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**Date:** February 08, 2023

#### **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**

STAFF REPORT

CITY OF HELENA PLANNING DIVISION 316 North Park Avenue Helena, Montana 59632

TO: City of Helena Zoning Commission

FROM: Michael Alvarez, City Planning

SUBJECT: Consider a resolution granting a Conditional Use Permit to allow a residence,

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**PUBLIC HEARING DATES:** 

Zoning Commission: 5:30 P.M. Tuesday, February 14, 2023 City Commission: 6:00 P.M. Monday, March 27, 2023

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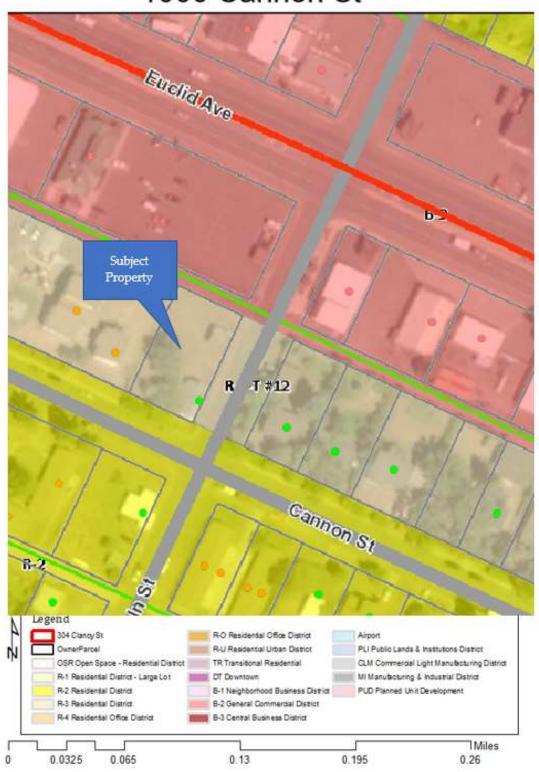
North: B-2 (commercial) – restaurant (Early Bird Cafe, and its parking lot) South: R-2 (residential) – single-dwelling and two dwelling unit residences

East: R-2 (residential) – single-dwelling unit residences

West: R-3 (residential) – multiple dwelling-unit residential (Helena Housing Authority)

<u>VICINITY MAP:</u>

## 1000 Cannon St



#### REVIEW CRITERIA FOR THE CONDITIONAL USE

Section 11-3-4 of the Helena Zoning Ordinance includes certain criteria that must be reviewed as part of the conditional use permit procedure.

A. A conditional use permit may be granted by the city commission only upon a finding, supported by substantial credible evidence in the record that the following standards are met:

- 1. The proposed conditional use, as conditioned, will not adversely impact the public health, safety, or general welfare.
- 2. The proposed conditional use will not adversely impact or impair the peaceful use of existing property or improvements in the vicinity and the zoning district in which the subject property is located.

B. In considering whether sections §11-3-4(A)(1) and (A)(2) of this chapter have been met, the following factors must be considered in determining the impacts of the proposed conditional use on the abutting properties and the neighborhood:

- 1. Location, character, and natural features of the subject property as it currently exists.
- 2. Type and size of the proposed structure and improvements and their relative location on the subject property.
- 3. Historical uses, established use patterns, and recent changes and trends in the neighborhood.
- 4. Conformity of the proposed use with the neighborhood plan, if one has been adopted.
- 5. Current and proposed pedestrian, vehicular, and bicycle traffic including ingress and egress, circulation and parking.
- 6. Whether the use is consistent with the Helena Climate Change Action Plan.
- 7. Whether the proposal meets the zoning dimensional standards requirements for the zoning district without the need for a variance.
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- 12. Expressed public opinion related to factors identified above.

C. The above factors are weighed and evaluated depending on the circumstances of each case. Any one factor may be sufficient to find adverse impacts for the purposes of Section §11-3-4(A)(1) and (A)(2) justifying denial of the permit or placement of special conditions.

#### FINDINGS & EVALUATION

- 1. Location, character, and natural features of the subject property as it currently exists.
  - The site is located on the northwest corner of Cannon and Lincoln Streets. Euclid Avenue and the commercial district centered on it is one block to the north, zoned B-2 (General Commercial). To the south lies an R-2 (Residential) District neighborhood, which is almost exclusively residential in nature with the exception of churches and home occupations. This area includes a blend of multi-dwelling unit residential alongside single-family residential uses with a blend of homeowner and rental units. Along Cannon Street where the R-3 T#12 District exists, there are numerous residential multiple dwelling-unit properties to both the east and west of the subject parcel denoting a prevalence of non-conformities in existence already.
- 2. Type and size of the proposed structure and improvements and their relative location on the subject

property.

The applicant proposes construction of a nine-unit building. The proposed structure is twostories tall with a shed roof, very similar in style and massing to the multiple dwelling-unit home to the west. The applicant is not requesting any variances for the building with this proposal. All other structures have already been removed.

