TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting June 29, 2021 – 2:30 PM

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting: June 11, 2021 [Pages 3–13]

PENDING VARIANCE REQUESTS

1. <u>Variance # 175</u> [Pages 14–26]

APPLICANT: Reynolds-Williams at Marshwood LLC (Owner)

Keith Murphy (Applicant)

ADDRESS: N/A Marshwalk Trace

TAX MAP NUMBER: 149-01-00-092

ZONING DISTRICT: PUD / MF Multi-Family Residential

CODE SECTION: § 7.60.50. Marsh Setbacks (25 feet required)

§ 9.40.10. Marsh Area Requirements (Natural or planted

ground cover required within 25 feet of marsh)

§ 10.30. Buffering of Incompatible Land Uses (50 feet required)

VARIANCE To reduce the marsh setback from 25 feet to 10 feet (15-foot encroachment) to allow for construction of a driveway and

vehicular parking area;

To reduce the marsh setback from 25 feet to approximately 18 feet (7-foot encroachment) to allow for construction of an attached multi-family residence ("Unit 8");

To reduce the marsh setback for open decks from 15 feet to 7 feet (8-foot encroachment) to allow for the encroachment of an open deck ("Unit 8"); and

To eliminate the required 50-foot landscaped buffer along the shared property line with TM # 149-01-00-093 (Seabrook Island Racquet Club tennis courts)

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

There are no Items for Information / Discussion

ADJOURN

TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting June 11, 2021 – 2:30 PM

Virtual Meeting Hosted via Zoom <u>Live Streamed on YouTube</u>



MINUTES

Present: Walter Sewell (Chair), John Fox, Janet Gorski, Bob Leggett, Tom Pinckney, Joe Cronin

(Zoning Administrator)

Absent: None

Guests: Paul Stoyanoff (2263 Seabrook Island Road), Mark & Lynette Smith (3056 Seabrook

Village Drive), Rachel Burton (Swallowtail Architecture), Wendy Walker, Katrina

Burrell (SIPOA)

Chairman Sewell called the meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals to order at 2:35 PM. Zoning Administrator Cronin confirmed that the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act were fulfilled, and the meeting was properly posted. Chairman Sewell introduced himself and members of the Board to those watching the meeting remotely and confirmed that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. <u>Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting: May 14, 2021</u>: Mr. Leggett made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2021, meeting, as submitted. Mr. Fox seconded the motion. The motion was <u>APPROVED</u> by a vote of 4-0.

Ms. Gorski joined the meeting late.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

1. Variance #173: 2263 Seabrook Island Road (Tax Map # 147-00-00-151): Chairman Sewell introduced the pending variance request, which was submitted by Paul & Jana Stoyanoff, the owners of 2263 Seabrook Island Road. Chairman Sewell disclosed that members of the Board were encouraged to visit the subject property prior to the hearing for the purpose of viewing existing conditions at the site, as well as neighboring properties. Members of the Board confirmed that they had visited the site prior to the meeting. Chairman Sewell added that no testimony was received during the individual site visits.

Chairman Sewell then called on Zoning Administrator Cronin to provide a brief overview of Variance Application #173. Chairman Sewell administered an oath to Zoning Administrator Cronin prior to receiving his testimony.

Zoning Administrator Cronin stated that the applicants were seeking approval to construct a new single-family home on the property. Because the front steps of the proposed residence would encroach into the required front and side yard setbacks, the applicants were seeking approval from the Board to grant relief from the following requirements, as provided by the Town's Development Standards Ordinance (DSO) and the Village at Seabrook Planned Unit Development Ordinance (PUD):

Туре	Required Per PUD	Variance Requested
	20 feet	Reduce the front yard setback requirement for
Front Yard Setback	(Ord. 2020-01, §	open steps from 20 feet to approximately 15
	2)	feet (5-foot encroachment)
	7.5 feet	Reduce the side yard setback requirement from
Side Yard Setback	(Ord. 2020-01, §	7.5 feet to approximately 1.1 feet (6.4-foot
	2)	encroachment)

As part of their variance request, the applicants stated that strict application of the PUD would result in an unnecessary hardship. In support of their request, the applicants argued:

- (1) The depth and location of the curved setback places a unique and additional burden on this lot in trying to meet the setback requirements for the front stairs while maintaining enough buildable area for the home;
- (2) Lot A-19 is the smallest of the "A" lots in this section of the Village at Seabrook and, therefore, has less room in which to accommodate the front stairs;
- (3) The extreme acute angles on the lot create areas that cannot be used, thereby reducing the buildable area of the lot compared to other lots in the vicinity; and
- (4) Granting the variance for only the front stairs will minimize the visual impact to the community and, further, the applicants intend to install landscaping to mitigate visual impact to the owners of lot A-18.

Prior to calling on the applicants, Chairman Sewell asked if there were any other questions for Zoning Administrator Cronin.

Mr. Pinckney asked when the current setback requirements went into effect. Zoning Administrator Cronin responded that the original PUD was adopted in 2001 but was last amended in 2020.

Mr. Leggett asked if the two structures would be at least 15 feet apart if the steps were allowed to encroach into the side yard setback on the right side. Zoning Administrator Cronin responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Pinckney asked if the design had been reviewed and approved by the regime and SIPOA. Ms. Katrina Burrell responded that a site visit has been conducted but no formal review had taken place.

Mr. Fox noted that the problem appears to have been caused by the design of a two-car driveway, which precludes the ability to turn the steps and stay within the setbacks.

Hearing no additional questions, Chairman Sewell then called on the applicants to provide additional information related to their variance request. Chairman Sewell administered an oath to each individual prior to receiving his or her testimony.

- <u>Paul Stoyanoff</u>: Mr. Stoyanoff deferred to his architect, Ms. Rachel Burton of Swallowtail Architecture.
- Rachel Burton: Ms. Burton stated that the encroachment of the home to the right of the Stoyanoff's lot into the 7.5-foot side yard setback resulted in this home having to observe a larger setback requirement to ensure a minimum of 15 feet of separation between structures. She stated that this additional setback had a disproportionate effect on the design of the home. She added that the encroachment of the driveway from the neighboring lot also impacted this lot. She noted that this lot is the second smallest lot in the entire "A" section of the Village, and that its unique shape and sharp corners made it difficult to design a conforming home on the property.

Chairman Sewell asked if there were any questions for the applicants.

Mr. Pinckney asked the architect if she had consulted with the owners prior to their purchase of the lot. Ms. Burton responded that she had. She stated that they knew it would be a tight fit.

Mr. Pinckney noted that the purchase price of the lot seemed low. He asked whether the price reflected the difficulty of placing a home on the lot. Ms. Burton responded that she could not say for sure what factors went into the purchase price.

