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Ms. Theresa Dell, Chair, Planning Board

RE:

<u>Application 223-42 -208 West Avenue LLC, 208 West Avenue, Stamford, CT -Map Change –</u> Applicant is proposing to rezone 208 West Avenue from the current R-MF (Residential Multi Family) to proposed NX-D (Neighborhood Mixed Use Design District).

Dear Ms. Dell:

In accordance with Section C6-40-10 of the Charter of the City of Stamford, the above captioned Application for a Map Change is hereby referred to the Planning Board of the City of Stamford for its advisory report.

A public hearing has not yet been scheduled. Referral comments should be filed with the Zoning Board Office by **December 4, 2023.** 

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (203) 977-4716.

Sincerely,

Vineeta Mathur Principal Planner

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March 8, 2024

#### Jason A. Klein

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## VIA EMAIL + HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Lindsey Cohen Associate Planner City of Stamford Land Use Department 888 Washington Boulevard Stamford, Connecticut 06901

Re: 208 West Avenue LLC (the "Applicant")

208 West Avenue, Stamford, CT (Parcel ID No. 001-5737) (the "Property")

**Zoning Board Application Nos 223-42 (Zone Change Applications)** 

Dear Ms. Cohen:

Our firm represents 208 West Avenue LLC (the "<u>Applicant</u>"), the owner of the property located at 208 West Avenue, Stamford, CT (the "<u>Property</u>"). The Property is 5,040 sf acres, located in the R-MF Zone, and is currently vacant. The Property is adjacent to a Self-Storage Facility located at 11 Leon Place, which is owned by an entity related to the Applicant. The Self-Storage Facility is located in the NX-D Zone.

In October 2023, the Applicant filed the above-referenced Text Amendment and Zone Map Change Applications, with the intention of rezoning the Property to the NX-D Zone. The companion Text Change Application would facilitate the construction of additional self-storage space on the Property.

Since filing these applications, the Applicant has refined its future plans for the Property. Specifically, the Applicant no longer intends to redevelop the Property for self-storage use, but instead anticipates building a multifamily building on the Property containing nine (9) apartment homes, and consolidating it with the adjacent property at 11 Leon Place. Rezoning the Property to the NX-D Zone will facilitate the construction of this building, and is in keeping with various City goals and polices as outlined in the following revised application materials. In addition to revisiting its vision for the Property, the Applicant hereby withdraws Application 223-41.

In connection with the application, please find enclosed the following materials:

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  - o Schedule A Qualitative Analysis, revised to March 8, 2024;
  - o An exhibit prepared by Edward J. Fratarroli, Inc. dated September 2023, titled "Zone Change, Fig. No. 1;" and
  - o A legal description of the proposed rezoning.
- 8 copies of conceptual plans prepared by AWA Design Group, PC, dated March 05, 2024, titled:
  - o "Zoning Data, SK-1;"



- o "Site Plan, Floor Plan, SK-2;" and
- o "Site Plan, Floor Plan, SK-2."

As always, thank you for your time and attention regarding this matter. It is my understanding that the Planning Board will be conducting a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. I kindly ask that members of our project team and I be given the opportunity to make a brief presentation regarding this application to the Planning Board at that time.

Sincerely,

Jay Klein

Jason A. Klein

Enclosures.



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**Change Applications**)

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As always, thank you for your time and attention regarding this matter. We look forward to advice as to when the Zoning Board will hold a public hearing on the enclosed applications.

Sincerely,

Jay Klein

Jason A. Klein

Enclosures.

cc: R. Blessing

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Fee Schedule

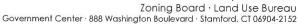
## APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN THE ZONING MAP OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

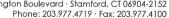
Complete, notorize, and forward thirteen (13) hard copies and (1) electronic copy in PDF format to Clerk of the Zoning Board with a \$1,000.00 Public Hearing Fee and the required application filing fee (see Fee Schedule below), payable to the City of Stamford.

