

# TOWN OF ARLINGTON REDEVELOPMENT BOARD

Application for Special Permit In Accordance with Environmental Design Review Procedures (Section 3.4 of the Zoning Bylaw)

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528	Main Street, Winchester, MA		617-491-4431
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Signature	e of Applicant(s)	NSR, LIC	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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property	y in Arlington located at 1314 Massachusetts	Avenue	
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	the following Zoning Bylaw section(s)		
7.	Permit applied for in accordance with	Section 3.4	
6.	Proposed Use of Property (include # of dwe	lling units, if any)C	ommercial
5.	Present Use of Property (include # of dwelli	ng units, if any)C	ommercial
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4.	Deed recorded in the Registry of deeds, Boo- or- registered in Land Registration Office,	ok <u>46873</u> , Page <u>27</u> Cert No in Boo	k Page
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		or's Block Plan, Block, Lot	
3.	Location of Property170/0002/0001.0	)	
	Status Relative to Property (occupant, purch	naser, etc.)Lessee	
	Address 528 Main Street, Winchest		Phone 781-910-1683
2.	Name of Applicant(s) (if different than above	ve) First House LLC	
	Street		City, State, Zip
	Address of Owner 545 Concord Avenue	ue, Suite 400	Cambridge, MA 02138
	Name of Record Owner(s) Fresh Pond S		Phone 617-491-4431
1.	Property Address1314 Massachuset	ts Avenue	Docket No
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#### Required Submittals Checklist

Two full sets of materials and one electronic copy are required. A model may be requested. Review the ARB's Rules and Regulations, which can be found at <u>arlingtonma.gov/arb</u>, for the full list of required submittals.

	Dimensional and Parking Information Form (see attached	d)
	Site plan of proposal	
	Model, if required	
	Drawing of existing conditions	
	Drawing of proposed structure	
	Proposed landscaping. May be incorporated into site pla	n
	Photographs	
	Impact statement	
	Application and plans for sign permits	
	Stormwater management plan (for stormwater management with new construction	ent during construction for projects
FOR C	OFFICE USE ONLY	
	_ Special Permit Granted	Date:
	Received evidence of filing with Registry of Deeds	Date:
	Notified Building Inspector of Special Permit filing	Date:

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# Petition for Special Permit under Environmental Design Review (see Section 3.4 of the Arlington Zoning Bylaw for Applicability)

For projects subject to Environmental Design Review, (see Section 3.4), please submit a statement that completely describes your proposal, and addresses each of the following standards.

- 1. Preservation of Landscape. The landscape shall be preserved in its natural state, insofar as practicable, by minimizing tree and soil removal, and any grade changes shall be in keeping with the general appearance of neighboring developed areas.
- 2. Relation of Buildings to Environment. Proposed development shall be related harmoniously to the terrain and to the use, scale, and architecture of existing buildings in the vicinity that have functional or visual relationship to the proposed buildings. The Arlington Redevelopment Board may require a modification in massing to reduce the effect of shadows on abutting property in an R0, R1 or R2 district or on public open space.
- 3. Open Space. All open space (landscaped and usable) shall be so designed as to add to the visual amenities of the vicinity by maximizing its visibility for persons passing the site or overlooking it from nearby properties. The location and configuration of usable open space shall be so designed as to encourage social interaction, maximize its utility, and facilitate maintenance.
- 4. Circulation. With respect to vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle circulation, including entrances, ramps, walkways, drives, and parking, special attention shall be given to location and number of access points to the public streets (especially in relation to existing traffic controls and mass transit facilities), width of interior drives and access points, general interior circulation, separation of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, access to community facilities, and arrangement of vehicle parking and bicycle parking areas, including bicycle parking spaces required by Section 8.13 that are safe and convenient and, insofar as practicable, do not detract from the use and enjoyment of proposed buildings and structures and the neighboring properties.
- 5. Surface Water Drainage. Special attention shall be given to proper site surface drainage so that removal of surface waters will not adversely affect neighboring properties or the public storm drainage system. Available Best Management Practices for the site should be employed, and include site planning to minimize impervious surface and reduce clearing and re-grading. Best Management Practices may include erosion control and storm water treatment by means of swales, filters, plantings, roof gardens, native vegetation, and leaching catch basins. Storm water should be treated at least minimally on the development site; that which cannot be handled on site shall be removed from all roofs, canopies, paved and pooling areas and carried away in an underground drainage system. Surface water in all paved areas shall be collected at intervals so that it will not obstruct the flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic, and will not create puddles in the paved areas.

In accordance with Section 3.3.4, the Board may require from any applicant, after consultation with the Director of Public Works, security satisfactory to the Board to insure the maintenance of all storm water facilities such as catch basins, leaching catch basins, detention basins, swales, etc. within the site. The Board may use funds provided by such security to conduct maintenance that the applicant fails to do. The Board may adjust in its sole discretion the amount and type of financial security such that it is satisfied that the amount is sufficient to provide for the future maintenance needs.

