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APPEAL SUMMARY

Appeal ID: 24410	Project Address: 624 NW 18th Ave
Hearing Date: 11/25/20	Appellant Name: Jason Fifield
Case No.: B-015	Appellant Phone: 503-752-8099
Appeal Type: Building	Plans Examiner/Inspector: Guy Altman
Project Type: commercial	Stories: 6 Occupancy: R-2, B, S-2 Construction Type: I-A III-B
Building/Business Name:	Fire Sprinklers: Yes - Throughout
Appeal Involves: Erection of a new structure,Reconsideration of appeal	LUR or Permit Application No.: 20-211615-CO
	Proposed use: Multi-family dwelling

APPEAL INFORMATION SHEET

Appeal item 1

Code Section

2019 Oregon Structural Specialty Code, Section 1028.1

Requires

Exits shall discharge directly to the exterior of the building. The exit discharge shall be at grade or shall provide a direct path of egress travel to grade. The exit discharge shall not reenter a building. The combined use of Exceptions 1 and 2 shall not exceed 50 percent of the number and minimum width or required capacity of the required exits.

Exception 1: Not more than 50 percent of the number and minimum width or required capacity of interior exit stairways and ramps is permitted to egress through areas on the level of discharge provided that all of the following conditions are met:

- 1.1.Discharge of interior exit stairways and ramps shall be provided with a free and unobstructed path of travel to an exterior exit door and such exit is readily visible and identifiable from the point of termination of the enclosure.
- 1.2. The entire area of the level of exit discharge is separated from areas below by construction conforming to the fire-resistance rating for the enclosure.
- 1.3. The egress path from the interior exit stairway and ramp on the level of exit discharge is protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system. Portions of the level of exit discharge with access to the egress path shall be either equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2, or separated from the egress path in accordance with the requirements for the enclosure of interior exit stairways or ramps.
- 1.4. Where a required interior exit stairway or ramp and an exit access stairway or ramp serve the same floor level and terminate at the same level of exit discharge, the termination of the exit access stairway or ramp and the exit discharge door of the interior exit stairway or ramp shall be separated by a distance of not less than 30 feet (9144 mm) or not less than one-fourth the length of the maximum overall diagonal dimension of the building, whichever is less. The distance shall

be measured in a straight line between the exit discharge door from the interior exit stairway or ramp and the last tread of the exit access stairway or termination of slope of the exit access ramp.

Code Modification or Alternate Requested

The design team proposes the path of egress from Stair 02 to the exit discharge at door 202A as shown in the attached drawings.

Proposed Design

This project is the Susan Emmons North Building, which is new construction consisting of (5) stories of Type III-B construction over (1) story of Type I-A construction. The project will be provided with a fire sprinkler system per NFPA 13. The project will provide a total of (98) affordable dwelling units and associated amenity, service, and administration spaces. (2) interior exit stairways are provided, with Stair 01 exiting through an exit passageway at Level 1. The egress from Stair 02 is at Level 2 through the lobby at the level of exit discharge. The proposed design complies with all requirements of 1028.1 Exception 1.

Visibility of the exit discharge at door 202A is provided for the entire egress path from Stair 02 to the exit discharge at door 202A. Amenity 203 is open to Lobby 202 with only a cable guardrail between spaces. This allows for visibility of door 202A upon passage through door 224A, and maintains visibility for the duration of travel to door 202A. Exit signs are provided as shown in the attached documents to further identify the egress path. Travel from Stair 02 to Lobby 202 is provided via an accessible stair and via a wheelchair lift. The egress path does not pass through a space that will create an obstruction in the path of travel.

Reconsideration Text:

Level 2 is provided with (2) exits: (1) exit is provided at Stair 01 and (1) exit is provided at door 202A, which is the exit discharge. The corridors at Level 2 are open to Amenity 203 and Lobby 202. The fire rating of the corridor extends to include Amenity 203 and Lobby 202, which is acceptable per 1020.6 Exception 1. Amenity 203 and Lobby 202 are separated from adjacent spaces with minimum 1 hour rated fire partitions. The floor below Level 2 is a 3 hour rated posttensioned concrete slab or slab on grade, and the floor / ceiling assembly between Level 2 and Level 3 is a 1 hour rated assembly.

Amenity 204 contains a shared kitchen, which is provided with residential appliances. The fire rating of the corridor wall extends to include the wall separating Amenity 203 and Amenity 204. The wall that separates Amenity 203 and Amenity 204 is a 1-hour fire partition. The door and relites in this wall are provided with 45-minute glazing and 45-minute assemblies. Door 204A is provided with magnetic hold opens that close upon activation of the fire alarm.