**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)

	Map Change (A	ffected Area of 1 Acre or Less)		\$1,060.00					
	Map Change (Af	fected Area of greater than 1 Acre)		\$1,060.00 + \$2,000 per acre or portion thereof in excess of 1 acre					
APPLICAN	IT NAME (S):	208 West Avenue LLC							
APPLICAN	IT ADDRESS:	c/o Agent: Carmody Law, Attn: Jason Klein, 1055 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT 06901							
101.00	T PHONE #:	203-252-2669							
IS APPLIC	ANT AN OWNE	R OF PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF S	STAMFORD?						
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NOTE: The application cannot be scheduled for public hearing until 35 days have elapsed from the date of referral to the Stamford Planning Board. If applicant wishes to withdraw the application, this must be done in writing, and be received by the Zoning Board at least three (3) working days prior to public hearing in order to provide sufficient time to publicize the withdrawal. Applications withdrawn less than three (3) days prior to a schedule hearing date will not be rescheduled within 90 STATE OF CONNECTICUT ss STAMFORD COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD Javan Personally appeared signer of the foregoing application, who made oath to the truth of the contents thereof, before me. FOR OFFICE USE ONLY APPL. #: 223-42 Received in the office of the Zoning Board: Date: \_\_\_

Revised 04/30/20

## Zone Change – Area Descriptions

## Land to be changed from R-MF to NX-D:

Block #: 30 Area: 5,024± SF

## Description:

Northerly: 125'± beginning at the centerline of West Avenue, through West Avenue and by land now

or formerly land of Jhon Alvarracin at 208 West Avenue, each in part;

Easterly: 40'± by land now or formerly land of Empire Storage, LLC at 11 Leon Place;

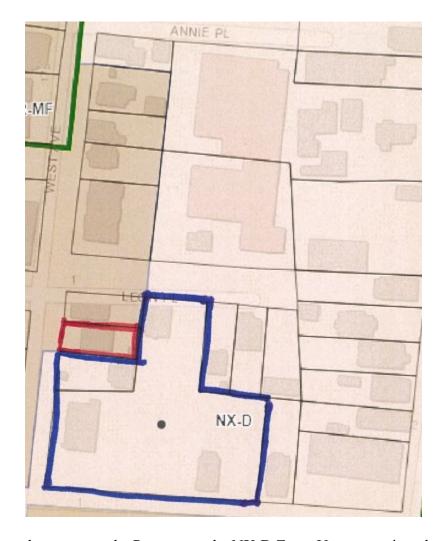
Southerly: 125'± by land now or formerly land of 212 West Ave LLC at 212 West Avenue and

through West Avenue to the centerline of said West Avenue, each in part; and Westerly: 40'± along the centerline of West Avenue, to the point of beginning.

## **SCHEDULE A – QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS**

## Map Change to Amend Zoning Map to Rezone 208 West Avenue to the NX-D Zone

208 West Avenue LLC (the "Applicant") is the owner of the property located at 208 West Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut (the "Property"). The Property is approximately 4,000+/- sf and is located on the east side of West Avenue in the R-MF Zone. The Property is vacant, and adjacent to a Self-Storage Facility located at 11 Leon Place, Stamford, CT ("11 Leon Place"), which is owned by an entity related to the Applicant. The Property is directly adjacent to the NX-D Zone, which the Self-Storage Facility is located in. The below excerpt of the Stamford Zoning Map depicts the Property (bounded in red) and 11 Leon Place (bounded in blue).



The Applicant seeks to rezone the Property to the NX-D Zone. Upon rezoning, the Applicant will seek Land Use Bureau approval to permit the construction of a modest 4,554+/- sf addition of the adjacent Self-Storage Facility. The Property will be consolidated into and made part of the adjacent parcel at 11 Leon Place as part of this addition. A Concept Plan depicting the location proposed addition is below.

