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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Howey-in-the-Hills Planning Board

CC: L. Chinama, Town Clerk

FROM: Thomas Harowski, AICP, Planning Consultant

SUBJECT: Dream Finders House Plan Approval – Talichet Subdivision

DATE: October 15, 2020

Dream Finders homebuilders has submitted a package of house designs for review in compliance with the Town's architectural standards for new subdivisions. There are three aspects to the required review. The first compliance review is to ascertain whether the house is properly placed on the lot. The second compliance review is to determine whether the house meets the minimum design requirements of Section 4.06.03; and the third compliance review is to determine compliance with the design diversity requirements of Section 4.06.02 for new subdivisions. This last review is required as the Talichet Development includes more than six lots.

Six individual house plans encompassing five different models or variations on models were submitted for approval. The Town's approval process for compliance with design standards requires the design be approved by the Howey-in-the-Hills Planning Board. This is the process for homes built in Venezia South where the Planning Board reviewed the set of standard models which could then be permitted without further review by the Planning Board. Planning Board review was only required when additional models were proposed. These designs were reviewed for compliance with all three compliance factors. The applicant submitted two additional designs, the Sweetwater (Wincey Groves) and Montego (Wincey Groves) for evaluation but are not currently proposed for model construction. These plans were reviewed for individual unit design and for compliance with the minimum requirements for porches and recessed garages.

For initial model construction, the applicant has submitted designs for six lots with five of the models being variations on the Avalon model. The models and lots identified include:

413 Amola Way	Avalon A
611 Avila Place	Montego A
615 Avila Place	Avalon B

639 Avila Place Avalon with bonus

659 Avila Place Avalon C

663 Avila Place Avalon with bonus

**Review Part 1 Setback Compliance**: A review of the plot plans documented that the placement of the homes on site in all instances met or exceeded the minimum setback requirements. Please note that the plot plan for 413 Amola Way identified the proposed building as Avalon with Bonus while the plans submitted are for Avalon A. The applicant should verify that the plot plan and house plan are in agreement.

**Review Part 2 House Design Compliance**: Section 4.06.03 sets out specific requirements for individual houses as follows:

#### 4.06.03 Single Family Residential Development Architectural Plans

At the time of Final Plan submittal (or at building permit for infill development), the applicant shall submit a complete set of the residential design plans. This shall include the front, side, and rear elevations for each model that will be constructed within the development. The building elevations shall include the following:

- A. Roof plan: Residential homes shall have variations in roof lines and use dormers, wide eaves, and other architectural elements to add interest and sustainability.
- B. Wall materials and color options: See Section 4.06.02(B)(1) above for material options. Walls cannot be all one material and/or all one color. Primary facades shall have one base color and a minimum of one complementary accent color. A complementary wall material may be used to meet the second color requirement.
- C. Exterior architectural details: Each home shall incorporate architectural details to add interest to all sides of the building. Primary facades shall incorporate a minimum of four (4) architectural details and secondary facades shall incorporate a minimum of two (2) architectural details. These include, but are not limited to:
  - 1. Windows
  - 2. Shutters
  - 3. Porches
  - 4. Decorative elements
  - 5. Doors
  - 6. Columns
  - 7. Window boxes
  - 8. Porticos
  - 9. Cupolas
  - 10. Chimneys
  - 11. Enhanced landscape treatment which provides for one additional planting area with a minimum size of 400 square feet
  - 12. Other elements approved by the Town

In addition to these design requirements, Section 4.06.02 lists acceptable materials for roof and wall components. Each house plan was reviewed for compliance with these requirements. (The Avalon models have been approved for the Venezia South project,

but have been reviewed here to verify the application of these designs still meets code requirements.) The results were as follows:

413 Amola Way: Complies with the design requirements. (Painting specifications documenting multiple colors for base, accent and trim colors were supplied.)

