HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

July 01, 2015 Agenda Item No: 28

HDRC CASE NO: 2015-268 **ADDRESS:** 123 MAY

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NCB 1373 BLK 1 LOT 18 19 E 27 FT OF 17

ZONING: RM4 H CITY COUNCIL DIST.: 2

DISTRICT: Dignowity Hill Historic District

APPLICANT: Loren Drum

OWNER: Christina Vidal, Carlos Vidal

TYPE OF WORK: Construct detached storage/shop outbuilding

REQUEST:

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to construct a 32ftx40ft shop/storage building. The proposed building will be single story timber frame construction with a loft. The structure will be clad in cedar planks finished in natural color and will have wood windows.

APPLICABLE CITATIONS:

5. Garages and Outbuildings

A. DESIGN AND CHARACTER

- i. *Massing and form*—Design new garages and outbuildings to be visually subordinate to the principal historic structure in terms of their height, massing, and form.
- ii. *Building size* New outbuildings should be no larger in plan than 40 percent of the principal historic structure footprint.
- iii. *Character*—Relate new garages and outbuildings to the period of construction of the principal building on the lot through the use of complementary materials and simplified architectural details.
- iv. Windows and doors—Design window and door openings to be similar to those found on historic garages or outbuildings in the district or on the principle historic structure in terms of their spacing and proportions.
- v. *Garage doors*—Incorporate garage doors with similar proportions and materials as those traditionally found in the district.

B. SETBACKS AND ORIENTATION

- i. *Orientation*—Match the predominant garage orientation found along the block. Do not introduce front-loaded garages or garages attached to the primary structure on blocks where rear or alley-loaded garages were historically used.
- ii. *Setbacks*—Follow historic setback pattern of similar structures along the streetscape or district for new garages and outbuildings. Historic garages and outbuildings are most typically located at the rear of the lot, behind the principal building. In some instances, historic setbacks are not consistent with UDC requirements and a variance may be required.

FINDINGS:

- a. The property is currently subdivided in multiple lots. The only existing structure is the house at 117 May. The existing house is built in the Minimal Traditional style with a low pitch hip roof, deep overhangs, and plank siding.
- b. Consistent with the Guidelines for New Construction, new outbuildings should be visually subordinate to the principal historic structure in terms of height, massing and form. The proposed structure will be taller and appear larger than the main house; however it will be located on the opposite side of the property which will reduce the appearance of height compared to the main house. Although the proposed garage will be surrounded by mostly vacant lots, the existing adjacent structures are one and one-half story houses. Due to its location on the site and context, additional height may be appropriate.
- c. According to the Guidelines for New Construction, new garages should relate to the period of construction of the principal building on the lot through the use of complementary materials and simplified architectural details. The proposed structure does not relate to the Minimal Traditional style of the main house in roof form, pitch, and overhang dimension which is not consistent with the guidelines.

- d. As recommended by the Guidelines for New Construction, windows and door openings should be similar to those found on historic garages or outbuildings in the district or on the principle historic structure in terms of their spacing and proportions. The proposed design is consistent with the guidelines.
- e. According to the Guidelines for New Construction, the predominant garage orientation found along the block should be matched. There are no other garages on May Street and a predominant pattern along the block does not exist.
- f. Consistent with the Guidelines for New Construction, the historic setback pattern of similar structures along the streetscape or district should be followed. Historic garages and outbuildings are most typically located at the rear of the lot, behind the principal building. The proposed garage will be located on the front yard of the property and will align with the front of the main structure which is not consistent with the guidelines.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff does not recommend final approval at this time based on findings a-f. Staff recommends the following:

- a. New structure should relate to style and period of construction of the main house
- b. Reduce height to be more consistent with surrounding structures
- c. Garage should be located towards the rear of the property closer to Houston Street.
- d. Additional information including window specifications, foundation type, and dimensioned site plan is submitted for review.

CASE COMMENTS:

If approved, the applicant will be re-platting to combine the multiple lots prior to construction.