3. Historical uses, established use patterns, and recent changes and trends in the neighborhood.

The site currently has the land use single dwelling-unit residential. The applicant's block of Cannon Street has other multiple dwelling-unit residential structures along it both to the east and west. Despite the stated intent of the R-3 T #12 District to serve as a buffer district between the B-2 District fronting Euclid Avenue and the lower-density R-2 District, the land use pattern in the area points to a prevalence of non-conformities – largely in the form of residential multiple dwelling-unit buildings. The applicant has already received approval from the City Commission for one such residential multiple dwelling-unit building located at 1240 Cannon Street in 2021.

4. Conformity of the proposed use with the neighborhood plan, if one has been adopted.

The subject area does now fall under an approved neighborhood planning area. Looking to the 2019 Growth Policy Land Use chapter, the City of Helena Future land Use map designates this area as Mixed-Use. This proposal would fit the definition of mixed-use by providing a place where people can live a short distance from a commercial corridor.

5. Current and proposed pedestrian, vehicular, and bicycle traffic including ingress and egress, circulation, and parking.

This proposal uses some on-street spaces to meet its off-street parking requirement as is allowed under §11-22-9-B. Four off-street parking spaces including ADA would be accessed off the alley.

The applicant will need to install new boulevard sidewalks on Cannon and Lincoln Streets inkeeping with City standards.

The estimated trip generation for the building is below the 200 trip per day threshold for requiring a traffic impact study.

6. Whether the use is consistent with the Helena Climate Change Action Plan.

This proposal will provide additional housing in a mixed-use area that is in close proximity to shopping, schools, and recreational opportunities. The CUP proposal, as mentioned in the analysis above, is not anticipated to add more than 200 vehicle trips per day to local rights-of-way. The parcel's proximity to other non-residential uses implies that future residents of the condominiums will have an opportunity to use non-vehicular means of transportation to go about daily activities. As a result, the proposal supports the overall goal of reducing carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere. The applicant. intends to use permeable pavers to reduce the impervious area to rainwater. At the time of this report staff has not determined if it will accept the proposed paving system.

7. Whether the proposal meets the zoning dimensional standards requirements for the zoning district without the need for a variance.

The proposal will meet the district dimensional standards and not require a variance

8. *Hours of operation.* 

Not applicable.

9. Noise.

Noise levels can be expected to be typical of a nine dwelling-unit building.

10. Glare.

Proposed structure will not result in an unusual amount of glare.

11. Odor.

There are no expected new odors to be produced from the proposal.

12. Expressed public opinion related to factors identified above.

As of Wednesday, 02/08/2023, no public comments have been given for this proposal.

#### RECOMMENDATION

To recommend **Approval of** a resolution granting a Conditional Use Permit to allow a Residence, multiple-dwelling units (3 or more units) use in the R-3 T#12 (Residential) Zoning District for property legally described as Lots 17-19 in Blk 66 of the Cannon Addition to the City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana, with the following conditions:

- 1. A building permit must be submitted for within one (1) year.
- 2. All conditions must be met within one year of CUP approval, as per Section 11-3-9 of the Helena City Code.



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February 03, 2023

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** A land use change is being proposed in your area. Please review the enclosed description, and vicinity map. You may respond to the proposal at the public hearing or submit written comments prior to the February 14, 2023 Zoning Commission public hearing to the City Planning Division, 316 North Park, Helena MT 59623.

The Helena Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on the CUP request on <u>Tuesday, February 14, 2023</u> at <u>5:30 p. m. via Zoom at https://zoom.us/j/92989300533</u>, Meeting ID: 929 8930 0533. Dial in at (346) 248-7799 or find your local Zoom phone number by going to https://zoom.us/u/a7dWq98hm.

#### **PROPOSAL (Zoning Commission):**

To make a recommendation on a resolution granting a Conditional Use Permit to allow a Residence, multiple-dwelling units (3 or more units) use in the R-3 T#12 (Residential) Zoning District for property legally described as Lots 17-19 in Blk 66 of the Cannon Addition to the City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana.

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Interested parties are encouraged to attend this meeting. We may not be able to reach all who may be interested in this application, and we encourage you to talk to your neighbors about this proposal.

#### PROPOSAL (City Commission):

Consideration of a resolution granting a Conditional Use Permit to allow a Residence, multiple-dwelling units (3 or more units) use in the R-3 T#12 (Residential) Zoning District for property legally described as Lots 17-19 in Blk 66 of the Cannon Addition to the City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana.

