



# **City of Gardena**

## **Gardena City Council Meeting**

### **AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY**

Agenda Item No. 12.A  
Section: DEPARTMENTAL  
ITEMS - COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
Meeting Date: August 10, 2021

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE GARDENA CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA TITLE: PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION NO. 6527, APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #4-21 TO ALLOW A TOWING COMPANY AND ASSOCIATED OUTDOOR STORAGE IN THE INDUSTRIAL (M-1) ZONE AND DIRECTION TO STAFF TO FILE A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOLLOWING A CALL FOR REVIEW.

APPLICANT: RAJPAL DHILLON

LOCATION: 1638 W. 130TH STREET&NBSP;

#### **COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED:**

**Staff Recommendation: Conduct a Public Hearing, please allow three (3) minutes for each speaker; Adopt Resolution No. 6527, upholding the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission's decision, and approve Conditional Use Permit #4-21.**

#### **RECOMMENDATION AND STAFF SUMMARY:**

Staff respectfully recommends that the City Council conduct a public hearing, receive testimony from the public and adopt Resolution No. 6527.

On May 26, 2021, the applicant, Mr.. Raj Dhillon, business owner of U.S. Tow, submitted an application for a conditional use permit for outdoor automobile storage and automobile towing use at 1638 West 130<sup>th</sup> Street. The applicant also proposed the construction of a new 4,400 square foot industrial building for the storage of vehicles and an office area at the site.

On July 6, 2021, the Planning Commission held a public hearing at which time there were no comments made from the public, and the Commission voted 5-0-0 to adopt Resolution No. PC 8-21 approving the conditional use permit and directed staff to file a notice of exemption.

On July 13, 2021, Council Member Francis called for review of the project.

The complete Planning Commission Packet dated July 6, 2021, along with the presentation made by staff at the Planning Commission meeting, are attached for further information regarding the project. The project qualifies for a categorical exemption from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Guideline Section 15303, for new construction of small structures.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT/COST:**

None.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[PEQC Packet dated July 6, 2021 .pdf](#)

[PEQC Presentation presented by Staff.pdf](#)

[Resolution No. 6527.pdf](#)

APPROVED:

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Clint Osorio, City Manager

CITY OF GARDENA  
**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION**  
STAFF REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. PC 8-21  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #4-21

DATE: July 6, 2021

TO: Chair Langley and Members of the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission

FROM: Gregg McClain, Interim Community Development Director

CASE PLANNER: Amanda Acuna, Senior Planner

APPLICANT: Rajpal Dhillon, U.S. Tow

LOCATION: 1638 West 130<sup>th</sup> Street (APN: 6102-006-017)

REQUEST: A request for a conditional use permit, per Section 18.42.040.A of the Gardena Municipal Code, to allow a towing company and associated outdoor storage in the Industrial (M-1) zone that qualifies for a Notice of Exemption.

**BACKGROUND**

In April of 2019, the Gardena City Council awarded a franchise agreement for City-related towing services to the applicant, RSD Tow Inc., doing business as U.S. Tow.

The franchise agreement was contingent upon U.S. Tow's ability to show that the company maintains a business office and storage facility within city limits. On July 16, 2019, the Planning Commission approved U.S. Tow's request to operate an automobile storage and towing company at 1600 West 139<sup>th</sup> Street (Conditional Use Permit #3-19).

The building at 1600 West 139<sup>th</sup> Street later sustained severe fire damage in November of 2020 and the business was forced to leave this location. As a requirement of the City's contract, U.S. Tow began looking for another location within city limits.

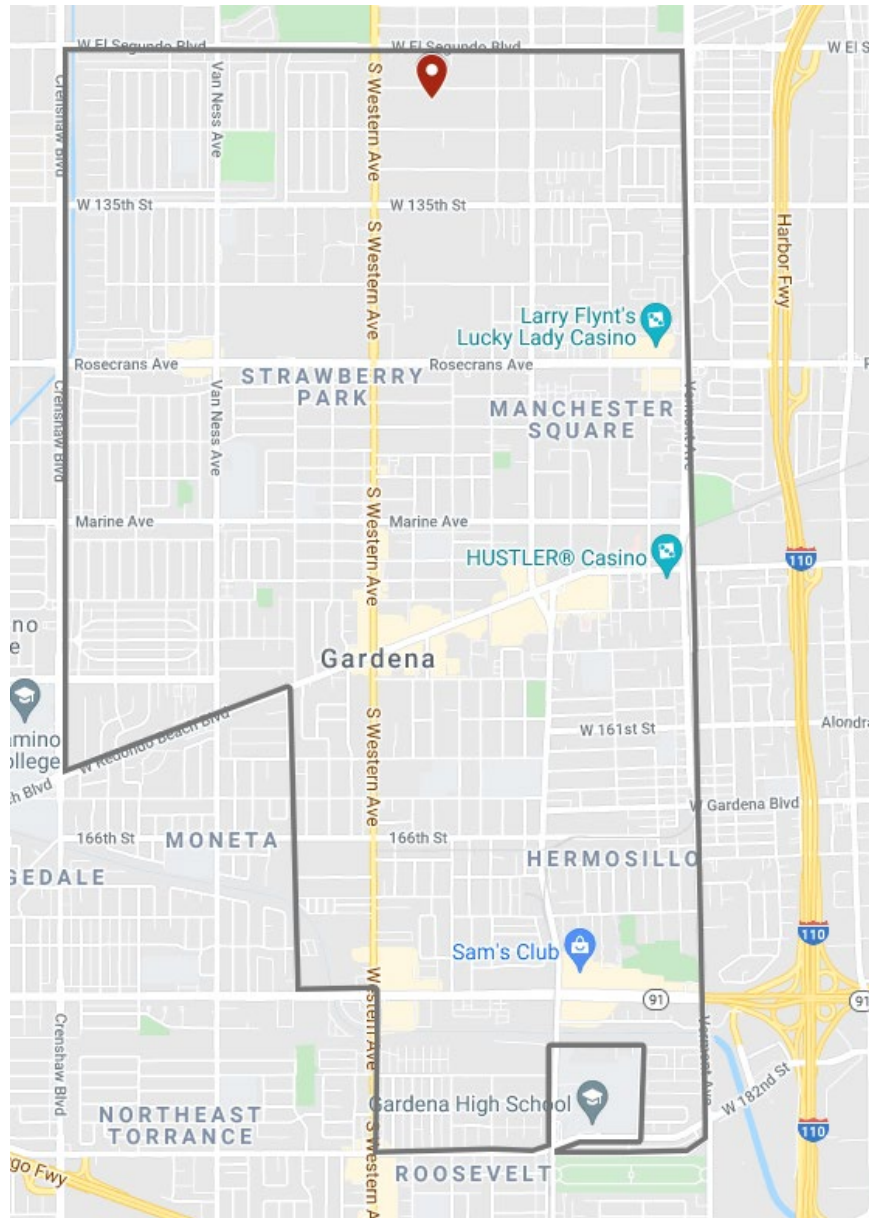
On May 26, 2021, the applicant, Raj Dhillon, business owner of U.S. Tow, submitted an application for a conditional use permit for outdoor automobile storage and an automobile towing use at 1638 West 130<sup>th</sup> Street, in the city.

On June 25, 2021, a public hearing was duly noticed for the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission meeting for July 6, 2021.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The applicant is proposing to construct a new 4,400 square foot industrial building for the storage of vehicles and office area at the property located at 1638 West 130<sup>th</sup> Street (Figure 1 – Vicinity Map).

**FIGURE 1: VICINITY MAP**



As seen in Figure 2, the property is in the Industrial (M-1) zoning district, as are all surrounding properties. Surrounding land uses include various manufacturing uses, warehouses, and a vacant lot. The subject property is a 20,037 square foot lot that



contains three single-family dwelling units, two of which are presently occupied. The south end of the property is currently used as an outdoor storage area.

The applicant is proposing to demolish all existing structures and construct a new 4,400 square foot industrial building.

**FIGURE 2: ZONING MAP**



All vehicles will be stored either in an enclosed yard or within the new structure. Seven parking spaces will be provided for business patrons. The business will operate 24-hours a day and have five employees, however, the business will only be open to the public between 8:00am and 6:00pm Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm on Saturdays, and 9:00am to 1:00pm on Sundays.

The applicant is requesting the approval of a conditional use permit to allow the operations of automobile storage in the M-1 zone.

**ANALYSIS**

Section 18.42.040.A of the Gardena Municipal Code (GMC) allows the Community Development Director to determine if an unlisted use is permitted, subject to a conditional use permit or other entitlement, on the basis that it is similar to a use permitted within the zone.

In 2019, when the applicant applied for Conditional Use Permit #3-19, the Director determined that towing and automobile storage is similar to ambulance services, automobile repair facilities, contractors’ businesses, and recreational vehicle storage facilities. All of these uses are conditionally permitted provided they are not on arterials or major collector streets; therefore, automobile storage and towing services are also subject to the approval of a conditional use permit. The applicant’s request for a conditional use permit is deemed proper and, if approved, will authorize the operation of automobile storage and a tow yard at the site.

***DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS***

As mentioned above, two of the residential structures on the site are currently occupied. For this reason, there is a proposed condition of approval stating that the applicant will be required to meet provisions of GMC Chapter 14.08 and all current applicable State laws with regard to relocation assistance and payments to existing tenants.

The proposed 4,400 square foot structure will comply with all development standards of the M-1 zone, as shown in Table 1.

