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June 7, 2024

Ms. Jennifer Arnold, Director of Planning City of McKinney 221 N. Tennessee Street McKinney, Texas 75069

Re:

Supplement to Appeal of Denial of Certificate of Appropriateness by Historic Preservation Advisory Board to demolish 301 S. Kentucky Street; COA Case #HP2024-0024

Dear Ms. Arnold:

This letter shall serve as a supplement to my letter of May 22, 2024, appealing the denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness ("CoA") by the Historic Preservation Advisory Board ("HPAB") for the demolition of 301 S. Kentucky Street. This supplement and the accompanying materials are filed more than seven days prior to the scheduled appeal before the City Council on June 18, 2024.

In addition to the grounds of appeal set forth in my May 22 letter, I submit the following as additional grounds for consideration:

2022 CoA Approval by the Historic Preservation Officer ("HPO") Created a Vested Right and Should Be Reinstated and Extended. On August 17, 2022, the HPO issued a CoA for the demolition of improvements on the Property with three conditions set forth therein (the "2022 CoA"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Pursuant to Section 203E of the Uniform Development Code of the City of McKinney ("UDC"), Certificates of Appropriateness for Residential Areas with the Historic Overlay District are permits. Section 203E6 sets out the applicability, submittal requirements, approval procedure, approval criteria and appeal procedure for obtaining a CoA, and upon approval of the same, the CoA creates a vested right in the applicant. Unlike the other permits created by Section 203E, a Certificate of Appropriateness is the only permit for which no expiration period is provided (site plans – 2 years; landscape plans - 2 years; tree preservation permit - expiration of building plans; tree permit - 2 years; façade plan - 2 years). Given the fact that expiration periods are expressly provided for all other permits, the absence of a provision for an expiration period for a CoA should be interpreted that expiration periods for CoAs are not appropriate or authorized. The acceptance page of the 2022 CoA that sets out an expiration if authorized construction is not commenced within one year is

contrary to the authority of Section 203E of the UDC and is an invalid exercise or extension of authority by the HPO. Accordingly, the 2022 CoA should be determined to be in full force and effect without any expiration condition. In the instant case and upon inquiry by the applicant following the end of the first anniversary date of the 2022 CoA, the applicant was advised by the HPO that it must reapply for a new CoA. Based upon that direction from the HPO, the applicant resubmitted the application that was then forwarded to the HPAB for review and was denied. The fact that the applicant submitted a reapplication at the direction of the HPO should not create a subsequent overriding application or decision that would invalidate the 2022 CoA.

- The One Year Expiration Period Imposes a Condition that is Impossible to Satisfy. From a purely administrative standpoint, it is virtually impossible to obtain a building permit for a complex project within the McKinney Town Center within one year from the issuance of a CoA. Obtaining a building permit for a project of this magnitude requires (1) the creation of an initial conceptual architectural design that addresses the general site and pedestrian requirements of the McKinney Town Center zoning district ("MTC"), (2) an investigation of the site and surrounding conditions, (3) the preparation of a detailed site plan that conforms to the requirements of the MTC, (4) submittal of the site plan for staff review and comment, (5) the preparation of complete building plans by the architect and engineer to demonstrate, among other matters, that the elevations conform to the requirements of the MTC, (6) staff review and approval of the complete building and site construction plans and (7) the negotiation with, and engagement of, a contractor which would then apply for a building permit for construction. In the best of circumstances, the combined time required to get from CoA approval to a building permit is well in excess of 18-24 months. Therefore, any provision for the expiration of a CoA at the end of a 12 month period for a major project such as the applicant's creates a condition that is impossible to satisfy and should be considered void.
- Denial Intentionally Prevented Multi-Family Use of Property. The predominant subject of discussion among the members of the HPAB during the hearing on this matter on May 2 centered around the fact that approving the CoA would allow the owner to demolish and remove the improvements on the lot with the resulting vacant property being incorporated into a planned urban-style multi-family development that would extend from Henry Street to Standifer Street. The Property is located within the Town Center area as defined in the McKinney Town Center Ordinance No. 2013-04-045. The McKinney Town Center Ordinance was enacted by the City Council in 2013 for the express purpose of creating a framework within which properties within the Town Center area, including the subject property, could be redeveloped using time-tested principals of urban design that encouraged compact, efficient and walkable developments, more pedestrian activity and enhanced shopping, employment, housing and business activities within the historic downtown area, in large part to insure the viability and economic success of the Town Center area. The Property lies within the Downtown Core as defined in the MTC and multi-family development is a **permitted use**. Absent a denial of the CoA, the applicant had the authority to proceed with the construction of the development subject only to the conditions of the McKinney Town Center Ordinance. The fact that the HPAB made no determination that the Property had any significant historical value leads invariably to the conclusion that its refusal to approve the CoA was an attempt to override the

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redevelopment policies of the City Council and as such the HPAB's action overstepped the intended and express authority granted to it.

I have included herewith the complete application for the CoA submitted for this Property on which the HPO granted the CoA for demolition.

Very truly yours,

Robert H. Roeder

cc: Mr. Jeremy Jones

EXHIBIT A



August 17, 2022

Jeremy Jones 301 S Kentucky Street McKinney, TX 75069

HP2022-0050

Request for demolition of single-family residence as part of

redevelopment effort at 301 South Kentucky Street.

Dear Mr. Jones:

This letter shall serve as approval with conditions of a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for the proposed demolition of the low priority, single-family residence at 301 S. Kentucky Street. This approval letter is one of the requirements used to obtain a permit from the Building Permits/Inspections Department. The approval is conditioned as follows:

- The applicant does no further work than that which was received by the Historic Preservation Office on July 18, 2022 and approved with conditions on August 17, 2022.
- 2. The applicant will be responsible for meeting all applicable City ordinances and obtaining all necessary building permits. Please contact Building Inspections and Permits to obtain your building permit at 972-547-7400.
- 3. Any changes to the property beyond the scope included in this application may require a new Certificate of Appropriateness.

