



## 3865 INDIAN CREEK DRIVE

This three story building was designed IN THE MIMO ARCH by the Architect Alexander Lewis in 1947. It was originally constructed as an apartment house with 16 one-bedroom and 14 efficiency apartments plus 5 hotel rooms at an original cost of \$125,000.00 according to the Building Card. It is constructed on spread concrete footings. The certificate of Occupancy was granted on January 12, 1948.

The original name for the building was the Malabo Apartments. It is unclear from where this name originated. The area on the Building card is blacked out where the original owner's name would appear.

It was typical in those days on Miami Beach for owners to name their buildings in honor of perhaps the owner and his wife. We do not know if this is the case here.

However the name 'Malabo' is also the name of the capital city of the country of Equatorial Guinea and is located on the north coast of the island of Bioko, off the African coast. The island was formerly known as Bubis and also as Fernando Poo. The city was renamed as Malabo in 1973. Thus it was not the source of the name of this building...yet an interesting factoid..

The building features a tripartite elevation-mass facing Indian Creek Drive. The two north and south sections slightly protrude from the center section. This helps to minimize the length of the facade. Each of these protruding sections contains three vertical window surrounds which act as the building's decoration. The roofline at the top of the parapet is also highlighted in a similar type of accent - although in a horizontal manner..

The first floor corner of 39th and Indian Creek Drive contains significantly more full height glazing to denote the lobby location. Outside of the lobby on the first floor is an exterior raised terrace which runs partly along 39th Street and partly along Indian Creek Drive. The historic photos of the building show that the existing railing is not the original railing. However the Building Card does not show any entry regarding the replacement of the terrace railings. In any event these railings may need to be replaced and / or modified in order to comply with newer codes.

The elevation along 39th street is composed of three window vertical surrounds as similarly appears along Indian Creek Drive.

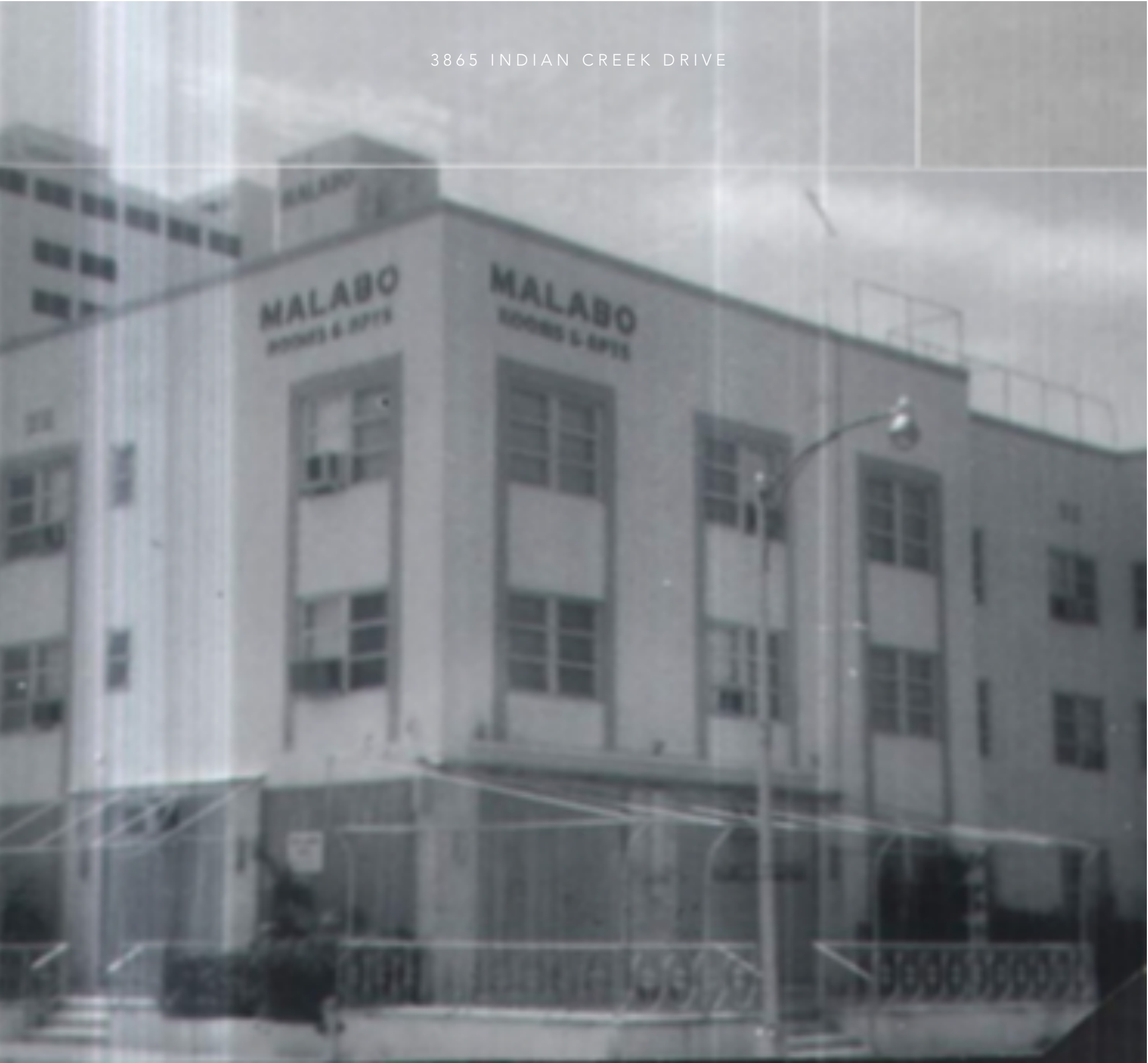
TOP PHOTO: 1954 (10)

