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February 4, 2022

# **VIA FACSIMILE & EMAIL**

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**RE:** Notice of Appeal

**Property Owner:** Irimar Ocean Properties, LLC

ARCOM Review # 22-035

Property Address: 726 Hi Mount Road, Palm Beach, FL

Dear Ms. Gayle-Gordon and Ms. Churney,

McDonald Hopkins, LLC has the pleasure of representing Irimar Ocean Properties, LLC ("Owner") owner of 726 Hi Mount Road ("Property"). Owner files this Notice of Appeal requesting the Town Council to approve the plans for a metal-roofed pergola on the Property as presented to the Architectural Review Commission ("ARCOM") on January 26, 2022. While ARCOM approved the pergola, it rejected the metal roof by a 7 to 0 vote. This appeal is directed to the metal roof issue, only. A copy of the ARCOM letter is attached as Exhibit A.

Owner appeals ARCOM's decision because ARCOM deviated from the criteria set forth in Section 18-205 of the Town of Palm Beach Code by not approving this portion of the proposed project on the Property. The Town of Palm Beach Planning, Zoning, and Building Department recommended that the at-issue pergola met the criteria referenced in Section 18-205 via their January 26, 2022 letter. A copy of this letter is attached for your reference as Exhibit B.

Section 18-205 is meant to preserve the high standards for architecture in the Town of Palm Beach. The architect for the Property, Jaime Torres-Cruz, specifically designed the metal roof to match the design intent of the Property. Further, he designed the metal roof with the specific intent to diffuse heat on the Property. The metal roof provides a cool and more desirable environment on the Property, which is consistent with Sections 18-205(a)(2) and 18-205(a)(4) of the Code of the Town of Palm Beach. The metal pergola does not violate any other subsection of Section 18-205(a). The submitted plans are attached for your reference as Exhibit C.

ARCOM apparently denied approval for the metal roof on a misplaced belief that it will create excessive heat. The opposite is true: metal roofs diffuse heat and will provide a covered area

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for Owner to enjoy the space free from direct sunlight and rain. *See generally*, <a href="https://www.rpsmetalroofing.com/are-metal-roofs-hotter-than-shingles/">https://www.rpsmetalroofing.com/are-metal-roofs-hotter-than-shingles/</a> [visited February 4, 2022]. The roof adds to the aesthetic beauty of the Property. The pergola is specifically designed to meet the requirements detailed in Section 18-205(a); a conclusion supported by the Town of Palm Beach Planning, Zoning, and Building Department's recommendation for approval.

Based on the foregoing, Owner respectfully requests that the Town Council approve the plans for the metal roof pergola that were presented to ARCOM on January 26, 2022. Please place this matter on the next Town Council Agenda. Please call us with any questions.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Craig S. Distel

John T. Metzger, Esq. Craig S. Distel, Esq.

Encl. as stated

cc: Irimar Ocean Properties

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# **EXHIBIT A**



# TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Planning, Zoning & Building Department

# **DEVELOPMENT ORDER (ARCOM)**

File:

ARC-22-035

Property:

726 Hi Mount Road

Meeting Date: January 26, 2022

The Architectural Commission (ARCOM) approved the modifications to previously approved two-story residence (7-0) in accordance with Section 18-205 of the Town Code with the following condition(s) to be included as part of this Development Order:

1. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall either dedicate and record a utility easement, or enter into an agreement ensuring said easement, if necessary to facilitate utility undergrounding in the area.

2. The approval shall not include the following proposed items: the solar panels, the glass railings and the metal roof over the pergola.

Provided, the applicant build substantially in accordance with the approved plans, as prepared and submitted by Fairfax & Sammons on December 13, 2021 and as approved by ARCOM, as determined by staff.

Approval of this application by the ARCOM does not relieve the owner and/or applicant from obtaining additional Town approvals as may be required, such as Town Council approval and the necessary building permits. A building permit for the work authorized under this approval must be obtained within one year from the date of approval or said approval will expire.

When requesting a building permit, the plans submitted to the Town for permit are required to be consistent with the plans approved by the Commission and modified in accordance with the conditions of approval that must be satisfied prior to permit issuance, as set forth in this Development Order. A copy of all pages of the Development Order shall be scanned into the plans submitted for building permit, and shall be located immediately after the front cover page of the permit plans.

