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October 3, 2024

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Exempt from Review

Record #: 4594

Date of Request: October 2, 2024

Facility Name: Nash General Hospital

FID #: 933368

Business Name: Nash Hospitals, Inc.

Business #: 1289

Project Description: Replace the current bed tower on the main campus

County: Nash

Dear Mr. Brand:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S. 131E-184(g). Therefore, you may proceed to offer, develop or establish the above referenced project without a certificate of need.

It should be noted that this determination is binding only for the facts represented by you. Consequently, if changes are made in the project or in the facts provided in your correspondence referenced above, a new determination as to whether a certificate of need is required would need to be made by the Agency. Changes in a project include but are not limited to: (1) increases in the capital cost; (2) acquisition of medical equipment not included in the original cost estimate; (3) modifications in the design of the project; (4) change in location; and (5) any increase in the number of square feet to be constructed.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Gregory F. Yakaboski

Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell Chief

cc: Construction Section, DHSR

Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR

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RE: Bed Tower Main Campus Exemption Request

Facility:

Nash General Hospital

FID #:

933368

County:

Nash

Dear Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Yakaboski:

Please accept this letter as notification of Nash Hospitals, Inc. d/b/a UNC Health Nash (hereinafter referred to as UNC Health Nash) intent to replace the current bed tower on the main campus of UNC Health Nash at 2460 Curtis Ellis Drive, Rocky Mount, NC for a total cost greater than \$4,000,000 pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(g).

Under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(g), the CON law provides that an applicant's proposal for the "construction, development, or establishment of a new health service facility" that exceeds the \$4 million threshold set forth under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(16)b is exempt from Certificate of Need review if all of the following conditions are met:

- The sole purpose of the capital expenditure is to renovate, replace on the same site, or expand the entirety or a portion of an existing health service facility that is located on the main campus.
- 2) The capital expenditure does not result in (i) a change in bed capacity as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(5) or (ii) the addition of a health service facility or any other new institutional health service other than that allowed in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(16)b.
- 3) The licensed health service facility proposing to incur the capital expenditure shall provide prior written notice to the Department, along with supporting documentation to demonstrate that it meets the exemption criteria of this subsection.

Main campus for purposes of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(f) and (g) only is defined under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(14n), as:

- The site of the main building from which a licensed health service facility provides clinical
 patient services and exercises financial and administrative control over the entire facility,
 including the buildings and grounds adjacent to the main building.
- 2) Other areas and structures that are not strictly contiguous to the main building but are located within 250 yards of the main building.

As shown in Attachment 1, the planned replacement bed tower (New Tower) will be adjacent to the current main campus hospital building located at 2460 Curtis Ellis Drive, Rocky Mount, NC, the same address, and physical site of the main building of UNC Health Nash, a licensed acute care hospital (License Number H0228) where clinical patient services are provided, and financial and administrative control are exercised over the entire facility. While the New Tower will have a street address of 2440 Curtis Ellis Drive, Rocky Mount NC, slightly different from the main campus hospital building, it will connect to and be part of the main campus building in several locations including the Ground Floor and Main Level with additional connections on Patient Floors 2 through 6.

This project meets all criteria outlined above for a main campus exemption under § 131E-184(g). Specifically, the sole purpose of the capital expenditure is to replace the existing UNC Health Nash bed tower located on the main campus such that updated and appropriate space for the provision of medical and surgical inpatient care is consistent with the most recently published Facility Guidelines Institute (FGI) guidelines published in 2022. Expected to open in 2027, the New Tower will be constructed at a cost of approximately \$160 million and will be comprised of 160,442 square feet of space throughout seven floors, a basement and penthouse. The basement (Ground Floor) will contain space for electrical, storage, mechanical and information technology rooms. The first floor will consist of a vestibule, security and waiting areas along with a café area and food service. Floors two through six will be dedicated to patient care and contain replacement acute care beds. The final floor is designated as shelled space to accommodate future needs for the intensive care services. The capital expenditure will not result in any change to bed capacity or add any new institutional health service other than those currently provided at UNC Health Nash. Upon opening of the New Tower, the acute care beds being replaced by those in the New Tower will be delicensed and no longer utilized as acute care beds. UNC Health Nash will continue to operate the same number of licensed acute care beds, which are 262.