Reason for alternative This project is located in a historic district, which requires the design to follow historic guidelines. These guidelines required the main entry of the building to be located at the center of the building. The interior exit stairways need to be offset from the center of the building to provide the required separation of exits at typical floors in the building. Therefore, the interior exit stairways are offset from the main building entry.

> The exit discharge is located at grade and is 5'-0" below the discharge from Stair 02, which occurs at Level 2. Access from Stair 02 to the exit discharge is provided via accessible stairs and a wheelchair lift. This necessitates the egress path from Stair 02 to the exit discharge at door 202A as shown in the attached drawings.

This arrangement provides equivalent health, accessibility, and life safety because a free and unobstructed path is provided from the interior exit stairway to the exit discharge and visibility of the exit discharge is maintained for the entire path of egress from the interior exit stairway to the exit discharge. The path of egress is provided within the corridor and entry lobby of the building, which do not pose a risk of being obstructed or of limiting the visibility of the exit discharge. See the attached drawings for more information.

Reconsideration Text:

Because the fire rating requirements of corridors are extended to include Lobby 202 and Amenity 203, these spaces are not intervening rooms and it is acceptable for them to be open to the corridor per 1020.6 Exception 1.

The extension of the fire rating of the corridor provides a fire rated separation between Amenity 203 and Amenity 204, which ensures a fire rated separation between the shared kitchen and the egress path. The utilization of a fire partition and fire rated doors and relites provides protection against the risk of fire and smoke from impacting the means of egress by protecting the boundary between Amenity 204 and Amenity 203.

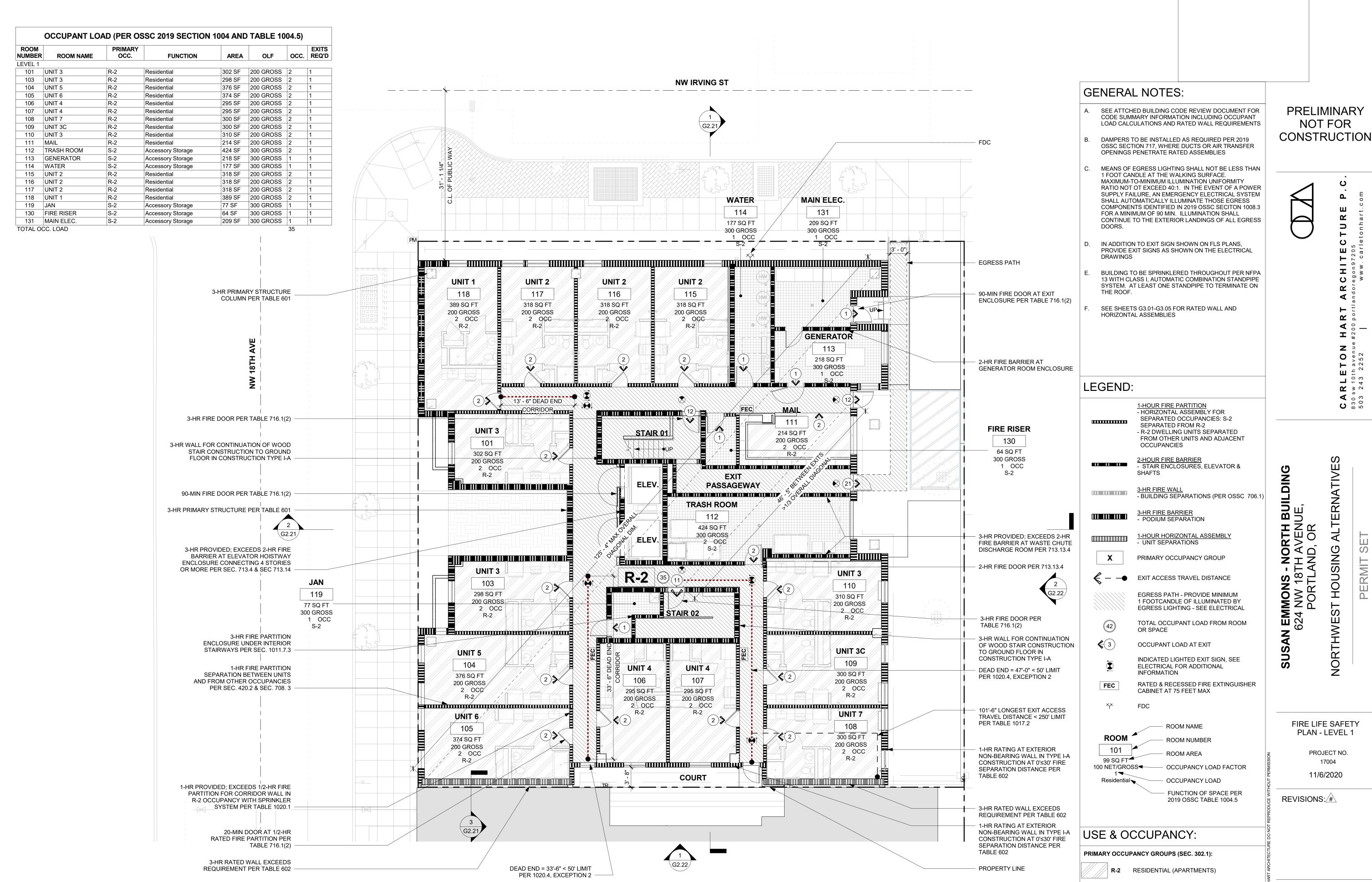
An equivalent level of health, accessibility, and life safety is provided because a free and unobstructed path is provided from the interior exit stairway to the exit discharge and visibility of the exit discharge is maintained for the entire path of egress from the interior exit stairway to the exit discharge. The path of egress is provided within the corridor and entry lobby of the building, which do not pose a risk of being obstructed or of limiting the visibility of the exit discharge. The fire rating of the corridor is extended to include spaces open to the corridor and providing access to the exit discharge, which includes a fire rated separation between the shared kitchen and the egress path. See the attached drawing "Susan Emmons - North Bldg - Building Code Appeal Item-02 attachments – Reconsideration" for more information. Note that text shown clouded represents notes added for the reconsideration.