- 6. Utility Service. Electric, telephone, cable TV and other such lines and equipment shall be underground. The proposed method of sanitary sewage disposal and solid waste disposal from all buildings shall be indicated.
- 7. Advertising Features. The size, location, design, color, texture, lighting and materials of all permanent signs and outdoor advertising structures or features shall not detract from the use and enjoyment of proposed buildings and structures and the surrounding properties. Advertising features are subject to the provisions of Section 6.2 of the Zoning Bylaw.

- 8. Special Features. Exposed storage areas, exposed machinery installations, service areas, truck loading areas, utility buildings and structures, and similar accessory areas and structures shall be subject to such setbacks, screen plantings or other screening methods as shall reasonably be required to prevent their being incongruous with the existing or contemplated environment and the surrounding properties.
- 9. Safety. With respect to personal safety, all open and enclosed spaces shall be designed to facilitate building evacuation and maximize accessibility by fire, police, and other emergency personnel and equipment. Insofar as practicable, all exterior spaces and interior public and semi-public spaces shall be so designed as to minimize the fear and probability of personal harm or injury by increasing the potential surveillance by neighboring residents and passersby of any accident or attempted criminal act.
- 10. Heritage. With respect to Arlington's heritage, removal or disruption of historic, traditional or significant uses, structures, or architectural elements shall be minimized insofar as practicable, whether these exist on the site or on adjacent properties.
- 11. Microclimate. With respect to the localized climatic characteristics of a given area, any development which proposes new structures, new hard-surface ground coverage, or the installation of machinery which emits heat, vapor, or fumes, shall endeavor to minimize, insofar as practicable, any adverse impact on light, air, and water resources, or on noise and temperature levels of the immediate environment.
- 12. Sustainable Building and Site Design. Projects are encouraged to incorporate best practices related to sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, and indoor environmental quality. Applicants must submit a current Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) checklist, appropriate to the type of development, annotated with narrative description that indicates how the LEED performance objectives will be incorporated into the project. [LEED checklists can be found at <a href="http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=220b">http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=220b</a>]

In addition, projects subject to Environmental Design Review must address and meet the following Special Permit Criteria (see Section 3.3.3 of the Zoning Bylaw):

- 1. The use requested is listed as a special permit in the use regulations for the applicable district or is so designated elsewhere in this Bylaw.
- 2. The requested use is essential or desirable to the public convenience or welfare.
- 3. The requested use will not create undue traffic congestion or unduly impair pedestrian safety.
- 4. The requested use will not overload any public water, drainage or sewer system or any other municipal system to such an extent that the requested use or any developed use in the immediate area or in any other area of the Town will be unduly subjected to hazards affecting health, safety or the general welfare.
- 5. Any special regulations for the use as may be provided in this Bylaw are fulfilled.
- 6. The requested use will not impair the integrity or character of the district or adjoining districts, nor be detrimental to the health, morals, or welfare.
- 7. The requested use will not, by its addition to a neighborhood, cause an excess of the particular use that could be detrimental to the character of said neighborhood.

#### **TOWN OF ARLINGTON**

Distance to Nearest Building

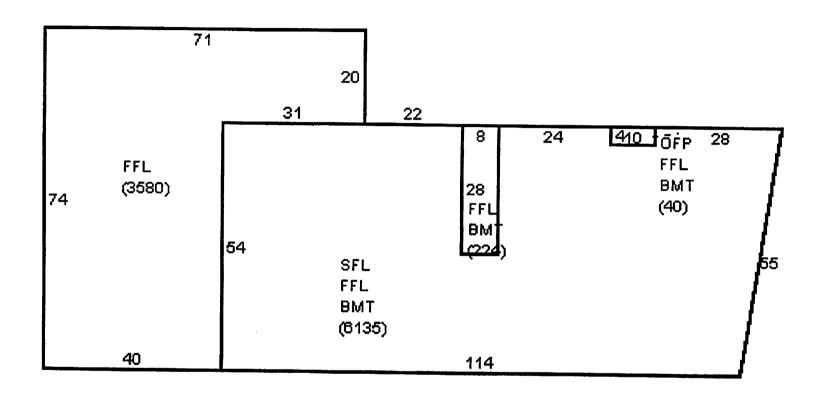
Dimensional and Parking Information for Application to The Arlington Redevelopment Board

