



**ORDINANCE O-07-2026**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO REZONE 106.4 +/- ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED NORTHEAST OF AND ADJACENT TO THE INTERSECTION OF JUG STREET AND CLOVER VALLEY ROAD FROM AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT (AG) TO LIMITED GENERAL EMPLOYMENT (L-GE) FOR AN AREA TO BE KNOWN AS "CLOVER VALLEY EAST ZONING DISTRICT" AS REQUESTED BY LINCOLN PROPERTY COMPANY C/O AARON UNDERHILL, ESQ., UNDERHILL & HODGE LLC**

**WHEREAS**, the council of the city of New Albany has determined that it is necessary to rezone certain property located within the city to promote orderly growth and development of lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Albany Planning Commission and New Albany City Council on separate occasions have held public hearings and received public input into the amendment of the zoning ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the application by Lincoln Property Company c/o Aaron Underhill, Esq., Underhill & Hodge LLC, the New Albany Planning Commission reviewed the proposed zoning amendment and recommended its approval on April 20, 2026 (ZC-27-2026).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by council for the city of New Albany, counties of Franklin and Licking, State of Ohio, that:

**Section 1.** Council hereby amends the zoning ordinance map of the city of New Albany to change the zoning classification of the following described site:

- A. An approximately 106.4-acre site within Licking County, generally located northeast of and adjacent to the intersection of Jug Street and Clover Valley Road from its current zoning of Agricultural District (AG) to Limited General Employment (L-GE).
- B. The zoning district's boundary map and development plan are hereby attached and marked Exhibit A.

**Section 2.** It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this council concerning and relating to the adoption of this legislation were adopted in an open meeting of council, and that all deliberations of the council and or any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 3.** Pursuant to Article 6.07(B) of the New Albany Charter, this ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after adoption.

**CERTIFIED AS ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sloan T. Spalding  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer H. Mason  
Clerk of Council

**Approved as to form:**

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Benjamin S. Albrecht  
Law Director

**Legislation dates:**

Prepared:	03/27/2026
Introduced:	04/07/2026
Revised:	04/20/2026
Adopted:	
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## CLOVER VALLEY EAST ZONING DISTRICT

### LIMITATION (L-GE) TEXT

March 17, 2026

The Clover Valley East Zoning District (hereinafter, the “Zoning District”) consists of 106.4+/- acres located to the northeast of and adjacent to the intersection of Jug Street and Clover Valley Road. This rezoning serves to extend the same or similar zoning and development standards to property being annexed to the City as currently applied to much of the New Albany International Business Park.

I. Zoning Designation: L-GE, Limited General Employment District

II. Permitted Uses: The permitted and conditional uses contained and described in the Codified Ordinances of the City of New Albany, GE, General Employment District, Sections 1153.02 and 1153.03, provided that conditional uses are approved in accordance with Chapter 1115, Conditional Uses. The following uses from these code sections shall be prohibited:

- A. Mini-warehouses (See Section 1153.03(a)(4)(c)). For purposes of clarification, this prohibition only applies to such facilities that are made available for rental to the general public;
- B. Vehicle services (See Section 1153.03(b)(4));
- C. Radio/television broadcast facilities (See Section 1153.03(c)(1));
- D. Sexually-oriented businesses (See Section 1153.03(c)(3));
- E. Off-premises signs (See Section 1153.03(c)(2)); and
- F. Data center uses, except when all of the following conditions are met:

1. The data center use is associated with and is operated as part of (or in support of) another permitted use or conditional use that is operating within the Zoning District and the data center use is not operated primarily to serve uses, users, or consumers that are not directly associated with such operational use(s) within the Zoning District;

2. The data center use or uses occupy no more than 20% of the total gross square footage of primary buildings located within the Zoning District; and

3. The data center use or uses shall not be issued a certificate of zoning compliance unless and until certificates of zoning compliance and occupancy permits have been issued by the City for those portions of the primary buildings within the Zoning District from which permitted or conditional uses other than data centers are or will be operated.

III. Lot and Setback Commitments:

A. Lot Coverage: There shall be a maximum lot coverage in this Zoning District of 75%.

B. Setbacks:

1. Jug Street: There shall be a minimum pavement setback of 50 feet and a minimum building setback of 100 feet from the right-of-way of Jug Street.

