STAFF REPORT 7/24/2019 MEETING PREPARED BY: J. ROSS

APPLICATION NUMBER 19-6330

ADDRESS: 479 W. WILLIS

HISTORIC DISTRICT: WILLIS SELDEN APPLICANT: THOMAS ROBERTS

## PROPOSAL

The building located at 479 W. Willis is a four-story apartment building with a basement-level living space located within the Willis Selden Historic District. The resource is clad with brick and displays stone detailing. Windows are vinyl, with the exception of the casement windows and transoms on the front elevation, first story and nine windows at the rear elevation. Scarring at the front elevation parapet indicates that a cornice once existed at this location. The existing main entrance includes exterior concrete stairs with brick low walls on each side. The stair landing is quarry tile, surrounded by four brick piers, and covered by a masonry and brick balcony. The entry door and windows on either side have arched tops with surrounding stone work to match the quoins at the corners of the building. On either side of the covered entry are two floating concrete benches over which one can view the exterior stairs down to the basement apartment units.

Please note that the Commission approved an extensive proposal for the rehabilitation of the building at the July 10, 2017 regular meeting. With the current submittal, the applicant is seeking the Commission's approval of the following new work items as per the attached drawings, specs, and narrative:

• At the front elevation, install two new tenant mailboxes under the existing covered porch. Specifically, a cluster box unit would be installed on each side of the main entrance, approximately 3" above the existing concrete bench/sill and will be mounted to the inside of the masonry piers and wall surface. One of the cluster box units will include an intercom system. Each of the units will be mounted in a larger perforated metal panel (with a dark bronze finish) that is topped with a metal coping/drip edge. Please note that a color sample has not been provided with the current proposal.

# STAFF OBSERVATIONS

Please note the following:

- The proposed new mailboxes will be highly visible from the public right-of-way when viewing the building's primary elevation at an oblique angle.
- The applicant has noted that he desires to locate the mailboxes/intercom on the porch (rather that installing the mailboxes in the front yard area/detached from the building) because the equipment will "...provide fall protection for the open stairs below each side of the entry porch."

It is staff's opinion that the front porch is a highly-visible, distinctive feature of the building. Although the work is reversible, it is staff's opinion that the proposed equipment/enclosure of the porch openings will negatively impact its historic character. More appropriate balustrades and railings could be proposed to meet code requirement die fall protection.

# APPLICABLE ELEMENTS OF DESIGN

(7) *Relationship of Materials*. A majority of buildings are faced with brick and feature stone or cast stone trim. Single-family residential buildings are generally faced with brick and feature wooden brackets,

bay windows, vergeboards, timbering, porch supports, dentils, entablature, or other classically inspired elements, and other details depending on style. A small number of single-family residential buildings feature wood clapboard siding. Stone or stone facing defines the foundations of buildings at 643-647 and 748 West Alexandrine Avenue, 481 Brainard Avenue, 3957 and 4107 Cass Avenue, and 500 West Willis Avenue, the lower levels of buildings at 4120 Cass Avenue, 3761 Second Avenue, 495-497 West Willis Avenue, and the entire primary façade of buildings at 624 and 627 West Alexandrine Avenue and 3977 Cass Avenue. The buildings at 3901 Cass Avenue, commonly known as Cass Avenue Methodist Church, 3900 and 3977 Second Avenue, and 4100 Third Avenue are composed primarily of stone. Sash windows are historically wood but have, in many cases, been replaced with windows of more modern materials. Stone is used for window sills on a majority of buildings within the district. While roofs within the district are generally flat and not visible, pitched roofs typically feature visible slate or asphalt shingles. Buildings at 686 Selden and 711 West Alexandrine Avenue feature clay tile roofs. The building at 3901 Cass Avenue, commonly known as Cass Avenue Methodist Church, features a copper roof on its tower.