611 Avila Place: Complies with design requirements. (Stone finish qualifies as the second color.)

615 Avila Place: Complies with design requirements.

639 Avila Place: Because this unit is located on a corner lot, the second street side is considered a primary façade and requires a minimum of four design elements. The applicant submitted supplemental information documenting the addition of one additional design element to the second primary façade and the intent to include added landscaping as the fourth design element.

659 Avila Place: Complies with design requirements.

663 Avila Place: Complies with design requirements.

Review Part 2 Additional House Designs. Two additional models have been provided but are not currently proposed for model construction. These units were evauated for compliance with the design criteria cited above and the front and rear facades for both units were found to be in compliance with the code requirements. As with any of the designs, application of one of these designs on a corner property will create a second priamary façade and require additional enhancement from the submitted design to upgrade the second primary façade.

**Review Part 3 Subdivision Development Standards**: Section 4.06.02 includes design standards that are applicable to this review. This section reads as follows:

#### 4.06.02 Residential Developments

In order to promote architectural character, the Town shall require new housing developments to offer a variety of architectural styles and elevations. These regulations promote both diversity in the exterior elevations of neighboring homes, as well as individual character in the design of each residence.

- 1. For new single-family residential developments or infill single family development with six (6) or more adjacent lots:
  - 1. The same house model may not be used more than three times within a single block face. For purposes of this requirement, a different house model is a different floor plan, not the same floor plan flipped in a different direction and not the same floor plan with a different exterior treatment. When less than ten (10%) percent of the lots in a subdivision

- remain to be developed, the Planning Board may approve a home design to be used more than three times within a single block face. This option is intended to provide some flexibility in finishing the subdivision development while maintaining diversity in building design.
- 2. Front porches shall be a required component on at least one quarter of the house models offered in a development. These porches shall be at least 6 feet deep and 10 feet wide.
  - a. Front porches may encroach into the front setback up to five (5) feet in Single Family Residential and Medium Density Residential developments.
  - b. Front porches may be screened, provided that the screen is located behind the railings.
- 3. Recessed garages or side entry garages shall be a required component on at least one quarter of the house models offered in a development. To be considered recessed, the garage shall be set back a minimum of ten (10) feet from the main building face, or five (5) feet if the house has a front porch.
- 2. For all new residential development
  - 1. Residential building walls shall be wood clapboard, wood shingle, wood drop siding, Hardie board siding, brick, stone, stucco, approved vinyl siding, or similar material.
  - 2. Residential roofs shall be wood, synthetic, or fiberglass shingles or tile. Metal roofs may be permitted if determined to be an integral feature of a recognized architectural style. Eaves are an important component of the roof design; they not only provide architectural character, but they help to protect building walls and reduce cooling costs.
  - 3. Fencing or decorative walls in residential front yards shall be a maximum of three (3) feet tall. Fencing in side and rear yards shall be a maximum of six (6) feet tall. Fences shall be wood, vinyl, wrought iron, or aluminum that is designed to resemble wrought iron. The architectural style and color of walls shall match the primary dwelling unit. Fences shall be erected so that the finished side is towards adjacent lots or the public right-of-way. Chain link fencing is permitted along the sides and rear lot lines of residential lots that back up to either a lake or wetland. Residential development in Agricultural and Rural Estates zoning districts may also propose special purpose fencing in conjunction with farm animals and horses.
  - 4. Perimeter fences or walls are permitted around a residential development up to a maximum of six (6) feet, provided that the fence and/or wall has architectural features compatible with the neighborhood. Fences and walls shall also include details such as banding, capping, columns (which may be up to 8 feet tall), and other elements to add interest. To enhance design, perimeter fences and walls are required to incorporate landscaping with breaks in the fence or wall (or change in direction). Perimeter fences shall be wrought iron, or aluminum that is designed to resemble wrought iron. Perimeter walls shall be faced with stucco, brick, or stone or a combination of those materials.