The Arlington Redevelopm	ent Board			Docket No.	
Property Location1314 M	assachusetts Avenue			Zoning District	3
OWNER: Fresh Pond Shopping Center	Trust	<i>A</i>	Address: 545 Cont	cord Avenue, Suite 400, Cambridge, MA	02138
Present Use/Occupancy: No	o. of Dwelling Units	: ι	Jses and their g	gross square feet:	
Commercial Space			210	00	
Proposed Use/Occupancy: I	No. of Dwelling Uni	ts: L	lses and their g	ross square feet:	
Commercial Space		<del></del>	210	00	
		Present Conditions	Proposed Conditions	Min. or Max. Required by Zoning for Proposed Use	
Lot Size		16, 181sf	16, 181sf	min.	
Frontage		154	154	min.	
Floor Area Ratio		.13	.13	max. 1.5	
Lot Coverage (%), where ap	plicable	n/a	n/a	max.	
Lot Area per Dwelling Unit	(square feet)	n/a	n/a	min.	
Front Yard Depth (feet)		n/a	n/a	min.	
Side Yard Width (feet)	right side	n/a	n/a	min.	
	left side	n/a	n/a	min.	
Rear Yard Depth (feet)		n/a	n/a	min.	
Height		n/a	n/a	min.	
Stories		2	2	stories	
Feet				feet	
Open Space (% of G.F.A.)		0	0	min.	
Landscaped (square feet)		0	0	(s.f.)	
Usable (square feet)		0	0	(s.f.)	
Parking Spaces (No.)		0	0	min.	
Parking Area Setbacks (fee	t), where applicable	0	0	min.	
Loading Spaces (No.)		0	0	min.	
Type of Construction		v			•

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This page contains much of the information used by the Town of Arlington to assess properties. As required by M.G.L. Chapter 59 section 11, all assessment information is as of January 1, 2015. Please call the Assessors' Office at 781-316-3050 to report any data which appears to be inaccurate.

Town of Arlington Tax Rate: 12.56 PARCEL ID

MAP BLOCK LOT 170.0 0002 0001.0 Tax Bill Number 112577 Water Bill Number view

NISHAN/KEVORK/TRS

FRESH POND TRUST

County

Own Occ

Grade B+ - Good (+) Physical Cond AV - Average Depreciation 35.00% Year Built 1970

FY 2016 (Values as of Jan 1, 2015) Total Assessed Value: \$ 2,255,100 GENERAL INFORMATION PHOTO

PROPERTY LOCATION

ATINIZIAN

SUITE 400

OWNERSHIP

Owner 1

Owner 2

Owner 3

Street 1

Street 2

State

Postal

Num Alt Num Street 1310 1328 MASS AVE ARLINGTON MA

EXTERIOR INFORMATION

Type 62 - Comm. Block Story Height 2 - 2 Story Living Units 15 Foundation 3 - BrickerStone Frame 2 - Steel Prime Wall 7 - Brick Roof Struct 4 - Flat Roof Cover 4 - Tar & Gravel BEIGE

545 CONCORD AVE

RESIDENTIAL BREAKDOWN Units Rooms Bedrms F Baths O Baths INTERIOR INFORMATION 21 7

02138 CONDO INFORMATION

Town/City CAMBRIDGE

MA

Location Unit# Floor % Own Name

Prim Int Wall 2 - Plaster Partition T - Typical 14 - Asphalt Tile Pnm Floors

Basement Flo 12 - Concrete Basement Gar Int vs Ext S Heat Fuel 1 - 0:1

Heat Type 3 - Forced H/W # Heat Sys 100 % AC

**BATH FEATURES** 

Full Bath Rating G - Good A Bath Rating G - Good 3/4 Bath Rating Half Bath Rating G - Good Other Fixture Rating

OTHER FEATURES % Heated Kitchons

Rating G - Good A Kitchens Rating Fireplace Rating

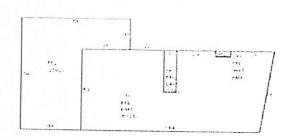
LAND SECTION

LUC No. of Unit Land Base Neigh Neigh Use Code Description Fact Units Type Type Value Unit Price Neigh Influ Mod % Value Notes Zoning 325 Store 16,181 Sq. Ft Site 0 27.50000 CG 670,900 **B3 - VILLAGE BUS** 

SPEC FEATURES/YARD ITEMS

NB NB Appr Unit Code Description A Y/S Oty Size/Dim Qual Cond Year Price D/S Dep LUC Fact Fact Fa Value JCod JFact Value

SKETCH



SUB AREA

Codo	Description	Area - SQ	Rate - AV	Undepr Value
OFP	Open Porch	40	44	1,760
SIL	Second Floor	6.135	86.40	530.057
BMT	Basement	6.399	25.92	165,860
FFL	First Floor	9,979	86.40	862,174
Not Si	ketched Area	22,553	Total	1,559,851
Gross	Living Area	16,114		

SUB AREA DETAIL

Sub Area	% Usable	Description	% Type	Qu	# Ten
FFL		RST		A	2
SFL	100	APT	100	A	7

#### **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

ARLINGTON, SS.	ARLINGTON REDEVELOPMENT BOARD DOCKET NO.
IN RE:	)
1314 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE ARLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS	) ) ) )

#### IMPACT STATEMENT OF FIRST HOUSE, LLC ADDRESSING SPECIAL PERMIT CRITERIA SET OUT IN THE ARLINGTON ZONING BYLAW

#### I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

In accordance with the relevant sections of the Arlington Zoning Bylaw, First House, LLC submits it impact statement and statement as to the satisfaction of the special criteria in connection with its request for the issuance of a special permit for the proposed restaurant project (herein "The Heights") at 1314 Massachusetts Avenue (herein "The Property").