- (8) Relationship of Textures. On a majority of buildings within the district, the major textural effect is that of brick with mortar joints juxtaposed with cast stone or limestone trim. Patterned brickwork is used to create subtle detail on commercial and apartment buildings, such as spandrels and rectangular panels, and more pronounced textural interest where it exists on the upper stories of buildings, such as at 461 West Alexandrine Avenue, and in an arcaded cornice on the building at 711 West Alexandrine Avenue. Where they exist, detailed wooden vergeboards, gables, brackets, and dormers create considerable textural interest on all single-family residential buildings in the district. Rough-cut stone with thick mortar joints creates considerable textural interest on buildings where it exists, while other buildings feature smooth stone with thin mortar joints. In general, asphalt shingle roofs do not contribute to textural interest.
- (9) Relationship of Colors. Natural brick colors in shades of brown, red, and buff predominate on wall surfaces, while natural stone colors in shades of gray, red, and brown also exist. Although most roofs are flat and therefore not visible, sloped roofs typically feature gray asphalt, while some feature red or green clay tile or slate in contrasting colors of gray, red, or green. Wooden architectural details are frequently painted in bold colors, appropriate to the architectural style of the buildings, which contract markedly with brick facing. Brick apartment buildings are generally unpainted, with gray stone trim contrasting with brown or buff brickwork. Brick on commercial buildings is frequently painted in shades of yellow or orange. The original colors of any building, as determined by professional analysis, are always acceptable for that building and may provide guidance for similar buildings.

# RECOMMENDATION

As noted previously, it is staff's opinion that the front porch is a highly-visible, distinctive feature of the building. Although the work is reversible, it is staff's opinion that the proposed location of the equipment /enclosure of the porch openings will negatively impact its historic character, subject to the conditions below. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the installation of new mailboxes and intercom at the property because it meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standard for Rehabilitation Standard Number 6. Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence. However, staff does recommend that the Certificate of Appropriateness be issued with the following conditions:

- The new mailboxes shall be detached from the building and located/sited in the front yard area. The applicant shall provide a site plan and final proposal for the location of the mailboxes within the front yard area to HDC staff for review and approval prior to the issuance of the permit. If HDC staff determines that proposed location does not conform to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and/or the Elements of Design, she shall forward the application to the Commission for review at a monthly meeting.
- The 6-7/16"(H) x 10-3/8"(W) x 3-1/2"(D) intercom may be installed separately from the mailbox/clusterbox units, surface-mounted, at the front elevation of the building. The applicant shall provide a dimensioned drawing which depict the location of the intercom to HDC staff for review and approval prior to the issuance of the permit. If HDC staff determines that proposed intercom installation does not conform to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and/or the Elements of Design, she shall forward the application to the Commission for review at a monthly meeting.

# HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION PROJECT REVIEW REQUEST

**DATE:** 6/24/2019

CITY OF DETROIT
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
2 WOODWARD AVENUE, ROOM 808, DETROIT, MI 48226

PROPERTY INFORMAT	ION		
ADDRESS: 479 W. Willis St., Detro	oit, MI 48201 <b>A</b>	KA: Lindley Hall Hotel Apar	tments
HISTORIC DISTRICT: District: \	Willis-Selden; Section: 25-2-181; Year E	Enacted: 10/10/2011	
APPLICANT IDENTIFIC	ATION		
Property Owner/ Homeowner	Contractor	Tenant or Business Occupant	X Architect/ Engineer/ Consultant
NAME: Tom Roberts	COMPANY NA	ME: Thomas Roberts Archit	ect
ADDRESS: 2927 4th Street	CITY:_Wyandotte	STATE: MI	<b>ZIP</b> : 48192
PHONE:	MOBILE: 734-250-4032	EMAIL: tom@thor	masrobertsarchitect.com
PROJECT REVIEW REQ			
Please attach the following do	cumentation to your request:		
<b>Photographs</b> of ALL side	es of existing building or site		
	of location of proposed work (ph s), design, color, and material)	notographs to	
Description of existing	conditions (including material	s and design)	
Description of project ( existing and/or construc	including an explanation as to value tion of new is required)	why replacementrathe	r than repairof
Detailed scope of work	(formatted as bulleted list)	Based on the sco documentation	
Brochure/cut sheets fo		See www.detroi	tmi.gov/hdc for requirements

SUBMIT COMPLETED HDC@DETROITMI.GOV REQUESTS TO:

# **Project Review Documentation**

# Photographs of existing conditions:



Photo 1: Covered front entrance



Photo 2: Main entrance door



Photo 3: Stair approach to entrance



Photo 4: Stair each side to basement units

# **Description of existing conditions:**

The existing main entrance includes exterior concrete stairs with brick low walls on each side. The stair landing is quarry tile, surrounded by four brick piers, and covered by a masonry and brick balcony. The entry door and windows on either side have arched tops with surrounding stone work to match the quoins at the corners of the building. On either side of the covered entry are two floating concrete benches over which one can view the exterior stairs down to the basement apartment units.

