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MEMORANDUM

MEMO TO: Boise City Design Review Committee

Boise City Hall, 2nd Floor

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FROM: Josh Wilson

Design Review Analyst

Boise City Planning and Development Services

RE: **DRH16-00079**DATE: **August 3, 2016**

Public Worksession DRH16-0007 / BVGC Parcel B, LLC

Location: 1101 W. Front Street

Approval of sixty-percent (60%) construction drawings for the four-story, 600 stall parking structure with 10,000 square feet of office/retail space on the ground floor in a C-5DD (Central Business with Downtown Design Review) zone.

SUMMARY

The applicant has submitted documents complying with a site specific condition of approval for DRH16-00079 requiring a public work session for approval of the sixty-percent construction drawings for the proposed parking garage structure. At the June 8, 2016 public work session, the Design Review Committee gave specific direction for the final design of the structure, voicing concerns over the transparency of the proposed screening and railing system, and the visibility of vehicles within the structure.

ANALYSIS

The building elevations submitted for the work session address the transparency of the screening and visibility of vehicles within the garage by increasing the number of perforated panels on the exterior of the structure, and increasing the thickness of the exposed concrete edge of each parking deck. This adds opacity and substance to the structure, reducing the open vision of vehicles while not creating a flat wall with no visual interest. There will be a total of 133 panels on the exterior of the building, placed on twenty bays opposed to the previous total of nine. The office/retail storefront on the 11th Street elevation has been reconfigured with more vertical orientation to the door and window placement, a simplified application of glazing in coordination with the floor plan, and the canopies have been lowered in conjunction with the increased parking deck thickness. Additionally, the tower element at the northeast corner has been modified to separate the entrances to the stairwell and elevator, providing two street level canopies and more glazing. The remaining

outstanding items required to be addressed at sixty-percent drawings will come under separate submittal for the retail and office building components of the project.

RECOMMENDATION

With the submitted drawings, the project complies with the applicable Site Specific Conditions of approval, Sections 11-7-3.1, 11-7-3.2 and 11-7-3.3 of the Zoning Ordinance, the goals and policies of the Boise City Comprehensive Plan, and the Boise Downtown Design Standards and Guidelines. The Planning Team recommends approval at the August 10, 2016 work session.

Revised Site Specific Conditions of Approval are listed below:

Site Specific Conditions

- 1. Compliance with the plans and specifications submitted to and on file in the Planning and Development Services Department dated received **March 8, 2016**, revised plans and specifications dated received **May 11, 2016**, and parking garage plans and elevations dated received **June 30, 2016** except as expressly modified by the following conditions:
 - a. Any trees within tree grates shall also use a suspended pavement system with a minimum soil volume of 500-600 cu ft. The soil used within the suspended pavement system will be required to meet City specifications which can be obtained from the Planning Team.
 - b. At 60-percent construction documents of each phase of the project, the following shall be provided:
 - i. Details showing a minimum of a 2-inch depth from the face of the glazing to the finish face of the surrounding material, with the exception of the curtain wall systems.
 - ii. A detailed planting plan showing species, quantities, and size at time of planting.
 - iii. Details showing all rooftop mechanical equipment screened to full height

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July 12, 2016



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Re: Submittal for 60% Construction Documents for Parking Garage Element of DRH16-00079
SB Matter No. 23297.21

Dear Mr. Wilson,

Pursuant to Site Specific Condition 1.b.4. in DRH16-00079, as approved on June 8, 2016, that at sixty percent (60%) construction documents, we return to "Detail the upper decks of the parking structure, modifying the proposed cable rail system to provide increased opacity and visual screening of vehicles" we do hereby make this submittal. We are progressing with the design of the parking garage and desire to comply with Site Specific Condition 1.b.4. As such, we provide for review and consideration revised elevations and perspectives for the parking garage, as well as the 60% design floor plans for the parking garage.

As discussed at the work session on June 8, 2016, we understand the Committee's concern with the screening of vehicles, however, we also are attempting to design a parking garage that is lighter, less massive, and more open than what has been done previously. Additionally, we have sought to orient the screening vertically to offset the inherently horizontal design and configuration of a parking garage. As we have progressed towards finished construction documents, we have also made some additional modifications to the 11th Street commercial façade as noted below.

