

January 22, 2024

City of Stamford Zoning Board c/o Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau Chief 888 Washington Boulevard Stamford, CT 06901

Re: 74 & 96 Broad Street

Zone Map Change application

Dear Mr. Blessing and Board Members,

As discussed, on behalf of GBR Broad & Summer LLC and Rubford LLC (owners of 74 Broad Street), enclosed please find applications and supportive materials to facilitate a Zone Map Change from C-L to C-G relating to 74 Broad Street and a sliver of property on the Ferguson Library, 96 Broad Street. Application details are described further in the attached Project Narrative and reflected in the enclosed materials.

In support of the applications, enclosed please find:

- 1. A check in the amount of \$2,060 for:
 - Zone Change Fee; \$1,060; and
 - Zoning Board Public Hearing Fee: \$1,000.
 - Zoning Map Change Application form:
- 2. Project Narrative;
- 3. Owners List;
- 4. Aerial Exhibit:
- 5. Zone Change Exhibit;
- 6. Zone Change Description;
- 7. Site Demonstration Exhibit;
- 8. Property Survey; and
- 9. Letter of Authorization.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments. We look forward to continuing to work with you and the Planning & Zoning Boards.

Sincerely

Richard W. Redniss, FAICP

Enclosures

CC: Team

Interested Parties



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Dear Mr. Blessing,

Please let this letter serve as our formal request for members of the consultant team to speak, should the Planning Board have any questions for the applicant at the forthcoming referral meeting on the proposed Zone Map Change application. Please let us know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Redniss, FAICP

Enclosures

CC: V. Mathur, Principal Planner

\$1,060.00



Fee Schedule

Map Change (Affected Area of 1 Acre or Less)

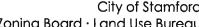
community by registered mail within 7 days of receipt of application – PA 87-307).

APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN THE ZONING MAP OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

Complete, notorize, and forward thirteen (13) hard copies and (1) electronic copy in PDF format to Clerk of the Zoning Board with a \$1,000.00 Public Hearing Fee and the required application filing fee (see Fee Schedule below), payable to the City of Stamford.

NOTE: Cost of required Public Hearing advertisements are payable by the Applicant and performance of mailing of required property owners is the sole responsibility of the applicant. **LAND RECORDS RECORDING FEE**: \$60.00 for First page - \$5.00 for each additional page)

\$1.060.00 + \$2,000 per acre or portion Map Change (Affected Area of greater than 1 Acre) thereof in excess of 1 acre APPLICANT NAME (S): GBR BROAD & SUMMER LLC & RUBFORD LLC (owner) APPLICANT ADDRESS: <u>c/o Redniss & Mead 22 First Street - Stamford, CT 0</u>6902 APPLICANT PHONE #: <u>c/o 203-327-0500</u> IS APPLICANT AN OWNER OF PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD? Yes, 74 Broad Street PRESENT ZONING DISTRICT: _____C-L PROPOSED ZONING DISTRICT: ____C-G LOCATION OF PROPOSED CHANGE: (Give boundaries of each parcel in proposed change and indicate dimensions from nearest intersecting street. Also include Assessor's Card number and Town Clerk's Block number, and square footage of land. Attach twelve (12) copies of map showing area proposed for change.) Please see attached Zone Change Description LIST NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE OWNERS OF ALL LAND INCLUDED WITHIN THE PROPOSED CHANGE: NAME & ADDRESS LOCATION Please see attached Owners List ARE THERE DEED RESTRICTIONS THAT CONFLICT WITH THE PROPOSED ZONE DISTRICT FOR THIS PROPERTY? n/a IF YES, LIST REFERENCE TO TOWN CLERK BOOK & PAGE #: _ DOES ANY PORTION OF THE PREMISES AFFECTED BY THIS APPLICATION LIE WITHIN 500 FEET OF THE BORDER LINE WITH GREENWICH, DARIEN OR NEW CANAAN? __ No _(If yes, notification must be sent to Town Clerk of neighboring





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Project Narrative 74 & 96 Broad Street Zone Map Change January 22, 2024

1. Introduction/Background

GBR Broad & Summer LLC and Rubford LLC and ("collectively owner and applicant") is planning to unify their existing split zoned property from C-G (General Commercial) and C-L (Limited Business) to be wholly within the C-G. This site is one of the last properties fronting Broad Street, in Downtown, that is split zoned (a sliver of C-L property next door on the Ferguson Library is also included in this application). The applicant is in talks with local developers to potentially redevelop this site into a midrise residential building. Burlington, the existing tenant, is moving to Ridgeway Shopping Center. This is an opportunity to implement an important Master Plan goal (5B.4) that "inward looking retail centers should be prohibited".