2. Clover Valley Road: There shall be a minimum pavement setback of 50 feet and a minimum building setback of 100 feet from the right-of-way of Clover Valley Road.

3. New Public Streets: There shall be a minimum pavement and building setback of 25 feet from the right-of-way for any other new public streets within this Zoning District.

4. Eastern Perimeter Boundary: There shall be (i) a minimum pavement setback of 50 feet and a minimum building setback of 100 feet from any portion of the eastern perimeter boundary of this Zoning District which is adjacent to property on which residential uses are permitted, and (ii) a minimum pavement and building setback of 25 feet from all portions of the eastern perimeter boundary which are adjacent to property on which no residential uses are permitted.

5. Northern Perimeter Boundary: There shall be a minimum pavement and building setback of 25 feet from the northern perimeter boundary line of this Zoning District.

6. Intervening Parcel: There shall be a minimum pavement setback of 50 feet and a minimum building setback of 100 feet from any portion of the Zoning District which shares a boundary with that certain parcel of real property that is known on the effective date of this text as Licking County Auditor Parcel Number 037-111540-00.002.

7. Elimination of Setbacks: In the event that a parcel located within this Zoning District and an adjacent parcel located within or outside of this Zoning District (i) come under common ownership or control, (ii) are zoned to allow compatible non-residential uses, and (iii) are combined into a single parcel, then any minimum building, pavement, or landscaping setbacks set forth in this text as they apply to common property lines shall no longer apply with respect to these parcels.

IV. Architectural Standards:

A. Service and Loading Areas: Service areas and loading areas shall be screened in accordance with the Codified Ordinances.

B. Building Design:

1. Building designs shall not mix architectural elements or ornamentation from different styles.

2. Buildings shall be required to employ a comparable use of materials on all elevations.

3. The number, location, spacing, and shapes of windows and door openings shall be carefully considered. Primary entrances to buildings shall be made sufficiently prominent that they can be easily identified from a distance.

4. For office buildings and complexes, achieving a human or pedestrian scale is of less concern. When achieving such a scale is desired, it may be achieved by careful attention to width of facades, size and spacing of window and door openings, and floor to floor heights on exterior walls.

5. All elevations of a building that are visible from a public right-of-way shall receive similar treatment in terms of style, materials, and design so that such elevations are not of a lesser visual character than any other.

6. Use of elements such as shutters, cupolas, dormers, and roof balustrades shall be avoided in building designs that are not based on traditional American architectural styles. Such elements may be employed only when they are common elements of a specific style, and this style shall be replicated in its entirety. When shutters are employed, even if they are non-operable, they must be sized and mounted in a way that gives the appearance of operability.

7. Elements such as meter boxes, utility conduits, roof and wall projections such as vent and exhaust pipes, basement window enclosures, and trash containers shall be designed, located, or screened so as to minimize their visibility and visual impact from off-site. Solar energy systems shall be excluded from the requirements of this section.

8. Accessory or ancillary buildings, whether attached or detached, shall be of similar design, materials and construction as the nearest primary structure. Fenestration themes that employ windows, panels and piers that are consistent with the architectural vocabulary of the building are

encouraged. Accessory structures, generators, storage tanks, trash receptacles or any other similar improvement must be located behind a building façade that does not front on a public right-of-way.

C. Building Form:

1. All building elevations shall be designed to be compatible with each other and to reflect a consistent design approach.
2. Gable or hip roofs shall be avoided unless a building design replicates a traditional American architectural style that employs such roof forms. In non-stylistic contemporary designs, low or flat roofs may be employed. Roof visibility shall be minimized.

