

#2020-112 410 Knaack Boulevard – Com Ed – Variation Project Review for Planning and Zoning Commission

Meeting Date: July 15, 2020

Request: Variation from Article 4 Fences, Walls and Screening to allow a 12-

foot high fence, a variation of 4 feet above the 8-foot maximum

height permitted in the manufacturing zoning district.

Location: 410 Knaack Boulevard

Acreage: Approximately 15 acres

Existing Zoning: M Manufacturing

Surrounding Properties: North: M Manufacturing

South: M Manufacturing
East: M Manufacturing
West: M Manufacturing

Staff Contact: Elizabeth Maxwell (815.356.3615)

Background:

- The property is the Commonwealth Edison Sub-Station. There is an existing fence around the property, which needs to be removed and updated.
- The new fence would be 12 feet in height, 11 feet with 1 foot of stretched barb wire on top and the support posts would reach up to 18 feet in height.
- The Unified Development Ordinance allows a maximum height of 8 feet for fences in manufacturing zoning districts.

Development Analysis:

General

- Zoning: The site is zoned M Manufacturing. This property is used for a public utility.
- <u>Land Use</u>: The land use map shows the area as Public/Semi-Public. This land use designation is appropriate for this use.

Project Analysis:

SITE PLAN

- The fence is located over 100 feet from the property line at the intersection of Knaack Boulevard and Beechcraft Lane and 20 feet from the rear property line backing to the railroad tracks.
- The fence will keep people safe by restricting entry to the sub-station.

Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2030 Vision Summary Review:

The Comprehensive Plan designates the subject property as Public/Semi-Public, which allows for existing and future Private Utilities. The following goal is applicable to this request:

Community Facilities – Public Facilities

Goal: Support the specific needs and goals of public facilities to ensure cooperation between public and city facilities for the health, safety, and needs of the community.

Findings of Fact:

ZONING ORDINANCE VARIATION

The petitioner is requesting a Variation from Article 4 Fences, walls and screening to allow the construction of a 12-foot fence.

The Unified Development Ordinance lists specific standards for the review and approval of a variation. The granting of a variation rests upon the applicant proving practical difficulty or hardship caused by the Ordinance requirements as they relate to the property. To be considered a zoning hardship, the specific zoning requirements; setbacks, lot width and lot area must create a unique situation on this property. It is the responsibility of the petitioner to prove hardship at the Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing.

Standards

When evidence in a specific case shows conclusively that literal enforcement of any provision of this Ordinance would result in a practical difficulty or particular hardship because:

| a. | The plight of the property owner is due to unique circumstances, such as, unusual surroundings or conditions of the property involved, or by reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape of a zoning lot, or because of unique topography, or underground conditions. |
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| | ☐ Meets ☐ Does not meet |
| b. | Also, that the variation, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality. |
| | ☐ Meets ☐ Does not meet |
| consider | purposes of supplementing the above standards, the Commission may take into ation the extent to which the following facts favorable to the application have been ed by the evidence presented at the public hearing: |
| a. | That the conditions upon which the application for variation is based would not be applicable generally to other property within the same zoning classification; |
| | ☐ Meets ☐ Does not meet |
| b. | That the alleged difficulty or hardship has not been created by any person presently having interest in the property; |
| | Meets Does not meet |

| c. | That the granting of the variation will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to other property or improvements in the neighborhood in which the property is located; or |
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| | ☐ Meets ☐ Does not meet |
| d. | That the proposed variation will not impair an adequate supply of light or air to adjacent property, will not unreasonably diminish or impair the property values of adjacent property, will not unreasonably increase congestion in the public streets, substantially increase the danger of fire or otherwise endanger public safety. |

