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REQUEST FOR WAIVER FROM ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 553, PART V, FLORIDA STATUTES

Your application will be reviewed by the Accessibility Advisory Council and its recommendations will be presented to the Florida Building Commission. You will have the opportunity to answer questions and/or make a short presentation, not to exceed 15 minutes, at each meeting. The Commission will consider all information presented and the Council's recommendation before voting on the waiver request.

1. Name and address of project for which the waiver is requested.

Name:

Cobb Theatres 12 at Countryside Mall

Address:

27001 US Highway 19 North Clearwater, Florida 33761

2. Name of Applicant. If other than the owner, please indicate relationship of applicant to owner and written authorization by owner in space provided:

Applicant's Name: David W. Breedlove

Applicant's Address: 1909 Courtney Drive; Birmingham, AL 35209

Applicant's Telephone: (205) 879-5458 **FAX**: (205) 879-5460

Applicant's E-mail Address: dwb@rlsdesigngroup.com

Relationship to Owner: Consultant/Agent

Owner's Name: Cobb Theatres

Owner's Address: 2000-B Southbridge Parkway; Suite 100; Birmingham, AL 35209

Owner's Telephone: (205) 802-7766 FAX (205) 802-7771

Owner's E-mail Address: <u>dwb@rlsdesigngroup.com</u>

Signature of Owner: Daniel Hallellere as Agent and Architect for Cobb Theatres

Contact Person: David W. Breedlove

Contact Person's Telephone: (205) 879-5458 E-mail Address: dwb@rlsdesigngroup.com

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[X] New construction.
[] Addition to a building or facility.
[] Alteration to an existing building or facility.
[] Historical preservation (addition).
[] Historical preservation (alteration).
4. Type of facility. Please describe the building (square footage, number of floors). Define the use of the building (i.e., restaurant, office, retail, recreation, hotel/motel, etc.)
New 12 screen multi-plex movie theatre with tiered "stadium style" seating platforms in each auditorium.
5. Project Construction Cost (Provide cost for new construction, the addition or the alteration): \$4,285,000.00
6. Project Status: Please check the phase of construction that best describes your project at the time of this application. Describe status.
[X] Under Design [] Under Construction*
[] In Plan Review [] Completed*
* Briefly explain why the request has now been referred to the Commission.
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7. **Requirements requested to be waived.** Please reference the applicable section of Florida law. Only Florida-specific accessibility requirements may be waived.

Issue
1: See Attachment "A"
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2:
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8. Reason(s) for Waiver Request: The Florida Building Commission may grant waivers of Florida-specific accessibility requirements upon a determination of unnecessary, unreasonable of extreme hardship. Please describe how this project meets the following hardship criterians Explain all that would apply for consideration of granting the waiver.
[X] The hardship is caused by a condition or set of conditions affecting the owner which does not affect owners in general.
See Attachment "A"
[X] Substantial financial costs will be incurred by the owner if the waiver is denied.
See Attachment "B1" and "B2"
[] The owner has made a diligent investigation into the costs of compliance with the code, but cannot find an efficient mode of compliance. Provide detailed cost estimates and, wher appropriate, photographs. Cost estimates must include bids and quotes.
9. Provide documented cost estimates for each portion of the waiver request and identif

- 9. Provide documented cost estimates for each portion of the waiver request and identify any additional supporting data which may affect the cost estimates. For example, for vertical accessibility, the lowest documented cost of an elevator, ramp, lift or other method of providing vertical accessibility should be provided, documented by quotations or bids from at least two vendors or contractors.
- a. The following is the estimated cost impact for this multi-plex theatre to comply with section

553.509 of the Florida Statues. Twelve (12) lifts required (12 x $52,200 = $626,400.00$). See attachment "B1" and "B2".
b. Also between 15% and 30% of the seats (depending on auditorium size and seating configuration) will be displaced by the installation of lifts.
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10. Licensed Design Professional: Where a licensed design professional has designed the project, his or her comments MUST be included and certified by signature and affixing of his or her professional seal. The comments must include the reason(s) why the waiver is necessary.
Waiver is necessary due to construction costs and feasibility of project.
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CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT:

I hereby swear or affirm that the applicable documents in support of this Request for Waiver are attached for review by the Florida Building Commission and that all statements made in this application are to the best of my knowledge true and correct.

By signing this application, the applicant represents that the information in it is true, accurate and complete. If the applicant misrepresents or omits any material information, the Commission may revoke any order and will notify the building official of the permitting jurisdiction. Providing false information to the Commission is punishable as a misdemeanor under Section 775.083, Florida Statutes.

The Florida State Statues Section 553.509 Vertical Accessibility states that "Nothing in Sections 553.501 – 553.513 or the guidelines shall be construed to relieve the owner of any building, structure, or facility governed by those sections for the duty to provide vertical accessibility to all levels above and below the habitable grade level, regardless of whether the guidelines require an elevator to be installed in such building, structure, or facility." The stadium seating concept is one relatively new to the movie theatre industry; therefore, it is commonly believed that this type of building construction was not anticipated during the drafting of legislation for vertical accessibility or that it was meant to mean that every level or platform of stadium seating may be made accessible. The design industry has relied on Section 4.33.3 Placement of Wheelchair Locations for direction during the design process. This section states:

"Wheelchair areas shall be an integral part of any fixed seating plan and shall be provided so as to provide people with physical disabilities a choice of admission prices and lines of site comparable to those for members of the general public. They shall adjoin an accessible route that also serves as a means of egress in case of emergency. At least one companion fixed seat shall be provided next to each wheelchair seating area. When the seating capacity exceeds 300, wheelchair spaces shall be provided in more than one location. Readily removable seats may be installed in wheelchair spaces when the spaces are not required to accommodate wheelchair user. EXCEPTION: accessible viewing positions may be clustered for bleachers, balconies and other areas having sight lines that require slopes of greater than 5 percent. Equivalent accessible viewing positions may be located on levels having accessible egress."

It is the design industry's desire and duty to incorporate the findings and wishes of the Council and Board with sound and practical construction methods. However it is impossible to provide vertical accessibility to each level of stadium seating due: 1) to the high cost and 2) to the requirements of the ADA Section 4.33.3 which states "they (stadium seating) shall adjoin an accessible route that also serves as a means of egress in case of emergency" It is impractical to achieve this in a stadium seating movie theatre and accommodate the needs of all patrons. We have therefore established the goal of locating accessible seating to within 0% to 20% of the center of each house achieving a disbursed pattern and providing for companion seating as well as achieving comparable sight lines. Having complied with the remaining requirements of Section 4.33.3; it is our belief that this compromise is an acceptable solution to the concerns of all patrons.

ATTACHMENT "BI"



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November 2, 2010

Mr. David Breedlove, Architect RLS Design Group 1909 Courtney Drive Homewood, AL 35209

RE: Cobb Theatre at Countryside Mall, Clearwater, FL

Dear Mr. Breedlove:

We have received the plans for the project referenced above. We estimate that it will cost approximately \$54,600.00 per screen to install lifts in each auditorium. The noted cost includes all structural and electrical required for the installation of the lifts.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Parkes Construction

A Parkes Company

Daniel P. Simpson Project Manager

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October 25, 2010

David W. Breedlove, Architect 1909 Courtney Drive Homewood, AL 35209

Attn: David Breedlove

Subject: Cobb Theatre at Countryside Mall

Clearwater, FL

Dear David:

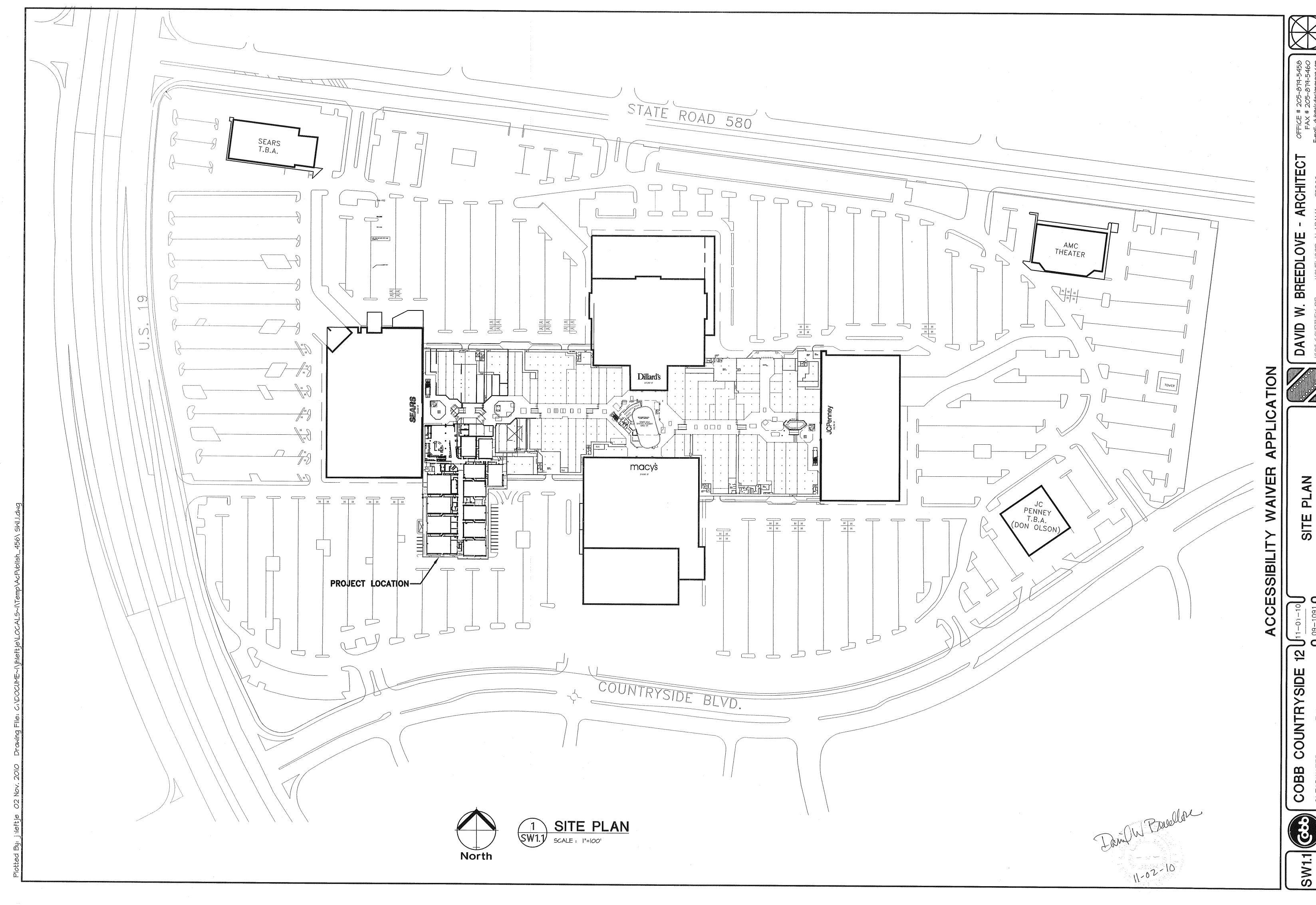
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We hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Yours very truly,