Mr. Pinckney asked if there were truly any exceptional or extraordinary conditions. Ms. Burton responded that this lot and the neighboring lot are the two smallest lots in the "A" section of the Village and that they are substantially different than other lots.

Responding to the comment about the encroachment of the neighboring home having a disproportionate effect on this lot, Zoning Administrator Cronin asked the architect whether a variance from the 15-foot separation requirement, which would eliminate the so-called impact by allowing the home to be built up to the 7.5-foot setback line, would eliminate the need for a larger variance from the front and side yard setbacks. Ms. Burton stated that they didn't design a layout for this option.

Regarding Mr. Fox's comments about the driveway, Ms. Burton stated that not having a two-car driveway and garage would likely still require a variance for the front steps, but perhaps

not as large of a variance. Mr. Fox responded that he felt that the architect did a good job designing a home on a difficult lot.

Chairman Sewell then opened the public hearing for comments. Due to the public hearing being held "virtually" as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Zoning Administrator Cronin noted that interested parties were invited to submit written comments regarding the variance request prior to the meeting via the town's website, email, mail or in person. He stated that the town received three written comments from the following individuals:

- Robert Hulett: Mr. Hulett of 2259 Seabrook Island Road submitted a comment in favor of the variance request.
- <u>Cathy Patterson</u>: Ms. Patterson of 4064 Bridle Trail Drive submitted a comment in opposition to the variance request.
- <u>Patrick Connelly</u>: Mr. Connelly of 2255 Seabrook Island Road submitted a comment in opposition to the variance request.

There being no further comments, Chairman Sewell closed the public hearing.

Chairman Sewell asked the applicants if they wished to make any additional comments.

The applicants thanked the Board for their consideration of this request.

Chairman Sewell then opened the meeting for additional questions. There were no additional questions.

Chairman Sewell then called on Zoning Administrator Cronin to review the four criteria under state law which must be used by the Board when hearing and deciding variance requests.

Zoning Administrator Cronin stated that the Board has the power to hear and decide appeals for variance from the requirements of the zoning ordinance when strict application of the provisions of the ordinance would result in unnecessary hardship. A variance may be granted in an individual case of unnecessary hardship if the Board makes and explains in writing the following findings:

- (1) There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property;
- (2) These conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity;
- (3) Because of these conditions, the application of the ordinance to the particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property; and

(4) The authorization of a variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance.

Chairman Sewell noted that, in granting a variance, the Board has the authority to attach such conditions as the Board may consider advisable to protect established property values in the surrounding area or to promote the public health, safety, or general welfare. Referencing the staff write up contained within the agenda packet, Chairman Sewell stated that the Zoning Administrator had recommended attaching three conditions, should the Board vote to approve the variance request.

Chairman Sewell opened the floor for discussion.

Ms. Gorski stated that she felt the four criteria applied to the property.

Mr. Pinckney stated that he disagreed. He stated that there was nothing exceptional about this property; what's there was there when they bought the lot and he felt there was very little effort to avoid it.

Mr. Fox stated that he felt the applicants did the best they could with what they had to deal with given the size and irregular shape of the lot.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Sewell called for a motion.

Following a thorough review of the application, including all supporting materials received in advance of the meeting, and all testimony received during the public hearing, Mr. Fox made the following motion, which was seconded by Ms. Gorski:

- (1) The Board finds that strict application of the Town's DSO would result in an unnecessary hardship;
- (2) For the reasons referenced in the applicants' request for variance, the Board finds that the property meets the criteria for approval of a variance, as outlined in §6-29-800(A)(2) of the SC Code of Laws;
- (3) The Board finds that relief is warranted in this situation as a result of the following factors:
 - The depth and location of the curved setback places a unique and additional burden on this lot in trying to meet the setback requirements for the front stairs while maintaining enough buildable area for the home;
 - b. Lot A-19 is the smallest of the "A" lots in this section of the Village at Seabrook and, therefore, has less room in which to accommodate the front stairs;

- c. The extreme acute angles on the lot create areas that cannot be used, thereby reducing the buildable area of the lot compared to other lots in the vicinity; and
- d. Granting the variance for only the front stairs will minimize the visual impact to the community and, further, the applicants intend to install landscaping to mitigate visual impact to the owners of lot A-18; therefore

(4) The requested variance is hereby approved, as follows:

- a. The required 20-foot front yard setback for open steps, as specified in § 2 of Ord. 2020-01 (Village at Seabrook PUD), is hereby reduced to 15 feet; and
- b. The required 7.5-foot side yard setback, as specified in § 2 of Ord. 2020-01 (Village at Seabrook PUD), is hereby reduced to 1.1 feet.

There being no further discussion on the motion, Chairman Sewell called for a vote. Chairman Sewell reminded members that a "yes" vote was in favor of approving the variance, while a "no" vote was opposed to approving the variance.

IN FAVOR (YES) OPPOSED (NO) Chairman Sewell Mr. Pinckney

Mr. Fox Ms. Gorski Mr. Leggett

The motion to grant the variance was **APPROVED** by a vote of 4-1.

To protect established property values in the surrounding area, and to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare, Ms. Gorski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Leggett, to attach the following conditions to the approved variance, as allowed by §6-29-800(A)(2)(d)(i) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

- (1) The approved variance shall apply to the building layout as shown on the site-specific plan prepared by the applicants and reviewed by the Board on June 11, 2021. Any modification to this site-specific plan prior to the issuance of a zoning permit, with the exception of minor corrections and/or modifications which conform to the requirements of the town's DSO, shall require further review and approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals prior to permitting.
- (2) The applicants shall install enhanced landscaping along the shared property line with lot A-18 so as to screen the encroaching stairs from the neighboring property.
- (3) The applicants shall prepare and submit to the Zoning Administrator an as-built survey prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy (or within 30 days of passing the final inspection if no Certificate of Occupancy is required). The as-built survey shall be

- prepared and stamped by a professional land surveyor who is qualified to perform such services in the State of South Carolina.
- (4) The variance shall expire on June 11, 2023 (two years from the date of approval) if the applicants fail to obtain a building permit on or before that date.

The motion to attach the conditions was **APPROVED** by a vote of 5-0.

Chairman Sewell recessed the meeting at 3:40 PM.

The meeting was reconvened at 3:47 PM.

2. <u>Variance #174: 3056 Seabrook Village Drive (Tax Map # 147-00-00-070)</u>: Chairman Sewell introduced the pending variance request, which was submitted by Mark & Lynette Smith, the owners of 3056 Seabrook Village Drive. Chairman Sewell disclosed that members of the Board were encouraged to visit the subject property prior to the hearing for the purpose of viewing existing conditions at the site, as well as neighboring properties. Members of the Board confirmed that they had visited the site prior to the meeting. Chairman Sewell added that no testimony was received during the individual site visits.

