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April 13, 2026

Town of Fairhaven
Planning Board
40 Center Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719
Attn: Jessica Fildalgo, Madam Chair

Re: Special Permit Application

Applicant: David House at Fairhaven
Site Address: 77 Adams Street
Assessors Lot #30D on Map #25

Dear Madam Chair and Planning Board Members,

On behalf of the Applicant, Schneider, Davignon, & Leone, Inc. hereby submits the attached Special Permit Application and accompanying materials for the purposes of scheduling a Public Hearing for the above-described project.

The project consists of the conversion of the "circa 1800" historical church rectory building into Residential Treatment Program for First Responders - together with the construction of a proposed 424 sq. ft. addition which will result in an increase in parking.

The project will result in an increase in parking at the site.

Therefore; based upon the above, the Building Commissioner has instructed the Proponent to submit a Special Permit under the following sections of the Zoning Bylaws:

Section 198-15 – Use Regulations

c. Special Permit Uses

- (1) "The Planning Board shall be the special permit granting authority for special permits for historic site reuse".

Section 198-27 - Parking: loading and landscape requirement

A. Parking

- (1) and 3 (c) "Increase in parking demand due to change in use".

The Site Plan depicts a proposed expansion of the existing parking lot by ten spaces to meet the need of the proposed use. The proposed surface of the new spaces will be crushed stone in an effort to not increase the total area of paved surfaces on the site. Computations on the plan depict that the modifications of the existing paved parking lot and driveways will result in a net decrease in pavement by 25 sq. ft.

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Consequently, the Proponent requests that a waiver be issued for the requirement of stormwater improvements with the exception of the roof runoff recharge system for the proposed addition.

Please find the following materials attached for the Board's review:

- \$361.75 - Special Permit Application Fee
- \$160.00 – Legal Advertisement Fee
- \$399.74 – Abutter Notices Fee
- Special Permit Application
- Fee Schedule Worksheet
- 300-Ft. Certified Abutter List
- Assessors Map
- Site Photos
- Google Earth Aerial Photos
- Project Mission Statement
- Program Narrative
- Group7Design – Architecture Narrative
- Architectural Floor Plans
- Site Plan

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please call me at (508) 758-7866 (ext. 203).

Sincerely,

Schneider, Davignon, & Leone, Inc.

