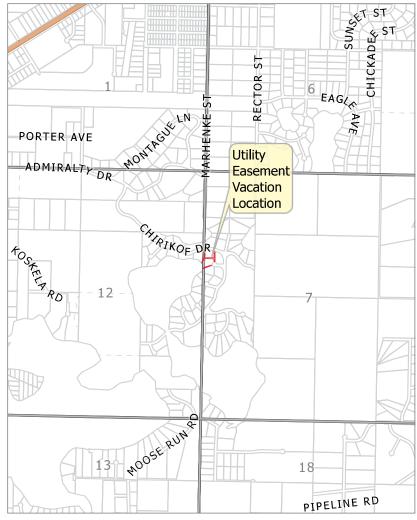
E. NEW BUSINESS

2. Utility Easement Vacation; KPB File 2025-121V
Edge Survey & Design / Christianson
Request: Vacate the 10' utility easement along all interior lot lines of Lots 8, 9 & 10, Block 5, Lake Hills Sub. Part 3, Plat KN 84-265
Nikiski Area

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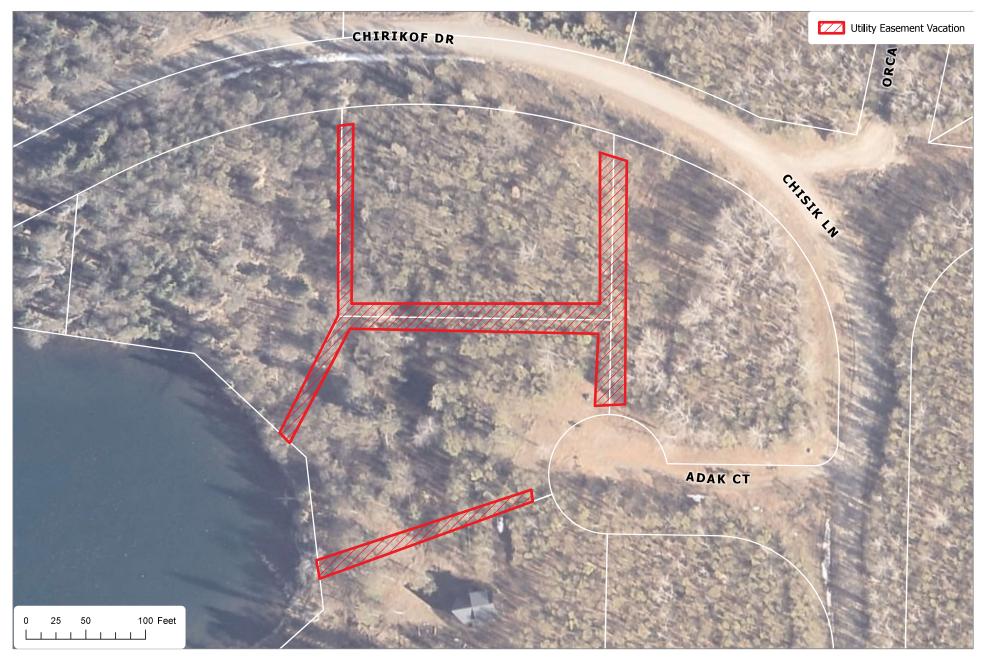
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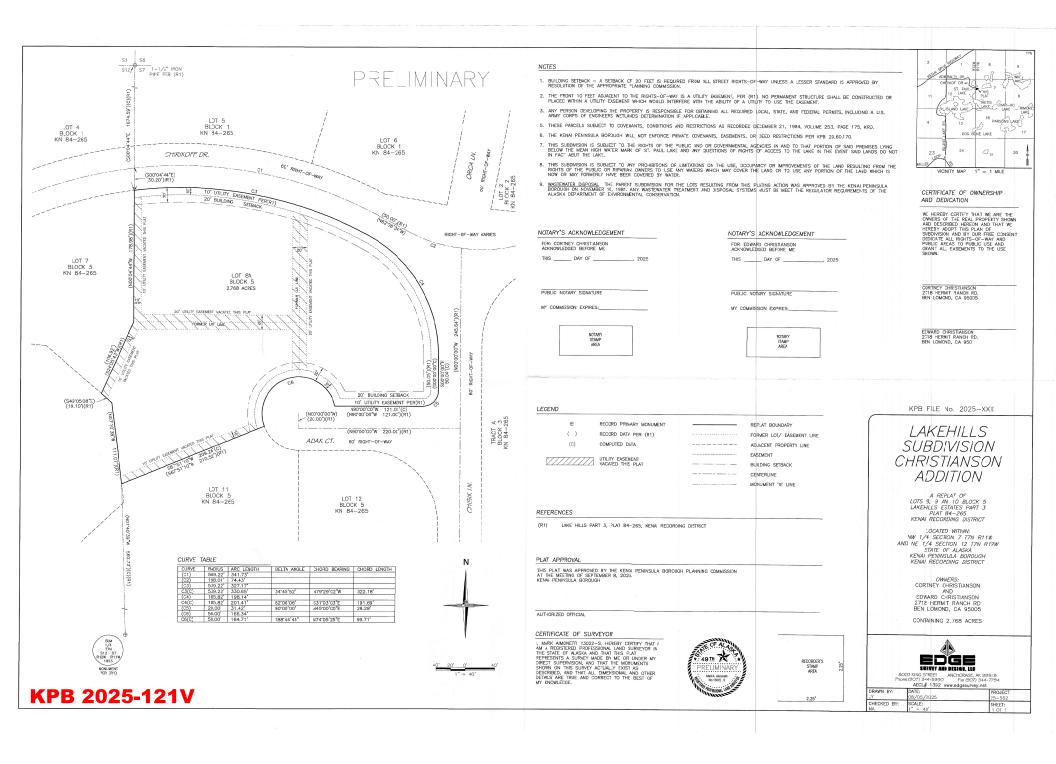
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Aerial Map