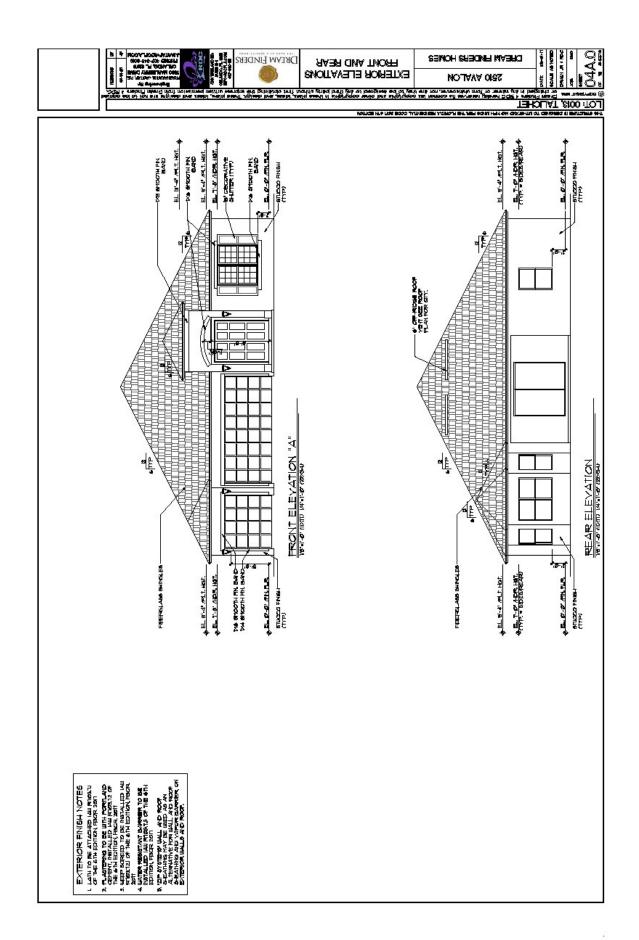
The seven models submitted for the Talichet project were evaluated for compliance with the requirement to have 25% of the units offer a front porch measuring at least 60 square feet and 25% of the models having a side entry or recessed garage. The Sweetwater and Montego (Wincey Groves) model each provide a recessed garage, and each provide an option for a front porch meeting the minimum 60 square foot area. Based on seven total models, the units with recessed garages and added porches meet the 25% requirement.