#### ADDRESS:

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#### **GENERALLY LOCATED:**

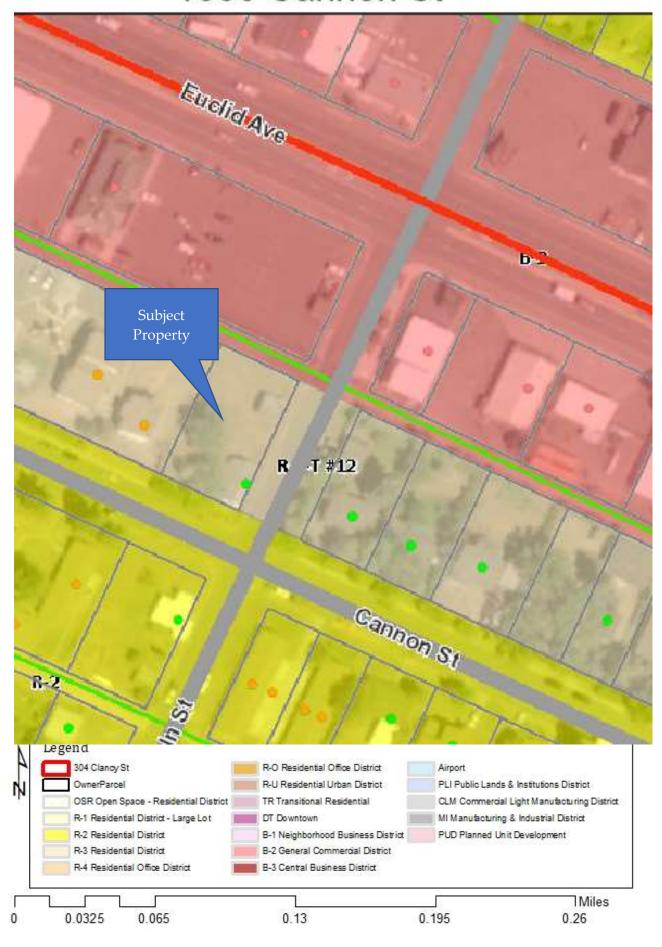
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Sincerely,



## 1000 Cannon St



Conditional Use Permit Application for a 9-unit Residential Structure located at 1000 Cannon Street, Helena, MT 59601.

Prepared by Erik Gorman, December 2022. Updated January 2023.

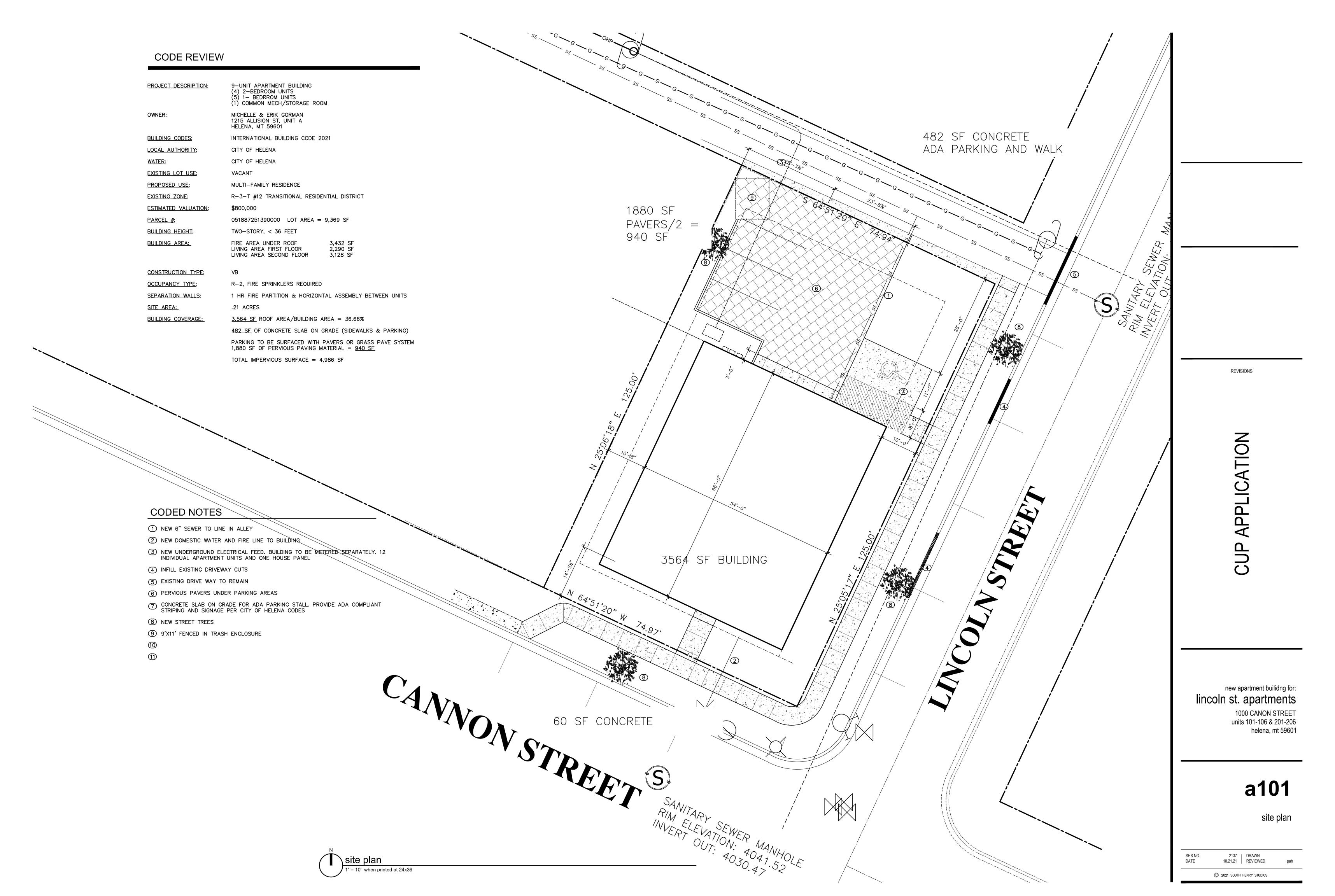
- A person desiring a conditional use permit shall apply to the City on the appropriate forms and pay any required fees.
- Type and extent of the proposed use.
  - o 9-unit residential structure to provide housing for Helena residents.
- Site Plan showing the proposed and current location of:
  - o Pedestrian, vehicular, and bicycle ingress and egress to the property;
  - Parking and loading areas;
  - Landscaping and screening;
  - Solid waste collection areas;
  - Utilities:
  - Signs;
  - Lighting

