

# #2014-39 131Baldwin Ave (Heisler) – Variation Project Review for Planning and Zoning Commission

Meeting Date: September 17, 2014

**Request:** Variation from Article 3-200, from the minimum side and rear

yard setback requirements for a principal structure. The principal structure will have approximately a 5-foot setback for the rear-yard and a 3-foot setback for the side-yard instead of the 20-foot rear-

yard and the 7-foot side-yard requirement.

**Location:** 131 Baldwin Avenue

Acreage: 14,985.8 square feet

**Existing Zoning:** R-2 Single Family

**Surrounding Properties:** North: R-2 Single Family

South: Lake

East: R-2 Single Family West: R-2 Single Family

**Staff Contact**: Kathryn Cowlin (815.356.3798)

#### **Background:**

- Existing Use: The property is improved with a single family home. The principal structure and garage are currently connected with a breezeway. Breezeways open on both sides along the length of the pedestrian pathway between structures are considered insignificant attachments.
- <u>Background</u>: The petitioner is connecting the principal structure and the garage with a second-story walkway, making the garage subject to principal structure setback requirements. The walkway is enclosed and includes additional storage areas, therefore the walkway is considered a significant attachment. A variation (89-43) was granted in 1989 for the construction of the garage and breezeway in its current location.

# **Development Analysis:**

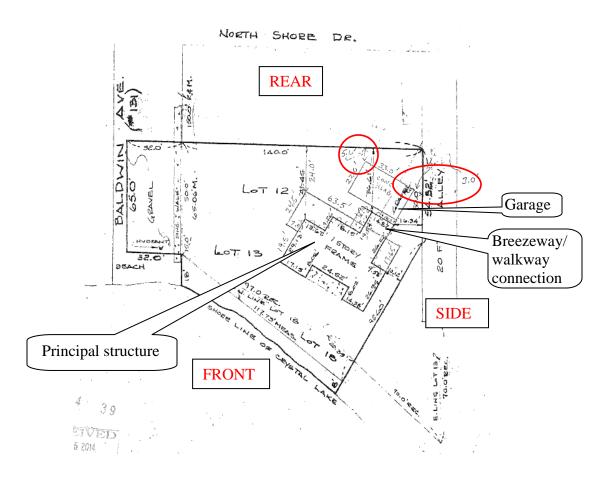
### General

• Request: The connection of the principal structure and the garage with a second-story enclosure walkway will subject the whole structure to principal structure setback requirements. The existing garage is currently within the 7-foot required side-yard setback and the 20-foot required rear-yard setback for principal structures. A variation is

- required to allow the rear-yard setback to be encroached by 15 feet and for the side-yard setback to be encroached by 4 feet.
- <u>Land Use</u>: The land use map shows the area as Urban Residential. This land use designation is appropriate for this use.
- Zoning: The site is zoned R-2 Single Family. This property is used as single-family home.

#### Site Layout

• The main portion of the house is setback on the property. The garage was added in 1989 with a breezeway. The garage was granted a variation for the side-yard and rear-yard setbacks. The front of the property is the lakefront side. See the site plan below.



# **Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2030 Vision Summary Review:**

The Comprehensive Plan designates the subject property as Urban Residential, which allows for existing and future single-family residential uses. The following goal is applicable to this request:

### Land Use - Residential

Goal: Encourage a diversity of high quality housing in appropriate locations throughout the city that supports a variety of lifestyles and invigorates community character.

This can be accomplished with the following supporting action:

**Supporting Action:** Preserve and enhance the character and livability of existing residential area with architectural and development guidelines. Promote safe, clean and well-maintained housing by encouraging regular repair and maintenance of housing.

# **Findings of Fact:**

## ZONING ORDINANCE VARIATION

is located; or

The petitioner is requesting a variation from Article 3-200A 4 to allow an encroachment of 15 feet and 4 feet into the required rear-yard setback and side-yard setback, respectively. 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.
	☐ 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 ration the extent to which the following facts favorable to the application have been need 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

131 Baldwin Avenue	
Simplified Residential	Variation

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•	d.	adjacent property, adjacent property,	variation will not impair an adequate supply of light or air to will not unreasonably diminish or impair the property values of will not unreasonably increase congestion in the public streets, se the danger of fire or otherwise endanger public safety.
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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, it should be with the following conditions:

- 1. Approved plans, reflecting staff and advisory board recommendations, as approved by the City Council:
  - A. Application (Heisler, received 08/25/14)
  - B. Plat of Survey (John Jennings Surveyor, dated 01/08/88, received 08/25/14)
  - C. Proposed Breezeway Extension Dormer Addition (Repholz Studio, dated 08/18/14, received 08/25/14)
- 2. Petitioner has the option to enclose the area immediately below the existing breezeway/connecting link to the house, provided that there are no structural or stormwater concerns. A permit will be required for this action to be completed.
- 3. The petitioner shall address all of the review comments and requirements of the Community Development Department, Public Works Department, and Fire Rescue Department.

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# **Application for Simplified Residential Variation**

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Project	Name:	
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I.	Applicant	
	JAMES HEISLETZ	
Name		
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III.	Project Data	
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1.	a. Location/Address: \( \frac{3}{3} \) \( \frac{7}{2} \) \(	
	b. PIN#: 19-06-108-004	,
2.	Description of proposal/Reason for request (including how the standards for variation are met,	
	any unique circumstance of the property, or particular hardship):	
	DESCRIBE THE UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PROPERTY:	
	· DOUBLE FRONTAGE PROPERTY	a TS
	· LAKE FRONT LOT WITH SETBACK REQUITERED	7003
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	IS THE HARDSHIP SELF-CREATED?	-
	NO - CREATED BY ORDINANCE AND	
	GEOGRAPHIC CONSTRAINTS	
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	ARE THE CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO OTHER PROPERTIES IN THE SAME ZONING
	CLASSIFICATION?
	YES OTHER LAKESIDE LOTS
	WILL THE VARIATION ALTER THE ESSENTIAL CHARACTER OF THE LOCALITY?
	<i>NO</i>
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	WILL THE VARIATION, IF GRANTED BE DETRIMENTAL TO PUBLIC WELFARE OR
	INJURIOUS TO OTHER PROPERTY?
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	PUBLIC STREETS; SUSBTANTIALLY INCREASE THE DANGER OF FIRE; OT ENDANGED
	PUBLIC SAFETY?
	N/O
3.	List any previous variations that are approved for this property:
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NOTE: If the property is held in trust, the trust officer must sign this petition as owner. In addition, the trust officer must provide a letter that names all beneficiaries of the trust.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICA-TION OF James Heisler