# **Project Scope of Work:**

The proposed scope of work is to install new tenant mailboxes under the existing covered porch. A cluster box unit would be installed on each side of the main entrance above the existing concrete bench. One side would also have a new telephone entry system installed. Perforated metal panels would enclose the new equipment and also provide fall protection for the open stairs below each side of the entry porch.

## **Drawings (see attached sheets):**

A101: See enlarged plan, elevation, and two sections.

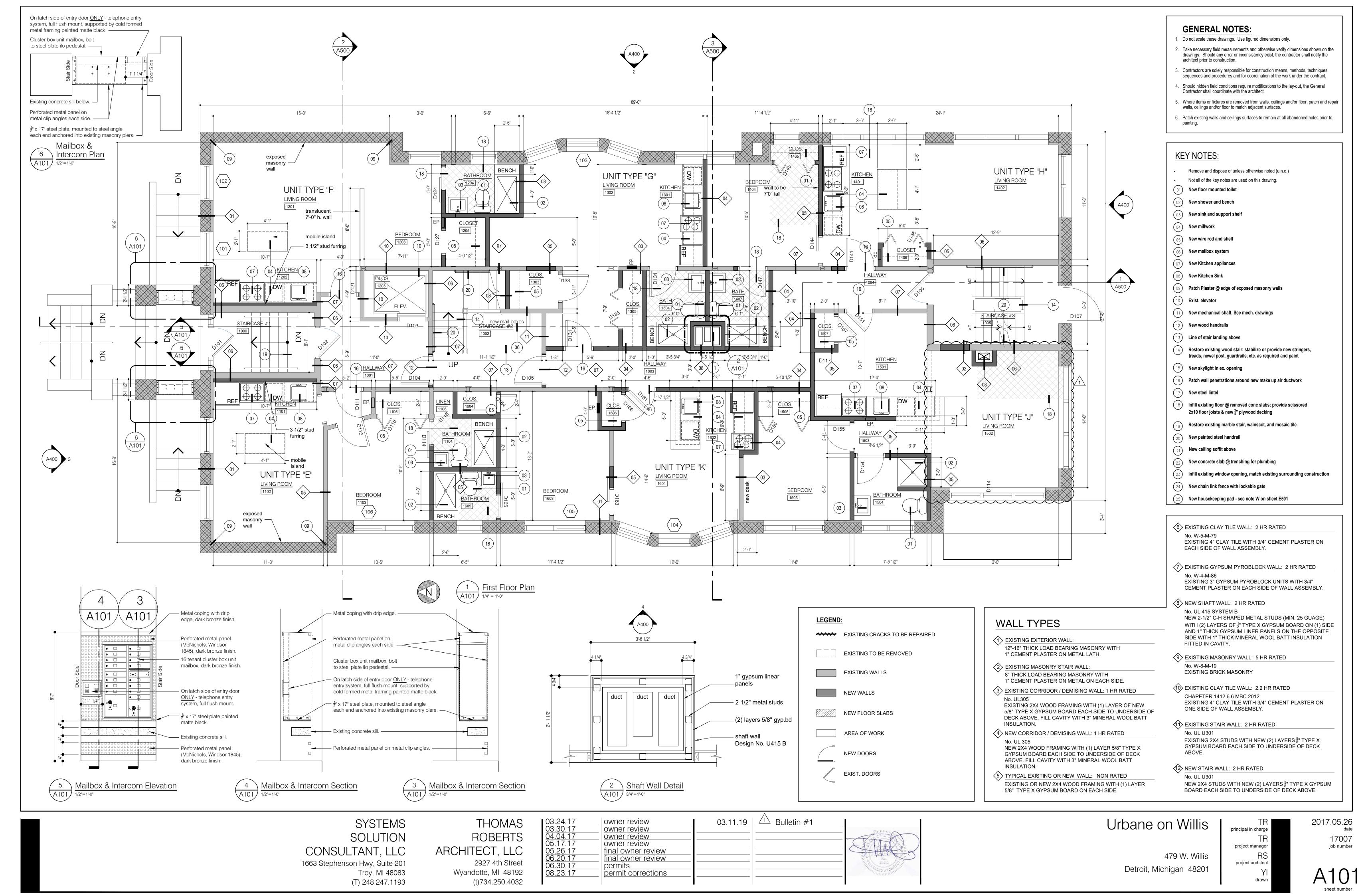
A401: See enlarged partial east elevation and enlarged partial west elevation.