See attached Site Plan

- Proposed stormwater drainage plan.
  - Per the City of Helena Engineering Division, a civil engineer designed stormwater drainage plan is required if the project results in a net increase of 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surfaces. The net increase of impervious surface for this project will be less than 5,000 square feet through the use of permeable pavers for the parking area. Stormwater will be retained as necessary so as to not negatively impact neighboring properties.
- Traffic impact study for any use that will generate more than two hundred vehicle trips a day.
  - N/A (this project will not result in more than two hundred vehicle trips a day).
- Vicinity map of the area showing the location of the property in relation to surrounding land and zoning in the immediate area, water and wastewater mains, other utilities, and city streets.
  - See attached Vicinity Map showing surrounding zoning. Please see the attached site plan for locations of water and wastewater mains, other utilities, and city streets.
- Planned modifications to the existing structure.
  - N/A. No structures currently exist at the property.
- Preliminary architectural drawings for new construction with elevations that include building heights.
  - See attached drawings.
- An evaluation of the impacts on the abutting properties and the neighborhood with respect to the factors identified in section 11-3-5B. The evaluation must address any potential adverse impacts and how any such adverse impacts will be mitigated.
  - This project will not adversely impact abutting properties or the neighborhood.
- Expected time when permitted conditional use will commence.

- March 2023.
- Variances requested.
  - No variances requested.
- The proposed conditional use, as conditioned, will not adversely impact public health, safety, or general welfare.
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- Location, character, and natural features of the subject property as it currently exists.
  - This project will take place at 1000 Cannon St, Helena, MT 59601. This is a gently sloping parcel located across the alley from the parking lot for the Early Bird Cafe. There are no remarkable natural features.
- Type and size of the proposed structure and improvements and their relative location on the subject property.
  - The proposed structure is a two-story, nine-unit residential apartment building with a footprint of approximately 3,564 square feet. Please refer to the attached site plan for details regarding improvements and their relative locations on the property.
- Historical uses, established use patterns, and recent changes and trends in the neighborhood.
  - This neighborhood is residential with commercial use across the alley. The
    occupants of the neighborhood are a mix of homeowners and renters. There are