APPEAL DECISION

Stair 2 discharge not at level of building exit discharge: Denied. Proposal does not provide equivalent Life Safety protection.

Appellant may contact John Butler (503 865-6427) or e-mail at John.Butler@portlandoregon.gov 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, call (503) 823-7300 or come in to the Development Services Center.

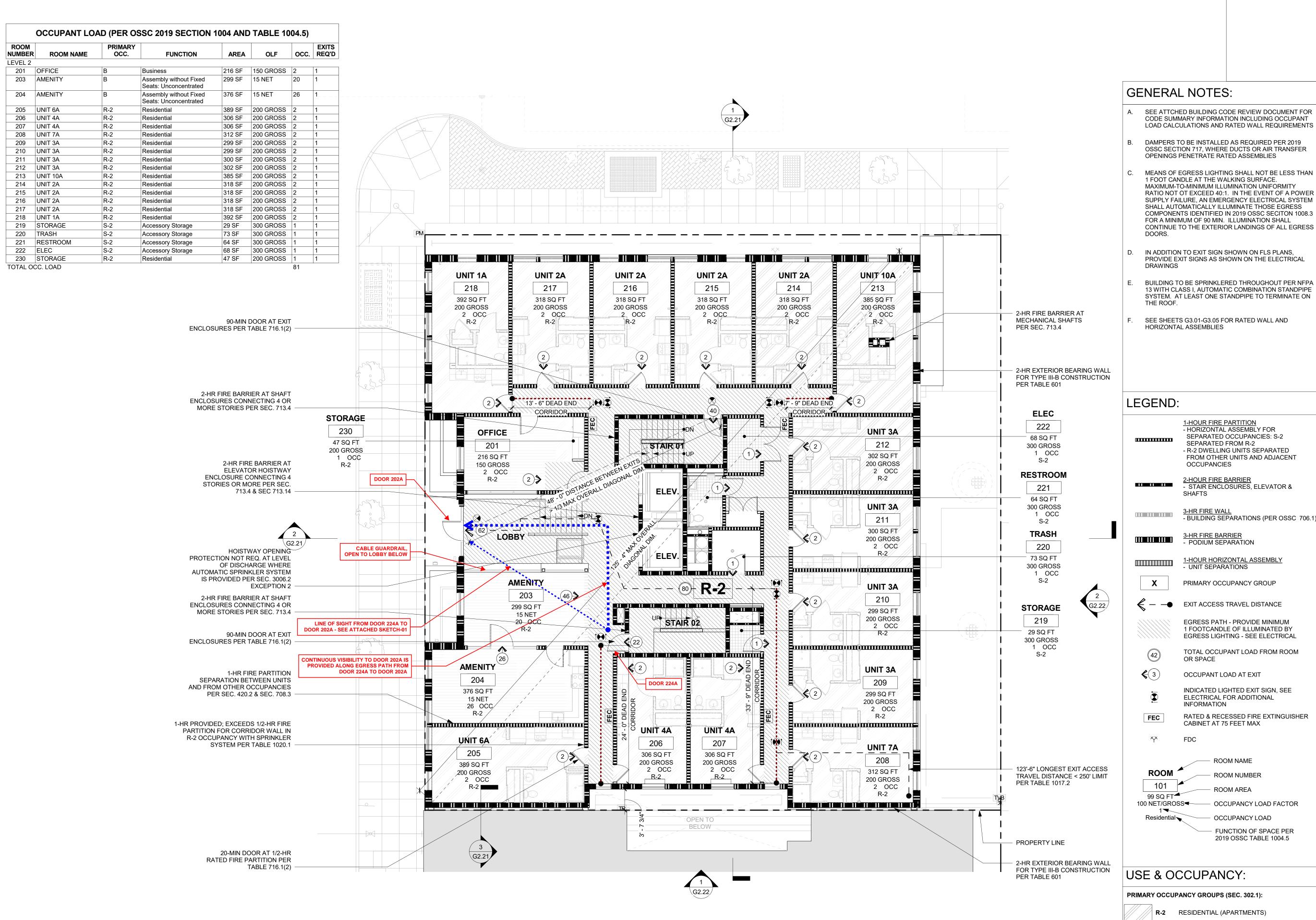


FIRE LIFE SAFETY PLAN - LEVEL 1

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

S-2 STORAGE (TRASH, WATER, FIRE, ELEC.) (ACCESSORY <10% OF FLOOR SF)

BUSINESS (BUT OCCUPANT LOAD <50 (MANAGER, RESIDENT SERVICES, OFFICES)