CASE MANAGER:

Adriana Ziga





123 May

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View of May St. at Goodloe Alley





117 May - Main House





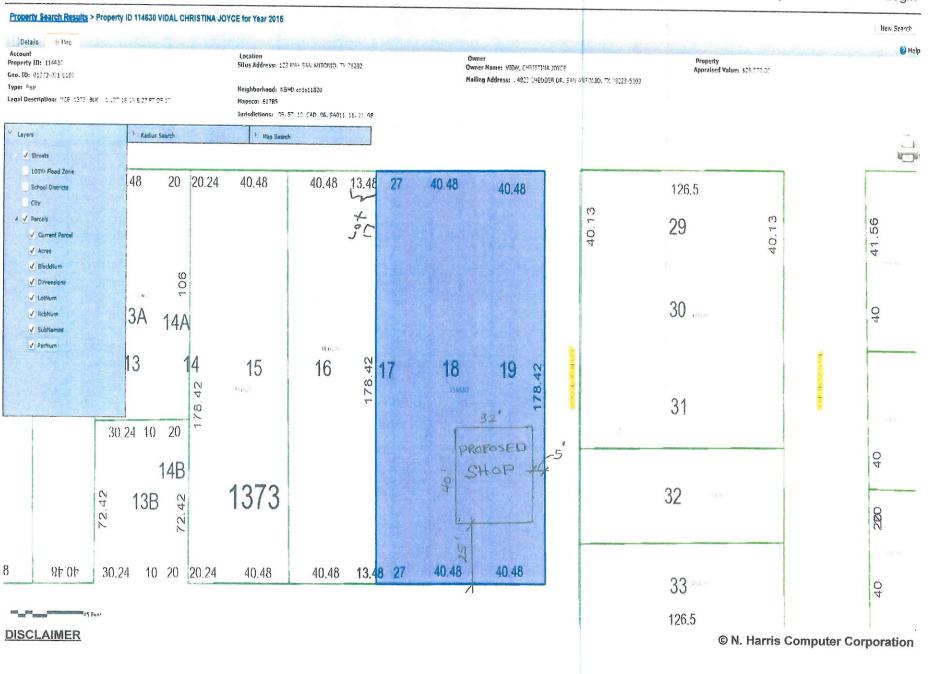