    several multi-family structures on Cannon Street west of the proposed building
    site.
- Conformity of the proposed use with the neighborhood plan, if one has been adopted.
  - o To my knowledge there is currently no neighborhood plan in place.
- Current and proposed pedestrian, vehicular, and bicycle traffic including ingress and egress, circulation, and parking.
  - Current: Pedestrians use the existing sidewalk on the east side of Lincoln Street.
     Vehicles park on Lincoln Street and Cannon Street and drive on the alley on the north side of the property. Bicycles use the alley and adjacent streets.
  - Proposed: Sidewalks will be installed along Cannon Street and Lincoln Street. Vehicles will continue to be able to park on the adjacent streets and drive along the alley. Three off-street parking spaces, plus one van accessible ADA parking space, will be provided as shown on the Site Plan. Six additional parking spaces are shown along Lincoln and Cannon Streets. This parking plan meets the City Zoning Division requirements for R-3 multi-family construction.
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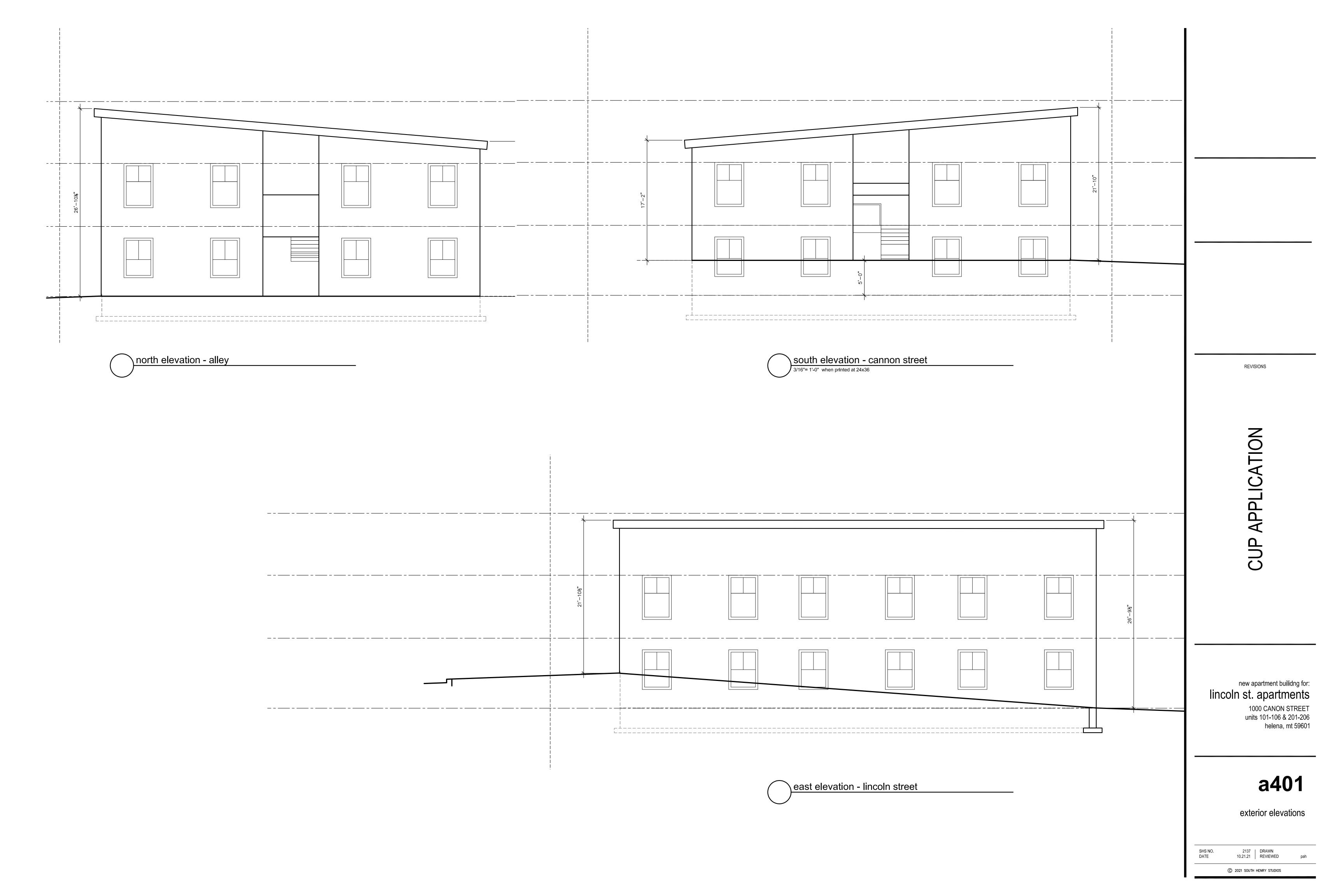
- This project will provide housing within Helena city limits. The occupants will enjoy close proximity to shopping, schools, and recreation.
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- Expressed public opinion related to factors identified above.
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# PARTIAL AS-BUILITY/TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY OF LOTS 17, 18, 19 IN BLOCK 66 OF THE CANNON ADDITION TO THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA. (BOOK M60, PAGE 9630) PROPERTY OWNER: ERIK & MICHELLE GORMAN PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1000 CANNON STREET HELENA, MT 59601 **ZONING:** R-3-T Transitional Residential District GEO CODE: 05-1887-25-1-39-09-0000, ASSESSMENT CODE: 0000004661. (811) LOCATE SERVICE AND UTILITY PROVIDERS PRIOR TO CONDUCTING ANY (4) BUILDING SET BACK LINES ARE NOT SHOWN ON THIS SURVEY. SEE ZONING FOR BUILDING SET BACKS. • TO BE SET 5/8" REBAR W/Y.P.C. (D.J. RIES 18368LS); $\triangle$ FOUND 1/2" REBAR (ELEVATION: 4040.58); CALCULATED POSITION, NOTHING FOUND/SET; S EXISTING SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE; EXISTING WATER GATE VALVE EXISTING CURB STOP; EXISTING FIRE HYDRANT; (C) COMMUNICATION MANHOLE EXISTING LIGHT POLE; EXISTING UTILITY POLE; — G — G — EXISTING GAS LINE; --- ss --- ss --- Existing Sanitary Sewer Line. CANNON STREET . 66'R/W **BASIS OF BEARINGS:** GPS CONTROL SURVEY, ROTATED TO GEODETIC NORTH. **BASIS OF VERTICAL:** LOCAL DATUM, BASED ON GPS HERE SHOT. **CONTOUR INTERVAL:** 1/2 FOOT W/ONE FOOT INDEX CONTOUR LABEL. 1/4 SEC. T. R. 25 10N 4W DATE: OCTOBER 04, 2022 JOB NO.: 22151-AB-T P.M. MONTANA, LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY. SHEET 1 OF 1 FIELD BY: DJR, NFR