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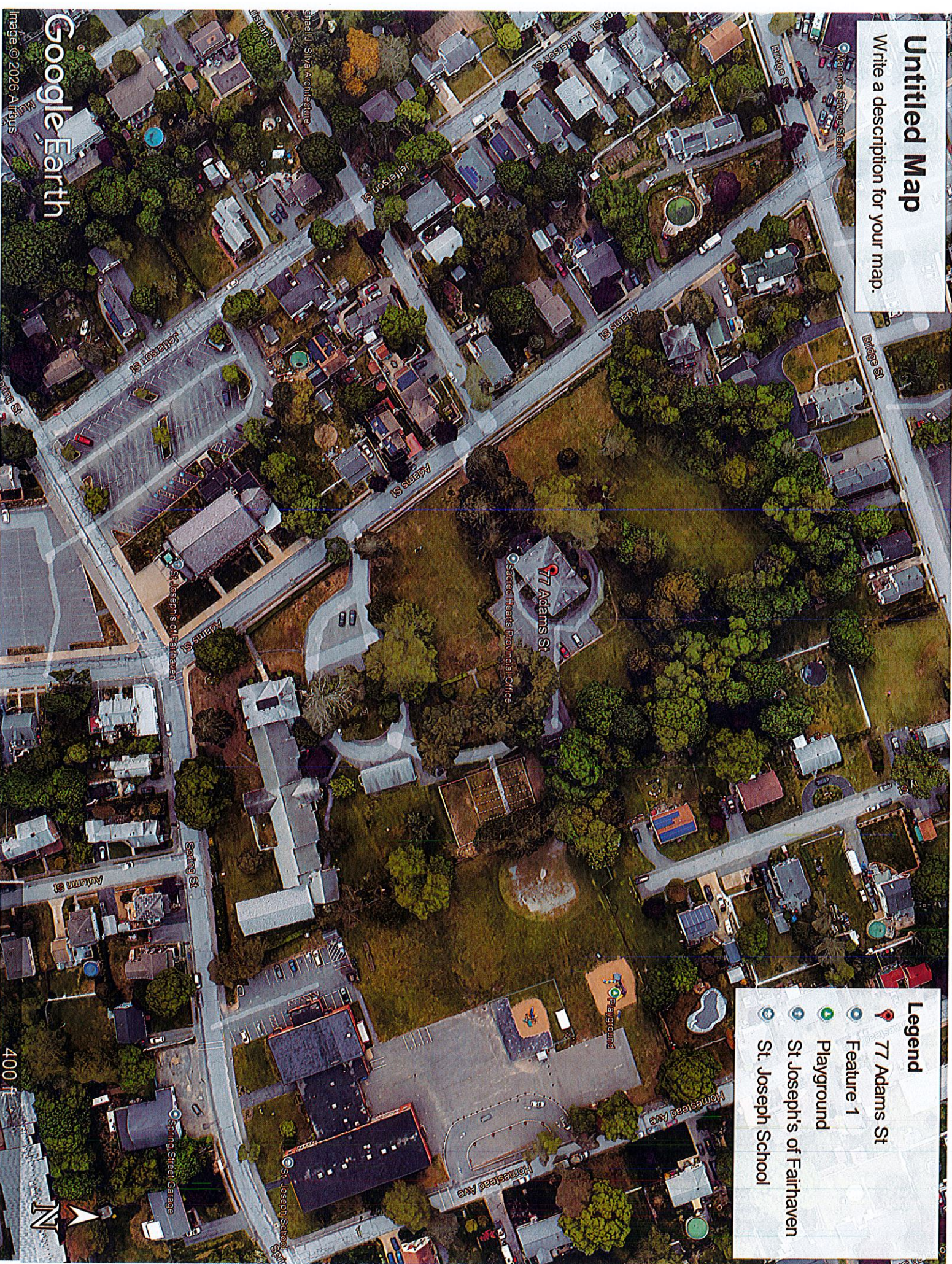






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- 77 Adams St
- Feature 1
- Playground
- St Joseph's of Fairhaven
- St. Joseph School

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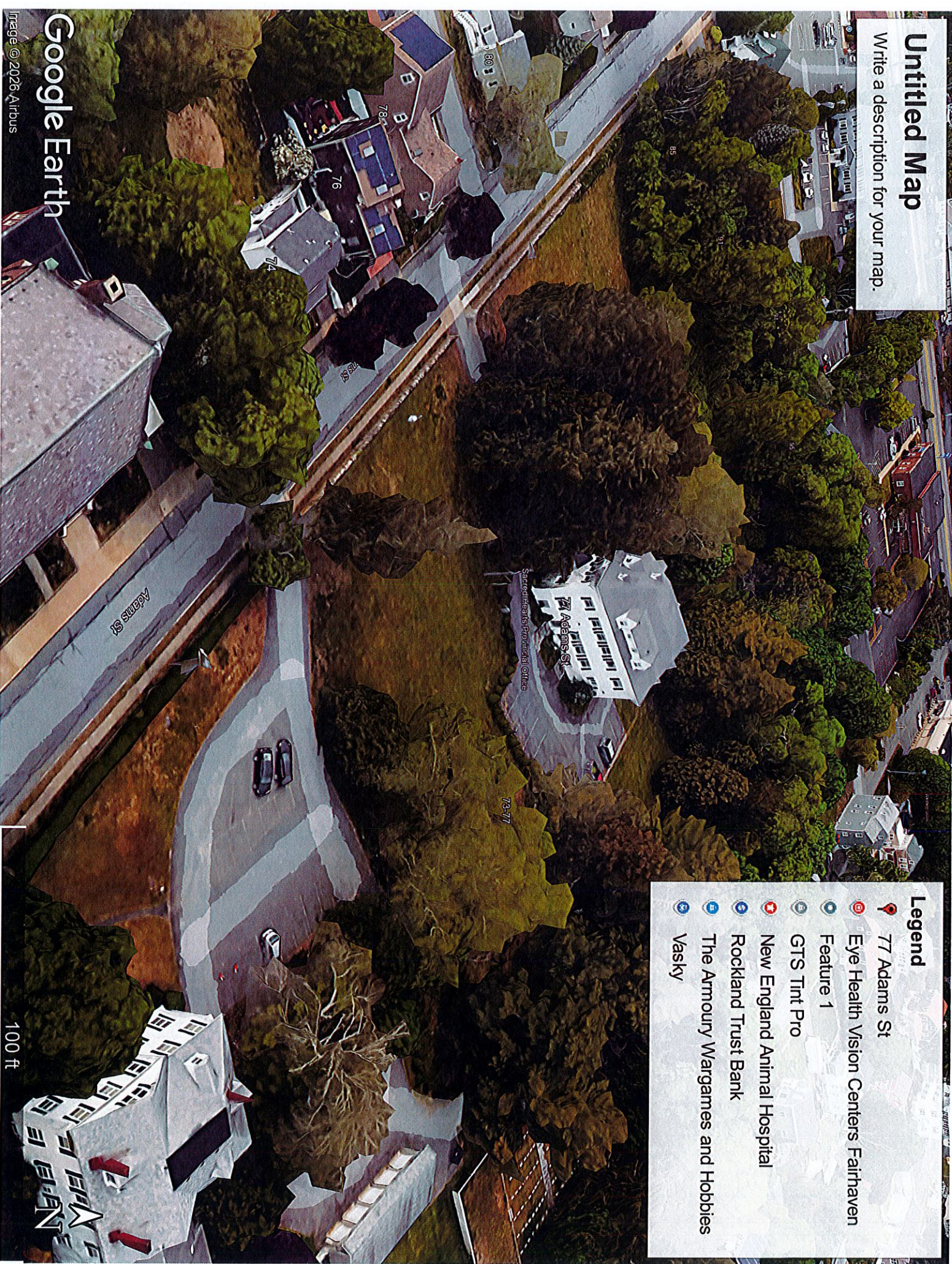
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400 ft