If you have any questions about the approval of this item, please contact me at 972-547-2000.

Sincerely,

Cassandra Bumgarner

Cassie Bumgarner Planner, Historic Preservation

"The Planning Department consistently strives to provide quality, professional customer service to our applicants. In an effort to evaluate and improve the service we provide, we ask that you complete this brief customer service survey. We sincerely appreciate your responses and opinions!" https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/McKinneyPlanningFeedback



Friday, May 13th, 2022

Historic Preservation Office Attn: Paula Nasta, Planning Manager 221 N. Tennessee Street McKinney, Texas 75069

E: pnasta@mckinneytexas.org

P: (972) 547-7416

RE: Letter of Intent for Certificate of Appropriateness Application – 301 S Kentucky St, McKinney, Texas 75069

Ms. Nasta,

As a follow-up to our in-person meeting held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, please see enclosed the Certificate of Appropriateness ("COA") application pertaining to 301 S. Kentucky St, McKinney, TX 75069 ("Residence") on behalf of Barratt Properties, LLC, the current legal owner. The Residence is located on approximately 0.096 acres on the southeast corner of Henry St. and S. Kentucky Street (see COA application for maps showing exact location).

The COA requests approval to demolish the Residence as part of a greater redevelopment effort. The redevelopment of this lot (and various surrounding lots) will provide additional multifamily housing within walking distance of the Downtown Square and allow more people to enjoy and support the rich nature of the downtown area. The Surrey House will be the namesake and historical focal point of the future multifamily community.

The current condition of the Residence is fair (exterior photos included in COA application) and the Historic Resource Inventory Survey identifies the Residence as "Low" priority.

We appreciate your consideration and kindly request your approval of the COA application as part of a continued effort to revitalize and celebrate Downtown McKinney.

Regards,

Jeremy Jones

Manager of JBJ Equity Surrey House Apts, LLC

Manager of Surrey House Apts, LLC

E: JeremyJones@americanequity.net

P: (972) 422-2000

cc: <u>rroeder@abernathy-law.com</u>; contact-historicpreservation@mckinneytexas.org



INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. REFER TO THE "LIST OF REQUIRED SUBMITTALS"

By signing this Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) application, the applicant affirms:

- All submitted information for this application represents an accurate description of the proposed work.
- The applicant certifies that the project described in this application will be constructed in exact accordance with aforesaid plans and specifications.
- The applicant agrees to conform to all conditions of approval.
- It is understood that approval of this application by the Historic Preservation Officer or the Historic Preservation Advisory Board in no way constitutes approval of a building permit or other required City permit approvals.
- Filing an application does not guarantee approval.
- The COA becomes null and void if authorized construction is not commenced within one year. This will require receiving a new CoA approval.
- Work completed in deviation from this Certificate of Appropriateness or without a Certificate of Appropriateness may result in fines and/or misdemeanor charges.
- Work proposed in this application may also be eligible for the City's tax exemption program or impact fee waiver program. To see if you qualify, please contact the Historic Preservation office.

ADDRESS OF SUBJECT PROPERTY: 301 S. Kentucky St, McKinney, Texas 75069-5440

APPLICANT/CONTA	CT PERSON:		dditional sheets for Multiple owners and/or esses.
NAME (Print):	Jeremy Jones	NAME (Print):	Barratt Properties, LLC
ADDRESS (line 1):	2150 S. Central Expwy, Ste. 360	ADDRESS (line 1):	P.O. Box 913
ADDRESS (line 2):		ADDRESS (line 2):	
City, ST, ZIP:	McKinney, Texas 75070	City, ST, ZIP:	McKinney, Texas 75070
Phone:	972-422-2000	Phone:	
E-mail:	jeremyjones@americanequity.net	E-mail:	carol@surreyhs.com / mark@surreyhs.com
Signature:		Signature:	
Date:	5/13/2022	Date:	5/13/2022
For Office Use Only		Date Received:	July 18, 2022
COA Case #:	HP2022-0050	Type of Project:	Demolition
Preservation Priorit	y: Low	Built Circa:	1913
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All applications must provide justification for the requested Certificate of Appropriateness based on the criteria set forth in the City Code of Ordinances. These criteria are based upon the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (available on-line at http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/standards_guidelines.htm). Please type or print clearly. Illegible responses will not be accepted. Please use additional sheets if necessary.