Page **1** of **4** 



## Applicable Areas

The proposed Zone Map Change impacts the Property as shown on enclosed Zone Map Change Exhibit prepared by Edward J. Frattaroli, Inc., entitled "Zone Change, Fig. No. 1."

## Conformance with the Master Plan Objectives

The proposed changes promote several policies and objectives of the Master Plan, including:

• "Continue to pursue a balance of uses that promote vibrancy and economic vitality."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Master Plan, pg. 57.

• "Policy 3A: increase Economic Diversity and Resiliency."<sup>2</sup>

## **Mobility**

Rezoning the Property will have no adverse impact on mobility along West Avenue. In fact, by facilitating the consolidation of the Property into the adjacent Self-Storage Facility at 11 Leon Place, the proposed Zone Map Change will eliminate the need for a curb cut that would otherwise likely be required if the Property were to be redeveloped as a stand-alone parcel within the R-MF Zone.

#### Housing

No adverse impact.

#### Schools and Community Facilities

No adverse impact.

#### Infrastructure

Under the standards of the NX-D Zone, the construction of new buildings on the Property would likely require Site Plan or Special Permit review by the Zoning Board. This level of review will determine whether existing infrastructure can serve a proposed development, or if any. modifications are necessary.

#### **Public Safety**

No adverse impact.

#### Parks and Open Space

No adverse impact.

#### Environmentally Sensitive Area

The Property is not located within the CAM Boundary, and there are no wetlands on the Property.

#### Historic Resources

No impact.

#### Quality of Life

The proposed zone change will facilitate the cohesive development of the Property and adjacent

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Master Plan, pg. 67.

Self-Storage Facility use. This cohesive development will help meet the consistent demand for Self-Storage Facilities within the City.

## **Development Benefits**

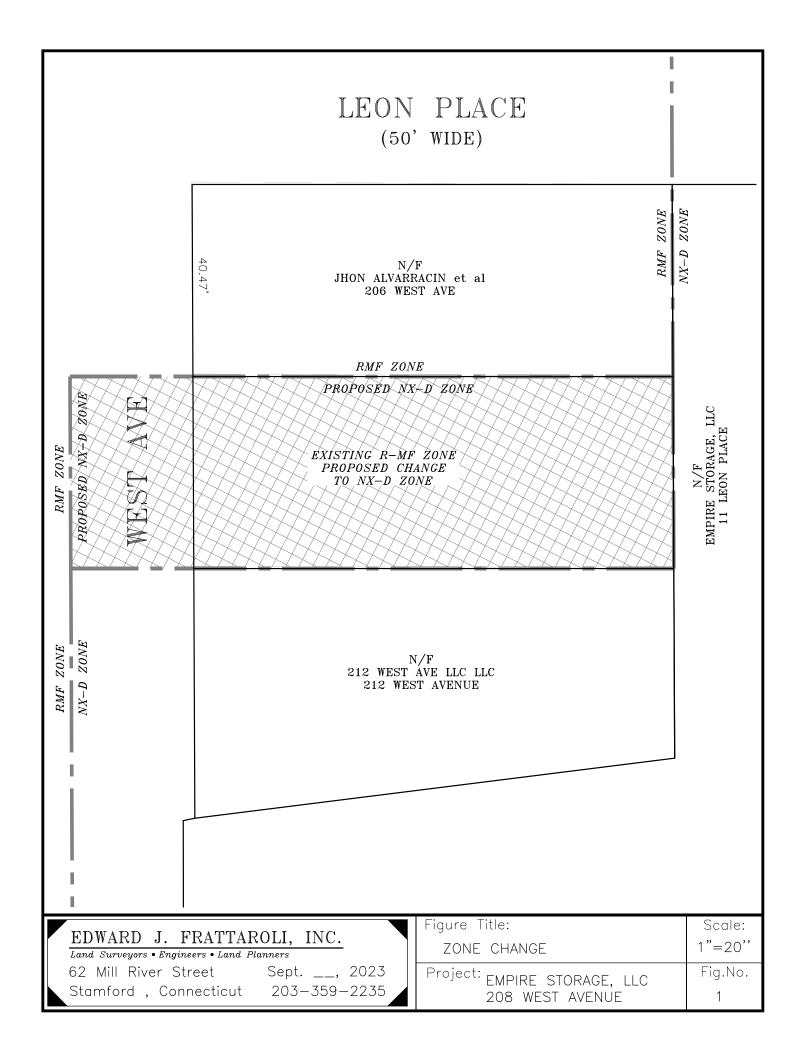
- Permits and other fees;
- Property taxes;
- Housing opportunity;
- Job opportunities for City residents.