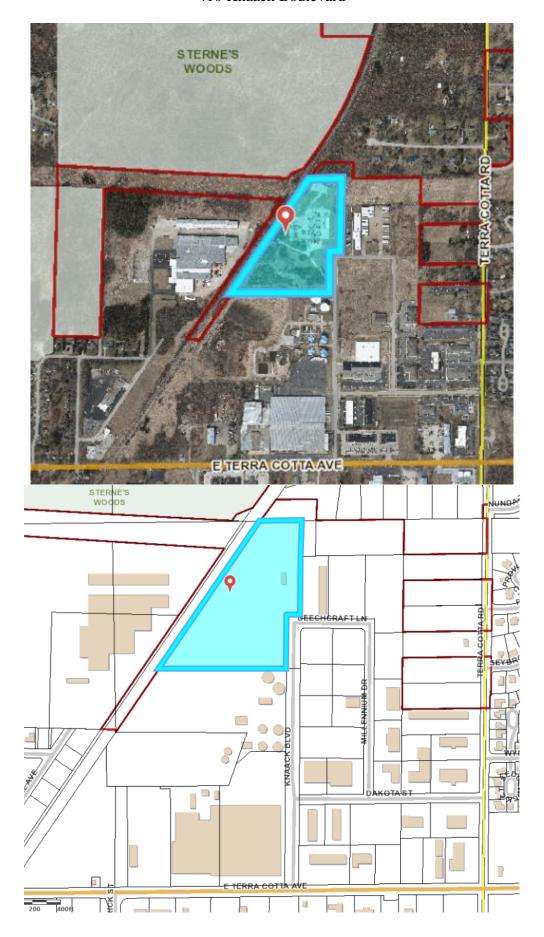
Where the evidence is not found to justify such conditions, that fact shall be reported to the City Council with a recommendation that the variation be denied.

Recommended Conditions:

If a motion to recommend approval of the petitioner's request is made, the following conditions are recommended:

- 1. Approved plans, reflecting staff and advisory board recommendations, as approved by the City Council:
 - A. Site Plan (Burns McDonnell, dated 04/17/20, received 06/25/20)
 - B. Fence Detail (Guardiar, dated 04/06/20, received 06/25/20)
- 2. The petitioner shall address all of the review comments and requirements of Community Development Department.

Commonwealth Edison Fence Variation 410 Knaack Boulevard



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ORDER CONFIRMATION (CONTINUED)

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PUBLIC NOTICE BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CRYSTAL LAKE, MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE
PETITION OF
Exelon Corporation (ComEd)
LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given in compliance with the Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Crystal Lake, Illinois that a public hearing will be held before the Planning and Zoning Commission upon the and illinois that a public hearing will be held before the Planning and Zoning the Planning and Zoning Commission upon the application by Commonwealth Edison, an Exelon Corporation, for a Variation relating to the following described real estate commonly known as 410 Knaack Boulevard, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014, PINs: 14-33-202-005.

This application is filed for the purposes of seeking a Variation to allow a 12-foot high fence around the site; pursuant to Article 4 and

pursuant to Article 4 and Article 9 of the Unified Development Ordinance. Plans for this project are

Plans for this project are available for viewing upon request.

A public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission for this request will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday July 15, 2020, via at the Crystal Lake City Hall, 100 West Woodstock Street, at which time and place any person determining to be heard may be present.

present.

Jeff Greenman, Chairperson Planning and Zoning Commission City of Crystal Lake

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF MCHENRY

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ComEd;

AFFIDAVIT

David Cook, on behalf of Com Ed, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and states as follows:

- A. That a copy of the legal notice, concerning the hearing date for the above mentioned Petitioner, was sent to each of the persons named on the attached list by regular mail notifying them of the hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on July 15, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., at the City of Crystal Lake City Hall, 100 West Woodstock Street in Crystal Lake, Illinois. Said notice was mailed to each of the below mentioned persons by regular mail on ____6/29/20______
- B. That the posting requirements of the Zoning Ordnance have been complied with by placing the customary public notice sign on the subject property on ______6/29/20______

David Cook (Your Signature)