## Product Data (see attached cut sheets):

Cluster Box Unit: Budget Mailboxes; Vital cluster box unit; Dark bronze; 16 tenant boxes, 2 parcel boxes, and 1 outgoing slot. Install without pedestal. Install two units, one on each side of entry porch.

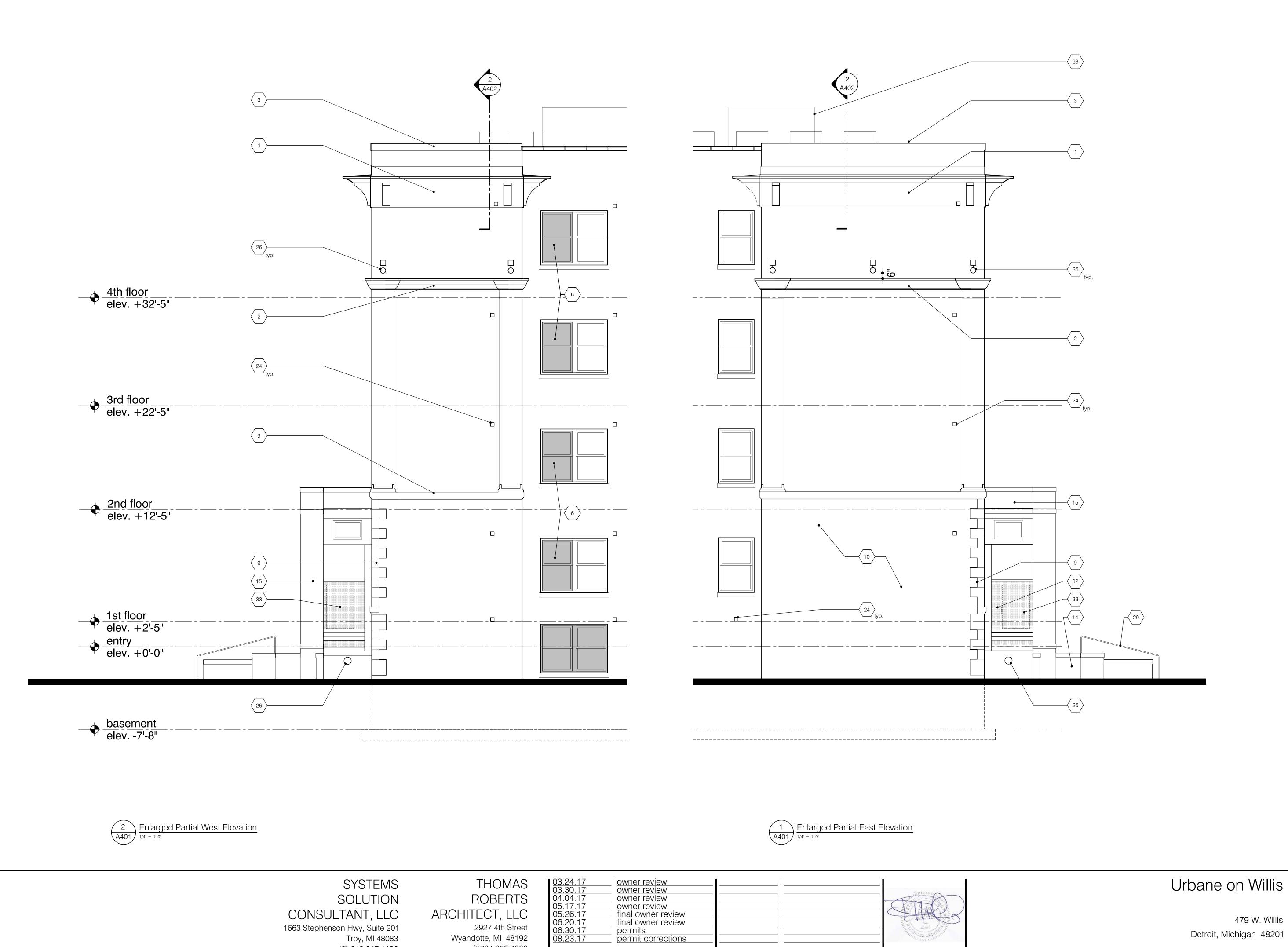
Telephone Entry System: Pach and Company Inc.; Quantum QC Series; Full-Flush Mount. Install on latch side of door next to mailbox unit.