Upon the issuance of a final Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Completion, as applicable, the project approved herein shall be maintained in accordance with the plans approved by the Commission, and shall be subject to all conditions of approval herein, unless otherwise modified by the Commission. Failure to maintain shall result in the issuance of a Code Compliance citation, and continued failure to comply may result in revocation of the Certificate of Occupancy, Completion and Business Tax Receipt.

This Development Order shall serve as the written finding of the ARCOM in accordance with Section 18-203(d).

Sincerely,

Wayne Bergman, Director of Planning, Zoning and Building, on behalf of

ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

James G. Murphy, Assistant Director of Planning, Zoning and Building cc:

Sarah C. Pardue Historic Preservation Planner

Jordan Hodges, Planner II



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PLANNING, ZONING, & BUILDING DEPARTMENT PZ&B Staff Memorandum: Architectural Commission

TO: ARCOM Chairperson and Members

FROM: Wayne Bergman, MCP, LEED-AP

Director PZ&B

SUBJECT: ARC-22-035 726 HI MOUNT RD

MEETING: January 26, 2022

ARC-22-035 726 HI MOUNT RD. The applicant, Irimar Ocean Properties LLC, has filed an application requesting Architectural Commission review and approval for modifications to a previously approved two-story single-family residence currently under construction.

Applicant: Irimar Ocean Properties, LLC

Professional: Richard Sammons / Fairfax and Sammons Representative: Jaime Torres-Cruz, Project Manager

#### HISTORY:

The single-family residence currently under construction at 726 Hi Mount Road was reviewed and approved by ARCOM at the November 2018 regular meeting per B-120-2018. The landscape and hardscape plans for the property were approved by ARCOM in January 2019.

The property was previously developed with a single-family structure, which was approved for demolition by ARCOM in August of 2017 per B-069-2017.

#### THE PROJECT:

The applicant has resubmitted plans, entitled "726 HI MOUNT ROAD", as prepared by Fairfax and Sammons, dated 12/06/2021.

The Applicant is proposing the following alterations to the previously approved plans;

- Revisions to hardscape design throughout the property.
- Installation of new solar panels.
- Installation of a new metal roof on the pergola.
- A new Bermuda roof extension.
- Revision to the previously approved reflecting pool and elimination of the raised planters.
- Revision to water garden and elimination of bridge.
- Revision to water feature at north wall.
- Relocation of A/C equipment.
- · A new trash enclosure.
- Installation of a new door at pool equipment room.
- Installation of a new raised planter at south side of pool.

- Elimination of piers and change of railing design at upper terrace, center section.
- · Change low wall to railings at library terrace.
- Enlarge library terrace fountain.
- · Revised skylight design.
- · New window proposed at north wall bathroom.
- Change of BBQ terrace wood lattice to metal and glass screen.
- Revision to chimney cap design.
- Revision to door design at Equipment Room #2.
- · Change of stone cladding to scored stucco at basement level.
- Change to metal railing design.
- · New wood gates at driveway and Lake Trail to replace existing.
- New opening at pool loggia.

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# **ARCOM CRITERIA SEC. 18-205**

