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Public Hearing:

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Adopted:

WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 14-12(AM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING VARIANCE NO. V14-03 ALLOWING A VARIANCE OF FIVE FEET TO THE MINIMUM FIVE FOOT SIDE YARD SETBACK TO ALLOW A ZERO SIDE YARD SETBACK ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE LOT AND A VARIANCE OF 15 FEET TO THE MINIMUM 25 FOOT FRONT YARD SETBACK TO ALLOW A 10 FOOT FRONT YARD SETBACK ALONG WESTPOINT DRIVE IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT AN 8,280 SQUARE FOOT COMMERCIAL BUILDING, LOCATED ON LOT 16A, BLOCK 1, LAKESHORE RESUBDIVISION, IN THE RESIDENTIAL MULTIFAMILY ZONING DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, Kurban Kurani, owner, submitted an application for a variance on April 21, 2014, along with a site plan and application fee; and

WHEREAS, notice of the application was mailed to all property owners within a 1,200 feet radius and review agencies and the Planning Commission as required by §16.16.040(A)(2) of the Wasilla Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, a notice of the Planning Commission public hearing was published in the Frontiersman on May 6, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Wasilla Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the requested variance taking into account the information submitted by the applicant, the information contained in the staff report, written and verbal testimony, the applicable provisions of the Wasilla Municipal Code and Comprehensive Plan, and other pertinent information brought before them; and

WHEREAS, the Wasilla Planning Commission adopted Findings of Fact, attached as Exhibit A, summarizing basic facts and reasoning of the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla Planning Commission

hereby approves this application with the Findings of Fact, attached as Exhibit A and

incorporated herein, with the following conditions:

1. The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Fire Chief's office must review this proposal for

compliance with all applicable fire codes, building codes and emergency access

as related to the public health, safety and welfare.

2. Construction on the site must substantially comply with the site plan and

landscape plans date stamped April 21, 2014, attached as Exhibit B to

Resolution Serial No. 14-12. Any changes to the site plan must be submitted to

the City Planner for review. Substantial modifications will require submittal of an

amended conditional use permit application, including application fee and

Planning Commission review and approval.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla Planning Commission on May 13, 2014.

APPROVED:

Glehda Ledford, Chairman

ATTEST

Tina Crawford, AICP, City Planner

VOTE:

Passed Unanimously

EXHIBIT A

Wasilla Planning Commission Resolution 14-12 FINDINGS OF FACT – 16.28.110

16.28.110(A)

Application.

An application for a variance must be submitted to the planner. The application must be accompanied by a site plan of the relevant part of the parcel or lot. The planner may require that the site plan be produced by a registered professional engineer or land surveyor. The site plan shall depict all information relevant to the variance request.

Finding:

A complete application was submitted to the Planning Department on April 21, 2014.

16.28.110(B)

Variance requests must be heard by the commission. Notice, comment period and hearing procedures follow the format outlined in WMC16.16.040.

Finding:

The public hearing was scheduled in a timely manner for the next available Planning Commission meeting and the hearing format is consistent with the requirements in WMC 16.16.040(E). Public notices were mailed on April 21, 2014 to all properties within a 1,200' radius.

16.28.110(C)

Variance Standards.

1. The conditions upon which the variance application is based do not apply generally to properties in the district or vicinity other than the property for which the variance is sought;

Finding:

The conditions do not apply generally to other properties in the Commercial zoning district or vicinity. Lots A19 and 16A have an unusual lot configuration, as shown in the site plan, the lots are abut Wasilla Lake and have a 75' shoreline setback requirement, and they are owned by the same individual. Additionally, both lots have distinct changes in topography that impact the ability to develop the lots.

2. Such conditions arise out of natural features inherent in the property such as shape or topographical conditions of the property or because of unusual physical surroundings or such conditions arise out of surrounding development or conditions; Finding:

As stated above, the lots have unusual shapes, are located along a lake, and have topographic changes that present development challenges.

3. Because of such conditions the strict application to the property of the requirements of this chapter will result in an undue, substantial hardship to the owner of the property such that no reasonable use of the property could be made;

Finding:

Strict application of the required front and side yard setbacks will create an unnecessary hardship on the property owner. The proposed front yard setback is similar to the adjoining property to the west and the requested side yard setback along the western property line abuts a lot that is also owned by the applicant.

