



# Staff Report

Infill Housing Design Review Committee

File Number: 12-F-23-IH

**Meeting:** 12/20/2023  
**Applicant:** Mike Ballinger  
**Owner:** Mike Ballinger

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## Property Information

**Location:** 1215 Dakota Ave. **Parcel ID** 85 I A 021  
**Zoning:** RN-2 (Single-Family Residential Neighborhood)  
**District:** Lonsdale Infill Housing Overlay District

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## Description of Work

Level III Driveways, Parking Pads, Access Points, Garages, or Similar, New Primary Structure

New primary residence fronting Dakota Avenue. One-story residence features a front-gable roof (6/12 pitch), an exterior of vinyl siding, and concrete slab. The house will be set 37.4' from the front property line. The parking is proposed for the front yard, featuring an 11' wide concrete driveway with a 10' by 18' turnaround extending to the right.

The façade (east elevation) features a partial-width, front-gable roof porch supported by square wood posts. The three-bay façade features a centrally-located front door flanked by paired one-over-one windows. The left elevation features one one-over-one window, and the right elevation features two smaller fixed windows. A secondary access is located on the rear elevation.

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## Applicable Design Guidelines

Heart of Knoxville Infill Housing Design Guidelines

### 1. Front Yards

- Consistent front yard space should be created along the street with the setback of a new house matching the older houses on the block.
- A walkway should be provided from the sidewalk or street to the front door. Along grid streets, the walk should be perpendicular to the street.
- Healthy trees that are outside the building footprint should be preserved. The root area should be marked and protected during construction.

### 2. House Orientation and Side Yards

- New housing should be proportional to the dimensions of the lot and other houses on the block.
- Side yard setbacks should be similar to older houses on the block, keeping the rhythm of spacing between houses consistent.

### 3. Alleys, Parking, and Services

- Parking should not be in front yards.
  - On streets without alleys, garages or parking areas should be at least 20 feet behind the front façade of the infill
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house with access limited to one lane between the street and the front façade.

- Alley access should be used for garage or parking pad locations. On level ground, pea gravel or similar material may be used as a parking pad off alleys.
- Alley-oriented parking pads, garbage collection points, and utility boxes should be screened with a combination of landscaping and fencing.
- On those streets which have alleys, driveways should not be permitted from the front of the house.

#### 4. Scale, Mass, and Foundation Height

- The front elevation should be designed to be similar in scale to other houses along the street.
- The front façade of new houses should be about the same width as original houses on the block.
- New foundations should be about the same height as the original houses in the neighborhood.

#### 5. Porches and Stoops

- Small stoops centered on entry and no more than 5 feet deep are appropriate on blocks where porches were not traditional.

#### 6. Windows and Doors

- When constructing new houses, the window and door styles should be similar to the original or historic houses on the block.
- To respect the privacy of adjacent properties, consider the placement of side windows and doors.
- The windows and doors on the front facade of an infill house should be located in similar proportion and position as the original houses on the block.
- Attention should be paid to window placement and the ratio of solid (the wall) to void (the window and door openings).

#### 7. Roof Shapes and Materials

- New roofs should be designed to have a similar pitch to original housing on the block.
- Darker shades of shingle were often used and should be chosen in roofing houses in Heart of Knoxville neighborhoods.

#### 8. Siding Materials

- Clapboard-like materials (such as cement fiberboard) should be used in constructing new housing where painted wood siding was traditionally used.
- Faced stone, vertical siding, and other non-historic materials should not be used in building new houses. In 1930-1950 era neighborhoods, faced stone may be appropriate (see Section 12).

#### 11. Landscaping and Other Considerations

- One native or naturalized shade tree should be planted in the front and rear yards of infill lots with 25 feet or more in depth to front of house.

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## Comments

1. The house is proposed to be set 37.4' from the front property line. The proposed house will be accompanied by three additional new construction houses on the block, creating a new streetscape pattern on a block with no additional houses. The houses should be moved closer to the front property line to meet the base zoning's 20' front setback requirement.