2. Surrounding Area

The surrounding area consists of C-C (Central City) to the south, C-G (General Commercial) to the east and west and C-L (Limited Business) to the north – all within Master Plan Category 11 (Downtown). The property is within the heart of downtown and in walking distance to UCONN, Target, Mill River Park, Veterans Park, Stamford Town Center, Ferguson Library, Stamford Transit Center, etc.

3. Project Area and History

The overall property is approximately 73,100SF with frontage on Broad and Summer Street, within Master Plan Category 11 (Downtown), and improved with a 123,000SF± retail building constructed in 1965. The building contains 2 levels of parking (240 spaces) above a basement and first floor and has historically been used as a retail.

4. Action Items

To facilitate the potential residential opportunity, with pedestrian oriented frontage at this important downtown corner, we have filed an application with the Zoning Board for a Zoning Map Change. The proposed change will put the rear 30% of the property in the same zoning district as the other 70%.

This change will enable the logical extension of C-G to unify the design standards of the site and potentially provide much needed market and affordable housing to the Downtown. This opportunity is similar to the recently approved residential building at 150 Broad Street (The Asher).



If approved, applications for Site & Architectural Plans and Special Permit will follow. All site and architectural design details will be further articulated at that time.

5. Conclusions

The proposed Zone Map Change will advance many goals and objectives of the Master Plan, by providing for and protecting an intensive, pedestrian-oriented mixed-use district, including:

- a) **3C.3** Maintain the affordable housing stock to ensure that people who work in Stamford can afford to live in Stamford.
- b) **5A.1** Concentrate regional office, retail and entertainment uses and high-density residential development in the Downtown.
- c) **5B.1** Improve pedestrian connectivity within Downtown and between Downtown and adjacent neighborhoods.
- d) **5B.2** Implement streetscape and traffic calming improvements Downtown.
- e) **5B.3** Encourage quality urban design that relates well to streets and people.
- f) 5B.4: Emphasize ground floor retail and pedestrian activity. The intent of this strategy is to enhance the vitality of the Downtown and South End by encouraging street activity. Key elements of this strategy include sidewalks lined with storefronts, trees and on-street parking. The majority of ground-floor space should be devoted to active uses, including stores and cultural uses, facing the sidewalk. These spaces should be transparent; inward looking retail centers should be prohibited. Multistory retail should be conditioned on sidewalk entries served with escalators or elevators. Outdoor dining should be encouraged.
- g) **6B**: Preserve Existing and Create New Affordable Housing.
- h) **6C.2**: Promote development of a variety of housing types.
- i) **7I.3:** Shared parking