As such, we submit for your consideration the following documents:

Revised Elevations for Parking Garage; Revised Perspective of Parking Garage; and 60% Design Documents – floor plans for Parcel B Parking Structure. July 12, 2016 Josh Wilson Design Review Planner BOISE CITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES Page 2



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With respect to the plans and specifications submitted to and on file in the Planning and Development Services Department dated received March 8, 2016, and revised plans and specifications dated received May 11, 2016, we have made the following modifications:

- The height of the exterior edge of the floors of the parking decks have been increased to 8" and additional structural elements on the east and west façades also provide additional screening of the underside of each deck on those façades, while providing greater horizontal definition especially on the 11th Street elevation;
- The increased depth of the structural elements on the eastern and western floor edges have been carried through and tied into the eastern and western stair and elevator towers at each level to provide horizontal interest;
- On the 11th Street façade at street level, windows, columns and awnings have been slightly reconfigured so that there is more vertical orientation of the storefront glass along 11th Street, slightly less random appearance of the door and window placement to better facilitate interior functionality, and the canopies have been modified to lower them slightly to offset the more substantial floor edge above;
- At the corner of 11th Street and Front Street, the entrances to the garage stairwell and
 elevator have been modified slightly so that they no longer share an entrance but instead
 have distinct entrances, with the upper floors cantilevering over the two separate
 entrances to provide a canopy for both entrances, with the result being that there is more
 glazing at the corner and greater space for pay stations at each floor level in the stairwell
 landings;
- Additional screening panels have been added to the garage for a total of 133 aluminum 3'-0" wide screening panels being placed on the exterior of the garage;
- The screening panels have been reconfigured so that instead of screening being placed over nine bays, we have expanded the screening to cover twenty bays to provide more coverage;
- The screening panels are typically spaced 2' apart, however we propose placing two panels immediately next to each other at various locations, so it appears that there are two sizes of panels being utilized 3'-0" and 6'-0" the effect is that there would appear to be approximately forty five (45) large panels and forty three (43) small panels used on the various elevations;
- The screening panels will be configured so that the number of panels and spacing of the panels varies from bay to bay, and the number, space, and perceived size of panels are configured in a somewhat random manner;
- The screening panels will also be configured so that larger openings in the screening along the various elevations identify the location of the access points to the garage for both pedestrians and vehicles to reinforce the entrance locations;
- The screening panels have been oriented to provide the greatest screening to views from 11th Street and Front Street on the north and east elevations, providing the greatest visual screening to vehicles that are stopped at 11th Street and headed onto the Connector, recognizing that the improvements on the western and southern portion of

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the site will further screen the garage on those elevations from Myrtle Street and 13^{th} Street; and

 The sheer walls that were formerly on the exterior of the garage have been relocated to the interior which should make the perimeter less massive and provide greater opportunity for visual interest with the metal panels.

We believe that the foregoing modifications address the Committee's concerns and satisfy the Site Specific conditions for DRH16-00079.

Additionally, we recognize that we will still need to make submittals consistent with the Site Specific Conditions for DRH16-00079, and that although we are submitting now for the 60% approval of the parking garage, we will submit for the 60% approval of the landscaping, retail building and office at a later date addressing those outstanding Site Specific Conditions.

We look forward to returning to the Committee. Please schedule this matter for the August hearing date.