MIDDLE PHOTO: 1971 (10)

LOWER PHOTO: 1971 (10)



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MALABO ROOMS & APARTMENTS, 1971 (10)



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PHOTOGRAPHS 1972 (10)







3865 INDIAN CREEK DRIVE October 26, 1997  
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HISTORIC DATABASE FILES





MALABO APARTMENT HOTEL POSTCARD

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2016 PHOTOGRAPHS

ABOVE: VIEW OF WEST AND NORTH ELEVATIONS

LEFT: DETAIL VIEW OF FACADE





ABOVE: NORTH AND WEST ELEVATIONS

LEFT: DETAIL OF FIRST FLOOR ELEVATION ALONG INDIAN CREEK DRIVE AT FIRST FLOOR PROPOSED FOR RENOVATION

2016 PHOTOGRAPHS of WEST AND NORTH ELEVATIONS





ABOVE: NORTH ELEVATION

BELOW: EAST ELEVATION







INTERIOR LOBBY

ABOVE: 2014 INTERIOR LOBBY VIEW  
TOWARDS INDIAN CREEK DRIVE SHOWING  
TRAY CEILING DETAILS



BELOW: 2015 INTERIOR LOBBY VIEW OF  
FORMER RECEPTION DESK WITH ONE OF  
THE TWO HISTORIC COLUMNS IN THE  
LOBBY





2016 VIEW OF INTERIOR LOBBY CEILING  
AND HISTORIC COLUMN CAPITALS  
DURING INTERIOR RENOVATIONS



3831

Cost \$ 125,000

3865 Indian Creek

3578

3831 INO ELEVATOR

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Engineer  
Lot Size 120 x 90 3835 INO Ck ON  
Height 35'  
Stories 3  
APARTMENT HOUSE - 30 units & 5 hotel rooms  
14 efficiencies 50 Bath Rooms  
Flat Date Aug. 1, 1947  
Roof  
Bread footing

Area 15  
Depth 70'  
Foundation  
No. 802 (1-12-1948) 16 one bedroom  
Foundation  
Type of Construction #2 088

