Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment October 23, 2025

File: A/139/22

Address: 170 Krieghoff Avenue, Markham Agent: Z Square Group (Mengdi Zhen) Hearing Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025

The following comments are provided on behalf of the Central Team:

The Applicant is requesting relief from the "Fourth Density Single Family Residential (R4)" zone requirements under By-law 11-72, as amended, as it relates to a proposed two-storey detached dwelling. The variances requested are to permit:

- a) <u>By-law 11-72</u>, <u>Section 6.1</u>: a maximum lot coverage of 35.86 percent, whereas the by-law permits a maximum lot coverage of 33.33 percent; and
- b) **By-law 11-72, Section 6.1:** a maximum building height of 25 feet and 11.5 inches, whereas the by-law permits a maximum building height of 25 feet; as it relates to a proposed two-storey residential dwelling.

Application History

The Application was first deferred at the October 14, 2022 Committee of Adjustment ("COA") meeting (the "first variance request") to allow the Applicant to address concerns related to size and massing. The Applicant submitted a revised submission (the "second variance request") which was subsequently deferred at the March 28, 2023 COA meeting to address tree preservation concerns from Staff. The Applicant submitted a third submission (the "third variance request") which was heard at the August 20, 2025 COA meeting. The Application was deferred for a third time due to the Applicant failing to provide confirmation that the public notice signs were posted on the subject lands within the legislated timeframe in accordance with the Planning Act.

The Applicant has since submitted revised plans on September 26, 2025 (Appendix "A" – Revised Plans). The revised plans do not result in a change in variance from the third variance request, but has resulted in revised variances for maximum lot coverage and maximum building height and removes the minimum front yard setback from the first variance request.

ZONING PRELIMINARY REVIEW (ZPR) NOT UNDERTAKEN

The Applicant has not conducted a ZPR for the revised plans. Consequently, it is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application has accurately identified all the variances to the Zoning By-law required for the proposed development. If the variance request in this application contains errors, or if the need for additional variances is identified during the Building Permit review

process, further variance application(s) may be required to address the non-compliance.

COMMENTS

Staff have reviewed the revised plans and advise that the tree preservation concerns have been addressed and that the comments from the <u>original report</u> from October 19, 2022 remain applicable. Staff are of the opinion that the requested variances will not result in adverse impacts to neighbouring properties.

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

The City received one written objection for the initial variances. Six residents also spoke in opposition to the application at the October 19, 2022 COA meeting.

The City has received one written submission as of October 23, 2025 for the revised variances. It is noted that additional information may be received after the writing of the report, and the Secretary-Treasurer will provide information on this at the meeting.

CONCLUSION

Planning Staff have reviewed the application with respect to Section 45(1) of the <u>Planning Act</u>, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, and are of the opinion that the variance requests meet the four tests of the <u>Planning Act</u> and have no objection. Staff recommend that the Committee consider public input in reaching a decision.

The onus is ultimately on the Applicant to demonstrate why they should be granted relief from the requirements of the zoning by-law, and how they satisfy the tests of the *Planning Act* required for the granting of minor variances.

Please refer to Appendix "B" for conditions to be attached to any approval of this application.

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Brendan Chiu, Planner I, Central District