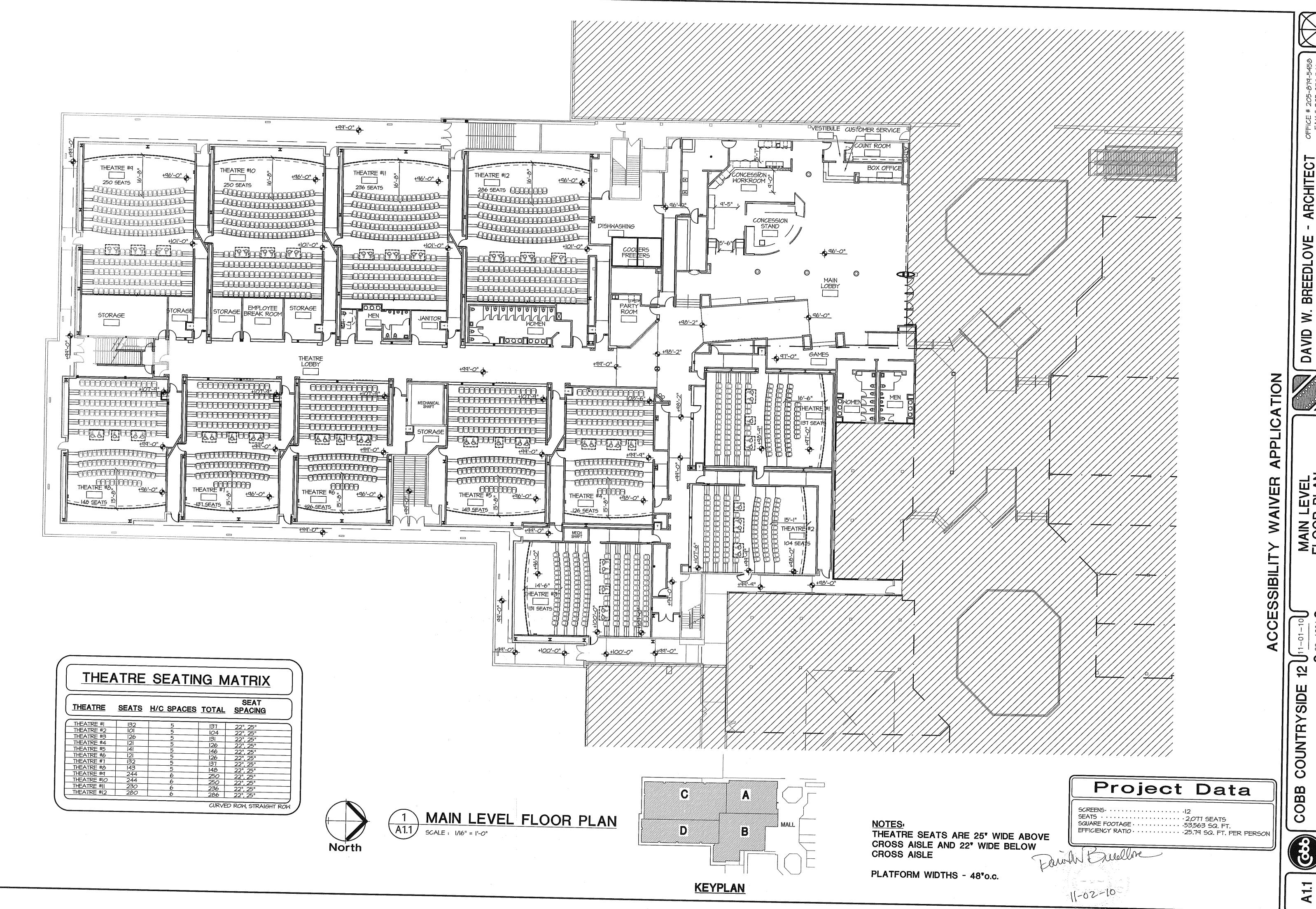
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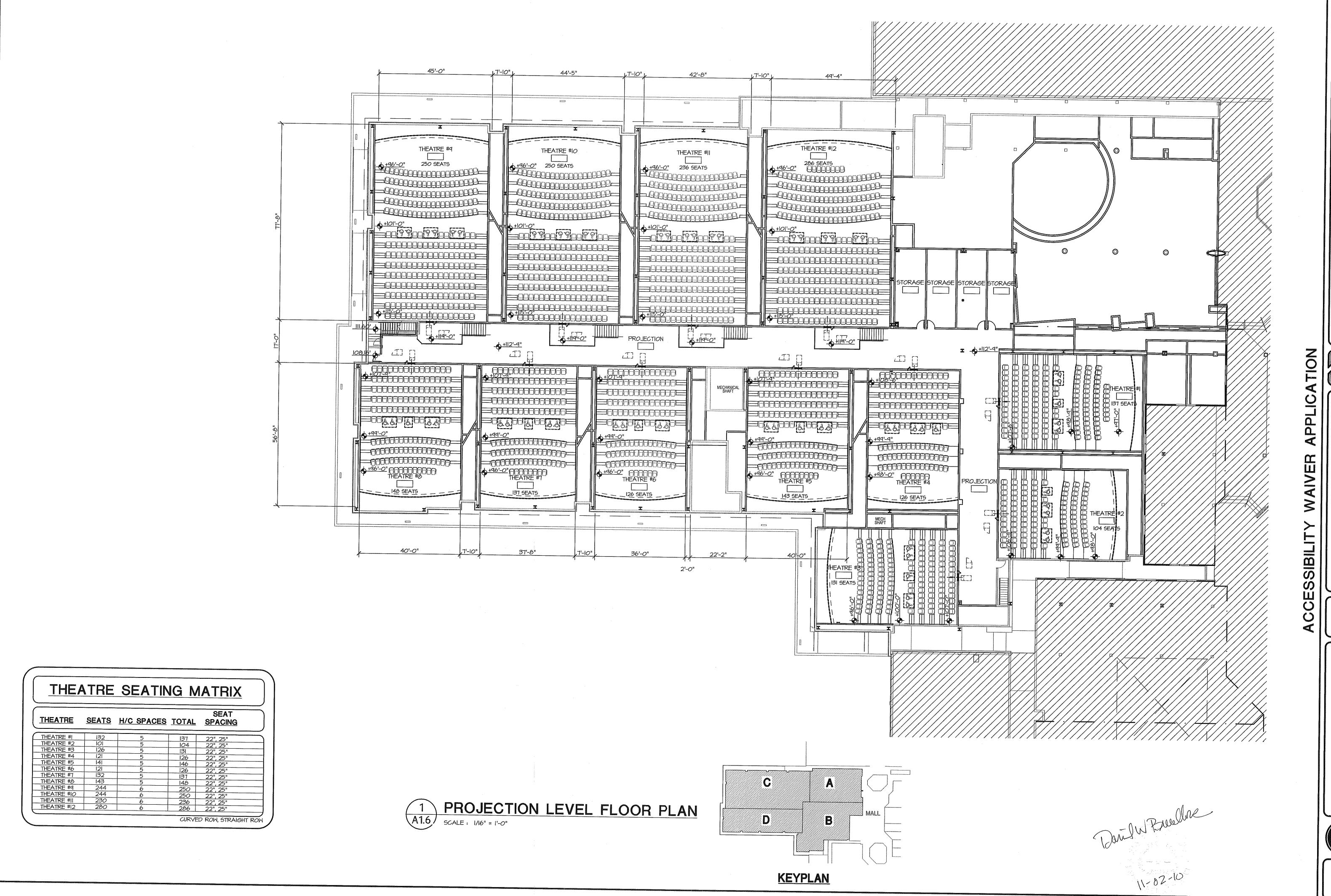
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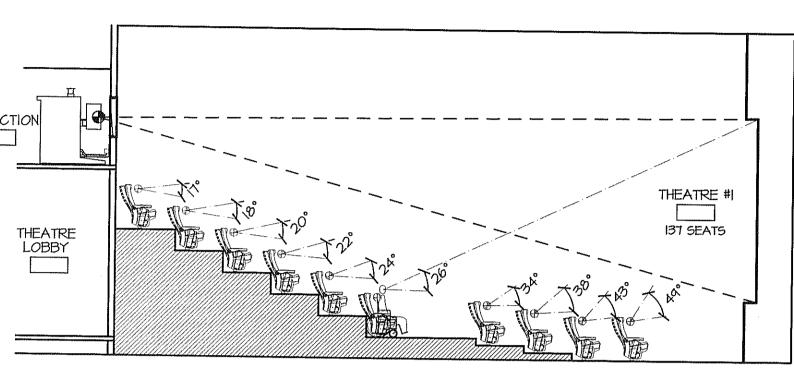
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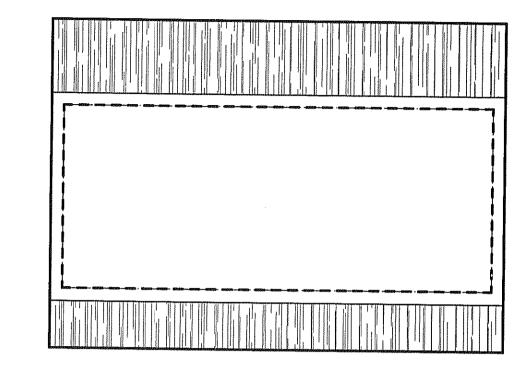
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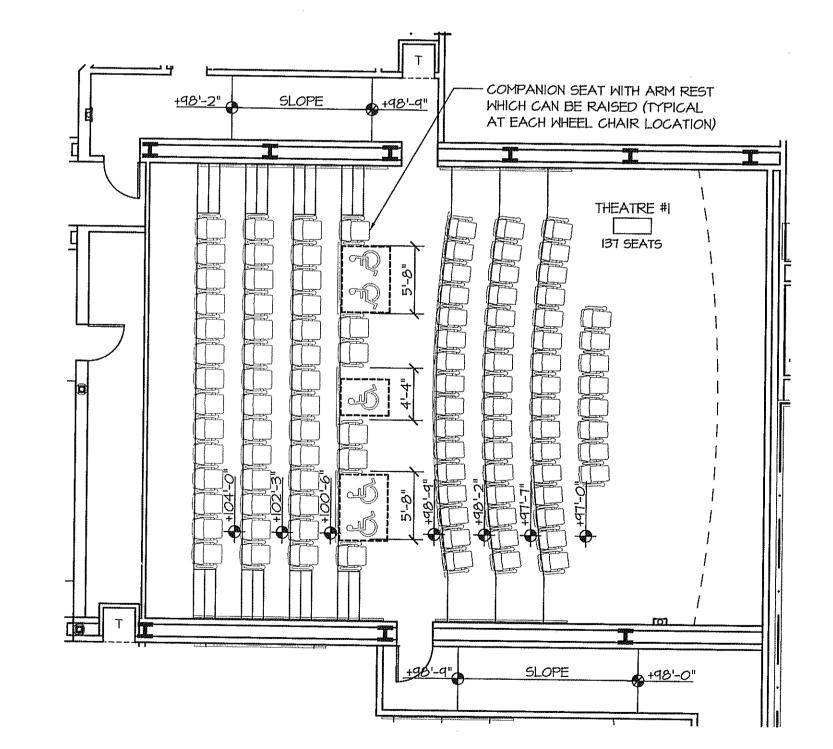
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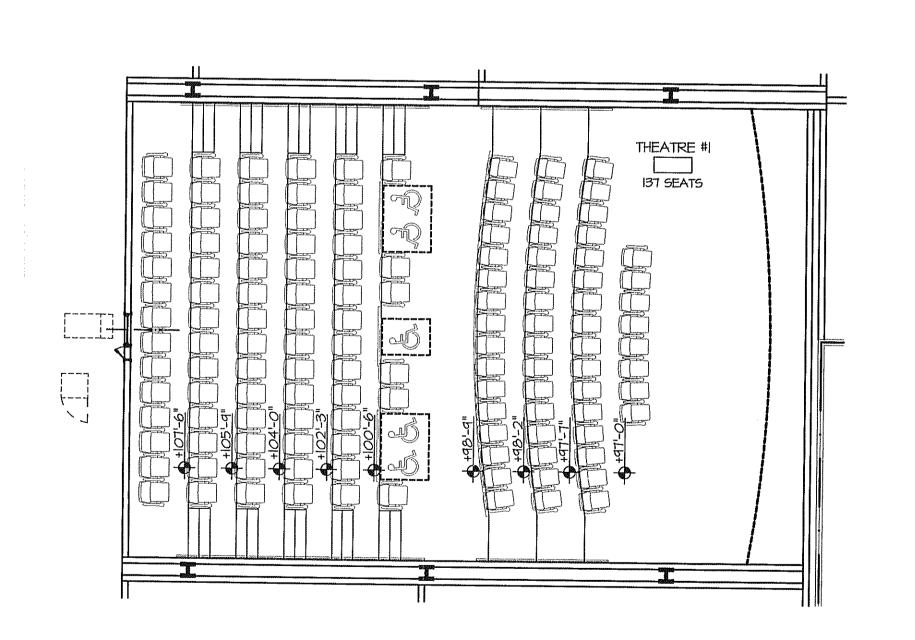