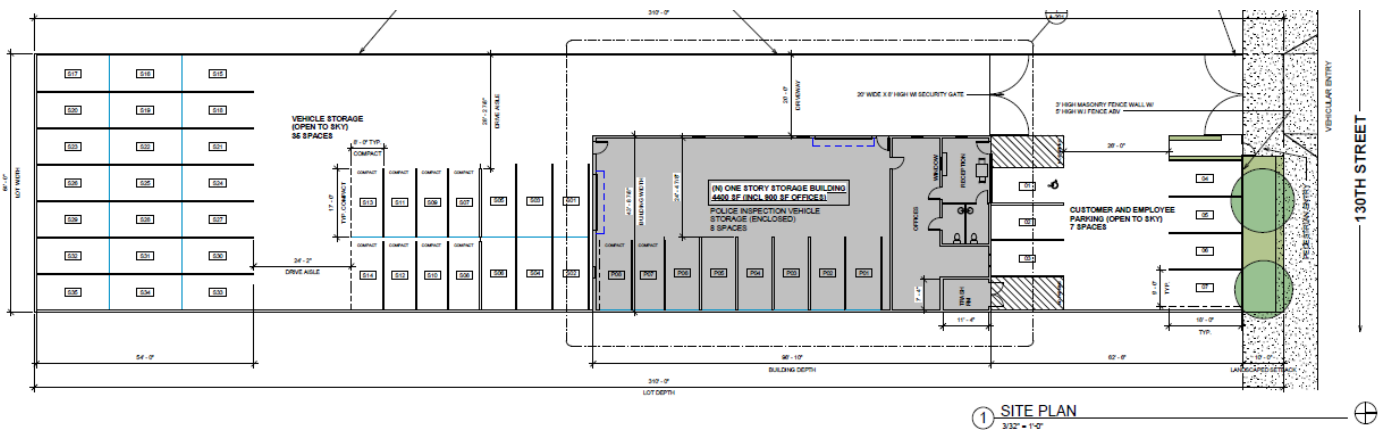
**TABLE 1: DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

Development Standard Comparison			
<i>Standard</i>	<i>M-1 Zone</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Compliant</i>
Max. FAR	1.0	0.22	Yes
Max. Building Height	65 ft.	25	Yes
Setbacks			
<i>Front</i>	10	10	Yes
<i>Sides (West)</i>	None	20	
<i>Side (East)</i>	None	0	
<i>Rear</i>	None	134	
Max. Fence Height	8 ft.	8	Yes

Development Standard Comparison			
Standard	M-1 Zone	Project	Compliant
Min. Parking Warehouse 1 space/1,000 sf	4 spaces	4	Yes
Office 1 space/300 sf	3	3	
TOTAL	7	7	
Refuse Area	Within Building Footprint or Fully Screened	Within Building Footprint	Yes

The subject property is required to provide a total of seven on-site parking spaces for the proposed towing service business. As shown in the project plans, the applicant will meet the parking requirements. The subject property will allow for the storage of 44 vehicles; eight spaces located inside the new building and 36 spaces in the enclosed storage yard at the rear of the property. All business vehicles related to the towing company will be parked in the enclosed yard, away from public right-of-way view.

**FIGURE 3 – SITE PLAN**



In accordance with GMC Section 18.42.085 the first ten feet of the property shall be dedicated to landscaping. As shown in the project plans the property will provide a ten-foot landscaped setback that will front West 130<sup>th</sup> Street with trees and shrubbery. The project plans show a driveway gate ten feet from the front property line which leads to customer parking spaces. Staff determined that a ten-foot setback was not sufficient in order to prevent the queuing of vehicle on the street. Therefore, a condition has been added that will require all driveway gates to be setback at least 20 feet from the front property line.

The applicant is proposing an eight-foot-tall decorative wall that will be interspersed with black tubular steel, ten-feet back from the public right-of-way along West 130<sup>th</sup> Street.

Vehicles that are to be impounded will be placed behind a security gate, only to be accessed by the business employees.

### *NEIGHBORHOOD CIRCULATION*

Pedestrian access to the subject property is provided by sidewalks along West 130<sup>th</sup> Street. Vehicle access is provided via a two-way driveway along West 130<sup>th</sup> Street. Seven patron parking spaces are provided to the north end of the property, with direct access to the office entry.

The Circulation Plan of the Gardena General Plan designates this part of West 130<sup>th</sup> Street as a collector roadway. These roadways are intended to move traffic from local roadways to secondary roadways and have access to all types of land uses. Additionally, the proposed towing service business is not located on any designated truck routes as describes in the Circulation Plan. The applicant's request to operate a towing service and vehicle storage is not expected to increase traffic beyond what is already experienced; therefore, West 130<sup>th</sup> Street is considered properly designed to carry the type and quantity of traffic generated by the use.

### GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING CONSISTENCY

The General Plan designates the subject property as an Industrial land use, which covers a wide variety of land uses and is implemented by the Industrial (M-1) and General Industrial (M-2) zones. As the storage of automobiles would be similar to other conditionally permitted uses in the Industrial M-1 and M-2 zone, the use is consistent with the zoning and Industrial land use designation.

The Industrial Land Use Category of the Gardena General Plan is designed to allow for a variety of clean and environmentally friendly industries. The applicant proposes to provide a service to the City and community but also proposes to enhance an existing underutilized lot in the M-1 zone. Allowing the operation of the towing service will be consistent with various goals and policies of the General Plan including the following:

- LU Goal 2: Develop and preserve high quality commercial centers and clean industrial uses that benefit the City's tax base, create jobs and provide a full range of services to the residents and businesses.
- LU Goal 3: Provide high quality, attractive and well-maintained commercial, industrial, and public environments that enhance the image and vitality of the City.
- Land Use Policy 3.8: Require all outdoor storage to be concealed from view from the public right of ways and adjoining land uses.
- DS Goal 7: Utilize extensive landscaping to beautify Gardena's streets and sidewalks.

Subject to the approval of the conditional use permit and the issuance of the conditions of approval, the proposed use will be consistent with the General Plan and Gardena Municipal Code, compatible with the surrounding area, and will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Guideline Section 15303, which exempts up to four small structures not exceeding 10,000 square feet in floor area. The use of vehicle storage and office does not involve the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances, and the surrounding area is not environmentally sensitive.

The proposed project is not subject to any of the exceptions to the exemptions under Section 15300.2 of the California Environmental Quality Act. The location of the project is predominantly urban and not considered a sensitive environment; therefore, the project will not result in any significant impacts that may otherwise occur in a sensitive environmental area. The cumulative impact of this project, and the approval of other projects like it in the vicinity, is not expected to have any significant environmental impact. Significant impacts would generally be studied during the initial construction of the use. The project is not located along any state designated scenic highway nor within any designated hazardous waste site. The applicant will be demolishing all existing structures to construct a new 4,400 square-foot building. None of the existing structures are considered a significant historical structure by any governmental body.

Therefore, the proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA.

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission:

- 1) Open the public hearing;
- 2) Receive testimony from the public; and

- 3) Adopt Resolution No. PC 8-21 approving Conditional Use Permit #4-21 subject to the attached Conditions of Approval (Exhibit A) and directing staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution No. PC 8-21  
Exhibit A: Conditions of Approval  
Exhibit B: Architectural Plans

## RESOLUTION NO. PC 8-21

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #4-21 TO ALLOW THE STORAGE OF AUTOMOBILES AND A TOWING COMPANY USE IN THE INDUSTRIAL (M-1) ZONE AND DIRECT STAFF TO FILE A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION.**

**(1638 WEST 130<sup>TH</sup> STREET) (APN: 6102-006-017)**

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

### SECTION 1. RECITALS.

A. On May 26, 2021, the applicant, U.S. Tow, submitted an application for a conditional use permit to allow the storage of automobiles and a towing company use in the M-1 zone;

B. The General Plan land use designation is Industrial and the project site zoning is Industrial (M-1);

C. The subject property is bounded by general industrial uses to the south, west, and east and West 130<sup>th</sup> Street to the north;

D. On June 25, 2021, a public hearing was duly noticed for the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission meeting for July 6, 2021, at 7:00 PM at City Hall Council Chambers, 100 West 162<sup>nd</sup> Street, Gardena; [Zoom, not City Hall]

E. On July 6, 2021, the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission held the public hearing at which time it considered all material and evidence, whether written or oral;

F. In making the various findings set forth herein, the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission has considered all of the evidence presented by staff, the applicant, and the public, whether written or oral, and has considered the procedures and the standards required by the Gardena Municipal Code. The record of these proceedings can be found at the Community Development Department, Room 101, 1700 West 162<sup>nd</sup> Street, Gardena, California. The Community Development Director is the custodian of such record.

### SECTION 2. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Conditional Use Permit #4-21 to allow the outdoor storage of automobiles and to allow a towing company in the Industrial (M-1) zone as shown on the submitted plans, is hereby approved based on the following findings and subject to the conditions attached hereto as Exhibit A.

- 1. That the uses applied for at the location set forth in the application are proper for a conditional use permit authorized by this chapter;**

The towing company use is not specifically listed in the Gardena Municipal Code (GMC).

Section 18.42.040.A allows the Community Development Director (Director) to determine if unlisted uses are permitted, subject to a conditional use permit or other entitlement, on the basis that it is similar to those uses that are permitted within the zone.

In 2019, the Director determined that towing and automobile storage is similar to ambulance services, automobile repair facilities, contractors' businesses, and recreational vehicle storage facilities. As these facilities are all conditionally permitted, the Director determined that the storage of tow trucks and towed vehicles may be allowed subject to the approval of a conditional use permit. Thus, the application for a conditional use permit is deemed appropriate, and if approved, will authorize the applicant to store automobiles at the subject location.

2. **That such use is necessary or desirable for the development of the community and is compatible with the surrounding uses, is in harmony with the general plan, is not detrimental to the surrounding properties, existing uses, or to uses specifically permitted in the zone in which the proposed use is to be located, and will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare;**

The General Plan designates the subject property as Industrial, which covers a wide variety of land uses and is implemented by the Industrial (M-1) and General Industrial (M-2) zones. As the storage of automobiles would be similar to other conditionally permitted uses in the M-1 zone, the use is consistent with the zoning and Industrial land use designation.

The Industrial Land Use Category of the Gardena General Plan is designed to allow for a variety of clean and environmentally friendly industries. The project will provide a service to the city and community and will also enhance an existing underutilized lot in the M-1 zone. Allowing the operation of the towing service use will be consistent with various goals and policies of the General Plan including the following:

- *LU Goal 2: Develop and preserve high quality commercial centers and clean industrial uses that benefit the City's tax base, create jobs and provide a full range of services to the residents and businesses.*
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Subject to the approval of the conditional use permit and the issuance of the conditions of approval, the use will be consistent with the General Plan and Gardena Municipal Code, compatible with the surrounding area, and will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare.

3. **That the site for the intended use is adequate in size and shape to accommodate such use and all of the yards, setbacks, walls, fences, landscaping, and other features required in order to adjust such use to those existing or permitted future uses on land in the neighborhood;**

The project includes the construction of 4,400 square foot building, with new landscaping driveways gates and perimeter walls. The property is designed to meet all applicable



Municipal Code standards. Therefore, the site is considered adequate in size and shape to accommodate such use.

4. **That the site for the proposed use relates to streets and highways properly designed and improved so as to carry the type of quantity of traffic generated or to be generated by the proposed use;**

Pedestrian access to the subject property is provided by the sidewalk along West 130<sup>th</sup> Street. Vehicle access is provided via a two-way driveway on West 130<sup>th</sup> Street. Seven patron parking spaces are provided with direct access to the office entry.

The Circulation Plan, of the Gardena General Plan, designates this part of West 130<sup>th</sup> Street as a collector roadway. These roadways are intended to move traffic from local roadways to secondary roadways and have access to all types of land uses. Additionally, the proposed towing service business is not located on any designated truck routes as describes in the Circulation Plan. The applicant's request to operate a towing service and vehicle storage is not expected to increase traffic beyond what is already experienced; therefore, West 130<sup>th</sup> Street is considered properly designed to carry the type and quantity of traffic generated by the use.

