**Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – March 12, 2024**

## REPORTS

**Item No. 15 Rezoning – 508 McMillan Avenue**
**(Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry Ward)**
**File DAZ 211/2023 [c/r DAV 235541/2023D]**

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee and recommended to Council:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

That the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 23, 2024, the City Centre Community Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and, via the Priority Rezoning Process, submitted its recommendation to the Executive Policy Committee.

## PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

**File:** DAZ 211/2023

**Before:** City Centre Community Committee
Councillor Rollins, Chairperson
Councillor Orlikow
Councillor Gilroy

**Public Hearing:** February 23, 2024
Council Building, 510 Main Street

**Applicant:** Thorwin Properties (Ken Defoort)

**Subject:**




**APPLICANT:** Thorwin Properties (Ken Defoort)
**FILE:** DAZ 211/2023
**PROPOSAL:** To rezone the land shown outlined above from an "R2 PDO-1 CORYDON OSBORNE) RESIDENTIAL TWO-FAMILY DISTRICT to an "RMF-L PDO-1 CORYDON OSBORNE" RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY (LARGE) DISTRICT to allow the establishment of one (1) additional dwelling unit in an existing multi-family dwelling. **For more information, phone M. Grady Planner at 204-986-5147.**

**Premises Affected:** 508 McMillan Avenue

**For submission to:** Executive Policy Committee

**Prepared by:** Karly Dolski, Senior Committee Clerk
City Centre Community Committee

**Report date:** February 27, 2024

**Community Committee Recommendation:**

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The City Centre Community Committee provided the following supporting reasons for its recommendation:

1. Moderate increase and nobody in opposition here today

**Objections under the Charter:**

Total number of **v**alid objections as per section 125(2) – 0

In accordance with section 236.1(1), the threshold for sufficient objection has not been met.

**Exhibits Filed:**

1. Application dated December 11, 2023
2. Notification of Public Hearing dated January 9, 2024
3. Manitoba Status of Title 2851542/1
4. Letter of authorization dated June 8, 2023 from Kristjan E. Thorkelson, 508 McMillan Ltd. to Ken Defoort, Thorwin Properties
5. Plans (7 pages)
6. Report from the Urban Planning Division dated February 12, 2024
7. Inspection Report
8. Recording of Representations

REPRESENTATIONS:

In Support:

Ken Defoort

In Opposition:

Nil

For Information:

Nil

For the City:

M. Grady, Senior Planner, Planning, Property and Development Department
A. Ross, Senior Planner, Planning, Property and Development Department

Exhibit “6” referred to in File DAZ 211/2023

# ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

**Title:** DAZ 211/2023 – 508 McMillan Avenue

**Issue:** For consideration at the public hearing for a rezoning to “RMF-L” Residential Multi-Family Large to add one dwelling unit

**Critical Path:** City Centre Community Committee – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – Executive Policy Committee – Council.

## AUTHORIZATION

| Author | Department Head | CFO | CAO |
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| M. Grady | n/a | n/a | |

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## REASON FOR THE REPORT

- The applicant is proposing to rezone 508 McMillan from Residential Two-Family (R2) to Residential Multi-family Large (RMF-L).
- Rezoning applications require a public hearing as per the *Development Procedures By-law* and *The City of Winnipeg Charter.*
- The Report is being submitted for the Committee's consideration of the development application at the public hearing.

## OURWINNIPEG 2045 POLICY ALIGNMENT

**City Building Objective 1.** Responsibly plan, prioritize and accommodate growth in areas that best support Complete Communities principles, to achieve this Plan's sustainable development goals:

*Facilitate growth and change strategically within Winnipeg's unique Transformative Areas and Established Neighbourhoods, to enhance the ability of the urban environment to contribute towards this Plan's goals.*

**City Building Objective 3.** Facilitate development opportunities that complete established communities, and plan new communities as complete and connected from the outset:

*New and existing communities are complete when they demonstrate: universally designed environments; mixed-income neighbourhoods; a continuum of housing types; multi-modal connections within and to elsewhere in the city; heritage conservation; opportunities for physical activity, social interaction, and access to healthy food, daily needs, employment, education, recreation, and green infrastructure.*

## WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

**Strategic Opportunity #4:** Facilitate Compact, Complete Development and Increase Density.

*4.1 Increase Strategic Infill Development That Provides Access to and Capitalizes on Existing and Planned Corridors with Frequent Transit Service*

*4.2 Ensure New Areas of Growth are Designed According to the Principles of Complete Communities*

## WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

Consideration was given as to whether the PRS is applicable, however it was determined that it does not apply.

**SUBMITTED BY**

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| Department | Planning, Property and Development |
| Division | Urban Planning |
| Prepared by | Martin Grady |
| Date: | February 12, 2024 |
| File No. | DAZ 211/2023 |