The project proposed by First House, LLC consists of a restaurant and bar in the retail location formerly known as the Balich 5 and 10. First House will convert the 2100 square feet of space into a family neighborhood pub. There will be no changes to the exterior of the building.

First House, LLC is a small local partnership that has a similar establishment in Winchester, MA that has been a successful addition to the community and helped to revitalize a once struggling town center. The principals in the Heights project, Thomas Bernazani and James O'Rourke, are local residents who are active in the community.

The property is in the B-3 zoning district, the Village Business District. Mixed use structures are allowed and encouraged in the district. There are housing units in the second floor of the building and the use will not interrupt pedestrian circulation and serve to increase pedestrian activity and enhance the neighborhood with foot traffic.

First House, LLC seeks relief for the following purposes:

- 1. To renovate an existing retail space and construct and operate a family-style restaurant and pub;
- 2. Relief from relevant parking requirements.

#### II. SPECIAL PERMIT CRITERIA

- 1. <u>Preservation of Landscape</u>: The Property fully extends to the lot lines and existing landscape will not be impacted by the project. There will be no grade changes or tree removal. The purveyors will welcome conditions placed on the property by the Redevelopment Board for improvements to the exterior aesthetics of the property consistent with the neighborhood's appearance.
- 2. Relation of Buildings to Environment: The Property will not be altered and remains consistent with the existing buildings in the vicinity. The signage will meet all requirements of Design Review and be visually consistent with the surrounding properties and blend in with the Arlington Heights neighborhood.
- 3. Open Space: The Property does not currently contain any usable open space relevant to the application. To the degree that expanded space becomes available in or around the property, such as expanded sidewalk use or parklet implementation, the usable space shall be accessible, encourage interaction amongst patrons and be responsibly maintained.
- 4. <u>Circulation:</u> The Property fronts Massachusetts Avenue in a heavily trafficked neighborhood. The prior use of the property as a retail location did not offer additional parking options for patrons and the location does not have the capacity to accommodate parking in the future. However, there are ample street parking for vehicles which will mostly be utilized during the evening hours. There are two public parking lots within a half block of the property that have historically served the premises and will continue to be available. There are twenty-nine existing public spaces along Park Avenue and Davis Road. The nearby Davis Road parking will not impact the neighborhood as the spaces do not primarily serve residences as they abut Cambridge Savings Bank and True Value Hardware.

Because of the Properties' location near the bike path, this area is especially suited to bike and pedestrian access. The project is transit oriented to multiple bus lines on Massachusetts Avenue. First House, LLC is willing to consider bicycle storage racks, to the degree they are amenable to local authority.

5. <u>Surface Water Drainage:</u> Site surface will drain into an existing underground drainage system and will not adversely affect neighboring properties, the public right of way or the public storm drainage system. The existing surface

- drainage system will not be impacted by the construction and will not be altered in a way that creates puddles in paved areas or obstruct vehicular traffic or pedestrian access or usage.
- 6. <u>Utility Service</u>: All utility services including electric, gas, telephone, cable to point of sale and other such lines and equipment will be installed and maintained underground. First House, LLC will comply with all sanitary sewage disposal and solid waste disposal and provide the Board of Health with notice of contracts with vendors for the removal of waste per the requirements of local authority. First House, LLC will explore options for use, removal and disposal which will have the least environmental impact, consistent with the values and policies of the Town of Arlington.
- 7. Advertising Features: First House, LLC has submitted design work for all relevant advertising structures and features as a supplement to its application herein. All design work was reviewed and coordinated with the Town of Arlington Planning Department to be consistent with the Zoning Bylaw and any recent requirements set by Town Meeting. None of the designs or proposed structures will detract from the neighborhood or surrounding properties.
- 8. Special Features: The Heights will not require any additional special features including exposed storage areas, service areas or accessory areas and will comply with all setbacks and local requirements per the Zoning Bylaw. The Heights will proactively employ screen plantings or screening methods to improve the aesthetic appearance of the property and limit noise or delivery services including loading areas. The Heights will comply with all reasonable conditions placed on their use of the Property by the Redevelopment Board and the Town of Arlington.
- 9. <u>Safety:</u> Safety is a priority for First House, LLC and The Heights will meet or exceed and local requirements for ingress and egress, fire suppression, waste disposal and provide uncompromised access to emergency personnel and equipment. The Heights will have an open design concept to maximize mobility of patrons and staff and the exterior of the building will be highly visible, but not negatively impact neighboring residents regarding safety and potential criminal acts.
- 10. <u>Heritage:</u> The Heights is designed and will be constructed to complement Arlington's heritage and will not impact historic structures or architectural elements and traditional uses to the degree practicable. The attached renderings of the building façade reflect the commitment to blend into the neighborhood and complement existing historically significant structures.