5. **That the conditions stated in the decisions are deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare.**

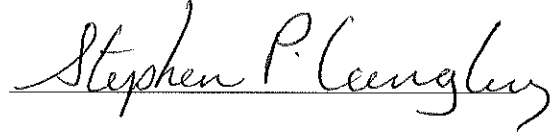
The conditions of approval for Conditional Use Permit 4-21, will ensure that the storage of automobiles will be compatible with, and not detrimental to, the surrounding uses in the vicinity.

### SECTION 3. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FINDINGS.

1. The project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to the following exemption:
  - a. Guidelines Section 15303, Construction of Small Structures – this exemption exempts up to four small structures not exceeding 10,000 square feet in floor area. The use of vehicle storage and office does not involve the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances, and the surrounding area is not environmentally sensitive.
2. The project is not subject to any of the exceptions to the exemptions under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15300.2, as the location of the project is predominantly urban and not considered a sensitive environment; therefore, the project will not result in any significant impacts that may otherwise occur in a sensitive environmental area. The cumulative impact of this project, and the approval of other projects like it in the vicinity, is not expected to have any significant environmental impact. Significant impacts would generally be studied during the initial construction of the use. The project is not located along any state designated scenic highway nor within any designated hazardous waste site. The applicant will be demolishing all existing structures to construct a new 4,400 square-foot building. None of the existing structures are considered a significant historical structure by any governmental body.

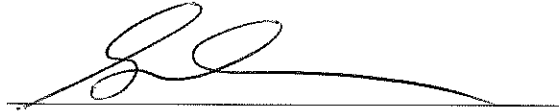
3. Staff is hereby directed to file a Notice of Exemption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 6th day of July, 2021.



STEPHEN LANGLEY, CHAIR  
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
QUALITY COMMISSION

ATTEST:



GREGG MCCLAIN, SECRETARY  
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
CITY OF GARDENA

I, Gregg McClain Planning and Environmental Quality Commission Secretary of the City of Gardena, do hereby certify the following:

1. That a copy of this Resolution and the Conditions of Approval (Exhibit A) will be sent to the applicant and to the City Council as a report of the findings and action of the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission; and
2. That the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission of the City of Gardena at a regular meeting thereof, held the 6th day of July, 2021, by the following vote of the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission:

AYES: Pierce, Henderson, Sherman, Kanhan, Langley

NOES:

ABSENT:

Attachments:

- Exhibit A: Conditions of Approval
- Exhibit B: Architectural Plans

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **CITY OF GARDENA**

#### **CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #4-21**

##### **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- GC 1. The applicant accepts all of the conditions of approval set forth in this document and shall sign the acknowledgement. A copy of the signed document shall be submitted to the Community Development Department prior to issuance of any construction permit.
- GC 2. Development of this site shall comply with the requirements and regulations of Title 15 (Building and Construction) and Title 18 (Zoning) of the Gardena Municipal Code.
- GC 3. The applicant shall comply with all written policies, resolutions, ordinances, and all applicable laws in effect at time of approval. The conditions of approval shall supersede all conflicting notations, specifications, and dimensions which may be shown on the project development plans.
- GC 4. The floor plan layout shall be in accordance with the plans approved by the Commission, as may be modified by these conditions of approval. The final completed project shall be in substantial compliance with the plans upon which the Commission based its decision, as modified by such decision.
- GC 5. The applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, its agents, officers, and employees from any claims, actions or proceedings, damages, costs (including without limitation attorneys' fees), injuries, or liabilities against the City or its agents, officers, or employees arising out of the City's approval of the Notice of Exemption and Conditional Use Permit. The City shall promptly notify the applicant of any claim, action, or proceeding and the City shall cooperate fully in the defense. If the City fails to promptly notify the applicant of any claim, action, or proceeding, or if the City fails to cooperate fully in the defense, the applicant shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless the City. Although the applicant is the real party in interest in action, the City may, at its sole discretion, participate in the defense of any action with the attorneys of its own choosing, but such participation shall not relieve the applicant of any obligation under this condition, including the payment of attorneys' fees.

##### **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**

- CUP1. Conditional Use Permit #4-21 shall be utilized within a period not to exceed 12 months from the date of approval, unless an extension is granted in accordance with Section 18.46.040 of the Gardena Municipal Code. Utilization shall mean the issuance of a building permit.

**PLANNING**

- PL1. The applicant shall ensure all impounded and towed vehicles are stored in the building or enclosed yard. The parking lot may be used for employee and customer parking only. Tow trucks are not permitted to be parked in this lot.
- PL2. The repair or maintenance of vehicles is strictly prohibited while a towing operation is being conducted on the property.
- PL3. The gates to the storage area shall adequately screen the contents of the storage area.
- PL4. All landscaping shall be maintained in a healthy and well-kept manner at all times. Dead or damaged landscape material/vegetation shall be replaced immediately per the approved landscape plan. The irrigation system shall be maintained at all times. Trees shall be permitted to grow to their maximum height.
- PL5. The applicant shall show compliance with the provisions of Chapter 14.08 of the Gardena Municipal Code and all current applicable State laws in regard to relocation assistance and payments to existing residential tenants to the Community Development Department before the issuance of demolition permits.
- PL6. All driveway gates shall have a minimum setback of 20-feet from the front property line.

**BUILDING & SAFETY**

- BS1. The Applicant shall comply with all current applicable City of Gardena Municipal Codes and Ordinances.
- BS2. The Applicant shall get permits for all work. All work shall comply with all applicable 2019 California Building Code Standards, as modified by the City of Gardena, and obtain all required permits from the Building Division. Including but not limited to 2019 CA Building Code, California Plumbing Code, California Mechanical Code, California Electrical Code, California Energy Code, and California Green Building Standards Code, as adopted.
- BS3. The Applicant shall comply with the 2020 Los Angeles County Fire Code and Fire Department requirements, as applicable.
- BS4. The building shall be fully sprinklered per National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 13.
- BS5. The property shall be maintained in a clean and orderly condition at all times and remove any graffiti from the site within 24 hours of its discovery in matching colors to the existing improvements.
- BS6. The Applicant shall provide storm water management plan study prepared by a qualified engineer acceptable to the Building Official and the Engineering Division and develop the property in accordance with such plan.
- BS7. The Applicant shall demonstrate that coverage has been obtained under California's General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity by

- providing a copy of the Notice of Intent (NOI) submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board and a copy of the subsequent notification of the issuance of a Waste Discharge Identification (WDID) Number or other proof of filing shall be provided to the Chief Building Official and the City Engineer. Projects subject to this requirement shall prepare and implement a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). A copy of the SWPPP shall be kept at the project site and be available for review on request. Best Management Practices shall be used during construction to prevent construction materials and soil from entering the storm drain.
- BS8. The Applicant shall submit a Final Priority WQMP to the Building Division for review and approval. This plan shall be in conformance with all current NPDES requirements. The WQMP must implement Low Impact Development (LID) principles such that projects infiltrate, harvest, re-use, evaporation, or bio-treat storm water runoff. Sheet flowing storm-water, without filtering, is no longer acceptable.
- BS9. The Applicant shall submit a site lighting plan, with photometrics, for review and approval by the Building Official and the Director of Community Development prior to the issuance of building permits. The plan shall ensure that all exterior lighting (i.e., parking areas, building areas, and entries) shall employ illumination in a manner that meets the approval of the Building Official and the Director of Community Development before building permits are issued. All light fixtures shall be designed and located in a manner that does not allow spillover onto adjacent properties. Additionally, the exterior lighting fixtures shall be architecturally consistent with the design of the building, as reviewed and approved by the Director of Community Development.
- BS10. The Applicant shall maintain a 26-foot minimum backup distance from the parking stalls. Driveway shall be maintained as a no parking zone and be marked with Fire Lane-No Parking signs.
- BS11. The address shall be posted on the building and on the curbs per CA Building and Fire codes.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

- PW1. All work in the public right of way shall be constructed in accordance with the Standard Plans and Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction, latest edition, and be designed and signed by a registered Civil Engineer or other applicable professional license engineer(s). This includes supplements thereto and City of Gardena Standard Drawings.
- PW2. Before undertaking any Encroachment/Excavation within the public right of way, the owner must first obtain the applicable permit from the Public Works Engineering Division.
- PW3. The project shall utilize the County's benchmarks and any controlling survey monumentation (property lines, tract lines, street centerline, etc.) which are at risk of being destroyed or disturbed during the course of the project must be preserved in

accordance with Section 8771(b) of the California Business and Professions Code (Professional Land Surveyors Act). Preconstruction field ties, along with the preparation and filling of the required Corner Records or Record of Survey with the County of Los Angeles, shall be accomplished by, or under the direction of, a licensed surveyor or civil engineer authorized to practice land surveying.

Copies of said records shall be furnished to the City Engineering for review and approval prior to issuance of any onsite or offsite construction permit. In addition, any monuments disturbed or destroyed by this project must be reset and post-construction Corner Records or Record of Survey filed with the County of Los Angeles. A copy of the recorded documents shall be submitted to the Engineering office for review and approval prior to issuance and/or finalizing any permits within the public right of way.

- PW4. Prior to issuance of permits, all public improvements (if any) shall be guaranteed to be installed by the execution of an Agreement for Public Improvements secured by sufficient bond sureties or cash, complete indemnification form, Certification of Insurance (General Liability, Auto & Workers Compensation) naming City of Gardena as additional insured, contractor State License and City Business License.
- PW5. All public improvements, studies, designs, plans, calculations and other requirements shall be installed, provided and supplied by the developer in accordance with City and State codes, policies and requirements at no cost to the City.
- PW6. The applicant shall remove and replace all curb, gutter, curb ramp, spandrel, driveway, traffic/street sign, red curb, and sidewalk fronting the project.
- PW7. Existing tree on the sidewalk can remain while 2 trees along the property line shall be removed. Street tree improvements to be coordinate with City Public Works Park's Superintendent (310-217-9657).
- PW8. The applicant is responsible for all applicable permit, plan check surety, sewer fees, and other incidental fees pertaining to the proposed project.

#### **LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- FD1. The applicant shall submit the plans to the Los Angeles County Fire Department for approval and shall comply with all applicable Los Angeles County Fire Department requirements.
- FD2. The applicant shall ensure that vehicles are not stored in a manner as to block, encroach into or otherwise impede Fire Department Access.

*RESO NO. PC 8-21; CUP #4-21*

*July 6, 2021*

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U.S. Tow, certifies that it has read, understood, and agrees to the Project Conditions listed herein.