FIRE LIFE SAFETY PLAN - LEVEL 2

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

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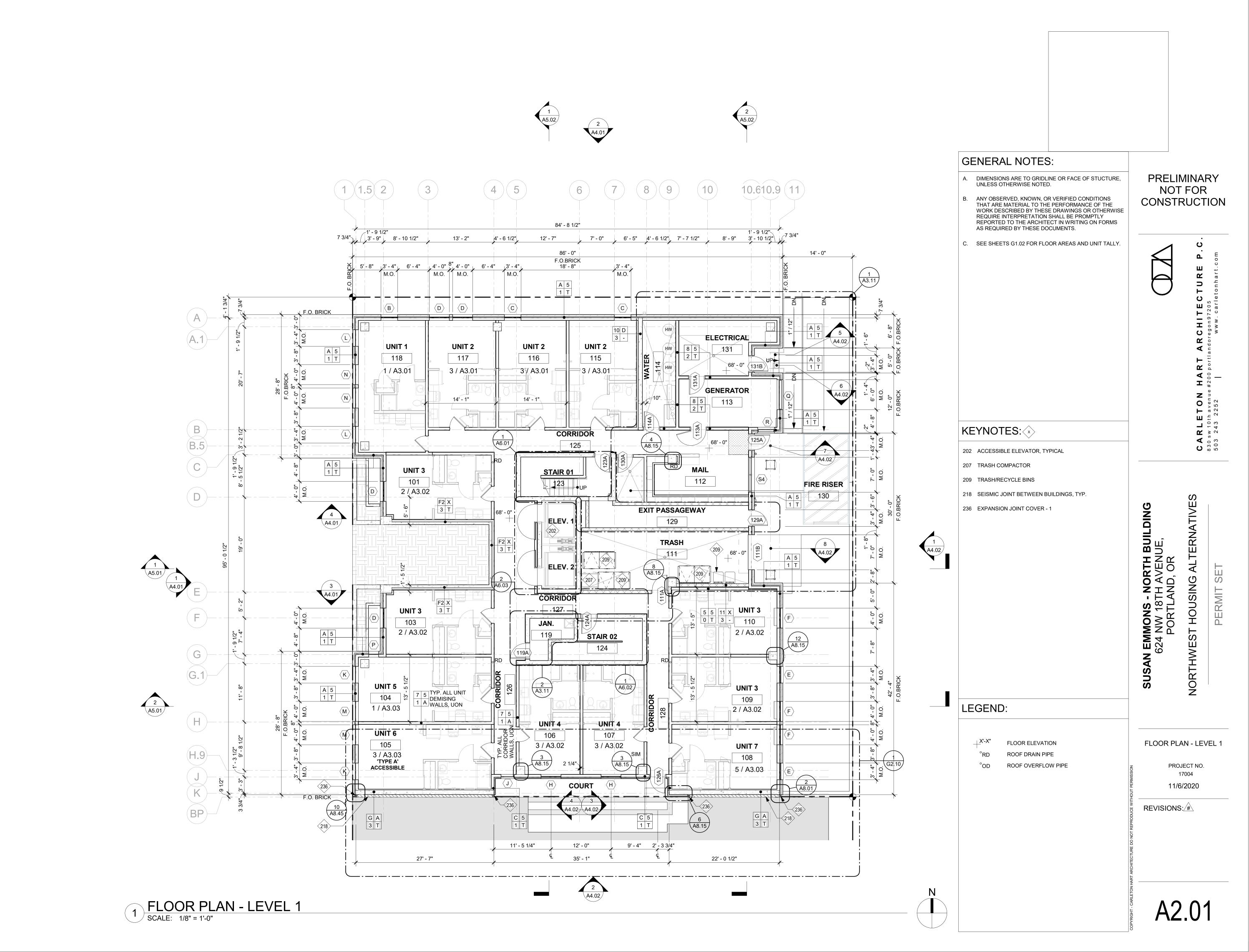