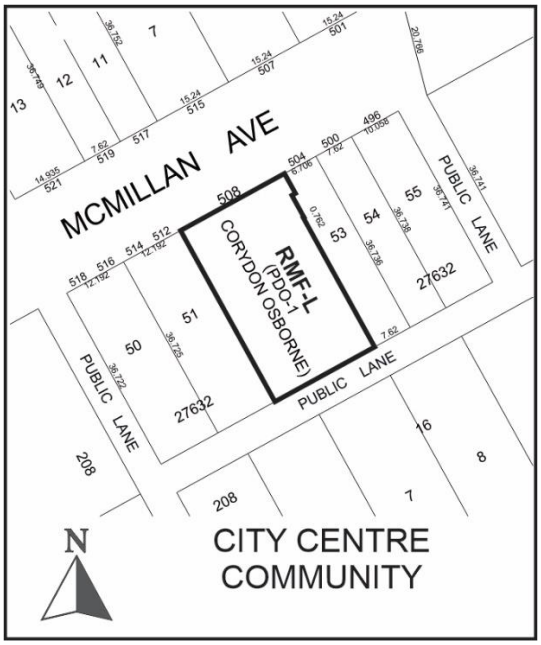
**List of Schedules and Attachments**

- Schedule A – Planning Discussion.
- Schedule C – of file DAZ 211/2023, City Centre Community Committee, dated February 23, 2024
- Appendix B – Proposed By-law

**Schedule A**

**DATE:** February 9, 2024
**FILE:** **DAZ 211/2023**
**RELATED FILES:** DAV 23-235541/D
**COMMUNITY:** City Centre Committee
**NEIGHBOURHOOD #:** River Osborne

**SUBJECT:** Rezoning from “R2” to “RMF-L”
**LOCATION:** 508 McMillan Avenue
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** SP LOT 52 PLAN 27632




**APPLICANT:** Ken Defoort Thorwin Properties
1280 Archibald Street
Winnipeg, MB R2J 0Z3

**OWNER:** 508 McMillan Ltd. (Ken Defoort)
1274 Archibald Street
Winnipeg, MB R2J 0Z3

**SITE DESCRIPTION**

- The subject property is located on McMillan Avenue, east of Nassau Street, in the McMillan neighbourhood of the Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry ward.
- The site is designated Established Neighbourhood – Mature Community under the *Complete Communities Direction Strategy 2.0.* The property is zoned “R2” Residential Two-Family District
- The property is 70 feet wide and 120.5 feet deep with a total lot area of 8,486 square feet. The subject property currently contains a multi-family residential building with 22 dwelling units.

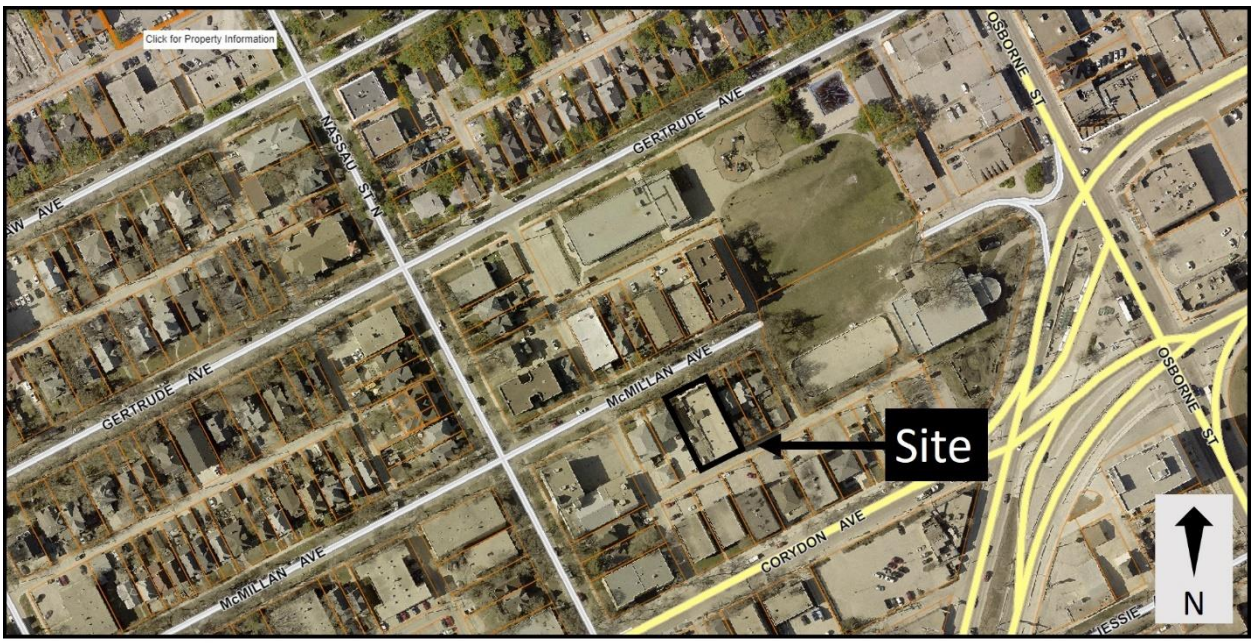



**Figure 1: Air Photo Map of Property and Surrounding Area *(flown 2021)***

**SURROUNDING LAND USE AND ZONING (See Figure 2)**

**North:** McMillan Avenue, then residential uses zoned “R2”.

**South:** Public lane, then residential uses zoned “RMF”.

**East:** Residences zoned “R2”

**West:** Residences zoned “R2”




**Figure 2: Zoning of the site and surrounding area.**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT**

- The applicant is proposing to rezone the subject property from a “R2” Residential Two-Family District to a “RMF-L” Residential Multi-Family District for the purpose of adding one dwelling unit.
- The building currently has 22 dwelling units
- The applicant is legally establishing a one-bedroom suite added without approvals by the previous owner.
- The suite was created through the conversion of storage space in the basement
- The site has 5 off street parking spaces.
- In addition to the rezoning, Variances related to the building setbacks, landscaping, parking, and the garbage enclosure are required. Information on the required Variances can be found in the Administrative Report under file DAV 23-235541/D.