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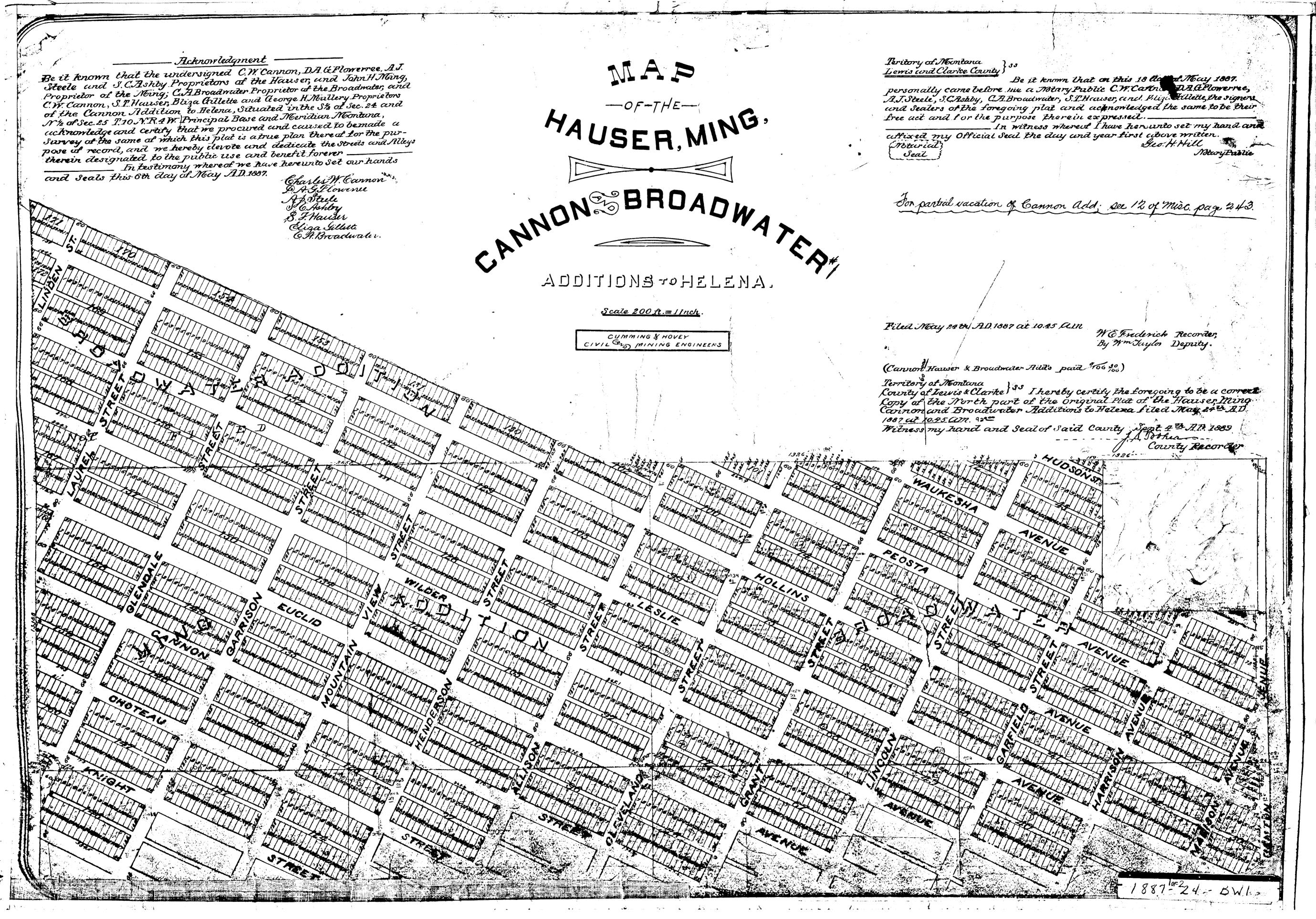
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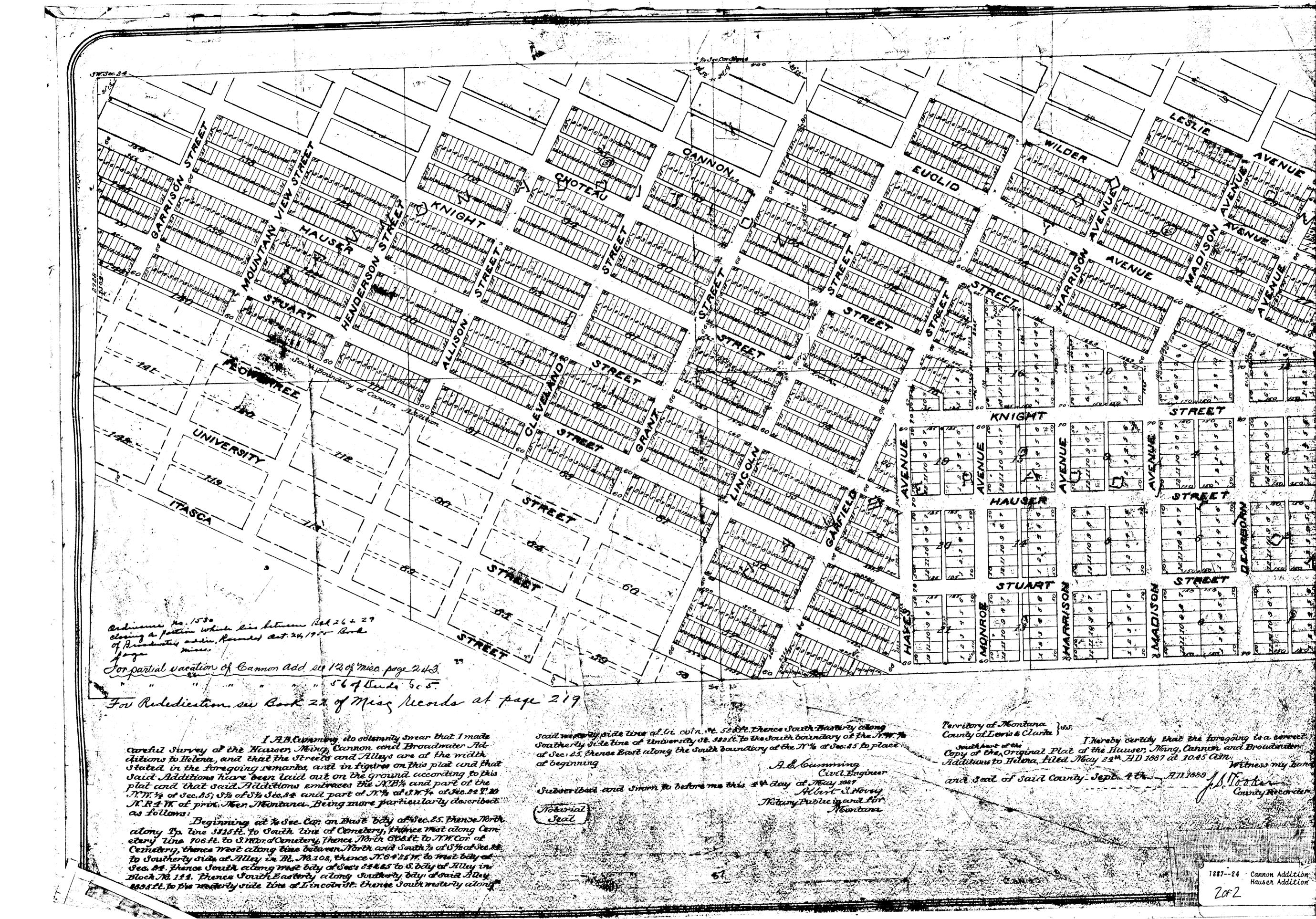