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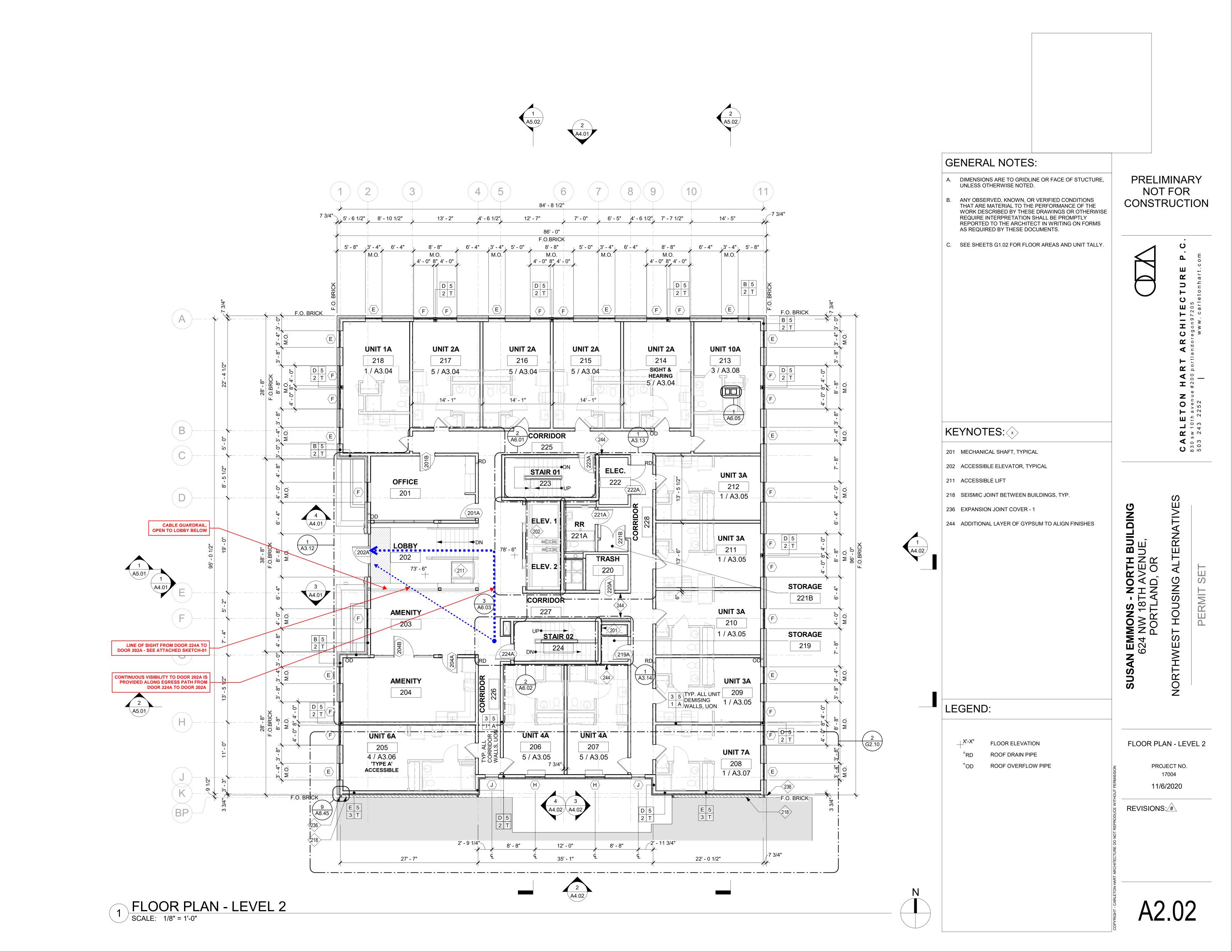
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NOTE: CLOUDED TEXT INDICATES NOTES ADDED WITH THE BUILDING **CODE APPEAL RECONSIDERATION**