## ANALYSIS AND ISSUES

COLLABORATIVE PLANNING

- The applicant contacted the Planning, Property and Development Department prior to the submission of the rezoning application. The applicant indicated their intent to rezone the property to add one dwelling unit.
- The Department was supportive of their rezoning application.

COMPLETE COMMUNITIES DIRECTION STRATEGY 2.0

The City of Winnipeg's development plan, *OurWinnipeg*, and its citywide secondary plan, the *Complete Communities Direction Strategy 2.0* (CCDS 2.0), lay out the framework for how our City will grow over the next 25 years and how all other plans and City Council decisions must be consistent with it. The subject site is designated "Established Neighbourhood - Mature Community" under CCDS 2.0 and applicable goals and policies that apply to the proposal are noted below.

***1.0 Encourage compatible residential development within Established Neighbourhoods to build more Complete Communities and align with the City's residential intensification target.***

*General Policies*

- *1.1 Encourage residential development that positively contributes to neighbourhood character while expanding housing options for residents in a manner that is sensitive and complementary to existing development.*
- *1.2 Increase the population within Established Neighbourhoods to contribute to the physical renewal and revitalization of older neighbourhoods.*
- *1.4 Support opportunities for further residential intensification within approximately 400 metres of a rapid transit station, where appropriate and in accordance with the TOD Handbook.*
- *1.5 Support up to mid-rise residential development in Established Neighbourhoods that is compatible with neighbourhood context.*
- *1.6 In the absence of a secondary plan guiding the local development of an Established Neighbourhood, intensification should be guided by a number of factors to ensure compatible development, including:*
    - *a. Applicable City-endorsed policies or guidelines;*
    - *b. Existing zoning of the property and adjacent properties;*
    - *c. Characteristics of the immediately surrounding built form including building mass, height, lot coverage, setbacks, and layout;*
    - *d. Surrounding uses and their characteristics including residential density and the intensity of commercial and other non-residential uses;*
    - *e. Characteristics of the lot, including whether it is a corner lot, a larger lot than is typical for the neighbourhood, or the shape of the lot;*
    - *f. Proximity to Downtown, Mixed Use Centres, Major Redevelopment Sites and Mixed-Use Corridors;*
    - *g. The supporting street network (ex. local, collector, or arterial streets) and the street network's ability to support proposed development;*
    - *h. The supporting transit, pedestrian and active transportation network; and*

- *i. The supporting water, wastewater, and land drainage infrastructure and capacity to accommodate a proposed development or ability to make the required upgrades necessary to accommodate a proposed development.*

*Mature Communities*

- *1.8 Low-rise residential uses will generally be accommodated on arterial and collector streets where compatible with adjacent land uses, where they can be conveniently served by transit and local commercial amenities, and in consideration of the factors listed in Policy section 1.6.*

The proposed development is consistent with the *Complete Communities Direction Strategy 2.0* in the following ways:

- The subject property is on McMillan Avenue, located in close proximity to Corydon Avenue (an Urban Mixed-Use Corridor). Given its location, the property is well connected to several amenities, commercial uses, transit, and high-quality cycling infrastructure.
- This block of McMillan Avenue contains a mix of several multi-family buildings of varying densities.

Summary

The proposal is consistent with CCDS 2.0 in the following ways:

- The proposal will add one new affordable rental housing unit to the West Broadway neighbourhood.
- The existing building is generally consistent with the design policies for Mature Communities, inclusive of a front entrance at grade and ground floor glazing facing McMillan Avenue, as well as a brick veneer.

CORYDON OSBORNE AREA PLAN

The proposal is consistent with the policies of the plan.

**REZONING**

- The applicant is proposing to rezone the lands to “RMF-L” from its existing “R2” zoning to legally establish one new dwelling unit.
- The rezoning is required because the proposed density is the maximum density permitted in the “R2” zoning district.
- The proposed rezoning application is considered compatible with the surrounding area given it repurposes underutilized space in an existing building and adds one affordable dwelling unit to an existing Mature Community and higher needs area, as identified in the Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Strategy.

**LAND DEDICATION**

- As a condition of a rezoning application, a developer is required to contribute a portion of the land to be developed to the City for parks purposes. The amount of land is not less than 10%. In the case of this rezoning, the Public Service is recommending that the developer provide ‘cash in lieu’ of a dedication of land as determined by the Planning, Property and Development Department.

