

# Planning & Zoning Commission

Planning & Development Department November 4, 2024

## **Special Use Permit SUP-23-0002 (Storage King)**

**Request** Hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to City Council for a Special Use Permit

Application, SUP-23-0002, (Storage King), to allow an expansion of an existing self-storage

use.

**Applicant** Todd Wyatt of Lancaster +Wyatt Architects, LLP.

Owners AGAP League City, LLC.

City Council Public Hearing & First Reading – November 12, 2024; Second Reading – December 17, 2024

**Location** Generally located along the west side of State Highway 3 (SH 3) and approximately 1,500 feet

north of Farm to Market Road 646 (FM 646), with the address of 2615 State Highway 3 South.

**Citizen Response** 18 – Notices Mailed to Property Owners within 200 feet

0 – Communications of Support Received0 – Communications of Opposition Received

**Attachments** 1. Zoning Map

2. Aerial Map

3. 2035 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Plan

4. Applicant Letter

5. Site and Landscape Plans

6. Elevations

The Commission should consider the following in its deliberation for the Special Use Permit request, which shall be utilized to substantiate its findings. To determine the extent to which the proposed use would be compatible with surrounding properties, the surrounding land uses, and the performance impacts should be considered.

#### **Background**

<u>August 10, 1999</u> – The subject property was zoned Residential Single-Family and General Commercial, when the City adopted zoning.

<u>June 12, 2007</u> – City Council abandoned the rights-of-way of Dakota Avenue, Delaware Avenue and Hawaii Avenue between West Olive Street and Peach Street.

<u>May 26, 2015</u> – City Council adopted an ordinance rezoning the entire property from "RSF-5" (Single-Family Residential 5) to "CG" (General Commercial).

<u>September 22, 2016</u> – The plat for the property was recorded with Galveston County. The plat consolidated four blocks and three abandon rights-of-way into one contiguous 8.4-acre commercial property.

<u>January 9, 2017</u> – The construction plans for a 45,500-square-foot facility (formerly known as Alta Vista) were approved by the City.

October 6, 2021 – The current owner purchased the property.

**September 2, 2022** - Applicant held a pre-application neighborhood meeting, where one person attended.

October 30, 2023 – The applicant submitted a Special Use Permit application to permit an expansion of the existing self-storage facility.

October 14, 2024 - Public hearing notices were mailed to the surrounding property owners, a public hearing sign was posted on the property and notice was published in the newspaper.

<u>November 4, 2024</u> - Planning & Zoning Commission is scheduled to conduct a public hearing and make a recommendation to City Council.

<u>November 12, 2024</u> – City Council is scheduled to conduct a public hearing and consider the request on first reading.

<u>December 17, 2024</u> – If approved on first reading, City Council will consider the second reading of the request.

#### **Proposal**

The applicant proposes to build three new enclosed buildings, totaling 46,854 square-feet in size as an expansion to the existing 45,500 square-foot facility, Storage King. If approved, the overall building square footage of the site will be 92,354 square-feet.

A Special Use Permit (SUP) is being requested because the *Self-Storage* use requires a Special Use Permit on properties zoned "CG" (General Commercial). At the time that the site was originally developed in 2017, the self-storage use was permitted by right within the "CG" zoning district. Based on the size of the property, it was anticipated that an expansion would occur sometime in the future.

## Neighborhood Meeting

A neighborhood meeting was held by the applicant on September 2, 2022, in which one person attended, and no comments were made.

### Site and Surrounding Area

The subject site consists of an existing commercial property developed in 2017.

Direction	Surrounding Zoning	Surrounding Land Use	
		Undeveloped Commercial & a Single-	
North	"CG" & RSF-5	family residence	
South	"CG" & RSF-5	Undeveloped Commercial & Residential	
East	"ROW" & "CG"	SH 3 & Undeveloped Commercial	
		Undeveloped Idaho Ave. ROW &	
West	"ROW" & "RSF-5"	Undeveloped Residential	

# Access and Traffic Impacts

Access to the property is provided from State Highway 3 South. A driveway for secondary access is proposed along the north property line along West Olive Street.