Chairman Sewell then called on Zoning Administrator Cronin to provide a brief overview of Variance Application #174. Chairman Sewell reminded Zoning Administrator Cronin that he was still under oath.

Zoning Administrator Cronin stated that the applicants were seeking approval to construct a new single-family home on the property. Because the rear porch of the proposed residence would encroach into the required rear yard setback, the applicants were seeking approval from the Board to grant relief from the following requirements, as provided by the Town's Development Standards Ordinance (DSO) and the Village at Seabrook Planned Unit Development Ordinance (PUD):

Туре	Required Per PUD	Variance Requested
Rear Yard Setback	25 feet (Ord. 2020-01, §	Reduce the rear yard setback requirement from 25 feet to approximately 18.7 feet (6.3-foot
	2)	encroachment)

As part of their variance request, the applicants stated that strict application of the PUD would result in an unnecessary hardship. In support of their request, the applicants argued:

- (1) There are several grand trees on the property which have resulted in the home being moved further toward the rear of the lot; and
- (2) The encroachment will be situated along the shared property line with the Village's common open space and will not adversely impact neighboring residential lots.

Prior to calling on the applicants, Chairman Sewell asked if there were any other questions for Zoning Administrator Cronin.

Mr. Leggett asked how far from the pathway the proposed home would be located. Zoning Administrator Cronin responded that he did not know the exact distance from the pathway but noted that there was a bit of space between the pathway and the rear property line.

Mr. Pinckney asked about the tree preservation requirements for the lot. Since tree preservation requirements behind the security gate are handled by the SIPOA ARC, Ms. Burrell responded that some of the trees would be removed from the lot. She added that the ARC tries to determine which cluster of trees is best to be preserved as the project goes through the site plan review process. Mr. Fox noted that the house appeared to be moved toward the rear of the lot to preserve the grand trees at the front.

Hearing no additional questions, Chairman Sewell then called on the applicants to provide additional information related to their variance request. Chairman Sewell administered an oath to each individual prior to receiving his or her testimony.

• Mark Smith: Mr. Smith stated that he and his wife have been homeowners on the island since 2005. He stated that they sold their previous property with the intent of building a larger house in the Village. In an effort to preserve the significant trees at the front of the lot, the structure had to move further toward the rear of the lot. He stated that they had originally intended to add a deck beyond the porch, but this was removed during the design process. He stated that they attempted to make the encroachment as least intrusive on neighboring properties, adding that the rear of the home would back up to Palmetto Lake.

Chairman Sewell asked if there were any questions for the applicants. There were no questions.

Chairman Sewell then opened the public hearing for comments. Due to the public hearing being held "virtually" as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Zoning Administrator Cronin noted that interested parties were invited to submit written comments regarding the variance request prior to the meeting via the town's website, email, mail or in person. He stated that the town received one written comment from the following individual:

 Wendy Walker: Ms. Walker, of 3052 Seabrook Village Drive, submitted a comment in support of the variance request, but asked if the HVAC equipment could be relocated so as not to be situated directly across from their screened porch.

There being no further comments, Chairman Sewell closed the public hearing.

Chairman Sewell asked the applicants if they wished to make any additional comments.

Mr. Smith stated that he would speak with his architect and attempt to move the HVAC equipment to another location.

Chairman Sewell then opened the meeting for additional questions. There were no additional questions.

Chairman Sewell then called on Zoning Administrator Cronin to review the four criteria under state law which must be used by the Board when hearing and deciding variance requests.

Zoning Administrator Cronin stated that the Board has the power to hear and decide appeals for variance from the requirements of the zoning ordinance when strict application of the provisions of the ordinance would result in unnecessary hardship. A variance may be granted in an individual case of unnecessary hardship if the Board makes and explains in writing the following findings:

- (1) There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property;
- (2) These conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity;
- (3) Because of these conditions, the application of the ordinance to the particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property; and
- (4) The authorization of a variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance.

Chairman Sewell noted that, in granting a variance, the Board has the authority to attach such conditions as the Board may consider advisable to protect established property values in the surrounding area or to promote the public health, safety, or general welfare. Referencing the staff write up contained within the agenda packet, Chairman Sewell stated that the Zoning Administrator had recommended attaching three conditions, should the Board vote to approve the variance request.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Sewell called for a motion.

Following a thorough review of the application, including all supporting materials received in advance of the meeting, and all testimony received during the public hearing, Mr. Fox made the following motion, which was seconded by Ms. Gorski:

- (1) The Board finds that strict application of the Town's DSO would result in an unnecessary hardship;
- (2) For the reasons referenced in the applicants' request for variance, the Board finds that the property meets the criteria for approval of a variance, as outlined in §6-29-800(A)(2) of the SC Code of Laws;

- (3) The Board finds that relief is warranted in this situation as a result of the following factors:
 - a. There are several grand trees on the property which have resulted in the home being moved further toward the rear of the lot; and
 - b. The encroachment will be situated along the shared property line with the Village's common open space and will not adversely impact neighboring residential lots; therefore
- (4) The requested variance is hereby approved, as follows:
 - a. The required 25-foot rear yard setback, as specified in § 2 of Ord. 2020-01 (Village at Seabrook PUD), is hereby reduced to 18.7 feet.

There being no further discussion on the motion, Chairman Sewell called for a vote. Chairman Sewell reminded members that a "yes" vote was in favor of approving the variance, while a "no" vote was opposed to approving the variance.

IN FAVOR (YES) OPPOSED (NO)

Chairman Sewell

Mr. Fox

Ms. Gorski

Mr. Leggett

Mr. Pinckney

The motion to grant the variance was **APPROVED** by a vote of 5-0.

To protect established property values in the surrounding area, and to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare, Mr. Leggett made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gorski, to attach the following conditions to the approved variance, as allowed by §6-29-800(A)(2)(d)(i) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

- (1) The approved variance shall apply to the building layout as shown on the site-specific plan prepared by the applicants and reviewed by the Board on June 11, 2021. Any modification to this site-specific plan prior to the issuance of a zoning permit, with the exception of minor corrections and/or modifications which conform to the requirements of the town's DSO, shall require further review and approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals prior to permitting.
- (2) The applicants shall prepare and submit to the Zoning Administrator an as-built survey prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy (or within 30 days of passing the final inspection if no Certificate of Occupancy is required). The as-built survey shall be prepared and stamped by a professional land surveyor who is qualified to perform such services in the State of South Carolina.