11. <u>Microclimate:</u> The Heights plans to use energy efficient low-flow fixtures, and install equipment that will minimize heat, vapor and fumes from air ducts

and ventilation equipment and not adversely impact light, or water resources. All mechanicals will be implemented in a way that shields the neighborhood and adjacent buildings from noise and temperature levels to the degree practicable.

12. <u>Sustainable Building and Site Design:</u> First House, LLC will continue its commitment to the incorporation of best practices for sustainability and environmental impact as evidenced through its other nearby restaurant in Winchester. The Heights will involve mostly interior construction which will reflect a commitment to LEED standards, resource efficiency, indoor environmental quality and will submit a checklist identifying the performance objectives for the project. Construction materials, LED light installation, and water conservation will be priorities of the project as it develops. Further, First House, LLC will honor its commitment to green construction and use by updating its practices as standards evolve, to the degree commercially practicable.

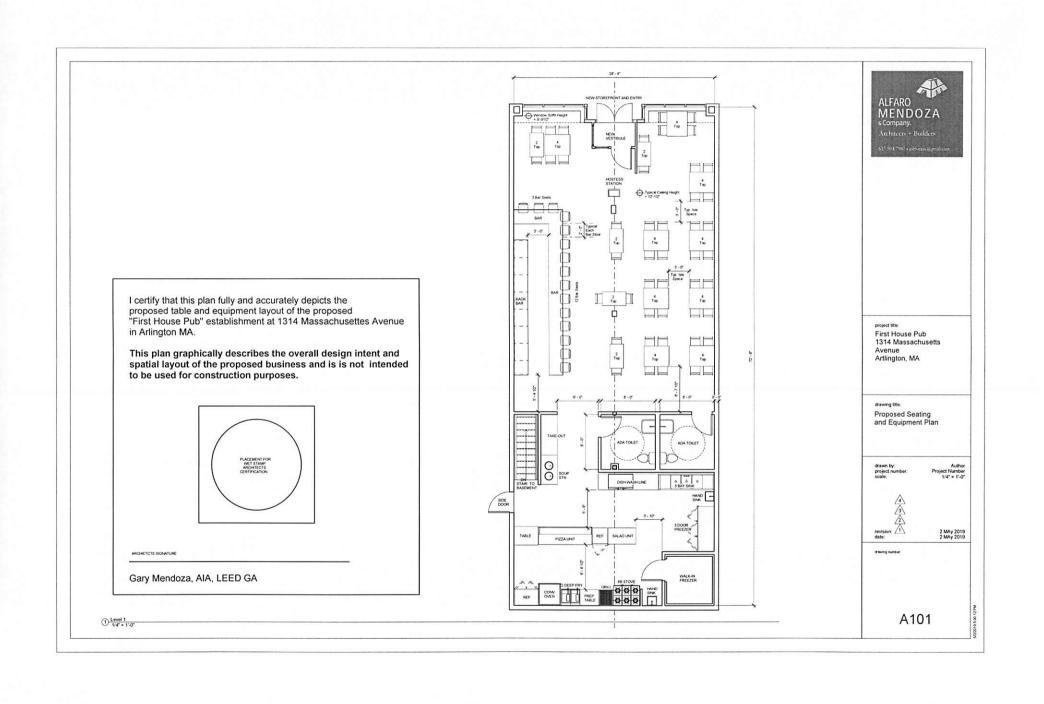
The Heights is exactly the kind of redevelopment project contemplated and recommended in the Town of Arlington's Retail Market Demand Opportunity Gap Analysis and the Arlington Heights Rezoning Study. This project will enhance the neighborhood Trade Area and complement existing retail and service businesses in the Hyper-local Walking area as well as the Primary and Secondary Retail Market Trade areas. While there continues to be growth in the region with large retail shopping centers and restaurants, traffic and access provide a unique opportunity to compete for market share, locally. In fact, this is exactly the experience in surrounding communities such as Lexington, Winchester, Belmont and Cambridge.

The Heights will not burden or overload any public utilities such as water, drainage or sewer system and will not create any hazards affecting health, safety or general welfare. The Heights is intended to be a family restaurant and pub, owned and managed by local residents. The Heights will become an asset to the neighborhood and not impair the character of the district or adjoining districts, nor be detrimental to the health, morals or welfare of the surrounding community.