2. The block to receive new construction is relatively vacant and lacks context. The proposed one-story, three-bay house is proportional to the dimensions of the lot and the context of the block. The side yard setbacks are consistent with the broader neighborhood.

3. The design guidelines and Infill Housing code discourage front yard parking. The parking should be revised to

place cars "at least 20 feet behind the front façade of the infill house, with access limited to one lane between the street and the front façade" to meet the guidelines. Final revisions may be necessary to meet City Engineering standards.

4. The one-story, three-bay façade is similar to the broader neighborhood context. The house is proposed for a concrete slab foundation; guidelines recommend that "new houses be about the same height as the original houses in the neighborhood." The foundation height should be elevated to at least 12" to meet guidelines.

5. The house features a partial-width front porch (depth not provided). The overall porch design meets the Infill Housing guidelines, though the applicant should provide measurements on porch supports and porch depth. The porch should be supported by posts that are at least 6 by 6 and measure at least 8' in depth.

6. Guidelines recommend window and door styles be similar, with similar proportions and ratio of solid to void to, to historic houses on the block. Revisions should be made to the side elevations to incorporate additional transparency.

7. The proposed roof pitch, 6/12, is the minimum typically approved in the Infill Housing overlay and meets the design guidelines.

8. While vinyl siding meets the Infill Housing guidelines, the final siding material should feature an overlap instead of flush panel or Dutch lap vinyl siding.

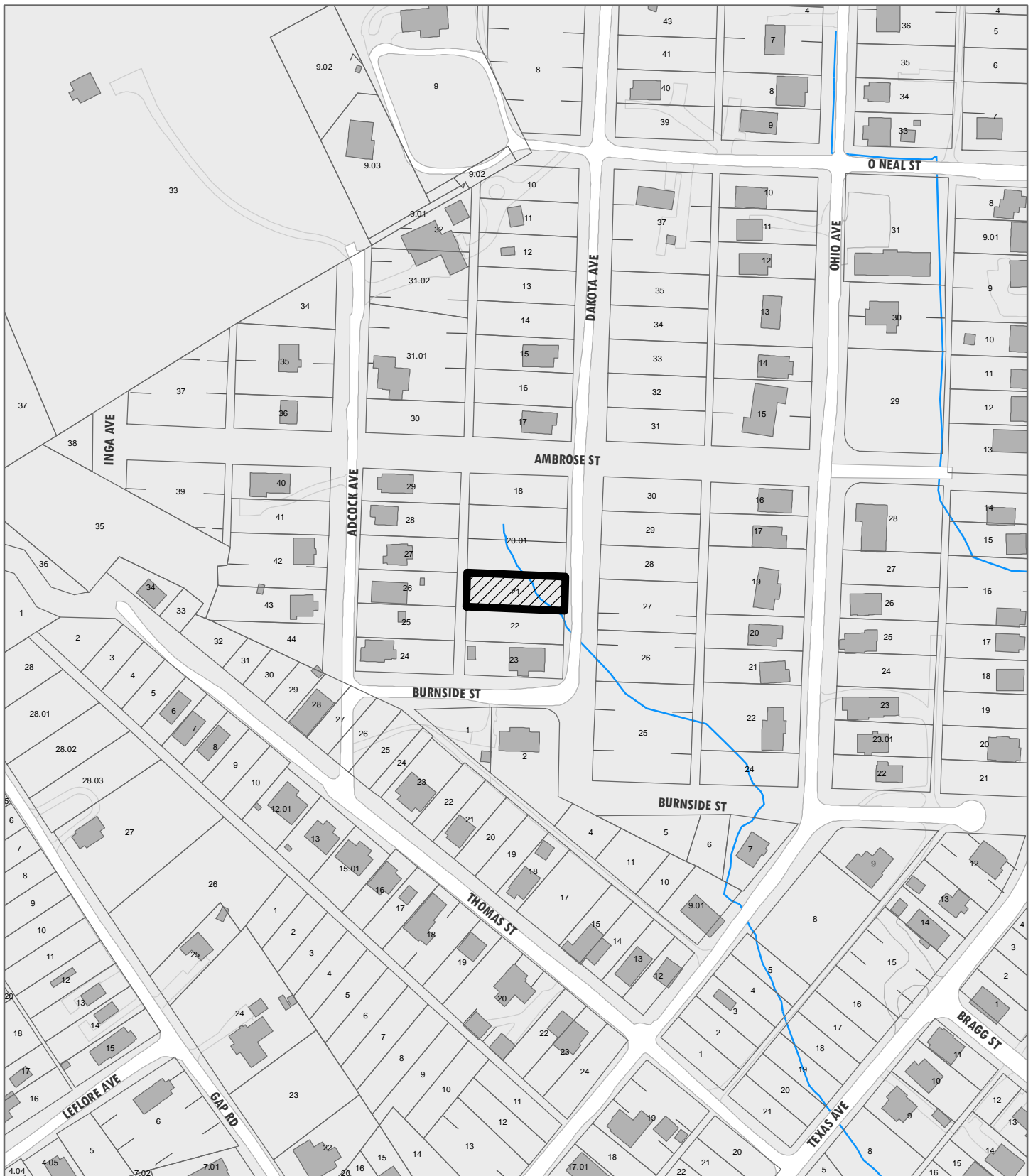
9. The site plan includes the planting of one new tree in the rear yard and the retention of an existing tree in the front.