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#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given in compliance with the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the City of Crystal Lake, Illinois, that a public hearing will be held before the Planning and Zaning Commission of the City of Crystal Lake upon the application of James Heisler for variations relating to the following described real estate commonly known as 131 Baldwin Avenue, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014, PIN: 19-06-108-004

This application is filed for the purpose of seeking zoning variations pursuant to Articles 3-200 of the UDO, from the minimum side and rear yard selback requirements for a principal structure, to allow the existing garage and principal structure to be connected, thereby making the garage subject to the principal structure selback requirements of 20 feet for the rear yard and 7 feet for the side yard, to allow approximately 2-foot setbacks, representative of the existing location of the garage; as well as any other variations that may be necessary to complete the project as proposed. Plans for this project can be viewed at the City of Crystal Lake Community Development Department at City Hall.

A public hearing before the

partment at City Hall.

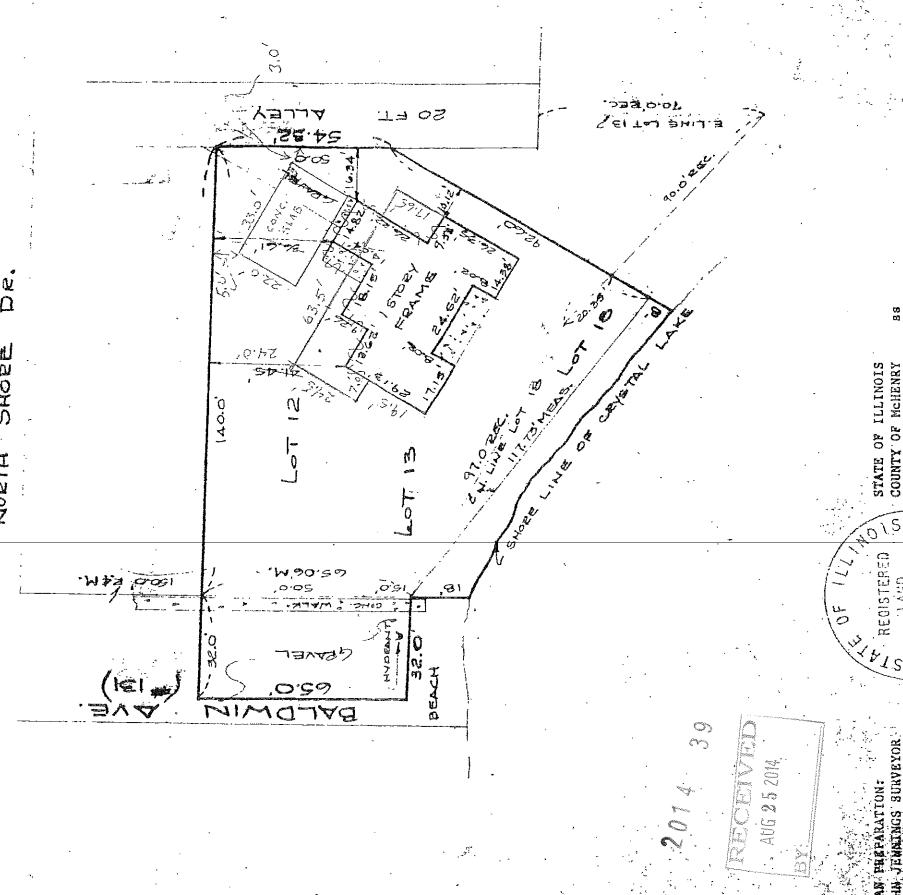
A public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission for this request will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday September 17, 2014, at the Crystal Lake City Hall, 100 West Woodstock Street, at which time and place any person determining to be heard may be present.

