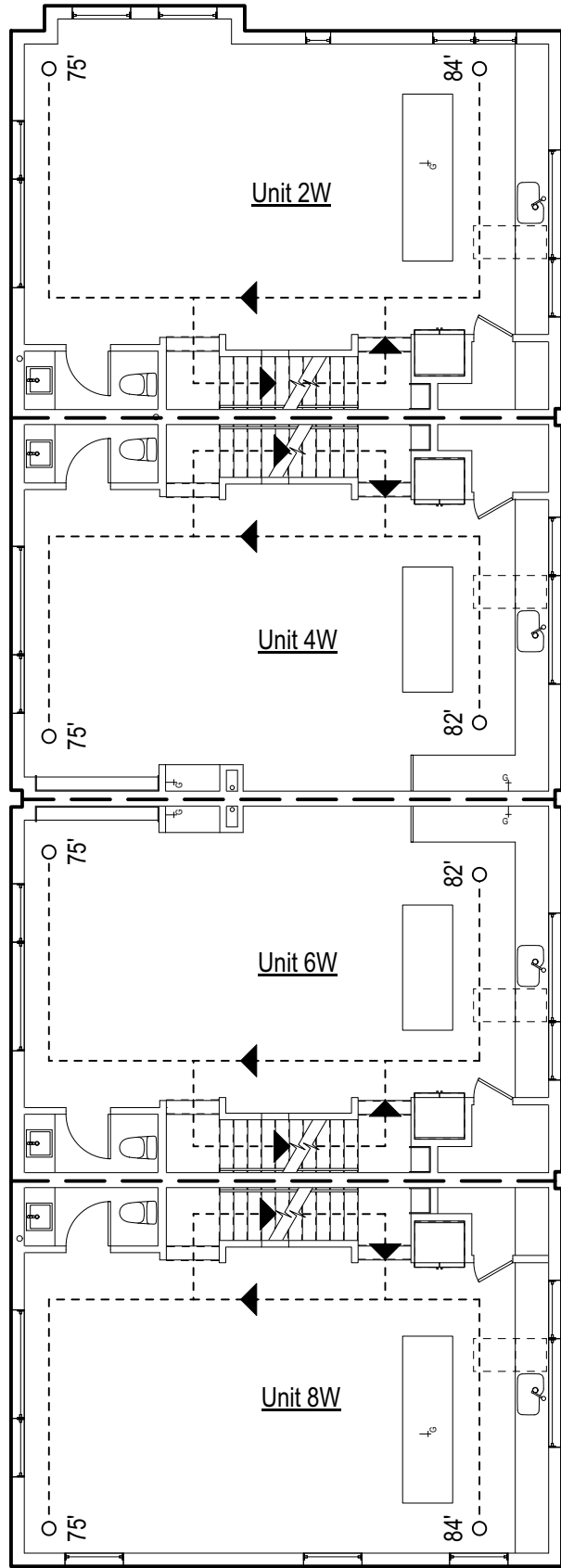
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Existing/Proposed Second Floor Plan  
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No changes are proposed to the second, third, and fourth floors of the existing units.