#### **State Highway 3**

	<b>Existing Conditions</b>	2018 Master Mobility Plan
Roadway Type	Major Arterial	Major Arterial
ROW Width	120 feet	120 Feet
Pavement Width	4-lane, 12-foot wide travel lanes,	4 lane, 12-foot wide travel
and Type	with center turn lane.	lanes with concrete curb and
		gutter with 16-foot wide
		median.

Traffic impacts from the additional development will be minimal. According to the analysis provided by the applicant, similar facilities in the Clear Lake/League City area had a maximum of six peak hour AM trips and eight peak hour PM trips. The site is proposing to install 24 parking spaces and provide loading/unloading areas in front of the units.

Other uses that are allowed in the "CG" district, such as retail, would typically generate a greater amount of traffic on the site. For example, the Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation Manual predicts 14 PM peak hour trips for a self-storage facility of this size. A 14,000 square-foot retail building, which could reasonably fit on the site, is anticipated to generate 104 peak hour trips.

#### **Utilities**

A Water connection exists through an 8-inch water line along the west side State Highway 3 South.

The Sanitary sewer connection is provided from an 8-inch sewer line on the east side of State Highway 3 South.

All electrical service lines will be underground, and the transformer will be pad mounted and screened from public view.

#### Landscaping

The applicant is proposing enhanced landscaping. The enhancements include:

- Adding trees and a continuous line of hedges along the northern and southern property lines.
- Adding six additional trees with continuous hedge along the parking lot to the west,
- Adding parking islands trees between the existing and proposed development and increasing the total amount of landscaping to 34.9%.

# Comprehensive Plan

The Future Land Use Plan classifies the property as "Enhanced Auto Dominant Commercial" and "Suburban Commercial". Auto Dominant Commercial Uses focus on convenience and access for customers and employees almost exclusively by automobile. Suburban Commercial "is generally for concentration of commercial activities that cater primarily to nearby residents versus the larger community. Buildings are typically setback to provide ample flow of pedestrian and vehicles entering to the facility. The proposed SUP would be consistent with the land use designations of Enhanced Auto Dominant Commercial and Suburban Commercial.

### Criteria in Support of Recommendation

Staff has determined the following findings related to the requested SUP:

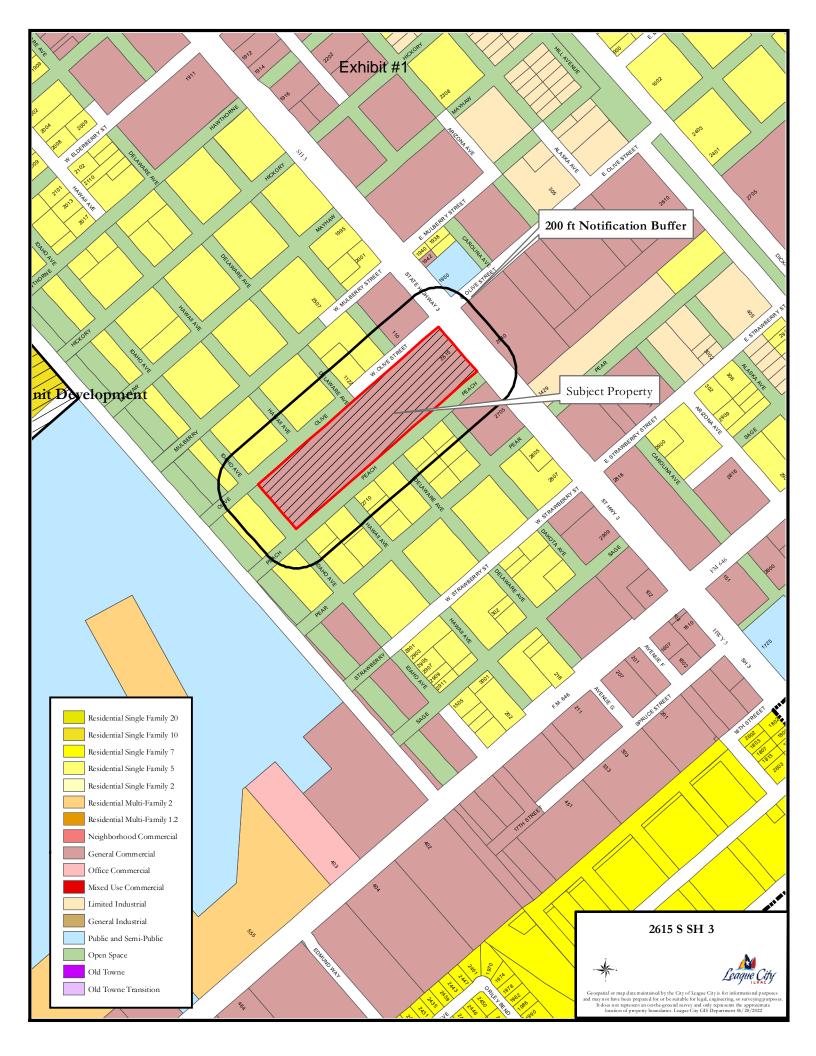
- A 45,500-square-foot self-storage facility is currently located on the property.
- Based on the existing conditions and the size of the 8.4-acre property, the expansion of the facility was expected when the site was initially constructed.
- The request is consistent with the League City Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Plan.
- The request is compatible with the uses and development patterns along State Highway 3 South.
- The expansion of the self-storage use would produce minimal traffic impacts to the roadway network.
- The request does not detrimentally affect the surrounding properties.