Tom Hayden, Chairperson Planning and Zoning Commission City of Crystal Lake

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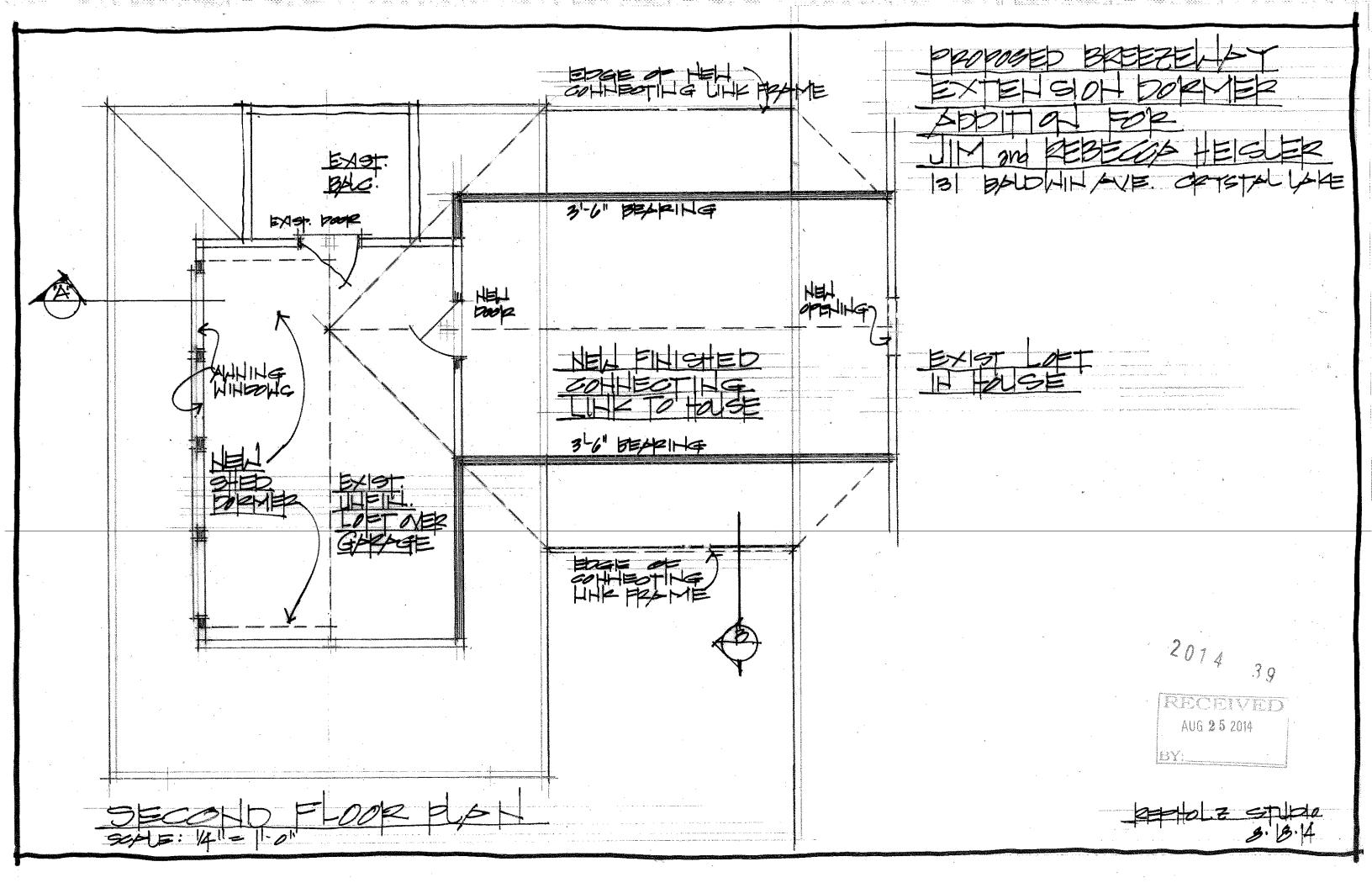
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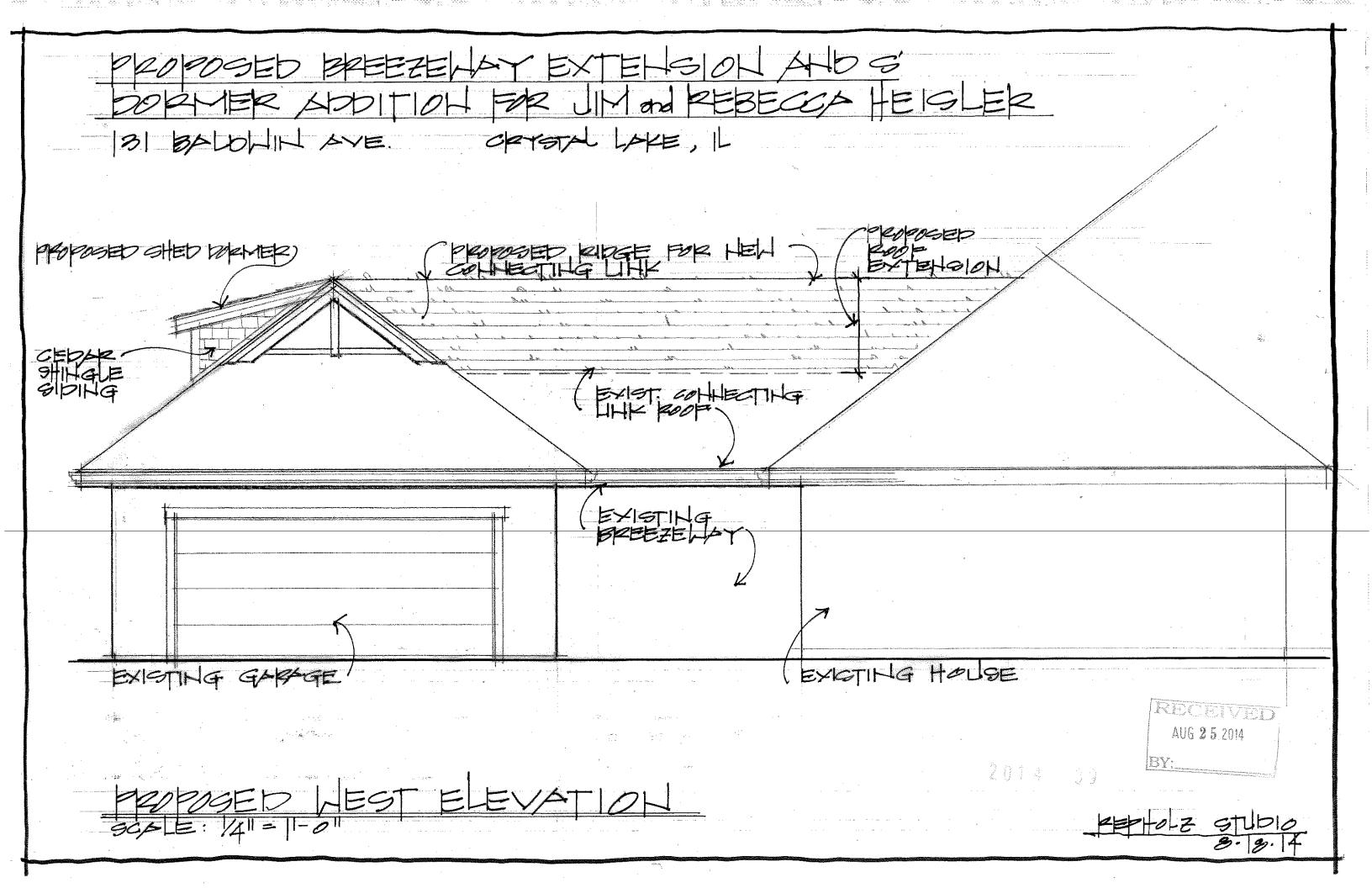