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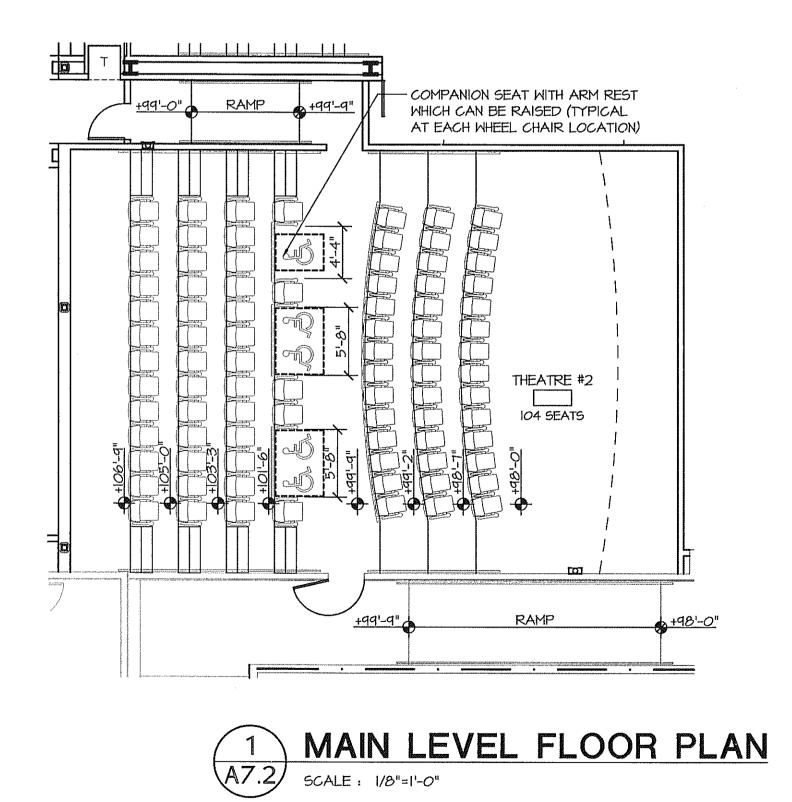


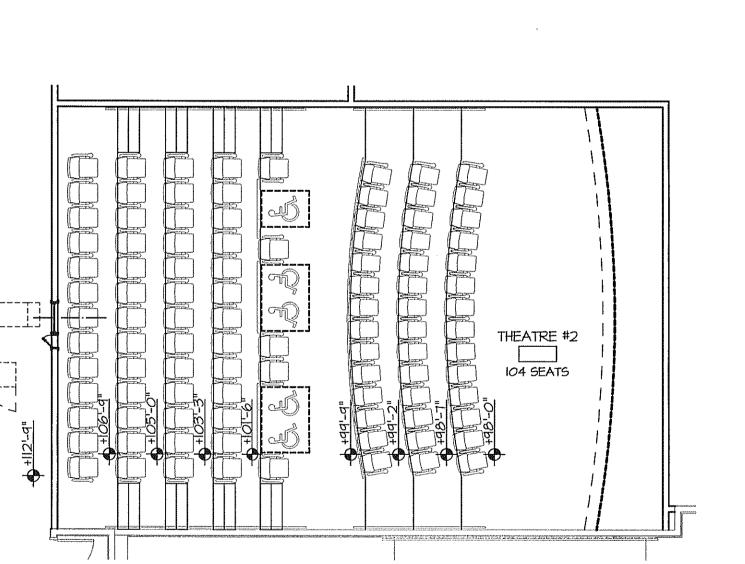
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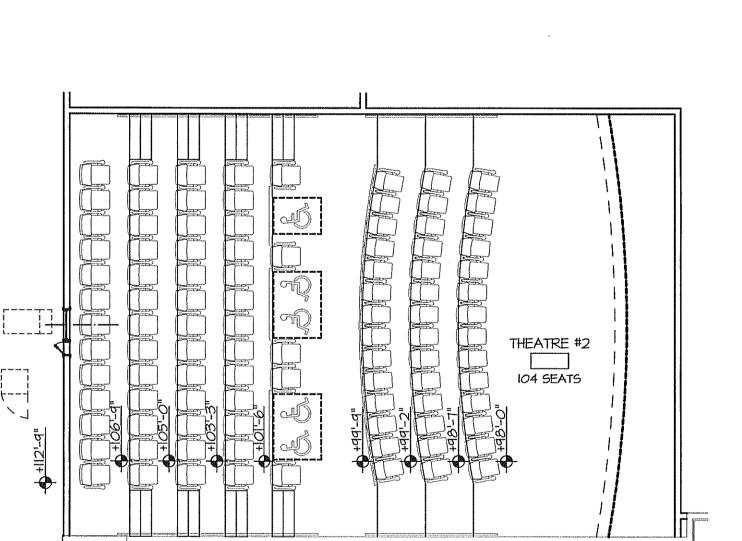


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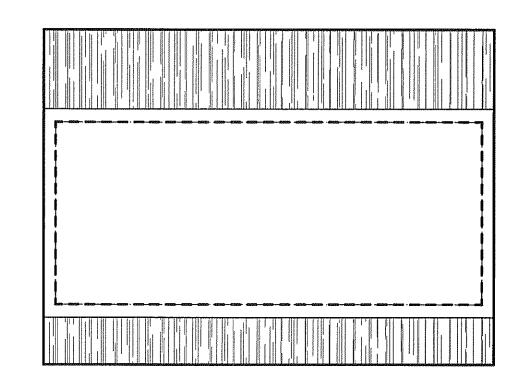




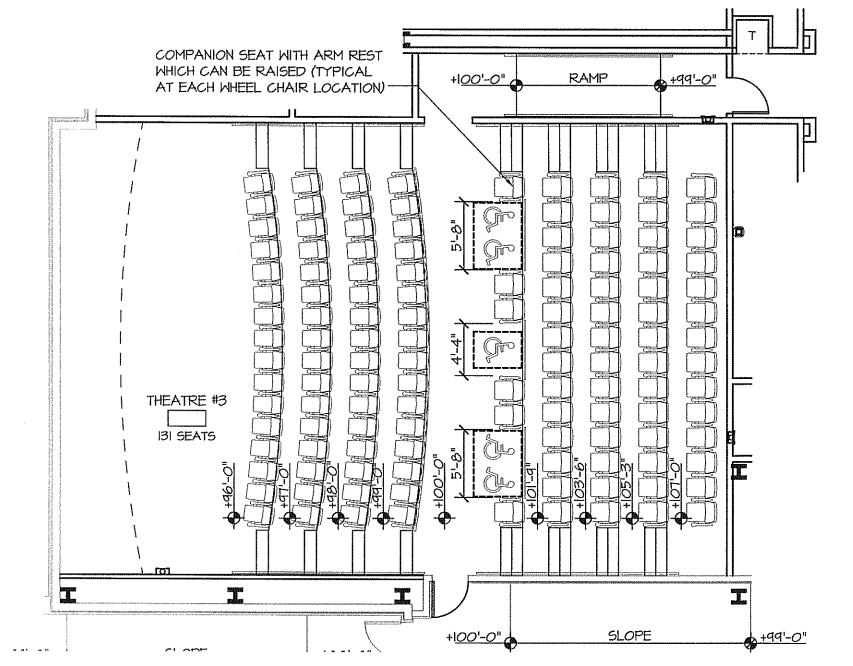


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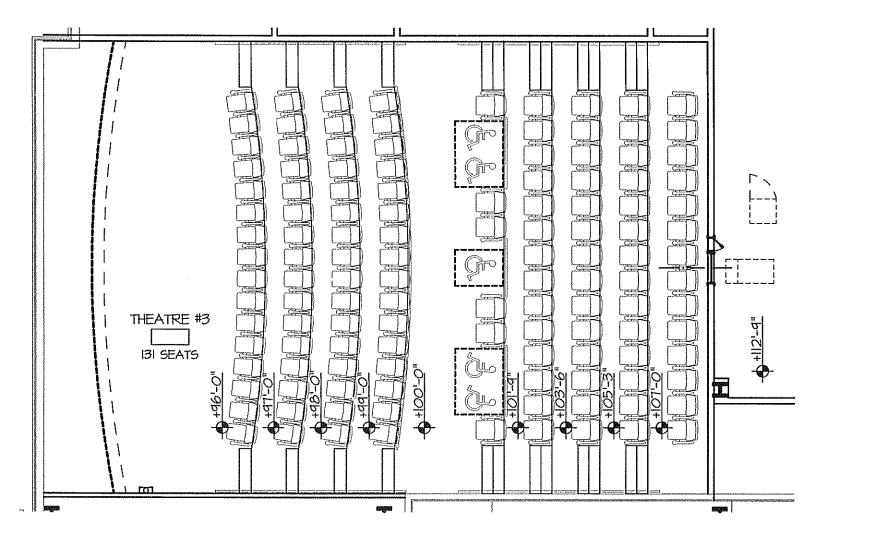