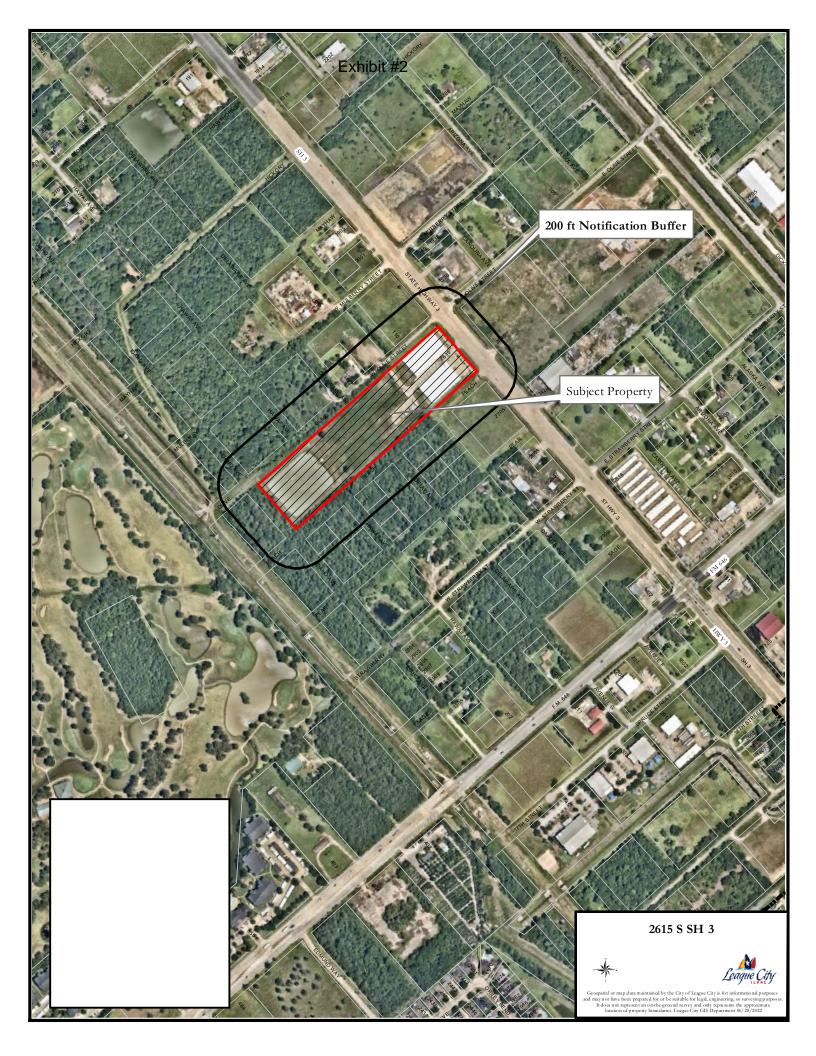
# **Staff Recommendation**

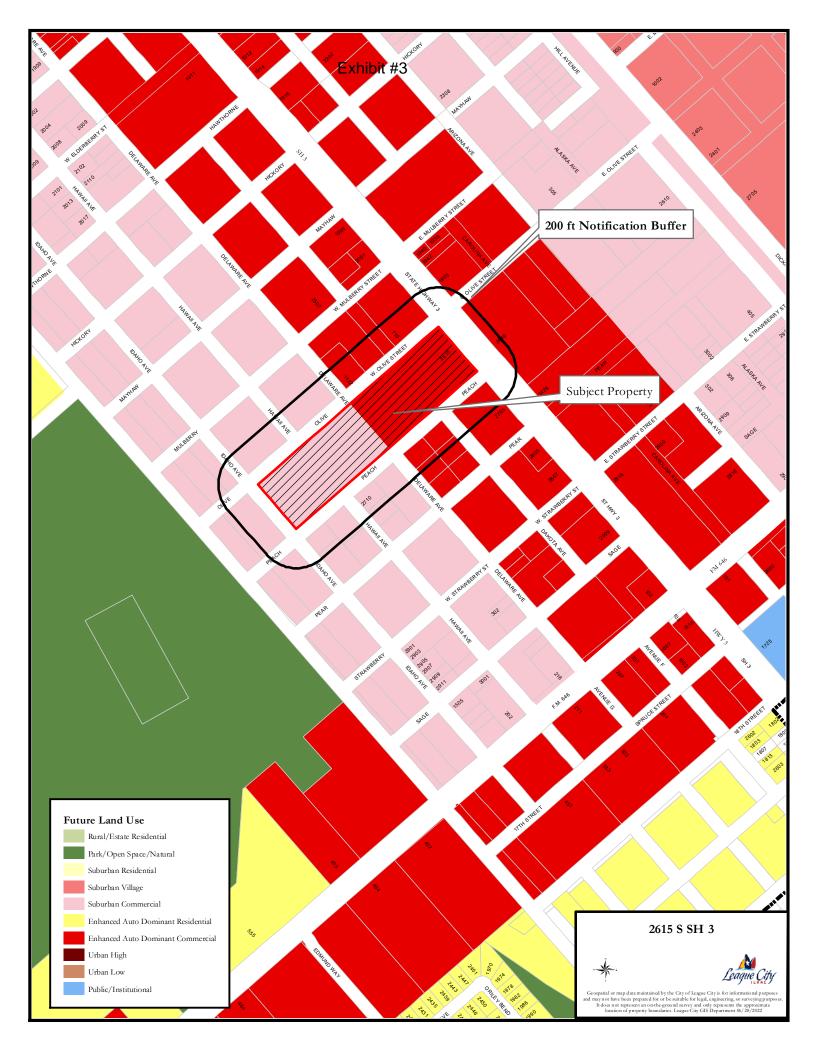
Based on the information above, staff recommends approval with the following conditions:

- 1. The Special Use Permit shall expire after a period of 24 months beginning upon the date of the adoption of the SUP ordinance if no building permits are issued for development of the site.
- 2. The uses permitted on site will be limited to those permitted in the base zoning district and identified by the Special Use Permit. The only use permitted by this SUP is the Storage King self-storage facility.
- 3. No Storage Containers (PODS) or similar containers shall be used or stored on this site.
- 4. The site layout shall be substantially similar to that which is displayed on the site plan. landscape plan, and elevations.
- 5. Landscaping:
  - a. Seventy-five percent (75%) of plant materials for the overall site shall be from the League City Water smart plant list. At least three different tree species, two different shrub species, and one ornamental grass species shall be included in the project landscaping.
  - b. Any required landscape area along all rights-of-way not shown on the landscape plan shall be constructed by the owner of the property at the time the streets are constructed (Olive/Peach).
- 6. Signage: The project shall comply with Chapter 125, Article 8, Signs, in the Unified Development Code (UDC), with the following exception:
  - a. The only freestanding sign permitted is a monument sign with a masonry base;
  - b. Any exterior illumination of signs on the site must have top mounted luminaries that are shielded downwards;
  - c. No uplighting is permitted.