Sewer Connection 1" ---1  
Date Aug. 1, 1947

Plumbing Contractor # 25420 Markowitz & Spink

Temporary Closet 2

Plumbing Contractor # 25439 Markowitz

Date Aug. 19, 1947

Bath Tubs 51

Floor Drains

Water Closets 57

Grease Traps

Lavatories

Drinking Fountains

Urinals

Rough Approved

Gas Stoves

IL Jan. 14, 1948

Gas Radiators

Tank Size

Septic Tanks

Tank Size 275 gals, underground

Oil Burners

Date 8/16/1950

Spink

Address

Electric

Fans

OUTLET

Centers of Distribution 16

194 Jan.

Equipment Service- 1

& L. CO.

Sign Outlets 2

Inspector

Date Nov. 14, 1947

No. FI

Temporary Service # 24597 Best: 8/4/47

FINAL

" Motor-1 # 24598 Best: 8/4/47

Area

# 25614 Jan. 13, 1948

Gray Electric

1 temporary service

1

Date

1

January 12, 1948

1,200 lbs. cap.- Dade Elevator- \$ 8,200-

Dec. 9, 1947

3831

Cost \$ 125,000:

3865 Indian Creek

3831 INO ELEVATOR

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Stories 3

APARTMENT HOUSE - 30 units & 5 hotel rooms

14 efficiencies 50 Bath Rooms

Flat Date Aug. 1, 1947

Roof Date Aug. 1, 1947

Spread footing

Foundation

Temp Connection 1\* -1

Temporary Closet 2\*

Date Aug. 19, 1947

Fire Lines 4

Floor Drains

Grease Traps

Drinking Fountains

Rough Approved

Date

Tank Size

1--Tank Size 275 gals, underground Date 8/16/1950

Oil Burner Contractor # 30308 Belcher Industries, Inc.

Septic Tank Contractor

Address

Fans

Centers of Distribution 16

Equipment Service- 1

Sign Outlets 2

Date

# 25614 Jan. 13, 1948

Gray Electric

1 temporary service

Electrical Contractor

Refrigerators 35

Irons 35

Electrical Contractor

No. FIXTURES 242

FINAL APPROVED BY H C Inman

Date of Service January 12, 1948

17176

Area 15

Depth 70

one bedroom

1-12-1948

Foundation

Temp Connection 1\* -1

Temporary Closet 2\*

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Electrical Contractor

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FINAL APPROVED BY H C Inman

Date of Service January 12, 1948

Passenger Elevator-1, 200 lbs. cap.- Dade Elevator- \$ 8,200:-

Dec. 9, 1947

Amendations or Repairs Over # 26328



## ADDITIONS

Contractor - Carl Zaret, contractor -

Account	Amount	Date
Patlo Cover - Sunray Awning Shutter Co.	\$ 1,100.00	Nov. 7, 1949
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Waterproofing	20th Century Builders, Corp.	\$ 200.40...	May 15, 1955
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~~37465~~ Air conditioning units - 16 -- 3/4 tons & Nine 1 1/2, top units - Paulson, # 37465

#532211 Malabo-Apts: Wexler: Painting: \$300.00, May 8, 1957

9 sqs-1300-1-21-77

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21 Monzon 6/25/20

NOT MOOREHEAD INC. , TAVATOLLES , GAS TANGERS , 10/00



Electrical Permits # 22017	Actor Electric	Brewing oil burner.	Aug. 22, 1950
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**stock**  
**Elec:** 6 Motors (JHF) - July 14, 1960  
Elevat: "talentone booth - 6/1/62