Finally, this correspondence serves as prior written notice of UNC Health Nash's intention to incur the capital expenditure for the New Tower. As outlined above and illustrated in the Attachment, the proposed New Tower is exempt from CON review pursuant to regulatory and statutory definitions found in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(14n). As such, the proposed project is exempt from Certificate of Need review pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(g).

If you could, please confirm that you agree with our understanding that the proposed New Tower is exempt from Certificate of Need review. Please do not hesitate to contact me if any additional information is needed. Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Jason Brand, M.Ed., MHA

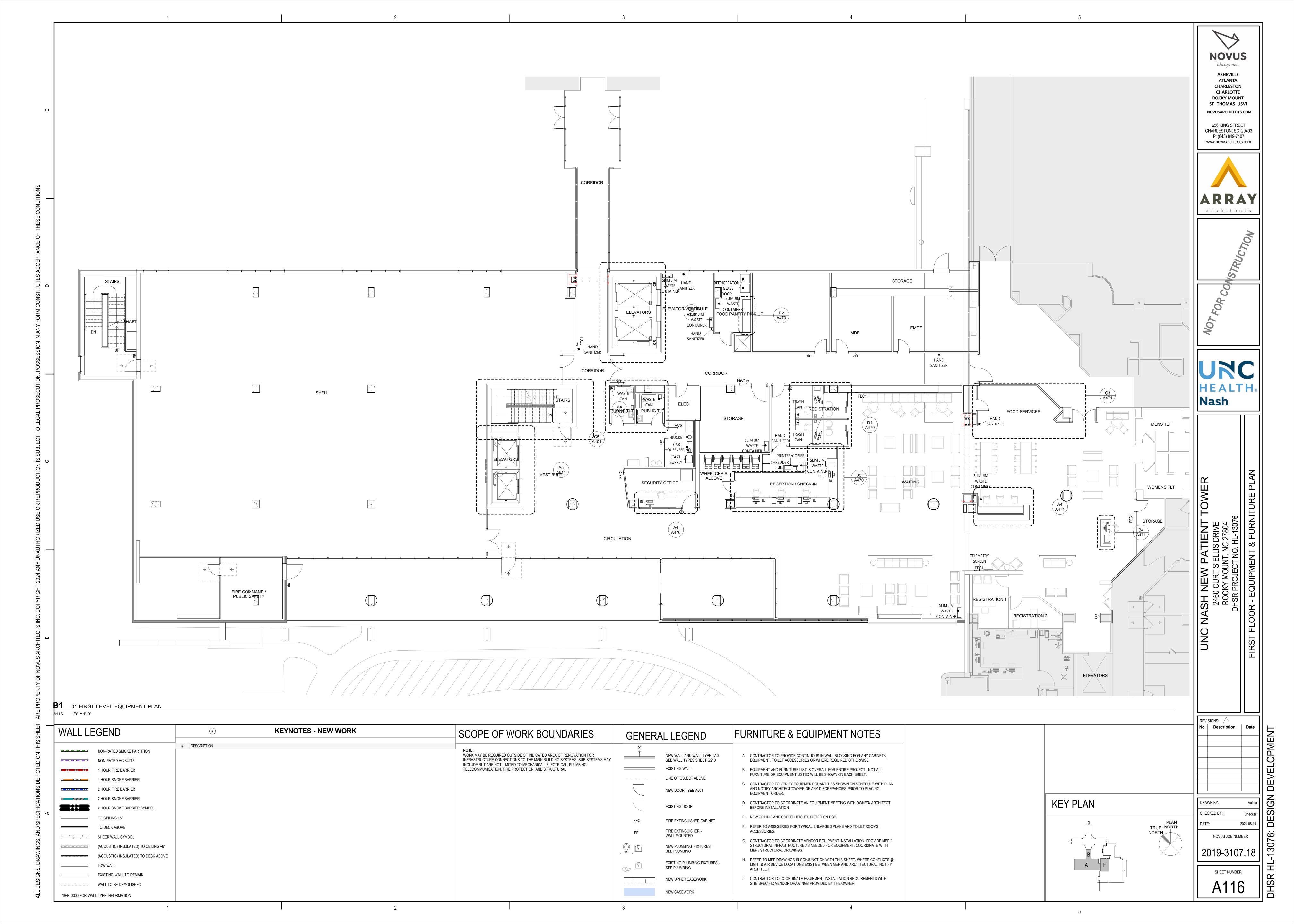
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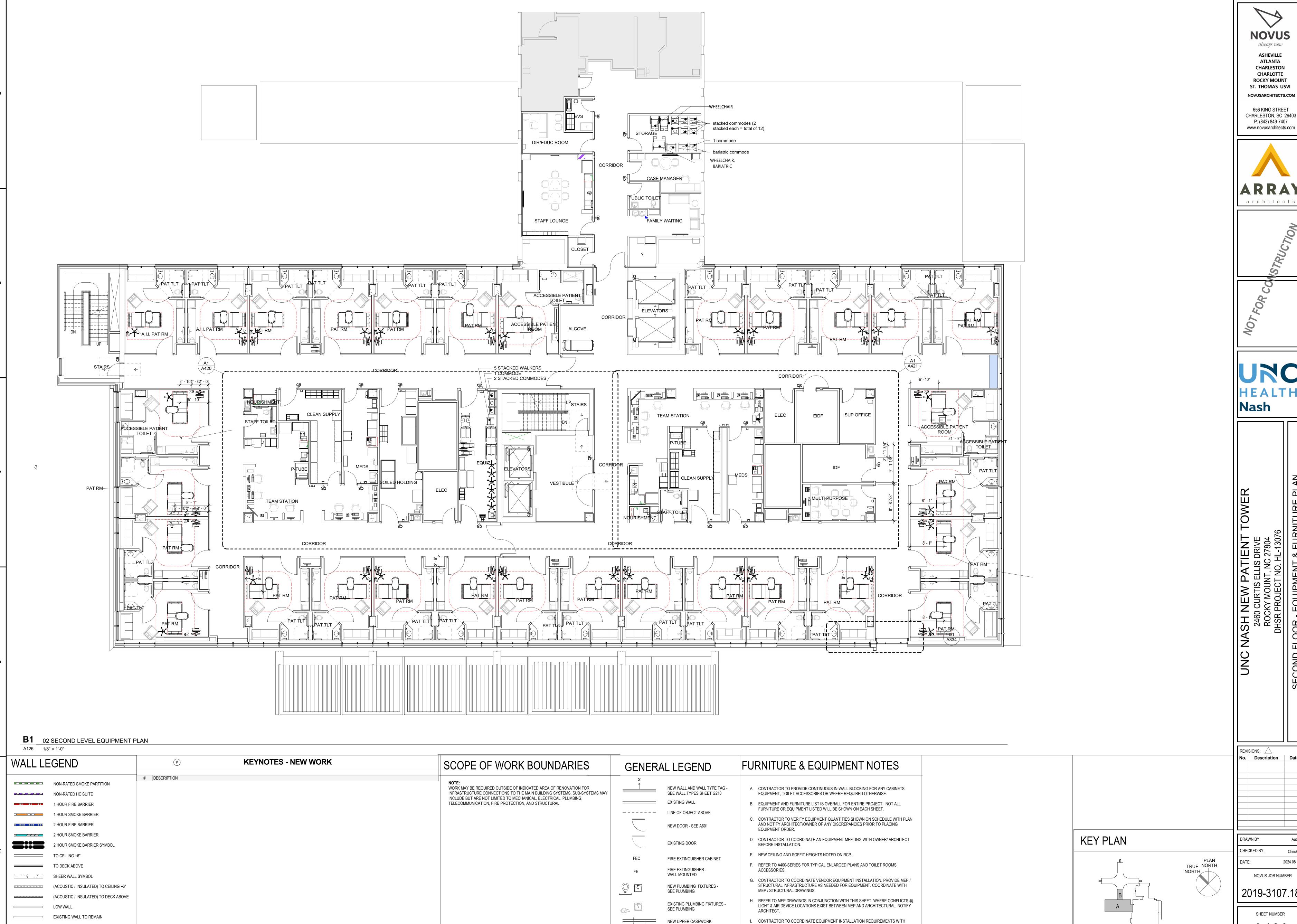
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Attachment 1-New Tower Line Drawings