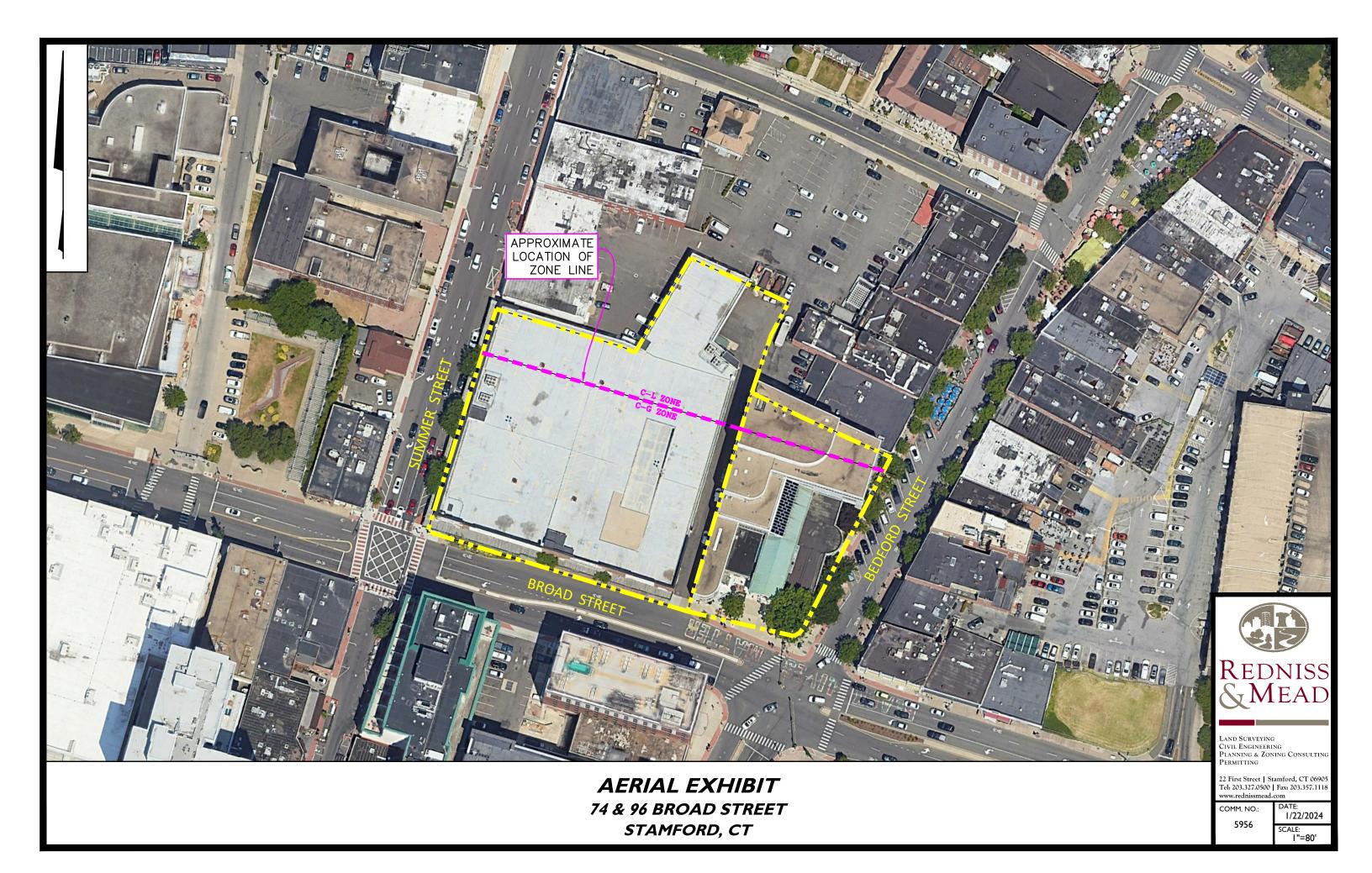
Owner List 74 & 96 Broad Street Zone Map Change Application January 22, 2024