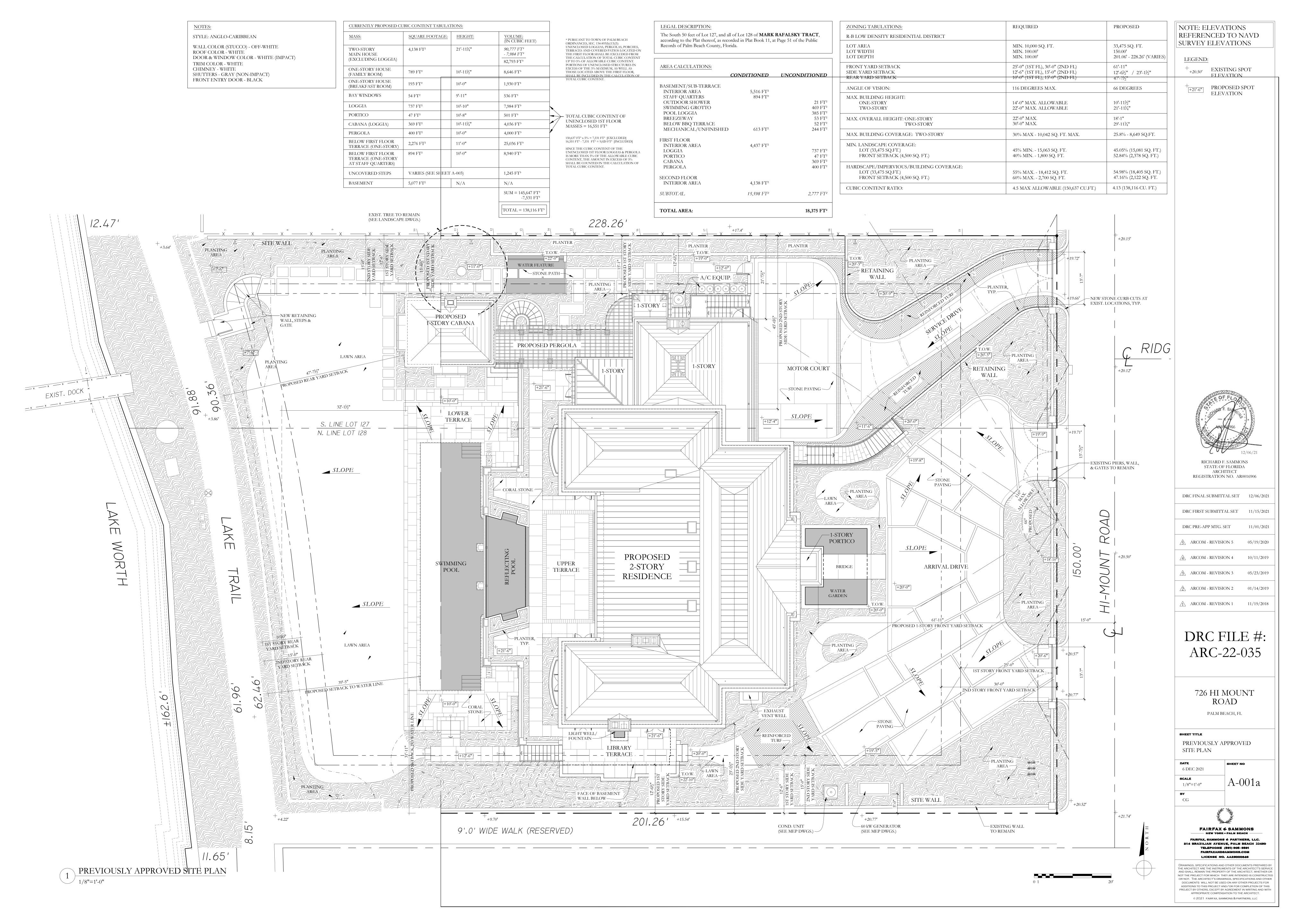
- (a) The architectural commission may approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove the issuance of a building permit in any matter subject to its jurisdiction only after consideration of whether the following criteria are complied with:
  - (1) The plan for the proposed building or structure is in conformity with good taste and design and in general contributes to the image of the town as a place of beauty, spaciousness, balance, taste, fitness, charm and high quality.
  - (2) The plan for the proposed building or structure indicates the manner in which the structures are reasonably protected against external and internal noise, vibrations, and other factors that may tend to make the environment less desirable.
  - (3) The proposed building or structure is not, in its exterior design and appearance, of inferior quality such as to cause the nature of the local environment to materially depreciate in appearance and value.
  - (4) The proposed building or structure is in harmony with the proposed developments on land in the general area, with the comprehensive plan for the town, and with any precise plans adopted pursuant to the comprehensive plan.
  - (5) The proposed building or structure is not excessively similar to any other structure existing or for which a permit has been issued or to any other structure included in the same permit application within 200 feet of the proposed site in respect to one or more of the following features of exterior design and appearance:
    - a. Apparently visibly identical front or side elevations;
    - Substantially identical size and arrangement of either doors, windows, porticos or other openings or breaks in the elevation facing the street, including reverse arrangement; or
    - c. Other significant identical features of design such as, but not limited to, material, roof line and height of other design elements.
  - (6) The proposed building or structure is not excessively dissimilar in relation to any other structure existing or for which a permit has been issued or to any other structure included in the same permit application within 200 feet of the proposed site in respect to one or more of the following features:
    - a. Height of building or height of roof.
    - Other significant design features including, but not limited to, materials or quality of architectural design.
    - c. Architectural compatibility.