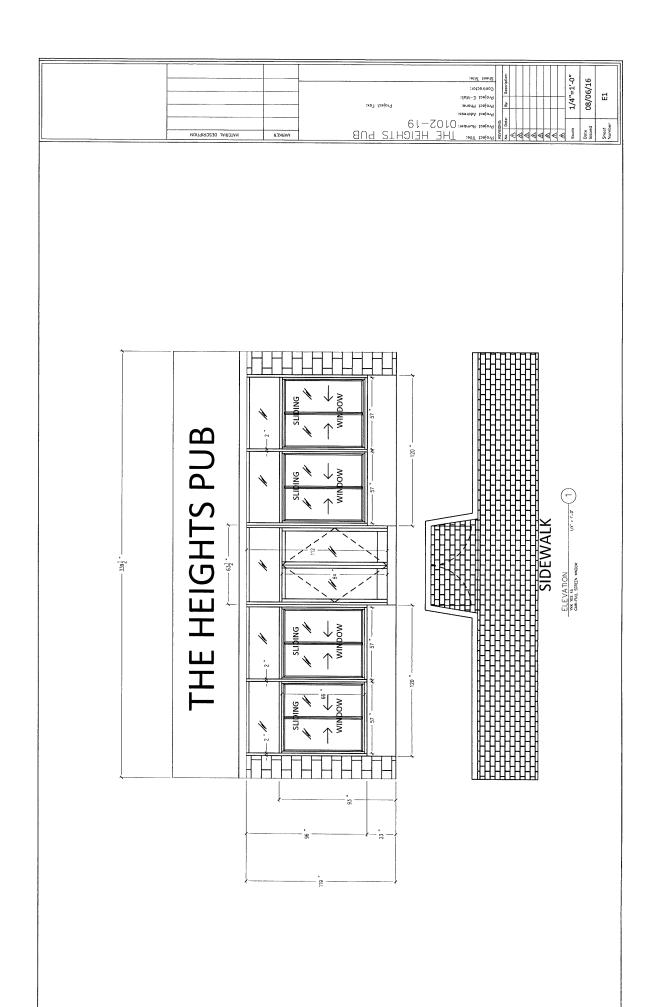
First House, LLC is a successful operator in the neighboring town of Winchester with a similar establishment, The First House Pub. The First House Pub has been an excellent partner in the town of Winchester and is regularly recognized for its commitment to community events, fundraisers, school activities and non-profit organizations. The Heights is unique to the neighborhood and will enhance its character and facilitate the growth of other complementary businesses in Arlington Heights.

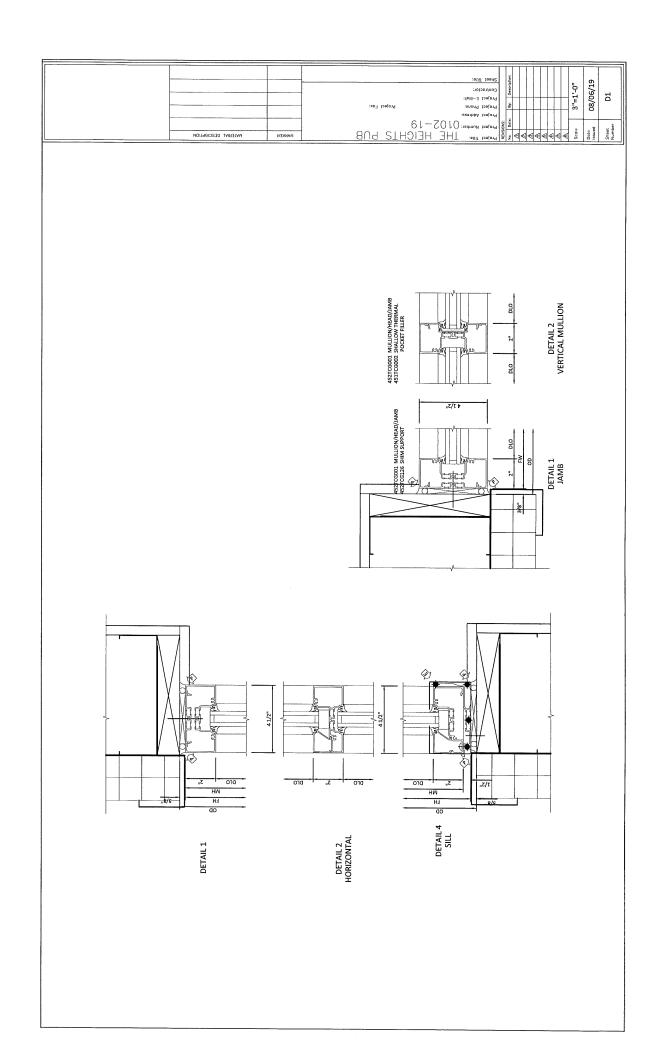
Respectfully submitted,

Michael Bettencourt, counsel for First House Pub, LLC



	JOB # 0102-19 JOB REV. #	DRAWING INDEX	CP Cover page	E1 Elevations /Plan	D1 Details
THE HEIGHTS PUB 1514 MASS, AVE ARLINGTON, MA		FINISH SCHEDULE	STOREFRONT COLOR NOTES	YKK AP YES 45 BRONZE OR BLACK	GENERAL ALUMINUM WINDOWS BRONZE OR BLACK
	NOTES:	SLIDERS TO HAVE FULL FIXED SCREEN.			