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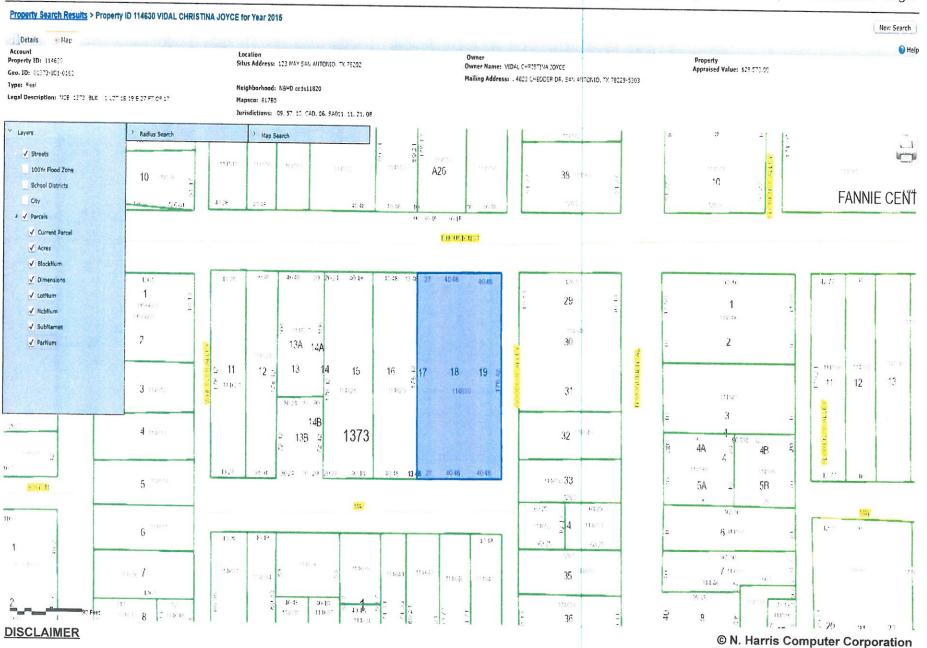
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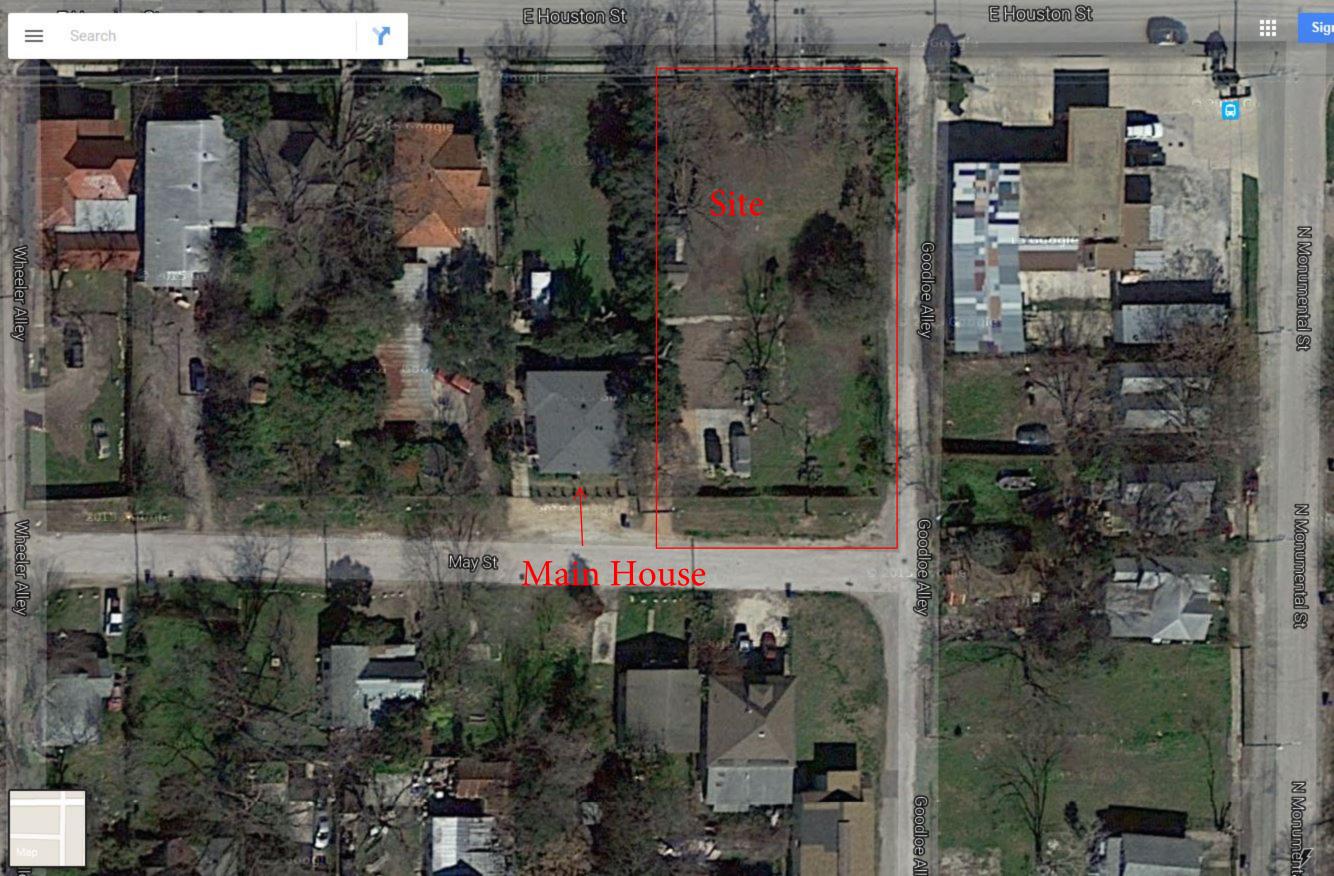