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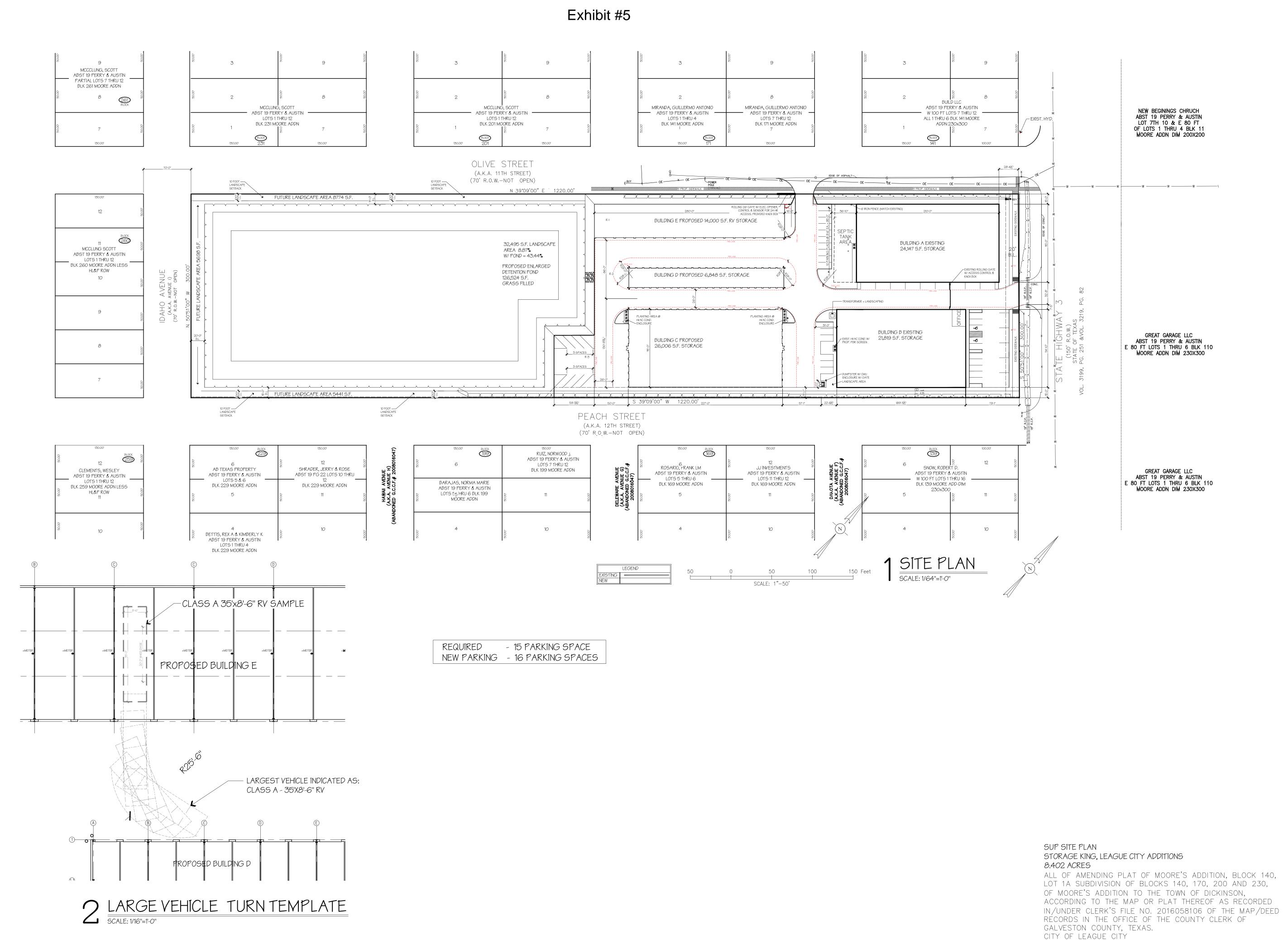
## **Requirements Exceeding with SUP**

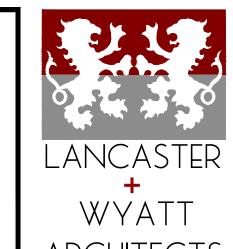
We are not aware that we are exceeding any requirements with the SUP. However, we are requesting to add buildings to a grandfathered property. This location has one building, we are requesting to add three more buildings to the property. The zoning has changed, therefore, we were told to go through the process of the SUP.