Sincerely

Geoffrey M. Wardle

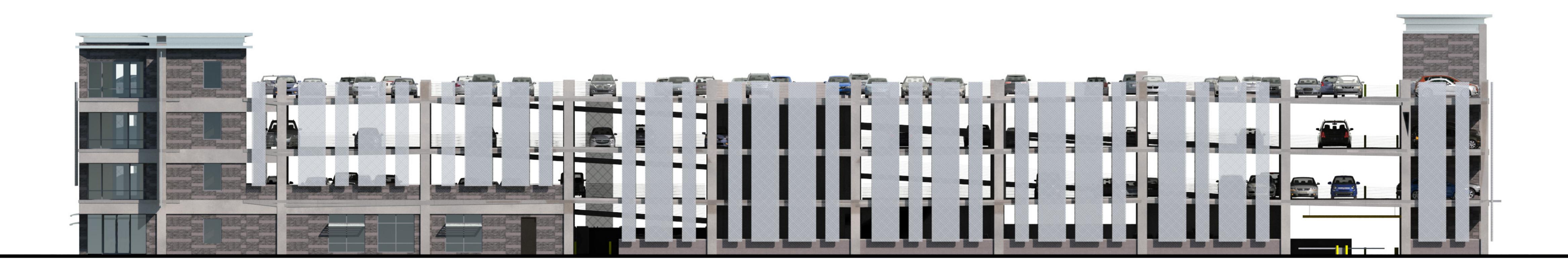
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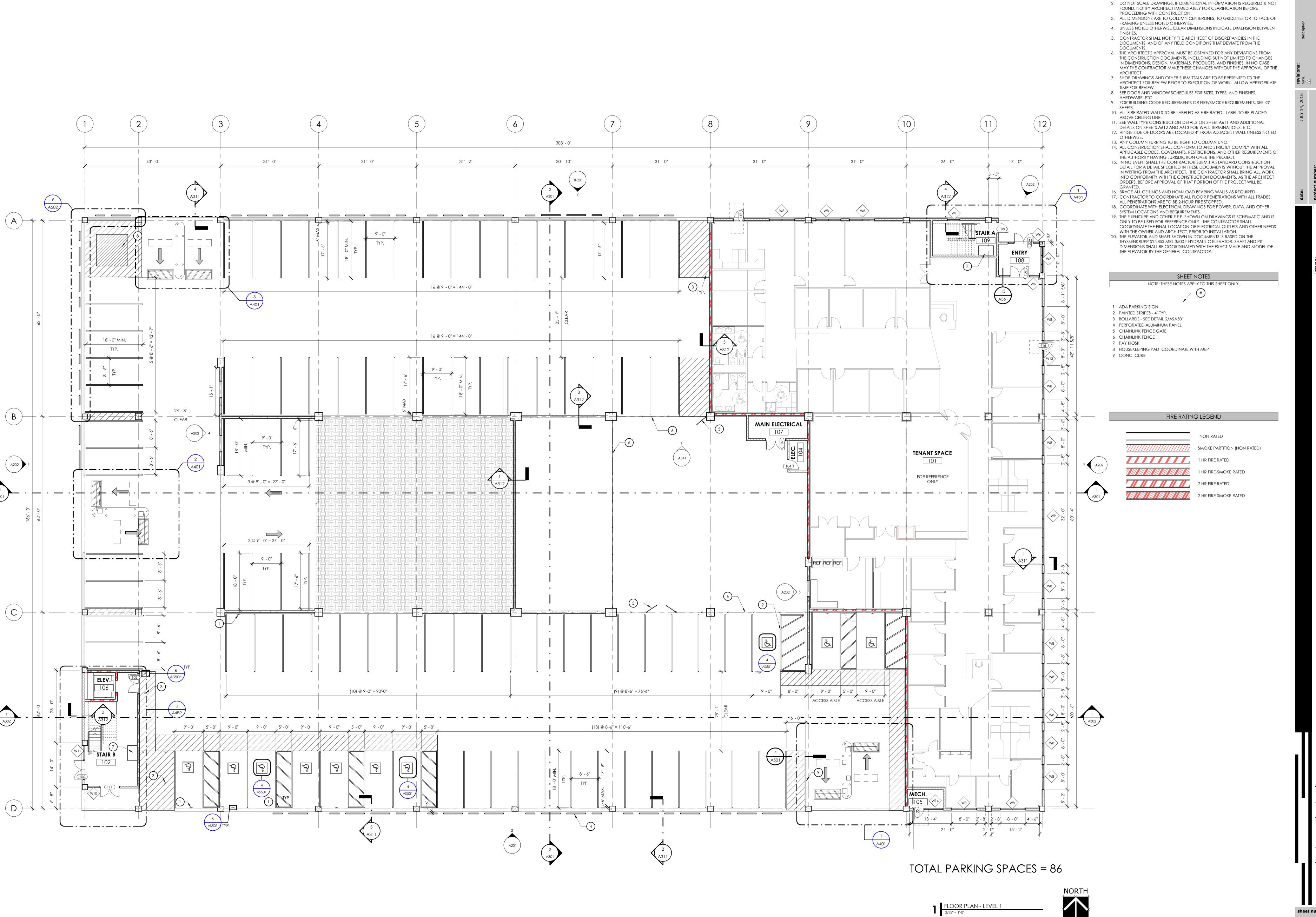