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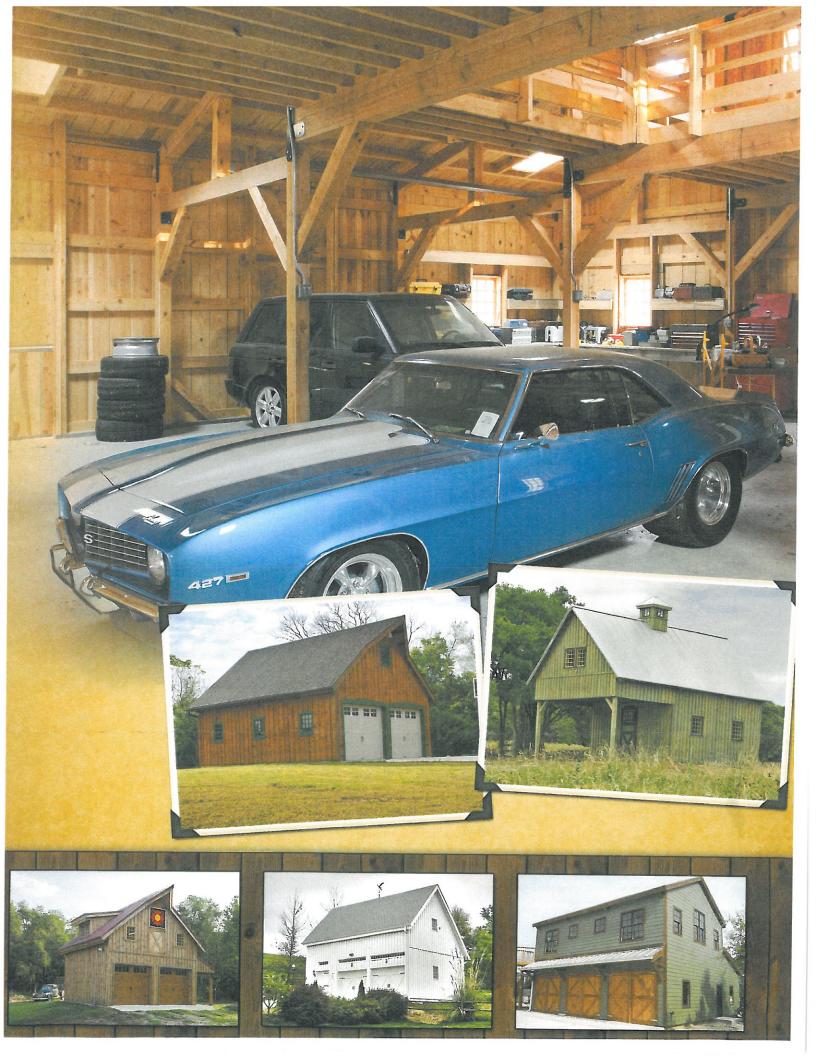