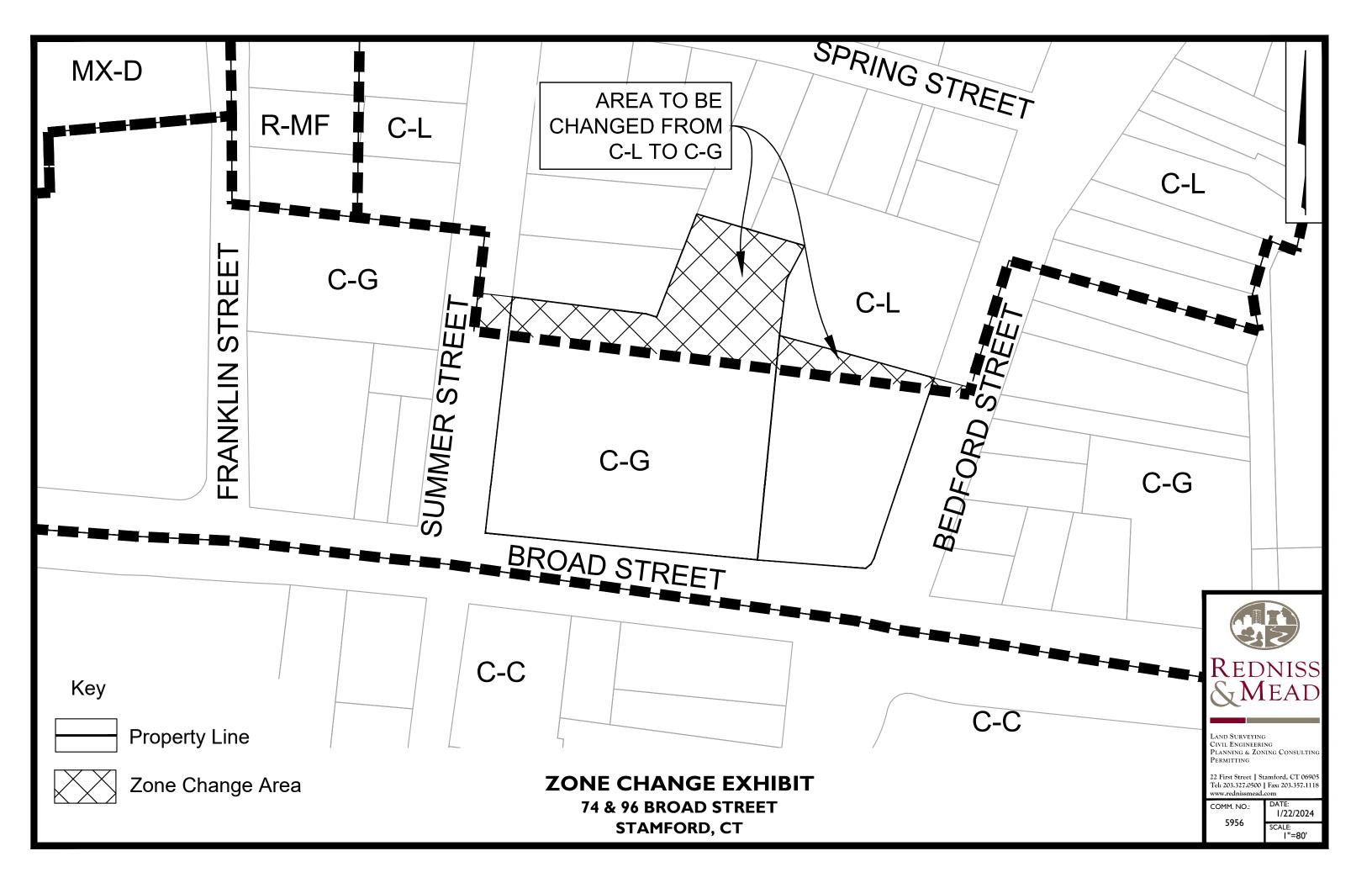
74 Broad Street

RUBFORD LLC GBR BROAD & SUMMER LLC 150 WHITE PLAINS RD TERRYTOWN, NY 10591

96 Broad Street

FERGUSON LIBRARY 888 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD STAMFORD, CT 99999-0000





Zone Change Description 74 & 96 Broad Street Zone Map Change Application January 22, 2024

Block #: 235

Area: $22,000 \text{ SF} \pm \text{(excludes } 1,300 \text{ sf of portion of Summer Street right-of-way along site}$

frontage)

DESCRIPTION OF AREA OF ZONE CHANGE FROM C-L (LIMITED BUSINESS) TO C-G (GENERAL COMMERCIAL):

Including portions of properties commonly known as 74 Broad Street (Assessor #000-9303) and 96 Broad Street (Assessor #002-6557); located in the City of Stamford, and generally described as follows:

Beginning at the southwest corner of 441 Summer Street (Assessor #002-2817), said the boundary of the subject land travels as follows:

Easterly: $144' \pm \text{along land n/f of Summer East Holdings, LLC (441 Summer East Holdings)}$

Street);

Northerly: 109'± along said land n/f of Summer East Holdings (441 Summer

Street), LLC and land n/f of Summer East Holdings, LLC (457

Summer Street) each in part;