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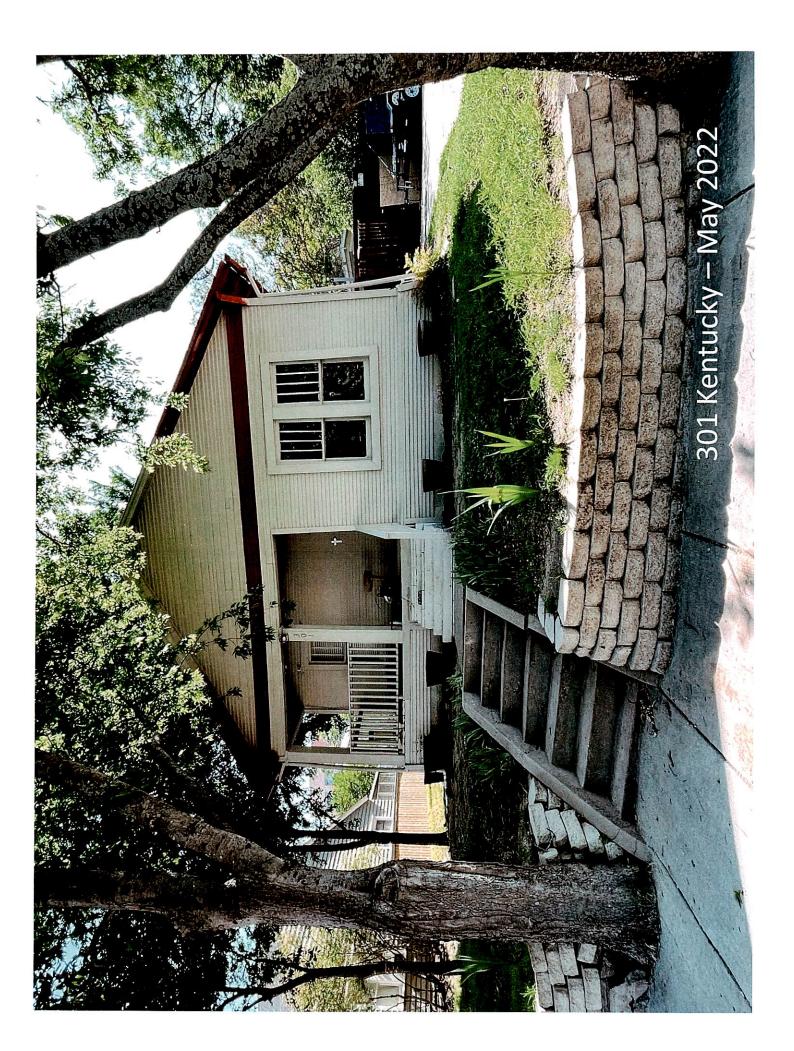
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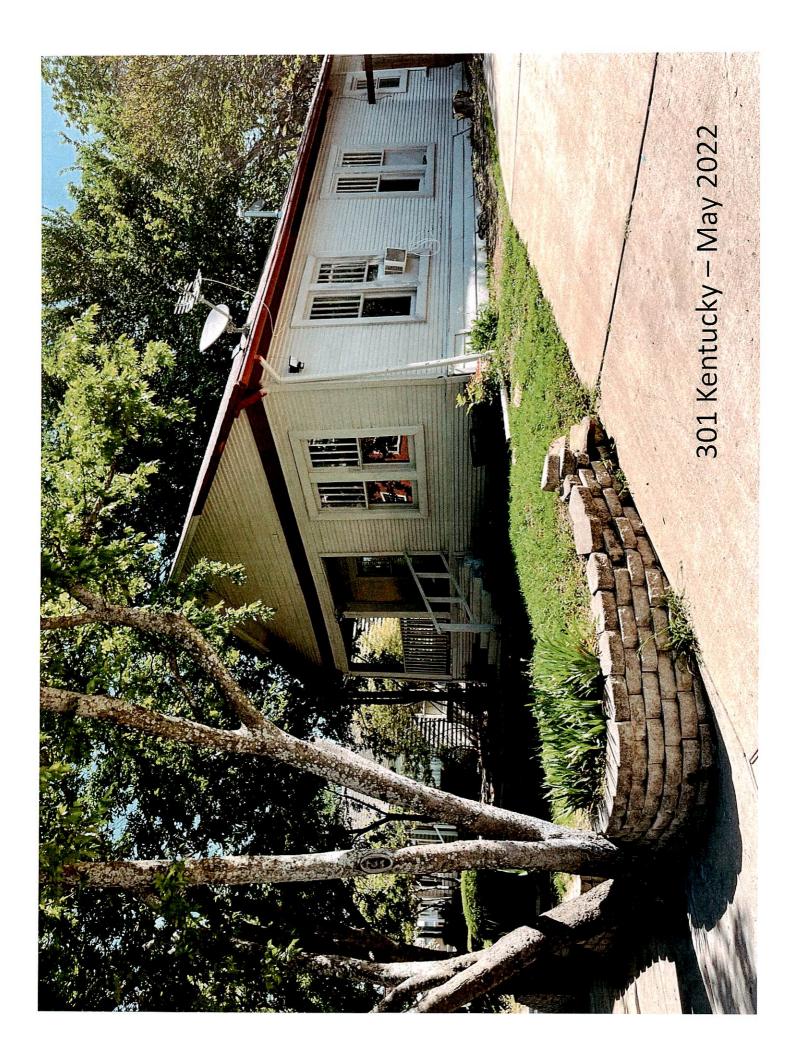


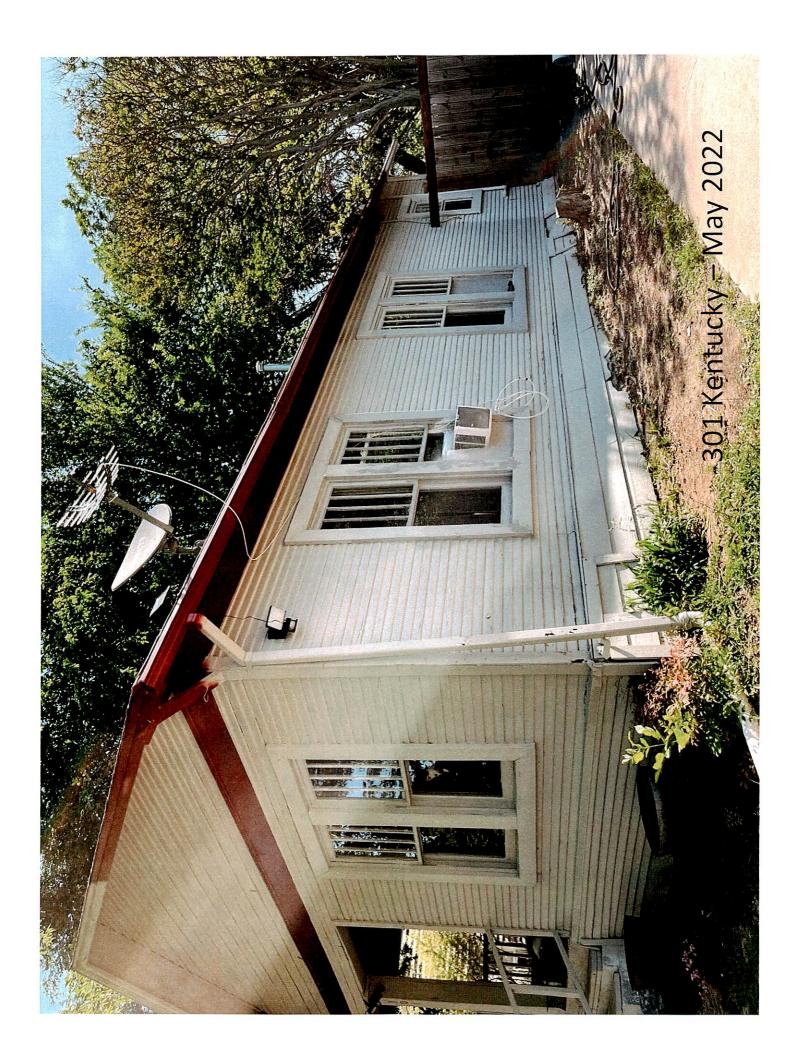
Written Description of Proposed Work (continued):