Colbert Electric- panel ademco #508-7 pulls, 6 bells-11-3-75

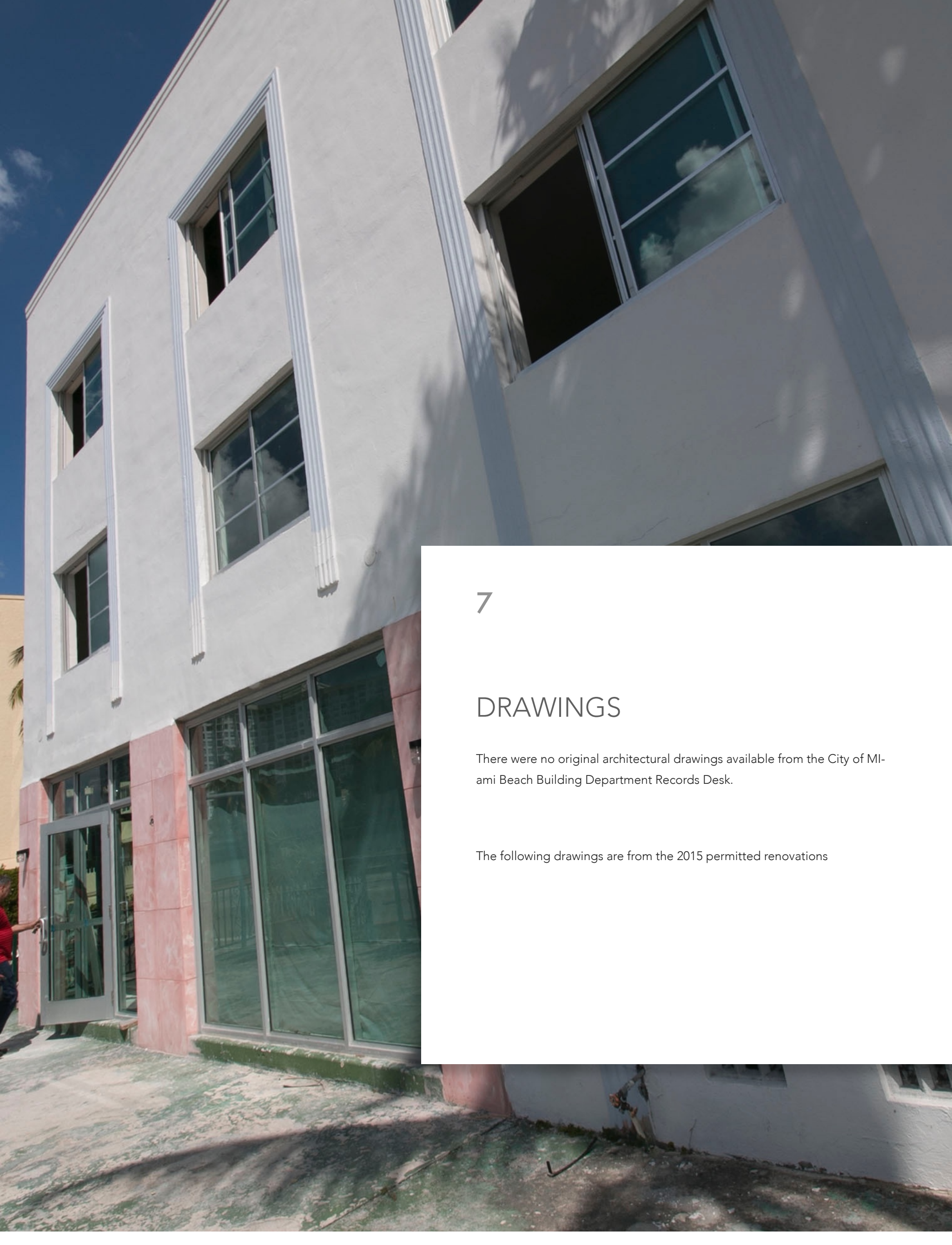
1 210 COOKSTU hot water boilers-\$1047-12-6-73