4. The special conditions that require the variance are not caused by the person seeking the variance, a predecessor in interest, or the agent of either; and

Findina:

The special conditions are due to natural physical conditions and were not caused by the property owner.

5. The variance is not sought solely to relieve pecuniary hardship or inconvenience.

Finding:

The variance is not sought to relieve a pecuniary (financial) hardship or inconvenience.

16.28.110(D)

If a property qualified for a variance under this section, the variance granted must meet the following conditions:

1. The deviation from the requirement of this title that is permitted by variance may be no more than is necessary to permit a reasonable use of the lot;

Finding:

The variance is the minimum necessary to allow reasonable use of the lot and allows a better design that preserves the shoreline of the lake.

2. The variance will not permit a land use that is prohibited by this title;

Finding:

The proposed commercial building is permitted in the Residential Multifamily zoning district as a conditional use. The owner has submitted the necessary conditional use application.

3. The variance is in keeping with the spirit and intent of this chapter and the requirements from which relief is sought;

Finding:

The variance is in keeping with the spirit and intent of the chapter.

4. The variance will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare; and

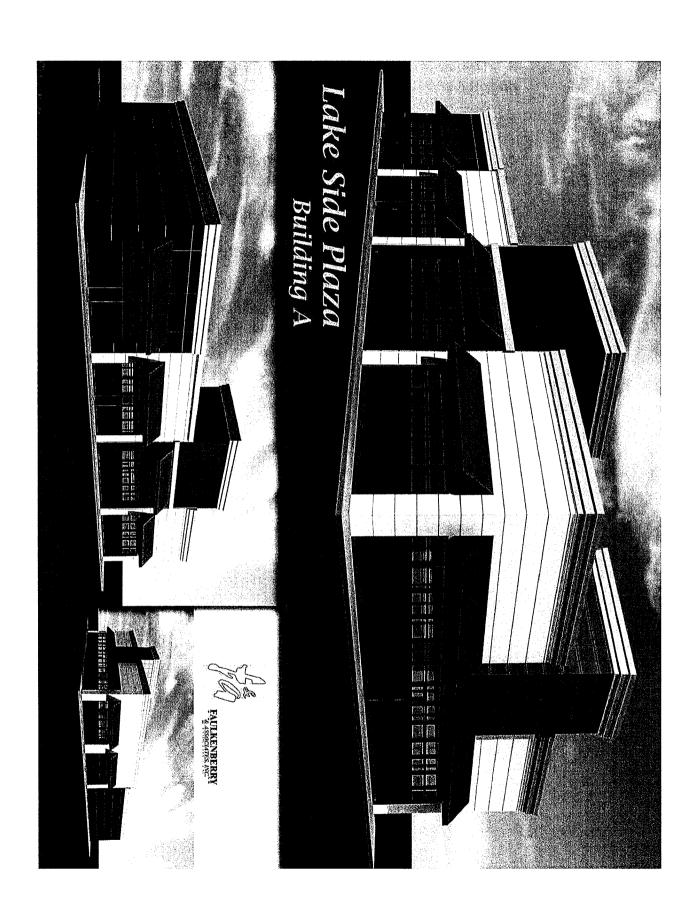
Finding:

The variance will not be detrimental to public health or welfare.