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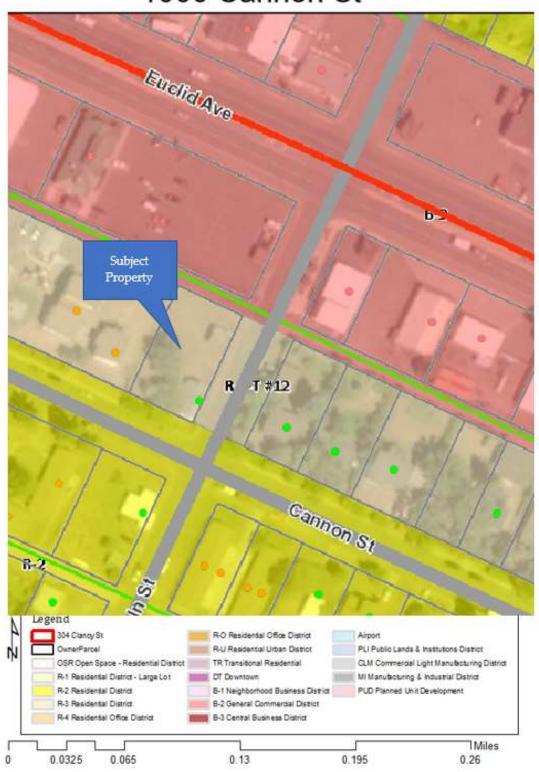
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East: R-2 (residential) – single-dwelling unit residences