(3) The variance shall expire on June 11, 2023 (two years from the date of approval) if the applicants fail to obtain a building permit on or before that date.

The motion to attach the conditions was **APPROVED** by a vote of 5-0.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

There were no Items for Information / Discussion

There being no further business, Ms. Gorski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Fox seconded the motion. The motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 PM.

Minutes Approved:

Joseph M. Cronin
Zoning Administrator

Geabrook Island

TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE

Board of Zoning Appeals

2001 Seabrook Island Road Seabrook Island, SC 29455 (843) 768-9121

Any applicant seeking a variance from the zoning requirements of the Town of Seabrook Island's Development Standards Ordinance (hereafter, the "DSO") must submit a written application, along with a \$300.00 application fee and all required supplemental information. Applications must be typed or written legibly in ink. Please attach an additional sheet of paper if more space is needed. If you need assistance filling out this application form, please contact the Zoning Administrator by phone at (843) 768-9121 or by email at jcronin@townofseabrookisland.org.

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Tax Map Number					N/A	
Lot Size (Square Feet)	1.824 acres (79,453 sf)				- !	14//
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2. APPLICANT(S)						
Please provide information	regarding the individual(s)	who is (are) sub	mitting the va	riance i	request.	
Applicant Name(s)	Keith Murphy, or assigns					
Applicant Address	7303 Three Chopt Rd, Richm	ond, VA 23226				
Applicant Phone Number	804-517-1585					
Applicant Email Address	kmurphy@3north.com					
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PROPERTY OWNER(S)						
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Owner Name(s)	Reynolds-Williams At Marshwood, LLC					
Owner Mailing Address	1169 Oyster Catcher Court					
Owner Phone Number	843-243-0765					
Owner Email Address	myvizsla@bellsouth.net					
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5. VARIANCE REQUEST

A. Please provide a brief description of the proposed scope of work:

The proposed scope of work includes development and enhancements to the property to accommodate 12 custom high end townhomes in 2 and 3 unit configurations. A shared driveway entrance will allow site access from a southern entrance from Longbend Drive, and a secondary Western connection through an existing R.O.W. Easement.

- B. In order to complete the proposed scope of work, the Applicant(s) is (are) requesting a variance from the following requirement(s) of the town's DSO:
 - 1) DSO Section Reference(s):

§10.30.00 Buffering of Incompatible Land Use, §9.40.10 Marsh Setback

2) DSO Requirement(s):

§10.30.20. Buffer Requirements. The required buffer shall be a strip of landscape development at least fifty (50) feet in width, which shall be developed with the following, § 9.40.10. All areas within twenty-five (25) feet of wetlands, marsh or typical marsh vegetation as determined by South Carolina Ocean and Coastal Resource Management critical base line shall retain their natural ground cover, or shall be planted and maintained with grass or similar groundcover. Disturbed ground cover shall be replaced following all construction activities.

- C. The application of the zoning requirements of the town's DSO will result in unnecessary hardship, and the standards for a variance set by State Law and the DSO are met by the following facts:
 - 1) There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to this particular piece of property as follows:

When the 50' Incompatible Land Use Buffer (at adjacent tennis courts) is combined with the OCRM, and Wetland Setback, the buildable area of the lot is decreased by approximately 60%. The incompatible land use buffer also restricts access to the property from Longbend Drive.

2) These conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity as shown by:

Provided "Seabrook Schematic Concept dated 5/10/2021" on pages 5 and 7. The adjacent Marshwalk Trace Condominium building is within a few feet of the tennis courts, and does not allow for a 50' buffer separation. Through GIS observation by the Civil Engineer, the adjacent Marshwalk Trace also appears to overstep their 25' OCRM Marsh Setback.

3) Because of these conditions, the application of the zoning requirements to this particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property as follows:

Would not allow for a road access from Longbend Drive, and reduce the buildable land area by approximately 60%. This would limit the development of this property as currently proposed, and only allow for about 4 townhomes of similar size.

4) The authorization of the variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance for the following reasons:

The adjacent property are the existing two tennis courts which are fenced, and are not equipped with lighting. The neighboring condo property is already non-compliant with the 50' buffer, and the new townhomes would be in compliance with a 25' setback from the neighboring residential units. Proposed decks would protrude less than 15 feet into the OCRM Marsh Setback on 2 units (8 and 10). Careful care and consideration will be implemented for all landscape elements to create as much buffer as possible between the tennis courts and this development. Plant choices will be carefully picked to fit the local flora of Seabrook Island. The proposed building designs will be respectful of all SIPOA guidelines, with the ultimate goal of enhancing the overall unique character of Seabrook Island.

6. APPLICATION MATERIALS

In addition to the completed Variance Application Form, all requests for variance must be accompanied by the supplemental materials listed below. An application is not considered "complete" until all required documentation has been received by the Zoning Administrator. Below is a checklist of the required materials:

Completed & Signed Variance Application Form (Paper Required; PDF Optional)

• Please submit one completed paper application. All signatures must be original.

★ \$300.00 Application Fee

The application fee may be paid by cash or check only.

As-Built Survey / Survey of Existing Conditions (Paper Required; PDF Optional)

All applications must be accompanied by an as-built survey which accurately illustrates the

existing conditions on the property, including setback measurements for all structures. **Proposed Site Plan (Paper & PDF Required)**

- Required for all new structures and/or exterior modifications which will change the footprint of one or more existing structures.
- For lots abutting a marsh or beachfront jurisdictional line, the location of the critical line must be certified by OCRM within the previous five (5) years.

Scaled Architectural Drawings: (Paper & PDF Required)

- Required for all new structures and/or exterior modifications to existing structures.
- Architectural drawings must show, at a minimum:
 - o A detailed floor plan or plan view; and
 - o Front, side and rear elevations, as appropriate.

Letter of Approval from Property Owners Association and/or Regime: (Paper Required; PDF Optional)

- Required for all properties which are subject to private restrictions and/or covenants.
- If approval is pending, please attach a Letter of Acknowledgement from the POA and/or Regime.

Letters of support, petitions, photographs, and any other documentation which an Applicant feels may support his or her request may be attached but are not required. (Paper & Digital Files Optional)

CRITERIA FOR REVIEW

Pursuant to Section 6-29-800(A)(2) of the SC Code of Laws, the Board of Zoning Appeals has the power to hear and decide appeals for variance from the requirements of the zoning ordinance when strict application of the provisions of the ordinance would result in **unnecessary hardship**. A variance may be granted in an individual case of unnecessary hardship if the board makes and explains in writing the following findings:

- (a) there are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property;
- (b) these conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity;
- (c) because of these conditions, the application of the ordinance to the particular piece of property would **effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict** the utilization of the property; and
- (d) the authorization of a variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance.