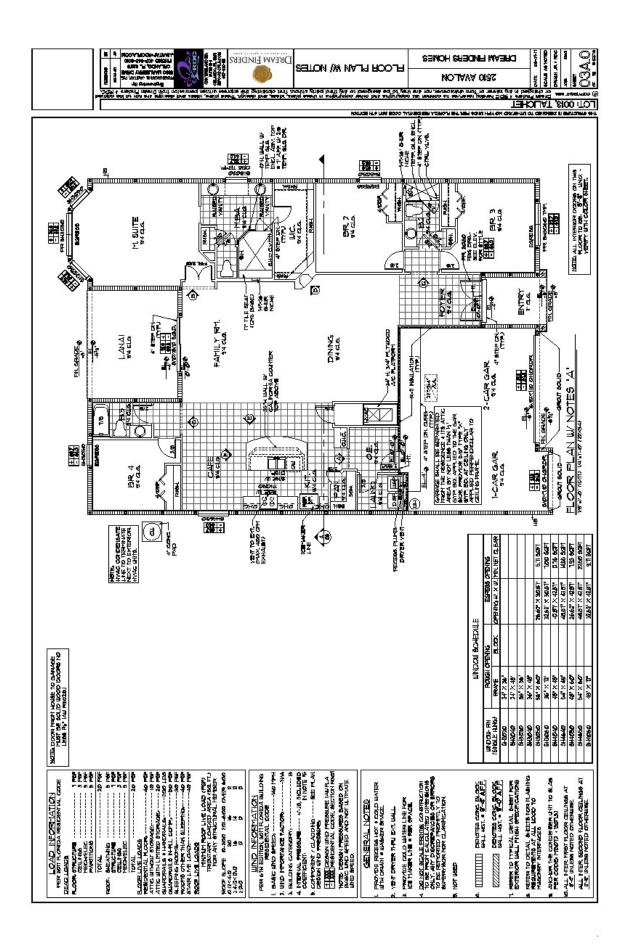
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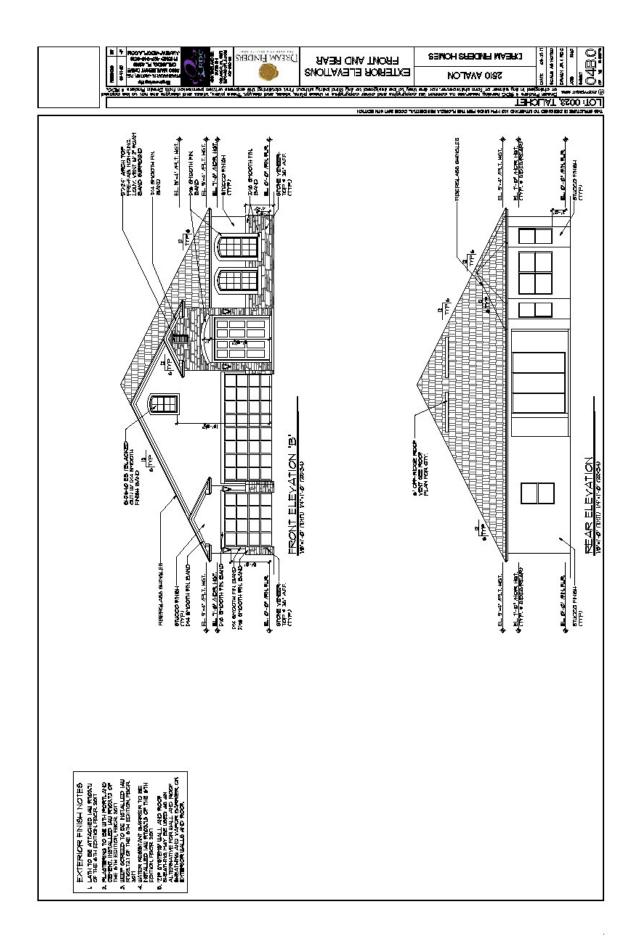
Staff recommends approval of the package of models as meeting the minimum requirements for individual unit design and the overall requirements for units offering front porches and recessed garages. As each model is presented for permitting, the application will need to be reviewed to verify compliance with the setback requirements and for compliance with the spacing requirements between the same unit designs. (See Section 4.02.01 1 above.) Staff also notes that the permitting of any model on a corner property will require a design modification to fully implement the minimum requirements for the second primary façade. Finally, staff notes that units with front porches meeting the minimum requirements have the option of placing the porch up to five feet into the required front yard without the necessity for variance action.