## <u>SCHEDULE B – ZONING COMPARISON CHART</u>

Zoning Standard	R-MF Zone	NX-D (Commercial and	Existing Conditions
		Industrial Uses)	
Min. Lot Area	5,000 sf	10,000 sf	$4,000 \text{ sf}^1$
Min. Lot Frontage	50'	50'	40'
Max. Building Coverage	30%	70%	The Property is currently vacant.
		80% on Corner Lots	
Residential Density	2,000 sf per unit	N/A	The Property is currently vacant.
Max. Building Height	4 stories/40'	60'/4 stories (whichever	The Property is currently vacant.
		is less). Building must	
		be setback additional 10'	
		from 45' upward.	
Max. FAR	N/A	1.0	The Property is currently vacant.
		1.5 for sites used	
		exclusively for Self-	
		Storage Facility	
	1.5.0	purposes. <sup>2</sup>	
FY Setback	15' from street line/40'	10'. 15' if no active	The Property is currently vacant.
	from center line	ground floor inclusive of	
arra d		a 5' planted buffer.	
SY Setback	8' one side/18' both sides	N/A within 70' of a	The Property is currently vacant.
		Street Line. 10' beyond	
DV C d d	201	70' of a Street Line.	
RY Setback	30'	10'	The Property is currently vacant.
Max. Lot Coverage	N.A	90%	The Property is currently vacant.
Usable Open Space	75 sf per unit	N/A	The Property is currently vacant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Upon rezoning Property will be rezoned to the NX-D Zone, and consolidated into the adjacent parcel at 11 Leon Place, which is currently 50,475 sf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Pursuant to proposed Text Change



## ZONING DATA

NX-D ZONE (MIXED USE) SECTION 4.B.10 LOT # 212 AND 220 EXISTING ZONE-NX-D

LOT # 208 EXISTING RM-F ZONE TO BE CHANGED TO NX-D

ZONING SECTION		REQUIRED/ ALLOWED	EXISTING 220 WEST AVE	PROPOSED 208-212 WEST AVE	TOTAL	NOTES
SECTION 4.B.10.c	LOT SIZE	5,000 sf MIN.	45,899 SF	8,500 sf	54,399 sf	COMPLIANT
	LOT FRONTAGE	50 ft MIN.	WEST AVE 124'-0"	±100.00 ft	±224.00 ft	COMPLIANT
	RESIDENTIAL DENSITY DIVIDER = 1000 SF	FAR REMAINING AFTER SELF STORAGE BUILTOUT 11,112/1000 =11 UNITS MAX	EXISTING TO REMAIN	9 UNITS		COMPLIANT
	BUILDING HEIGHT	5 STORIES, 60 FT	EXISTING SELF STORAGE	4 STORIES,44'-6"		COMPLIANT
	MAX FLOOR AREA RATIO	54,399X1.5=81,598 SF	EXISTING 70,486 SF (COMM)	PROPOSED 10,975 SF RESIDENTIAL	81,461 SF - 1.497%	COMPLIANT
	SETBACKS					
	FRONT FROM CURB LINE	15 ft MIN.	EXISTING TO REMAIN	17.2 ft		COMPLIANT
	SIDE	O ft UP TO 70 FT	EXISTING TO REMAIN	N/A		
SECTION 4.B.10.d(2)	SIDE ABUTS RESIDENTIAL			10 ft		
	REAR	20 ft MIN.	EXISTING TO REMAIN	N/A		,
	MAX LOT COVERAGE: MAX BUILDING COVERAGE:	54,399×85% =46,239 SF	34,614 SF	6,630 SF	41,444 SF - 76.18%	COMPLIANT
		54,399×70% = 38,079 SF	25,235 SF	3,415 SF	28,649 SF - 52.66%	
SECTION 3.B	LIGHT & AIR					
	WINDOW EACH ROOM	12 SF		30 SF		COMPLIANT
	UNOBSTRUCTED SPACE OPEN TO THE SKY	20 ft MIN.		20 ft 1 in.		
SECTION 4.B.7.c-11	OPEN SPACE					COMPLIANT
	75 SF PER UNIT 75 x9=675 SF	675 SF		450 SF BALCONIES 500 SF ON GROUND		