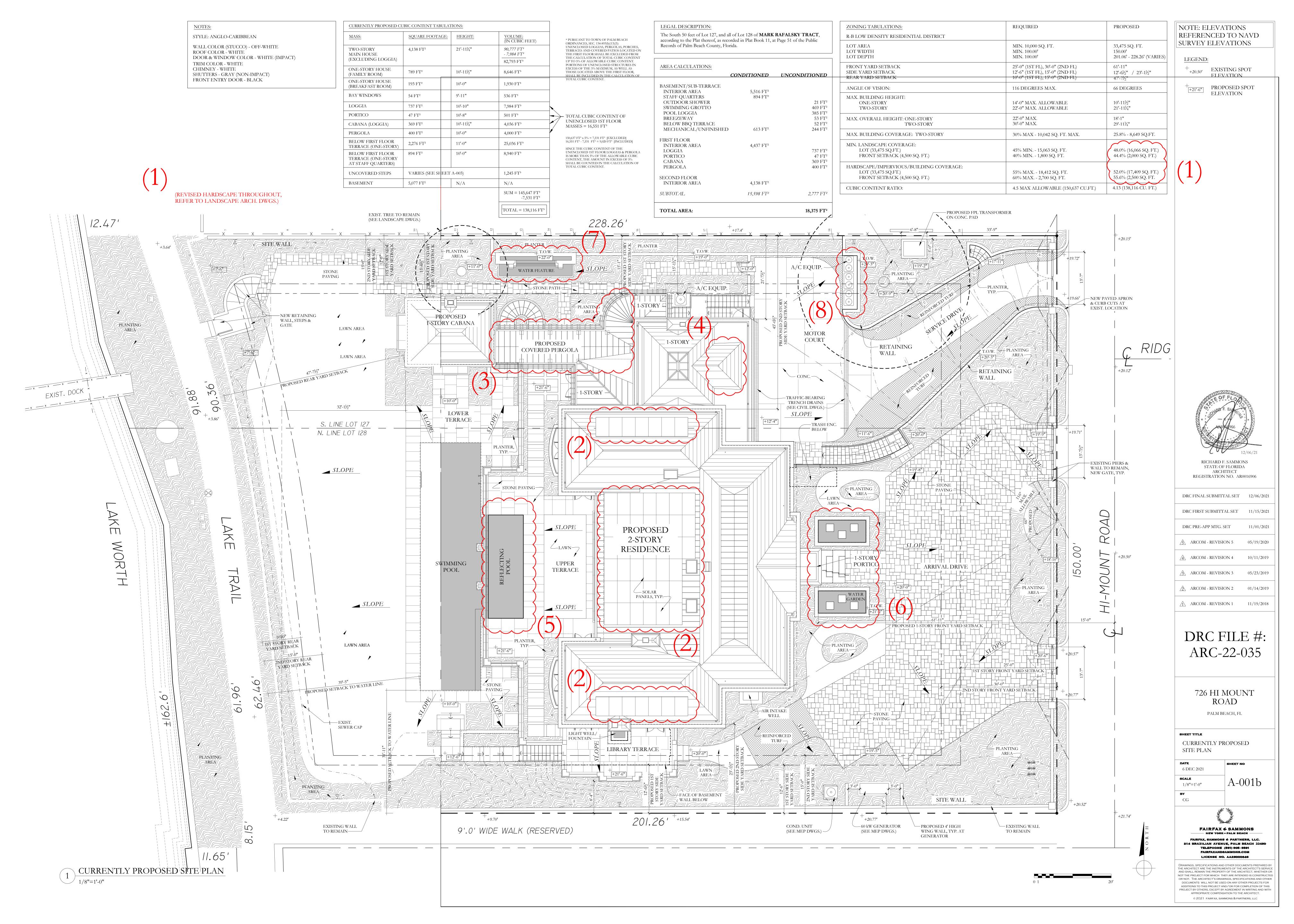
- d. Arrangement of the components of the structure.
- e. Appearance of mass from the street or from any perspective visible to the public or adjoining property owners.
- f. Diversity of design that is complimentary with size and massing of adjacent properties.
- g. Design features that will avoid the appearance of mass through improper proportions.
- h. Design elements that protect the privacy of neighboring property.
- (7) The proposed addition or accessory structure is subservient in style and massing to the principal or main structure.
- (8) The proposed building or structure is appropriate in relation to the established character of other structures in the immediate area or neighboring areas in respect to significant design features such as material or quality or architectural design as viewed from any public or private way (except alleys).
- (9) The proposed development is in conformity with the standards of this Code and other applicable ordinances insofar as the location and appearance of the buildings and structures are involved.
- (10) The project's location and design adequately protects unique site characteristics such as those related to scenic views, rock outcroppings, natural vistas, waterways, and similar features.