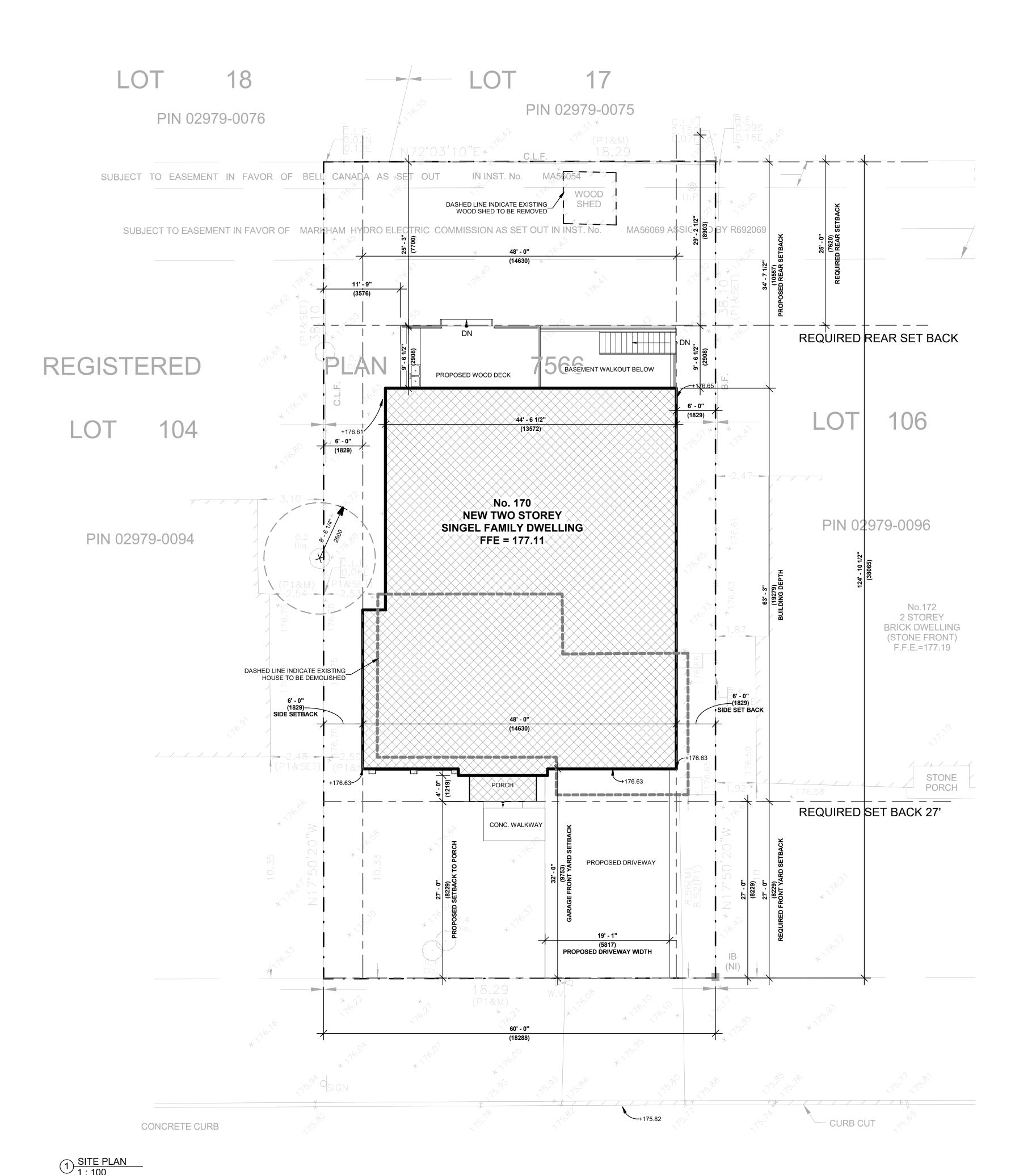
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Stephen Corr, RPP MCIP, District Manager, Central District