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- 📍 77 Adams St
- 📍 Eye Health Vision Centers Fairhaven
- 📍 Feature 1
- 📍 GTS Tint Pro
- 📍 New England Animal Hospital
- 📍 Rockland Trust Bank
- 📍 The Armoury Wargames and Hobbies
- 📍 Vasky

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100 ft

David's House at Fairhaven

First Responder Residential Treatment Program

Mission-Focused Recovery. Clinically Grounded. Culturally Competent.

Program Overview

David's House provides a specialized, trauma-informed residential treatment program designed exclusively for police officers, firefighters, paramedics, EMTs, dispatchers, corrections professionals, and other public safety personnel. Our program integrates clinical excellence with profession-specific education, equipping first responders with the tools to heal while preserving identity, purpose, and professional integrity.

Specialized Educational Curriculum

1. 1. Neurobiology of Trauma in First Responders
 - Education on cumulative trauma exposure, hypervigilance, shift disruption, and stress physiology. Participants learn how repeated operational stress impacts brain chemistry and nervous system regulation.
2. 2. Moral Injury & Occupational Identity
 - Structured education addressing moral injury, survivor guilt, command responsibility stress, public scrutiny, and identity challenges related to leave or retirement.
3. 3. Tactical Coping & Performance Skills
 - Operationally framed coping strategies including tactical breathing, emotional regulation under pressure, decision fatigue management, and return-to-duty planning.
4. 4. Peer Cohort Model
 - First-responder-only cohort model that fosters trust, shared understanding, and cultural competence within a structured therapeutic environment.
5. 5. Family Education & Reintegration Planning
 - Family-focused education addressing hypervigilance at home, emotional withdrawal, shift-related strain, and structured reintegration planning.
6. 6. Confidentiality & Career Navigation
 - Education on confidentiality protections, EAP coordination, fitness-for-duty considerations, and safe return-to-work planning.

Clinical Integration

24-hour structured residential care including trauma-focused therapy (CBT, DBT, EMDR-informed approaches), substance use disorder treatment when applicable, psychiatric evaluation, medication management, sleep stabilization, and wellness education (minimum 5.5 hours a day of education time). In addition, evening educational seminars will include financial coaching, fitness training planning and life after public safety.