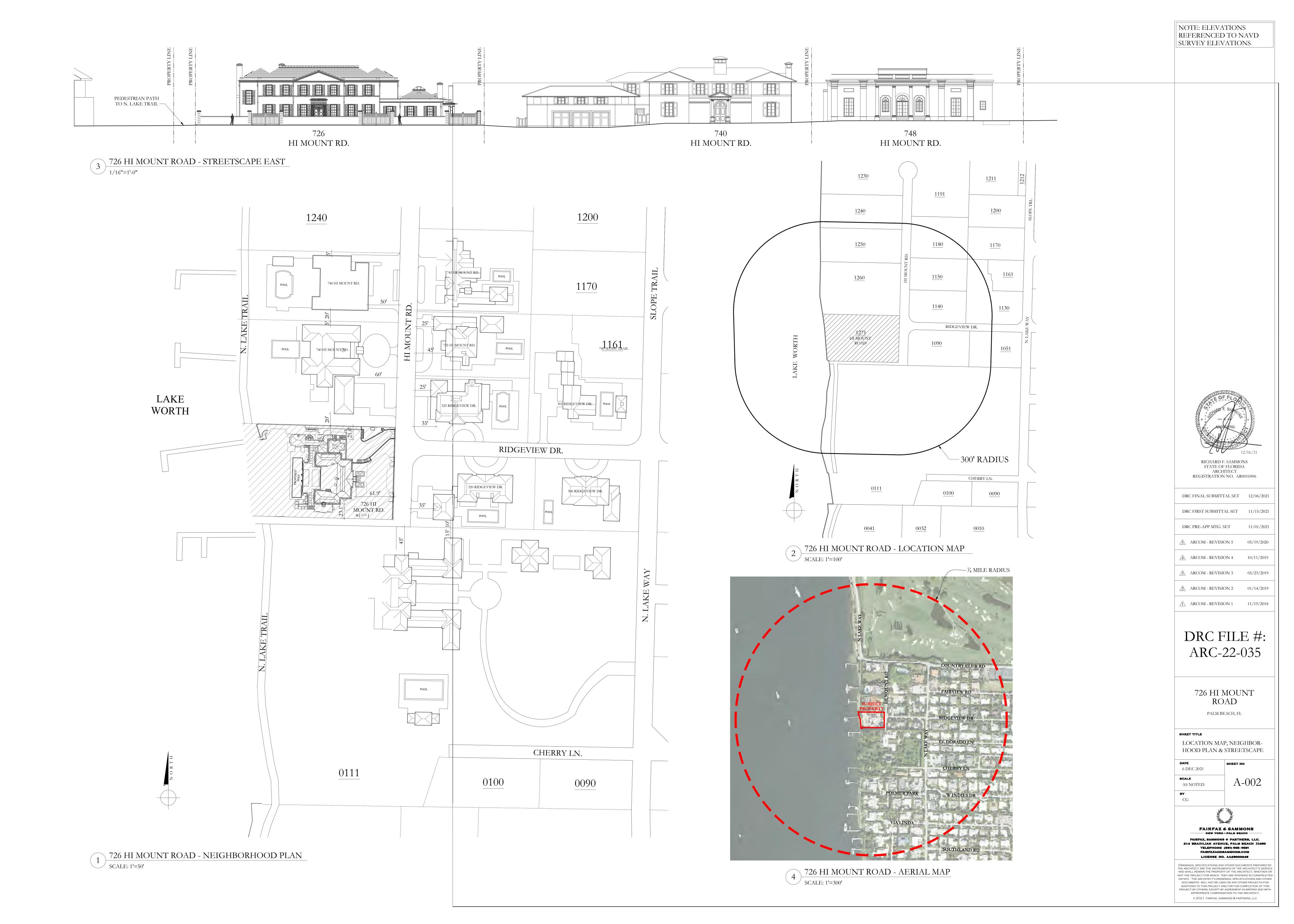
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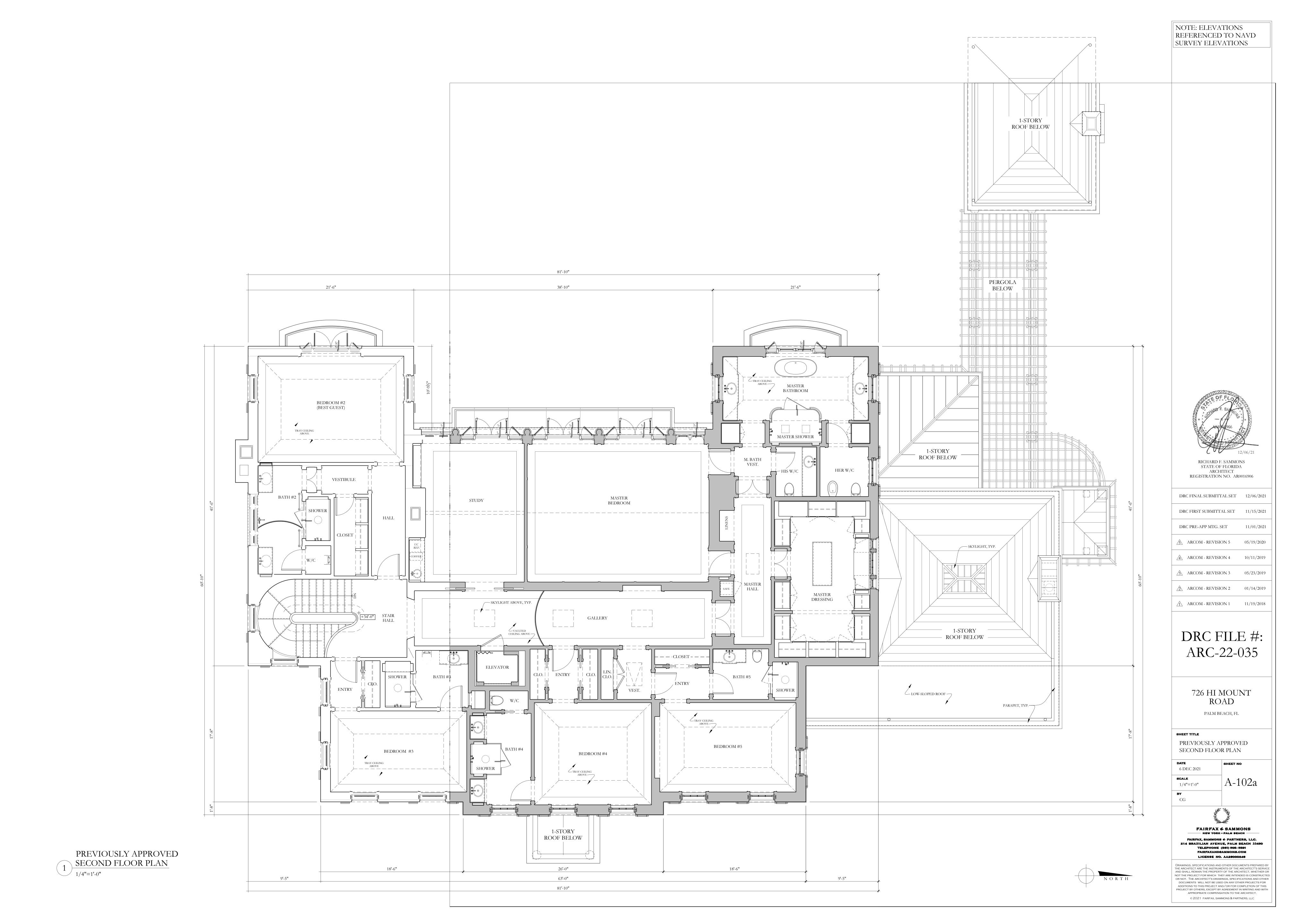
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