Easterly: 107'± along said land n/f of Summer East Holdings (457 Summer

Street) and land n/f of Bedford West Holdings, LLC (120 Bedford

Street) each in part;

Southerly: 97'± along said land n/f of Bedford West Holdings, LLC (120 Bedford

Street);

Easterly: 159'± by said land n/f of Bedford West Holdings, LLC (120 Bedford

Street);

Southerly: $15' \pm \text{ by the westerly side of Bedford Street}$;

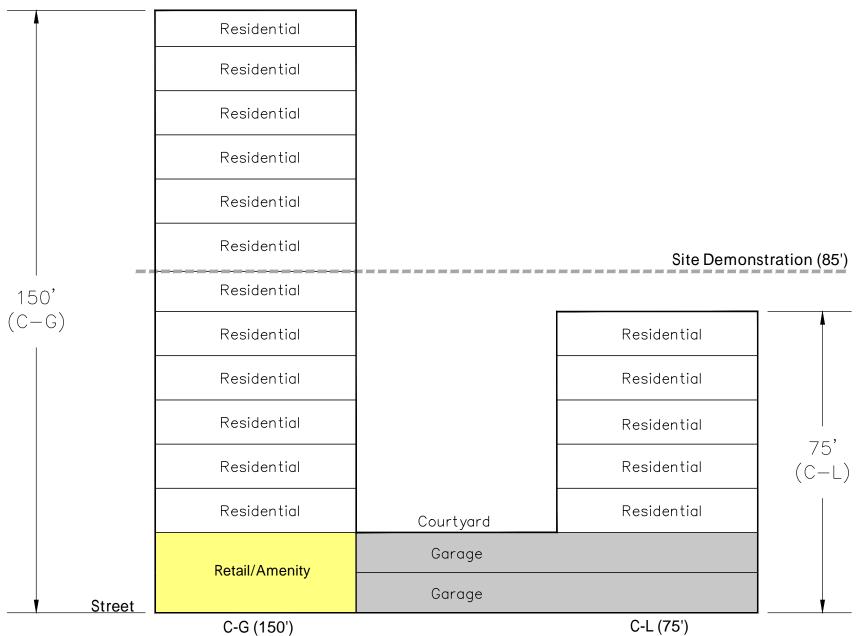
Westerly: 416'± through land n/f of Ferguson Library (96 Broad Street) and

Rubford 3/9 ET AL and GBR Broad & Summer LLC (74 Broad

Street), each in part to the midpoint of Summer Street;

Northerly: $45'\pm$ along the easterly side of Summer Street to the point of beginning;