Perforated Metal Panel: McNichols; Designer Perforated Metal; Windsor 1844; 36" x 48"; dark bronze finish. Frame with manufacturer's accessory U-edging at exposed edges of metal panel.



**BULLETIN #1** 

Seal



Detroit, Michigan 48201

479 W. Willis

TR principal in charge project manager RS project architect

KEYNOTES:

4 Ex. gutter

5 Ex. downspout

8 Ex. clay tile coping

New fiberglass reinforced polymer (FRP) cornice

Restore existing Architectural metal cornice & paint

Restore ex. stone coping or replace as required to match existing.

Remove & replace ex. window; match ex. shape, size, and color

Clean ex. stone coining, window hood, and belt line

Remove ivy with most gentle means possible

Ex. rooftop access "doghouse" to be painted

12 Ex. steel hoist beam to remain (paint)

New H.M. door & frame in ex. opening

Restore ex. masonry retaining wall

(15) Restore ex. masonry porch

Repair existing concrete stairs

 $\left\langle 17 \right\rangle$  Ex. metal roofing to be painted

Existing deck. construct new picket railing at 42" height w/ max 4" vert. picket spacing and new trex decking.

(19) Restore wood entry door and frame.

Restore wood windows and frame.

New door wall in existing opening

Restore existing wrought iron railing & paint

Ex. fixed exterior doors to be painted & secured shut

New exhaust vent, painted to match brick

New dryer vent, painted to match brick

New rooftop mechanical equipment

26 New lighting. See electrical.

29 Ex. steel railing (paint)

30 Ex. elevator penthouse (paint)

enclosure details.

On latch side of entry door ONLY - telephone entry system, full flush mount. See A101 for perforated metal

(33) Each side of entry door, cluster box

unit mailbox, 16 tenant. See A101 for perforated metal enclosure details.