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U.S. Tow

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Date

By \_\_\_\_\_



# US TOW GARAGE

1638 W 130TH ST, GARDENA, CA 90249

1 STORY WAREHOUSE / OFFICE  
W/ ASSOCIATED PARKING AND  
IMPOUNDED VEHICLE STORAGE

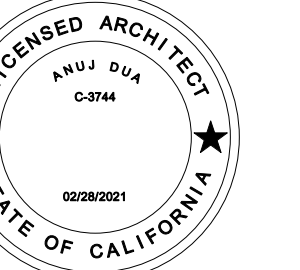


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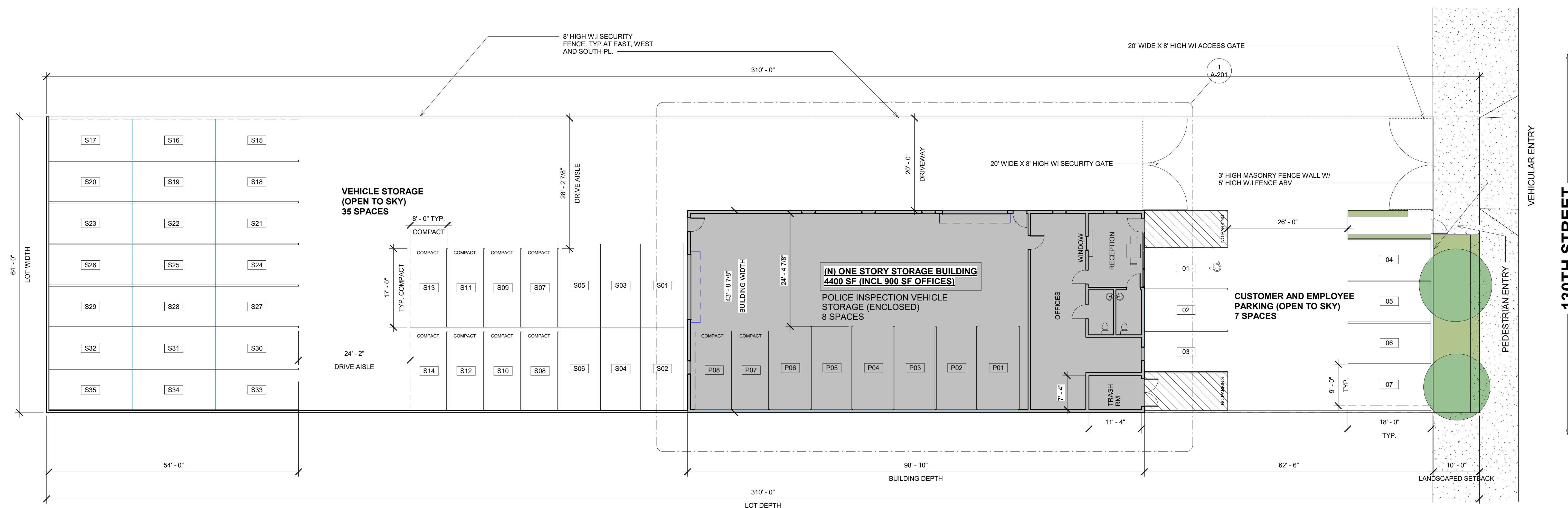
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PROJECT AND SITE INFORMATION		PROJECT DIRECTORY		VICINITY MAP			
<b>PROJECT ADDRESS:</b>	1638 W 130TH ST, GARDENA, CA	<b>OWNER</b>	US TOW				
<b>LEGAL DESCRIPTION:</b>	Real property in the City of Gardena, County of Los Angeles, State of California, described as follows:	<b>CONTACT: RAJ DHILLON</b>	TEL: 310.915.2206 EMAIL: ustowbackup@gmail.com				
<b>ASSESSORS PARCEL NO.:</b>	6102-006-017	<b>ARCHITECT</b>	SPAD ARCHITECTS 1050 LATIN WAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90065 CONTACT: ANUJ DUA TEL: 310.402.4354 EMAIL: adua@spadarch.com				
ZONING INFORMATION		PARKING CALCULATIONS					
<b>DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO.:</b>	PENDING	<b>USE</b>	<b>AREA</b>			<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>REQUIRED</b>
<b>ZONING:</b>	M1 (INDUSTRIAL ZONE)	WAREHOUSE	3,500 SF			1/1,000 SF	4 SPACES
<b>LOT AREA:</b>	19,840 SF +/-	OFFICE	900 SF	1/300 SF	3 SPACES		
<b>BUILDING AREA:</b>	4,400 GSF	<b>TOTAL REQUIRED</b>				<b>7 SPACES</b>	
<b>ALLOWABLE FAR:</b>	1.0 FAR (19,840 SF)	<b>TOTAL PROVIDED SPACES</b>	(INCLUDES UP TO 25% COMPACT & VAN ACCESSIBLE SPACE)			<b>7 SPACES</b>	
<b>PROPOSED FAR:</b>	0.22 FAR	<b>VEHICLE STORAGE</b>					
<b>BUILDING HEIGHT:</b>	25' MAX PROPOSED	<b>OUTDOOR PROVIDED = 35 SPACES</b>	(INCLUDES UP TO 25% COMPACT, AND DOUBLE/TRIPLE TANDEM)				
<b>PROPOSED USE:</b>	VEHICLE STORAGE WAREHOUSE, OFFICE W/ ASSOCIATED PARKING AND ADDITIONAL OUTDOOR VEHICLE STORAGE	<b>INDOOR PROVIDED = 8 SPACES (FOR POLICE INSPECTION)</b>	(INCLUDES UP TO 25% COMPACT)				
<b>SETBACKS (REQUIRED):</b>	FRONT (10' LANDSCAPED SETBACK) / REAR (NONE) / SIDE (NONE)						
<b>SETBACKS (PROVIDED):</b>	FRONT (10' LANDSCAPED SETBACK) / REAR (NONE) / SIDE (NONE)						



1 SITE PLAN  
3/32" = 1'-0"

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DRAWING TITLE:  
**PROJECT SUMMARY, SITE PLAN**

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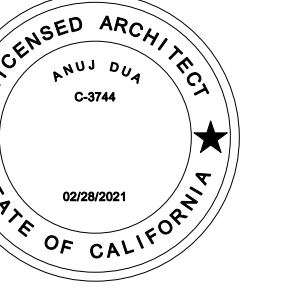
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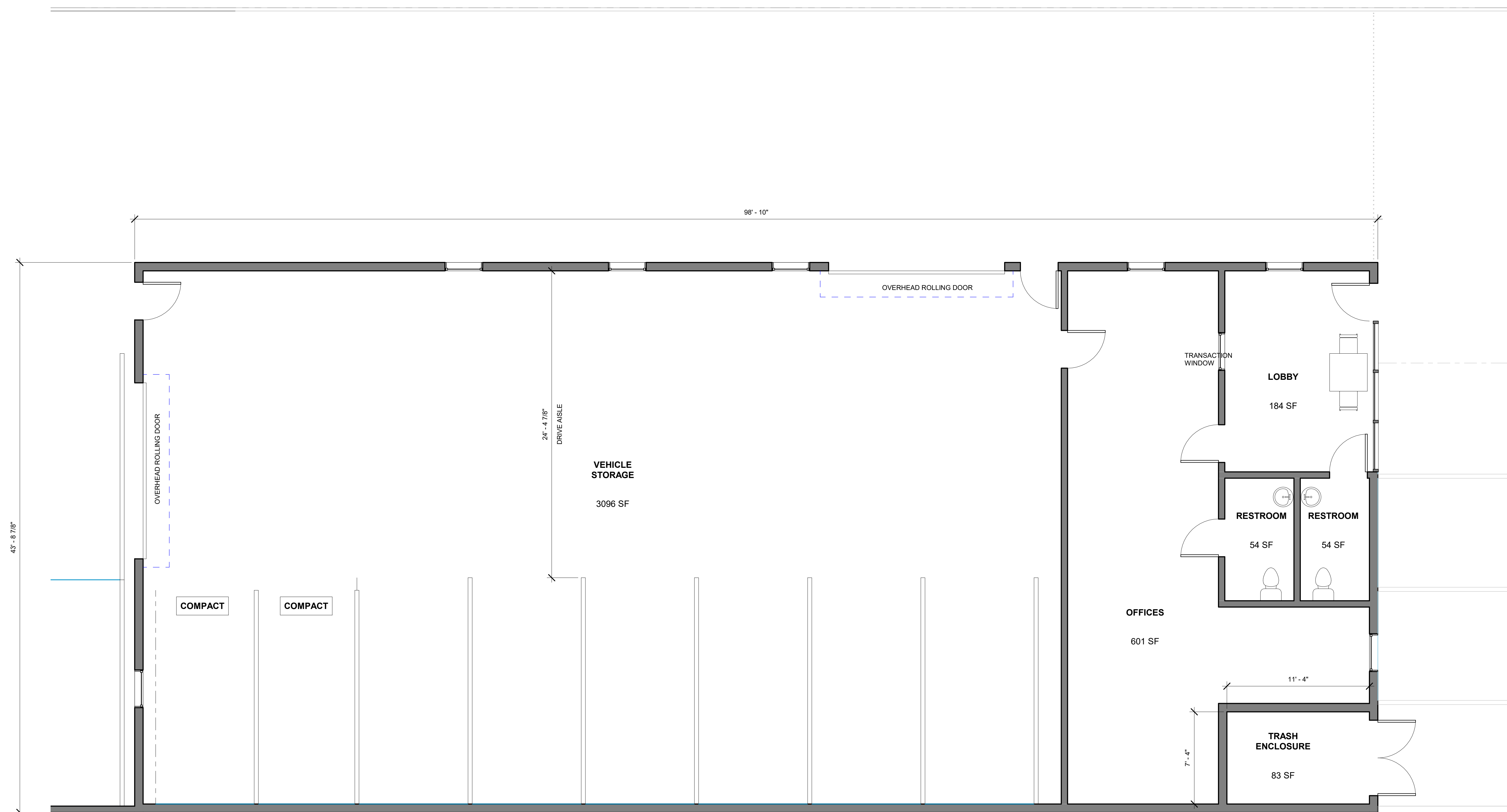