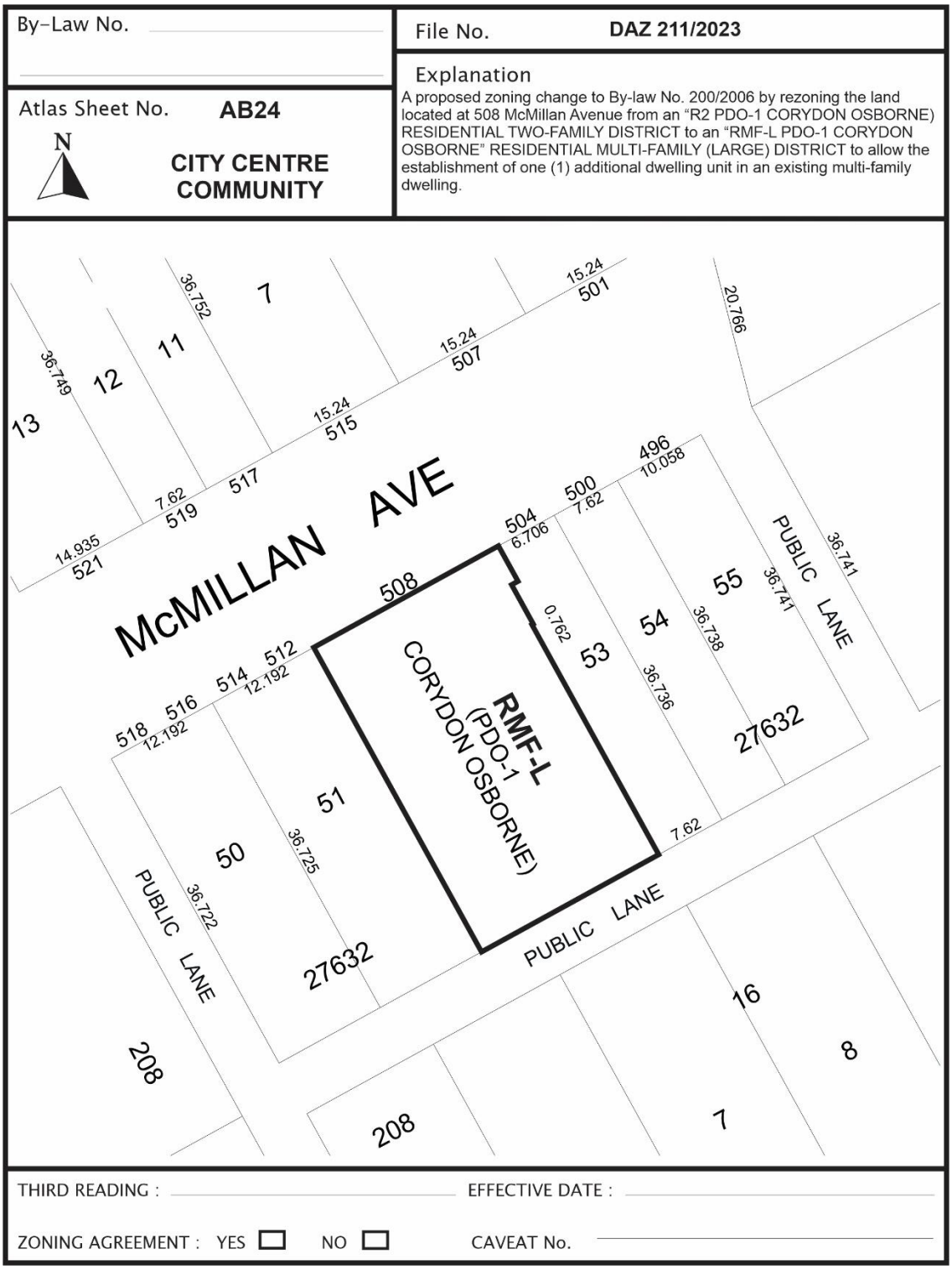
**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Urban Planning Division recommends **approval subject to conditions,** of the application for the following reasons:

- The proposed development will increase residential density in the West Broadway neighbourhood, thereby increasing housing options in this pedestrian oriented, bikeable, transit connected, amenity rich mature neighbourhood as well as helping the city to achieve its residential intensification targets.
- The proposed development adds one affordable dwelling unit to a higher needs area, as identified in the Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Strategy.
- The proposed development will utilize existing infrastructure including the street network, active transportation paths to the east, water and wastewater service capacity and city services such as library, recreation and education.

This Report Submitted by:
Planning, Property and Development Department
Urban Planning and Design Division
Report Prepared by: Martin Grady
DAZ File Number: 211/2023