D. Materials:

1. Exterior building materials shall be appropriate for contemporary suburban designs and shall avoid overly reflective surfaces. Traditional materials such as, but not limited to, wood, stone, brick, and concrete shall be permitted, and contemporary materials such as, but not limited to, aluminum, metal, glass, stucco, or cementitious fiberboard (e.g., hardiplank or equivalent) shall be permitted on buildings not employing traditional styles. Architectural precast concrete panels and/or poured-in-place concrete tilt-up panels shall be permitted. The use of reflective or mirrored glass shall be prohibited.
2. Prefabricated metal buildings and untreated masonry block structures are prohibited. Notwithstanding the foregoing, ancillary structures built and operated for the purpose of enclosing equipment and which are not occupied by tenants or persons on a regular basis may be constructed using pre-engineered metal.
3. Generally, the quantity of materials selected for a building shall be minimized.
4. Loading docks are not required to have the same degree of finish as a main entry unless they are visible from a public right-of-way.
5. Additional Standards for Uses Not Governed by DGRs: Buildings that are constructed to accommodate certain uses are not governed by the City's Design Guidelines and Requirements (DGRs). For example, buildings that are constructed for the operation of data centers, warehousing and/or distribution uses are not subject to the DGRs and can present challenges in meeting the community standard for architectural design. Such buildings are necessarily large and typically include long walls that together form a square or rectangular box. The goal for the

development of buildings that are not subject to the DGRs is to balance the practical needs of these buildings with the desire to provide exterior designs that are attractive and complimentary to the architecture that will be found elsewhere in this Zoning District.

Architecture by its nature is a subjective medium, meaning that the adoption of strict objective standards in all instances may not provide the best means for achieving appropriate design. In recognition of this fact, the standards set forth herein provide guidelines and suggestions for designing buildings that are not subject to the DGRs in an effort to set expectations for the quality of architecture that will be expected for these structures. On the other hand, these standards are meant to allow for some flexibility to encourage innovative design provided that the spirit and intent of these provisions are met.

In conjunction with an application for a certificate of appropriateness for each building or structure in this Zoning District that is not subject to or governed by the DGRs, the applicant shall be required to submit to the City illustrations of the proposed exterior design of the building or structure for review and approval by the Design Review Committee contemplated in Section 1157.08(a)(1)(D) of the City Code. In designing such buildings, the user or applicant shall consider the following, which are intended to set a level of expectation for the quality of design:

- a. Architectural design for all portions of a building or structure that are visible from a public right-of-way (excluding public rights-of-way whose primary purpose is to accommodate truck traffic or service loading areas) shall meet the community standard in terms of quality while considering the unique nature of the use(s) that will be found therein.
- b. Uninterrupted blank wall facades shall be prohibited to the extent that they are visible from a public right-of-way. Design variations on long exterior walls shall be employed in order to create visual interest. Examples of such design variations include, but are not limited to, the use of offsets, recesses and/or projections, banding, windows, and/or reveals; scoring of building facades; color changes; texture or material changes; and variety in building height.
- c. The use of one or more architectural or design elements may be used to soften the aesthetics of the building, such as but not limited to canopies, porticos, overhangs, arches, outdoor patios, community spaces, or similar devices.
- d. Contemporary exterior designs, while not required, shall be encouraged in order to create architecture that does not look aged or dated even many years after the facility is built.

e. Landscaping and/or the use of existing vegetation shall be utilized where appropriate to enhance the aesthetics of the building and to lessen its visual impact when viewed from public rights-of-way.

6. Roof-Mounted Equipment: Complete screening of all roof-mounted equipment shall be required on all four sides of buildings with materials that are consistent and harmonious with the building's façade and character. Such screening shall be provided in order to screen the equipment from off-site view and to buffer sound generated by such equipment. These requirements do not apply to roof-mounted solar panels.

V. Access, Parking, Site Circulation, and Traffic Commitments:

A. Vehicular Access: The developer shall work with the City Manager or their designee to determine the need for appropriate timing and phasing of street improvements to serve this Zoning District. A minimum of two (2) vehicular access points shall be permitted along Jug Street and a minimum of one (1) vehicular access point shall be permitted on Clover Valley Road. Subject to other provisions in this text, on public rights-of-way which exist on the date of this text the number, locations, and spacing of curbcuts shall be determined and approved by the City Manager or their designee in consultation with the developer at the time that a certificate of appropriateness is issued for a project in this Zoning District.

B. Parking and Loading: Parking and loading spaces shall be provided for each use per Chapter 1167 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of New Albany.