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**1** FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
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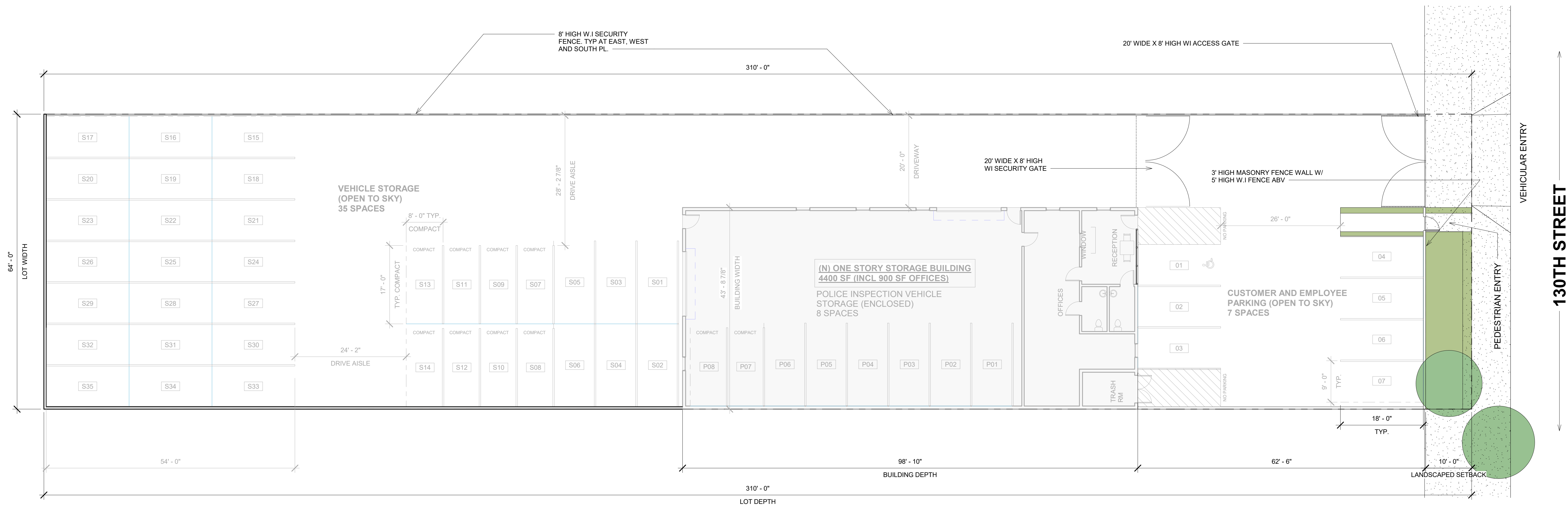
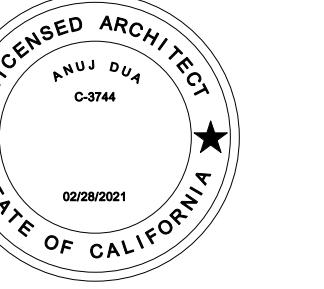
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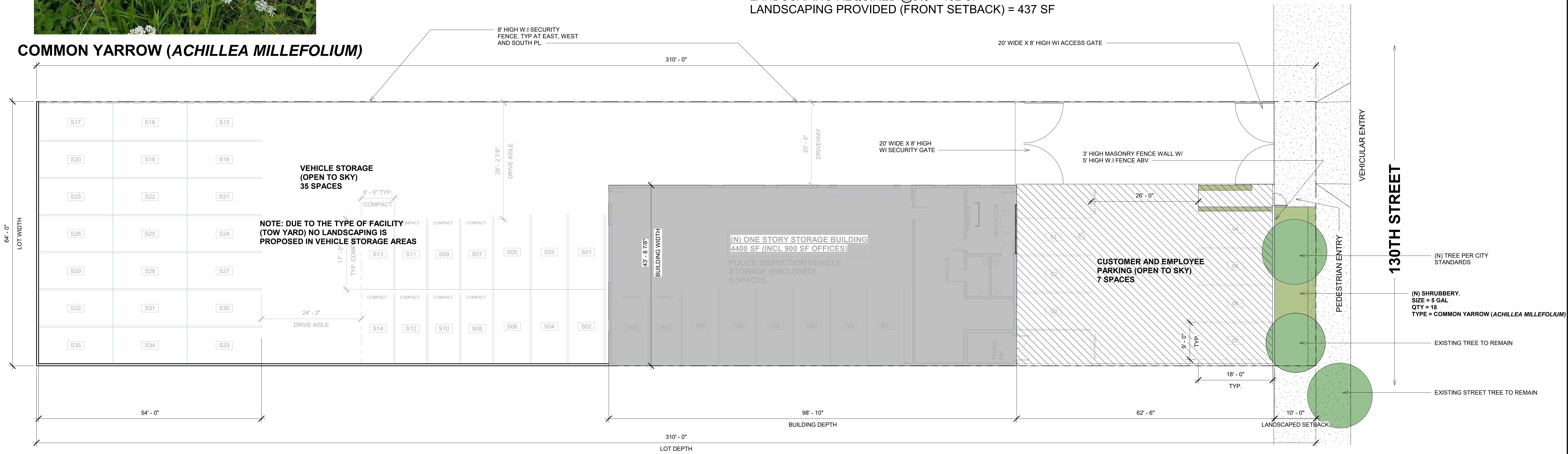
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COMMON YARROW (*ACHILLEA MILLEFOLIUM*)

**LANDSCAPE CALCULATIONS PER 18.40.090**

PARKING AREA = 2,640 SF  
LANDSCAPING REQUIRED @5% = 132 SF  
LANDSCAPING PROVIDED (FRONT SETBACK) = 437 SF



1 LANDSCAPE PLAN

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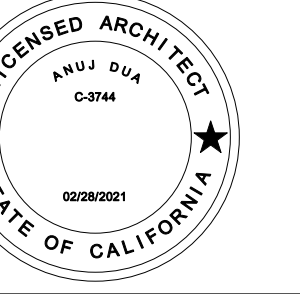
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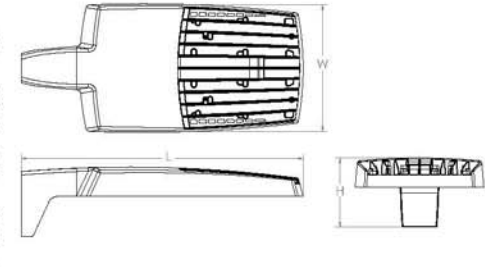
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**Introduction**  
The new RSX2 LED Area family delivers maximum value by providing significant energy savings, long life and outstanding photometric performance at an affordable price. The RSX2 delivers 11,000 to 31,000 lumens allowing it to replace 250W to 1000W HID luminaires.  
The RSX features an integral universal mounting mechanism that allows the luminaire to be mounted on most existing drill hole patterns. This "no-drill" solution provides significant labor savings. An easy-access door on the bottom of mounting arm allows for wiring without opening the electrical compartment. A mast arm adaptor, adjustable integral slipfitter and other mounting configurations are available.

**Specifications**

EPA (H=60°):	0.69 ft <sup>2</sup> (0.06 m <sup>2</sup> )
Length:	29.3" (74.4 cm) (SPA mount)
Width:	13.4" (34.0 cm)
Height:	3.0" (7.6 cm) Main Body 7.2" (18.3 cm) Arm
Weight (SPA mount):	30.0 lbs (13.6 kg)



**Ordering Information**

EXAMPLE: RSX2 LED P6 40K R3 MVOLT SPA DDBXD

RSX2 LED Series	Performance Package	Color Temperature	Distribution	Voltage	Mounting	Options
RSX2 LED	P1	30K	300K	R2	Type 2 Wall	SP4
	P2	40K	400K	R3	Type 3 Wall	SP4
	P3	50K	500K	R5	Type 5 Street	SP4
	P4			R6	Type 6 Wall	SP4
	P5			R5	Type 5 Street	SP4
	P6			R5	Type 5 Street	SP4

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**Ordering Information**

**Accessories**

RSX2-SP4	RSX2 Mast Arm (Standard)
RSX2-SP4-10	RSX2 Mast Arm (10' Long)
RSX2-SP4-20	RSX2 Mast Arm (20' Long)
RSX2-SP4-30	RSX2 Mast Arm (30' Long)
RSX2-SP4-40	RSX2 Mast Arm (40' Long)
RSX2-SP4-50	RSX2 Mast Arm (50' Long)
RSX2-SP4-60	RSX2 Mast Arm (60' Long)
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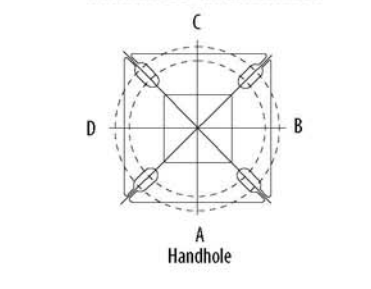
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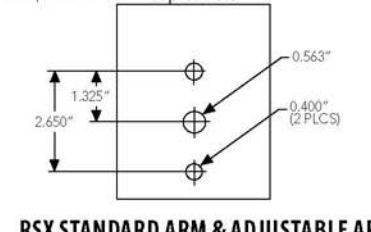
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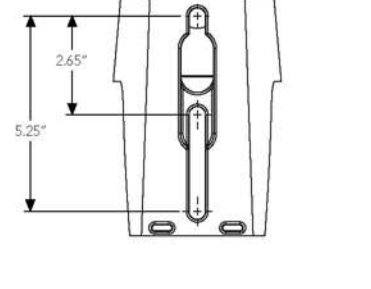
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**RSX Pole Drilling**