APPENDICES

Appendix "A" – Revised Plans Appendix "B" – A/139/22 Conditions of Approval





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SITE STATISTICS By-Law No. 11-72 Zone Label R4 REQUIRED 580.64m² (6,250.00 sf) LOT AREA PROPOSED 696.77 m² (7.500 sf) PERMITTED N/A LOT WIDTH & FRONTAGE PROPOSED 18.28m (60'-0") PERMITTED 33 1/3% (230.02m², 2,497.5sf) LOT COVERAGE PROPOSED 35.86% (249.89m² 2,689.77 sf) MIN. FOR 2 STOREY 139.35m² (1500.00 sf) PROPOSED 440.84m² (4,745.20 sf) (FSI:0.63) PERMITTED 7.62m (25'-0") MAX. BUILDING HEIGHT PROPOSED 7.91m (25'-11 1/2") PERMITTED 27' MIN. SETBACKS: FRONT PROPOSED 27' PERMITTED 6' or 4' MIN. SETBACKS: EAST SIDE PROPOSED 6' PERMITTED 6' or 4' MIN. SETBACKS: WEST SIDE PROPOSED 6' PERMITTED 25' SETBACKS: REAR YARD PROPOSED 37'-1 1/2" GARAGE FRONT YARD PROPOSED 32'

LOT COVERAGE			
	AREA	AREA (SF)	
GROUND FLOOR	204.78 m ²	2204.27 SF	
GARAGE	41.30 m²	444.50 SF	
PORCH	3.81 m²	41.00 SF	
TOTAL COVERAGE	249.89 m²	2689.77 SF	

GROSS FLOOR AREA			
	AREA	AREA (SF)	
SECOND FLOOR	236.06 m ²	2540.93 SF	
GROUND FLOOR	204.78 m ²	2204.27 SF	
GFA	440.84 m²	4745.20 SF	

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

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Minimum Lot Frontage	50 feet
Minimum Lot Area	6,250 square feet.
Minimum Front Yard Setback	27 feet
Minimum Front Yard Setback (garage only)	20 feet
Minimum Side Yard Setback (2 storey)	6 feet
Minimum Side Yard Setback (less than 2 storey)	4 feet
Minimum Rear Yard Setback	25 feet
Minimum Flankage Yard (greater of)	12 feet or 1/2 the height of the building
Maximum Building Height (Avg. grade to midpoint)	25 feet
Maximum Lot Coverage (all buildings on lot)	33 1/3%
Minimum Gross Floor Area (in sq feet.)	1 Storey – 1100
	1 1/2 Storey – 1200
	2 Storey – 1500
	Split Level – 1100 on plan

NOTES:

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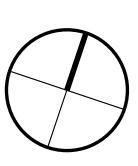
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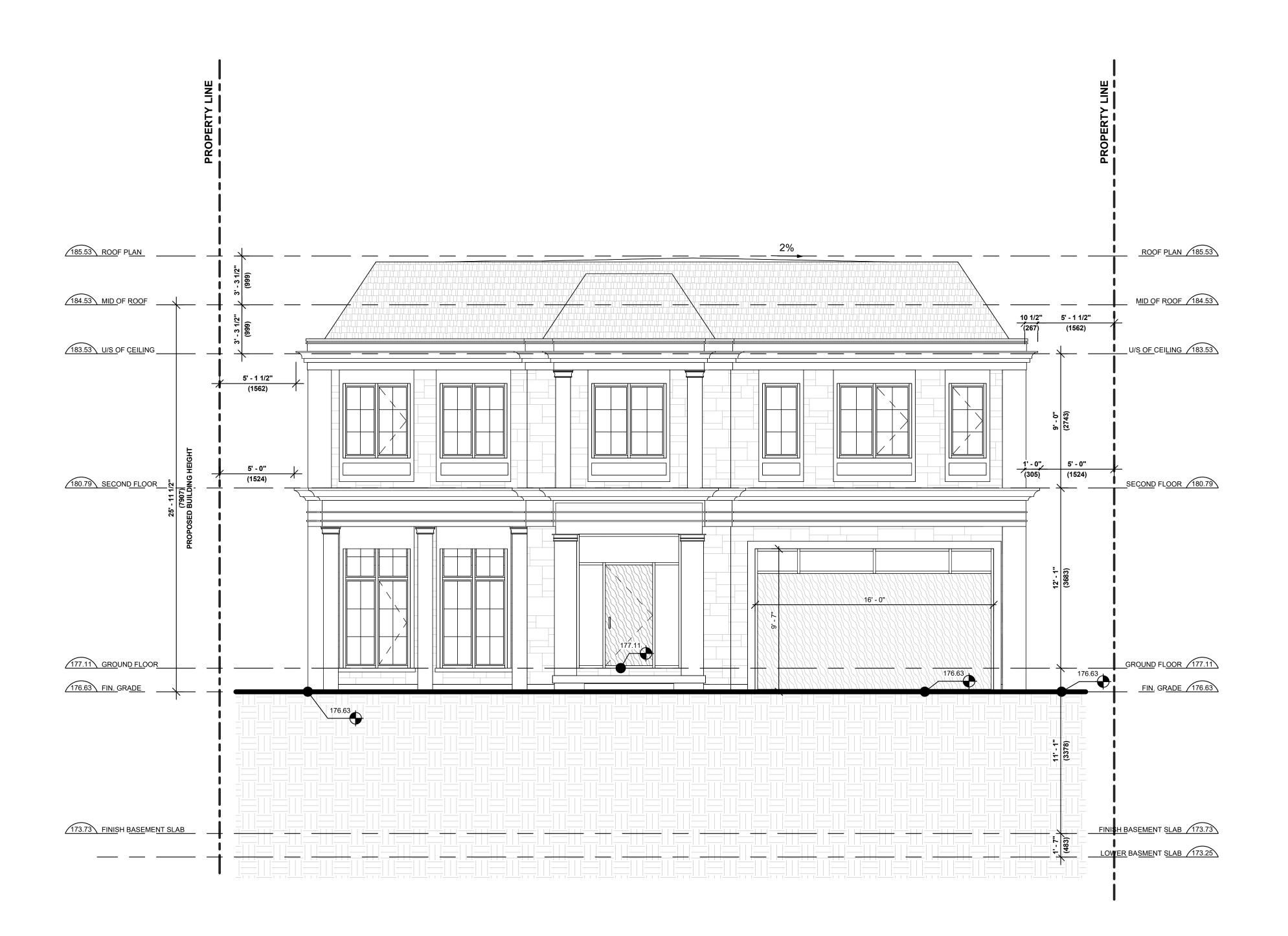
SITE PLAN