Explain what changes will be made to the following architectural elements and how the changes will be accomplished. *Please provide a detailed brochure or samples of new materials.*

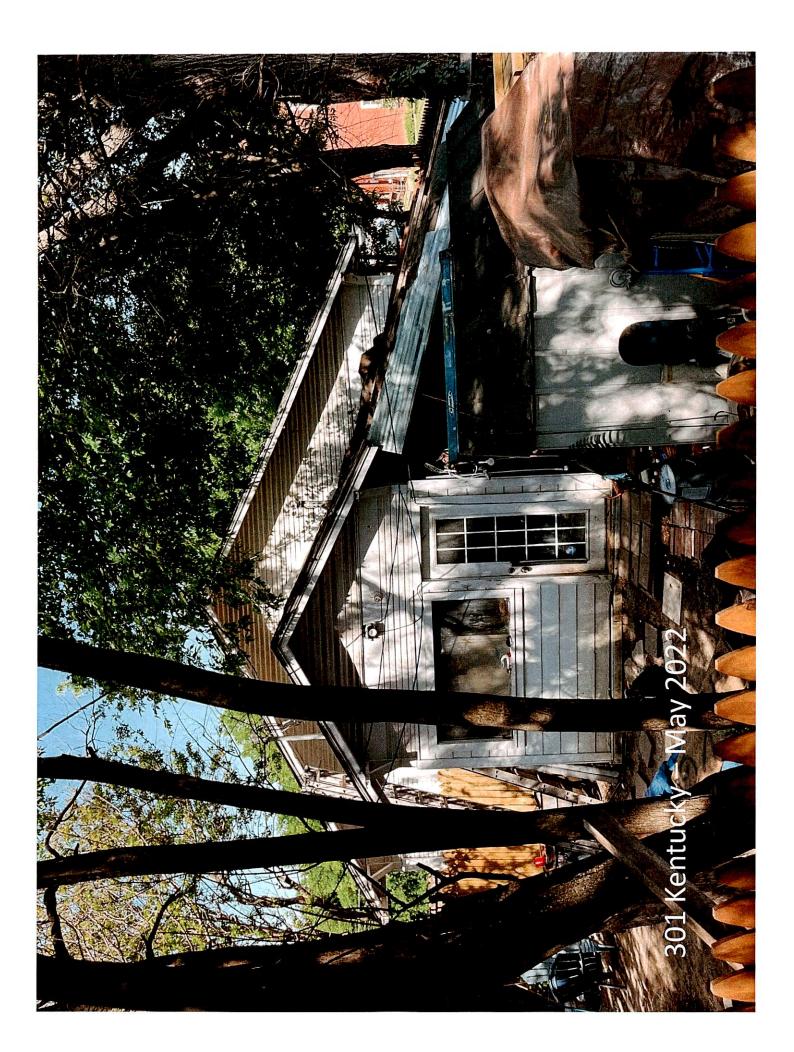
6.	Decorative elements (window and door trims, ornamental trims, brackets, lighting):
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3.	Outbuildings:
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10.	Other:
11.	Painting (Commercial Historic District Only)
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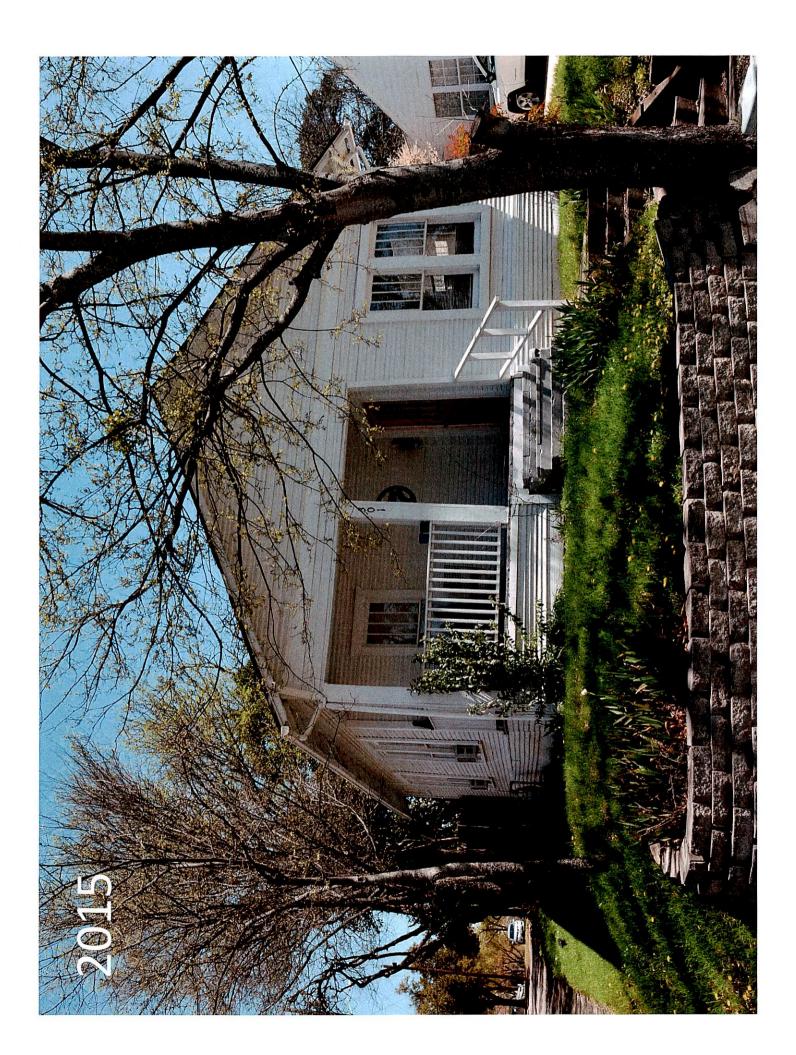