The board may not grant a variance, the effect of which would be to allow the establishment of a use not otherwise permitted in a zoning district, to extend physically a nonconforming use of land or to change the zoning district boundaries shown on the official zoning map. The fact that property may be utilized more profitably, if a variance is granted, may not be considered grounds for a variance. Other requirements may be prescribed by the zoning ordinance.

In granting a variance, the board may attach to it such conditions regarding the location, character, or other features of the proposed building, structure, or use as the board may consider advisable to protect established property values in the surrounding area or to promote the public health, safety, or general welfare.

SEABROOK TOWNHOMES SCHEMATIC CONCEPT



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SITE INFORMATION





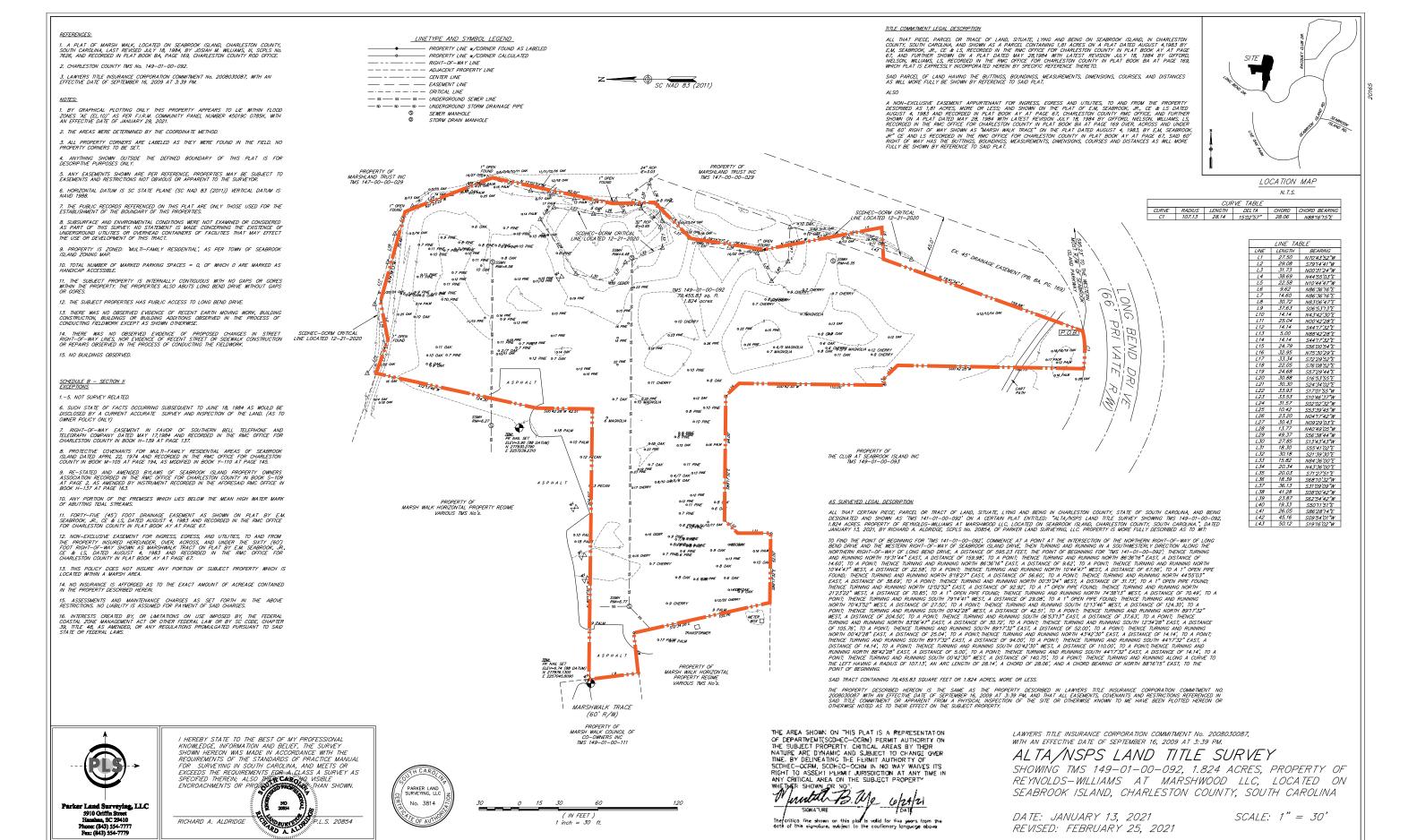
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EXISTING SITE ADJACENCIES





EXISTING SITE SURVEY



JOB NO. 20165

LEGEND

Property Line

50' Zoning Buffer

Wetland Setbacks

OCRM Critical Line 12/21/2020

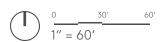
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Adjacent Structures