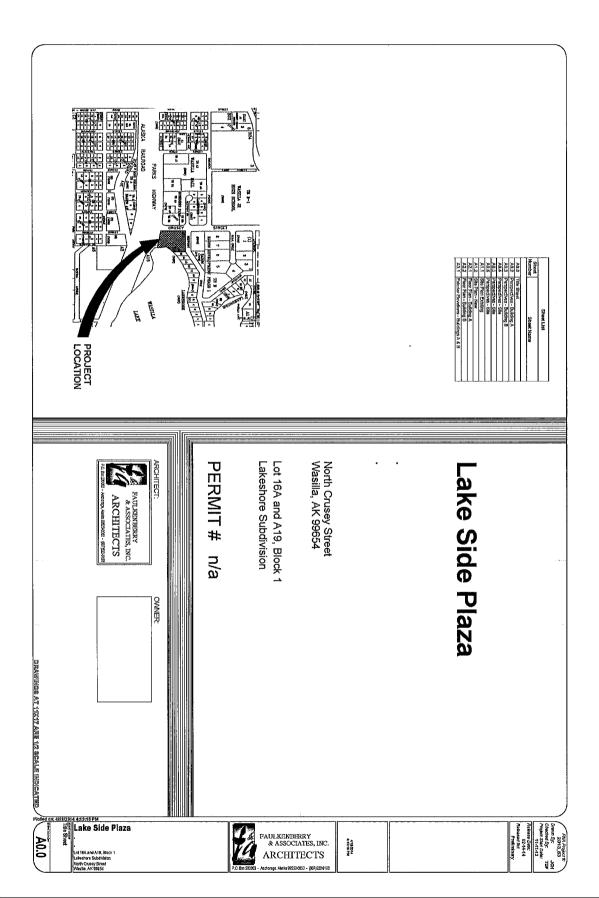
5. The variance will not significantly adversely affect other property.

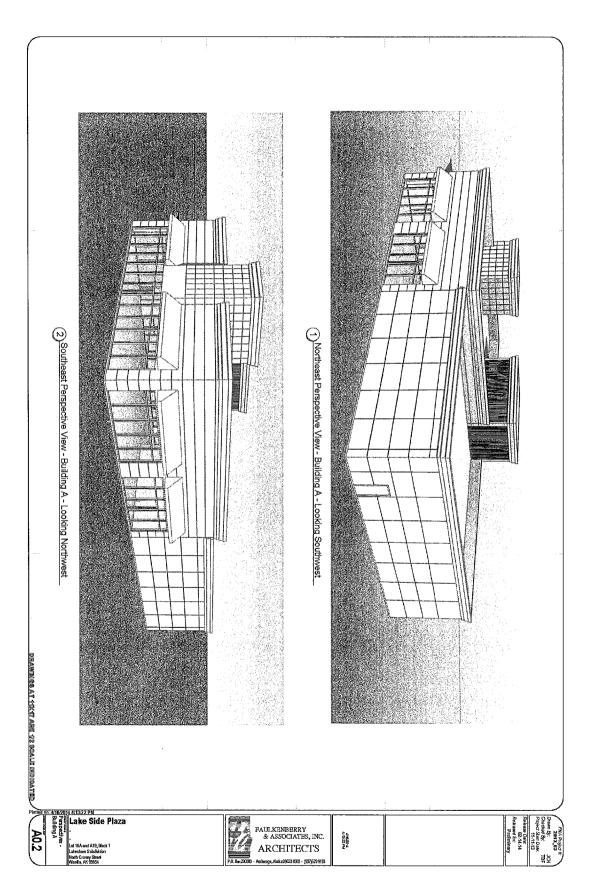
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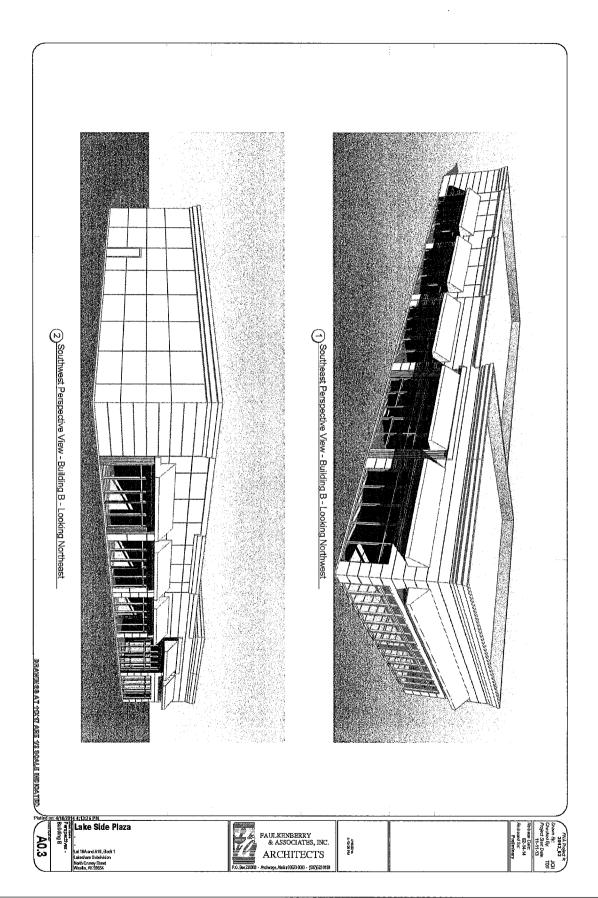
The requested variance will not significantly adversely affect other properties in the area since the abutting property to the west is also owned by the applicant.