### NOTES LOC. 1

# PAN SIGN WITH DIMENSIONAL LETTERS

Quantity: 1



<u>Pan Sign Backer:</u>

- 1" deep sign.
- Framed of 1" square al tube.
- Flat face to be .080" thick al., with flat bleed edges. Seamed joint to be filled and sanded smooth.
- Painted Black
- Sign mounting TBD

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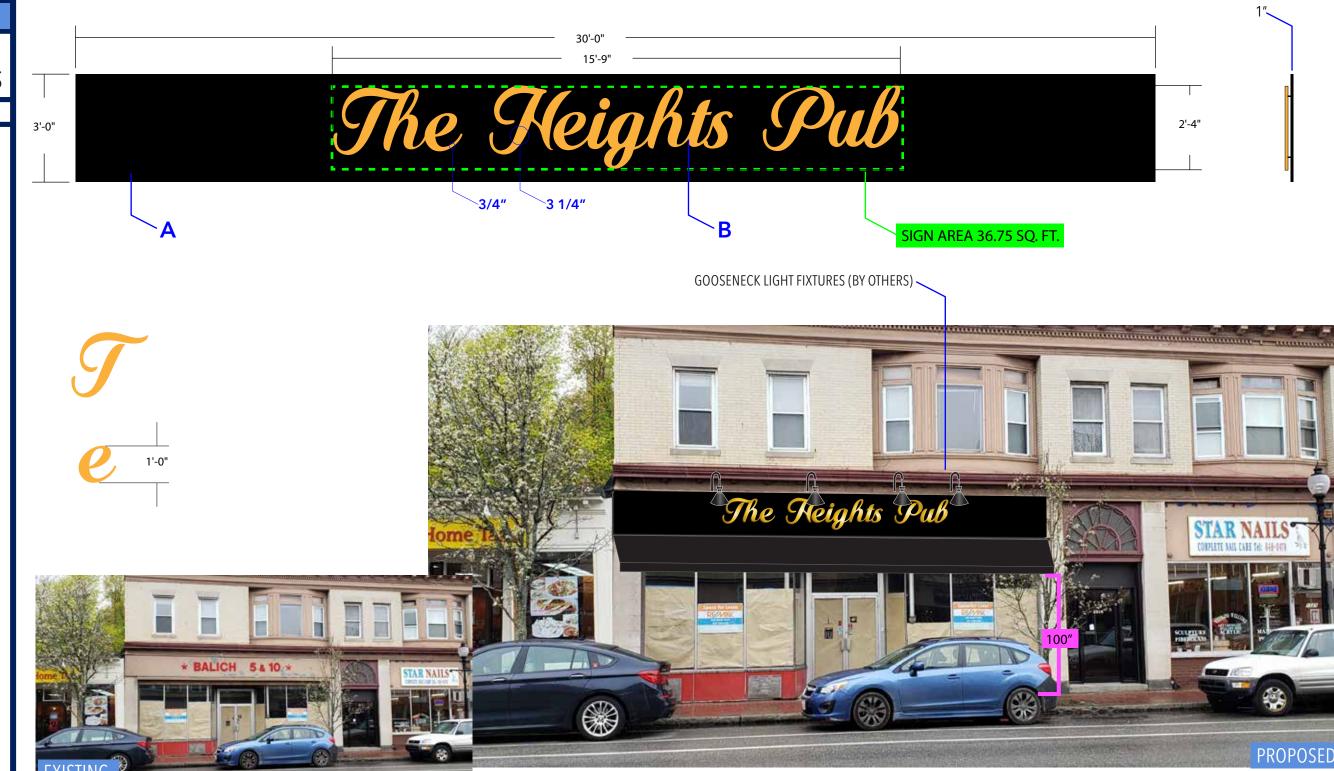
<u>Dimensional Letters:</u>
- ½" thick acrylic letters Gold
painted ("Metro Metallic Gold).