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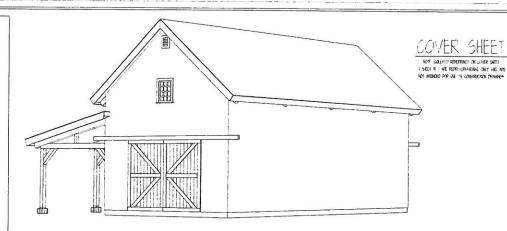
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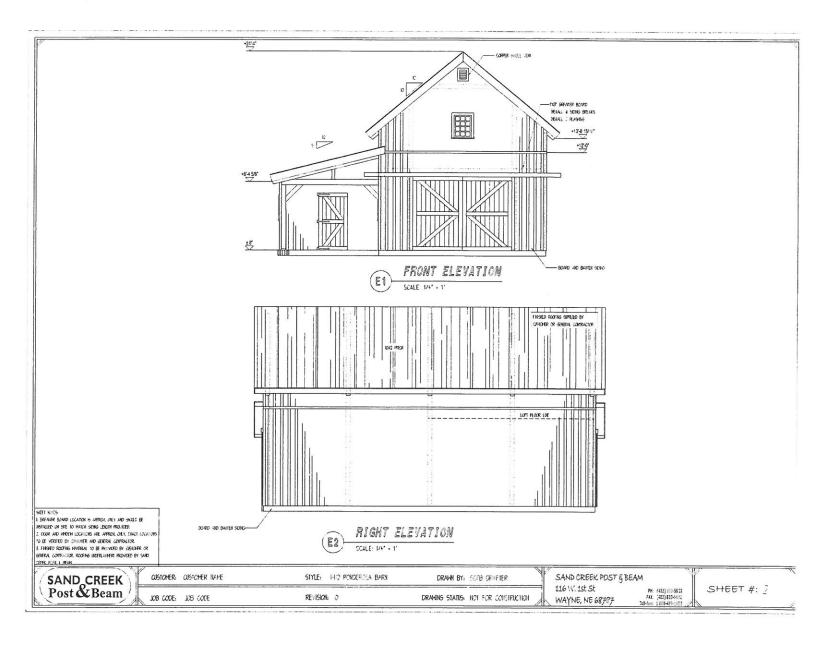
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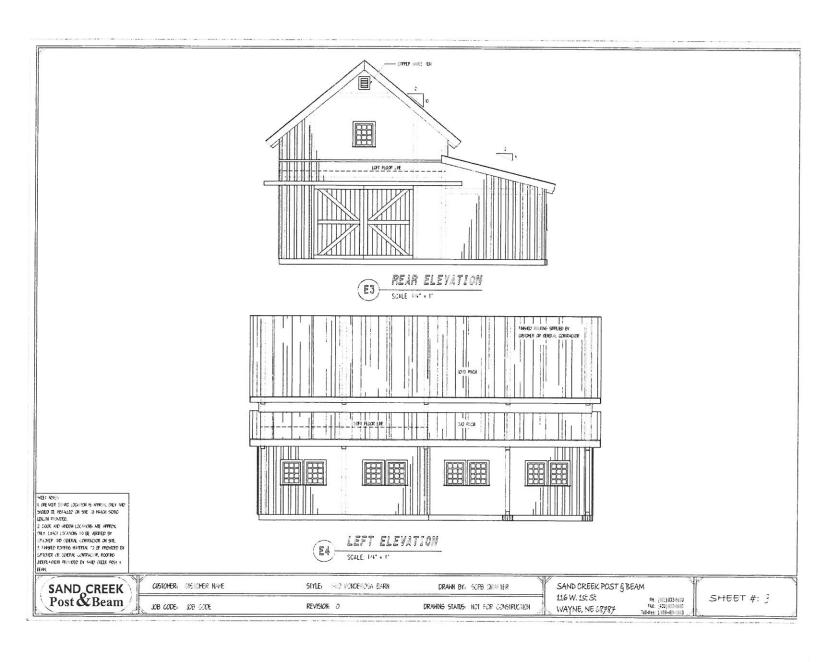