**SCHEDULE "C" OF FILE DAZ 211/2023, City Centre Community Committee, dated February 23, 2024**



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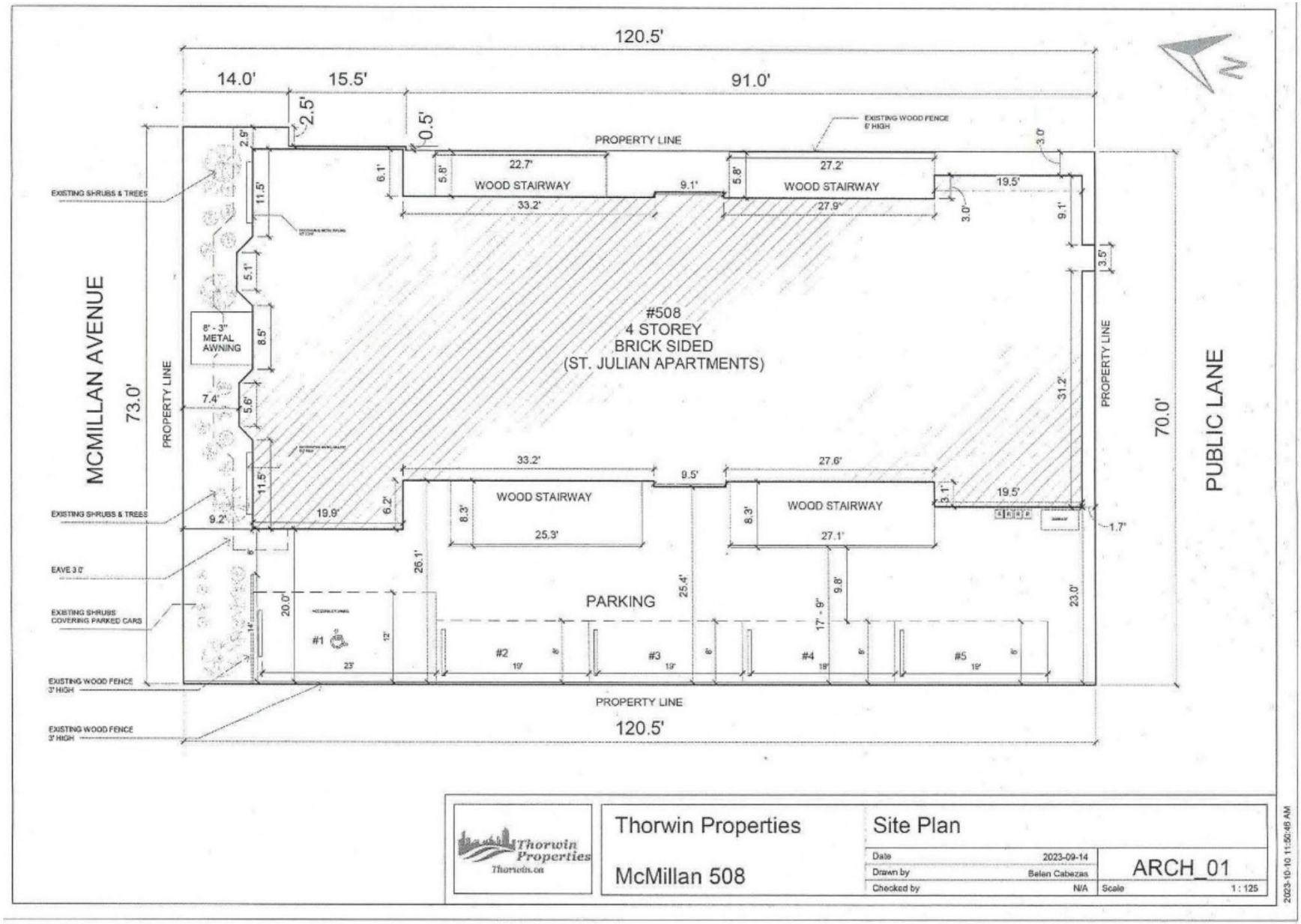