KEYNOTES

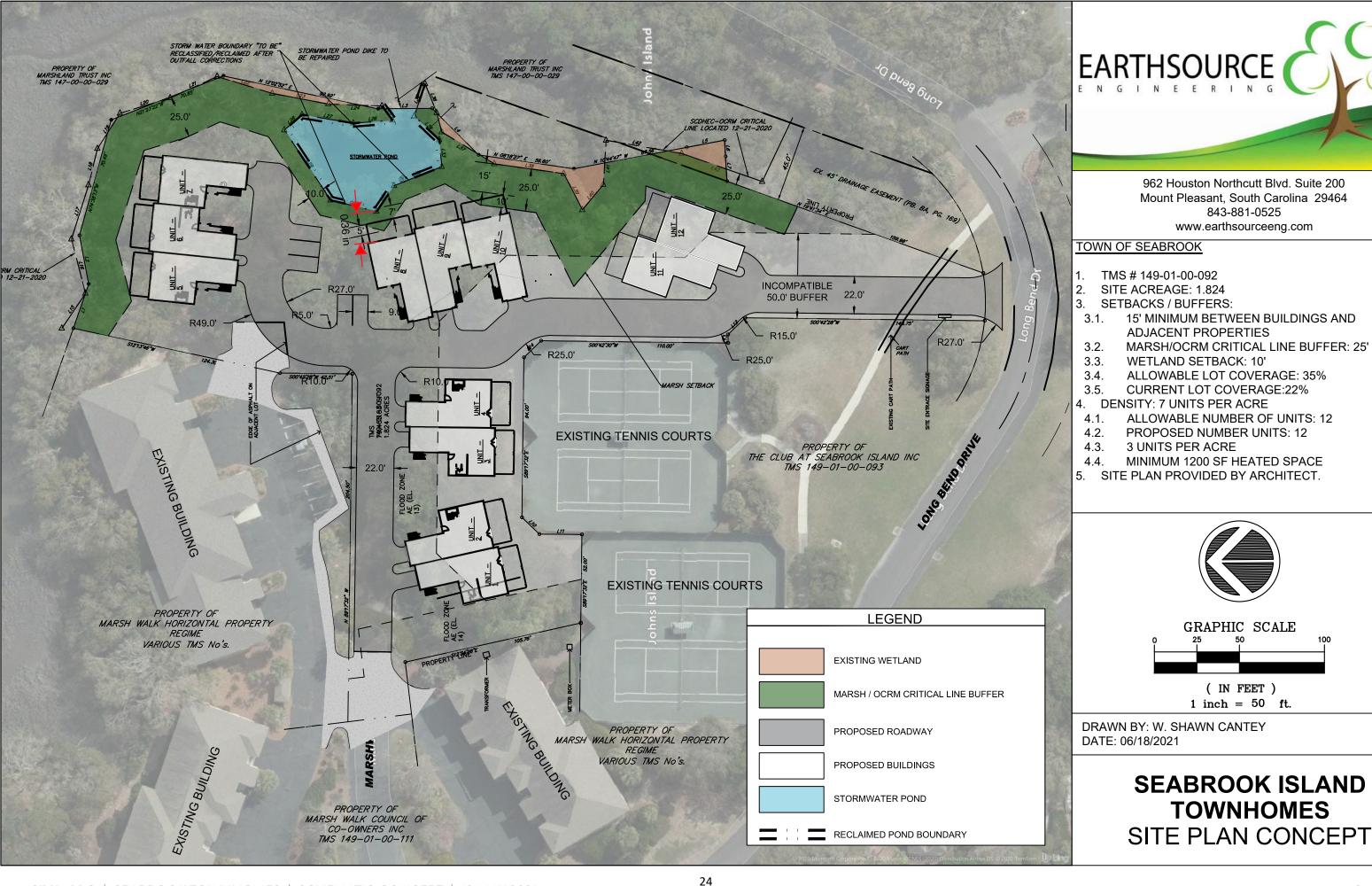
- Seabrook Island Racquet Club
- Marshwalk Trace Condominiums
- Site Entrance from Longbend Drive
- Site Entrance Thru Marshwalk Trace
- Guest/Additional Parking
- Lagoon





SITE PLAN CONCEPT





SCHEMATIC PLANS





Covered Entrance 4'-6" x 6'-5"

Outdoor Storage 3'-4" x 7'-0"

Stair Hall with Storage 13'-0" x 10'-10"

Elevator **4'-6" x 4'-0"**

Two Car Garage w/Golf Cart 14'-0" x 49'-0"

Garage Storage 12'-9" x 15'-0"

Lower Terrace 25'-5" x 11'-0"

UNIT AREA

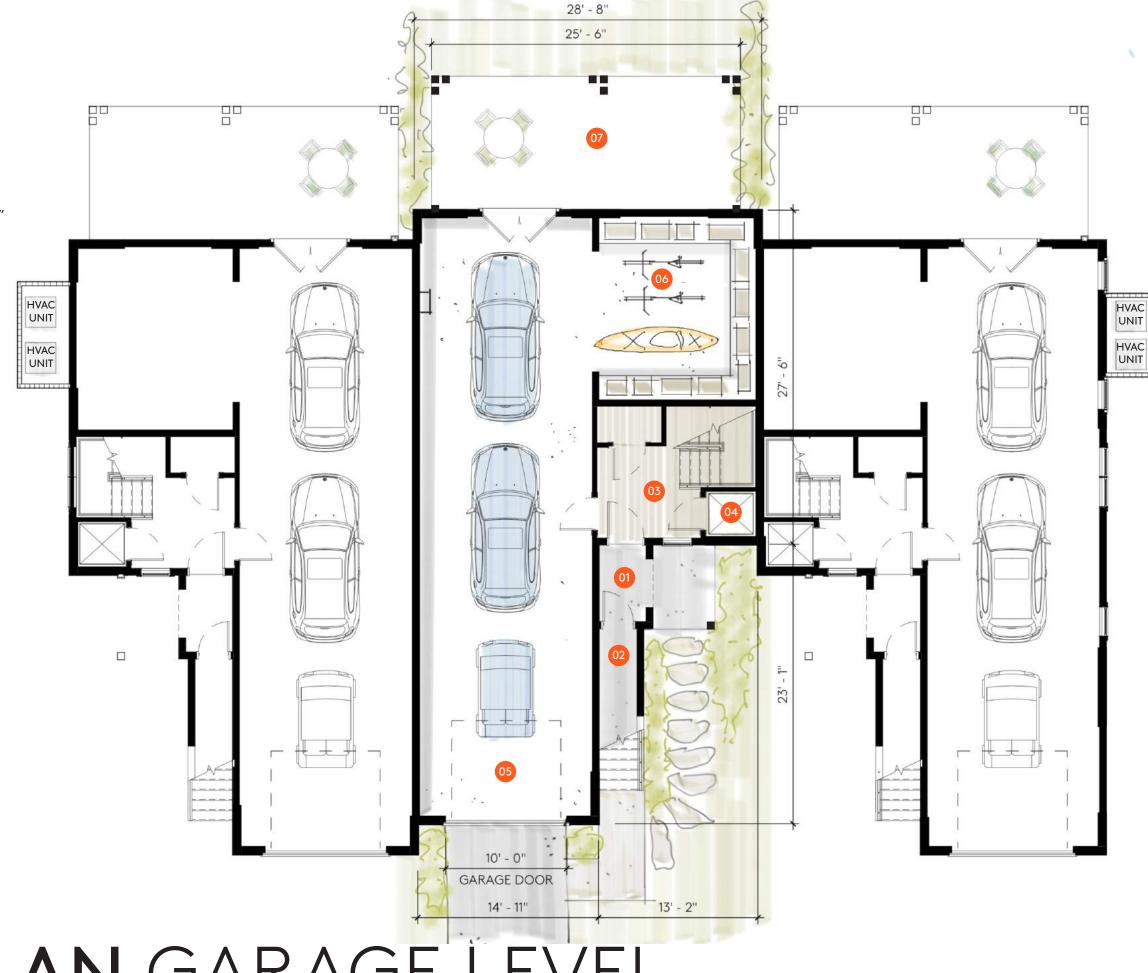
Conditioned SF Total	2,464 SF
Second Level	1,151 SF
First Level	1,151 SF
Ground Level	162 SF

Unconditioned SF Total 989 SF (Garage & Storage)