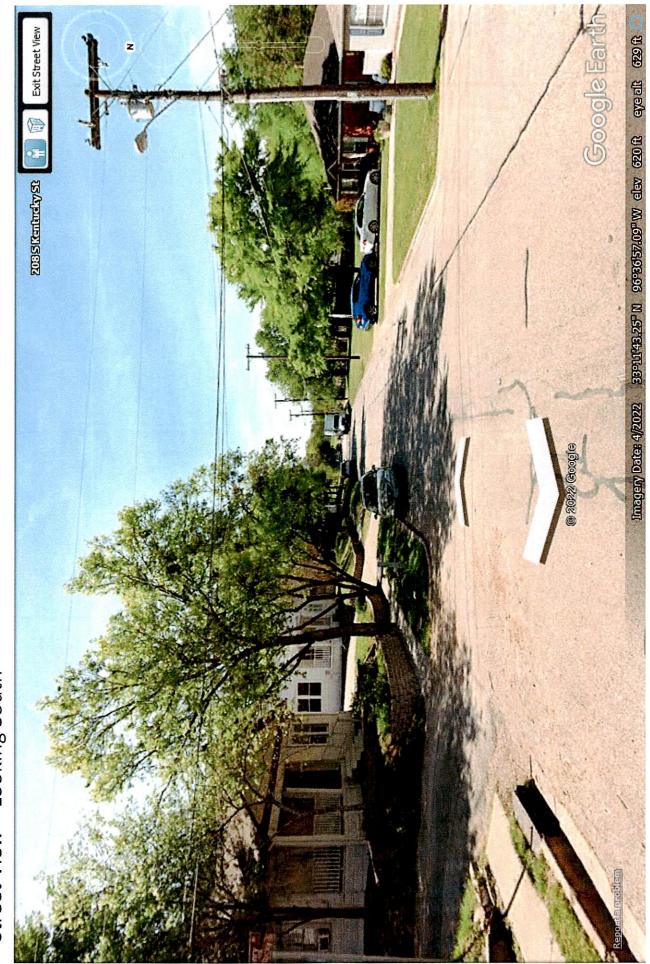
301 Kentucky – Historic Photos from McKinney Historic Survey Site