#### F.A.R. CALCULATIONS

SECTION 4.B.10.c	USES		OTHER USES EXISTING	<u>TOTAL</u>			
	FIRST FL. SECOND FL. THIRD FL. FORTH FL.	730 SF 3,415 SF 3,415 SF 3,415 SF	20,865 SF 24,386 SF 25,235 SF	21,595 SF 27,801 SF 28,650 SF 3,415 SF	COMPLIANT		
	TOTAL AREA	10,930 SF	70,486 SF	81,461 SF			

\*AREA OF BASEMENT, COVERED PARKING AND LOADING AREA NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL F.A.R. \*PERCENTAGE OF BASEMENT BELOW GRADE= 100%

## BUILDING AREA

FLOOR EXISTING		PROPOSED	TOTAL
BASEMENT *	17,743 SF		17,743 SF
FIRST FLOOR	20,865 SF	730 SF	20,865 SF
SECOND FLOOR	24,386 SF	3,415 SF	24,386 SF
THIRD FLOOR	25,235 SF	3,415 SF	25,235 SF
FOURTH FLOOR		3,415 SF	25,235 SF
TOTAL	88,229 SF	10,930 SF	99,159 SF

PARKING REQUIREDA.R.

TABLE 12.9	EXISTING SELF	STORAGE	RESIDENTIAL	PROPOSED	9-UNITS	
CATEGORY 2	1/5000 SF	88,359 /5000= 18	MARKET UNITS  STUDIO -1.00 SP/U ONE BEDROOM -1.50 SP/U TWO BEDROOM -1.75 SP/U THREE BEDROOM-2.00 SP/U	0X1.00 = 0X1.50 = 6X1.75 = 3X2.00 =	0.00 SPACES 0.00 SPACES 10.50 SPACES 6.00 SPACES	COMPLIANT
		,	BMR UNITS  STUDIO -0.75 SP/U  ONE BEDROOM -1.00 SP/U  TWO BEDROOM -1.00 SP/U  THREE BEDROOM-1.25 SP/U	0X0.75 = 0X1.00 = 0X1.00 = 0X1.25 =	0.00 SPACES 0.00 SPACES 0.00 SPACES 0.00 SPACES	
	PARKING REQUIRED PARKING PROVIDED	18.00 SPACES 18.00 SPACES			17.00 SPACES 17.00 SPACES	

BICYCLE PARKING

SECT. 4.B.10.D.(8)e

RESIDENTIAL 1 SP/4 UNITS
COMMERCIAL 1/7500 SF FOR NEW BLD'G
BICYCLE PARKING PROVIDED

9/4=2.25 SPACES
N/A
3 SPACES

COMPLIANT

SECTION 12-L.2

EV PARKING SPACES REQUIRED !0%

EV PARKING PROVIDED

1.8 SPACES

COMPLIANT

ZONING INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNING AUTHORITY

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PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL BUILDING 208-212 WEST AVE.
STAMFORD, CT
FOR
EMPIRE WEST AVE, LLC