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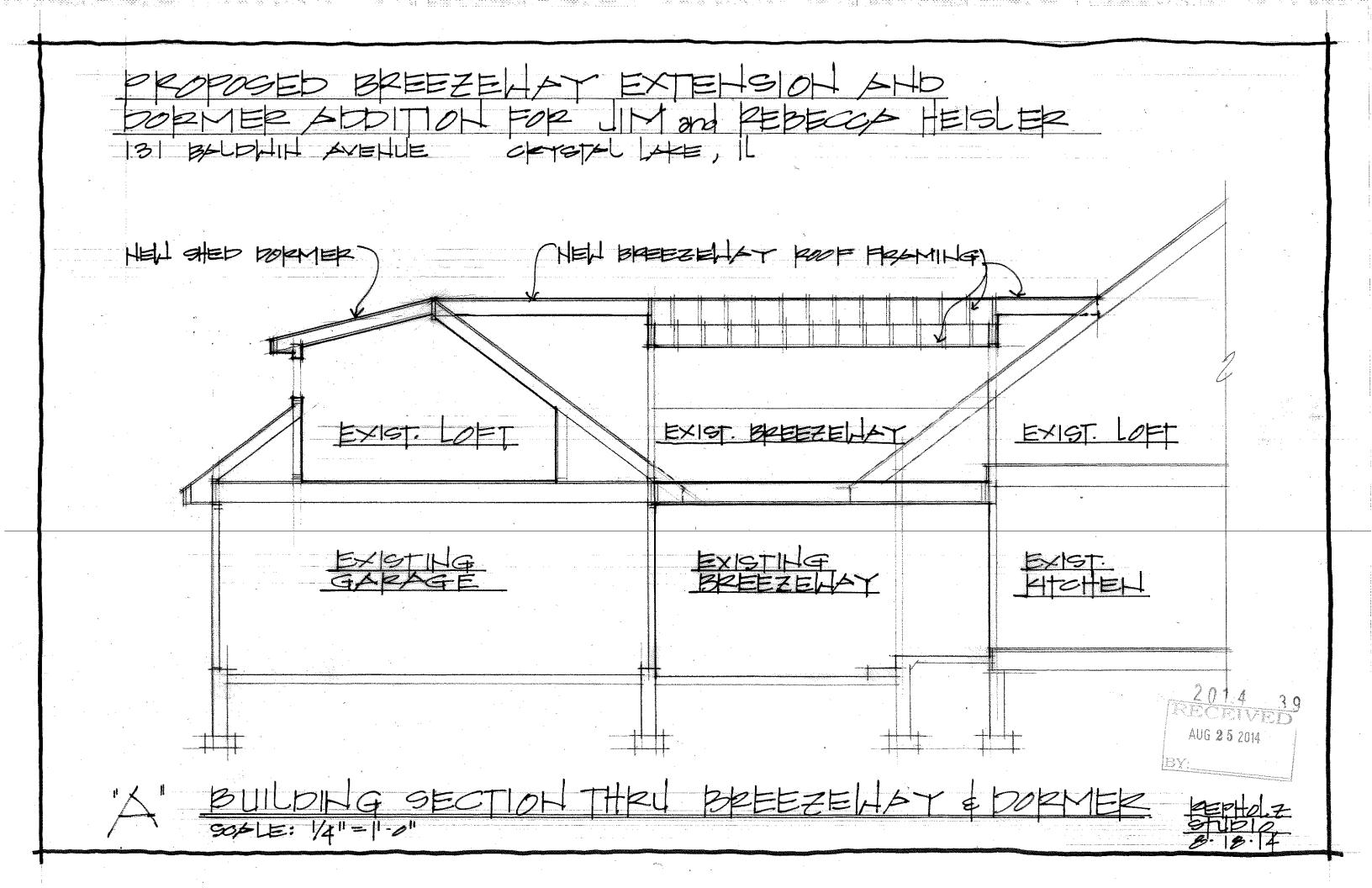
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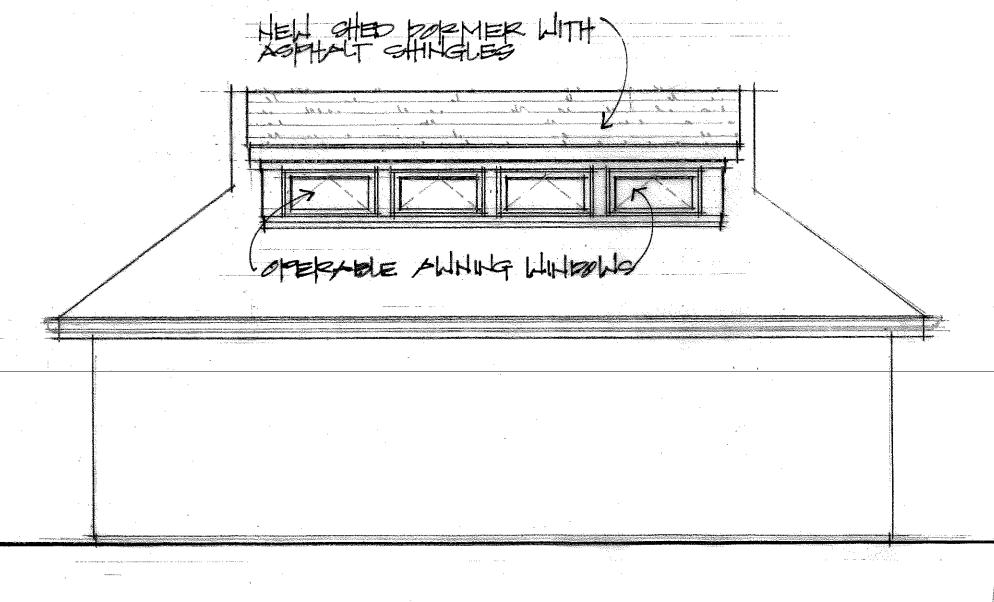
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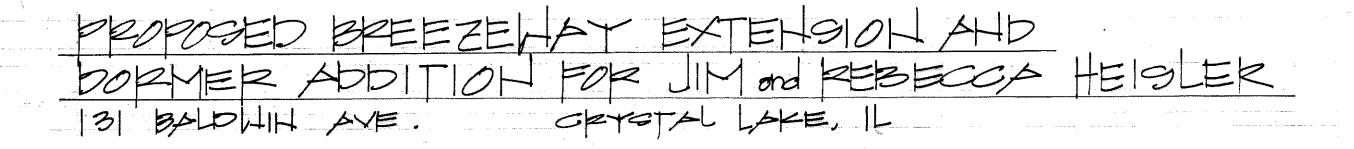