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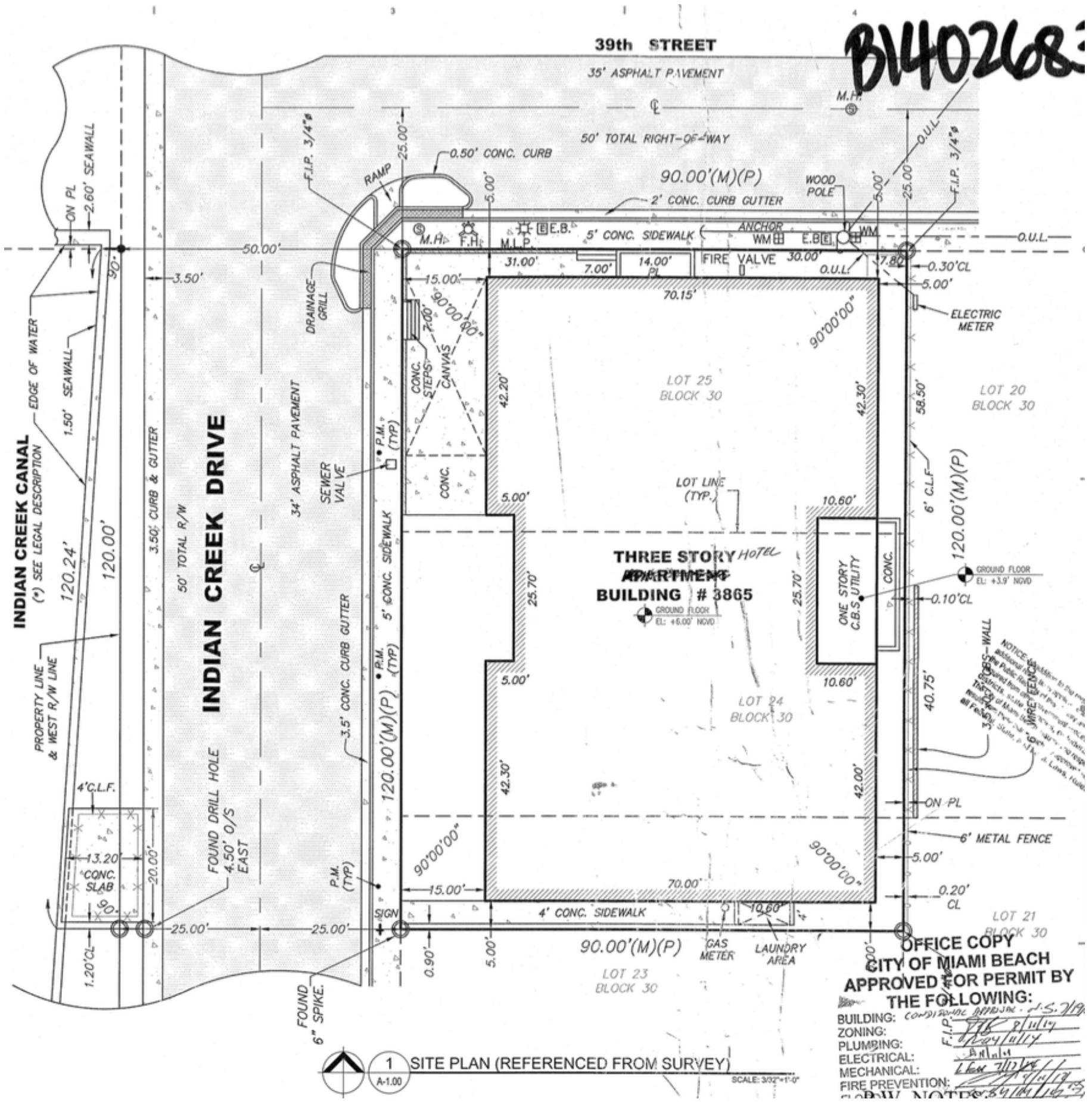
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## DRAWINGS

There were no original architectural drawings available from the City of Miami Beach Building Department Records Desk.