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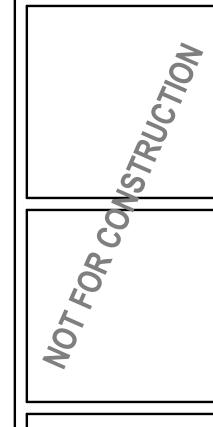
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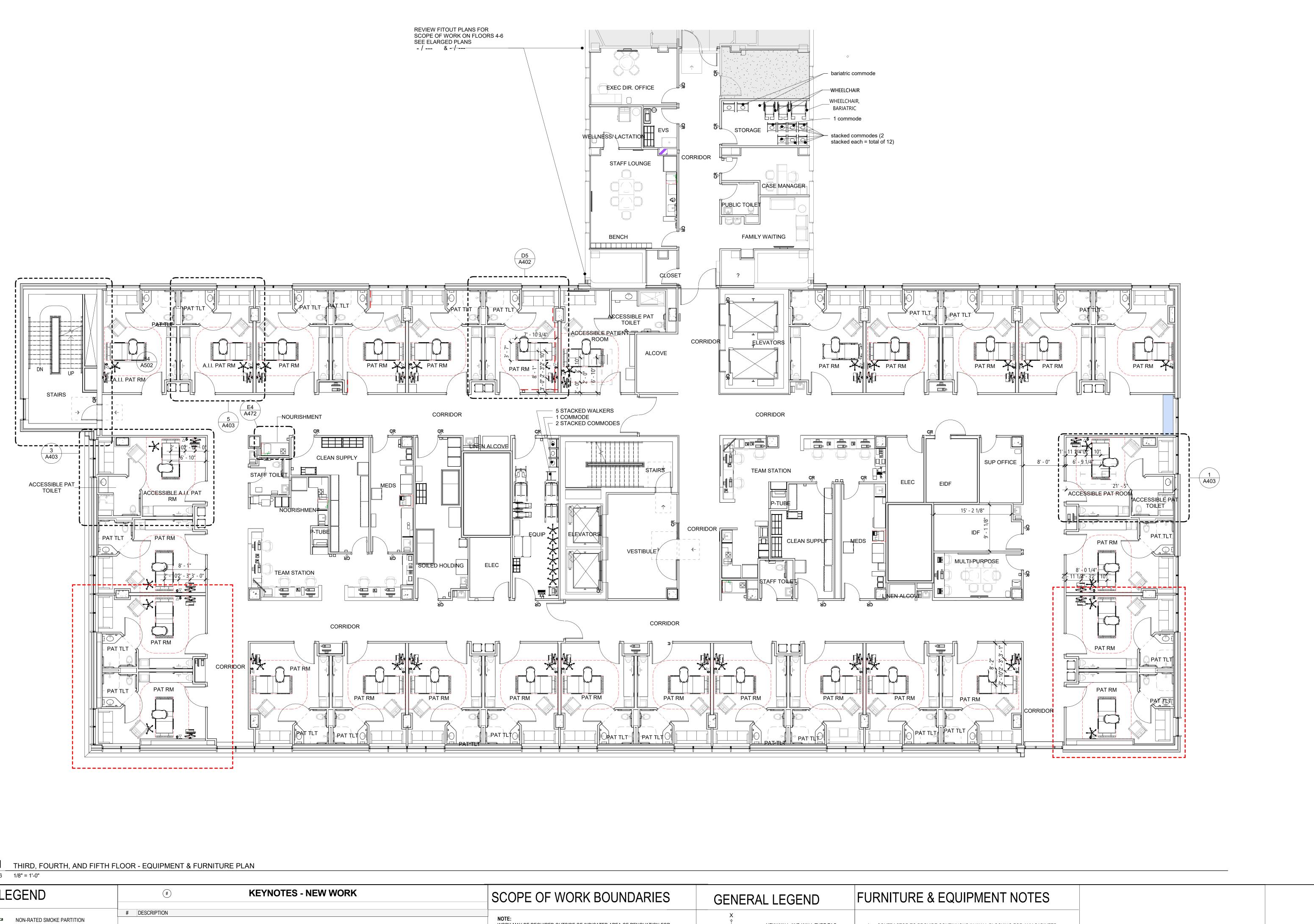