Program Outcomes

- Reduced symptom severity
- Improved emotional regulation
- Strengthened resilience
- Increased family stability
- Safe and supported return to duty (when appropriate)
- Long-term recovery and career longevity

February 4, 2026

Re: **Programming Study**
David's House
77 Adams Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Please accept this letter as Group 7 Design's summary of programming requirements for the planned facility to house bedrooms, administrative offices, meeting spaces, shared spaces, etc. The following information is based on the meeting held on 1/23/26.

The Site:

- Approximately (15) staff parking spaces including (1) handicap accessible space plus an additional (5) visitor spaces. **(21) total parking spaces.**
- Outdoor seating – Provide tables and seating for residents and visitors.
- Outdoor exercise space to be provided.
- The waiting area will have controlled access to the remainder of the program spaces.

1. First Floor

- **Main Building Entrance** - at rear of building with vestibule.
- **Reception/Waiting Area** - w/ 2 - 4 seats for visitors and coffee/end table with Reception desk and file cabinet below low height partitions. Wall mounted TV on a continuous loop.
- **Admissions Office** – w/ table and task chair; 2 guest chairs; locate near Reception.
- **Medical Processing (Nurse) Office** – w/ exam table; desk and task chair; 1 guest chair; hand sink; Medicine Closet w/ counter and cabinets; under counter refrigerator; Door between Nurse and hallway to be a Dutch style door; locate near Admissions Office.

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First Floor (continued)

- **(1) Single Use H.C. Restroom**, near Reception for public/staff use.
- **Commercial Grade Kitchen** – w/ oven; stove; hood and Ansul system; 3 bay sink; prep sink; hand sink; prep tables; dishwasher; 1 freezer; 2 refrigerators.
- **Dining Area** – w/ seating for 24 in a variety of tables including hi-tops; square; round; counter with lower cabinets, sink and refrigerator, etc. Locate near Kitchen.
- **2 Two Person Offices – Shared Space for 2** - (2) desks w/ file drawer, (2) task chairs in each space.
- **One on One Space** – w/ table and 2 chairs in an enclosed room.

2. Second Floor

- **5 Bedrooms plus 1 Accessible bedroom** – w/ its own accessible bathroom; full size beds with night table and armoire or closet. Shared bathrooms between bedrooms w/ vanity sink; toilet and shower.
- **Storage Closet**

3. Third Floor

- **4 Bedrooms** - w/ full size beds with night table and armoire or closet. 3 Shared bathrooms off of hallway w/ vanity sink; toilet and shower.
- **1 Office space** at rear right side, where existing access to attic is located.

