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APPEAL SUMMARY

Status:	Hold for	Additional	Information
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Appeal ID: 16542	Project Address: 5959 SE 92nd Ave
Hearing Date: 2/28/18	Appellant Name: Masaye Hoshide
Case No.: M-005	Appellant Phone: 503 892 7104
Appeal Type: Mechanical	Plans Examiner/Inspector: Thomas Ng
Project Type: commercial	Stories: 5 Occupancy: R-2, A-3, A-2, S Construction Type: V-A, I-A
Building/Business Name: Oliver Station	Fire Sprinklers: Yes - fully sprinklered
Appeal Involves: Erection of a new structure	LUR or Permit Application No.: 16-219971-CO
Plan Submitted Option: pdf [File 1] [File 2] [File 3]	Proposed use: Affordable Housing

APPEAL INFORMATION SHEET

Appeal item 1

Code Section	2014 Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code; 503.1.1, 2, Location of Exhaust Outlets
Requires	503.1.1 Location of Exhaust Outlets. The termination point of exhaust outlets and ducts
	discharging to the outdoors shall be located with the following minimum distances:
	For ducts conveying explosive or flammable vapors, fumes or dusts: 30 feet from property lines;
	10 feet from operable openings into buildings; 6 feet from exterior walls and roofs; 30 feet from
	combustible walls and operable openings into buildings which are in the direction of the exhaust
	discharge; 10 feet above adjoining grade.
	For other product conveying outlets: 10 feet from the property lines; 3 feet from exterior walls and
	roofs; 10 feet from operable openings into buildings; 10 feet above adjoining grade.
	Per City reviewer code interpretation, City reviewer is requiring 3" muffler exhaust to exhaust
	through roof and 10 feet away from roof edge. Per city reviewer definition of 'operable openings
	into buildings' includes exhaust louvers.
Proposed Design	The proposed design is to have clearance per 2014 OSMC 501.3.1 item 2 for product conveying
	outlets. This has a 10' clearance to operable openings and property lines. This proposed design
	does not equate exhaust louvers as operable openings into buildings. This proposed design
	equates exhaust louvers to be operable openings away from buildings. Therefore, the 10 feet
	clearance from operable openings into buildings should be allowed to overlap with louvers
	exhausting environmental air. With this overlap, the 3" exhaust muffler would exhaust horizontally
	and not through the roof above. Proposed design exhausts 3" muffler horizontally away from
	public sidewalk and towards the back of house parking lot side of project.

Reason for alternative 2014 OSMC 501.3.1 item 2 :

We have several reasons outlined below for using the 2014 OSMC 501.3.1 item 2 criteria for the

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"Item 1 details the requirements for termination points for exhaust ducts that convey explosive or flammable vapors, fumes or dusts, like those exhaust systems that serve operations involving the application of flammable finishes (see Section 502.7), hazardous exhaust systems (see Section 510) and dust, stock and refuse conveyor systems (see Section 511). The intent of this section is to reduce the exposure from the dangerous vapors in the exhaust. This is done to:

Protect other parts of the building
Protect other buildings
Reduce a potential reaction from materials that may be compatible
Reduce the severity of a fire, in case of ignition"

The generator exhaust is not flammable as it has already combusted in the engine. OSMC 501.3.1 pertains to flammable or explosive exhaust. Per NFPA 37 Standard for the installation and use of stationary combustion engines and gas turbines treats exhaust as a potential ignition source but not as a source of flammable vapor. Per NFPA 37 8.2.3.2 "Exhaust system termination shall not be directed toward combustible material or structures or into atmospheres containing flammable gases, flammable vapors, or combustible dusts."

Past interpretation of this requirement has been to consider the exhaust flue a "product conveying outlet (2014 OSMC 501.3.1 item 2)" as it contains primarily water vapor and carbon dioxide and small quantities of carbon monoxide and small particulate matter typical of diesel engines. For perspective, the generator exhaust is analogous to the exhaust from idling vehicles. The discharge from parking garage exhaust systems is commonly considered environmental exhaust and is used as a specific example of it in the 2012 IMC commentary,

"While the vehicle exhaust would be considered a contaminant, the exhaust rate of 0.75 (cfm/ft2) for a parking garage is considered to be sufficient to provide the occupants with a safe environment. Therefore, the exhaust from a parking garage would then be treated the same as any other environmental air exhaust."