Street View – Looking North

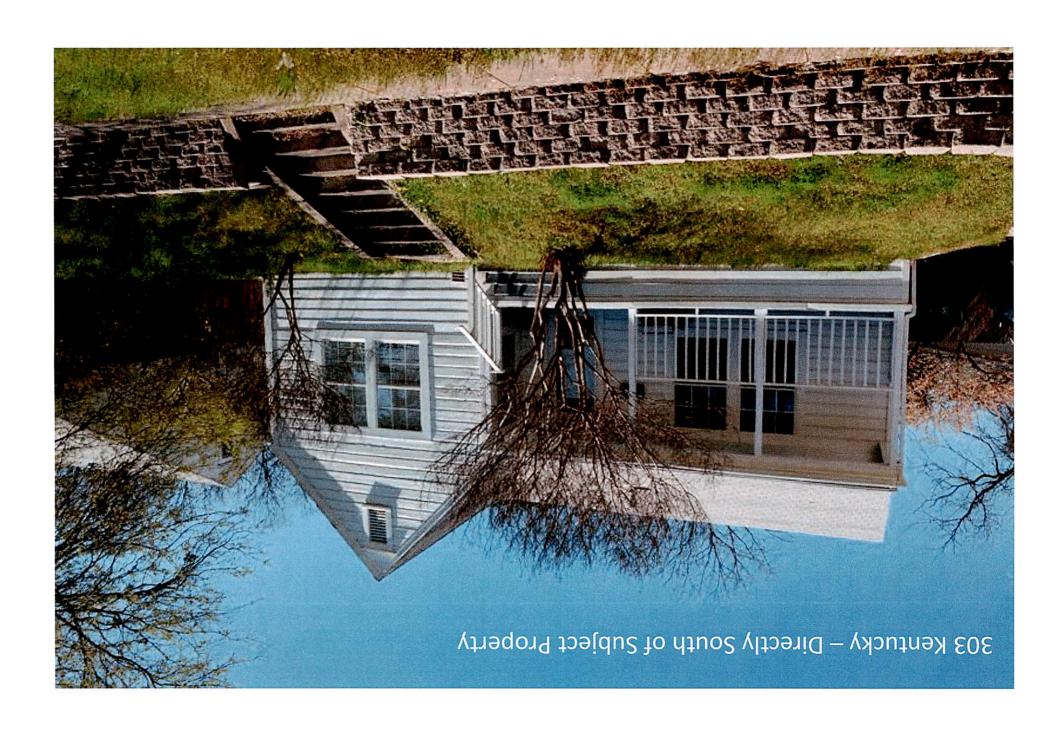


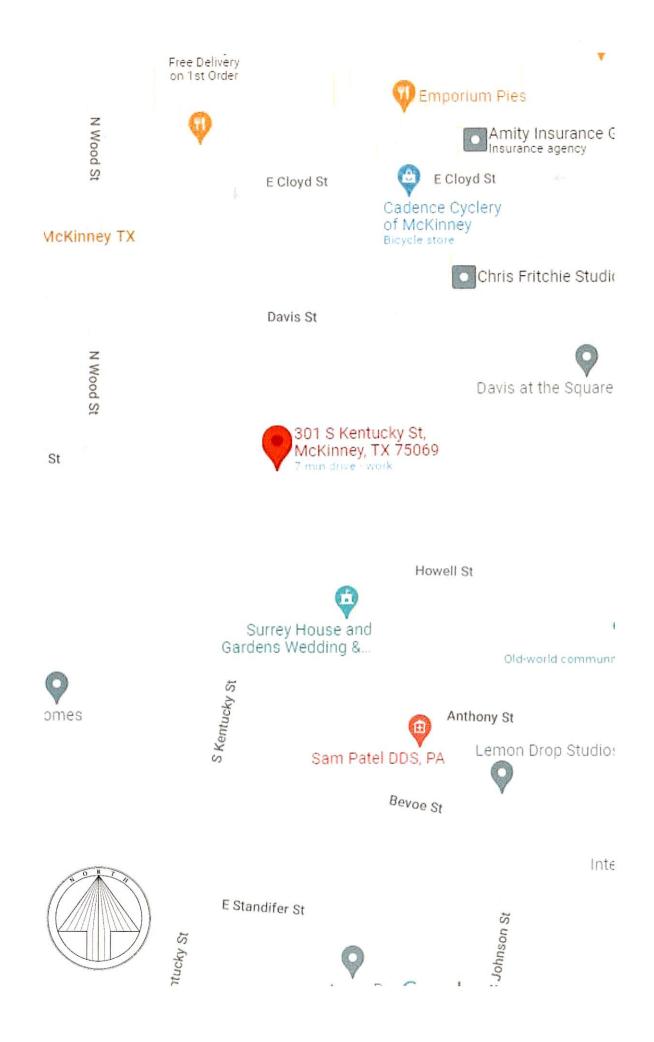


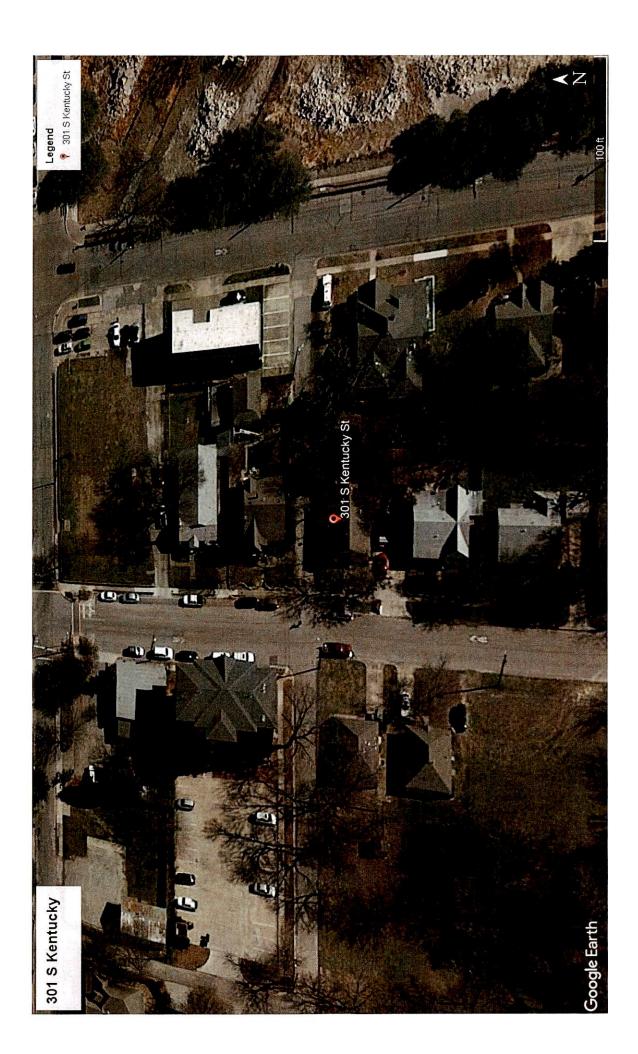
Street View – Looking South



Adjacent Properties









Date: 7/1/2022

To: Jeremy Jones

2150 S. Central Expwy, Ste. 360

McKinney, TX 75072 (972) 422-2000

www.americanequity.net

From: DBA Architects, LLC

111 South Kentucky St. Ste. 210

McKinney, TX 75069

Reference:

Field Observation Report

Address:

301 S. Kentucky St.

McKinney, Texas 75069

Mr. Jeremy Jones,

Per your request DBA Architects, LLC (Mr. Bryan Moore), on June 22nd, 2022, visited the above referenced property at 301 S. Kentucky St. in McKinney Texas to evaluate the condition of the house, with the primary goal of seeing if the structure would be a good candidate to be relocated (moved). A few bullet point observations:

- The house exceeds the 13'6" height requirement to be moved. Therefore, the roof would need to be removed to relocate it
- The house has sustained considerable termite and dry rot damage
- Evidence that the house had begun racking forward on the lot in the past. A substantial structural retaining wall was added to the west (street front) side of the house to limit this movement, but damage was already done.
- Structural damage is evident at door, and window openings

With the above referenced findings, it is our opinion that the house would be very difficult if not impossible to move and that the structure would never survive the moving process.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 469-667-5095