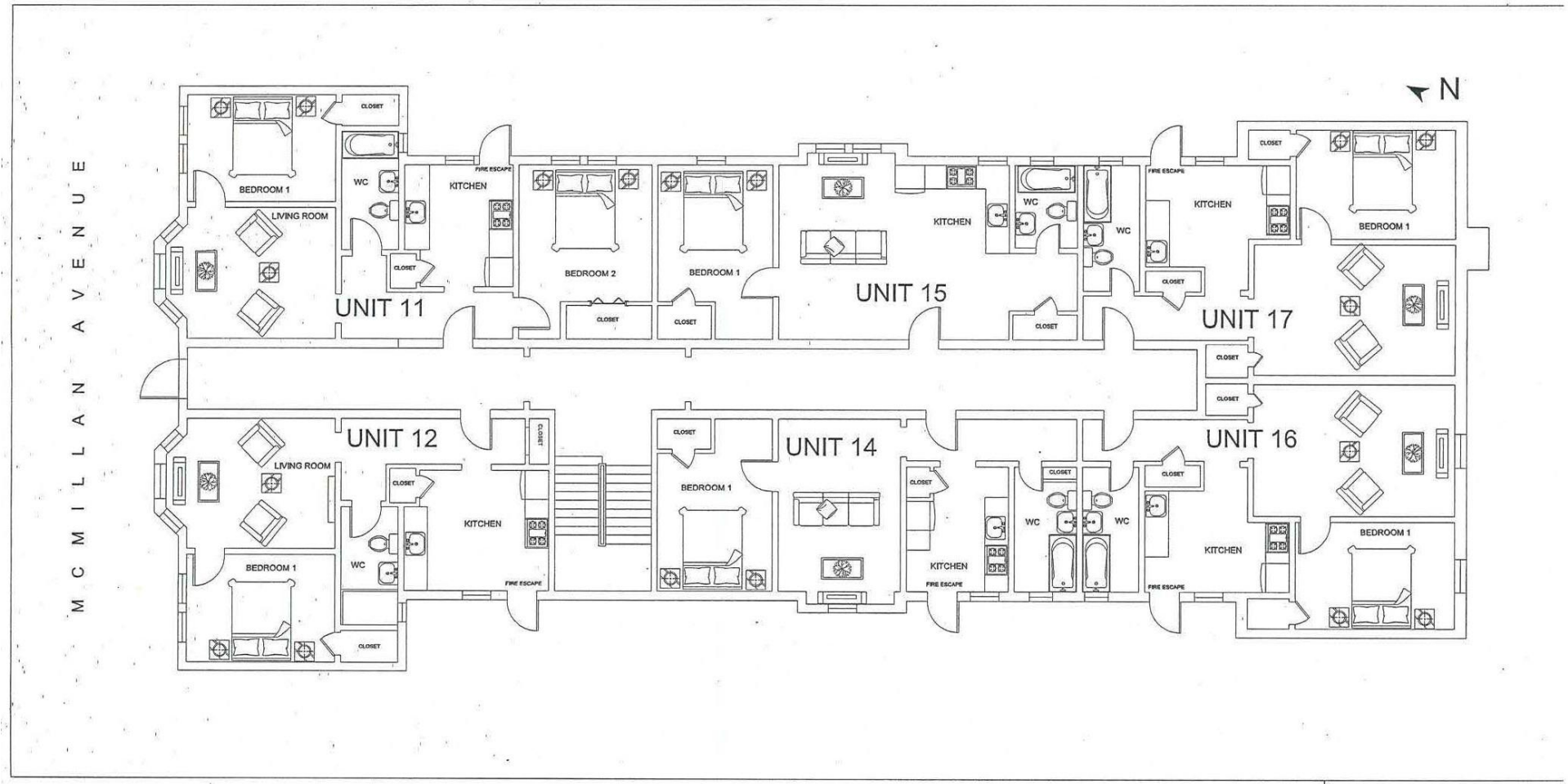


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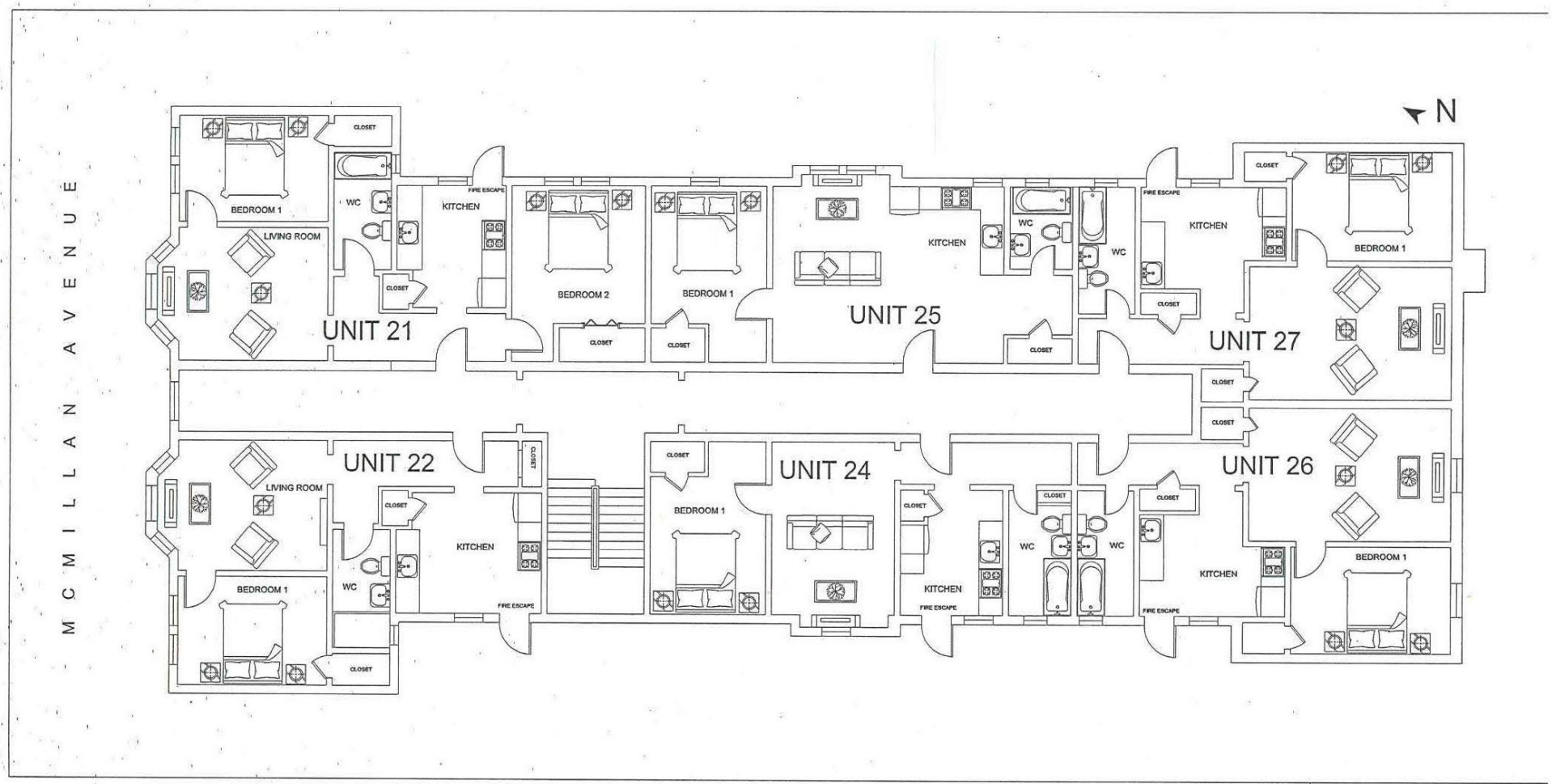