C. Rights-of-Way: The property owner shall dedicate right-of-way for Jug Street to the City at a distance of 30 feet as measured from the existing centerline of that street. The property owner shall dedicate right-of-way for Clover Valley Road to the City at a distance of 40 feet as measured from the existing centerline of that street. The property owner shall grant easements to the City which are adjacent to the aforementioned rights-of-way to the extent necessary to provide for the installation and maintenance of streetscape improvements, public utility lines, and leisure paths.

VI. Buffering, Landscaping, Open Space, and Screening: A landscaping plan shall be approved as part of the City's review of a certificate of appropriateness application for each portion of this Zoning District that is proposed for development. The following landscaping requirements shall apply to this Zoning District:

A. Tree Preservation: Standard tree preservation practices will be in place to preserve and protect trees during all phases of construction, including the installation of snow fencing at the drip line.

B. Landscaping Required Adjacent to Residential Uses: For those perimeter boundaries other than the eastern perimeter boundary which abut properties

containing existing residential uses or, as determined at the time that an application is filed for a building permit (“Building Permit”) in this Zoning District, has a zoning classification which permits the development and operation of residential uses thereon that are not owned by the developer (any real property meeting either of the foregoing criteria to be referred to herein as “Residential Property”), a minimum six (6) foot high mound shall be installed along the property line and shall include a landscape buffer on the mound which shall consist of a mixture of deciduous trees, evergreens and bushes to provide an opacity of 75% on the date that is 5 years after planting to a total height of 10 feet above ground level. Along the eastern perimeter boundary, there is an existing significant topographic change resulting in a major downward slope of 10-20 feet extending westward from the eastern perimeter boundary line of the Zoning District which provides what is effectively an existing mound that screens views looking into the site from the east (see accompanying topography exhibit). In lieu of installing a new mound along the eastern perimeter boundary line, the existing topography shall remain and the required plantings that would have been required to be planted on a new mound instead shall be planted between the eastern perimeter boundary line and buildings or pavement. Where existing trees are present along any boundary line, planting and mounding requirements may be waived in order to preserve the trees..

C. Fencing: A standard New Albany white four-board horse fence may (but shall not be required to) be provided within the public rights-of-way along Clover Valley Road and Jug Street.

D. Stormwater Management: Wet and dry stormwater basins shall conform to the standards set forth in Section 1171.08 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of New Albany.

E. Street Trees: A street tree row shall be established along Jug Street and Clover Valley Road and shall contain at least one (1) tree for every thirty (30) feet of road frontage. Trees may be grouped or regularly spaced. Street trees shall be located within the right-of-way. Minimum street tree size at installation shall be three (3) caliper inches. This requirement may be waived in areas where existing vegetation occurs.

F. Landscaping Along Jug Street: Landscaping within the pavement setback along Jug Street shall be coordinated and consistent throughout this Zoning District and adjacent zoning districts. Landscaping, when installed within these setbacks, shall be provided in accordance with the following standards:

1. A minimum of ten (10) deciduous trees shall be installed for every 100 feet of frontage on the public right-of-way. Such trees shall be planted in random locations (i.e., not in rows). No more than 30% of such trees shall be of a single species.

2. Where existing healthy and mature trees are found within these pavement setbacks, such trees may be preserved in lieu of installing the required trees, provided that a similar amount of vegetation is being preserved when compared to that which would otherwise be required to be installed.

3. Mounding shall be permitted but not required. When utilized, mounding shall have a minimum height of 3 feet and a maximum height of 12 feet. The slope of mounds shall not exceed 3:1 from the crest of the mound extending toward the private site, and shall not exceed a 6:1 slope from the crest of the mound extending toward the public right-of-way.

G. Parking Areas: Within this Zoning District, there shall be no less than one (1) tree planted for every ten (10) parking spaces located therein. At least five percent (5%) of the vehicular use area shall be landscaped or green space (or treed areas). Parking lots shall be designed to accommodate parking lot islands with tree(s) at the end of parking aisles.

H. Pedestrian Circulation: An 8-foot-wide asphalt leisure path shall be installed along the Jug Street frontage of the site.