10. 1215 Dakota Avenue is proposed to be identical to the new houses at 1205, 1209, and 1219 Dakota Avenue. Revisions should be made to the houses to differentiate the four; options could include revised rooflines, porch design and placement, or overall massing and design of the houses.

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## Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Certificate 12-F-23-IH, subject to the following conditions: 1) front setback to be revised, moving house closer to the front property line; 2) final site plan to meet City Engineering standards; 3) parking to be revised to meet Infill Housing guidelines; 4) revisions to side elevation window placement and proportion; and 5) revisions to differentiate from adjacent new houses proposed on Dakota Avenue, with approval by staff.



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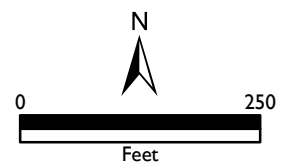
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**INFILL  
HOUSING  
REVIEW  
BOARD**



1215 Dakota Ave.  
Lonsdale Infill Housing Overlay District

Original Print Date: 12/5/2023  
Revised:  
Knoxville/Knox County Planning - Infill Housing Design Review Committee





# DESIGN REVIEW REQUEST

- DOWNTOWN DESIGN (DK)
- HISTORIC ZONING (H)
- INFILL HOUSING (IH)

Mike Ballinger

Applicant

12/1/23

December 20, 2023

12-F-23-IH

Date Filed

Meeting Date (if applicable)

File Number(s)

## CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence related to this application should be directed to the approved contact listed below.

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- Contractor
- Engineer
- Architect/Landscape Architect

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Knoxville

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State

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## CURRENT PROPERTY INFO

Same

Owner Name (if different from applicant)

Owner Address

Owner Phone

1215 Dakota Ave

0811A02001

Property Address

Parcel ID

Rosedale Add

RN-2

Neighborhood

Zoning

## AUTHORIZATION

Lindsay Crockett

*Lindsay Crockett*

12/1/23

Staff Signature

Please Print

Date

*Mike Ballinger*

Mike Ballinger

12/1/23

Applicant Signature

Please Print

Date

# REQUEST

## DOWNTOWN DESIGN

**Level 1:**

- Signs     Alteration of an existing building/structure

**Level 2:**

- Addition to an existing building/structure

**Level 3:**

- Construction of new building/structure     Site design, parking, plazas, landscape

*See required Downtown Design attachment for more details.*

Brief description of work: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## HISTORIC ZONING

**Level 1:**

- Signs     Routine repair of siding, windows, roof, or other features, in-kind; Installation of gutters, storm windows/doors

**Level 2:**

- Major repair, removal, or replacement of architectural elements or materials     Additions and accessory structures