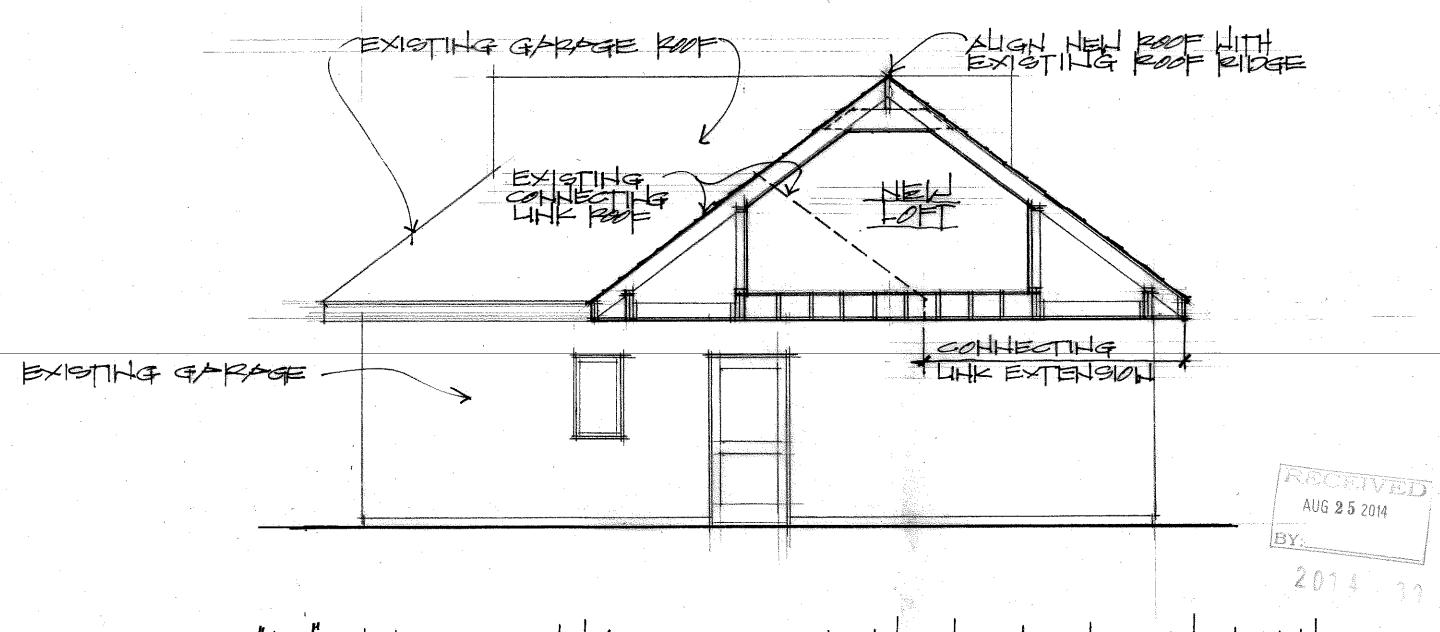
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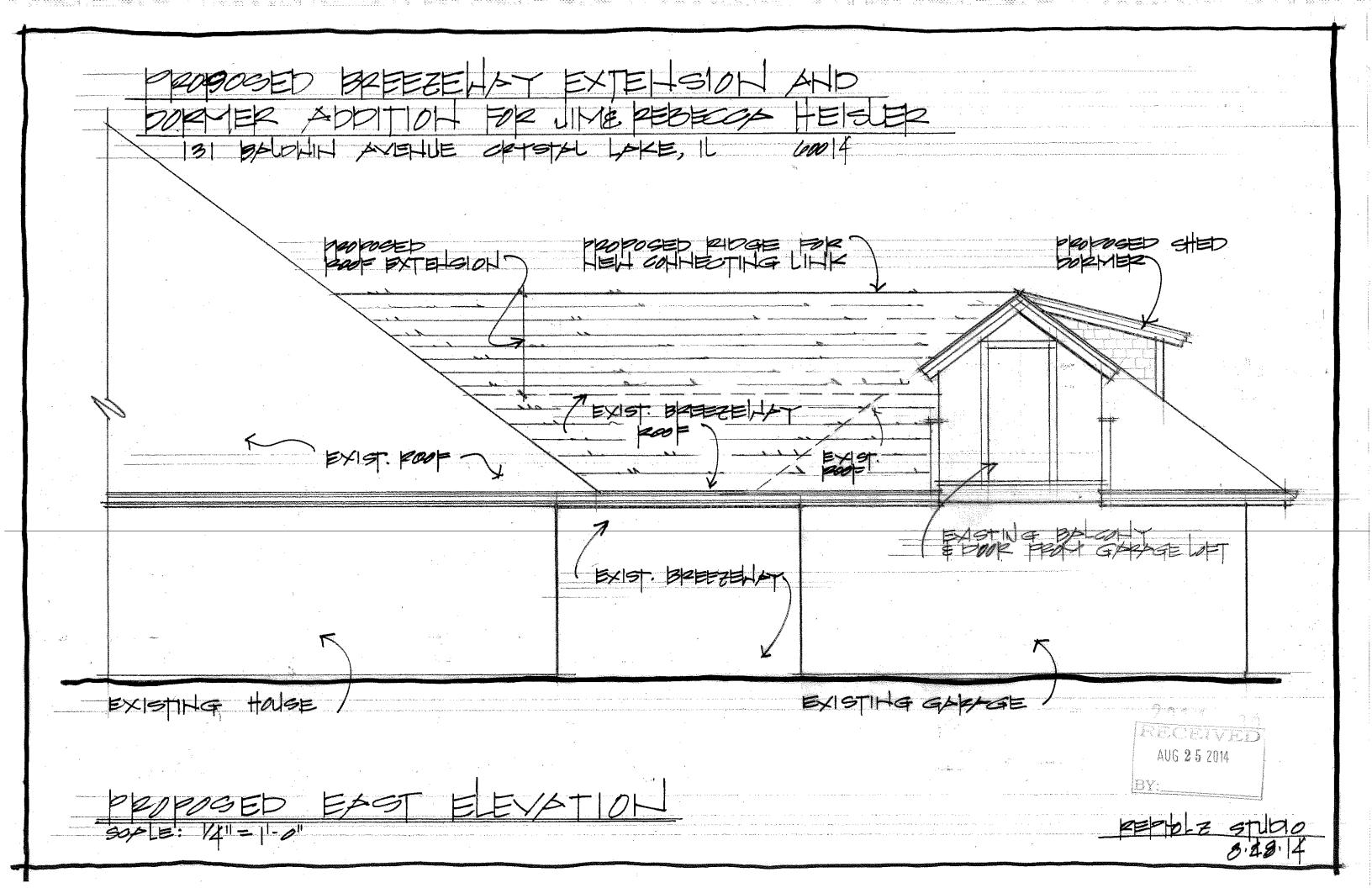
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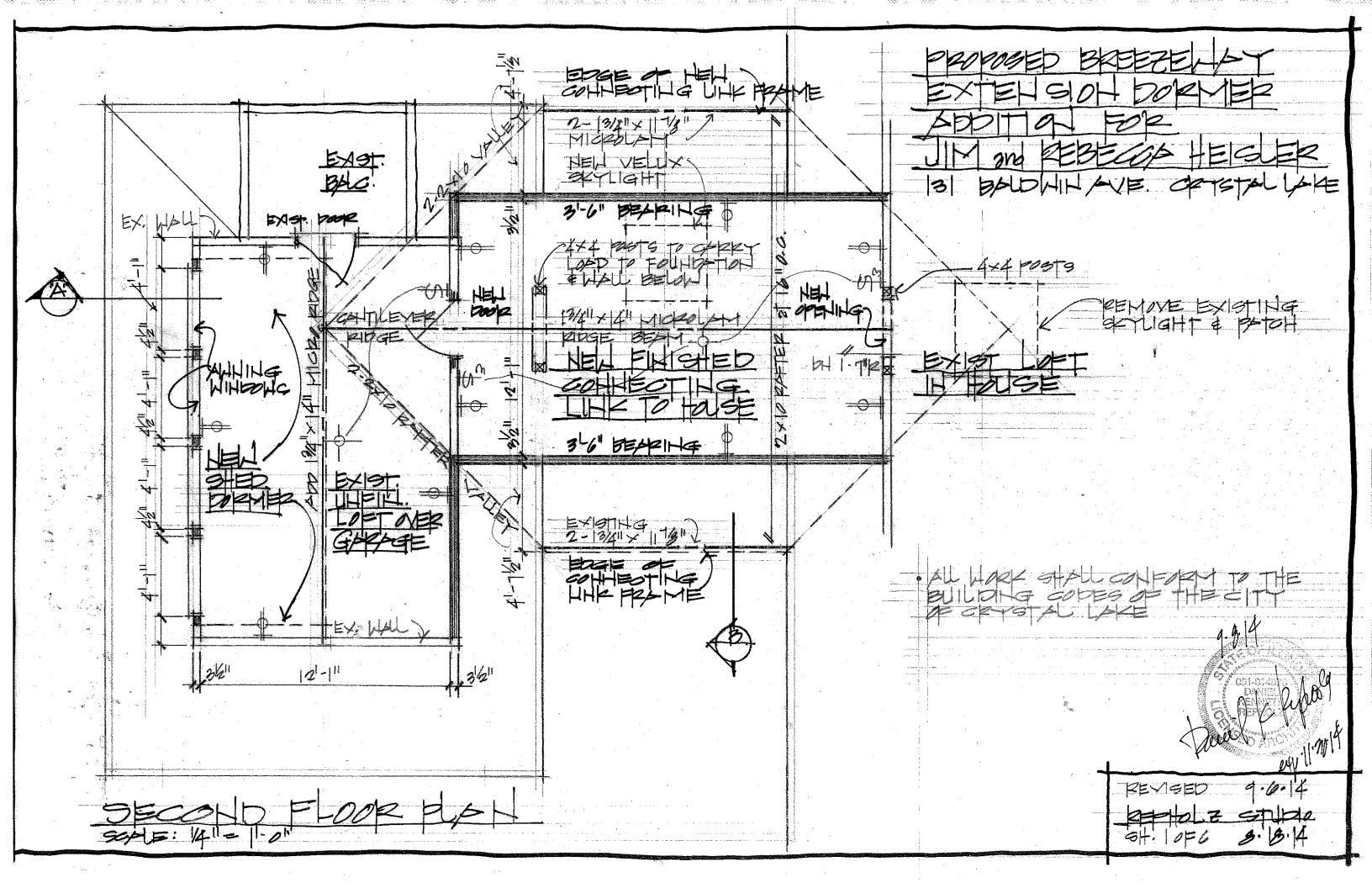
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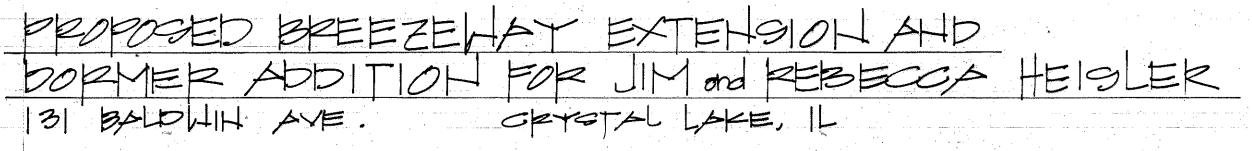