Letters stud mounted with 3/8"
 deep spacers to sign backer panel

- Sign SQ FT = 36.75

Fonts: Custom Logo
RELEASE TO PRODUCTION:

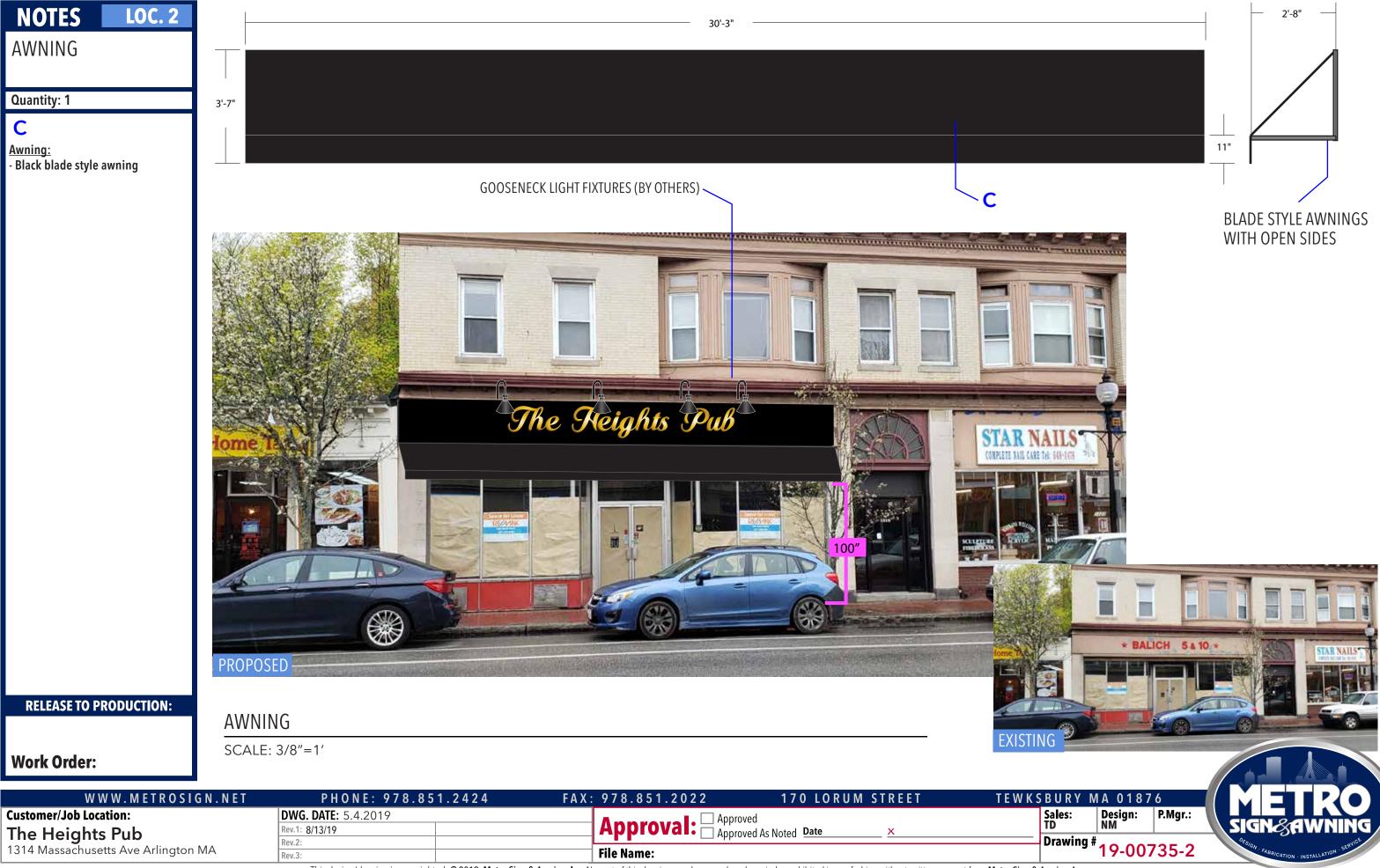
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#### EXTERNALLY ILLUMINATED PAN SIGN WITH DIMENSIONAL LETTERS (SS)

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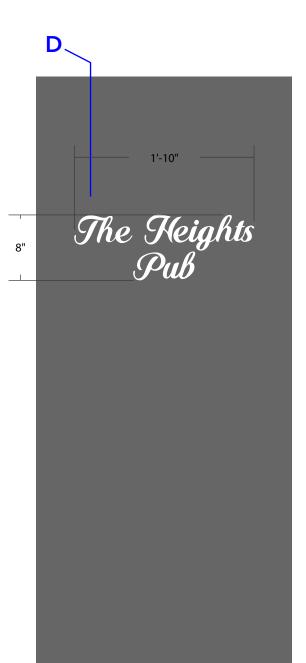
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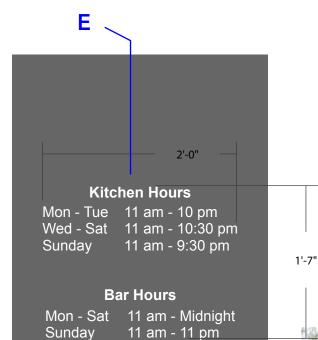






**Work Order:** 









WINDOW GRAPHICS

SCALE: 1"=1'

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