The following drawings are from the 2015 permitted renovations

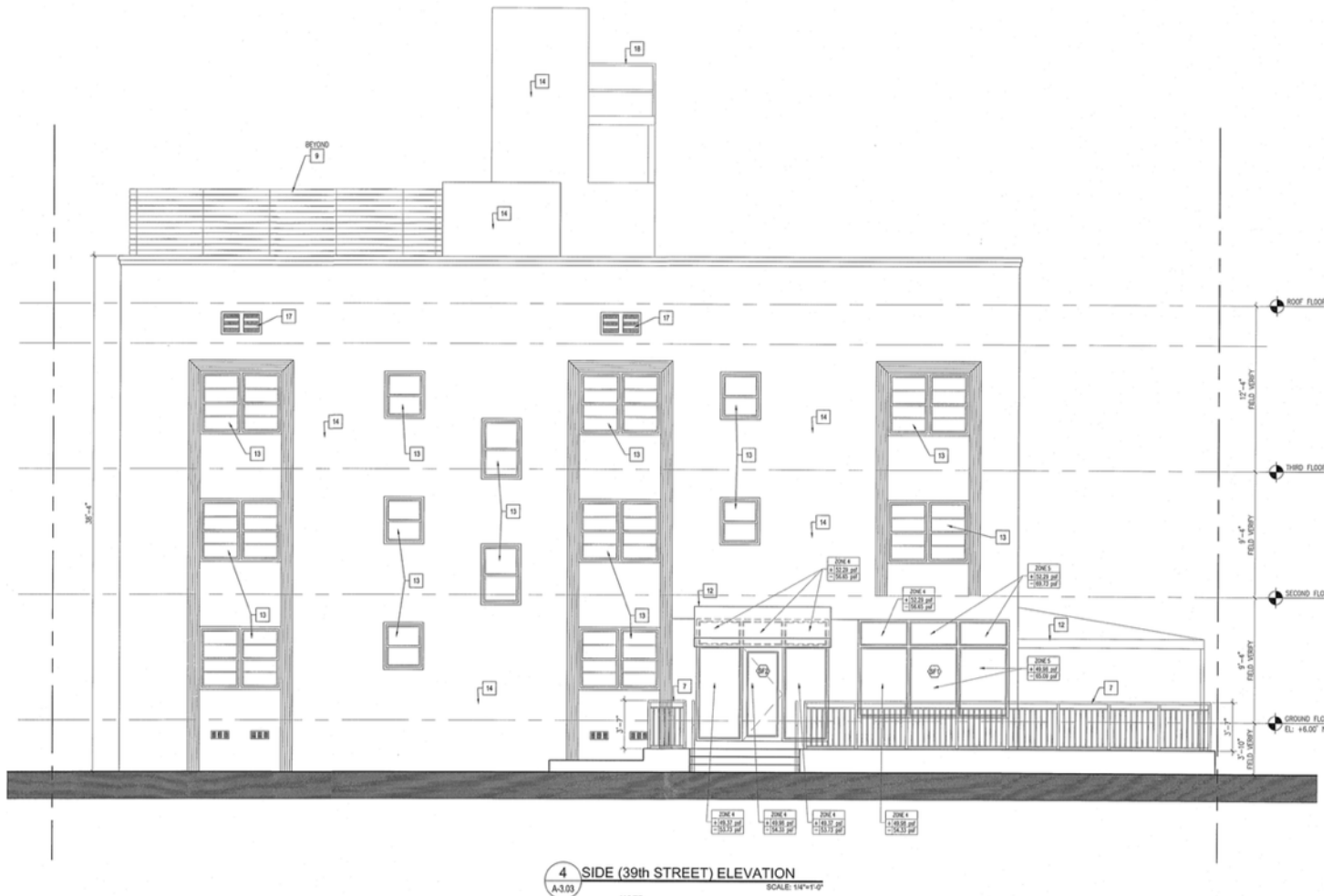