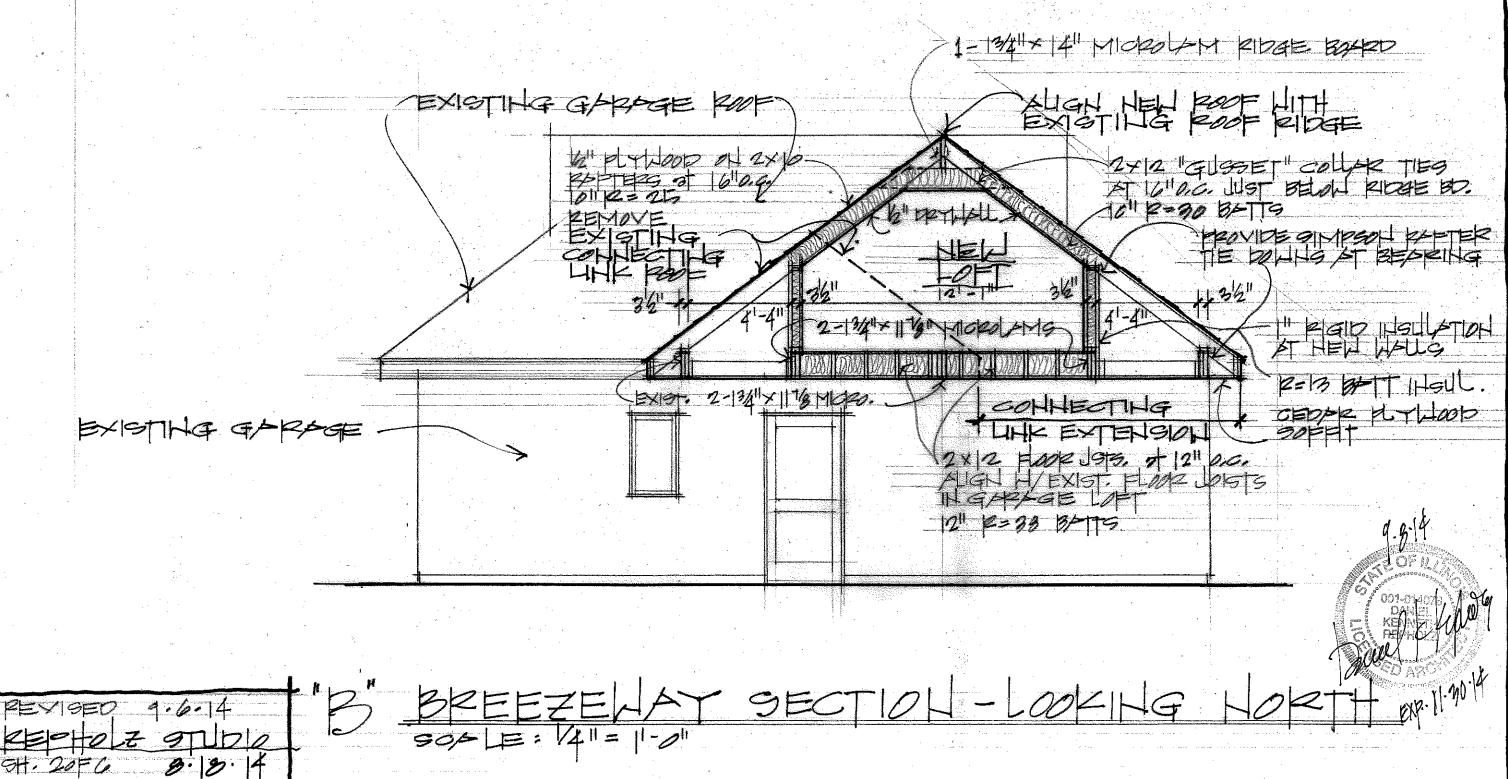


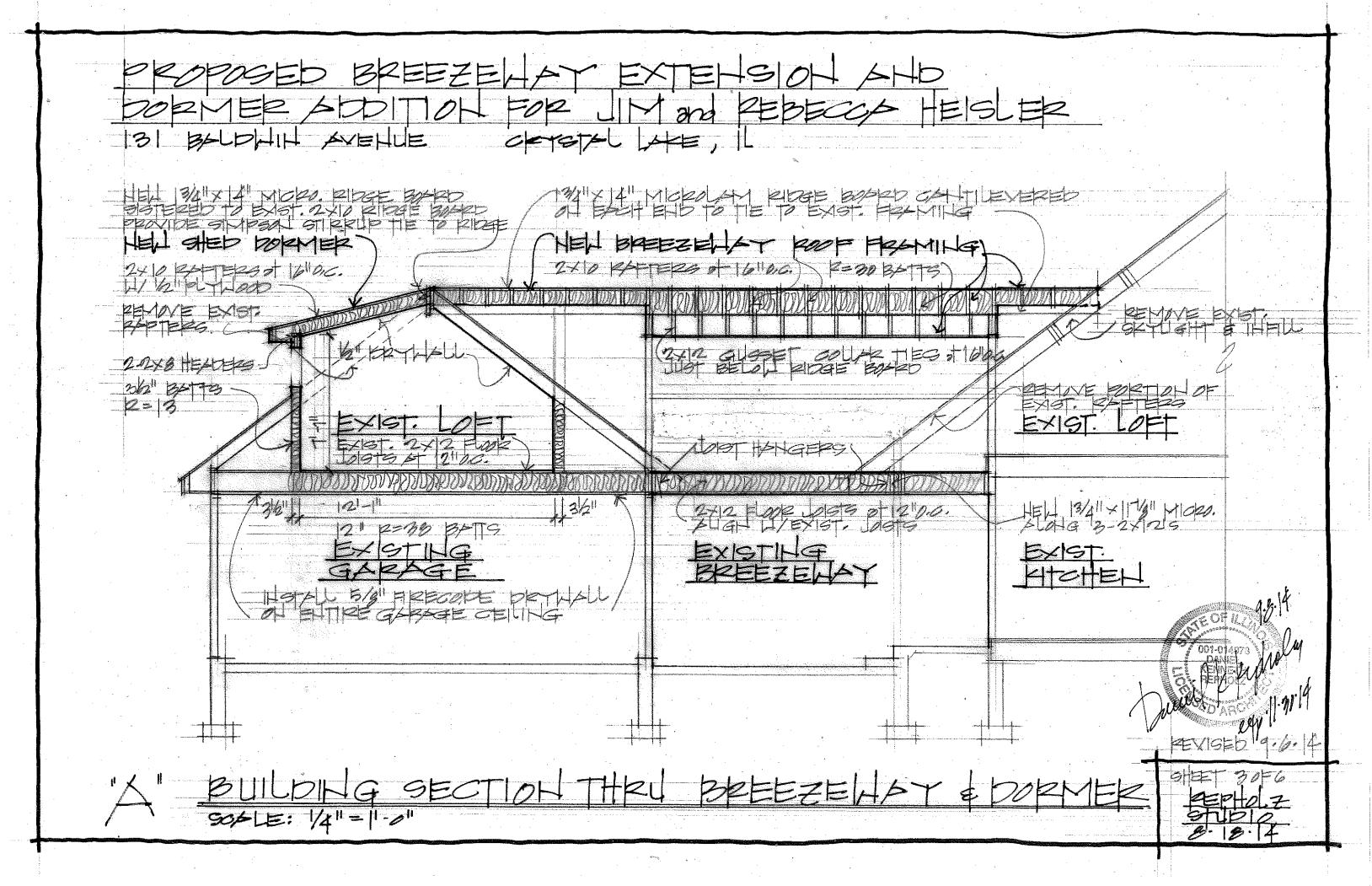