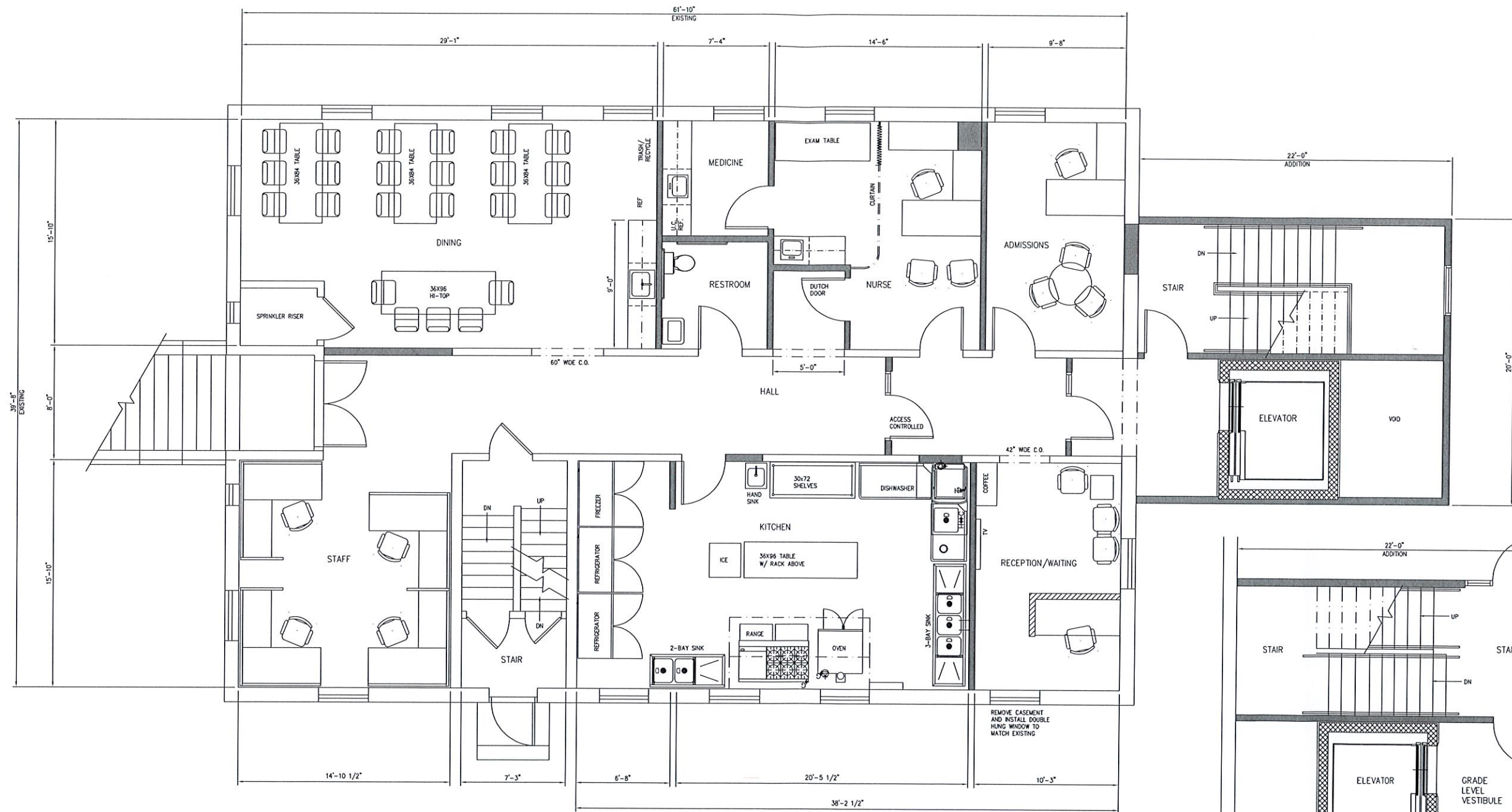
4. Basement

- **Laundry Room** – w/ 2 sets washers and dryers; 1 stackable washer/dryer; folding table; janitor sink; storage cabinet for laundry supplies; 24 ½ height lockers for (24) residents.

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Basement (continued)

- **Storage Room** – w/ washer/ dryer for staff use; janitor sink; mechanical/ electrical equipment. (Existing Room)
- **Gym** – w/ free weights; machines; tread mills; etc.
- **Lounge** – w/ Upper and lower cabinets; refrigerator/freezer; sink; seating to be reviewed; wall mounted tv.
- **Group Room** - w/ 12 chairs; white board; wall mounted tv.
- **Office w/ Bio Bed** – w/ desk, task chair, 1 guest chair; 1 bed.
- **(1) Single Use H.C. Restroom**