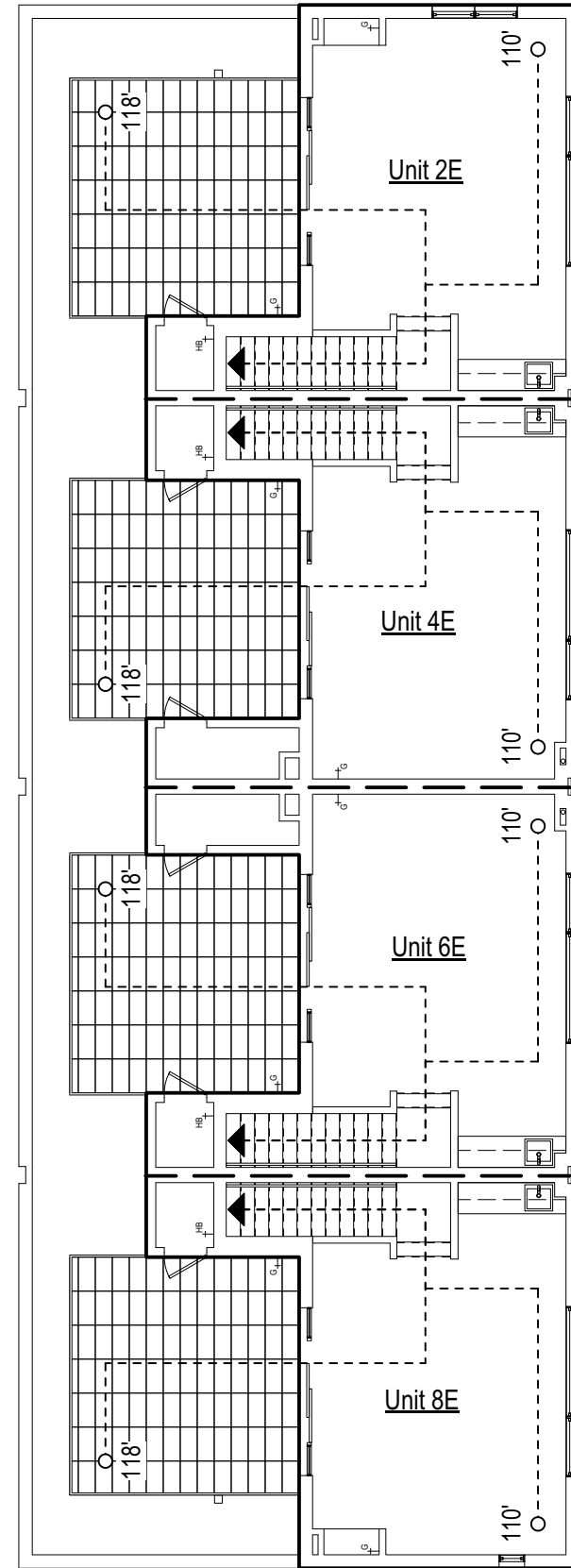
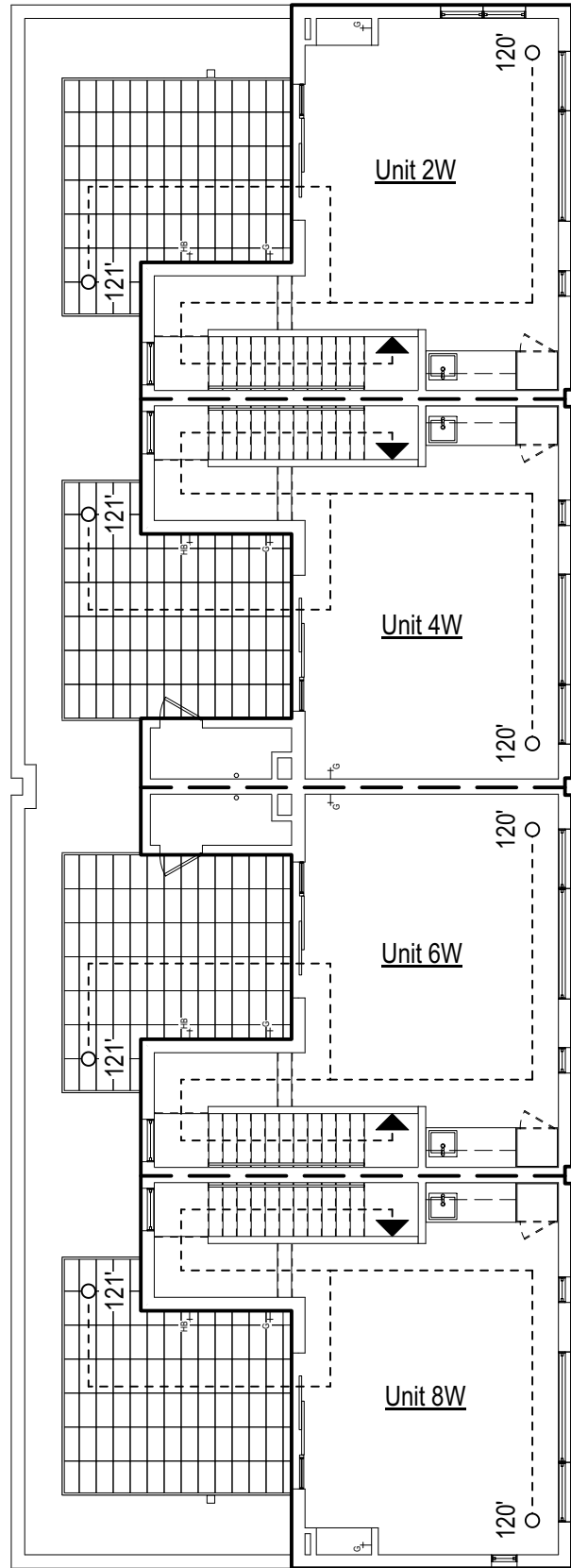
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Existing/Proposed Third Floor Plan  
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### Existing/Proposed Conditions Plan