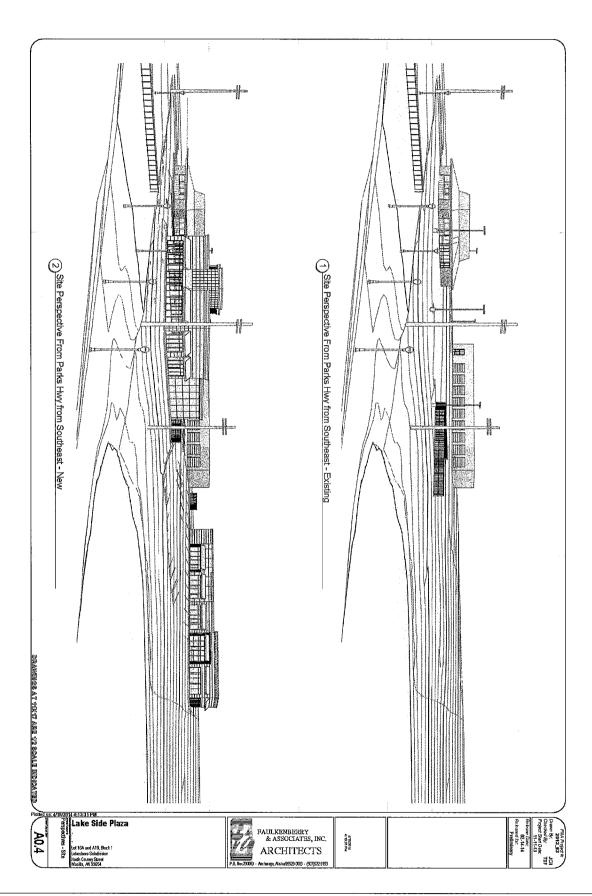












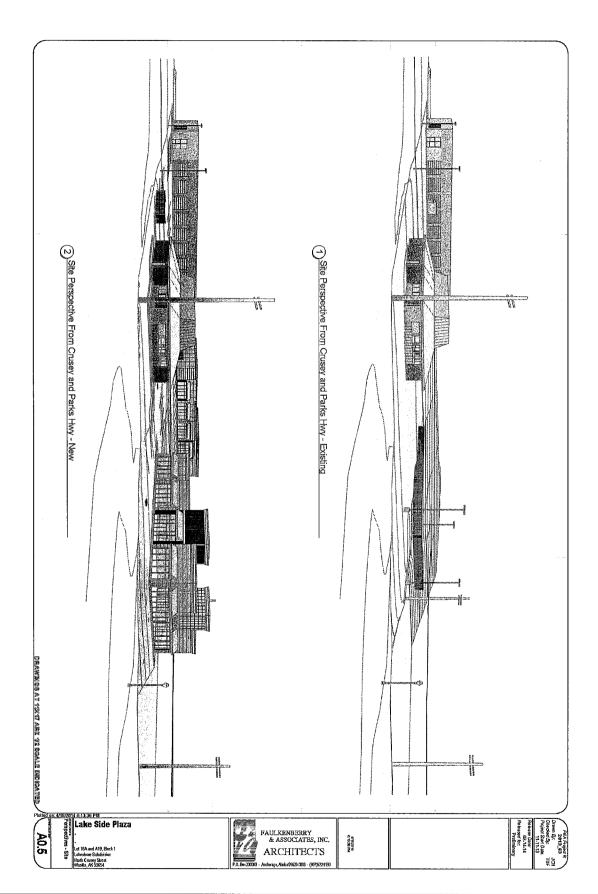
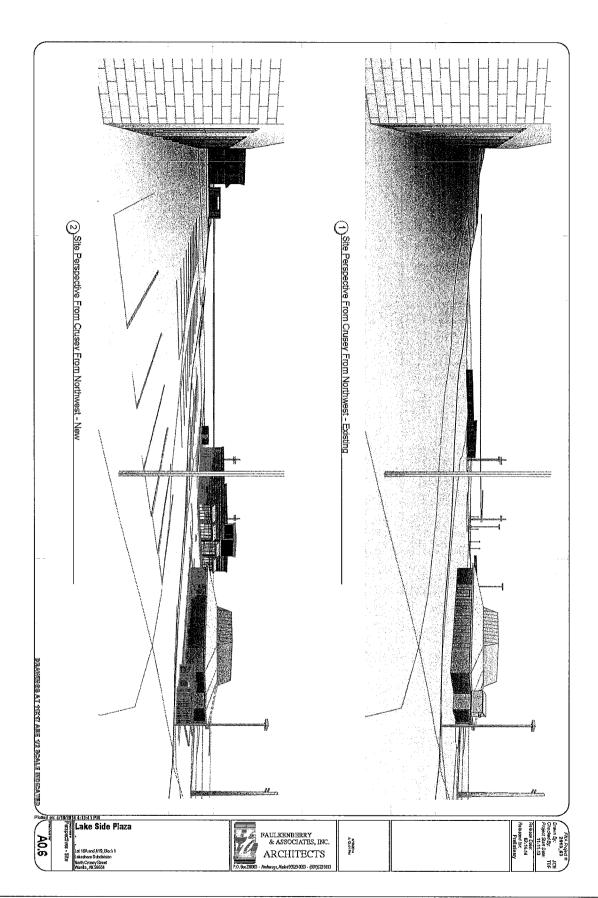