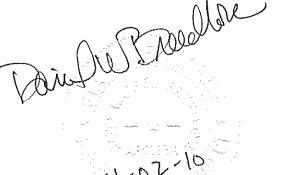


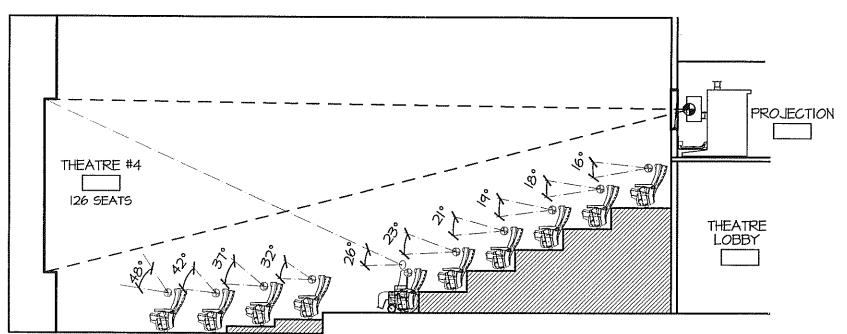


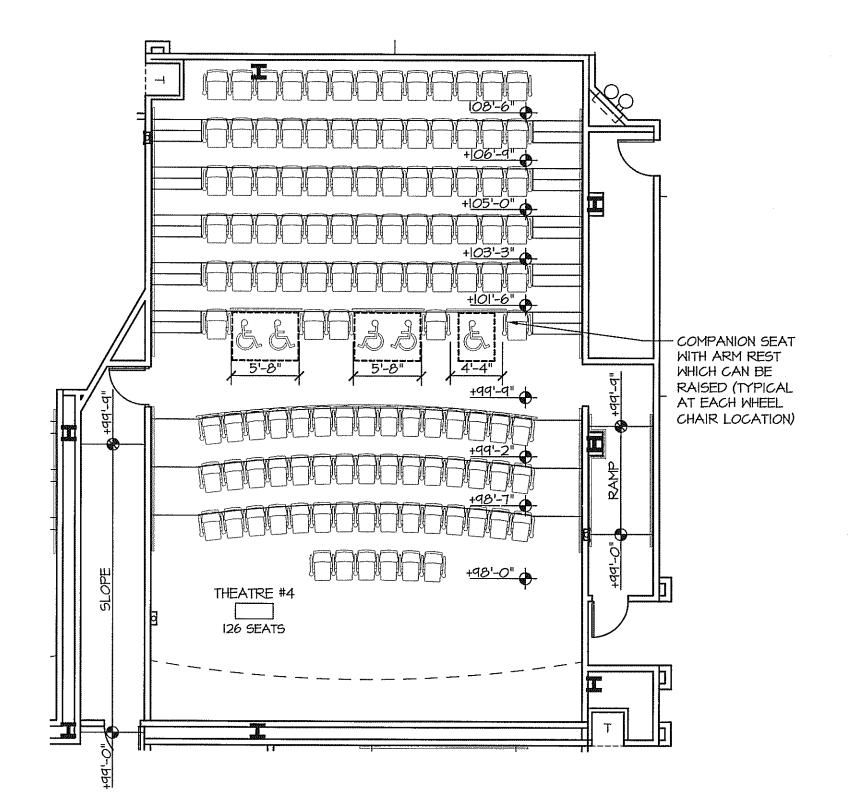




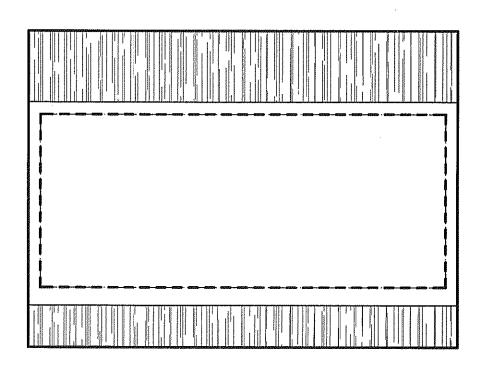




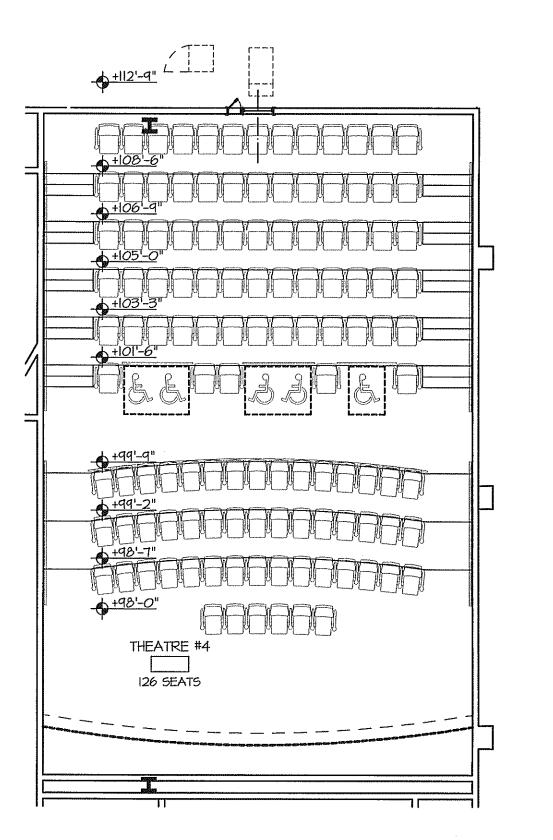




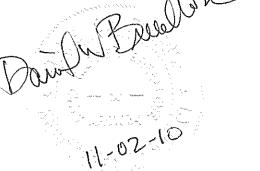


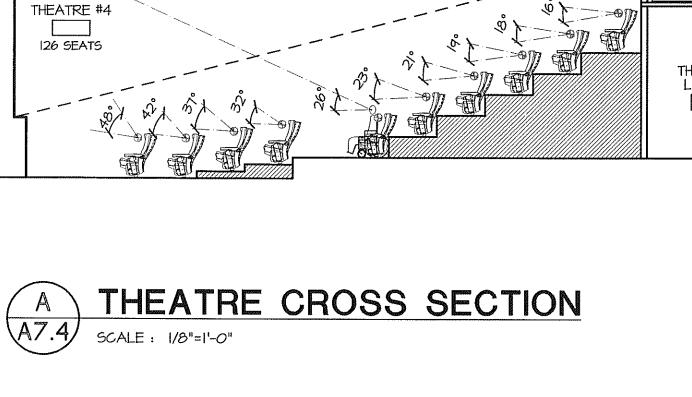


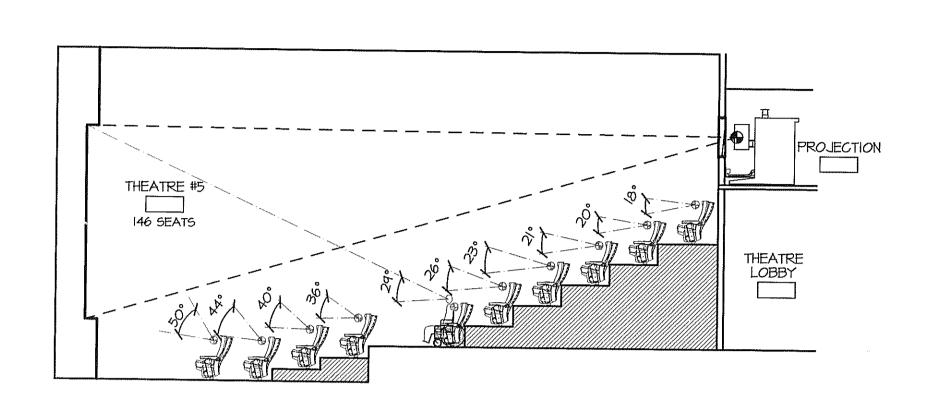


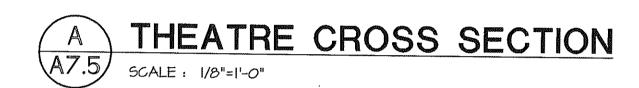


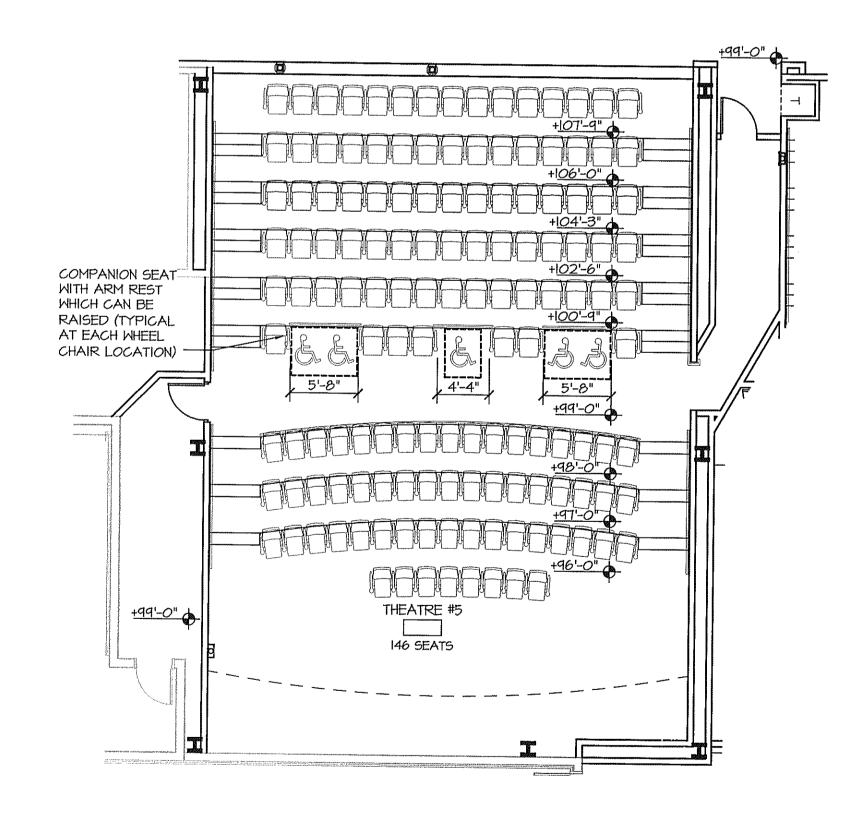




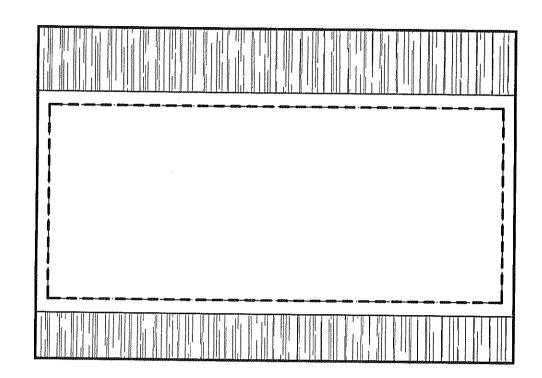




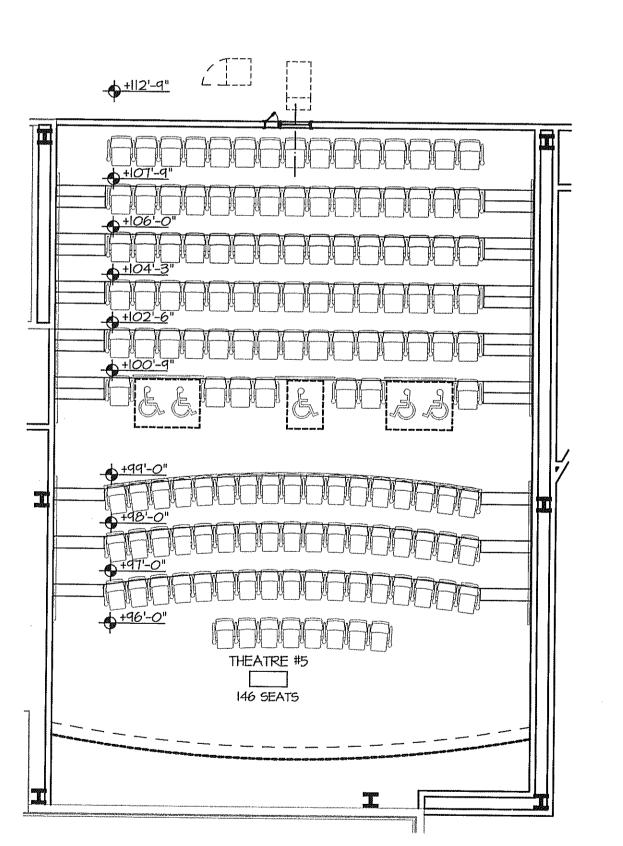




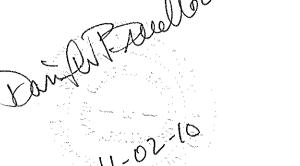








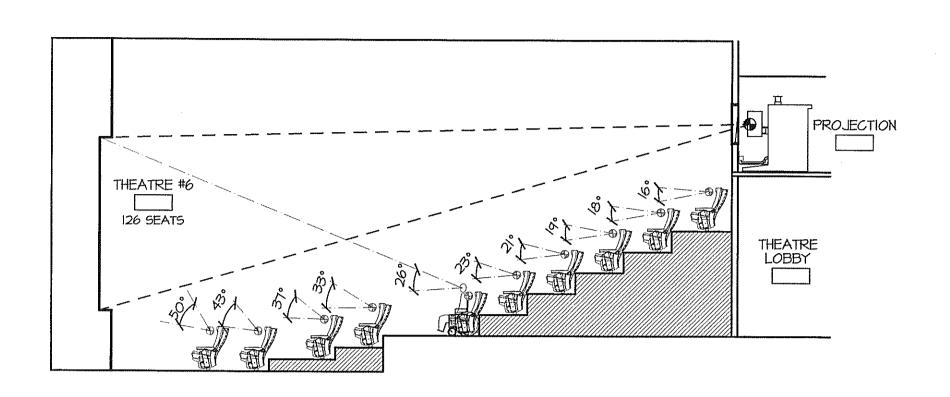




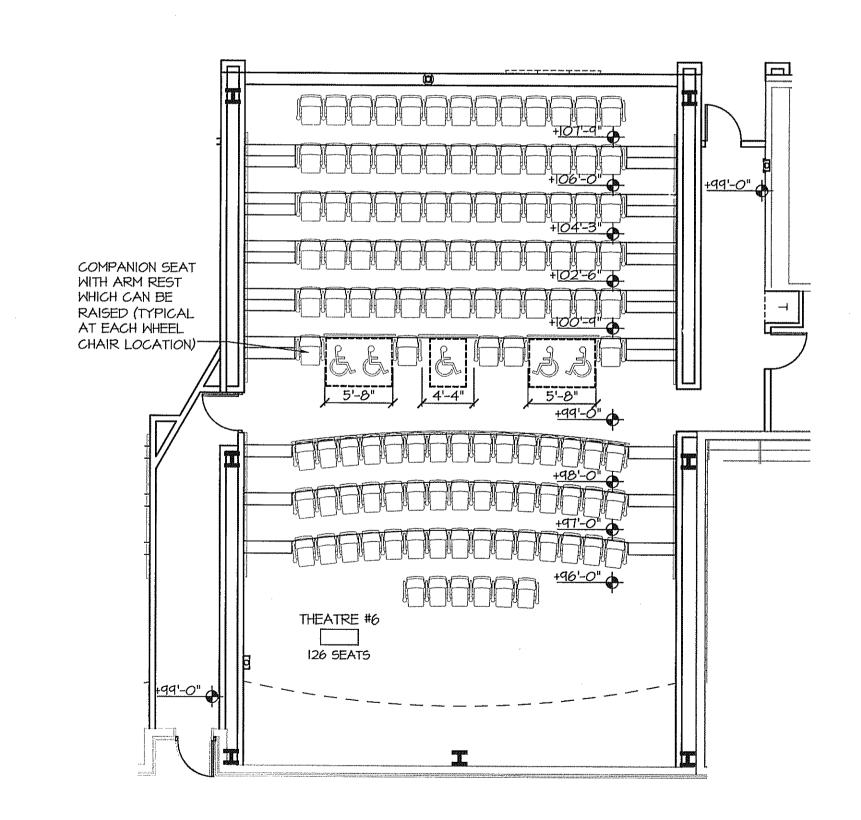


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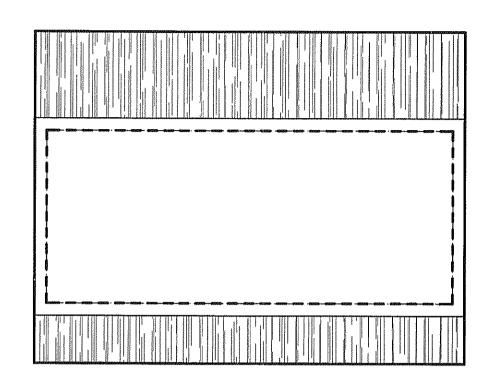