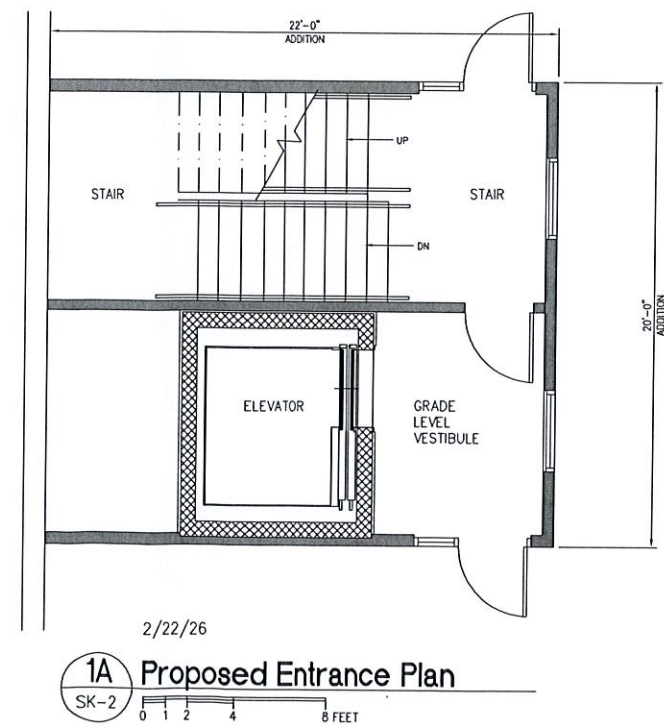


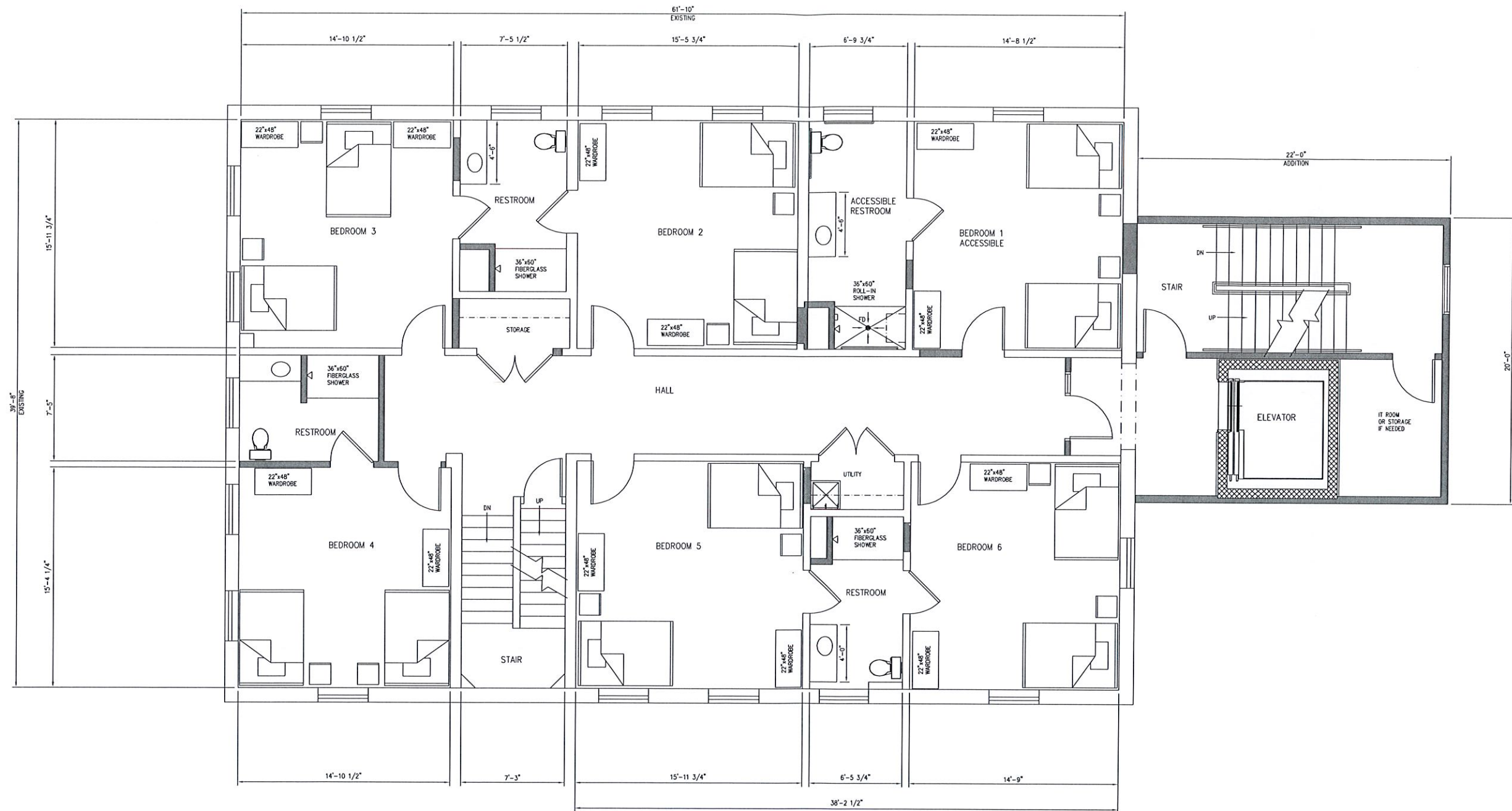
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2 Proposed Second Floor Plan
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