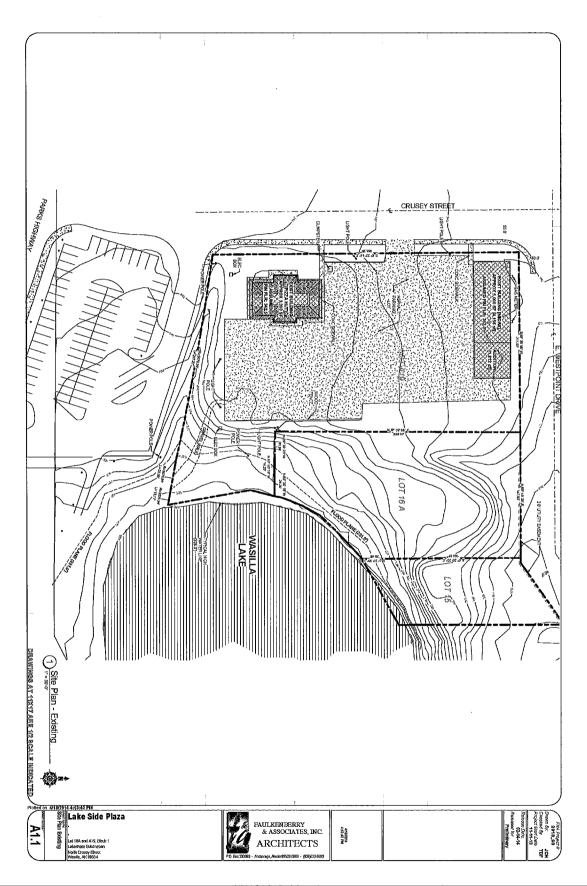
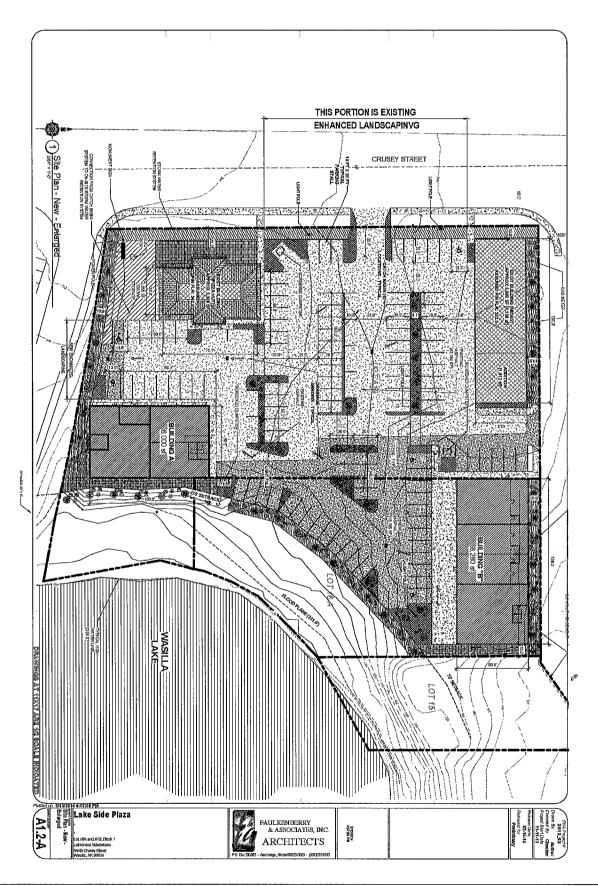
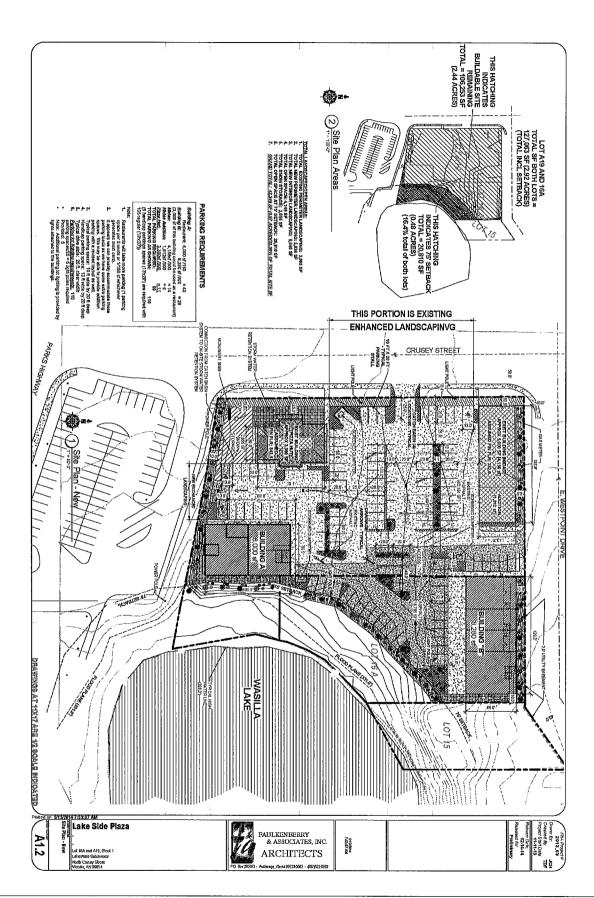