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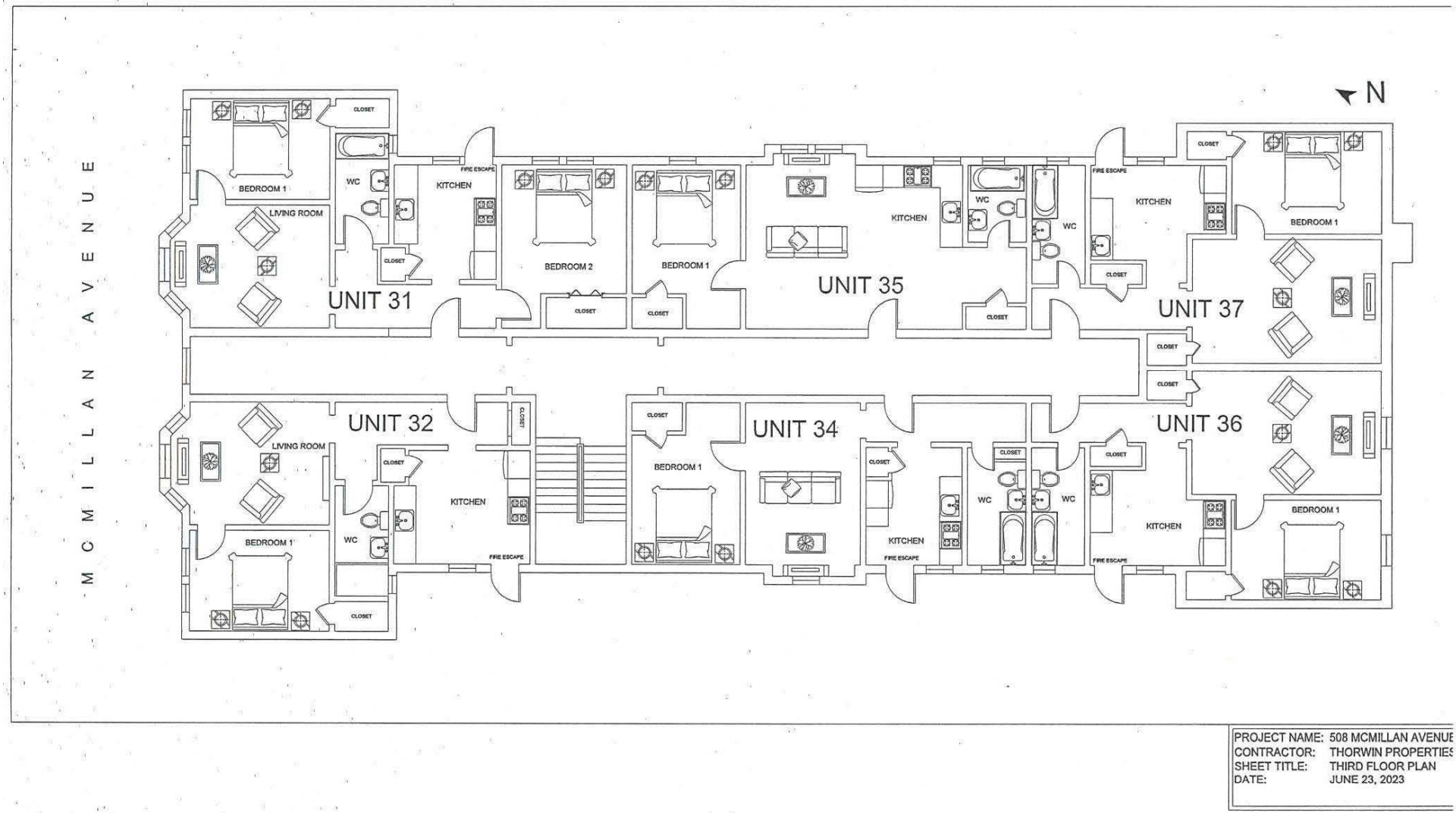


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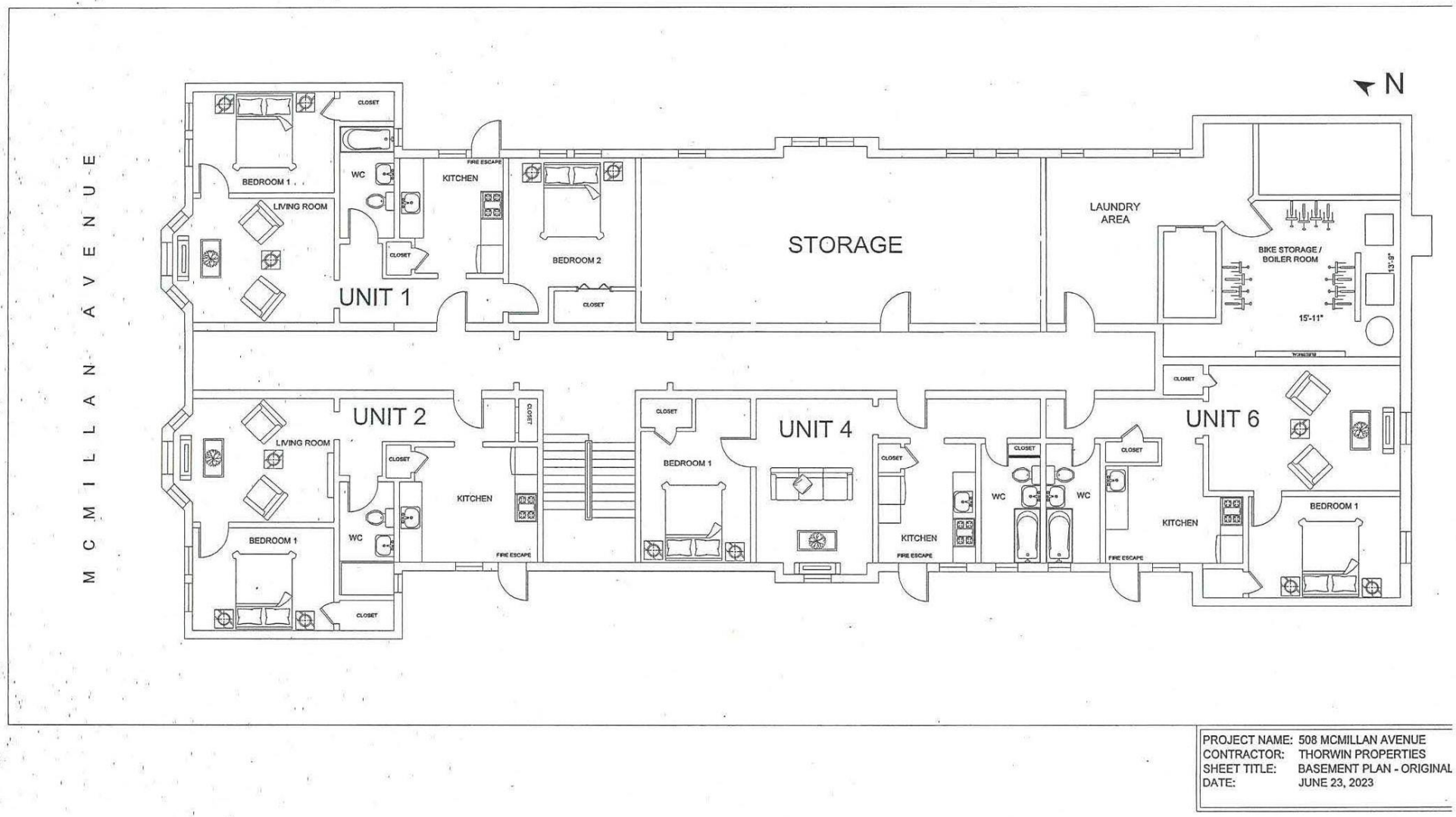