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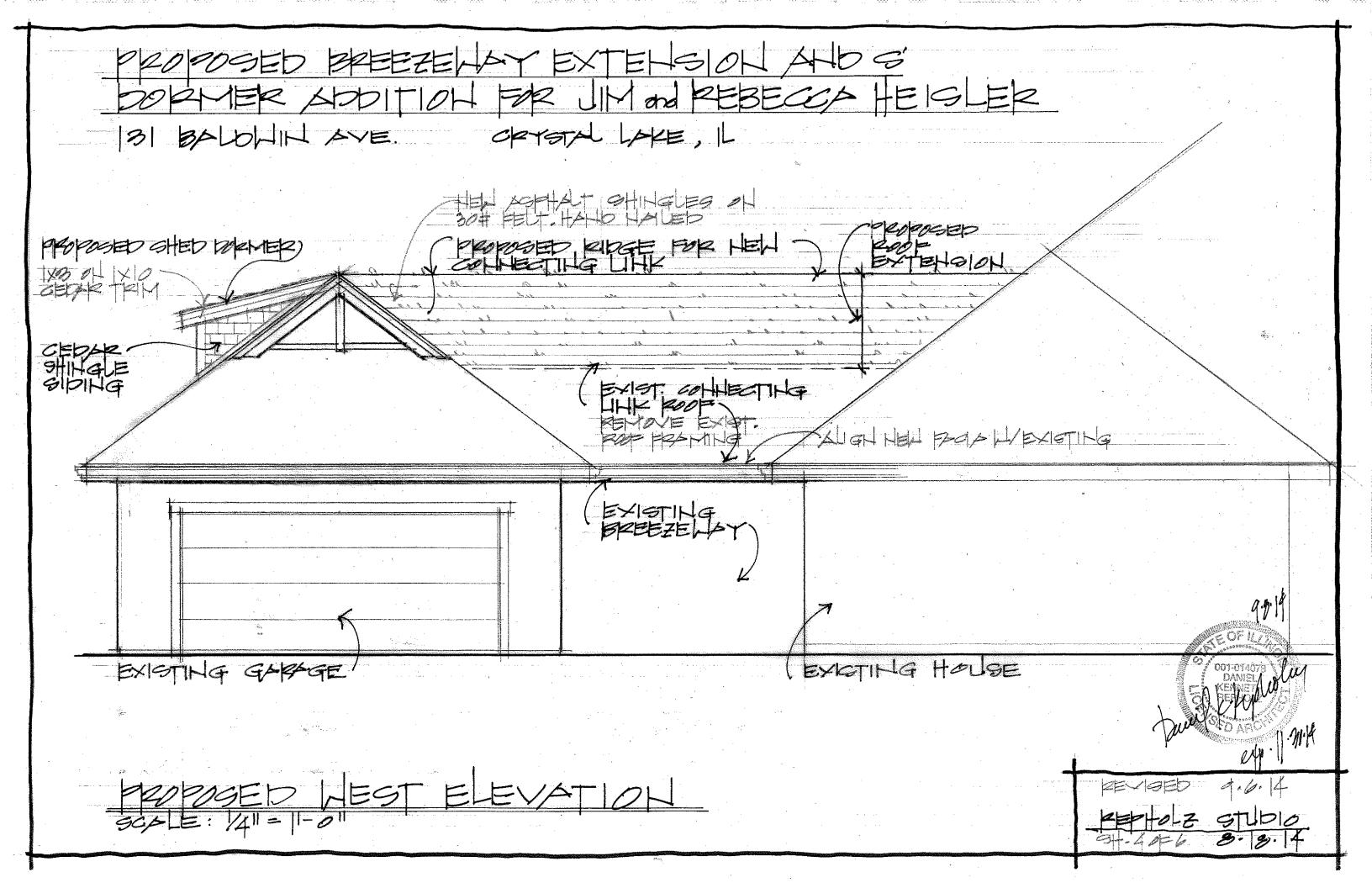




