Harlem Baptist Church To Become 30-Unit Apartment Building

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HARLEM, NY — A developer has filed plans with the city Department of Buildings to convert a Baptist church in Harlem into a 12-story mixed-use building.

The new development will rise 125-feet-tall on the site of the Second Providence Baptist Church on West 116th Street between Fifth Avenue and Malcolm X Boulevard, according to building plans. The building will contain residential units, residential amenities and space for a community facility, according to the plans.

The new development’s residential component will feature 30 apartments and take up 39,764 square feet. The average apartment will be about 1,325 square feet large. Residential amenities will include storage rooms, bike parking, and indoor and outdoor recreational facilities, according to development plans.

The community facility will occupy parts of three floors in the new development and span 11,294 square feet, according to building plans. There will be a chapel and offices on the second floor, a sanctuary on the first floor and classrooms and a nurses office in the building’s cellar, according to the plans. It is unknown whether these facilities will be affiliated with the existing baptist church.

Permits to demolish the existing three-story church building were filed in June. Azimuth Development is listed on plans as the building's developer and Aufgang Architects is listed as the new building’s designer.