**Level 3:**

- Construction of a new primary building

**Level 4:**

- Relocation of a contributing structure     Demolition of a contributing structure

*See required Historic Zoning attachment for more details.*

Brief description of work: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## INFILL HOUSING

**Level 1:**

- Driveways, parking pads, access point, garages or similar facilities     Subdivisions

**Level 2:**

- Additions visible from the primary street     Changes to porches visible from the primary street

**Level 3:**

- New primary structure  
 Site built     Modular     Multi-Sectional

*See required Infill Housing attachment for more details.*

Brief description of work: new 1200 sf 3 br 2 bath home  
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## STAFF USE ONLY

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Downtown Design Checklist  
 Historic Zoning Design Checklist  
 Infill Housing Design Checklist

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Property Owners / Option Holders

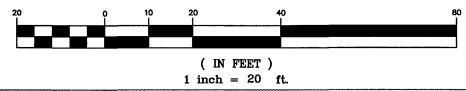
**Level 1:** \$50 • **Level 2:** \$100 • **Level 3:** \$250 • **Level 4:** \$500

<b>FEE 1:</b>		<b>TOTAL:</b>
	250.00	
<b>FEE 2:</b>		
<b>FEE 3:</b>		250.00



BUILDING SETBACKS: RN-2 ZONING  
 FRONT: 20', OR THE AVERAGE OF BLOCKFACE, WHICHEVER IS LESS; IN NO CASE LESS THAN 10'  
 SIDES: 5' OR 10% OF LOT WIDTH, WHICHEVER IS LESS; IN NO CASE LESS THAN 15' COMBINED  
 REAR: 20'

- SITE NOTES**
- CORNER MONUMENTS AS SHOWN HEREON
  - VERIFY EXACT SIZE, DEPTH AND LOCATION OF ALL UNDERGROUND UTILITIES PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.
  - DEED REFERENCE: INSTRUMENT # 202209180014782; PLAT CAB B, SLIDE 2388
  - PROPERTY SHOWN ON MAP 81 INSERT 1, GROUP A, PARCEL(S) 20 01 21, & 22
  - TOTAL AREA: 26,869.64 SQFT.
  - ZONING DISTRICT: RN-2
  - NO CERTIFICATION IS MADE REGARDING ZONING CONFORMANCE.
  - ALL STRUCTURES, UTILITIES AND/OR EASEMENTS THAT MAY EXIST ON OR CROSSING SURVEYED PROPERTY, NOT SHOWN THIS SURVEY.
  - SURVEYED PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE EASEMENTS, SETBACKS, RIGHT-OF-WAYS, & RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD OR CLAIMS OF EASEMENTS OR RIGHT-OF-WAYS, SHOWN BY PUBLIC RECORDS.