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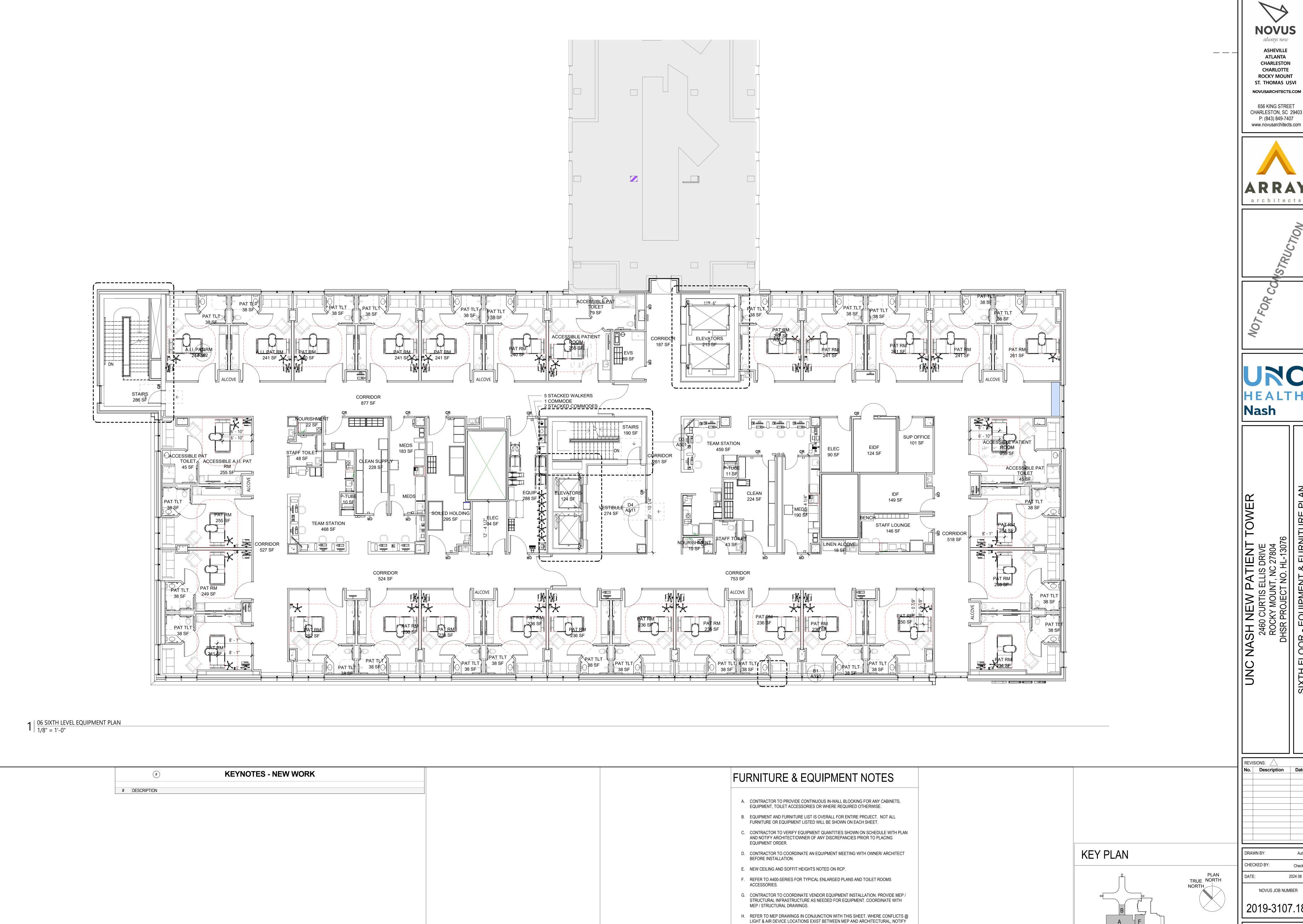
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