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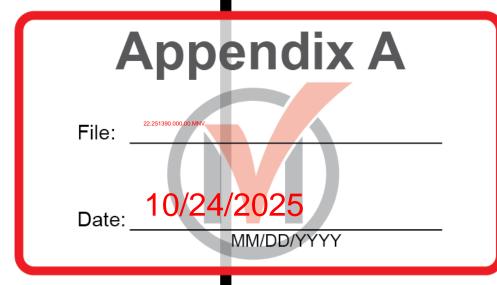
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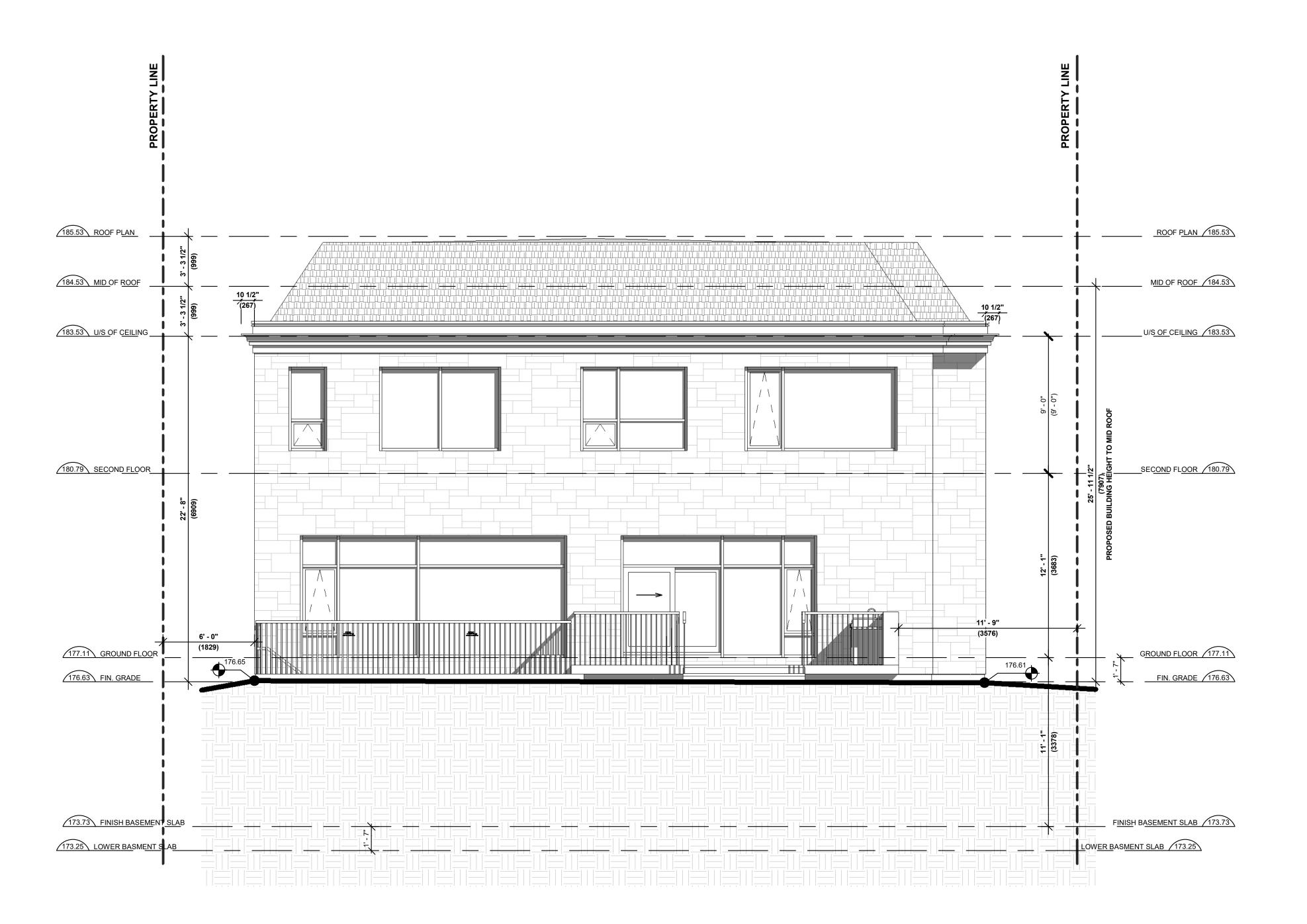
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SOUTH (FRONT) ELEVATION