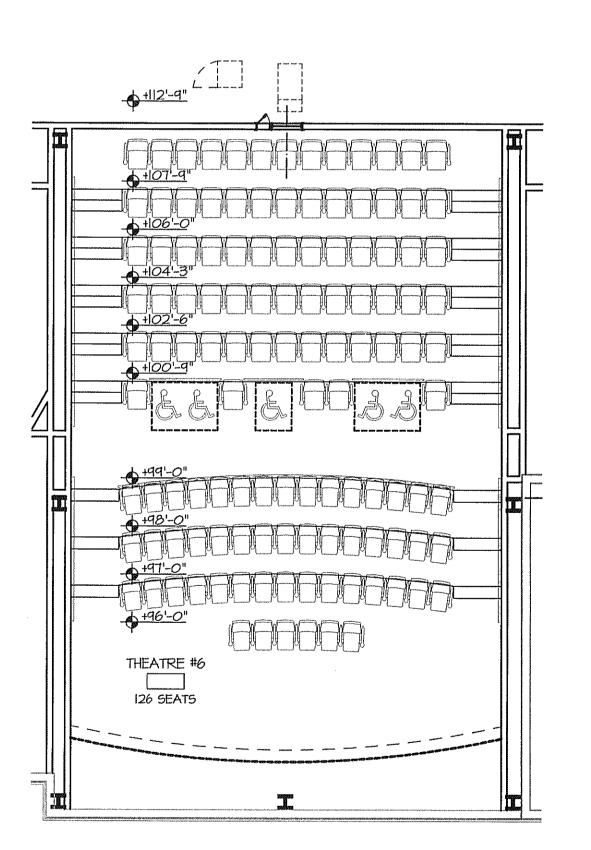




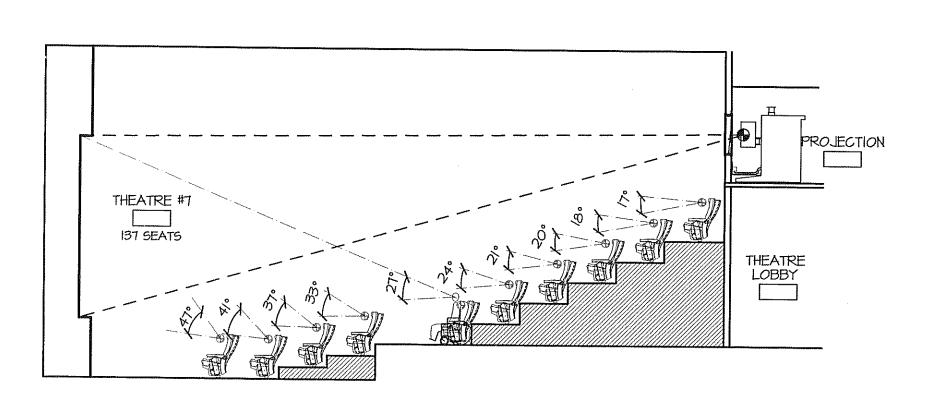


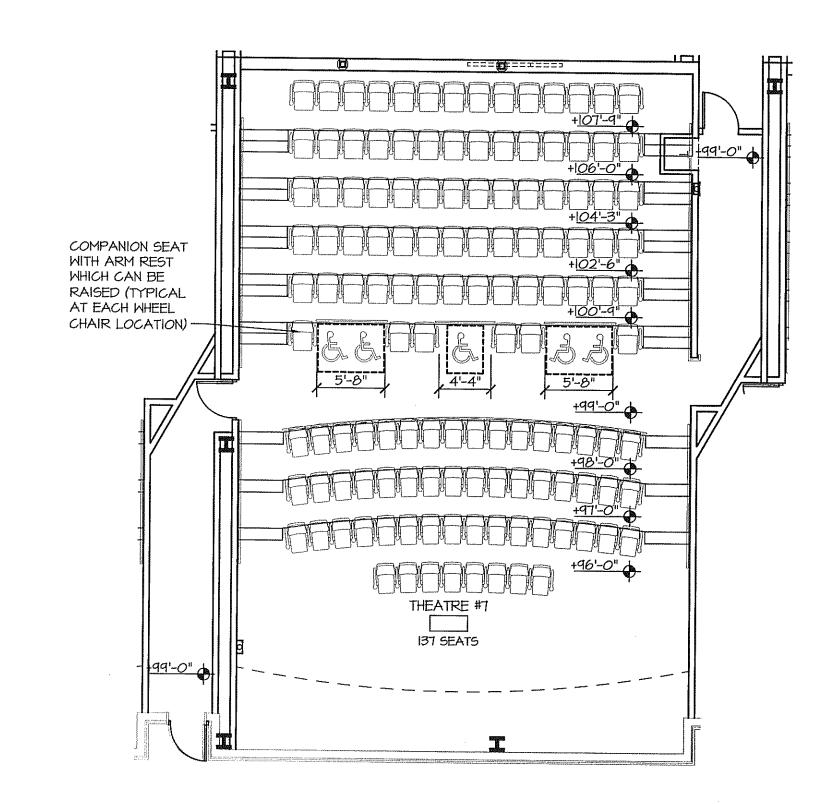




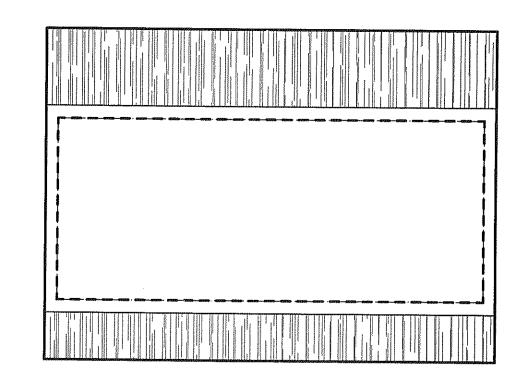




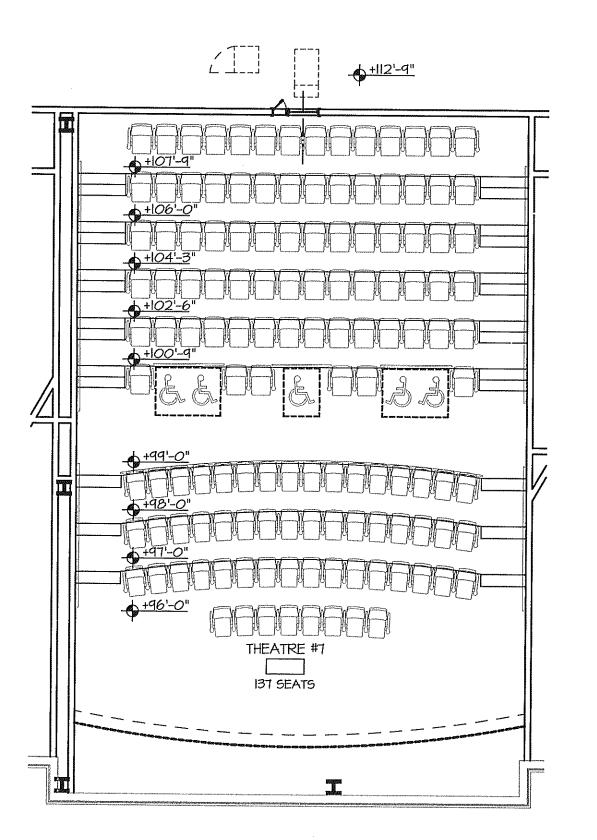




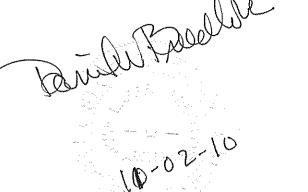


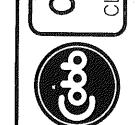


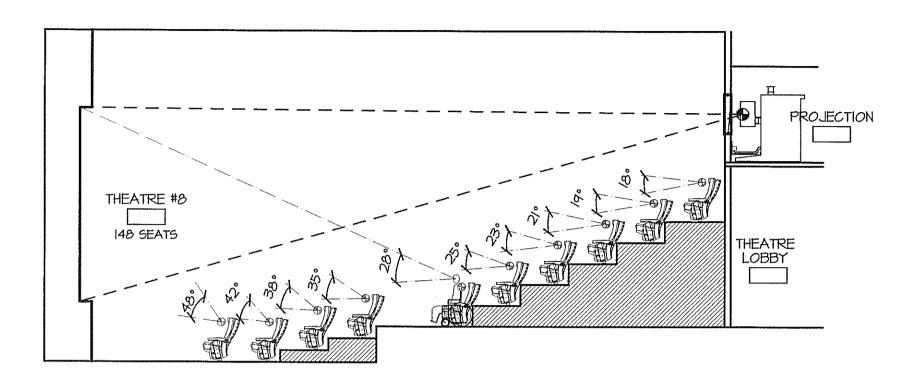


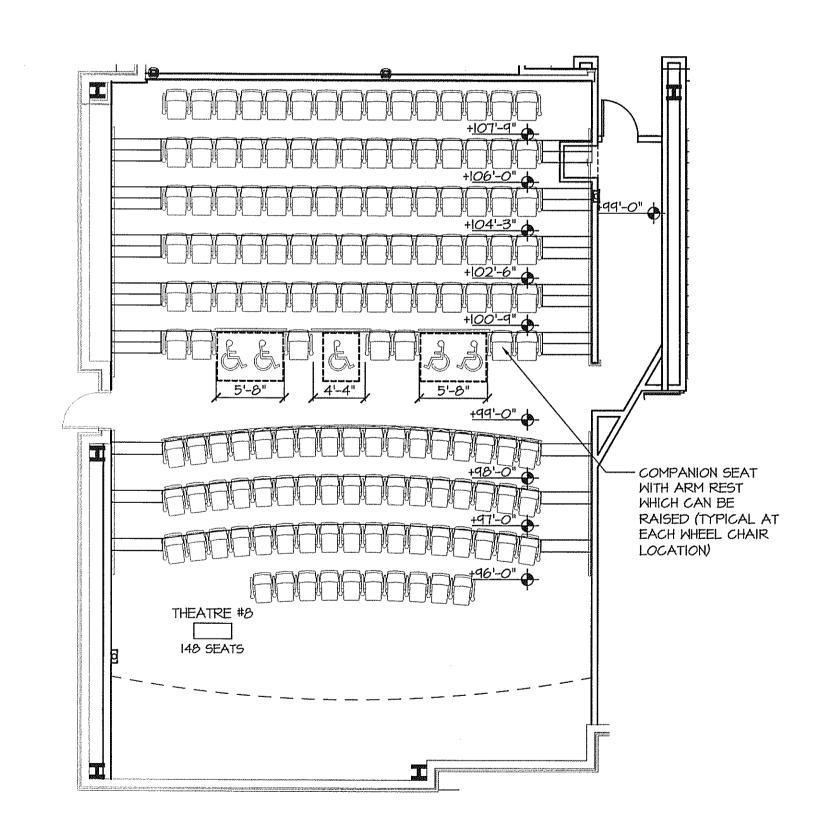




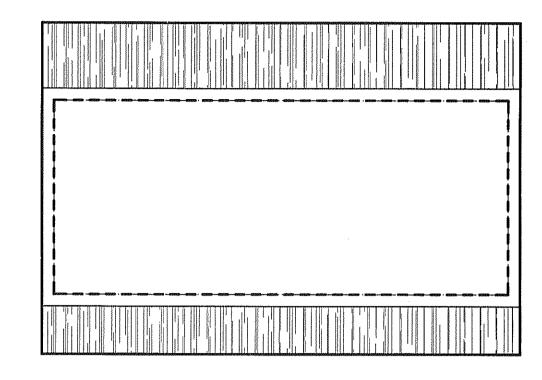




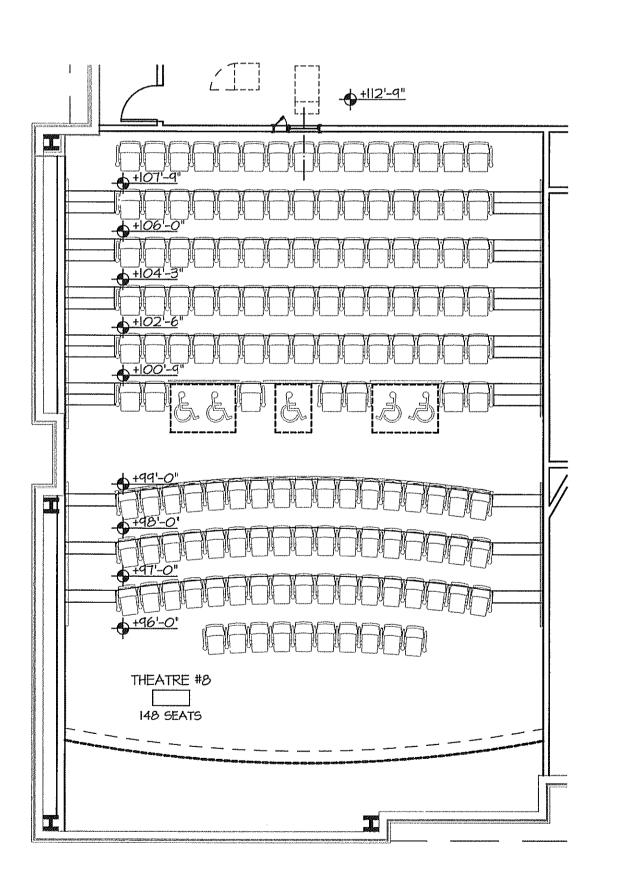