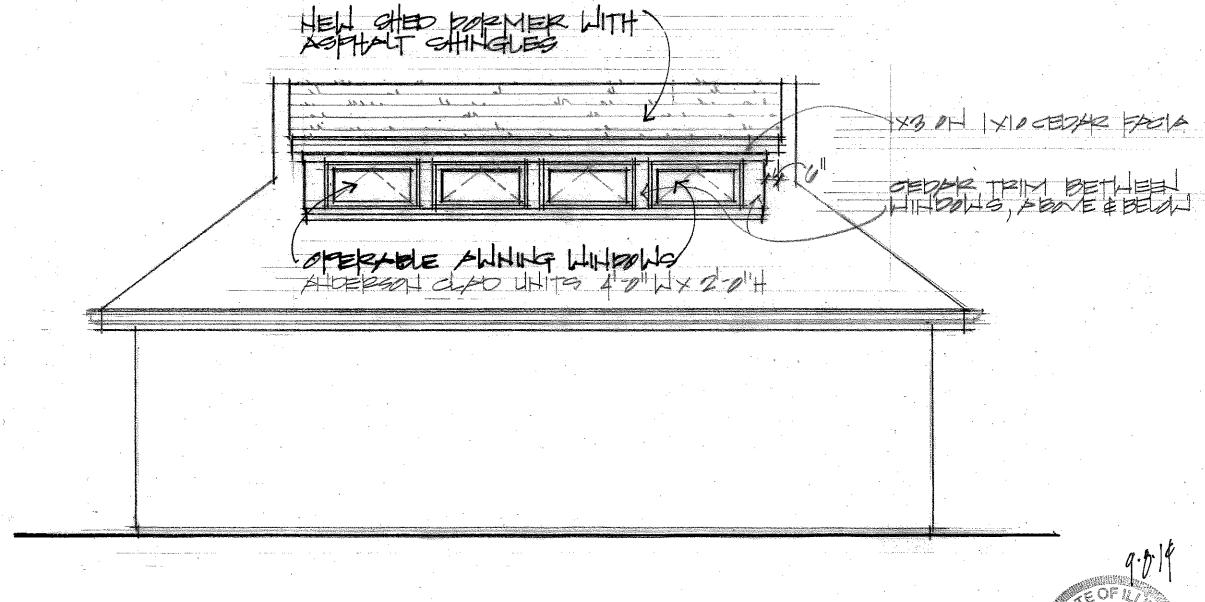








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