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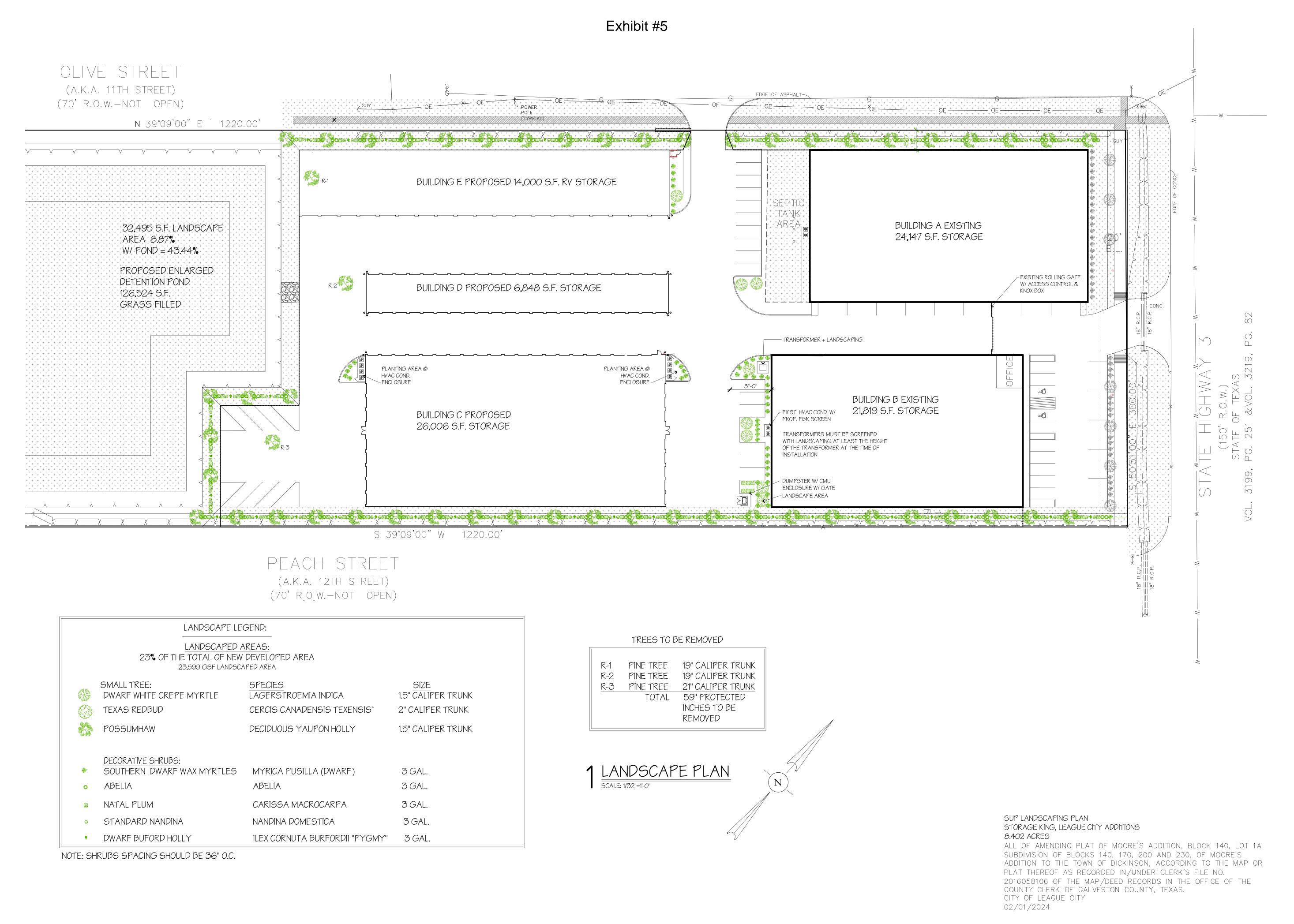
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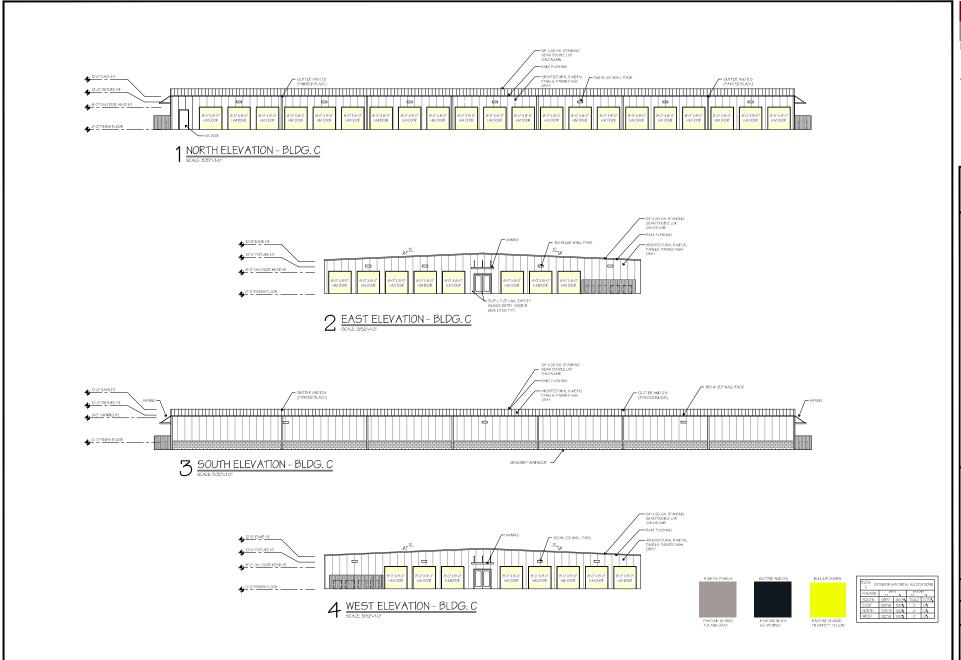