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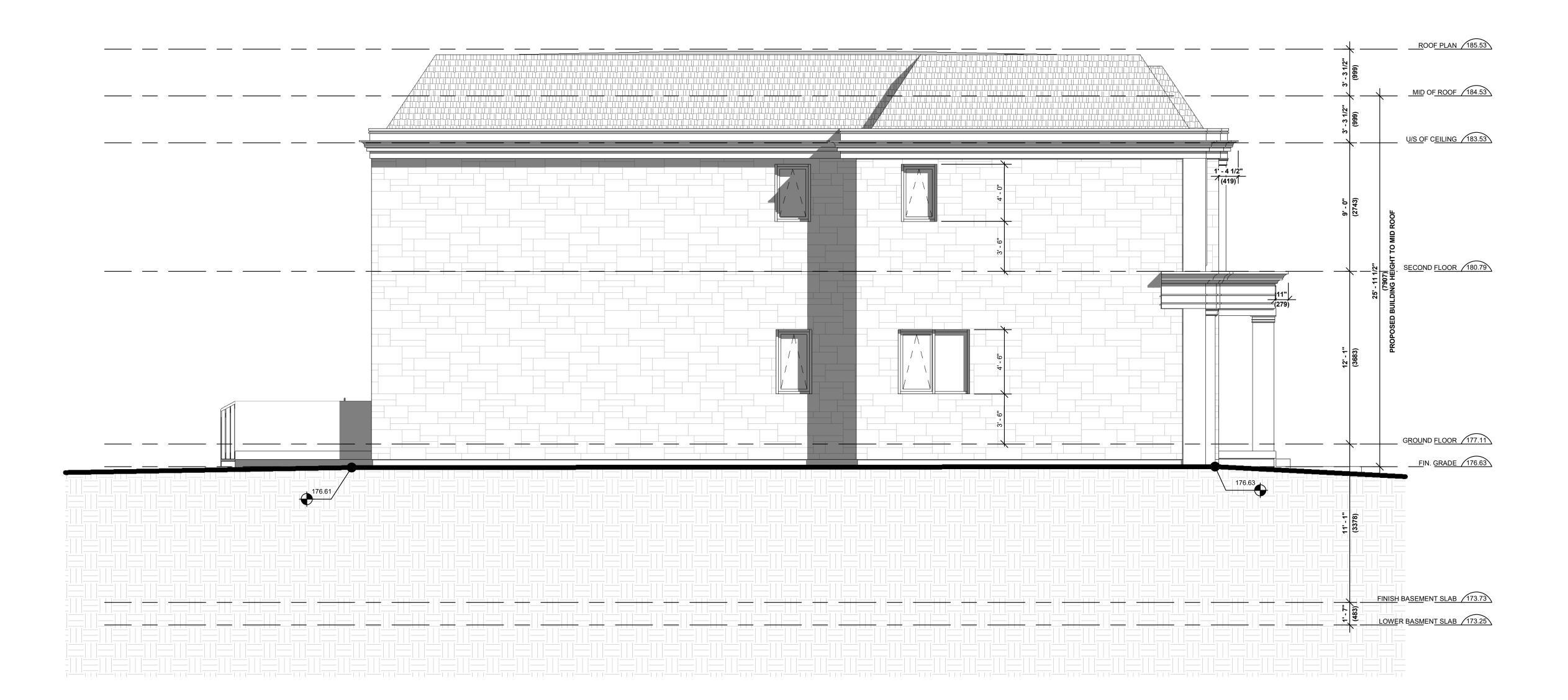
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NORTH (REAR) ELEVATION