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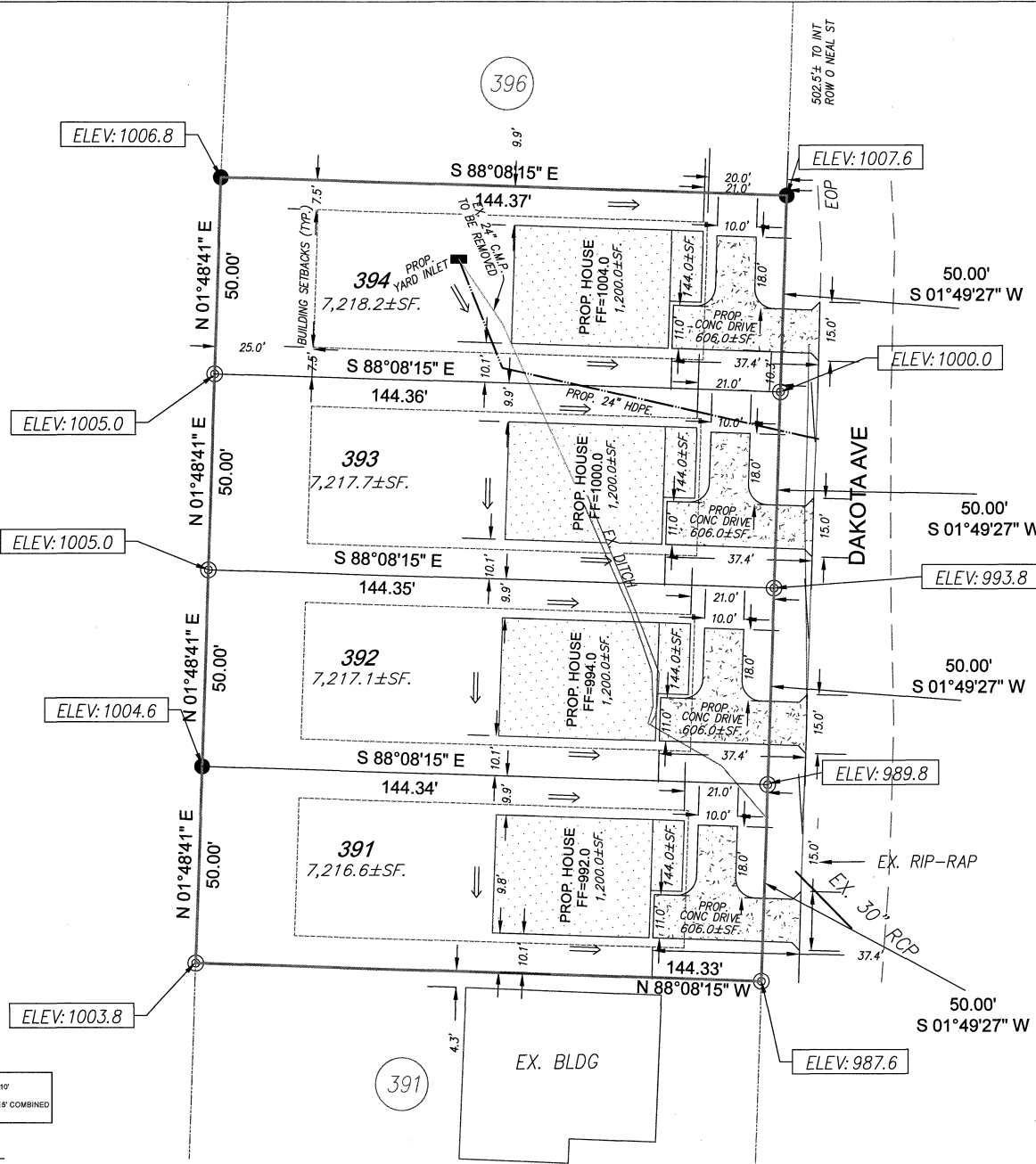
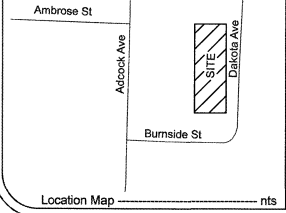
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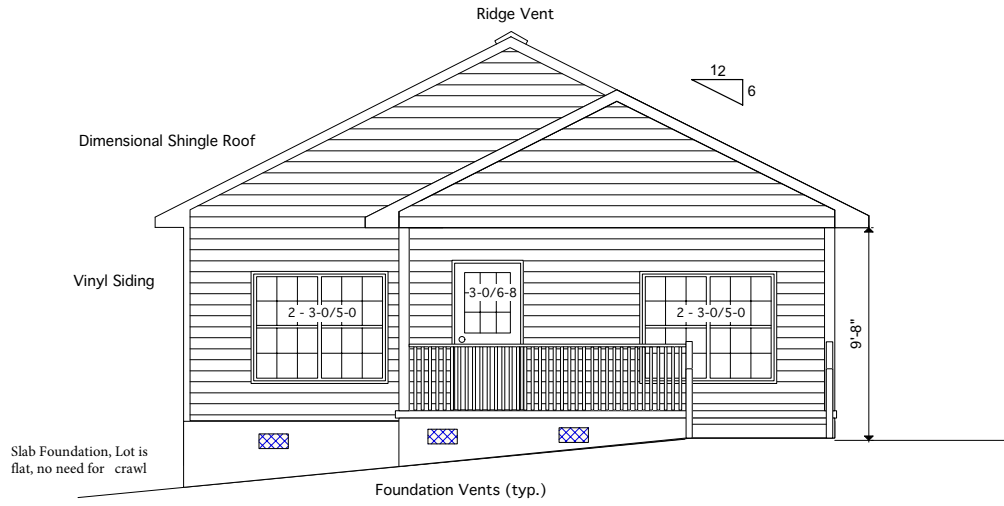
LOTS 391-394		
<b>ROSEDALE ADDITION</b>		
Scale: 1"= 20'	Approved by: REL	Drawn by: REL, jr
DATE: 11-1-2023 LATEST REVISION:		
1205-1219 DAKOTA AVE		
DISTRICT 8 * KNOX COUNTY * WARD 19* CITY OF KNOXVILLE TENNESSEE		
PARCEL ID(S): 081A02001,081A021,081A022	DRAWING NO.: 6349	