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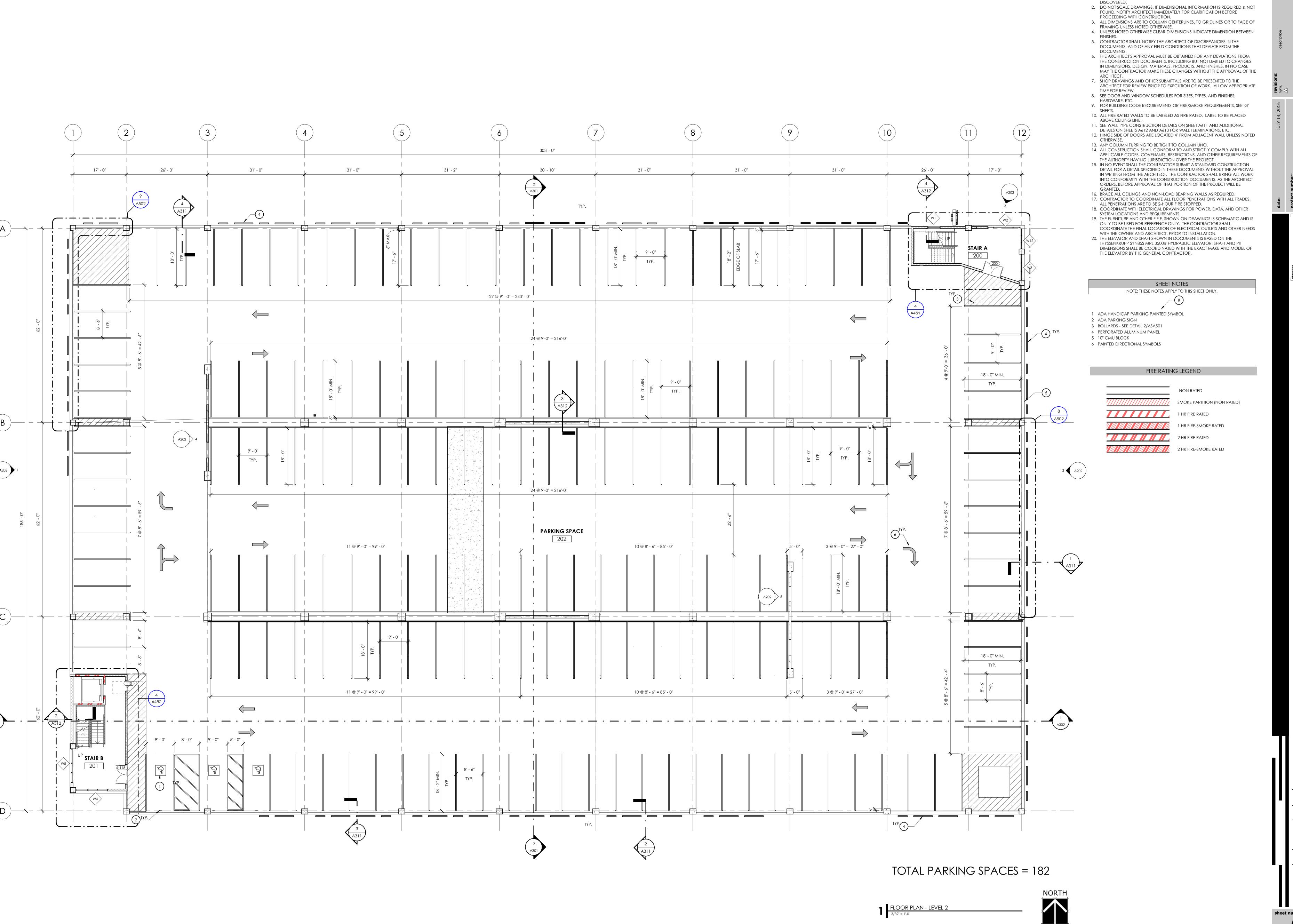