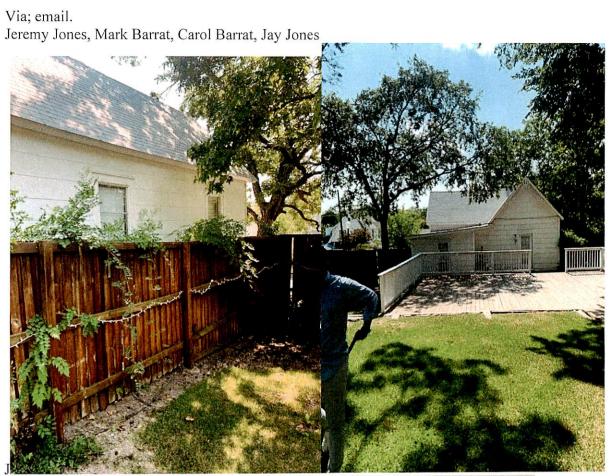
Sincerely,

Bryan Moore, AIA, NCARB

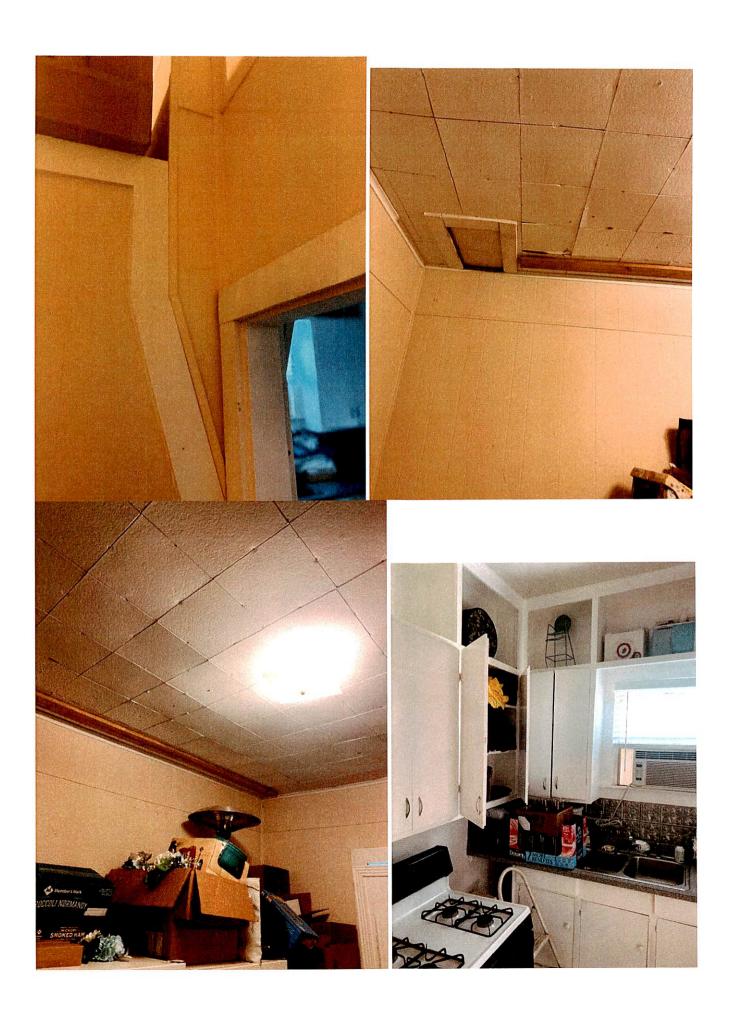
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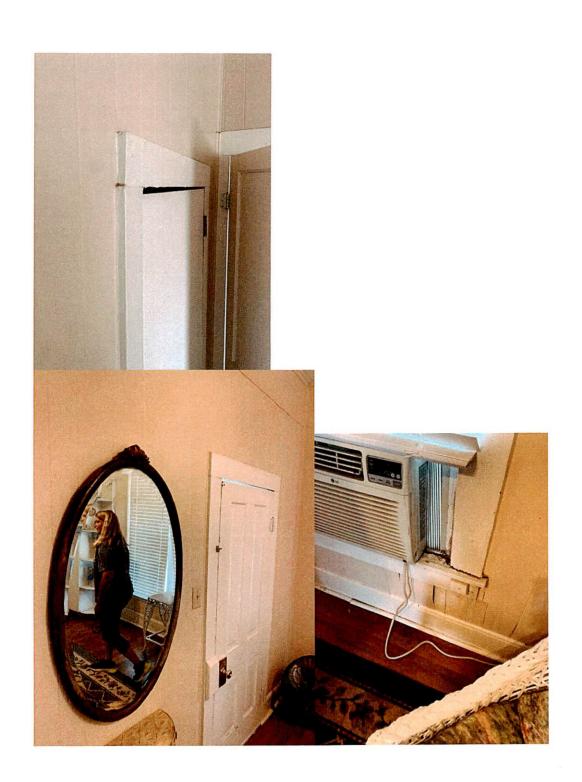
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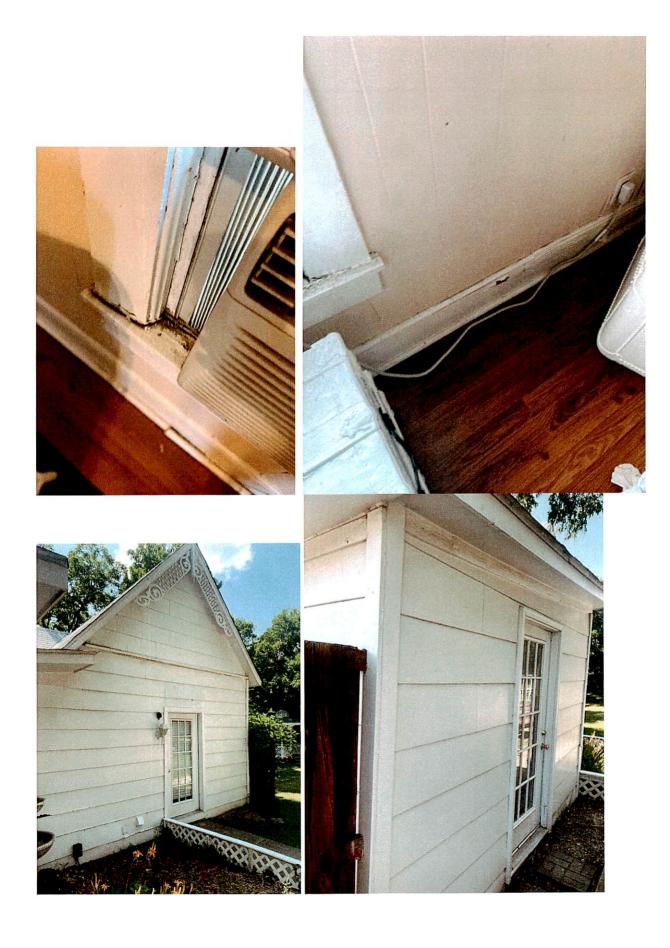
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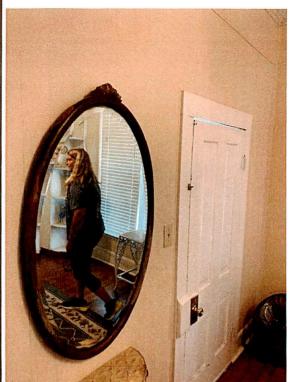