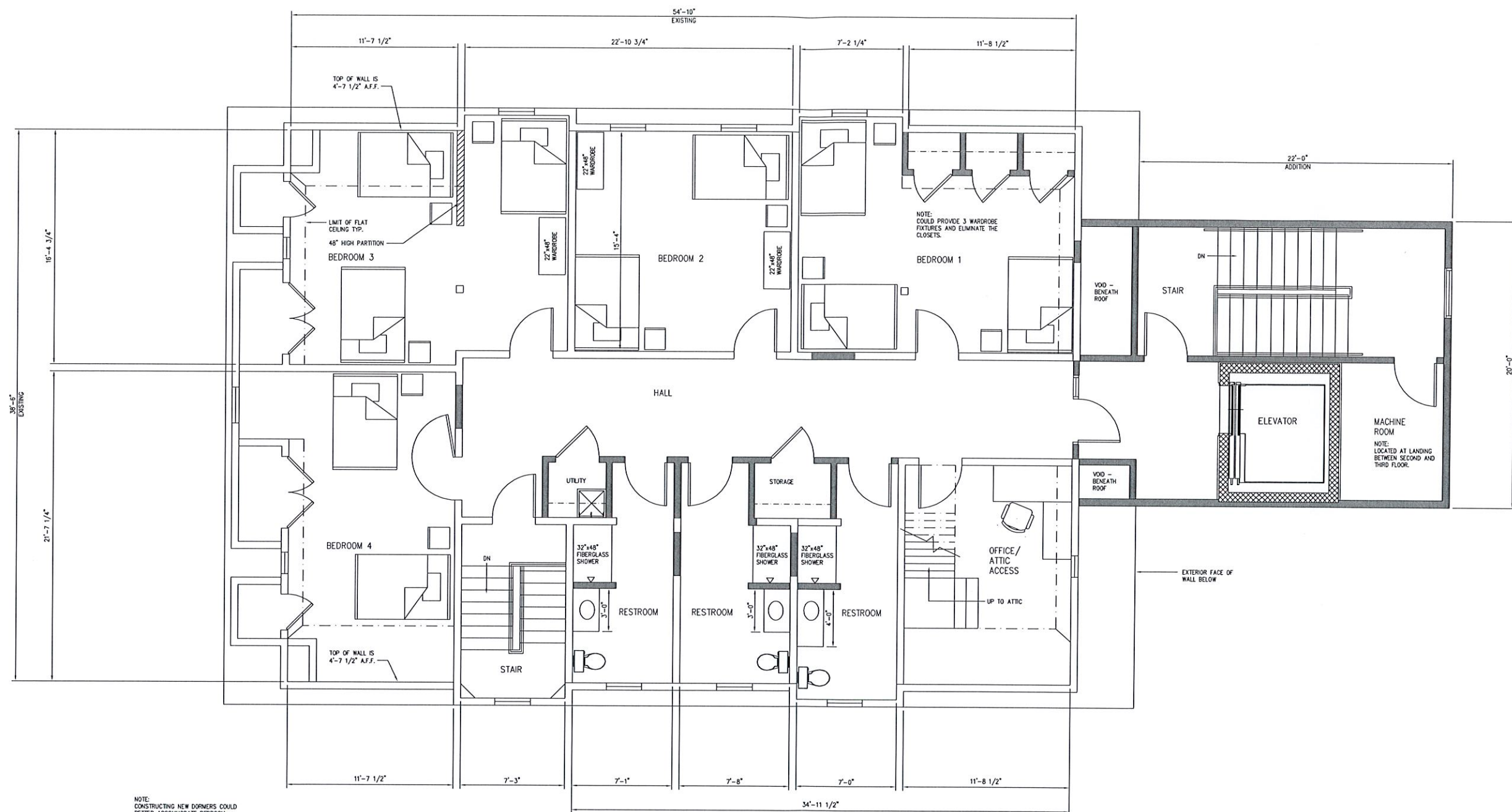
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NOTE:
CONSTRUCTING NEW DORMERS COULD
BETTER ACCOMMODATE BEDROOM
FURNITURE IN ROOMS 3 AND 4.