No changes are proposed to the second, third, and fourth floors of the existing units.

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Existing/Proposed Fourth Floor Plan  
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UNIT AREA SUMMARY

	Unit 1W	Unit 2W	Unit 3W	Unit 4W	Unit 5W	Unit 6W	Unit 7W	Unit 8W
Ground Floor	413.3	209.2	462.7	188.8	462.7	188.8	461.3	188.8
Second Floor		634.2		645		645		644
Third Floor		649.7		635.7		635.7		634.2
Fourth Floor		337		338		338		337
Total	413.3	1830.1	462.7	1807.5	462.7	1807.5	461.3	1804
	Unit 1E	Unit 2E	Unit 3E	Unit 4E	Unit 5E	Unit 6E	Unit 7E	Unit 8E
Ground Floor	412	210.4	462.7	188.8	462.7	188.8	461.3	188.8
Second Floor		634.2		645		645		644
Third Floor		649.3		635		635		633.6
Fourth Floor		296.7		297		297		296.7
Total	412	1790.6	462.7	1765.8	462.7	1765.8	461.3	1763.1

CODE ANALYSIS

BUILDING CODE

PROJECT NAME:	Homestead at Pittman Park Hotel	
ADDRESS:	1532 N Blandena St., Portland, OR 97217	
LOCATION:	100' west of Interstate Ave on Blandena St.	
TAX LOT NUMBER(S):	R158278	
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	Lots 9 + 10, Block 2, Erwin + Watson's Addition situated in the northeast one-quarter of Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 1 East, Willamette Meridian, City of Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon	
CODE:	2019 Oregon Structural Specialty Code	
JURISDICTION:	City of Portland	
CONSTRUCTION TYPE:	Type V-A	
OCCUPANCY:	R-2 Existing / R-1 Proposed	
SPRINKLERS:	Provided per NFPA 13	
SMOKE DETECTION:	Provided per 907.2.9	
ALARM:	Provided per 907.2.9	
MAX. ALLOWABLE BUILDING HEIGHT/AREA [TABLE 503]		
MAX. HEIGHT:	50'-0" / 3 Stories	
MAX. AREA:	12,000 sf	
PROPOSED BUILDING HEIGHT/AREA		
HEIGHT:	40'-0" / 4 Stories*	
AREA:	3,100 sf/floor max.	
*APPEAL	Appeal ID #10781 and #10784	
BUILDING AREAS	Building A	Building B
GROSS BUILDING AREAS:	10,807 sf	10,917 sf
NET LIVING AREA:	7,693 sf	7,860 sf
NEW LIVING AREA (CONVERTED GARAGE):	1,193 sf	1,193 sf
FIRE PARTITIONS:	1HR required per OSSC 420.2/708.3 for all R-1 units 2HR Fire Barrier provided between 4-story R-1 units 1HR between 1-story R-1 units (garage conversion) and 4-story R-1 units	

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