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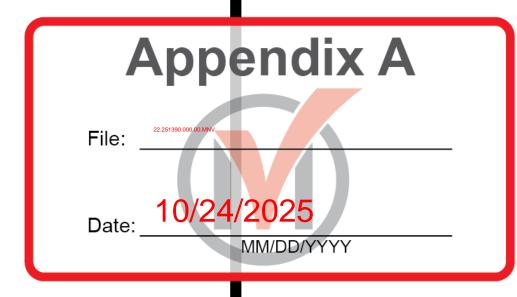
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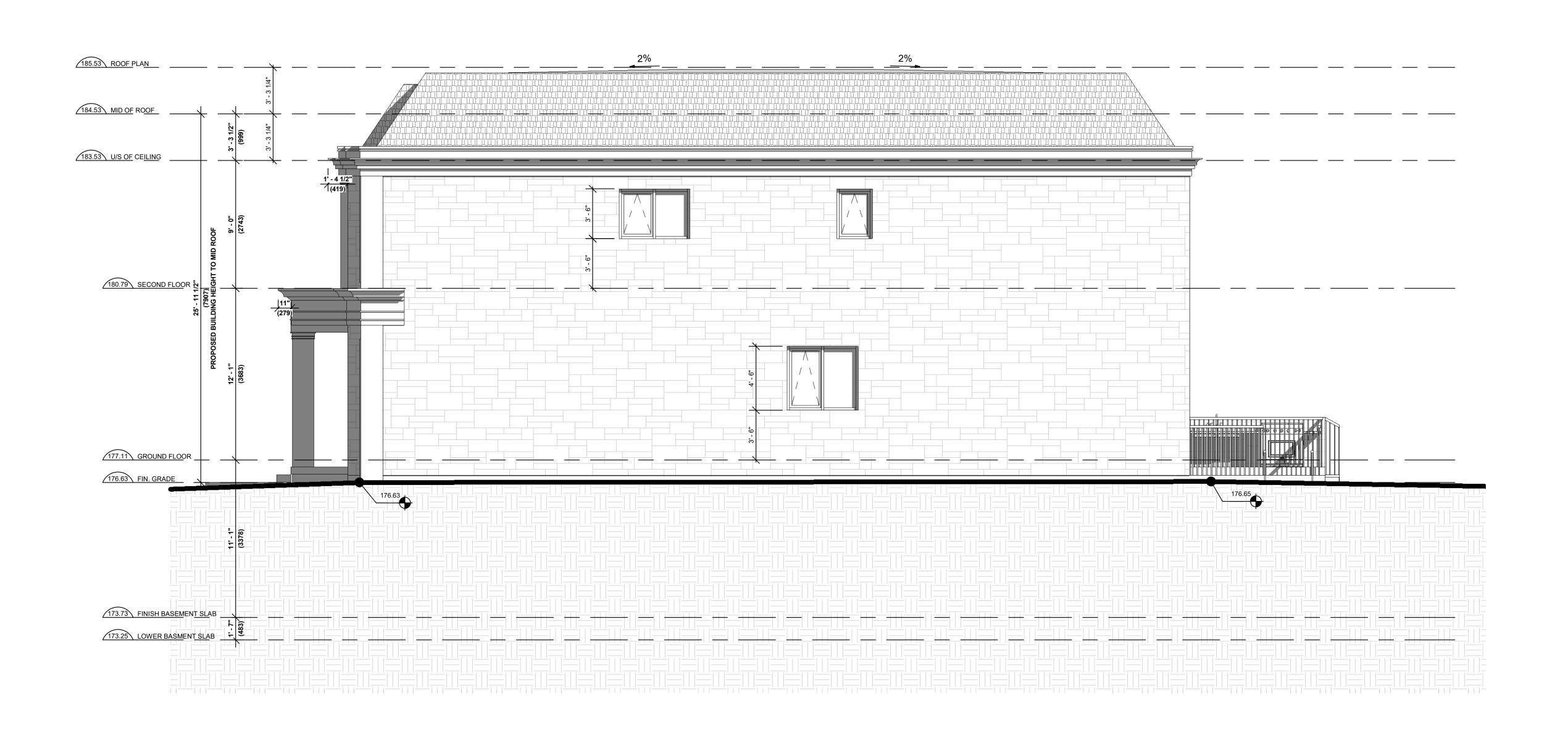
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WEST (SIDE) ELEVATION

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APPENDIX "C" – A/139/22 CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/139/22

- 1. The variances apply only to the Proposed Development as long as it remains;
- That the variances apply only to the Proposed Development, in substantial
 conformity with the plan(s) attached as 'Appendix A' to this Staff Report, and that the
 Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation from the Supervisor of the
 Committee of Adjustment or designate that this condition has been fulfilled to his or
 her satisfaction;
- 3. Submission of a Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan, prepared by a Qualified Tree Expert in accordance with the City's Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan (TAPP) Requirements (2024) as amended, to be reviewed and approved by the City, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation from the Tree Preservation By-law Administrator that this condition has been fulfilled to his/her satisfaction, and that any detailed Siting, Lot Grading and Servicing Plan required as a condition of approval reflects the Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan.
- 4. That prior to the commencement of construction or demolition, tree protection be erected and maintained around all trees on site, neighbouring properties, and street trees, in accordance with the City's Streetscape Manual (2009) as amended, and inspected by City Staff to the satisfaction of the Tree Preservation By-law Administrator.
- That If required as per Tree Preservation review, tree securities and/or tree fees be paid to the City and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation that this condition has been fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Tree Preservation By-law Administrator.

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