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

FIRE LIFE SAFETY PLAN - LEVEL 2

APPROVED APPEAL:

VISITORS:

GENERAL NOTES:

- SEE ATTCHED BUILDING CODE REVIEW DOCUMENT FOR CODE SUMMARY INFORMATION INCLUDING OCCUPANT LOAD CALCULATIONS AND RATED WALL REQUIREMENTS
- DAMPERS TO BE INSTALLED AS REQUIRED PER 2019 OSSC SECTION 717, WHERE DUCTS OR AIR TRANSFER OPENINGS PENETRATE RATED ASSEMBLIES
- MEANS OF EGRESS LIGHTING SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN 1 FOOT CANDLE AT THE WALKING SURFACE. MAXIMUM-TO-MINIMUM ILLUMINATION UNIFORMITY RATIO NOT OT EXCEED 40:1. IN THE EVENT OF A POWER SUPPLY FAILURE, AN EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL SYSTEM SHALL AUTOMATICALLY ILLUMINATE THOSE EGRESS COMPONENTS IDENTIFIED IN 2019 OSSC SECITON 1008.3 FOR A MINIMUM OF 90 MIN. ILLUMINATION SHALL CONTINUE TO THE EXTERIOR LANDINGS OF ALL EGRESS
- IN ADDITION TO EXIT SIGN SHOWN ON FLS PLANS, PROVIDE EXIT SIGNS AS SHOWN ON THE ELECTRICAL DRAWINGS
- BUILDING TO BE SPRINKLERED THROUGHOUT PER NFPA 13 WITH CLASS I, AUTOMATIC COMBINATION STANDPIPE SYSTEM. AT LEAST ONE STANDPIPE TO TERMINATE ON THE ROOF.
- SEE SHEETS G3.01-G3.05 FOR RATED WALL AND HORIZONTAL ASSEMBLIES

LEGEND:

1-HOUR FIRE PARTITION - HORIZONTAL ASSEMBLY FOR SEPARATED OCCUPANCIES: S-2 SEPARATED FROM R-2 - R-2 DWELLING UNITS SEPARATED FROM OTHER UNITS AND ADJACENT

OCCUPANCIES

1-HOUR FIRE BARRIER - TRASH ENCLOSURES

- STAIR ENCLOSURES, ELEVATOR &

3-HR FIRE WALL
- BUILDING SEPARATIONS (PER OSSC 706.1)

3-HR FIRE BARRIER
- PODIUM SEPARATION

1-HOUR HORIZONTAL ASSEMBLY - UNIT SEPARATIONS

EXIT ACCESS TRAVEL DISTANCE

EGRESS PATH - PROVIDE MINIMUM 1 FOOTCANDLE OF ILLUMINATED BY EGRESS LIGHTING - SEE ELECTRICAL

PRIMARY OCCUPANCY GROUP

TOTAL OCCUPANT LOAD FROM ROOM OR SPACE

OCCUPANT LOAD AT EXIT INDICATED LIGHTED EXIT SIGN, SEE ELECTRICAL FOR ADDITIONAL

RATED & RECESSED FIRE EXTINGUISHER

CABINET AT 75 FEET MAX FDC

ROOM NAME **ROOM NUMBER** 99 SQ FT **ROOM AREA** 100 NET/GROSS Residential

 OCCUPANCY LOAD FACTOR - OCCUPANCY LOAD FUNCTION OF SPACE PER 2019 OSSC TABLE 1004.5

USE & OCCUPANCY:

PRIMARY OCCUPANCY GROUPS (SEC. 302.1):

R-2 RESIDENTIAL (APARTMENTS) **S-2** STORAGE (TRASH, WATER, FIRE, ELEC.) (ACCESSORY <10% OF FLOOR SF)

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