Impervious Area Calculations		
Item	sqft.	%
Drive	2424	8%
House	4800	17%
Porch	576	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7800</b>	<b>27%</b>
Lot Area 28870		
Maximum Impervious Surface	40%	
Impervious Surface	27%	
Maximum Building Coverage	30%	
Building Coverage	19%	

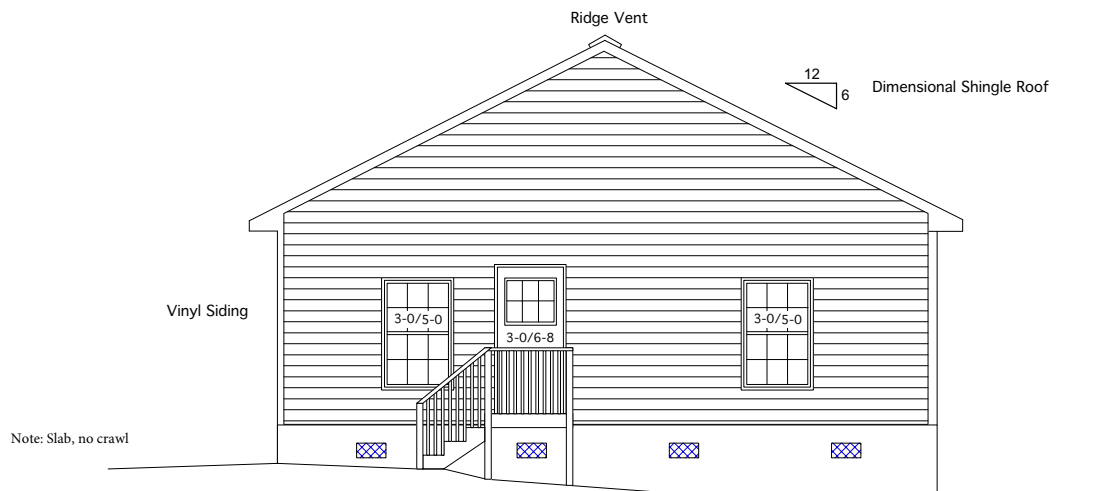
**OWNER:**  
 BALLINGER MICHAEL D  
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- LEGEND**
- IR(O) IRON ROD (OLD) 1/2"
  - ⊙ IR(S) IRON ROD (SET) 1/2"
  - ← FLOW ARROW





Front elevation



Back elevation

ELEVATIONS  
Scale: 1/4" = 1'-0"