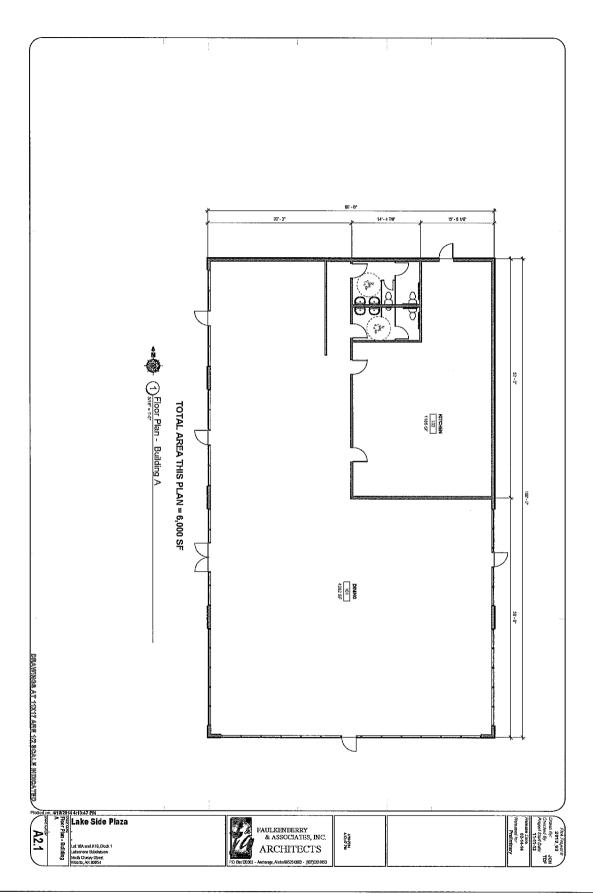
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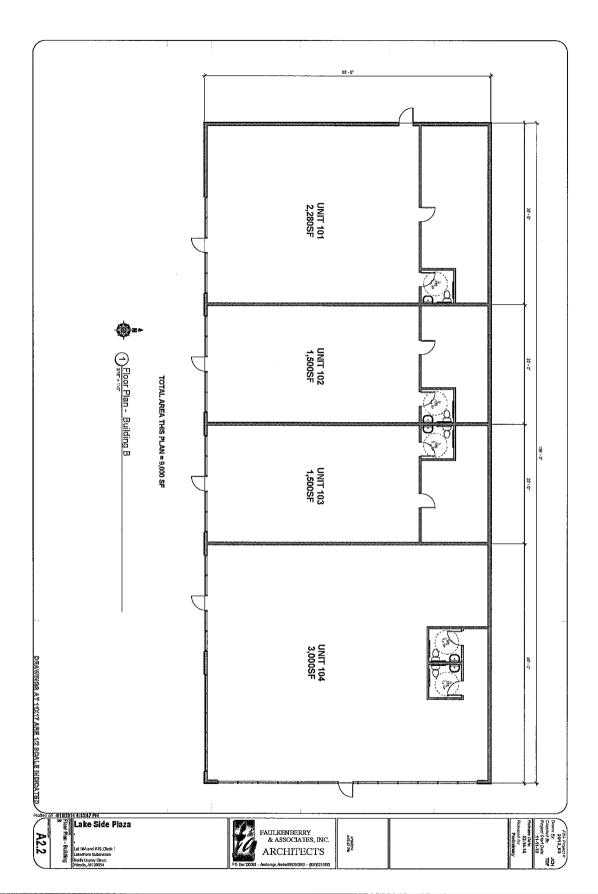