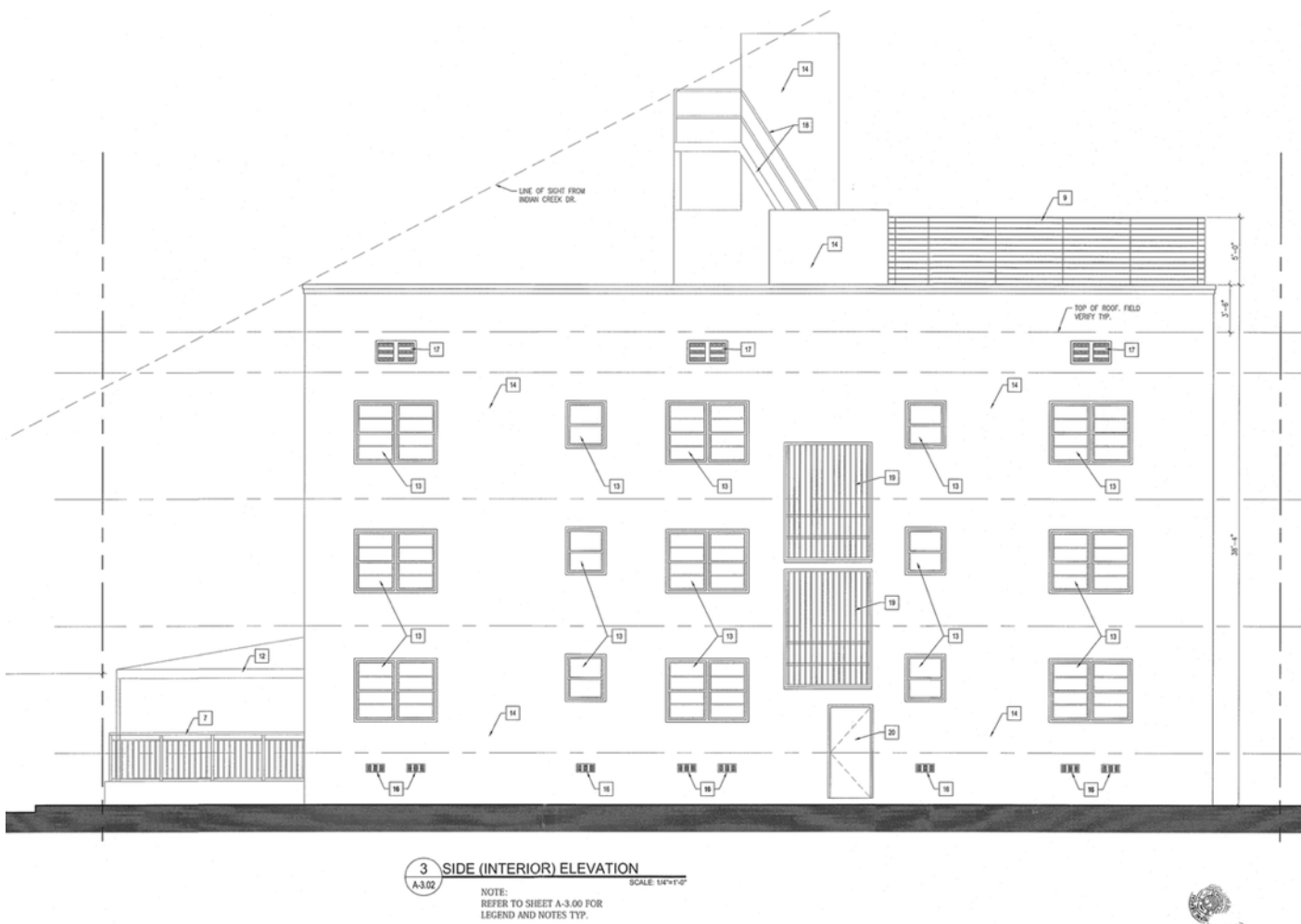


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