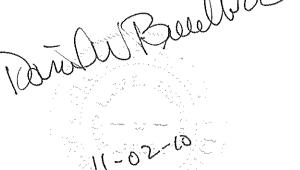


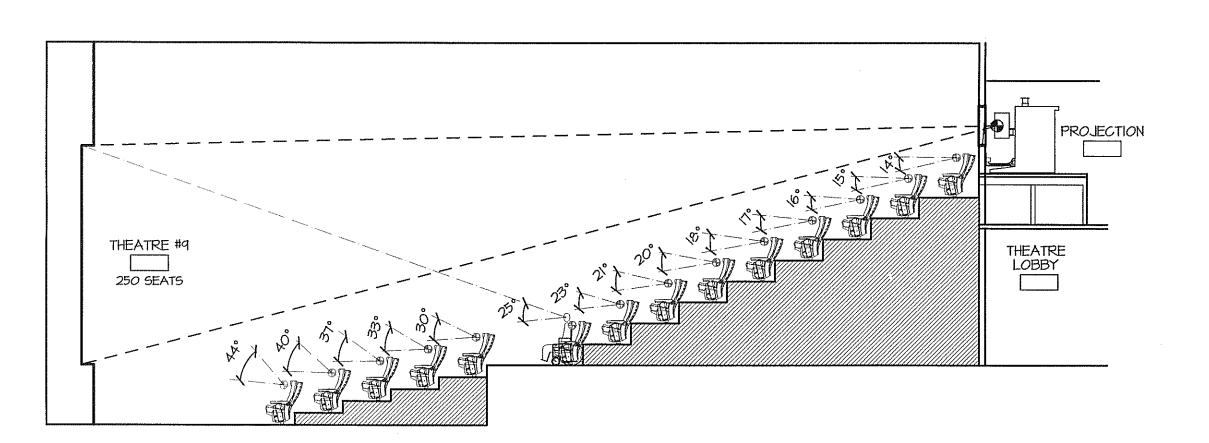


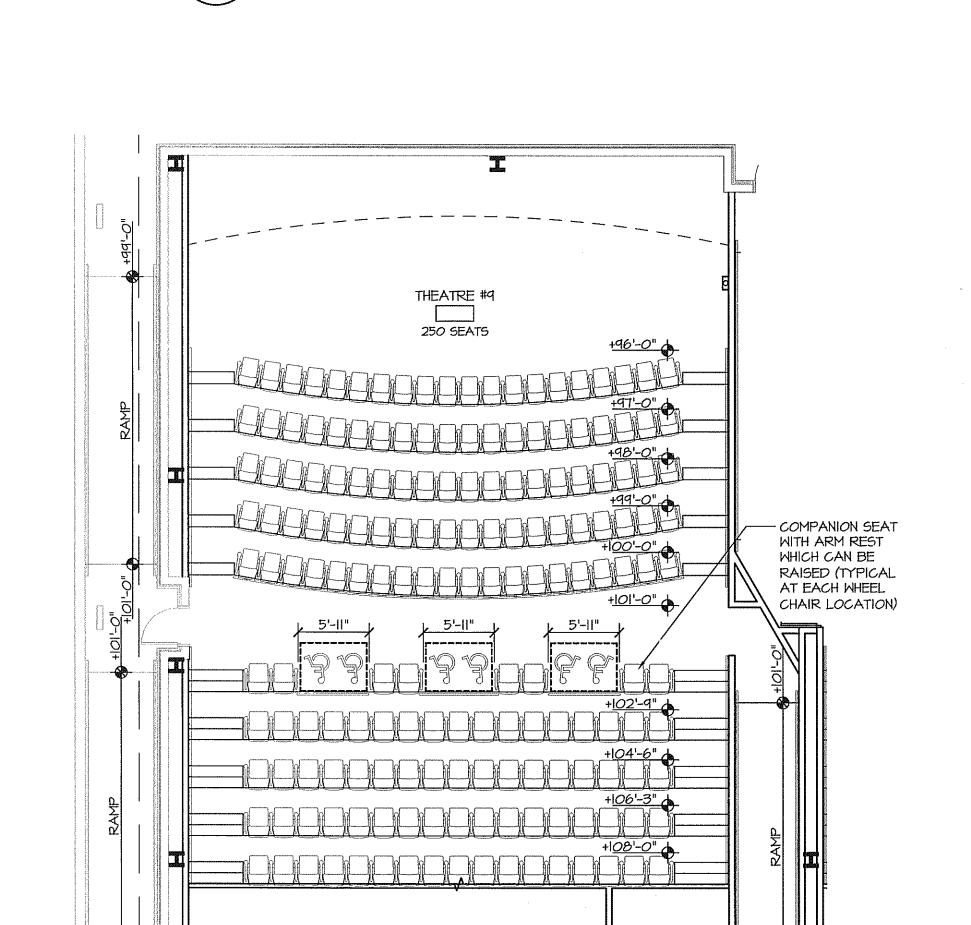
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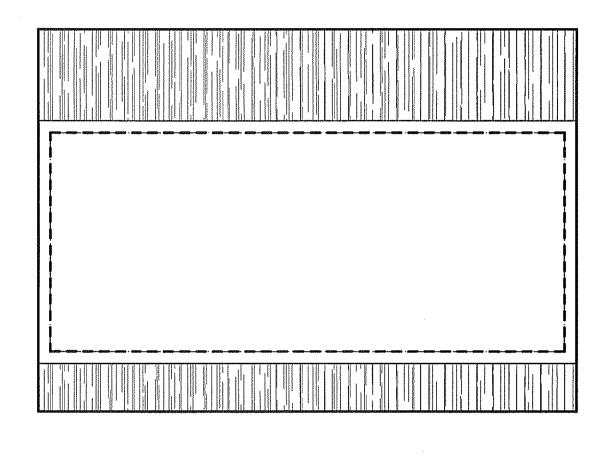




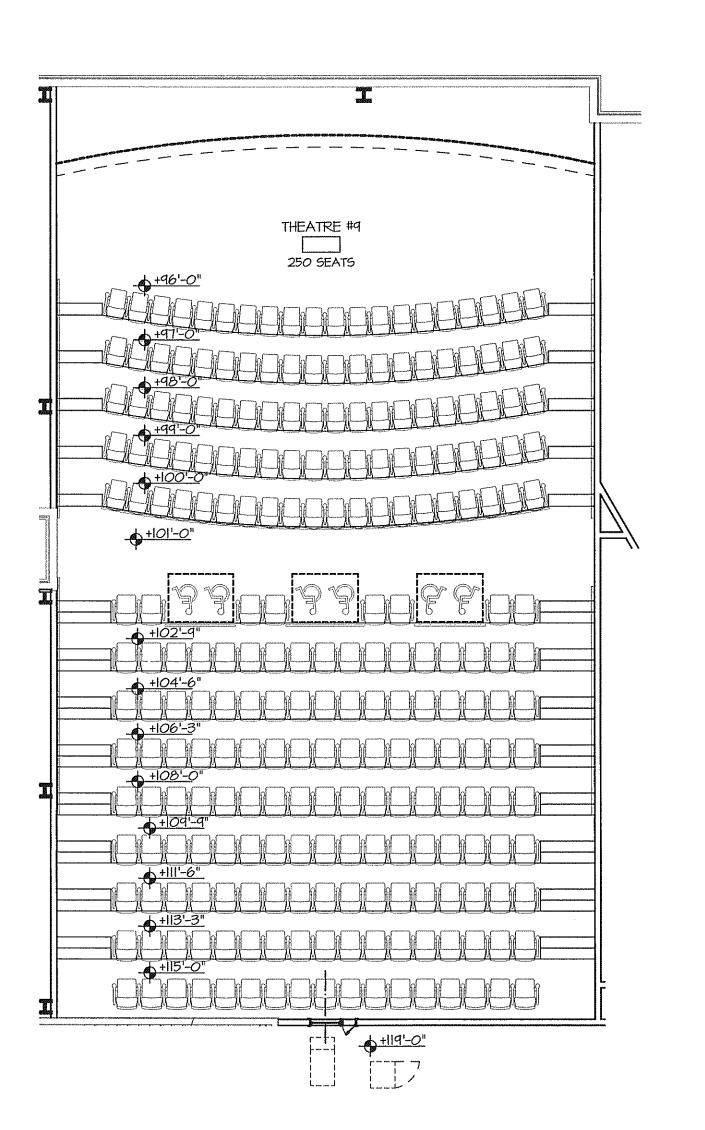




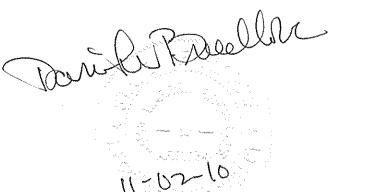


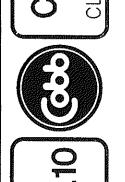


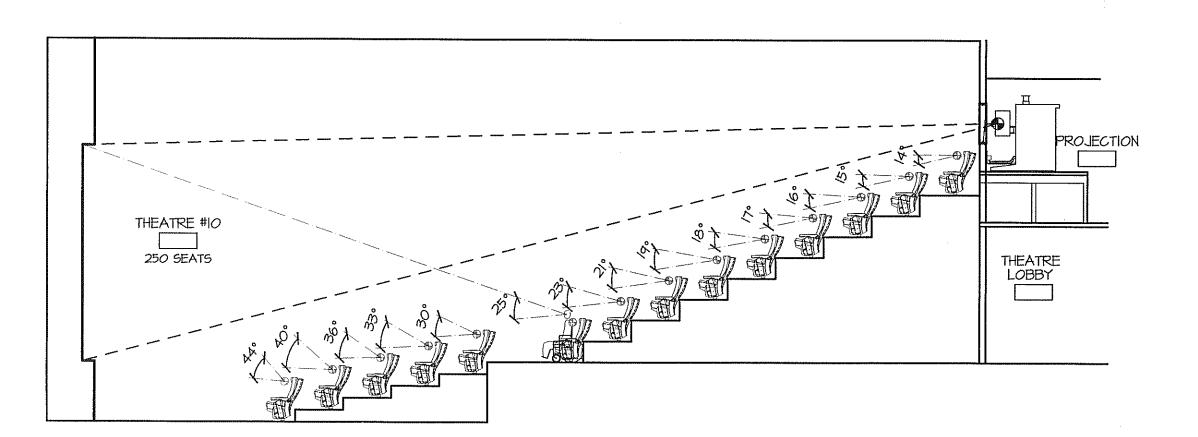
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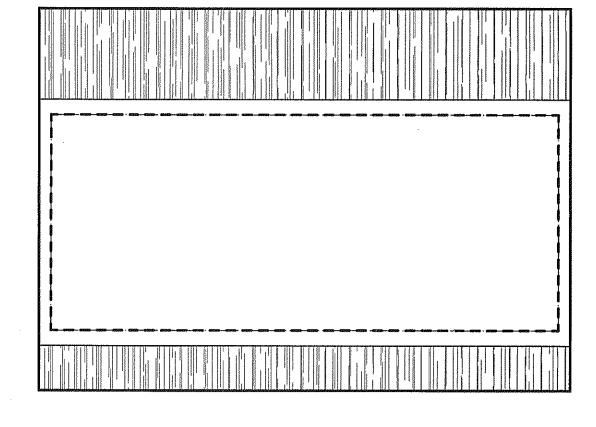