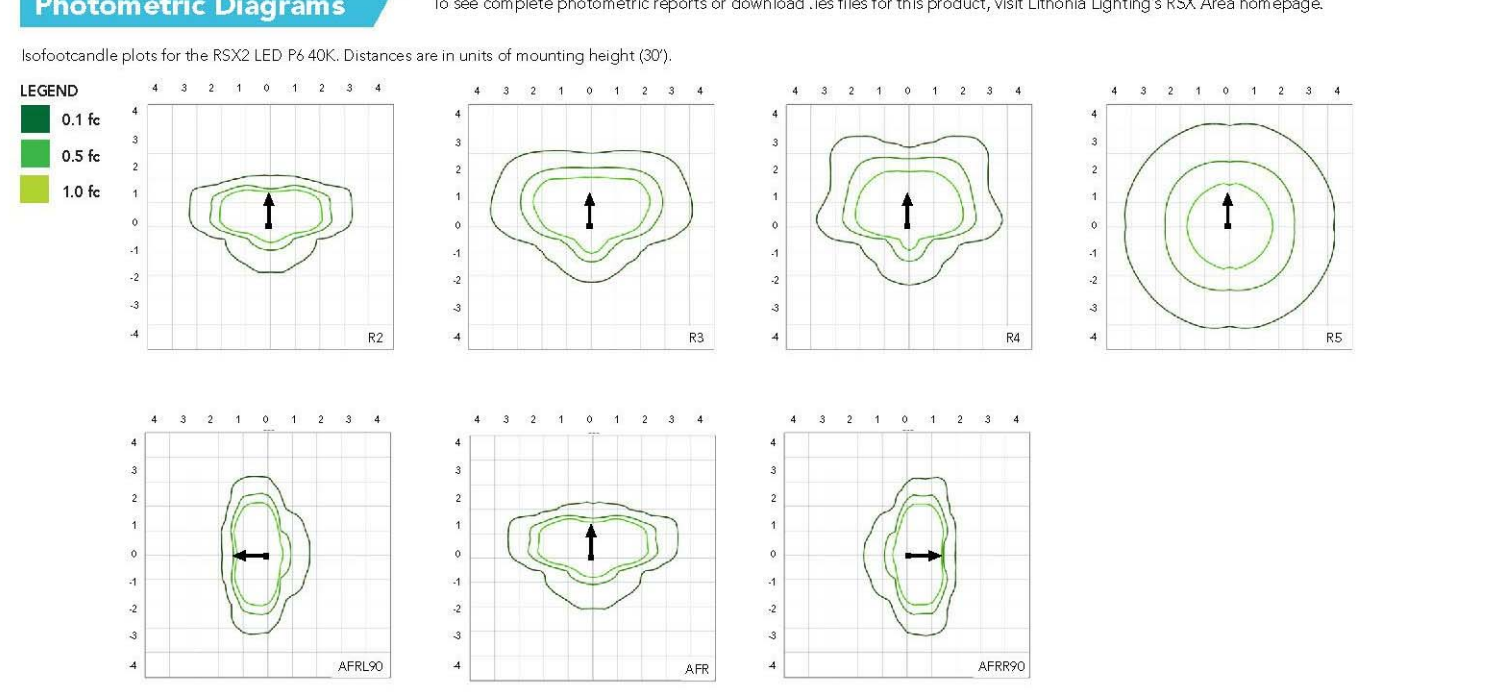


**RSX Standard Arm & Adjustable Arm**



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**Photometric Diagrams**



**Performance Data**

**Lumen Ambient Temperature (LAT) Multipliers**

Ambient Temperature (°F)	Multiplier
70	1.00
75	0.95
80	0.90
85	0.85
90	0.80
95	0.75
100	0.70
105	0.65
110	0.60
115	0.55
120	0.50

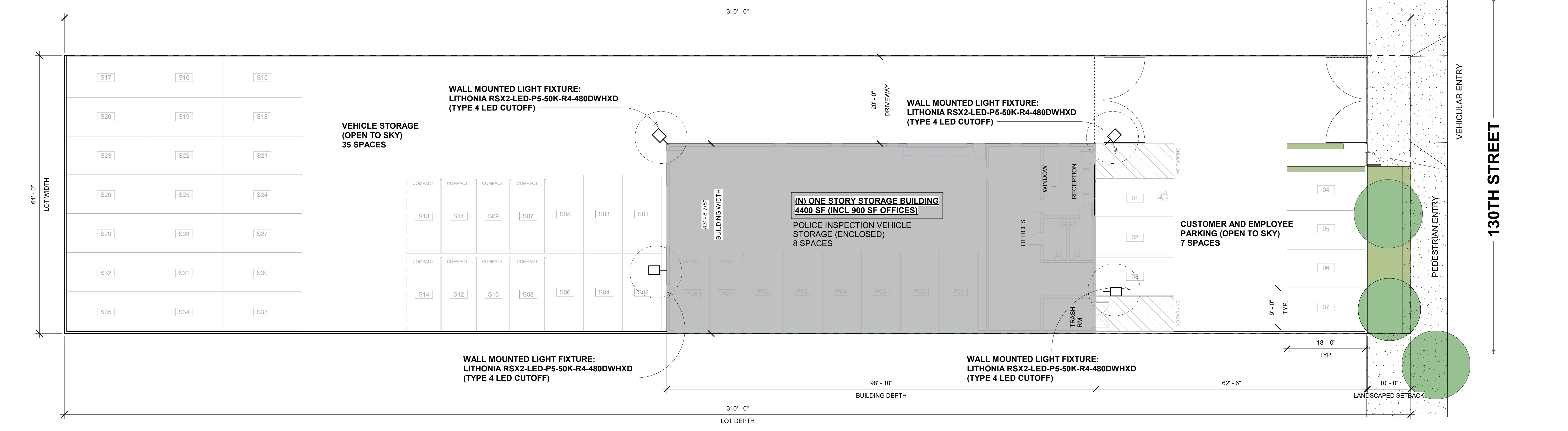
**Electrical Load**

Power (W)	Current (A)
100	0.45
200	0.90
300	1.35
400	1.80
500	2.25
600	2.70
700	3.15
800	3.60
900	4.05
1000	4.50

**Projected LED Lumen Maintenance**

Hours	3000K	7500K	10000K
1000	95%	95%	95%
2000	90%	90%	90%
3000	85%	85%	85%
4000	80%	80%	80%
5000	75%	75%	75%
6000	70%	70%	70%
7000	65%	65%	65%
8000	60%	60%	60%
9000	55%	55%	55%
10000	50%	50%	50%

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**1 LIGHTING PLAN**  
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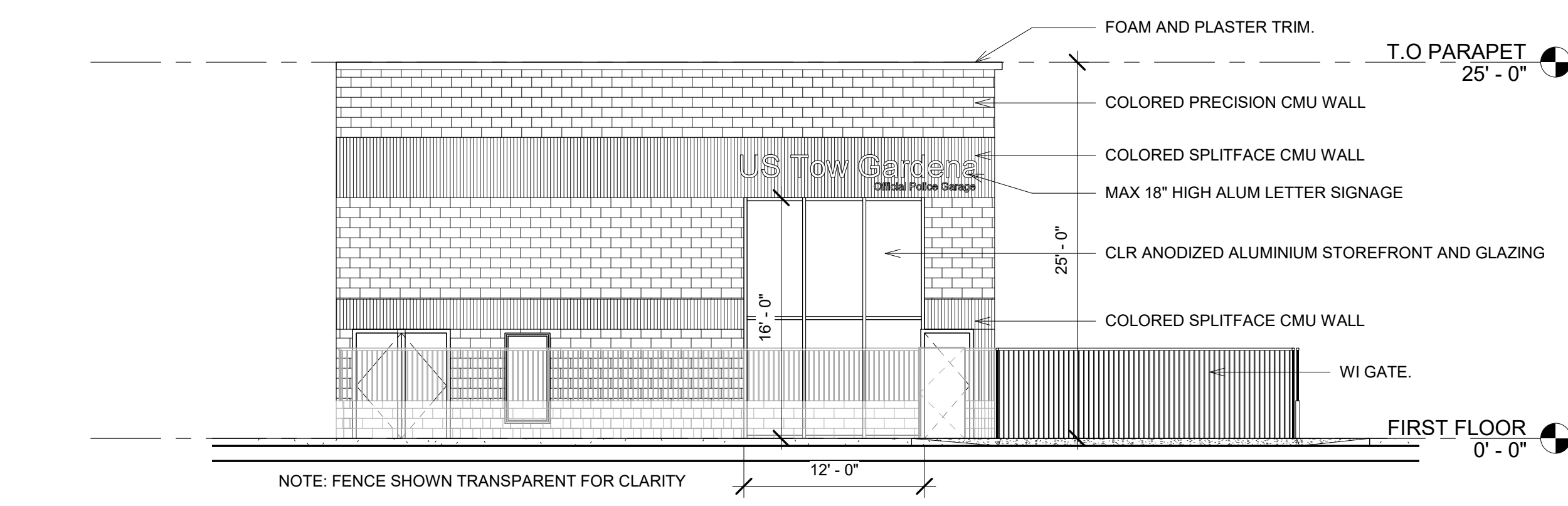
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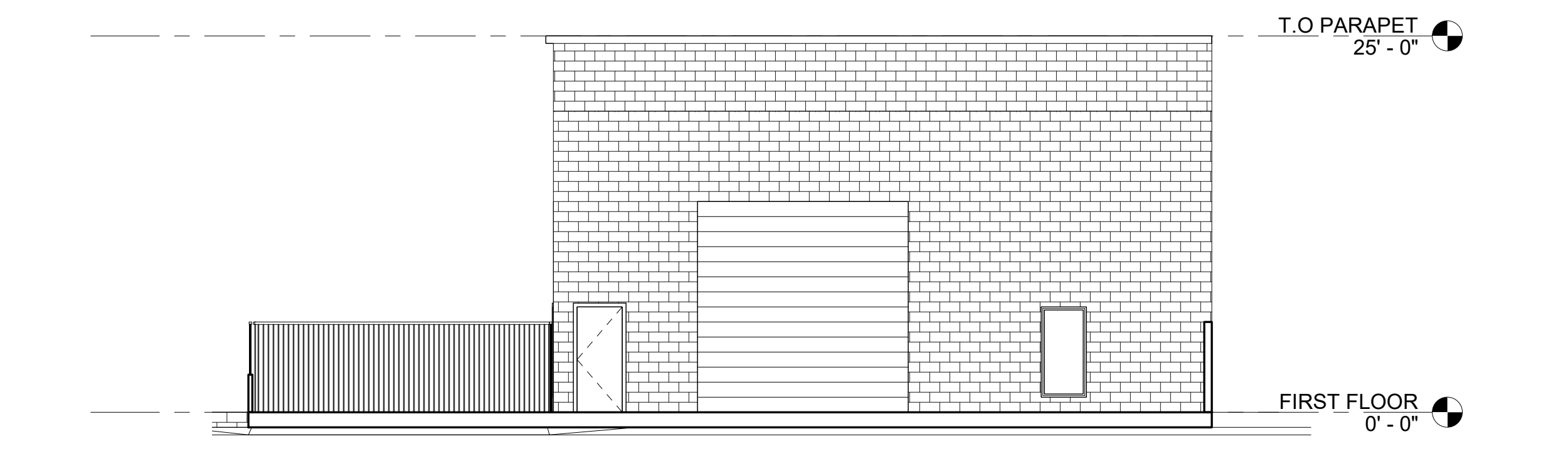