Subscribed and Sworn to me before

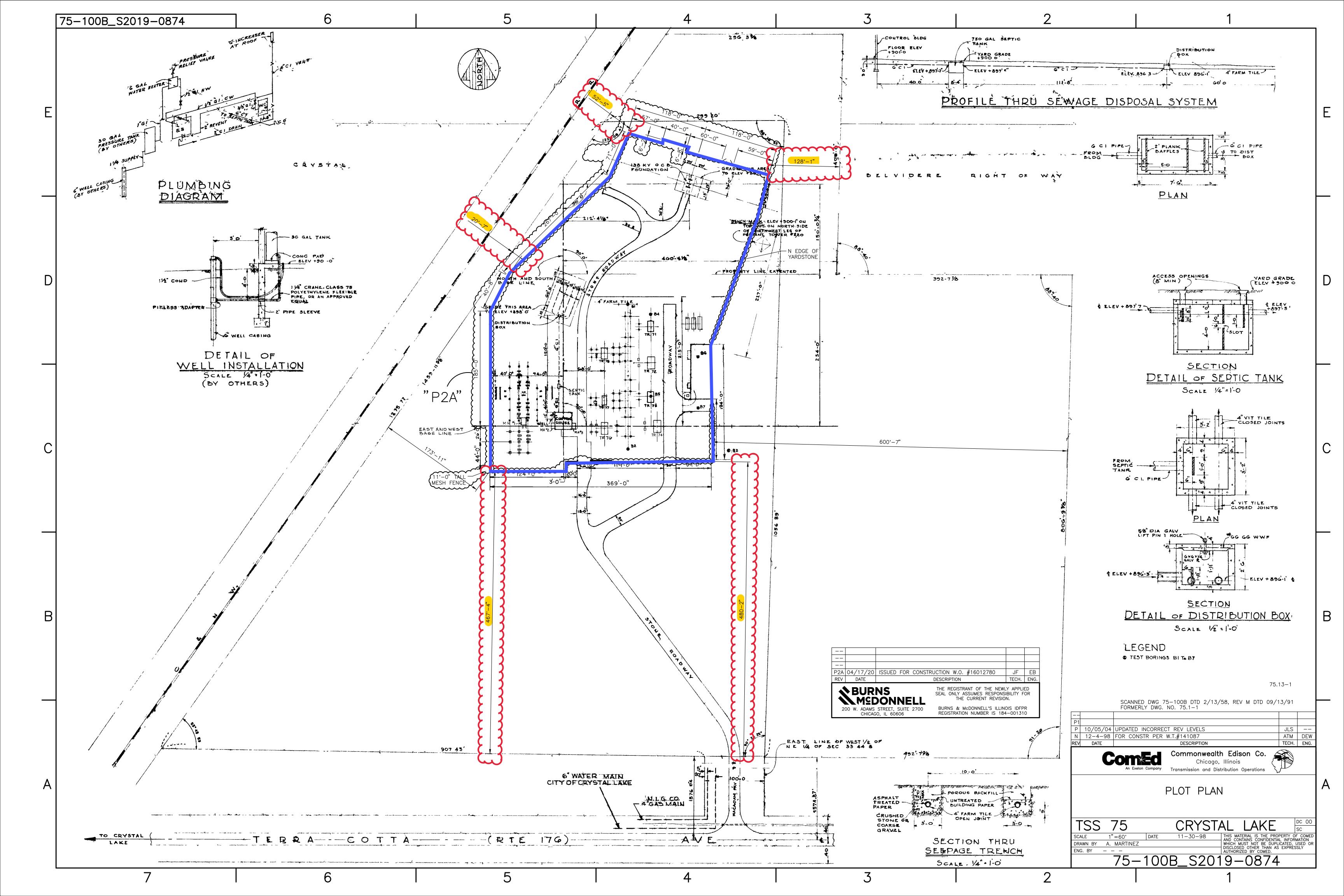
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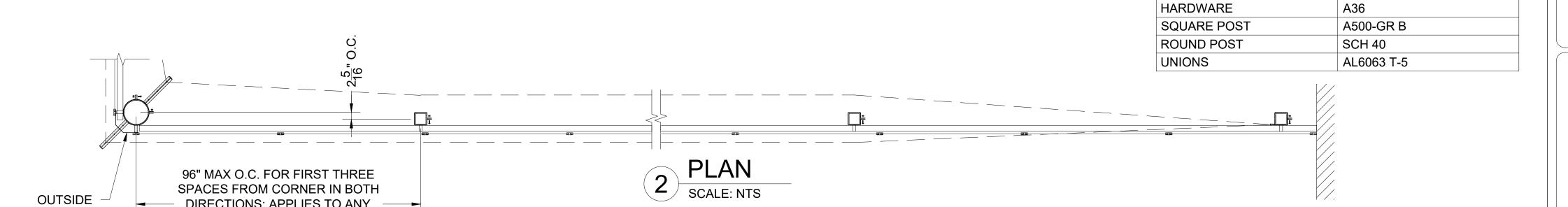
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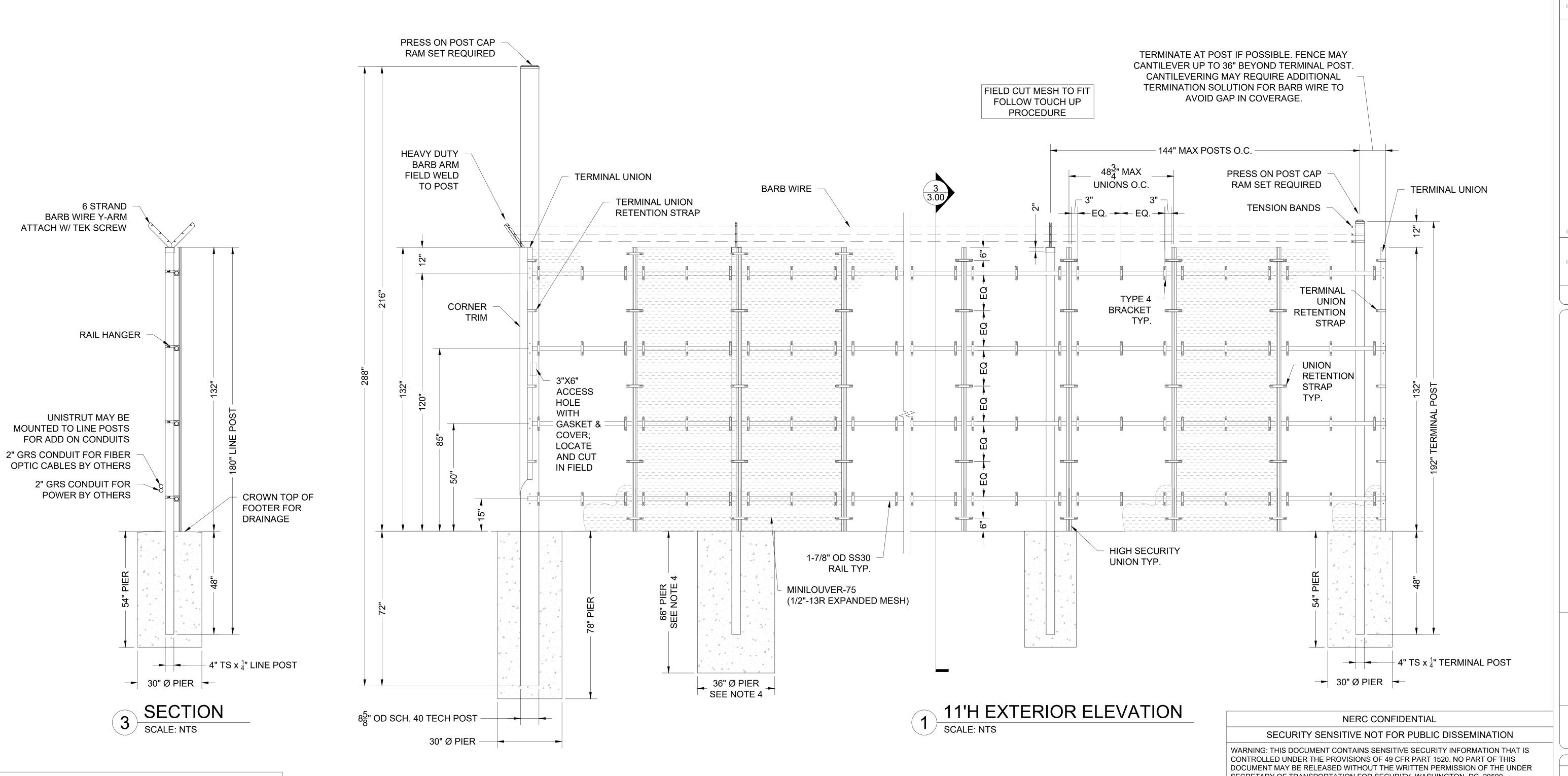
2. MESH SHALL NOT BE STAIR-STEPPED MORE THAN 1".

3. ALL CONCRETE TO BE MINIMUM 3,000 PSI AFTER 28 DAYS.

4. LARGER PIER SIZE APPLIES TO FIRST THREE LINE POST PIERS FROM CORNER

5. FOR FENCE ACROSS SLOPE (PERPENDICULAR TO GRADE), ADDITIONAL PIER DEPTH & POST EMBEDMENT DEPTH IS REQUIRED: ALONG <10° SLOPE, EMBED POSTS AN ADDITIONAL 12" ALONG >=10° SLOPE, EMBED POSTS AN ADDITIONAL 18"





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OUTSIDE

CORNER

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