

KPB MAYOR

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TO: CHARLIE PIERCE
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I AM WRITING TO YOU AT THE ADVICE OF THE FAMILY ATTORNEY, WILLIAM CHOQUETTE, REGARDING PROPERTY LOCATED IN NINILCHIK, ALASKA. MR. CHOQUETTE REPRESENTS US, DAVID F. COOPER JR, DARRYL K COOPER AND MYSELF GARY M COOPER SR IN THE MATTER OF BOTH MY DAD'S & MY MOM'S ESTATES.

FIRST A LITTLE HISTORY REGARDING OUR FAMILY AND WHAT THIS ~~THE~~ PROPERTY MEANS TO US.

OUR DAD, DAVID F. COOPER SR, WAS BORN IN NINILCHIK, ALASKA MARCH 20, 1923. HE WAS A GRANDSON OF JOSEPH COOPER, THE GOLD MINER, THAT COOPER LAUNDING IS NAMED FOR.

OUR MOM & DAD, WANDA R. COOPER AND DAVID F. COOPER SR., RAISED US THREE BOYS IN NINILCHIK AK FROM 1951 THROUGH 1965, AT WHICH TIME WE MOVED TO PALTEK DUE TO OUR DAD'S JOB AS A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER WITH THE STATE OF ALASKA. OUR DAD WORKED AS A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER FOR 20 YEARS. AFTER COMPLETING HIS CAREER AS A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER

HE CONTINUED IN PUBLIC SAFETY, BEING APPOINTED TO THE STATE PAROLE BOARD FINALLY RETIRING AS THE CHAIRMAN AT THE AGE OF 82 YEARS AND AFTER BEING APPOINTED BY 5 DIFFERENT GOVERNORS. AS YOU CAN SEE BY ME TELLING YOU THIS, I AM VERY PROUD OF MY FATHER'S MANY YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

NOW ON TO THE REASON I AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO YOU, AS MAYOR OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH.

MY DAD HOMESTEADED 160 ACRES APPROXIMATELY $3/4$ TO $1\frac{3}{4}$ MILES OUT THE OIL WELL ROAD IN 1958 AND WE MOVED TO OUR LOG HOUSE ON THAT PROPERTY THE FALL OF 1959. ~~THE~~ MY DAD WAS VERY PROUD OF THE VERY FIRST PROPERTY HE EVER OWNED, AND WORKED VERY HARD TO PROVE UP ON THIS PROPERTY HOMESTEDED AS PER FEDERAL REGULATIONS. HE HAD TO GO AWAY FOR WORK FOR MANY MANY YEARS AS OUR MOM AND US THREE BOYS LIVED ON THE HOMESTEAD. THIS PROPERTY HAS ALSO BECOME VERY MEANINGFUL TO ME AND MY FAMILY ALSO.

MORE TO THE POINT.

OUR DAD DAVID F. COOPER SR.
PASSED AWAY IN MAY OF 2007.

OUR MOM WANDA R. COOPER PASSED
AWAY DEC. 2012.

AS YOU CAN SEE BY REVIEWING TAX
RECORDS THE TAXES WERE ALWAYS
PAID ON TIME PRIOR TO OUR MOM'S
PASSING.

UPON OUR MOM'S PASSING, 12/2012
MY BROTHER DAVID F. COOPER JR
WAS APPOINTED EXECUTOR OF OUR
MOM'S ESTATE AS PER HER WILL.
AND IT BECAME HIS RESPONSIBILITY
TO DEAL WITH TAXES ON THE HOMESTED
PROPERTY. MY BROTHER DARRYL AND I
WOULD GIVE DAVID JR OUR SHARE AND
ASSUMED IT WAS TAKEN CARE OF, WHICH
IT WAS FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS 2012 &
2013 I BELIEVE. OUR BROTHER DAVID JR
WAS ~~HOSPITAL~~ HOSPITALIZED MANY TIMES IN
THE YEARS THAT THE PROPERTY TAXES
BECAME DELINQUENT UNKNOWN TO BOTH M
BROTHER AND MYSELF, THAT BEING SAID
I AM ASKING WHAT IS REQUIRED BY US
TO ACQUIRE A REPURCHASE DEED TO THIS
PROPERTY? TWO OTHER PIECES HAVE

GONE THROUGH THIS PROCESS ALREADY.

ONCE I BECAME AWARE THAT THERE WAS TAXES DUE ON PROPERTY THAT HAD TO GO FROM MY DAD'S ESTATE, TO MY MOM'S ESTATE AND THEN ONTO US THREE BOYS I DID AS MUCH AS I COULD TO PAY ALL BACK TAXES AND FEES.

HOW ONE OF THE MOST PRECIOUS AND MEANINGFUL PROPERTIES FELL THROUGH THE CRACKS I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T KNOW THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS PARCEL BUT IT'S THE PARCEL THAT THE HOMESTEAD HOUSE WAS BUILT ON. AND FRONTS THE OILWELL ROAD AND THE MINICHIK RIVER.

I HAVE ALSO PAID THE OVERDUE GAS ASSESSMENT FEES ON THIS PARCEL AND ONE OTHER, SHOWING OUR ~~AND~~ DESIRE TO CONTINUE WHAT WE THINK IS OUR RIGHTFUL OWNERSHIP TO THIS PROPERTY.

I APPRECIATE WHATEVER HELP AND GUIDANCE ~~YOUR~~ YOU CAN GIVE US IN THIS MATTER. I APPEAL TO THE BOROUGH'S SENSE OF THE RIGHT THING TO DO AND HOPE AND PRAY WE CAN GET

THIS PROPERTY RETURNED TO THE
COOPER FAMILY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION
TO OUR ISSUE.

Gary

FOR/
GARY M. COOPER SR
DAVID F. COOPER JR
DARRYL K COOPER

P.S. DAVID F. COOPER'S HEALTH ISSUES
AND THE PASSING OF MY WIFE
TERRY COOPER IN MAY OF 2012
ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO CONFUSION TO THIS
ISSUE.

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