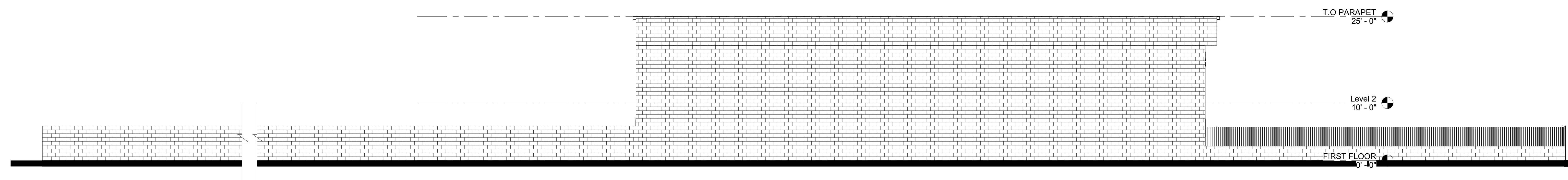
VIEW FROM 130TH STREET



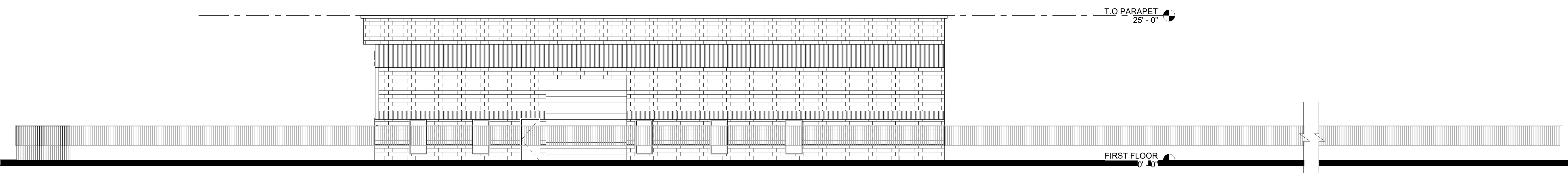
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2 SOUTH ELEVATION  
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3 EAST ELEVATION  
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4 WEST ELEVATION  
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Conditional Use Permit #4-21

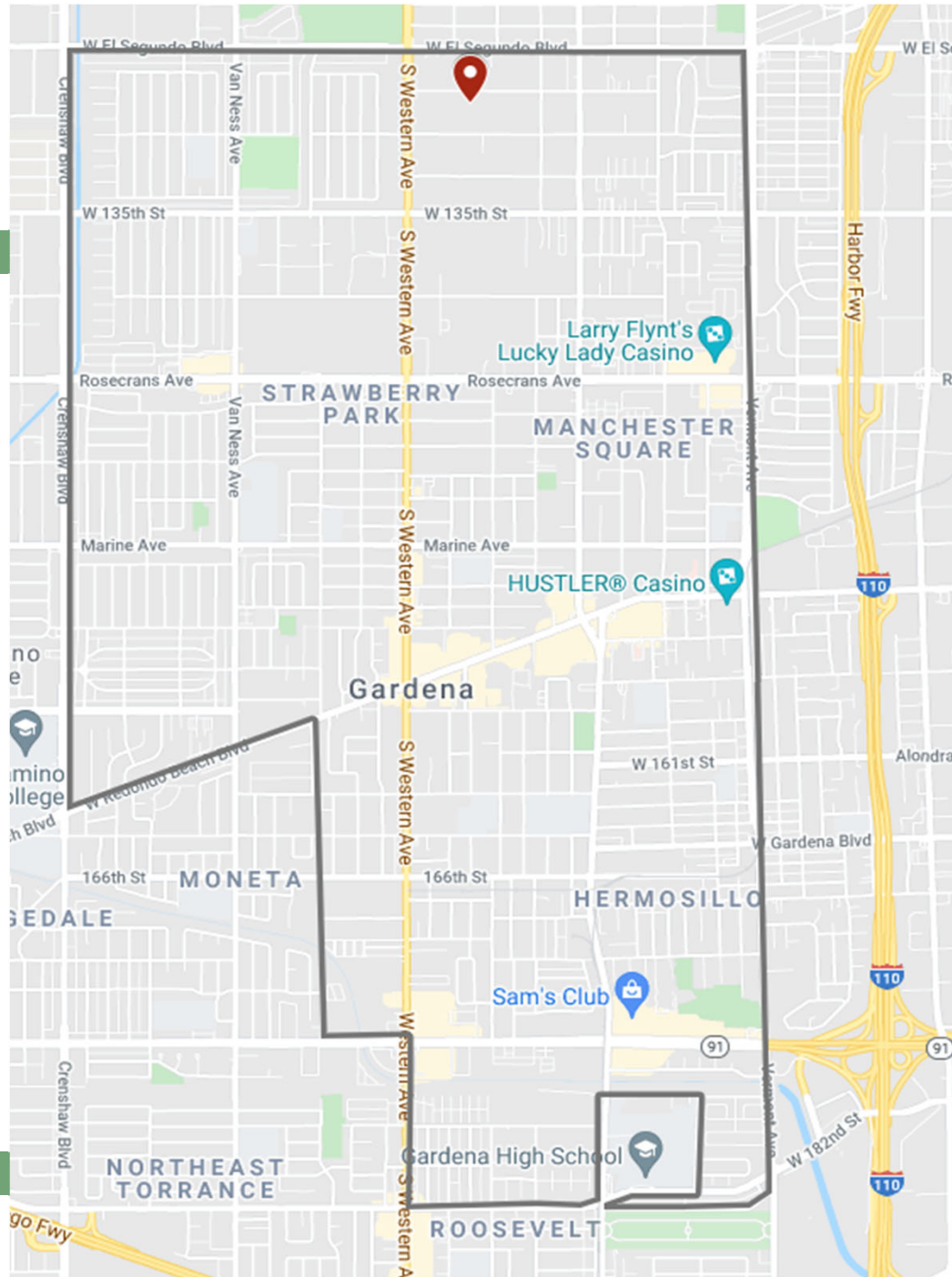
A request for a conditional use permit to allow a towing company and associated outdoor storage in the M-1 zone

1638 West 130th Street (APN: 6102-006-017)

Applicant: Raj Dhillon, U.S. Tow Inc.




# Vicinity Map

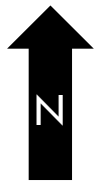


# Zoning Map

## Legend

 M-1 Zoning

 Project Site





# Site Photo





# Background

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- ❑ 2019, the Gardena City Council awarded a franchise agreement for City-related towing services to U.S. Tow Inc.
- ❑ On July 16, 2019, the Planning Commission approved U.S. Tow's request to operate towing company and associated automobile storage at 1600 West 139th Street.
- ❑ In November 2020, the location sustained fire damage.
- ❑ The applicant submitted a new application for a Conditional Use Permit for 1638 W 130<sup>th</sup> Street.



# Project Description

- A request to allow a towing company and associated outdoor storage in the Industrial (M-1) zone
  - A new 4,400 square foot warehouse building
  - 7 patron parking spaces
  - 35 Outdoor storage spaces
- Operations:
  - 24-hours everyday
  - Public Hours:
    - Monday – Friday 8:00pm to 6:00 pm
    - Saturdays 8:00am to 5:00pm
    - Sundays 9:00am to 1:00pm