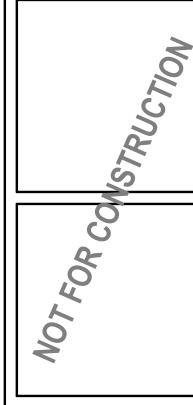
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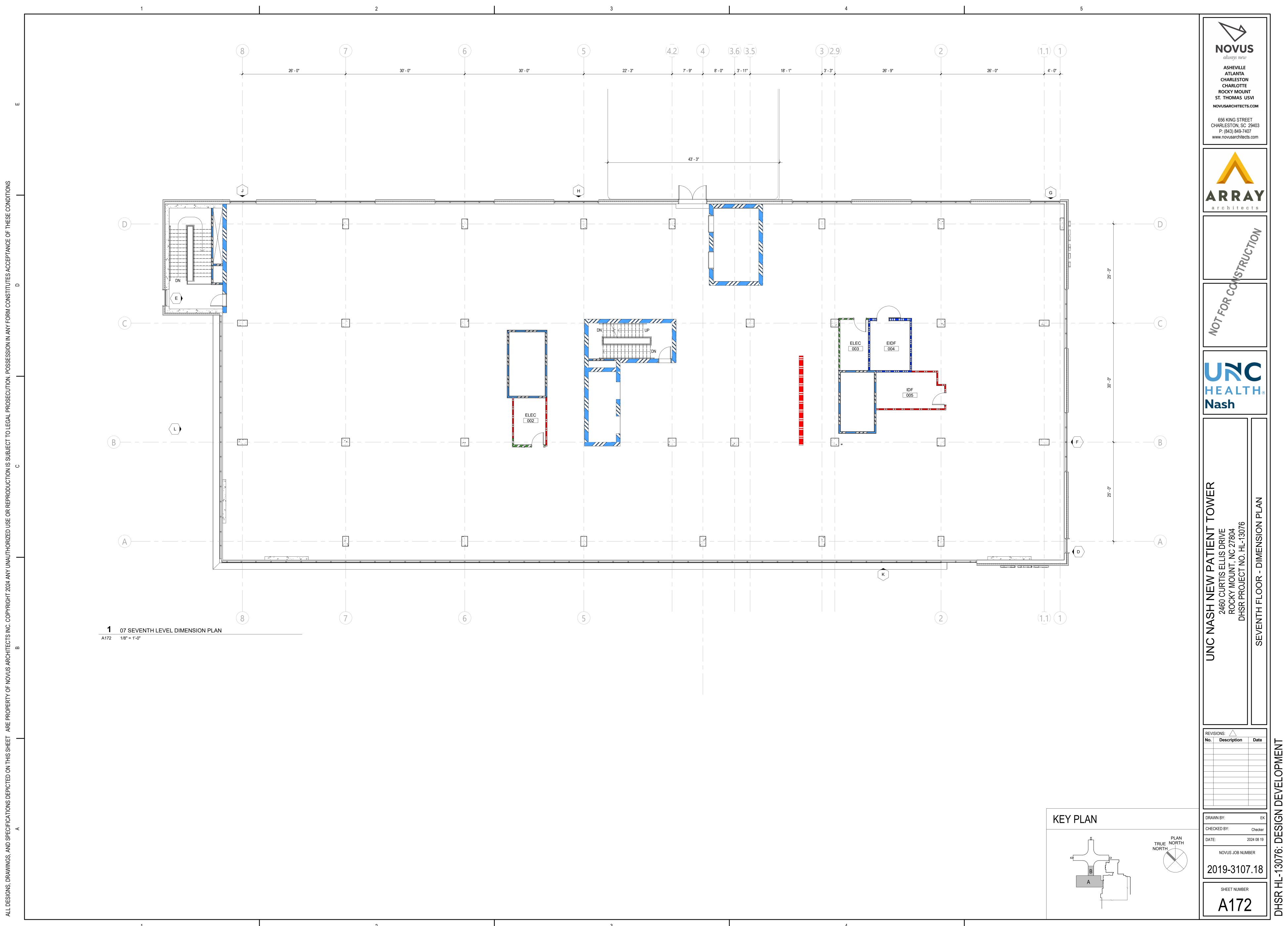