The 10 ft radius clearance that complying with item 2, 'product conveying outlets,' provides dilution in a similar manner to this scenario. The air is expected to rise upward due to the exhaust temperature and the 10 ft radius column of air will allow for adequate dilution of the exhaust. The adjacent exhaust of the generator radiator (24,000 CFM) will serve to further dilute the engine exhaust.

Additionally, the generator will be only running intermittently to either test the emergency equipment or during actual emergency operation

Definition of 'Operable Openings Into Buildings':

We believe it is incorrect to define exhaust louvers exhausting environmental air as operable openings into buildings. Exhaust louvers function to exhaust air away from buildings. While the generator 3" muffler flue runs intermittently to either test the emergency equipment or during actual emergency operation, the adjacent exhaust louvers will be exhausting environmental air away from the building making it physically impossible for flue exhaust to travel back into the building via the exhaust louvers. Exhaust louvers should not be defined as operable openings into buildings. See attached building plans and elevations which demonstrate compliance of the location of the 3" generator muffler per 2014 Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code; 503.1.1, 2, Location of Exhaust Outlets

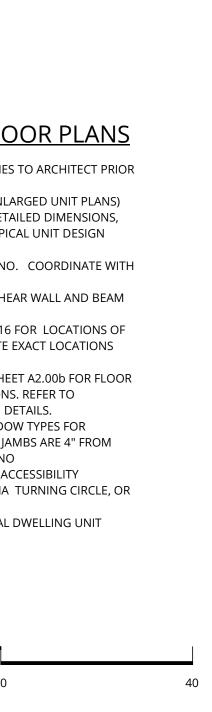
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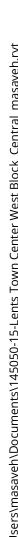
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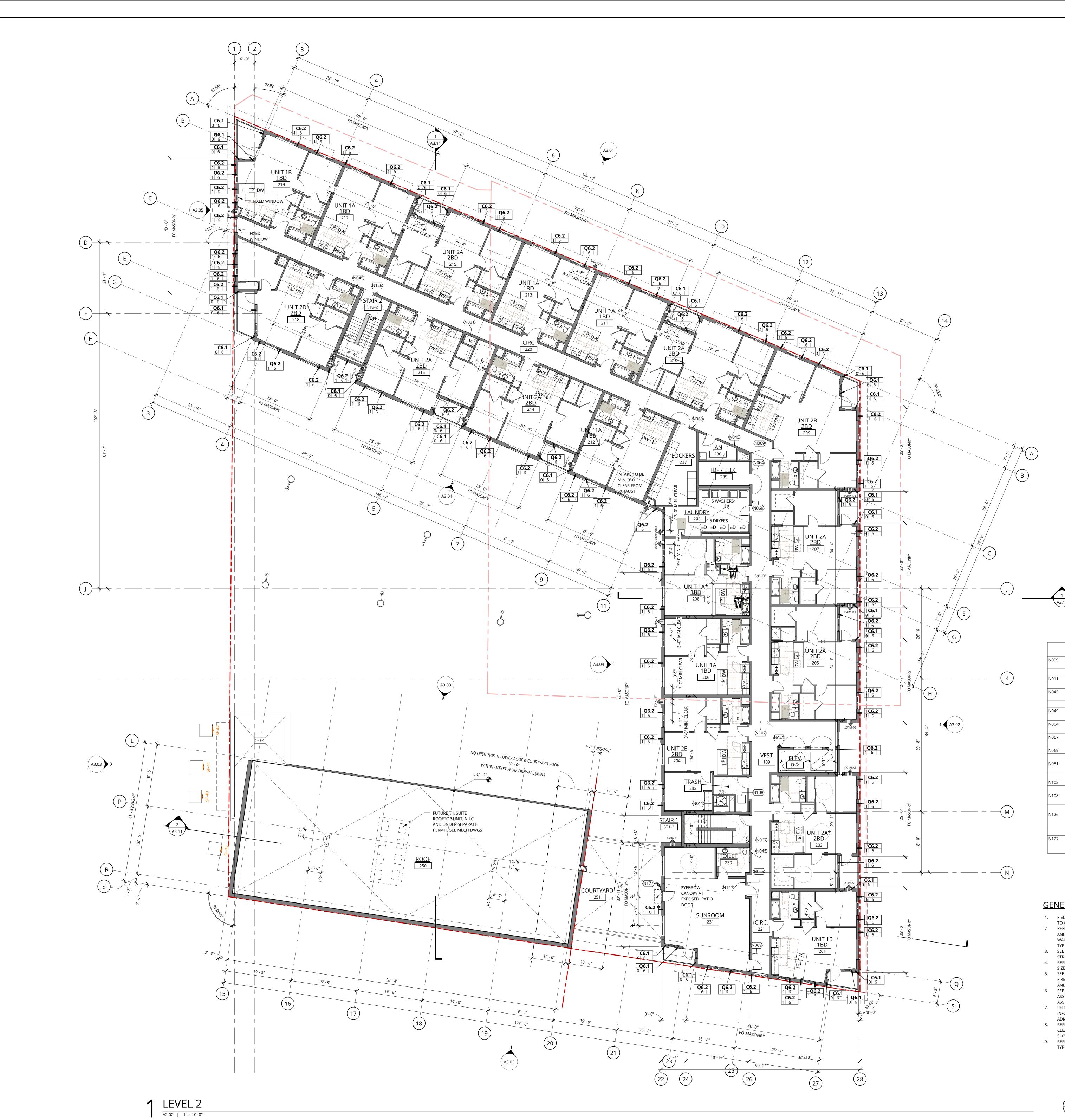