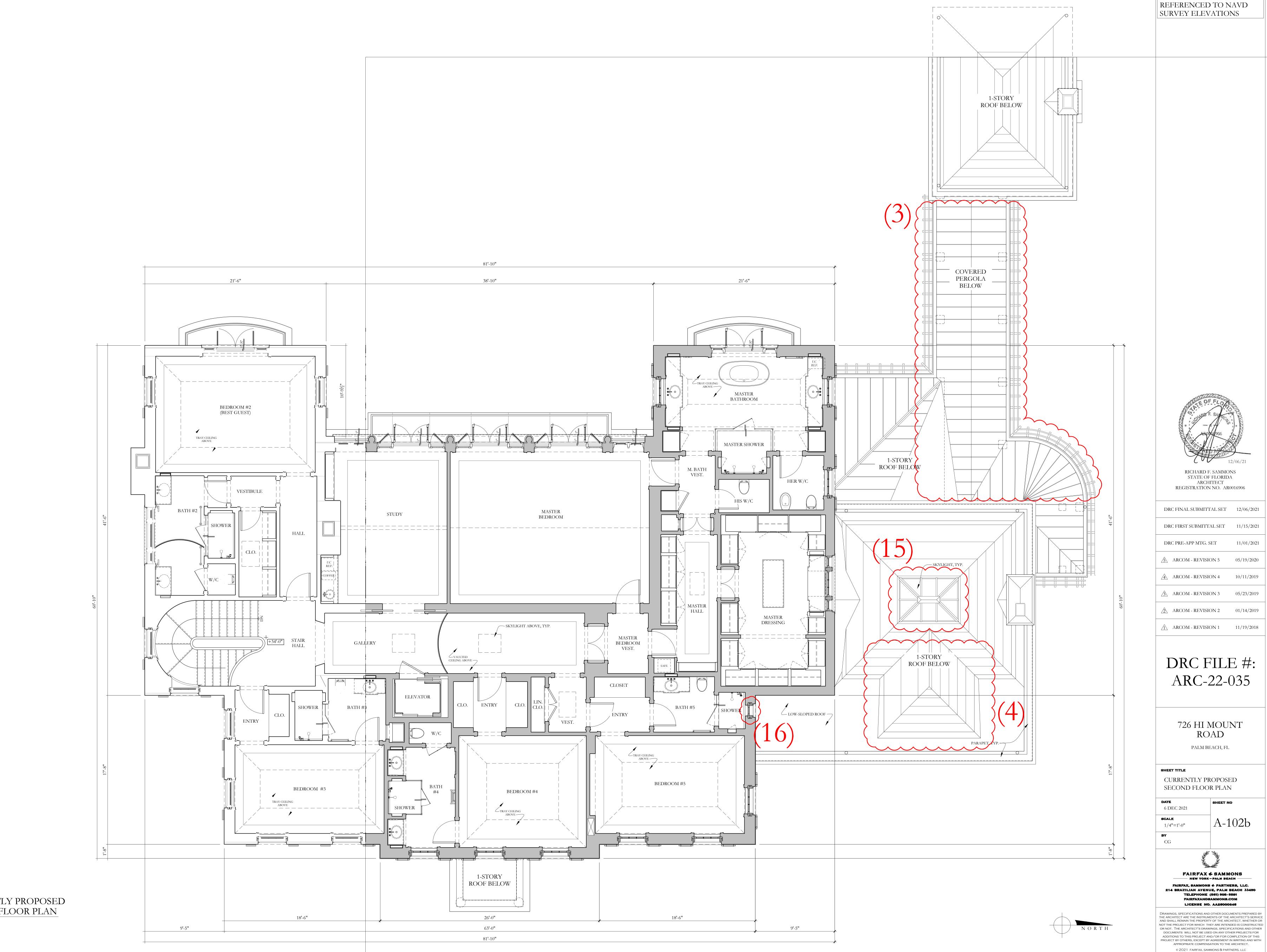
This application is presented to the Commission to consider whether all of the criteria in Sec. 18-205 have been met. A preliminary review of the project indicates that the application, as proposed, appears to be consistent with the Town code.











NOTE: ELEVATIONS







Scale: 1/8" = 1'





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