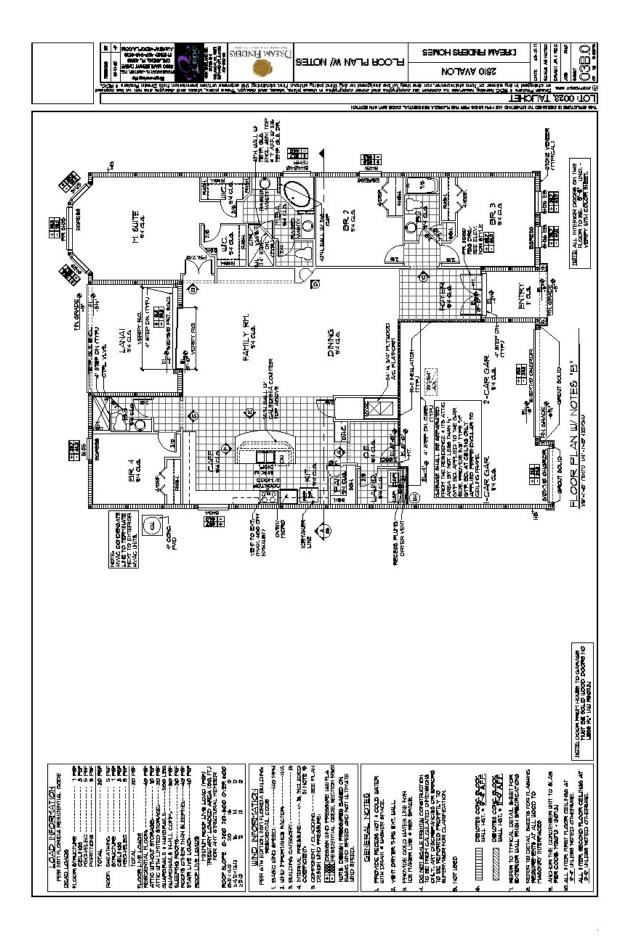
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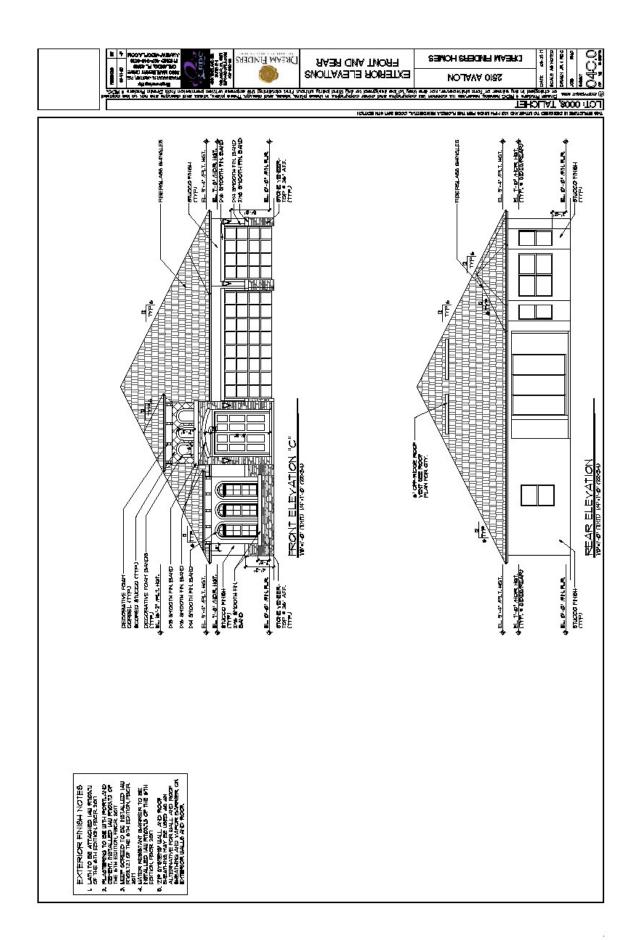
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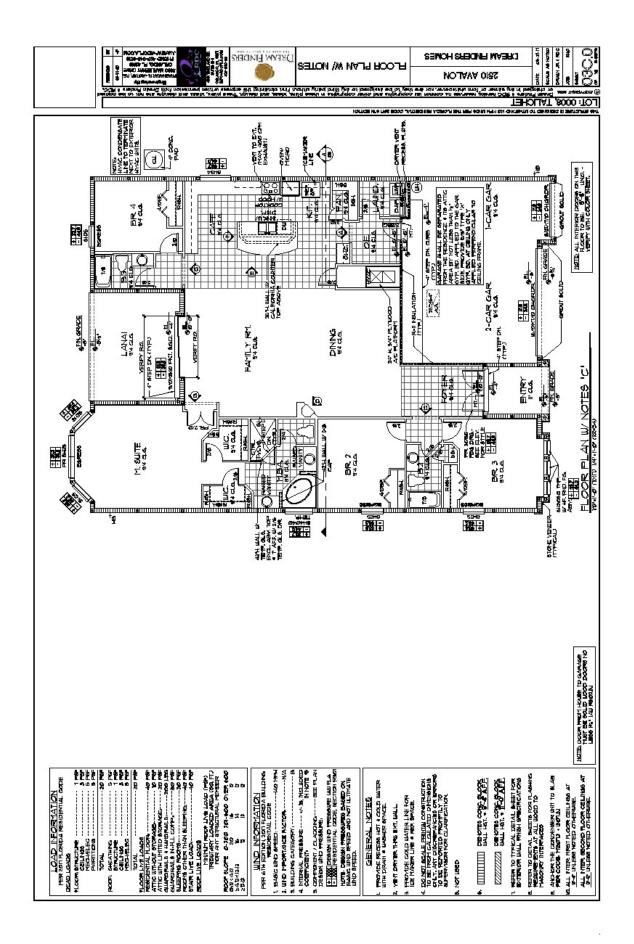