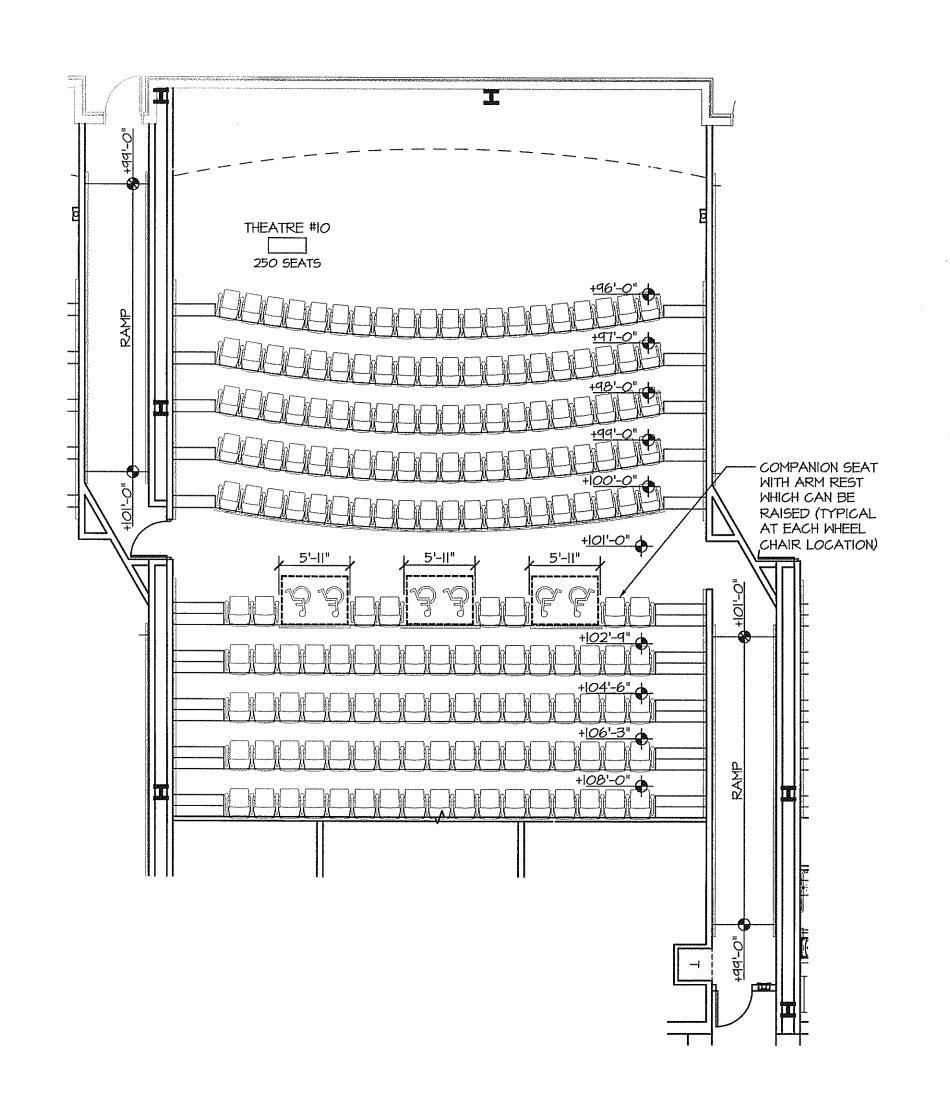


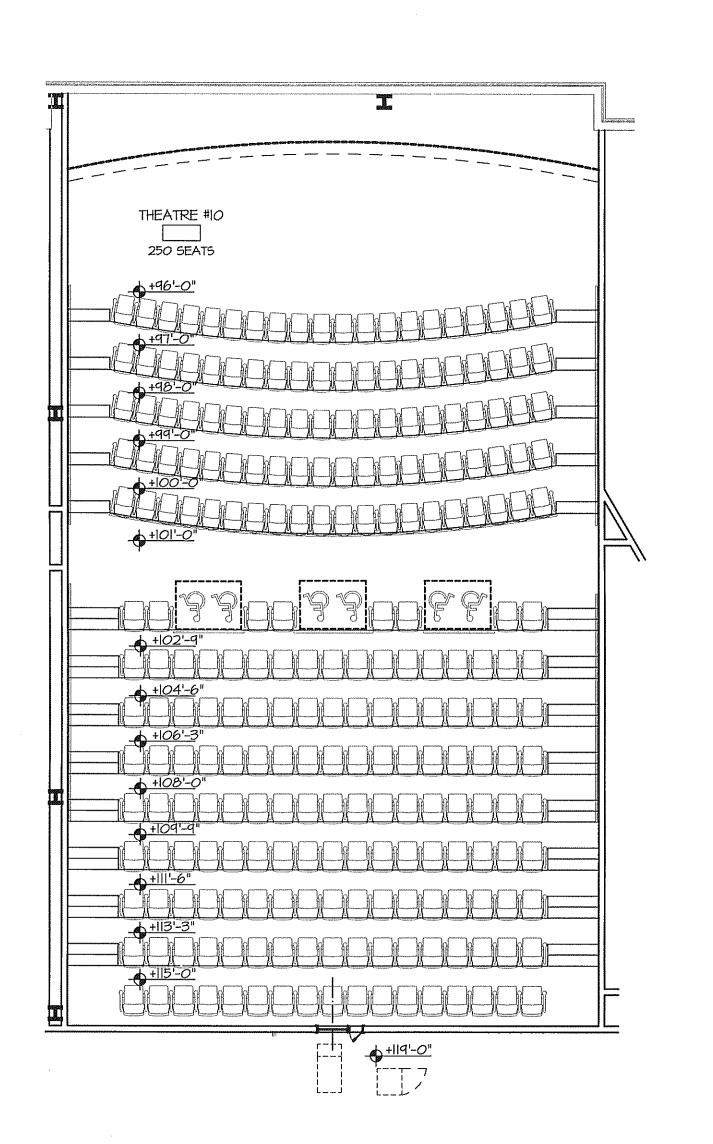






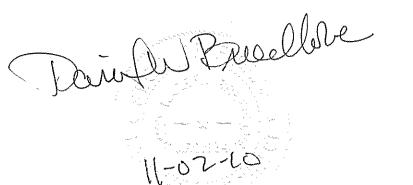


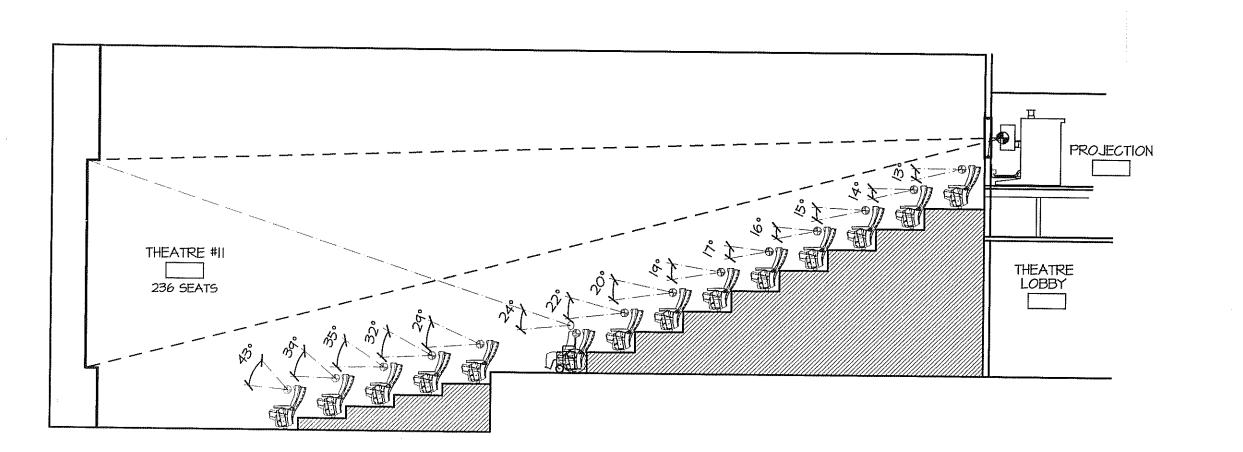




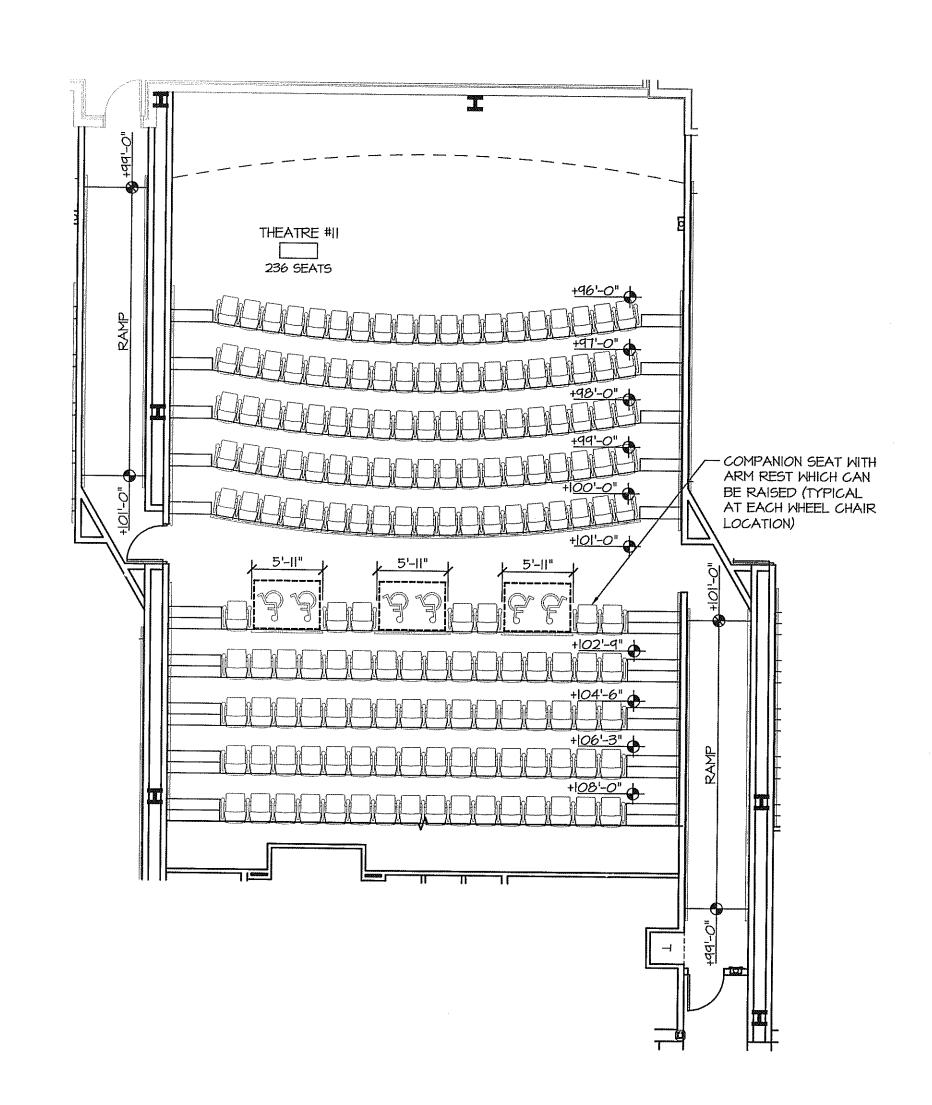


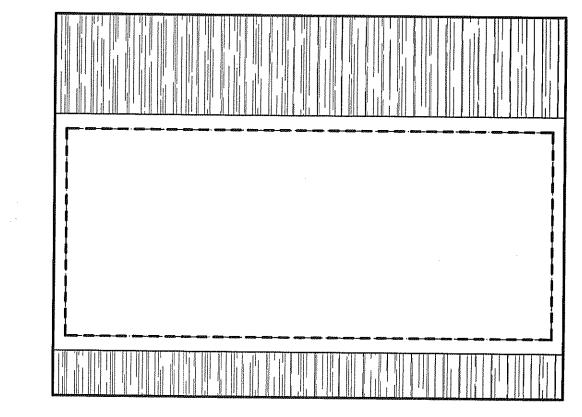




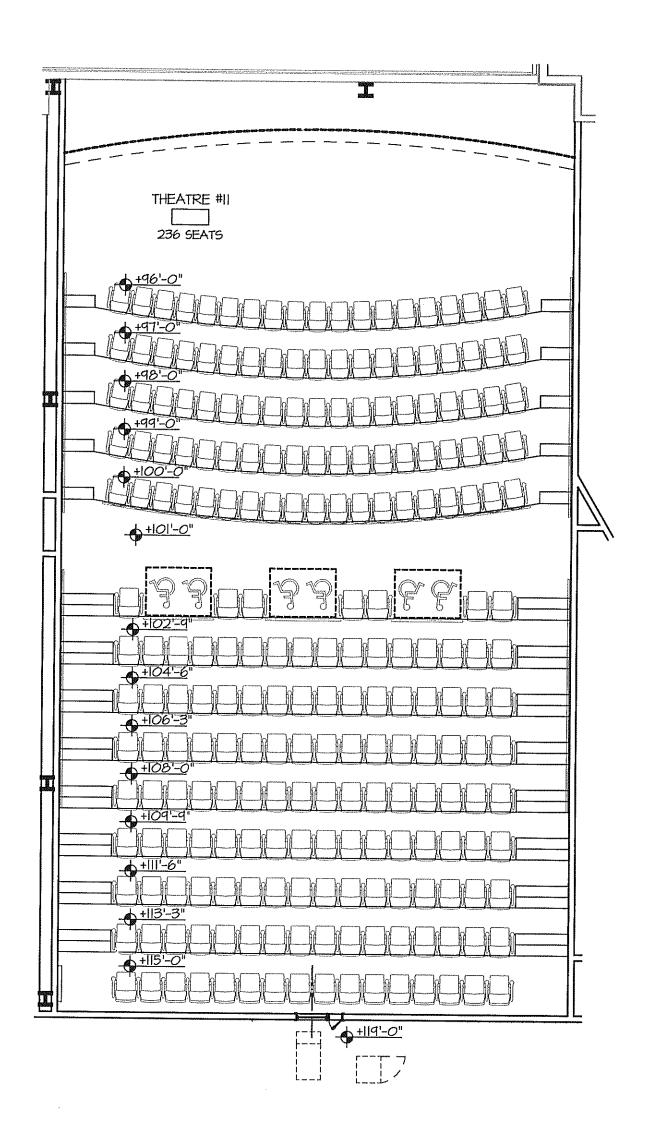