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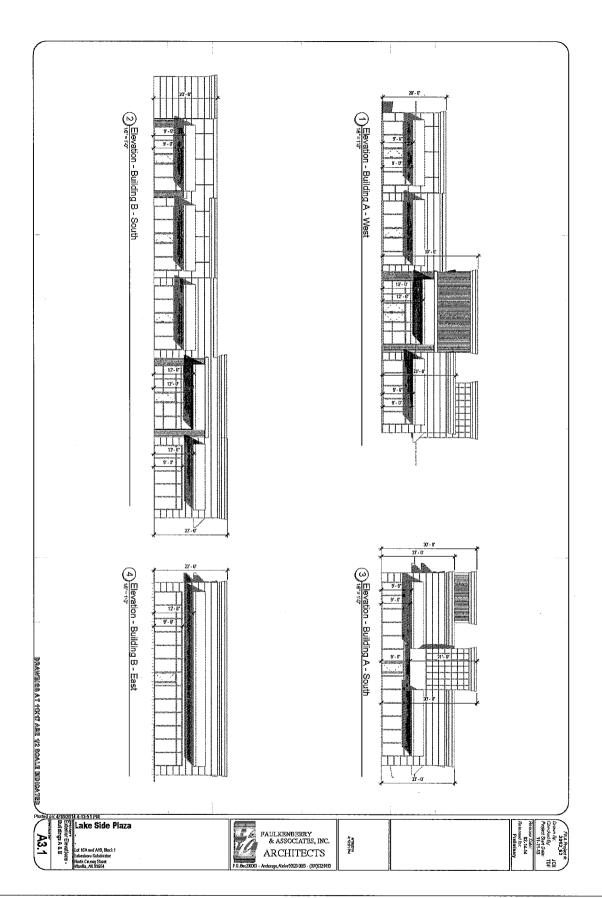


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