New window to match existing

27 New railing

(31) New signage

**GENERAL NOTE:** 

match existing

1. No exposed conduit on exterior

2. Windows to be replaced will be in kind and

7 Restore & paint ex. metal panel

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ISSUANCES REVISIONS Seal

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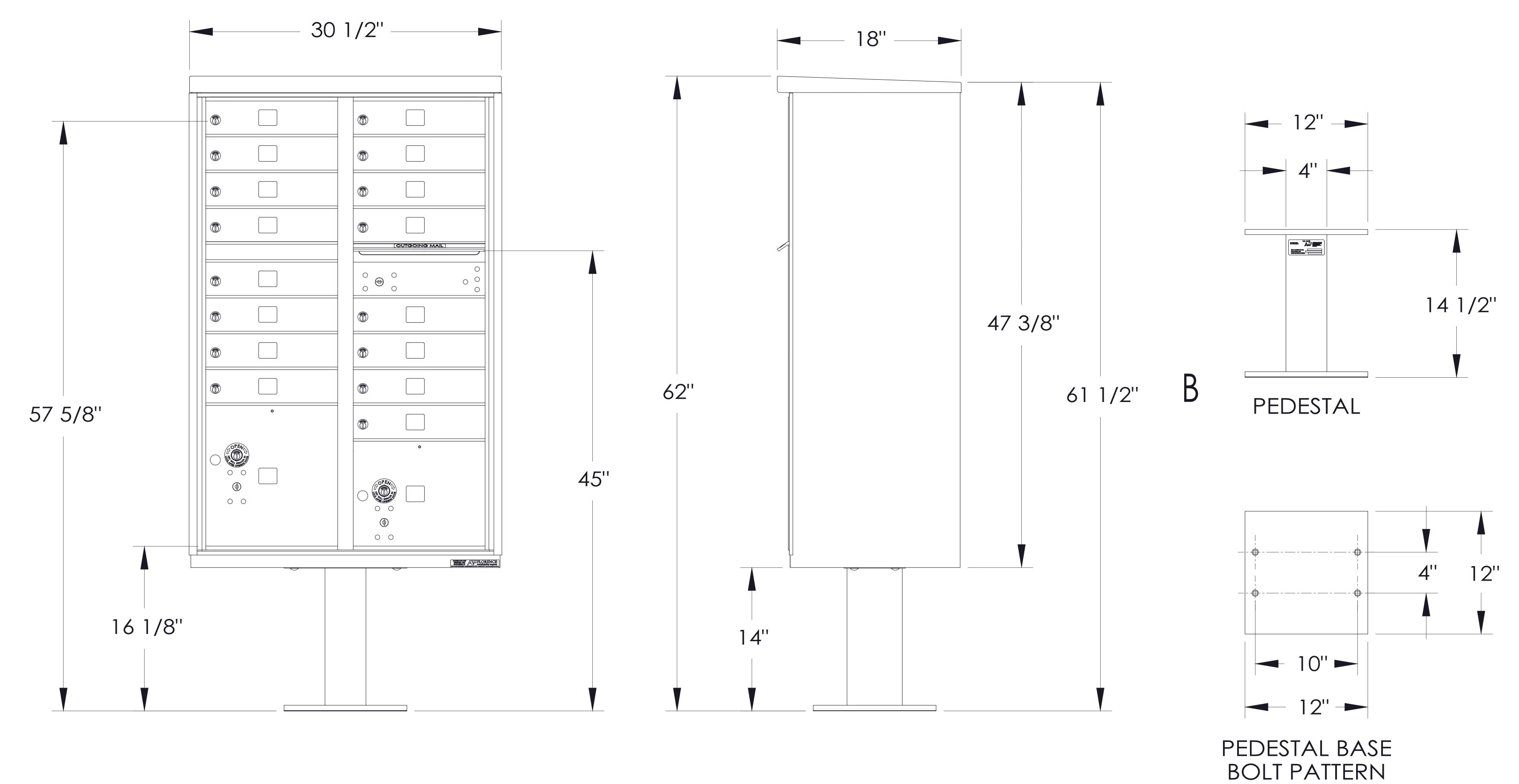
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**BULLETIN #1** 

# vital<sup>TM</sup> Cluster Box Unit - Type III



FRONT VIEW SIDE VIEW

# DOOR CHART

DOOR TYPE	DIMENSION (HEIGHT x WIDTH)
TENANT	3-3/8"x12-13/16"
10" PARCEL	10-1/4"×12-13/16"
13" PARCEL	13-3/4"x12-13/16"
OUTGOING SLOT	3/4"x11-3/4"

# NOTES:

- 1. This unit is approved for USPS and private applications.
- 2. Decorative mailbox accessories sold separately and are USPS Approved products.
- 3. Pedestal should be installed with included Rubber Pad; mounting hardware not included, refer to installation manual for recommendations.
- 4. Florence "F" series CBU is Officially Licensed by USPS: License#CDSEQ-08-B-0012





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MODEL	1570-16	REV	A
SCALE	NONE		7 REV DATE 9/26/2012

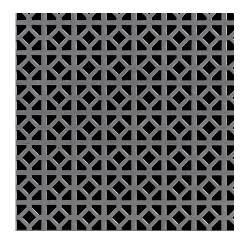
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# McNICHOLS® PERFORATED METAL

Designer Perforated, WINDSOR 1845, Aluminum, Alloy 3003-H14, .0400" Thick (18 Gauge), 5/8" Square (1/4" Interior Diamond) on 3/4" Straight Centers, 45% Open Area

**McNICHOLS®** Perforated Metal, Designer Perforated, WINDSOR 1845, Aluminum, Alloy 3003-H14, Mill Finish, .0400" Thick (18 Gauge), 5/8" Square (1/4" Interior Diamond) on 3/4" Straight Centers, 1/8" Bar Width, Minimum Solid Margins Both Sides of Sheet Parallel to Length of Sheet, Holes Sheared Through Both Ends of Sheet Parallel to Width of Sheet, 45% Open Area

ITEM 17940040M2 - 36" x 24"