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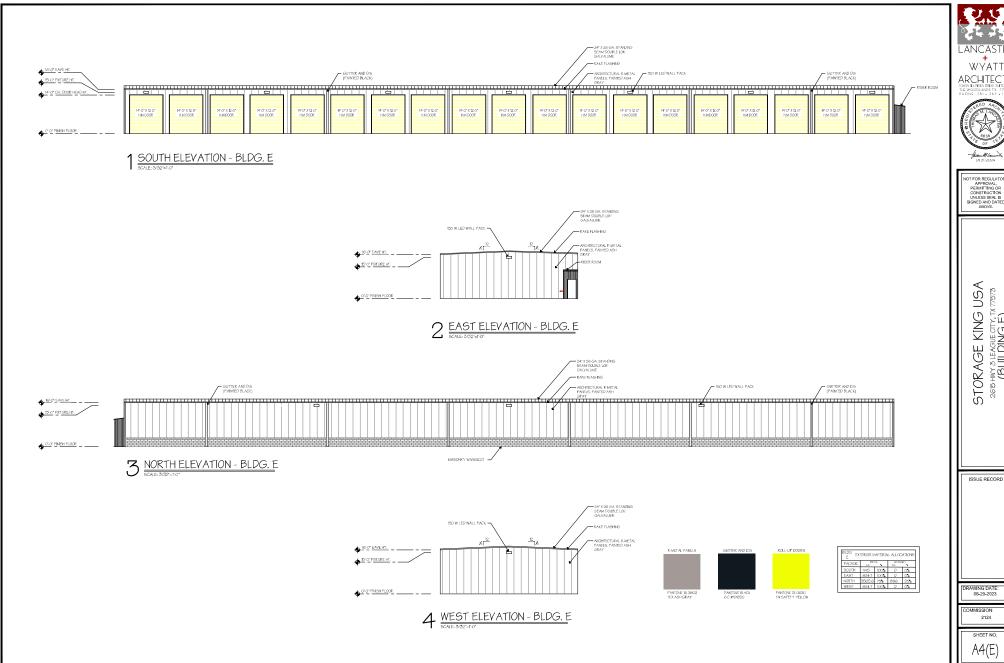
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