I. Minimum On-Site Tree Sizes: Unless otherwise set forth herein, minimum tree size at installation shall be no less than two and one half (2 ½) inches in caliper for shade trees, six (6) feet in height for evergreen trees, two (2) inches in caliper for ornamental trees, and thirty (30) inches in height for shrubs. Caliper shall be measured six (6) inches above grade.

J. Bonding: All street trees that are not installed prior to infrastructure acceptance shall be bonded to guarantee installation.

VII. Lighting:

A. All parking lot and private driveway lighting shall be cut-off type fixtures and down cast. Parking lot lighting shall be from a controlled source in order to minimize light spilling beyond the boundaries of the site.

B. All parking lot light poles shall be black or New Albany green and constructed of metal. Light poles shall not exceed 30 feet in height.

C. Lighting details shall be included in the landscape plan which is subject to review and approval by the City Landscape Architect.

D. Landscape uplighting from a concealed source shall be subject to staff approval. All uplighting fixtures must be screened by landscaping. Lighting details shall be included in the landscape plan which is subject to review and approval by the City Landscape Architect.

E. No permanent colored lights or neon lights shall be used on the exterior of any building.

F. All other lighting on the site shall be in accordance with City Code. Street lighting must meet the City standards and specifications.

G. Solar panels may be incorporated and installed as appropriate.

VIII. Signage: All signage shall conform to the standards set forth in Chapter 1169 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of New Albany.

IX. Utilities: All new utilities installed solely to serve this Zoning District shall be installed underground.

X. Noise Regulations: The Codified Ordinances currently contain provisions relating to sound which are broad, meaning that noise impacts are evaluated on a site-specific basis. Generally, the goal is to ensure that overall sound levels on a property following development will not impose material negative impacts on neighboring property owners. The City intends to begin evaluating potential updates to the Codified Ordinances to provide more objective standards for evaluating potential and existing sound impacts.

Following approval of this zoning, the applicant will work diligently with the City to identify best practices to mitigate sound impacts from new development within this Zoning District, which shall include consultation and coordination with experts to be hired by the City. Should the Codified Ordinances be updated at the time when the first building permit application is filed for development in any portion of the Zoning District, then such development shall comply with those updated standards. In the event that the Codified Ordinances have not been updated by that time, then as a condition of building permit issuance the applicant for this zoning application and the City staff shall negotiate and execute an agreement, to be signed by the City Manager and a representative of the applicant, which details sound mitigation measures and requirements to be applied to the site. Once such an agreement is signed, its contents shall constitute an addendum to the approved zoning text and the standards set forth therein shall become requirements for the Zoning District which are enforceable in the same manner as other zoning requirements. Ultimately, each new user is responsible for maintaining and mitigating noise levels in accordance with such an agreement.

# Clover Valley East Zoning District Map



The within map made part of the petition of annexation filed with the Board of Commissioners of Licking County, Ohio, on \_\_\_\_\_ 2025, under Chapter 709 of the Ohio Revised Code. It is identified as an accurate map of the territory in said petition described under the requirements of said Chapter 709 of the Ohio Revised Code.