Owner Notes from Mark Barratt

301 S. Kentucky St., McKinney TX 75069

As of June 1, 2022

- a. 301 is a tiny house, 924 sf, 2bd, 1bath
- b. The only bathroom in this house is through the master bedroom
- c. All the rooms are tiny
- d. Window ACs
- e. The biggest problem is that the house is spreading on the bottom on both sides. I have had to fill about a 1 in gap between wall and floor across the dining room & bedroom. You can see the spread on the exterior picture if you study it for a moment.

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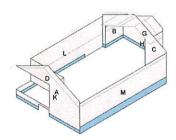
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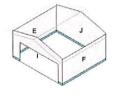
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Wall Details

Wall Area including Windows & Doors = 2433.0 ft²

Total Siding Area = 2204.6 ft^2

Total Masonry Area = 228.4 ft²

*Calculation Note: Garage door surface areas are subtracted from the total; window and door surface areas are not.





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IMAGES - TOP VIEW

Top Image





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IMAGES - NORTH & SOUTH





South Side





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East Side



West Side

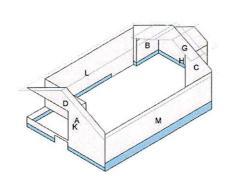


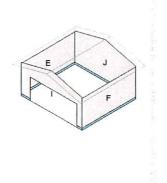


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WALL AREA DIAGRAM







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North

Wall	Siding Wall Area (ft²)	Masonry Wall Area (ft²)
Е	163.7	11.8
В	48.6	8.1
Α	50.1	0.0
L	322.4	31.0
Total	584.8	50.9

East

Wall	Siding Wall Area (ft²)	Masonry Wall Area (ft²)
J	219.3	13.3
Н	199.2	10.7
G	172.8	17.8
Total	591.3	41.8

South

Wall	Siding Wall Area (ft²)	Masonry Wall Area (ft²)
F	163.7	11.8
С	72.8	8.1
M	314.3	89.0
Total	550.8	108.9

West

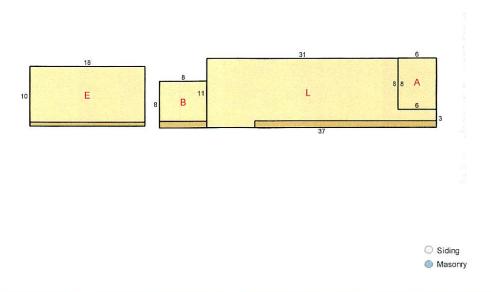
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I	118.1	3.1
K	245.2	23.7
D	114.4	0.0
Total	477.7	26.8



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NORTH ELEVATION DIAGRAM





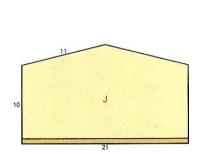
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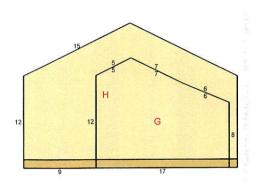


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EAST ELEVATION DIAGRAM





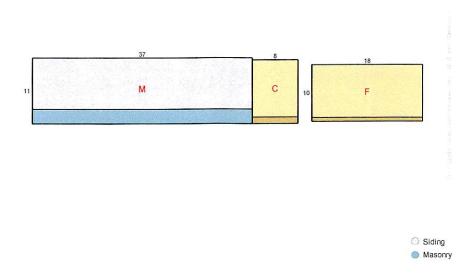


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SOUTH ELEVATION DIAGRAM



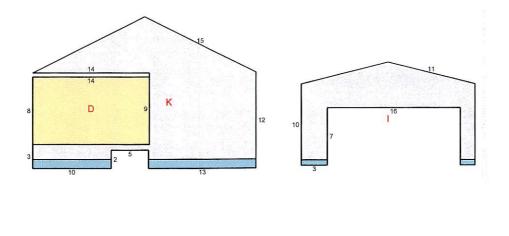
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SidingMasonry



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WEST ELEVATION DIAGRAM



Wall	Siding Wall Area (ft²)	Masonry Wall Area (ft²)
I	118.1	3.1
K	245.2	23.7
D	114.4	0.0
Total	477.7	26.8