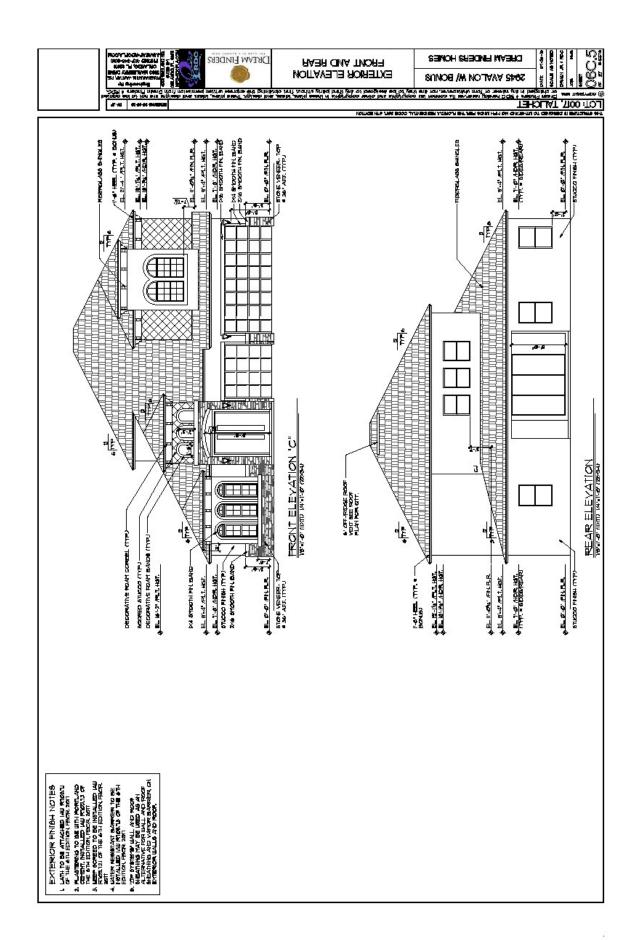


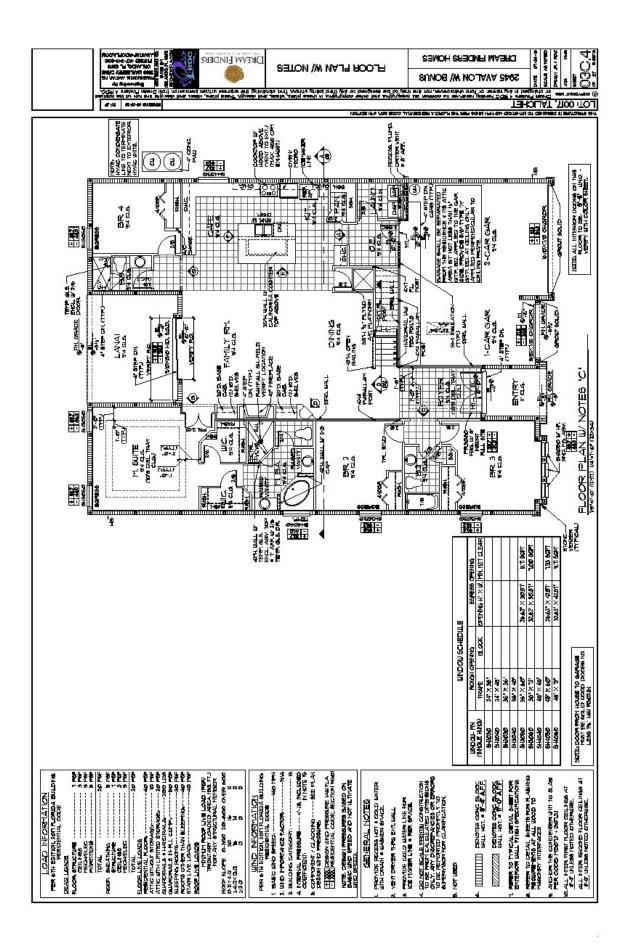


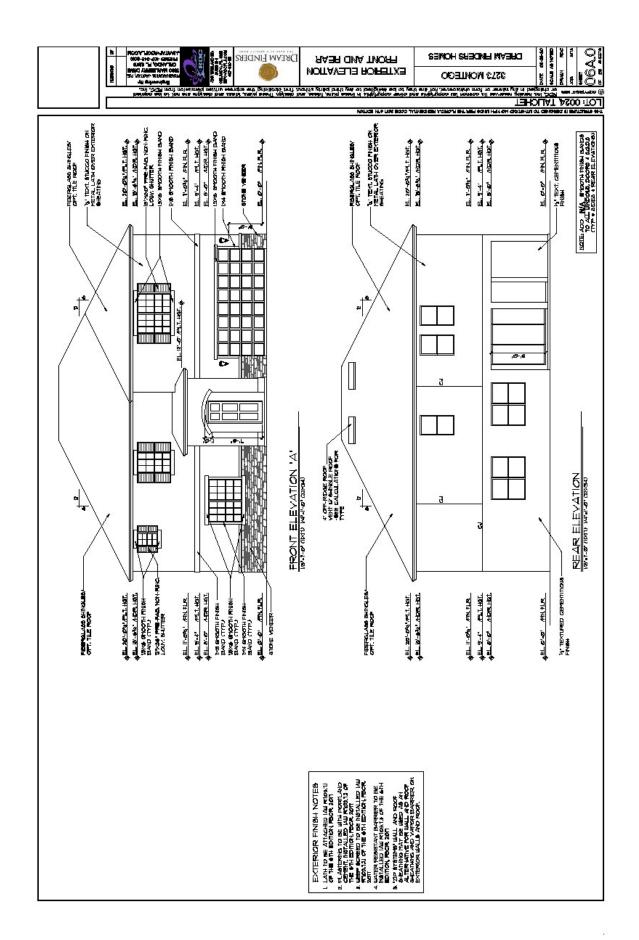


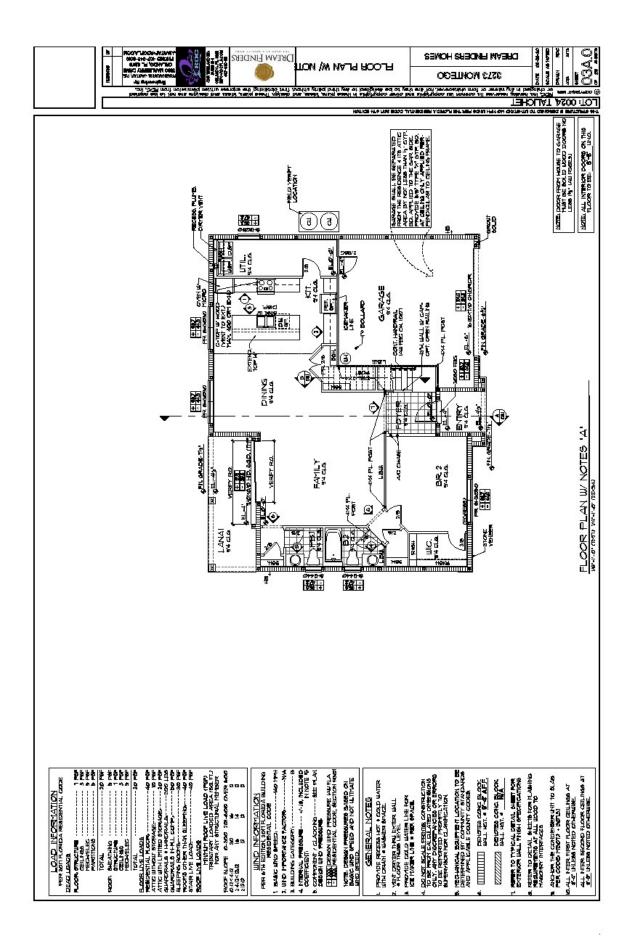


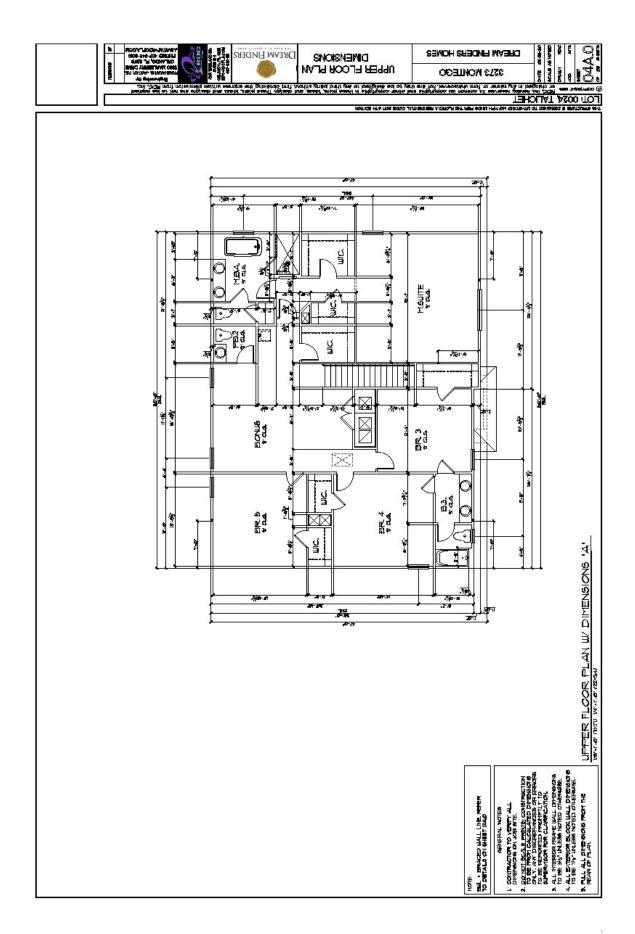












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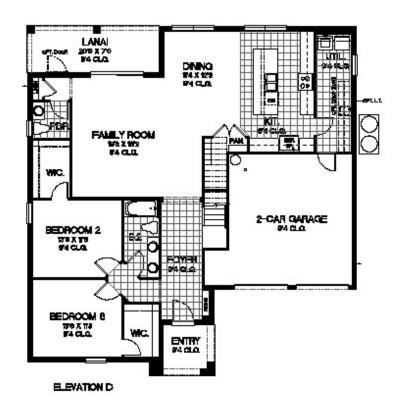
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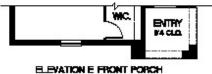


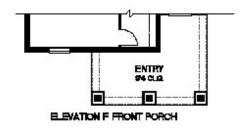
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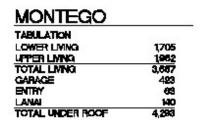
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