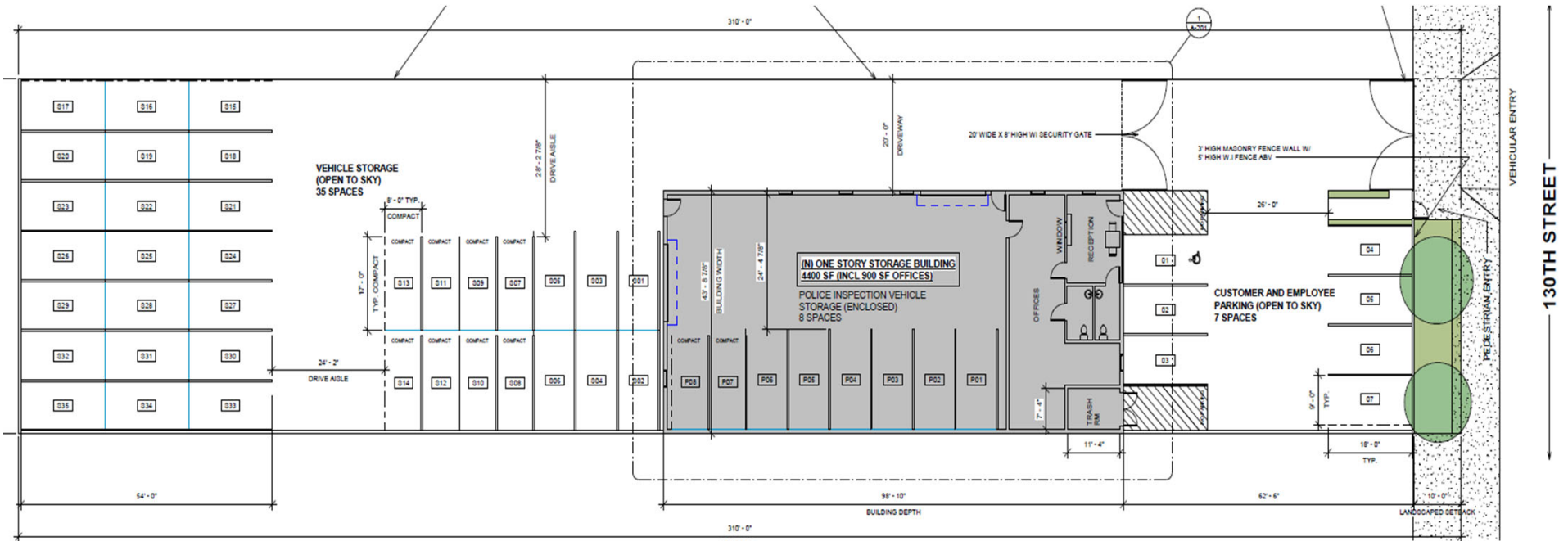


# Renderings

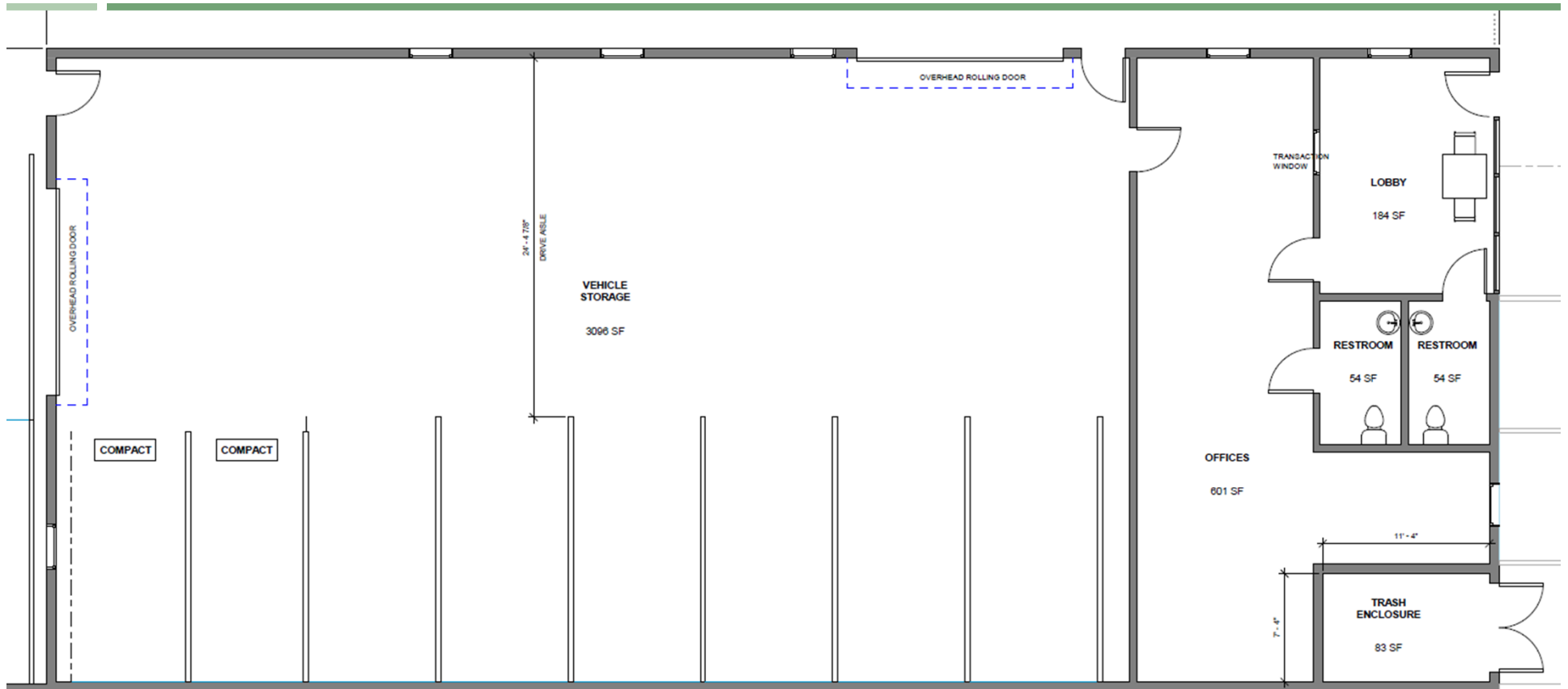


VIEW FROM 130TH STREET

# Site Plan



# Floor Plan



# Analysis: Conditional Use Permit

- GMC Section 18.42.040A:

The Community Development Director may determine if an ***unlisted*** use is permitted, subject to a conditional use permit or other entitlement.

- In 2019, the Director determined towing and automobile storage is subject to a conditional use permit.
- The applicant's request for a conditional use permit is deemed proper.





# Analysis: Conditional Use Permit

Development Standard Comparison			
<i>Standard</i>	<i>M-1 Zone</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Compliant</i>
Max. FAR	1.0	0.22	Yes
Max. Building Height	65 ft.	25	Yes
Setbacks			
<i>Front</i>	10	10	
<i>Sides (West)</i>	None	20	Yes
<i>Side (East)</i>	None	0	
<i>Rear</i>	None	134	
Max. Fence Height	8 ft.	8	Yes
Min. Parking			
<i>Warehouse</i> 1 space/1,000 sf	4 spaces	4	Yes
<i>Office</i> 1 space/300 sf	3	3	
TOTAL	7	7	
Refuse Area	Within Building Footprint or Fully Screened	Within Building Footprint	Yes



# Analysis

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## **General Plan Consistency**

- Economic Development Plan Goal 1: “ Promote a growing and diverse business community that provides jobs, goods, and services for the local and regional market, and maintains a sound tax base for the City. Encourage diversification of businesses to support the local economy and provide a stable revenue stream”





# Environmental Considerations

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- The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Guideline Sections:
  - Class 3 – 15303 – New Construction of Small Structures
- Not subject to any of the exceptions to the exemptions.



# Public Noticing

#12

- On June 24, 2021:
  - Advertised in the Gardena Valley News
  - Mailed to owners and occupants within a 300'
- No public comments received



# STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- ❑ Open the public hearing;
- ❑ Receive testimony from the public; and
- ❑ Adopt Resolution No. PC 8-21, approving Conditional Use Permit #4-21 subject to the conditions of approval and directing staff to file a Notice of Exemption



**RESOLUTION NO. 6527**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, UPHOLDING THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION'S DECISION AND APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #4-21 TO ALLOW A TOWING COMPANY AND ASSOCIATED OUTDOOR STORAGE IN THE INDUSTRIAL (M-1) ZONE AND DIRECT STAFF TO FILE A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**(1638 WEST 130 STREET) (APN # 6113-002-018)**

**WHEREAS**, on May 26, 2021, the applicant, U.S. Tow, submitted an application for a conditional use permit to allow a towing company and associated outdoor storage use for the property located at 1638 West 130<sup>th</sup> Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Plan land use designation is Industrial and the project site zoning is Industrial (M-1);

**WHEREAS**, the subject property is bounded by general industrial uses to the south, west, and east and West 130<sup>th</sup> Street to the north;

**WHEREAS**, on June 25, 2021, a public hearing was duly noticed for the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission meeting for July 6, 2021, at 7:00 PM at City Hall Council Chambers, 100 West 162<sup>nd</sup> Street, Gardena;

**WHEREAS**, on July 6, 2021, the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission held the public hearing at which time it considered all material and evidence, whether written or oral, after which it adopted Resolution No. PC 8-21 approving the conditional use permit and directed staff to file a notice of exemption; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 13, 2021, Council Member Francis timely called for review of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 29, 2021, a public hearing was duly noticed for the City Council meeting of August 10, 2021, at which time it held a public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, in making the various findings set forth herein, the City Council has considered all of the evidence presented by staff, the applicant, and the public, whether written or oral, and has considered the procedures and the standards required by the Gardena Municipal Code. The record of these proceedings can be found at the Community Development Department, Room 101, 1700 West 162<sup>nd</sup> Street, Gardena, California. The Director of Community Development is the custodian of such record.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**

Conditional Use Permit #4-21 to allow a towing company and associated outdoor storage use in the Industrial (M-1) zone as shown on the submitted plans (Exhibit B), is hereby approved based on the following findings and subject to the conditions attached hereto as Exhibit A:

**A. That the use applied for at the location set forth in the application is properly one for which a conditional use permit is authorized by this chapter;**

The towing company use is not specifically listed in the Gardena Municipal Code (GMC). Section 18.42.040.A allows the Community Development Director (Director) to determine if unlisted uses are permitted, subject to a conditional use permit or other entitlement, on the basis that it is similar to those uses that are permitted within the zone.

In 2019, the Director determined that towing and automobile storage is similar to ambulance services, automobile repair facilities, contractors' businesses, and recreational vehicle storage facilities. As these facilities are all conditionally permitted, the Director determined that the storage of tow trucks and towed vehicles may be allowed subject to the approval of a conditional use permit. Thus, the application for a conditional use permit is deemed appropriate, and if approved, will authorize the applicant to store automobiles at the subject location.

**B. That such use is necessary or desirable for the development of the community and is compatible with the surrounding uses, is in harmony with the general plan, is not detrimental to the surrounding properties, existing uses, or to uses specifically permitted in the zone in which the proposed use is to be located, and will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare;**

The General Plan designates the subject property as Industrial, which covers a wide variety of land uses and is implemented by the Industrial (M-1) and General Industrial (M-2) zones. As the storage of automobiles would be similar to other conditionally permitted uses in the M-1 zone, the use is consistent with the zoning and Industrial land use designation.

The Industrial Land Use Category of the Gardena General Plan is designed to allow for a variety of clean and environmentally friendly industries. The project will provide a service to the city and community and will also enhance an existing underutilized lot in the M-1 zone. Allowing the operation of the towing service use will be consistent with various goals and policies of the General Plan including the following:

- LU Goal 2: Develop and preserve high quality commercial centers and clean industrial uses that benefit the City's tax base, create jobs and provide a full range of services to the residents and businesses.

- LU Goal 3: Provide high quality, attractive and well-maintained commercial, industrial, and public environments that enhance the image and vitality of the City.
- Land Use Policy 3.8: Require all outdoor storage to be concealed from view from the public right of ways and adjoining land uses.
- DS Goal 7: Utilize extensive landscaping to beautify Gardena's streets and sidewalks.

Subject to the approval of the conditional use permit and the issuance of the conditions of approval, the use will be consistent with the General Plan and Gardena Municipal Code, compatible with the surrounding area, and will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare.

**C. That the site for the intended use is adequate in size and shape to accommodate such use and all of the yards, setbacks, walls, fences, landscaping, and other features required in order to adjust such use to those existing or permitted future uses on land in the neighborhood;**

The project includes the construction of 4,400 square foot building, with new landscaping driveways gates and perimeter walls. The property is designed to meet all applicable Municipal Code standards. Therefore, the site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate such use.

**D. That the site for the proposed use relates to streets and highways properly designed and improved so as to carry the type of quantity of traffic generated or to be generated by the proposed use;**

Pedestrian access to the subject property is provided by the sidewalk along West 130th Street. Vehicle access is provided via a two-way driveway on West 130th Street. Seven patron parking spaces are provided with direct access to the office entry.

The Circulation Plan of the Gardena General Plan designates this part of West 130th Street as a collector roadway. These roadways are intended to move traffic from local roadways to secondary roadways and have access to all types of land uses. Additionally, the proposed towing service business is not located on any designated truck routes as described in the Circulation Plan. The applicant's request to operate a towing service and vehicle storage is not expected to increase traffic beyond what is already experienced or for which the street was designed; therefore, West 130th Street is considered properly designed to carry the type and quantity of traffic generated by the use.

**E. That the conditions stated in the decisions are deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare.**

The conditions of approval for Conditional Use Permit 4-21, will ensure that the storage of automobiles will be compatible with, and not detrimental to, the surrounding uses in the vicinity.

**SECTION 2. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

- A. The project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Guidelines Section 15303, Construction of Small Structures – this exemption exempts up to four small structures not exceeding 10,000 square feet in floor area. The use of vehicle storage and office does not involve the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances, and the surrounding area is not environmentally sensitive.
  
- B. The project is not subject to any of the exceptions to the exemptions under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15300.2, as the location of the project is predominantly urban and not considered a sensitive environment; therefore, the project will not result in any significant impacts that may otherwise occur in a sensitive environmental area. The cumulative impact of this project, and the approval of other projects like it in the vicinity, is not expected to have any significant environmental impact. Significant impacts would generally be studied during the initial construction of the use. The project is not located along any state designated scenic highway nor within any designated hazardous waste site. The applicant will be demolishing all existing structures to construct a new 4,400 square-foot building. None of the existing structures are considered a significant historical structure by any governmental body.
  
- C. Staff is hereby directed to file a Notice of Exemption.

**SECTION 3.** Certification. The City Clerk shall certify the passage of this resolution.

**SECTION 4.** Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Passed, approved, and adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

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TASHA CERDA, Mayor

ATTEST:

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MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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LISA KRANITZ, Assistant City Attorney

Exhibit A: Conditions of Approval  
Exhibit B: Architectural Plans