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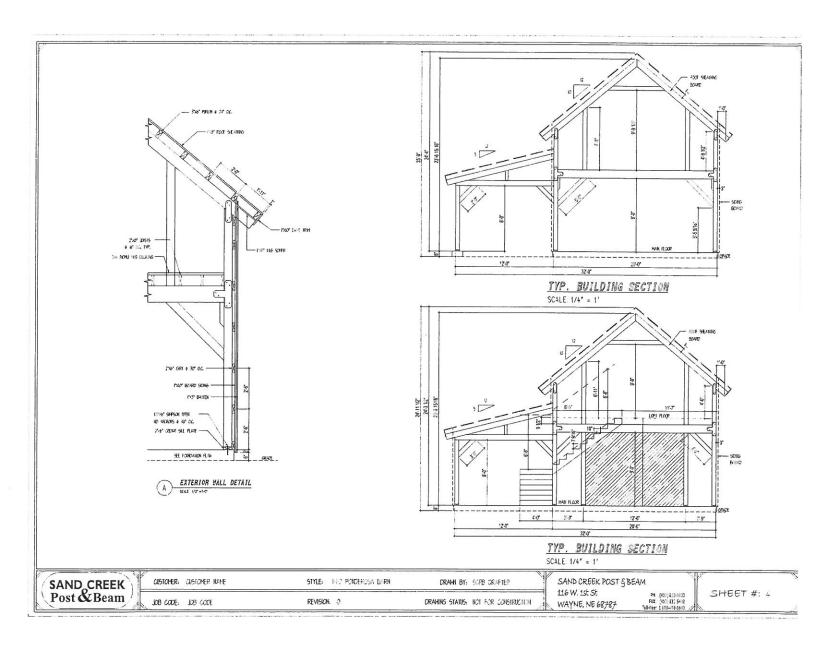
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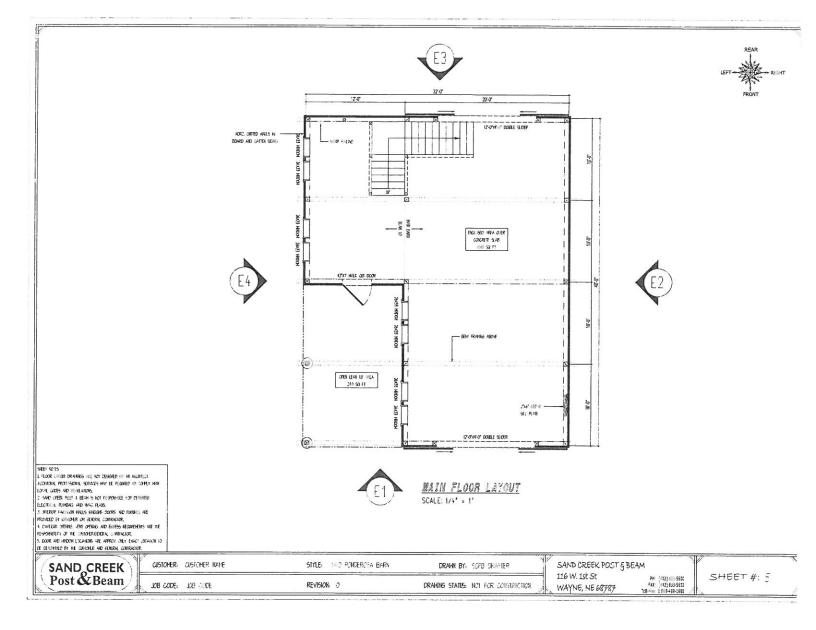
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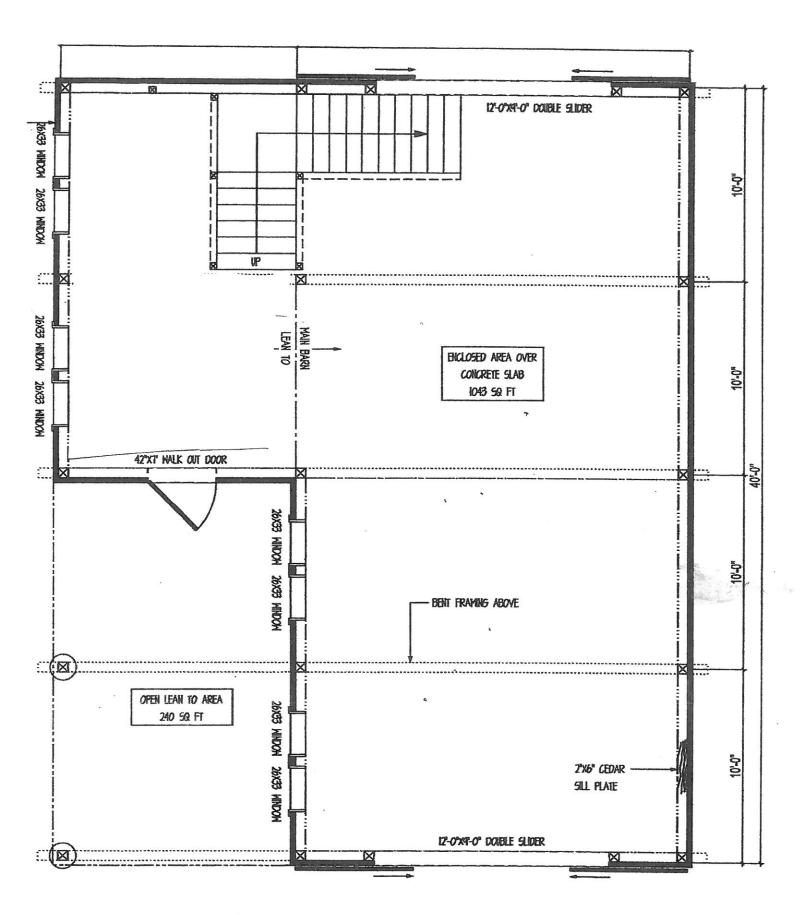
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