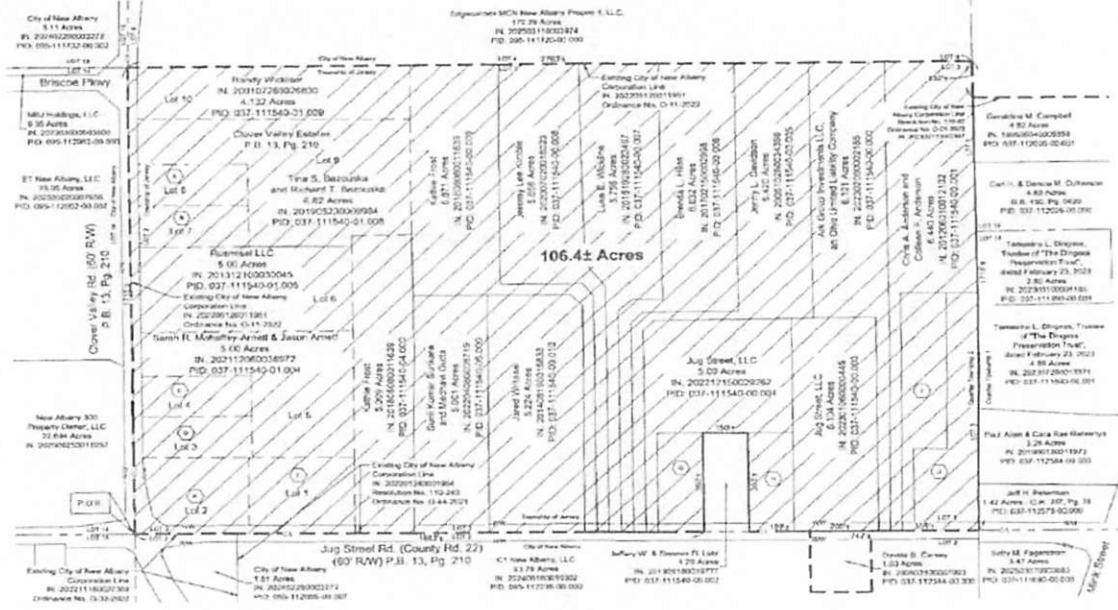
The Board of County Commissioners of Licking County, Ohio, having received a petition bearing the signed names and addresses of the parcels interested in the annexation to the City of New Albany, Ohio, of the territory shown hereon and having given due consideration to the prayer of said petition, do hereby grant the same.

Transferred this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, upon the duplicate of this office.

Containing \_\_\_\_\_ acres.

Transfer Fee \_\_\_\_\_

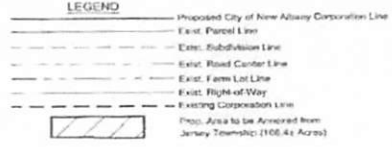
City of New Albany, Ohio, by ordinance \_\_\_\_\_ passed \_\_\_\_\_ 2025, and approved by the mayor on \_\_\_\_\_ 2025, did accept the territory shown hereon for annexation to the City of New Albany, Ohio, a municipal corporation.



**Contiguity Note:**  
The Total Perimeter of Annexation Area is 9731± Feet, of Which 7077± Feet are Contiguous with the City of New Albany, Giving 72.7% Contiguity.

This Exhibit was prepared from Record Information from the Licking County Engineer, Recorder and Auditor, and is not intended for the Transfer of Real Property.

*John R. Cozins* 9/30/2025  
John R. Cozins, Pao PS No. 811



- Parcels Included in Annexation**
- Ray Hummel and Vicki Hummel and Todd Steven Doodner  
2.25 Acres  
IN 20112230039026  
PID: 037-11540-01.007
  - Craig Lang and Jessica Long  
1.25 Acres  
IN 20180428002828  
PID: 037-11540-01.009
  - Gladys W. Richardson and Peggy Richardson  
1.25 Acres  
C.R. 311, Pg. 115  
PID: 037-11540-01.003
  - Rummet LLC  
1.25 Acres  
IN 202506030012665  
PID: 037-11540-01.002
  - Raymond W. & Frances P. Lutz  
1.25 Acres  
IN 202506030012666  
PID: 037-11540-01.001
  - MBJ Holdings, LLC  
2.00 Acres  
IN 202502180034339  
PID: 037-11540-01.000
  - Adam Adis  
1.25 Acres  
IN 202008270022043  
PID: 037-11540-02.000
  - Wayne N. Hughes and Jessica M. Hughes  
1.25 Acres  
IN 202506010012668  
PID: 037-11540-09.000
  - Michael Eugene Sides and Renee L. Sides  
2.343 Acres  
IN 201405190011850  
PID: 037-11540-07.001
  - Larry E. Thompson  
2.758 Acres  
IN 202203000003119  
PID: 037-11540-07.000

**ANNEXATION**  
State of Ohio, County of Licking, City of New Albany, Ohio  
Lot 3, Clover Valley East, Jersey Twp., Licking Co., Licking County, Ohio

Project Number: 767061  
Scale: 1" = 200'  
Drawn By: HBR  
Checked By: JHC  
Date: 9/29/2025  
Issue:  
Drawing Title:



**BARE OF BEARINGS**  
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