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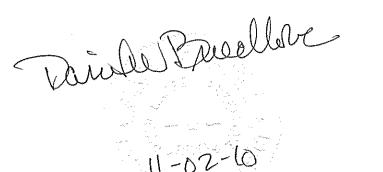




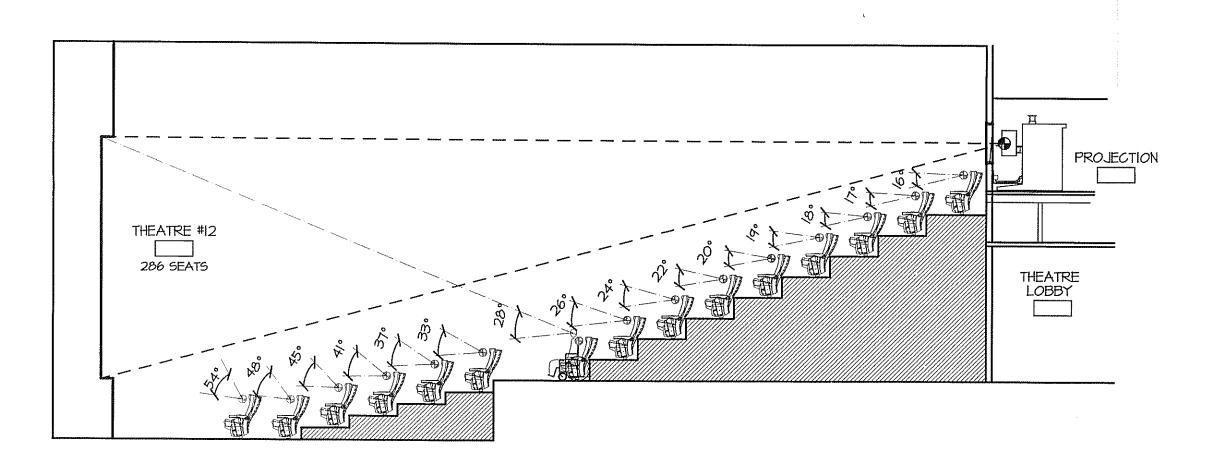




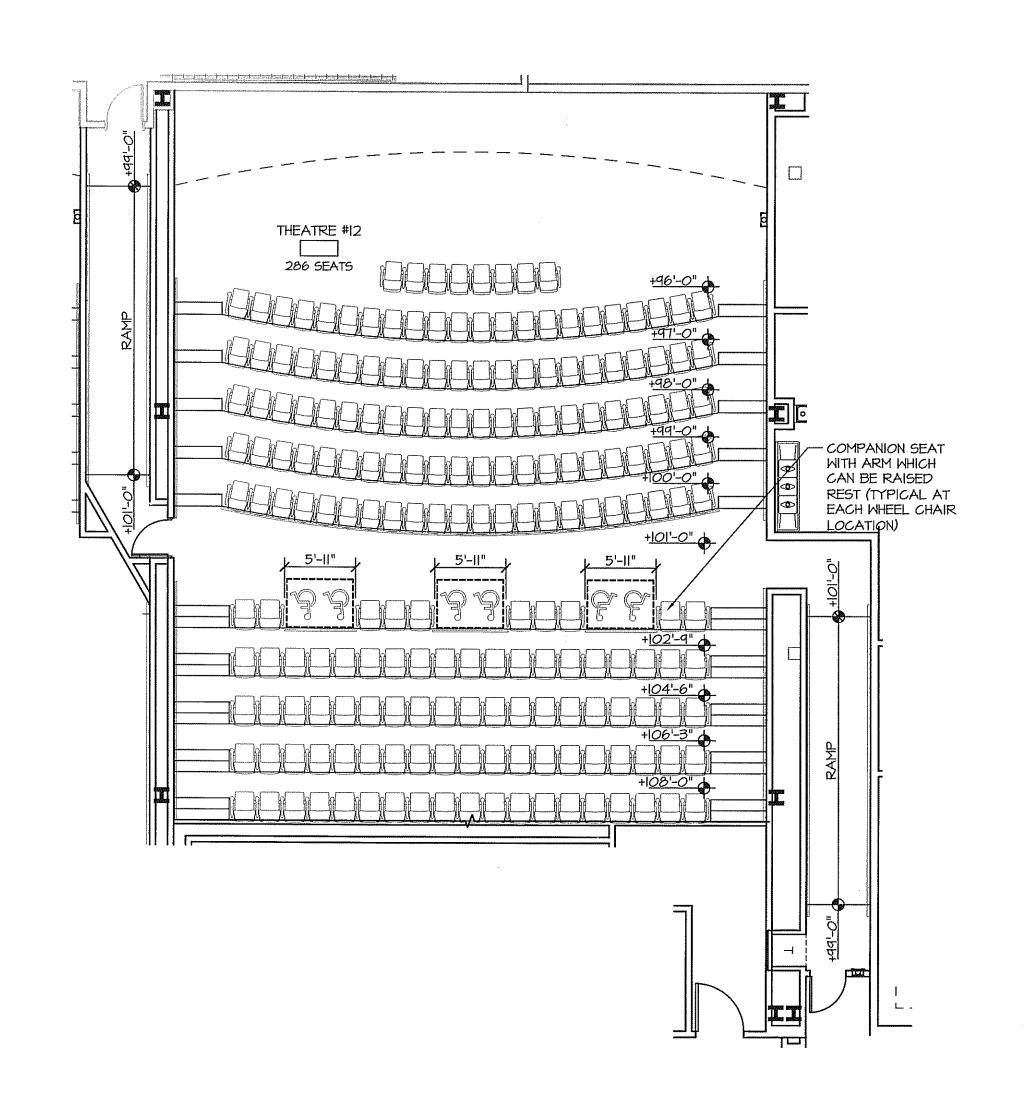


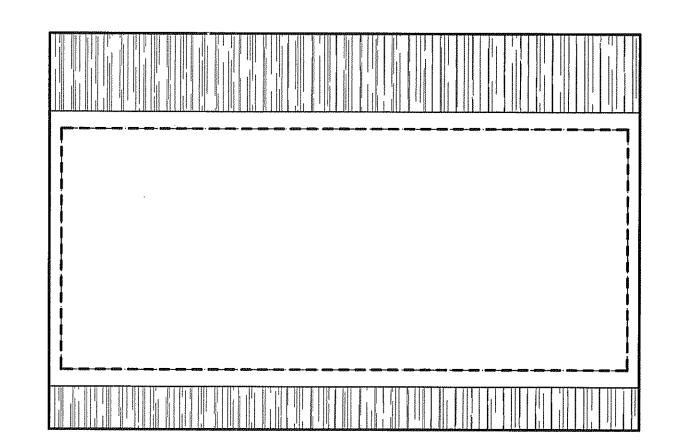




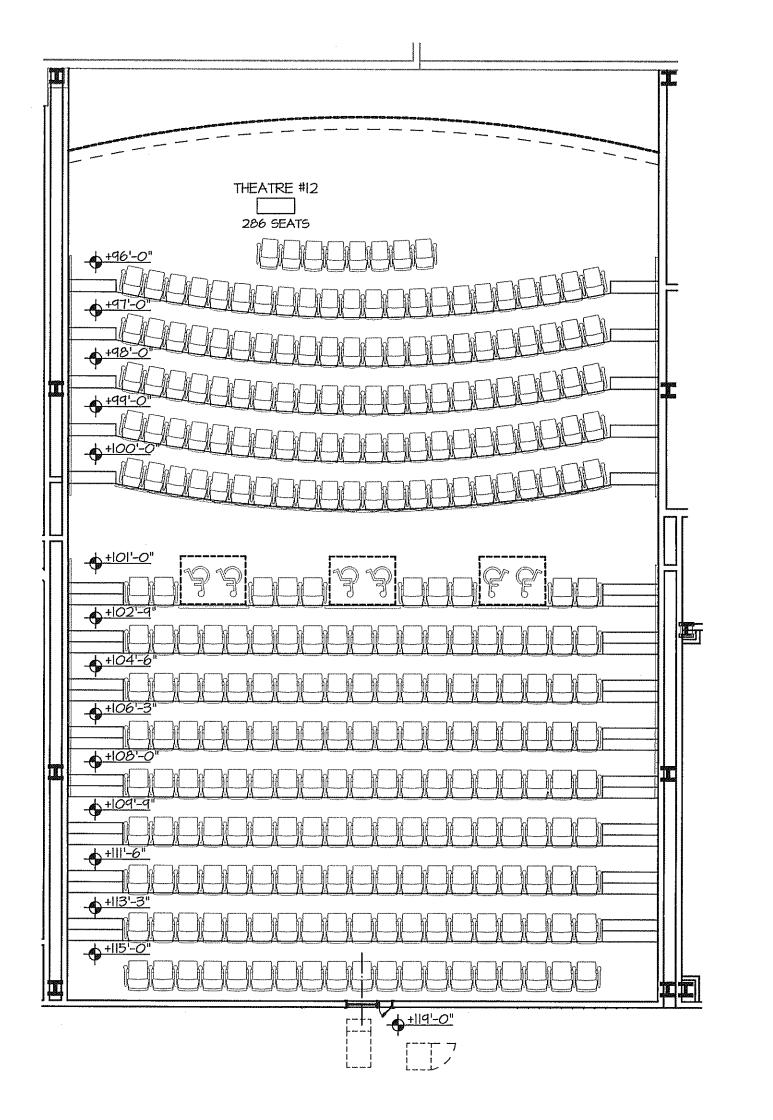


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