Height and Bulk Demonstration Exhibit 74 Broad Street



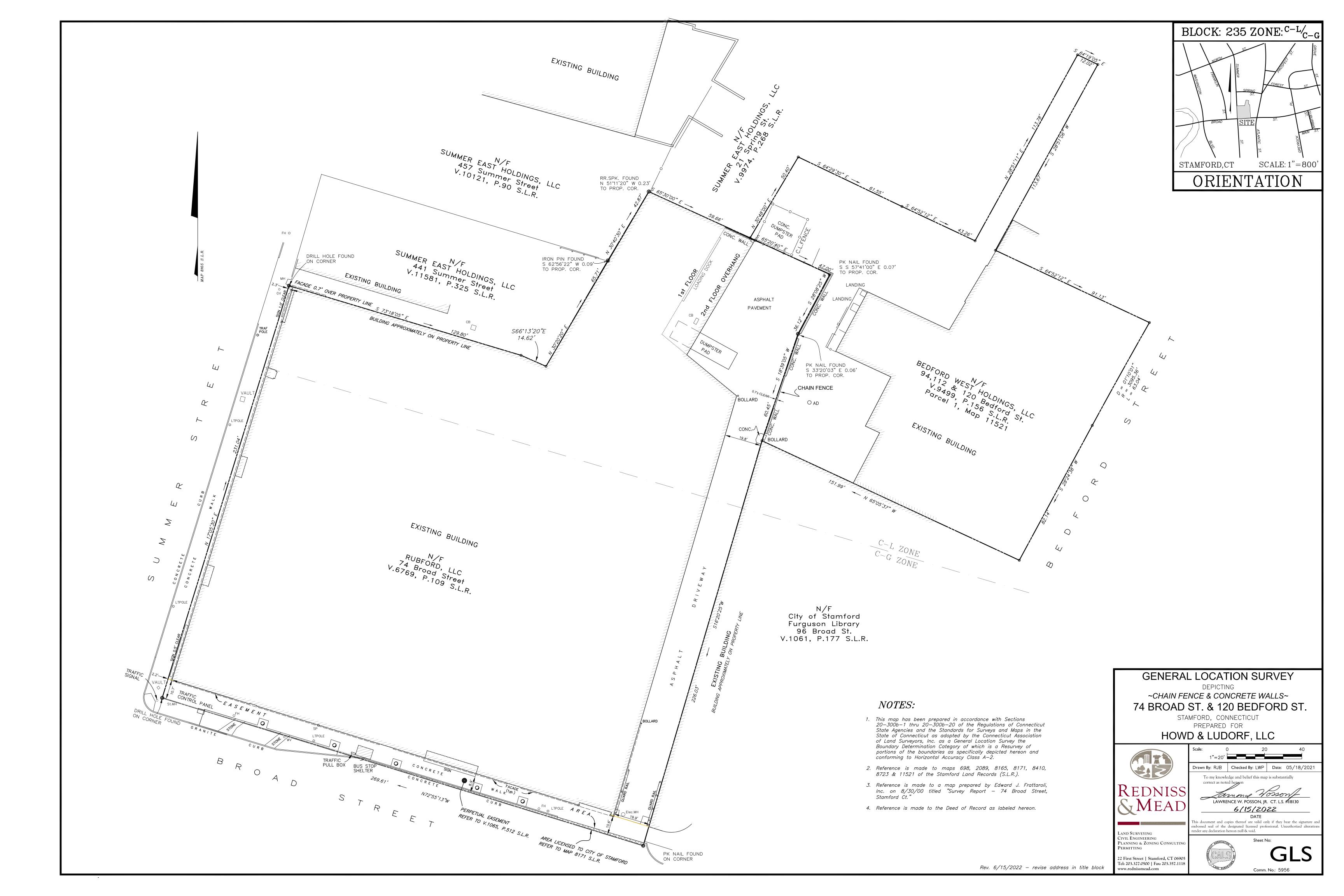
74 Broad Street- Zoning Comparison

Standard ¹	Existing Site	Permitted ^{1,3} Mixed C-L/C-G	Permitted ^{2,3} C-G	Demonstration ⁴
Max Building Height	30'± (estimated)	75'/150'	150'	85'±
Max Building Coverage	61,487	CL: 11,464 <u>CG: 50,170</u> 61,634	73,100	CL: 17,000 CG: 48,000 65,000
Max Commercial FAR	122,974	138,159	160,820	7,500±
Max Dwelling Units	0	270	330	290±

Notes

- 1. Existing site area of 22,929 sf in CL + 50,170 in CG
- 2. Assumes entire site in C-G zone
- 3. Assumes Special Permit premiums are obtained
- 4. Approximate design/bulk based (pro rata) on recently completed C-G design (150 Broad Street "The Asher")





GBR BROAD AND SUMMER LLC c/o Gibraltar Management Co., Inc. 150 White Plains Road, Ste. 400 Tarrytown, NY 10591 (914) 631-6200

January 19, 2024

City of Stamford Planning & Zoning Boards c/o Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau Chief 888 Washington Boulevard Stamford, CT 06901

Re: 74 Broad Street (000-9303) - Stamford, CT

Dear Mr. Blessing:

This letter serves to authorize Redniss & Mead, Inc. (with offices at 22 First Street in Stamford, CT) to act as our agent in connection with the preparing, filing, and processing of applications required for Planning and Zoning approvals relating to the above referenced property.

Thank you for your acknowledgement of said authority.

Sincerely,

GBR BROAD AND SUMMER LLC.

By:

Loomis J. Grossman, Jr., As Manager

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