3,453 SF Gross Unit Area

746 SF Porches SF Total

0 2 4 8



FLOOR PLAN GARAGE LEVEL SIVA, LLC | SEABROOK TOWNHOMES | SCHEMATIC CONCEPT | 10 MAY 2021

ROOMS

01 Front Porch Entrance 9'-6" x 7'-0"

O2 Stair Hall 13'-5" x 10'-10"

03 Elevator 4'-6" x 4'-0"

04 Kitchen with Seated Island 14'-2" x 10'-4"

05 Dining Room 12'-0" x 15'-7"

06 Living Room 15'-6" x 14'-7"

07 Coat Closet 3'-0" x 3'-0"

08 Guest Bedroom 1 14'-3" x 12'-10"

09 Guest Bathroom 1 10'-0" x 10'-6"

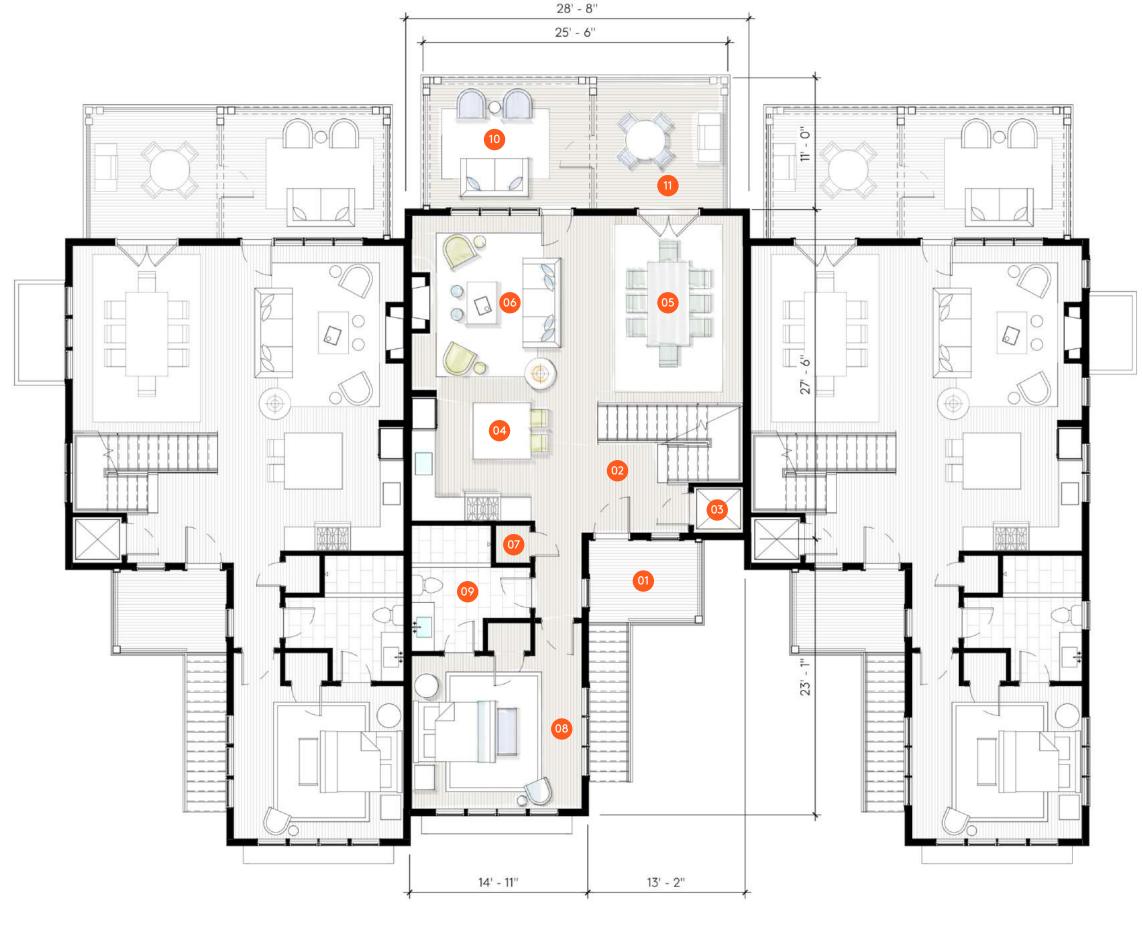
10 Screen Porch 14'-5" x 11'-0"

11 Upper Terrace 10'-11" x 11'-0"

UNIT AREA

Porches SF Total	746 SF
Gross Unit Area	3,453 SF
Unconditioned SF Total (Garage & Storage)	989 SF
Conditioned SF Total	2,464 SF
Second Level	1,151 SF
First Level	1,151 SF
Ground Level	162 SF

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FLOOR PLAN MAIN LEVEL



ROOMS

Stair Hall 13'-5" x 10'-11"

Elevator **4'-6" x 4'-0"**

Sitting Room/Office 10'-3" x 9'-11"

Master Bedroom 14'-5" x 15'-3"

Master Bathroom 12'-8" x 9'-2"

Walk-In Wardrobe 12'-10" x 5'-6"

Guest Bedroom 2 14'-3" x 12'-10"

Guest Bathroom 2 5'-11" x 10'-4"