West: R-3 (residential) – multiple dwelling-unit residential (Helena Housing Authority)

<u>VICINITY MAP:</u>

## 1000 Cannon St



#### REVIEW CRITERIA FOR THE CONDITIONAL USE

Section 11-3-4 of the Helena Zoning Ordinance includes certain criteria that must be reviewed as part of the conditional use permit procedure.

A. A conditional use permit may be granted by the city commission only upon a finding, supported by substantial credible evidence in the record that the following standards are met:

- 1. The proposed conditional use, as conditioned, will not adversely impact the public health, safety, or general welfare.
- 2. The proposed conditional use will not adversely impact or impair the peaceful use of existing property or improvements in the vicinity and the zoning district in which the subject property is located.

B. In considering whether sections §11-3-4(A)(1) and (A)(2) of this chapter have been met, the following factors must be considered in determining the impacts of the proposed conditional use on the abutting properties and the neighborhood:

- 1. Location, character, and natural features of the subject property as it currently exists.
- 2. Type and size of the proposed structure and improvements and their relative location on the subject property.
- 3. Historical uses, established use patterns, and recent changes and trends in the neighborhood.
- 4. Conformity of the proposed use with the neighborhood plan, if one has been adopted.
- 5. Current and proposed pedestrian, vehicular, and bicycle traffic including ingress and egress, circulation and parking.
- 6. Whether the use is consistent with the Helena Climate Change Action Plan.
- 7. Whether the proposal meets the zoning dimensional standards requirements for the zoning district without the need for a variance.
- 8. Hours of operation.
- 9. Noise.
- 10. Glare.
- 11. *Odor.*
- 12. Expressed public opinion related to factors identified above.

C. The above factors are weighed and evaluated depending on the circumstances of each case. Any one factor may be sufficient to find adverse impacts for the purposes of Section §11-3-4(A)(1) and (A)(2) justifying denial of the permit or placement of special conditions.

#### FINDINGS & EVALUATION

- 1. Location, character, and natural features of the subject property as it currently exists.
  - The site is located on the northwest corner of Cannon and Lincoln Streets. Euclid Avenue and the commercial district centered on it is one block to the north, zoned B-2 (General Commercial). To the south lies an R-2 (Residential) District neighborhood, which is almost exclusively residential in nature with the exception of churches and home occupations. This area includes a blend of multi-dwelling unit residential alongside single-family residential uses with a blend of homeowner and rental units. Along Cannon Street where the R-3 T#12 District exists, there are numerous residential multiple dwelling-unit properties to both the east and west of the subject parcel denoting a prevalence of non-conformities in existence already.
- 2. Type and size of the proposed structure and improvements and their relative location on the subject

property.

The applicant proposes construction of a nine-unit building. The proposed structure is twostories tall with a shed roof, very similar in style and massing to the multiple dwelling-unit home to the west. The applicant is not requesting any variances for the building with this proposal. All other structures have already been removed.

3. Historical uses, established use patterns, and recent changes and trends in the neighborhood.

The site currently has the land use single dwelling-unit residential. The applicant's block of Cannon Street has other multiple dwelling-unit residential structures along it both to the east and west. Despite the stated intent of the R-3 T #12 District to serve as a buffer district between the B-2 District fronting Euclid Avenue and the lower-density R-2 District, the land use pattern in the area points to a prevalence of non-conformities – largely in the form of residential multiple dwelling-unit buildings. The applicant has already received approval from the City Commission for one such residential multiple dwelling-unit building located at 1240 Cannon Street in 2021.

4. Conformity of the proposed use with the neighborhood plan, if one has been adopted.

The subject area does now fall under an approved neighborhood planning area. Looking to the 2019 Growth Policy Land Use chapter, the City of Helena Future land Use map designates this area as Mixed-Use. This proposal would fit the definition of mixed-use by providing a place where people can live a short distance from a commercial corridor.

5. Current and proposed pedestrian, vehicular, and bicycle traffic including ingress and egress, circulation, and parking.

This proposal uses some on-street spaces to meet its off-street parking requirement as is allowed under §11-22-9-B. Four off-street parking spaces including ADA would be accessed off the alley.

The applicant will need to install new boulevard sidewalks on Cannon and Lincoln Streets inkeeping with City standards.

The estimated trip generation for the building is below the 200 trip per day threshold for requiring a traffic impact study.

6. Whether the use is consistent with the Helena Climate Change Action Plan.

This proposal will provide additional housing in a mixed-use area that is in close proximity to shopping, schools, and recreational opportunities. The CUP proposal, as mentioned in the analysis above, is not anticipated to add more than 200 vehicle trips per day to local rights-of-way. The parcel's proximity to other non-residential uses implies that future residents of the condominiums will have an opportunity to use non-vehicular means of transportation to go about daily activities. As a result, the proposal supports the overall goal of reducing carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere. The applicant. intends to use permeable pavers to reduce the impervious area to rainwater. At the time of this report staff has not determined if it will accept the proposed paving system.

7. Whether the proposal meets the zoning dimensional standards requirements for the zoning district without the need for a variance.

The proposal will meet the district dimensional standards and not require a variance

8. *Hours of operation.* 

Not applicable.

9. Noise.

Noise levels can be expected to be typical of a nine dwelling-unit building.

10. Glare.

Proposed structure will not result in an unusual amount of glare.

11. Odor.

There are no expected new odors to be produced from the proposal.

12. Expressed public opinion related to factors identified above.

As of Wednesday, 02/08/2023, no public comments have been given for this proposal.

#### RECOMMENDATION

To recommend **Approval of** a resolution granting a Conditional Use Permit to allow a Residence, multiple-dwelling units (3 or more units) use in the R-3 T#12 (Residential) Zoning District for property legally described as Lots 17-19 in Blk 66 of the Cannon Addition to the City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana, with the following conditions:

- 1. A building permit must be submitted for within one (1) year.
- 2. All conditions must be met within one year of CUP approval, as per Section 11-3-9 of the Helena City Code.