PROJECT NO. 2335

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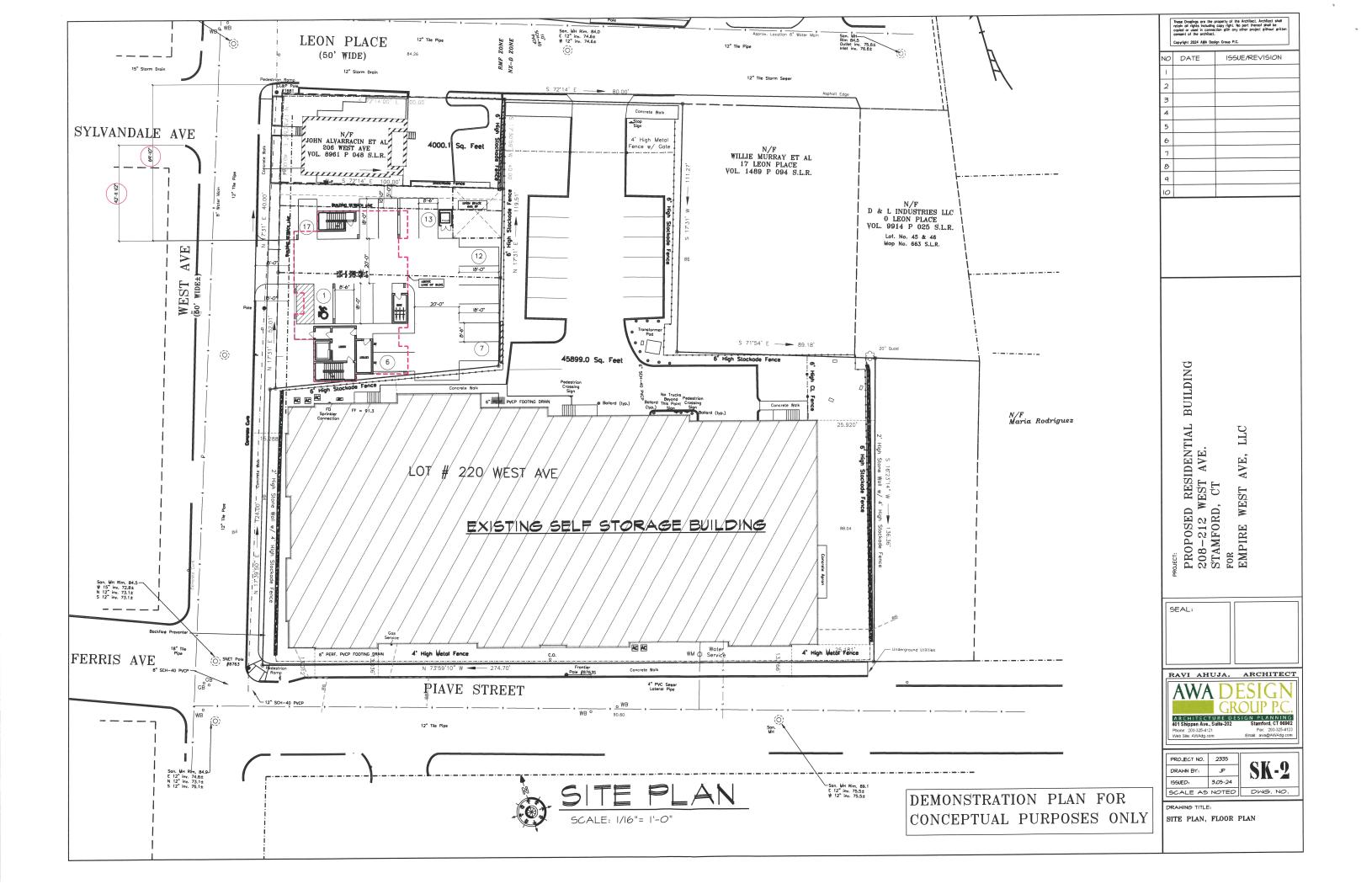
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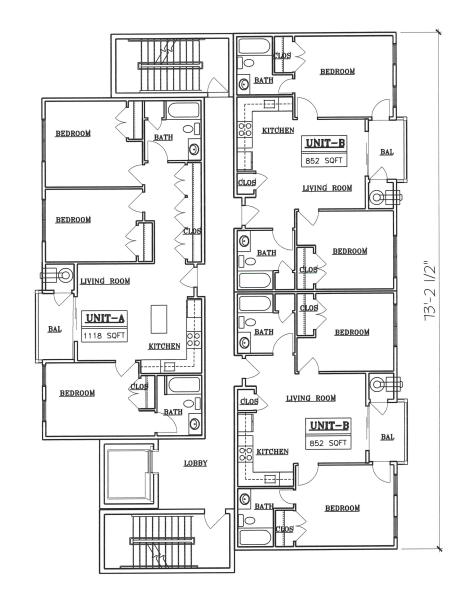
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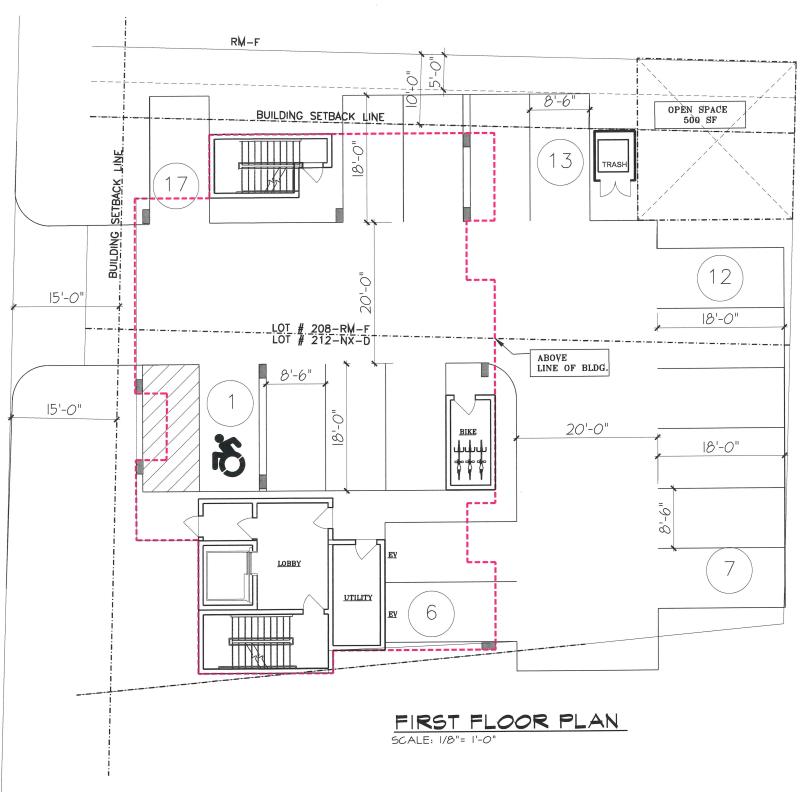




# 2ND THRU 4TH FLOOR PLAN SCALE: 1/8"= 1'-0"

#### PROPOSED 9-UNITS

		1ST FL	2ND FL	3RD FL	4TH FL	TOTAL
(A)	THREE BED ROOM	0	1 -	1	1	3
B	TWO BED ROOM	0	2	2	2	6
	TOTAL	-	3	3	3	9



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BUILDING PROPOSED RESISENTIAL B 208-212 WEST AVE. STAMFORD, CT FOR EMPIRE WEST AVE, LLC

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