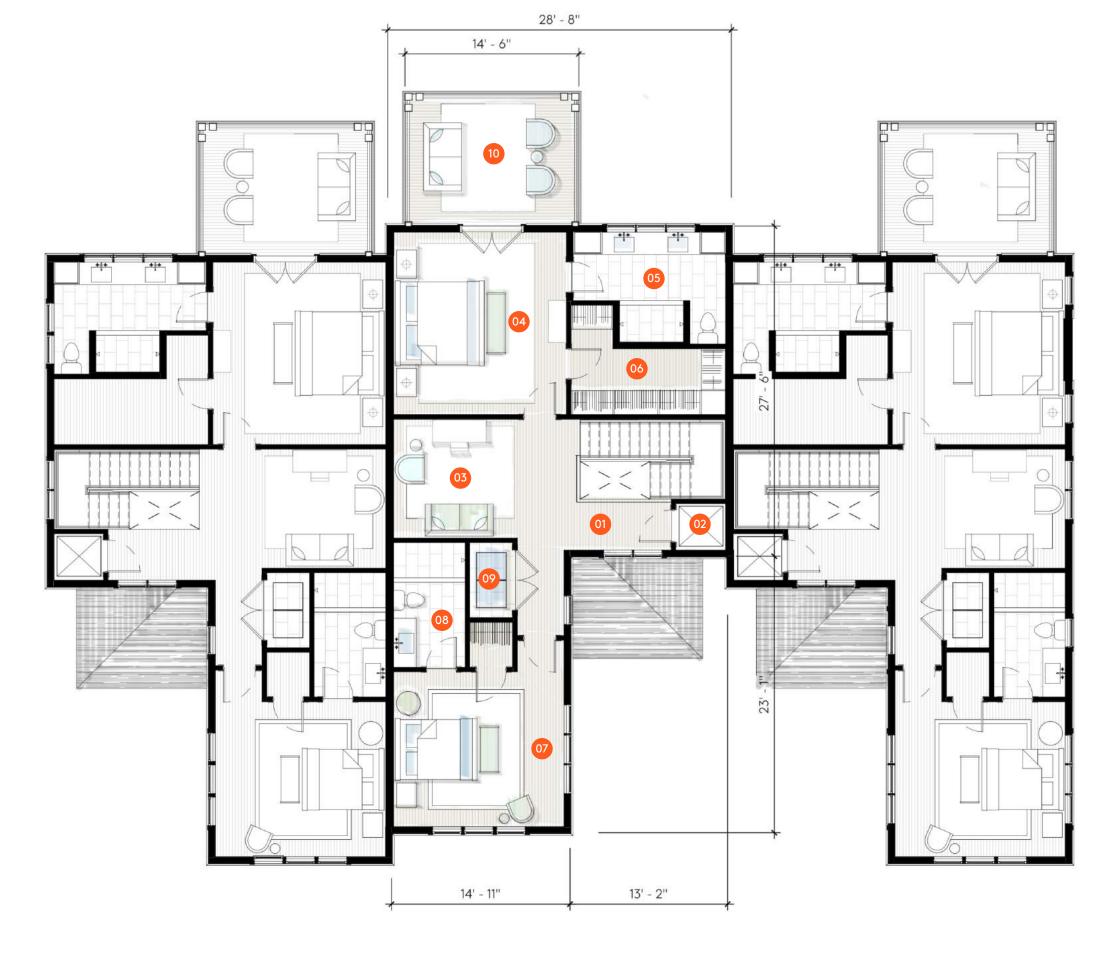
Laundry **3'-7"** x **6'-3"**

Master Terrace 14'-4" x 11'-0"

UNIT AREA

Ground Level	162 S
First Level	1,151 S
Second Level	1,151 S
Conditioned SF Total	2,464 S
Unconditioned SF Total (Garage & Storage)	989 S
Gross Unit Area	3,453 S
Porches SF Total	746 S

0 2 4 8



FLOOR PLAN UPPER LEVEL



ROOMS

O1 Shingle Roof 5:12 Pitch

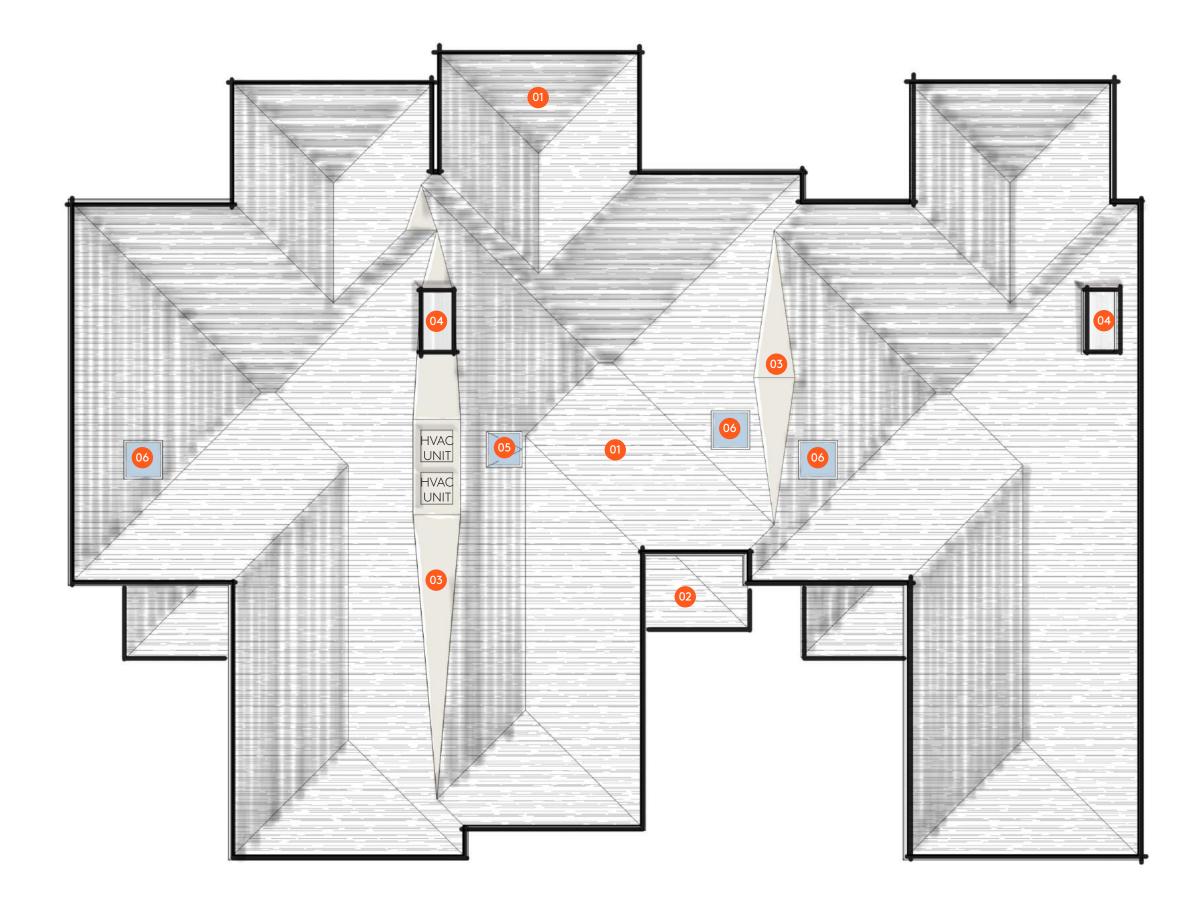
O2 Shingle Roof 3:12 Pitch

03 TPO Cricket

O4 Chimney

O5 Skylight Roof Access over Office

06 Stair Skylight









SCHEMATIC ELEVATIONS





TOWNHOME CONCEPT TO MAY 2021





VNHOME CONCEPT REAR









3 UNIT TOWNHOME 2 UNIT TOWNHOME 29' - 9 1/4" ROOF BRNG. 28' - 3" BUILDING HEIGHT 20' - 8 1/4" UPPER LEVEL 10' - 6 5/8" MAIN LEVEL 8' - 6" DFE (+15.00') 6'-6" (+13.00') 0' - 0" GARAGE -0' - 6" (+6.00') SITE GRADE 0 2 4







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