ITEM SPECIFICATIONS	
Item Number	17940040M2
Product Line	Perforated Metal
Designer Type	Designer Perforated
Series Name	WINDSOR
Series Number	1845
Primary Material	Aluminum (AL)
Alloy, Grade or Type	Alloy 3003-H14 (3003H14)
Material Finish	Mill Finish
Gauge/Thickness	.0400" Thick (18 Gauge)
Hole Pattern	5/8" Square (1/4" Interior Diamond) on 3/4" Straight Centers
Hole Size	5/8"
Hole Centers	3/4"
Bar Width	1/8"
Hole Arrangement	Straight Centers
Hole Arrangement  Margins Parallel to Width	Straight Centers Sheared Through Both Ends
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Percent Open Area	45%
Weight	0.32 Lbs./Square Foot
Product Form	Sheet
Sizes (Width x Length)	36" x 24"; 36" x 48"; 36" x 96"

# **QUANTUM QC SERIES**

# **IP BROWSER TELEPHONE ENTRY SYSTEM**



Commercial application telephone entry system, programmable via Web Browser.

No "Software Installation" necessary

No "Monthly Fee"

Four way to program, via LAN, WAN, Direct Connect or System's Keypad.

Selectable port, no "Dedicated Static IP" needed.

Surface or Full-Flush Mount



FEATURES/MODEL	QC1 Surface	QC1FF Full Flush	QC1IP Surface	QC1IPFF Full Flush	QC2IP Surface	QC2IPFF Full Flush	QC6IP Surface	QC6IPFF Full Flush
QWCM IP Browser	optional	optional	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Input power 12Vac transfomer supplied	12Vac/12Vdc	12Vac/12Vdc	12Vac/12Vdc	12Vac/12Vdc	12Vac/12Vdc	12Vac/12Vdc	12Vac/12Vdc	12Vac/12Vdc
Current consumption	900mA	900mA	1150mA	1150mA	1150mA	1150mA	1150mA	1150mA
Operating temperature	0-140 °F	0-140 °F	0-140 °F	0-140 °F	0-140 °F	0-140 °F	0-140 °F	0-140 °F
16 x 1 Backlit LCD	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Backlit keypad button	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Tenant capacity	100	100	100	100	250	250	600	600
Access code capacity 4-8 digit	300	300	300	300	1000	1000	600	600
Card/Fob capacity	300	300	300	300	1000	1000	3000	3000
Number of Built-inrelay form C dry contact	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
26-Bit wiegand input	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Built-in 26-Bit <i>proprietary</i> card reader	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

10 - Time Zone

## 10 - Auto unlock schedule

#### 20 - Holiday time zone

## 10 - Unlock hold card

# 10 - Unlock hold code 4-8 digit

# 10 - Temporary card up to 10 times used

# 10 - Temporary code 4-8 digit up to 10 times used

# 2 - Auxiliary input for exit switch, postal lock

# 2 - Door sensor

Unlock hold timer	yes							
Event recording buffer	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600
Satellite Keypad, Card Reader or Combo w/ independent access	max. 8							

Surface mount dimension 6-7/16"(H) x 10-3/8"(W) x 3-1/2"(D)

Full-flush mount Outside: 9-13/16"(H) x 11-13/16"(W) Inside: 7-1/2"(H) x 10-1/2"(W) x 3-5/8"(D) dimension

24 month Warranty

#### **ACCESSORIES**

**QVPC** Analog color camera

**USCR** 26-Bit Wiegand Satellite Card Reader

**USKP** Satellite keypad

**USKPR** Satellite Card Reader and Keypad Combination

**UFOB** Quantum Keyfob

UCLAM Quantum Clam Shell Card

**UISO** Quantum ISO Card

UCRM 26-Bit Wiegand/RS-485 controller Module

Pedestal Mounting Post, Adapter Plate and Mounting Ring

UPM1S Standard Single Arm (42"H, 5"x5" base)

UPM1L Large Single Arm (47"H, 8"x8"

UPM6L Large Single Arm (64"H, 8"x8"

UPM2 Double Vertical Arm (44"/84"H, 8"x8"

**UPM5** Double Horizontal Arm (47"H, 8"x8"

UPM12E 12" Expansion Arm use for all UPM

**UPMDB64** Single Arm Direct Buriel (64"H)

Miscellaneous Accessories

**USP1** AC and Telephone Surge Protector.

**USP2L** Surge and Lighning Protection, include Lightning on 24 months warranty

**UBAT1** 12VDC 4.5 Ahr backup battery. **UXIT** Multipurpose push button switch

IREXIT Infrared exit switch