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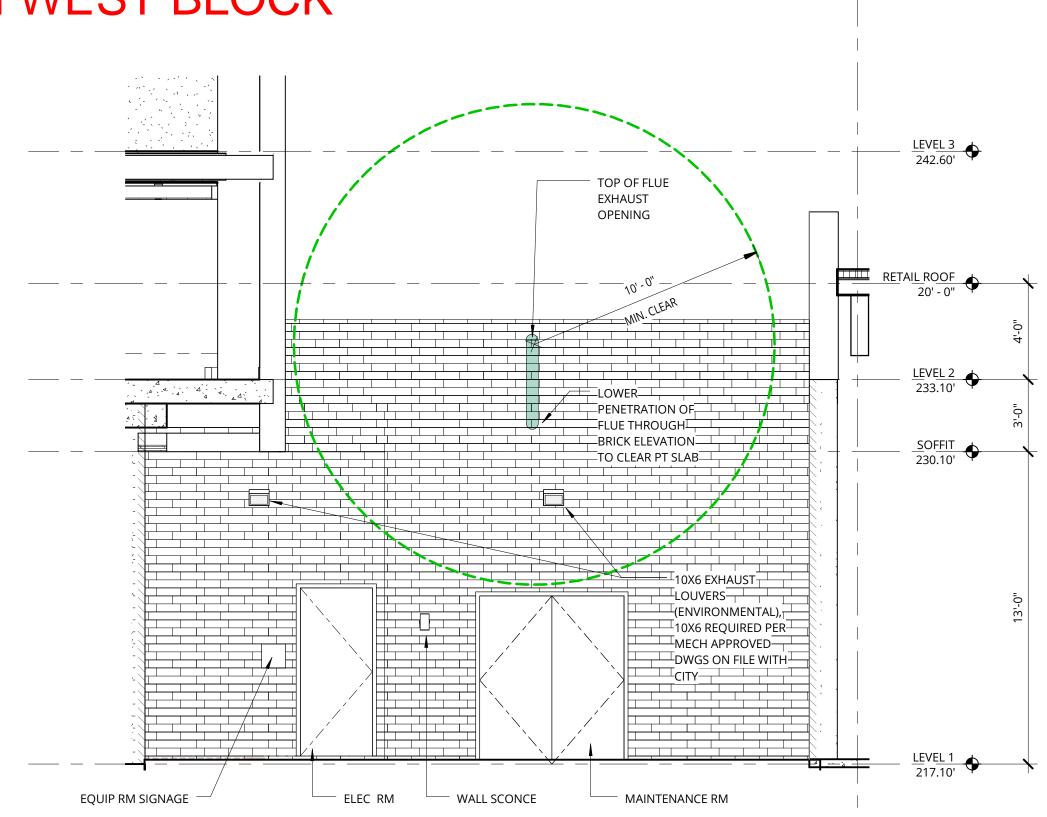