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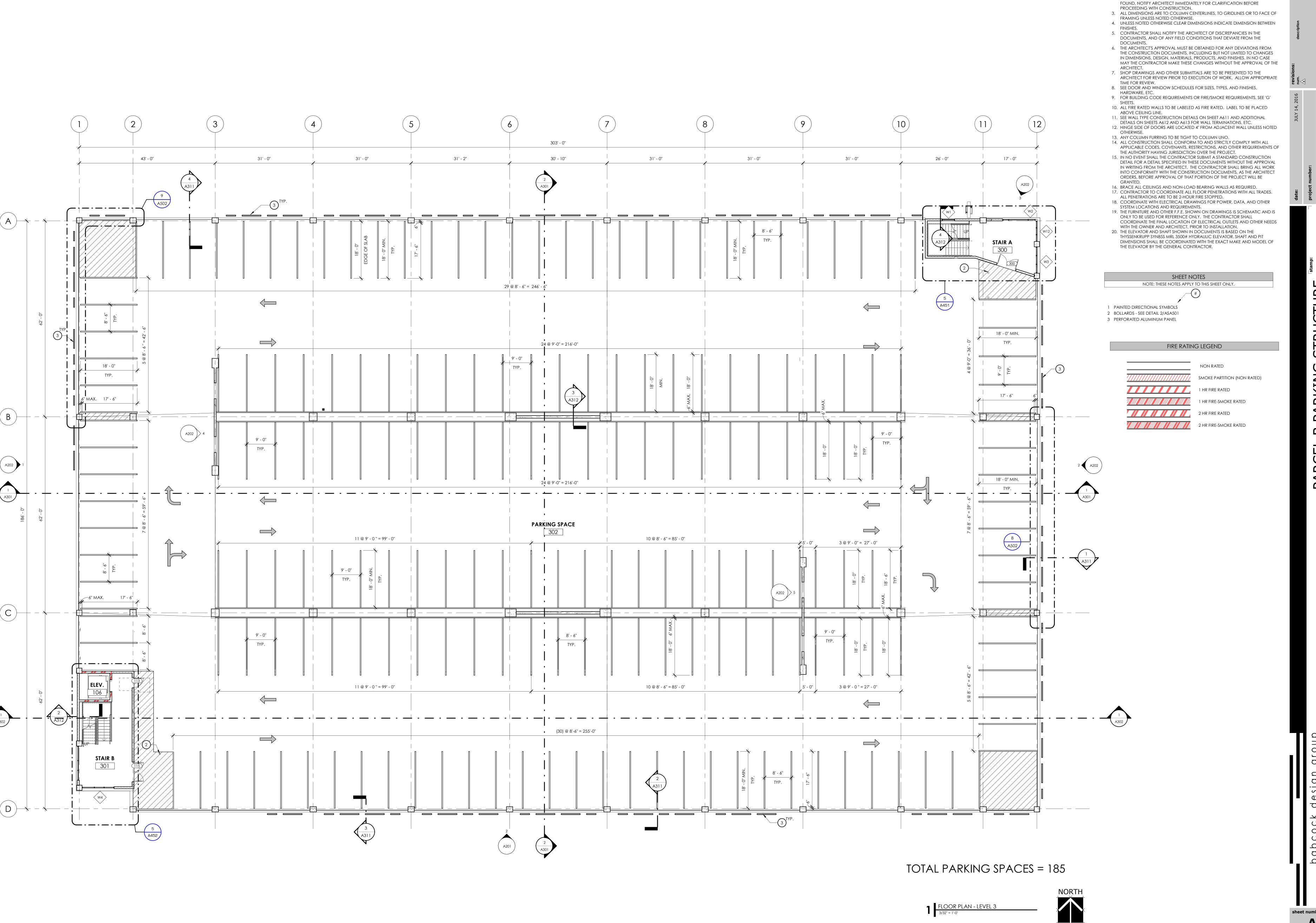