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3 Proposed Third Floor Plan
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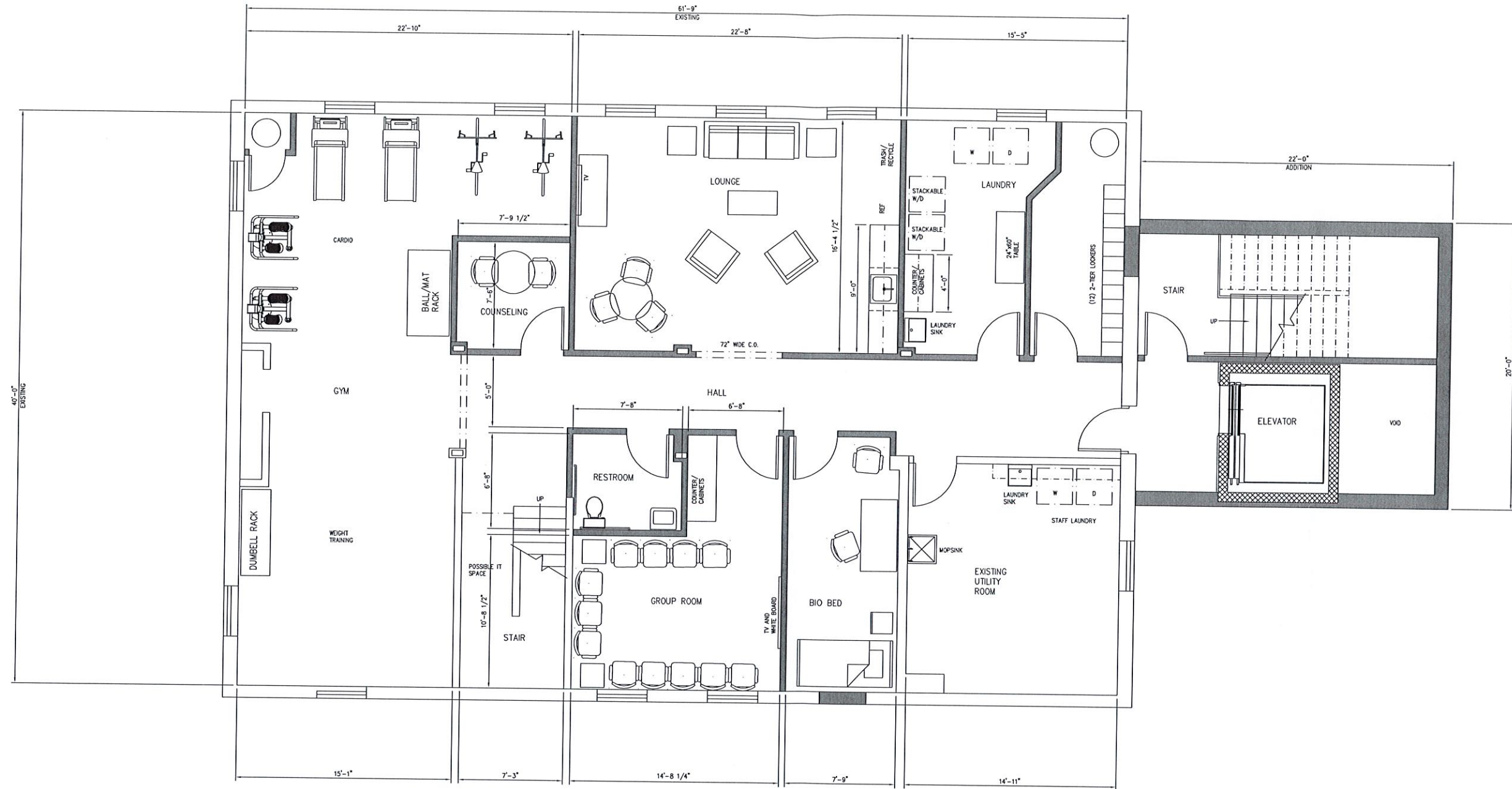
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4 Proposed Basement Floor Plan
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