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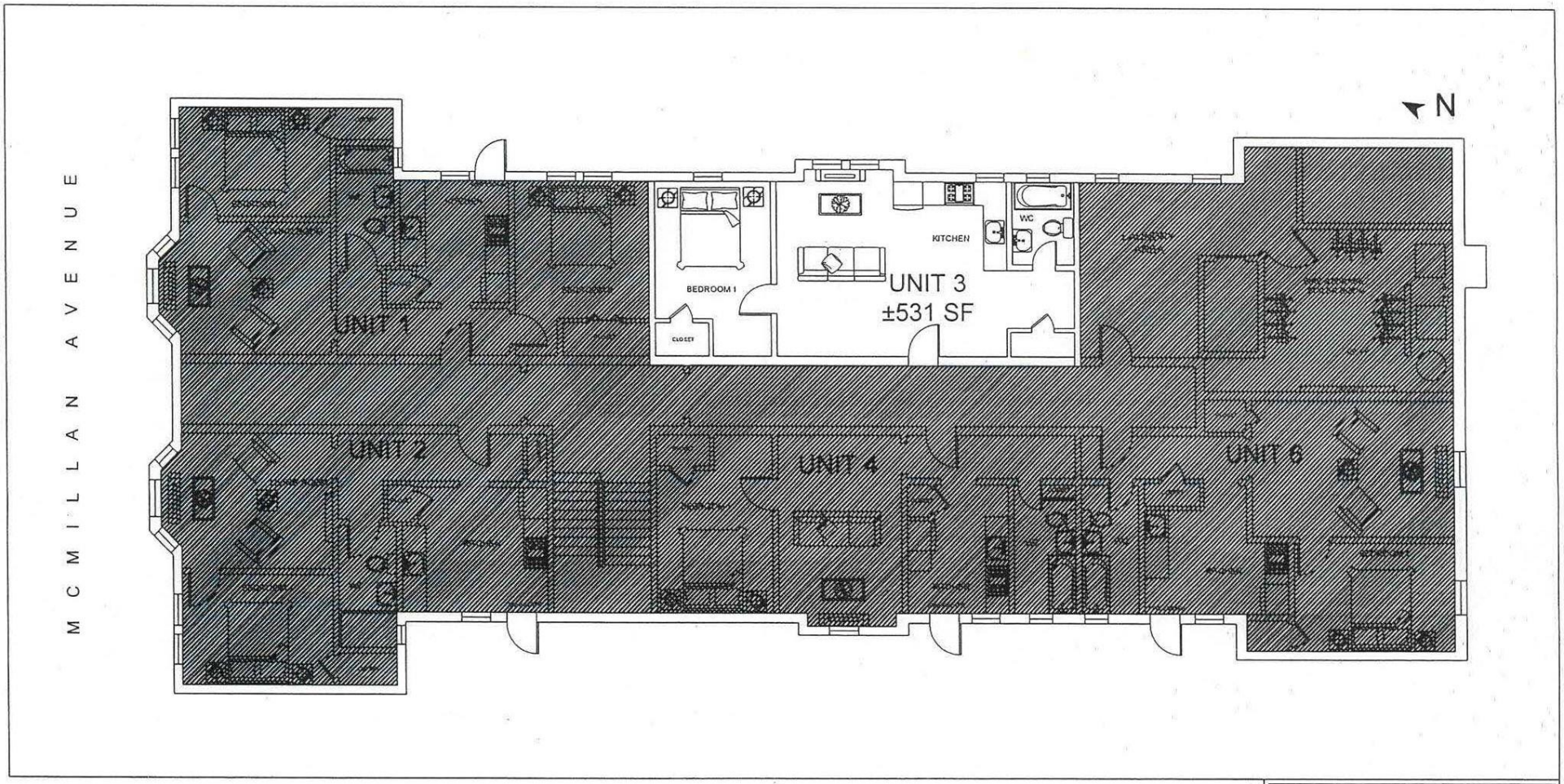


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