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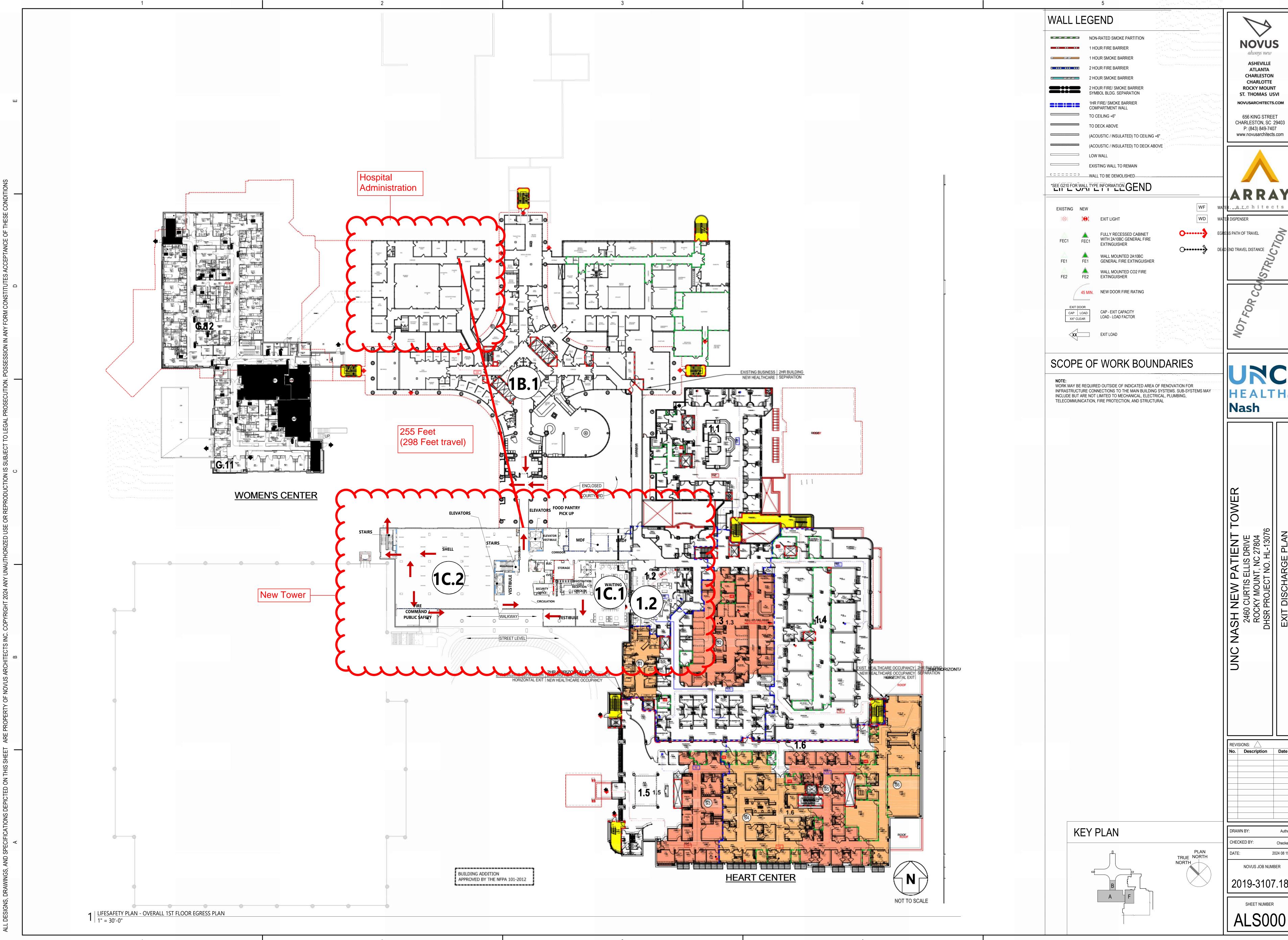
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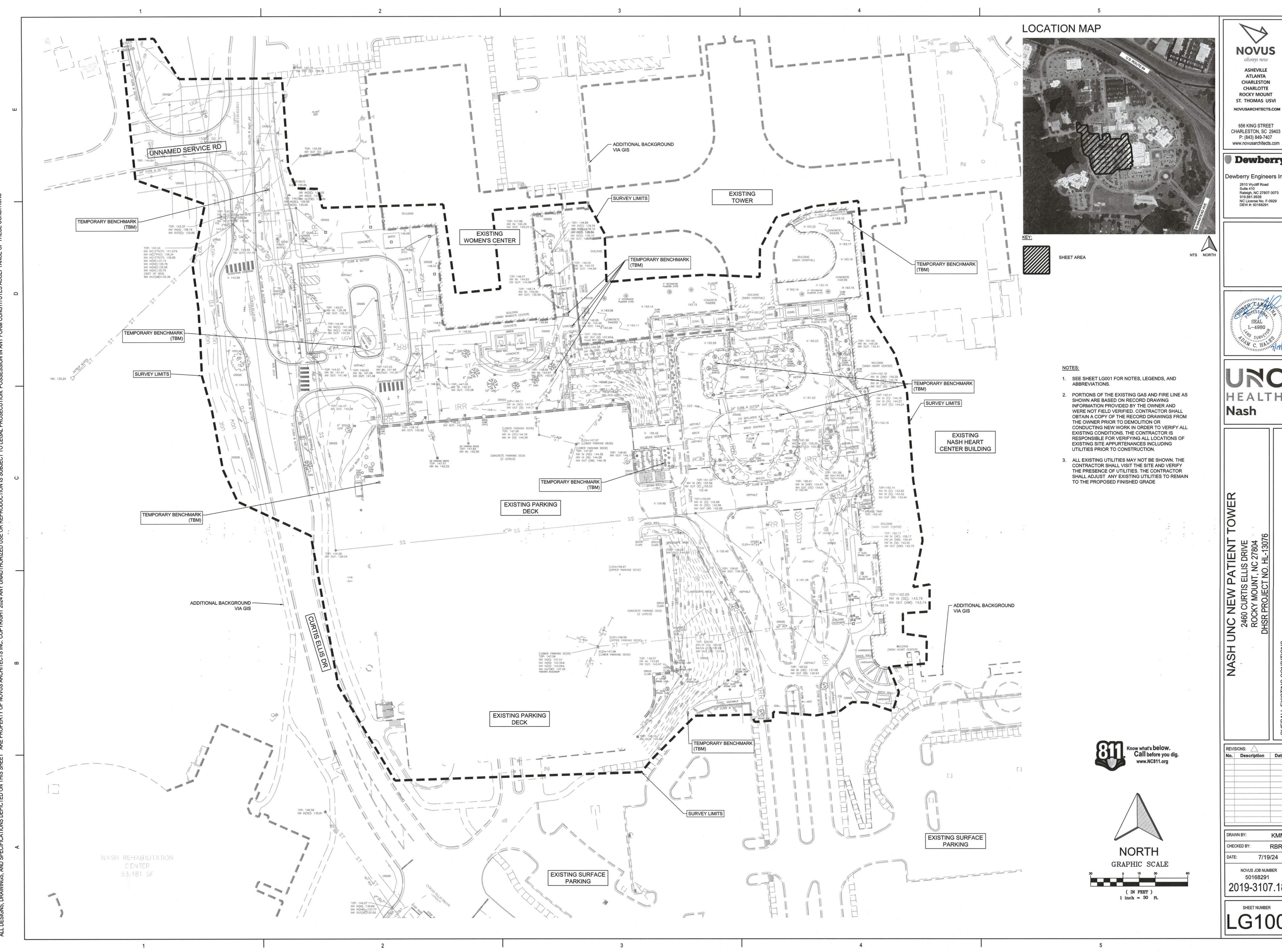
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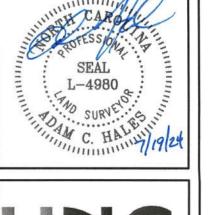
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Good morning-

Please see attached Exemption letter submitted on behalf of UNC Health Nash regarding a planned bed tower. Let us know if you have any questions and if you would please confirm receipt.

Thank you so much,

Kim

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