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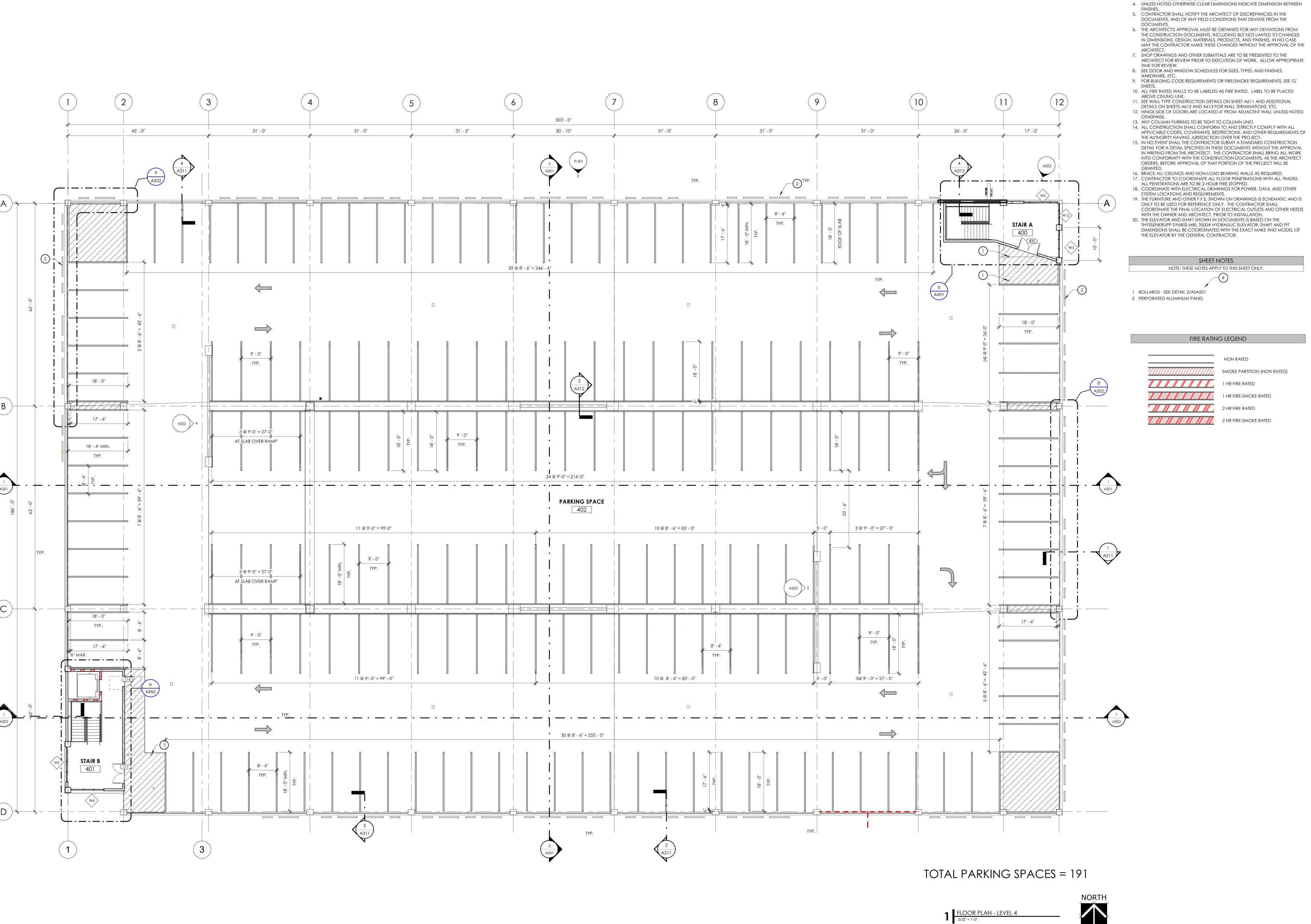
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