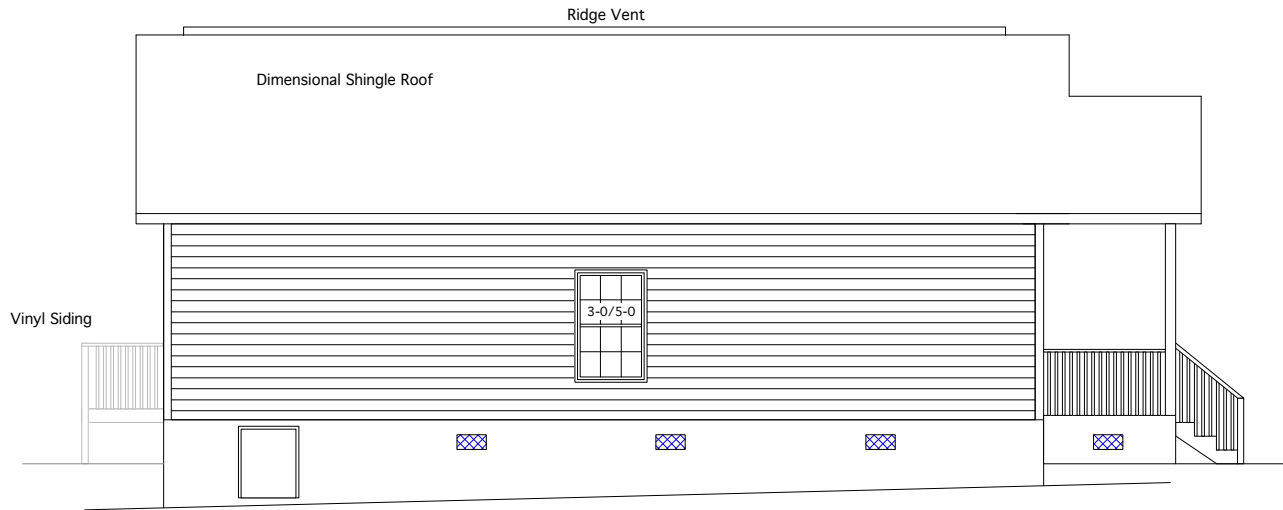
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1205 Dakota

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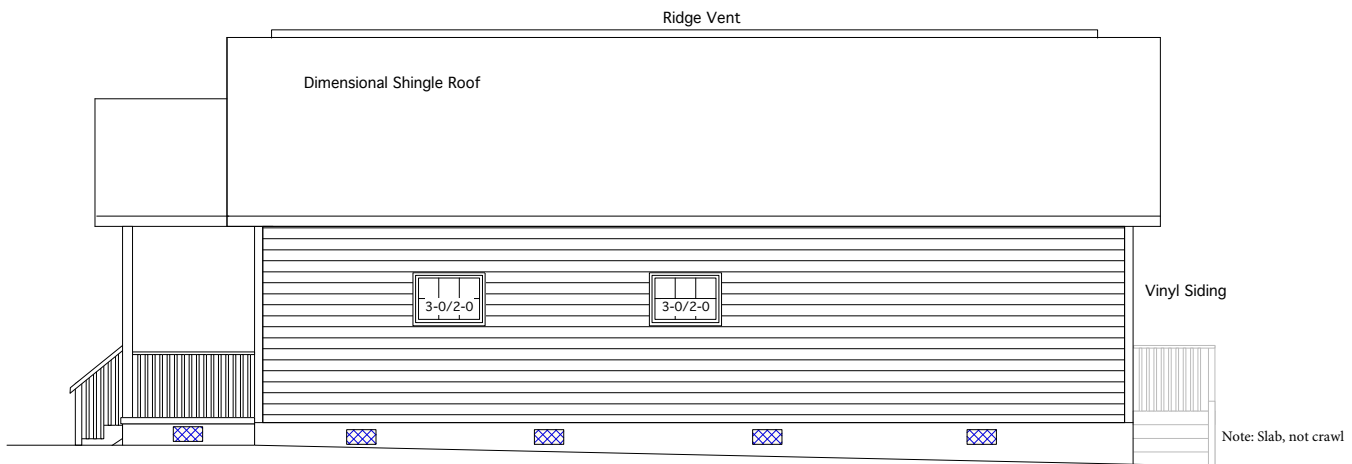






Left elevation

Note: Porch and  
Patio to be concrete,  
no wood decks, 1"  
below house slab.



Right elevation

ELEVATIONS  
Scale: 1/4" = 1'-0"

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