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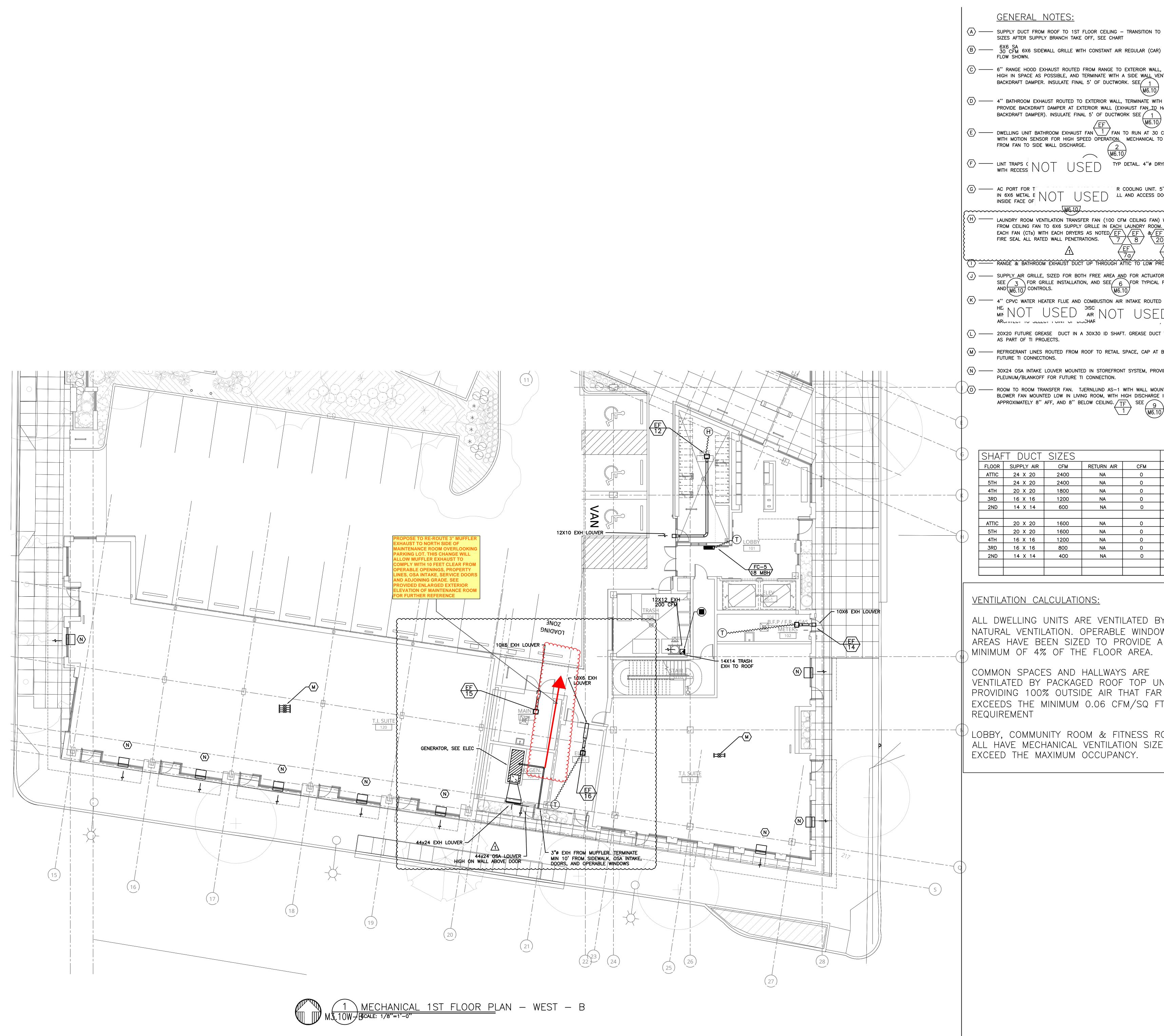
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