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ITEM #1 - UTILITY EASEMENT ALTERATION

VACATE THE 10-FOOT UTILITY EASEMENT ALONG ALL INTERIOR LOT LINES OF LOTS 8, 9, 10, BLOCK 5, LAKE HILLS SUBDIVISION PART 3, PLAT KN 84-265

KPB File No.	2025-121V
Planning Committee Meeting:	September 8, 2025
Applicant / Owner:	Cortney Christianson and Edward Christianson of California, Alaska
Surveyor:	Jason Young / Edge Survey and Design, LLC
General Location:	Adak Court, Chisik Lane and Chirikof Drive, Nikiski

STAFF REPORT

Specific Request / Purpose as stated in the petition:

The petitioner requests the vacation of a 10-foot utility easement along all interior lot lines granted by Plat 84-265, Kenai Recording District.

<u>Notification:</u> Notice of vacation mailings were sent by regular mail to 14 owners of property within 300 feet. Notice of the proposed vacation was emailed to 13 agencies and interested parties.

The public notice was posted on the Planning Department's bulletin board at the KPB Administration Building.

Staff Analysis:

Lake Hills Subdivision Part 3 (KN 84-265) granted two utility easements on the plat; a 10-foot utility easement on each side of all interior lot lines and the front 10-feet of the building setback along all right-of-ways.

The utility easement along interior lot lines of Lots 8, 9, 10, Block 5, is being petitioned to be vacated and is represented by a hatched area on the diagram.

If approved, this utility easement vacation will be finalized by Lake Hills Subdivision Christianson Addition. This plat is scheduled to be reviewed by the Plat Committee during the September 8, 2025 meeting. The proposed plat will combine Lots 8, 9 and 10 into one Lot and eliminate the common lot lines between the lots.

No comment or opposition was received for the requested vacation of the easements has been received from any of the utility companies the surveyor sent request to, indicating no utilities are in use on the easement.

According to KPB GIS Imagery, no encroachments appear to be located within the utility easements proposed for vacation.

The plat is not proposing any new utility easements

Utility provider review:

HEA	No objection to the vacation of the platted utility easements as depicted on this drawing or to the replat of the three parcels into one parcel
ENSTAR	Approved as shown
ACS	Approved as shown
GCI	No response
KPB RSA	No objections at this time

Applicant Findings:

- 1. The utility easements are currently unused and remain vacant.
- 2. The proposed platting action will keep in place the 10-foot utility easement along all rights-of-way, ensuring adequate space for future utility installation.
- 3. All utility providers who reviewed the request were in favor of vacating the unused portion of the easement.
- 4. Vacating the easement will provide the landowner with additional usable property area.

Staff Findings:

- 5. Lots 8, 9 and 10, Block 5 are owned by Edward and Cortney Christianson.
- 6. ACS, ENSTAR, KPB RSA, and HEA provided written non-objection to the proposed vacation.
- 7. Lake Hills Subdivision Christianson Addition will combine Lots 8, 9 and 10 into one Lot and eliminate the common lot lines between the lots.
- 8. Lake Hills Subdivision Part 3 (KN 84-265) granted a 10-foot utility easement on each side of all interior lot lines.
- 9. Lake Hills Subdivision Part 3 (KN 84-265) granted a 10-foot utility easement along all rights of way.
- 10. Lake Hills Subdivision Christianson Addition will carry forward the 10-foot utility easement adjacent to rights-of-way.
- 11. No surrounding properties will be denied utility access or blocked ways.
- 12. This utility vacation request only affects interior utility easement lines.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

CORRECTIONS / EDITS

Make the following corrections:

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on consideration of the merits as outlined by Staff comments and Staff findings, Staff recommends APPROVAL of the utility easement alteration as petitioned, subject to:

- 1. Grant utility easements requested by utility providers.
- 2. Finalizing the approval of the easement alteration by either;
 - a. The recording of a subdivision plat within 12 months, compliant with the requirements of Chapter 20 of KPB Code or,
 - b. The recording of a utility easement alteration resolution within 90 days of the adoption of the resolution by the Planning Commission, with the following requirements:
 - i. An exhibit drawing showing, and dimensioning, the utility easement alteration area, prepared, signed and sealed by a licensed land surveyor. The exhibit drawing will be attached to, and recorded with, the resolution.
 - ii. The applicants will provide the recording fee for the resolution and its attachment to the Planning Department.
 - iii. The Planning Department is responsible for filing the Planning Commission resolution.

20.65.070 Alteration of platted utility easements

E. A planning commission decision under this section is final. A notice of decision shall be sent to the petitioner. No reapplication or petition concerning the same alteration to platted utility easement may be filed within one calendar year of the date of the final denial action except in the case where new evidence or circumstances exist that were not available or present when the original petition was filed. If the reasons for denial are resolved, the petitioner may submit a new petition for alteration of platted utility easement with documentation that the issues have been resolved, accompanied by a new fee. F. An appeal of the planning commission decision under this section must be filed in the superior court in accordance with the Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure.

The 2019 Kenai Peninsula Borough Comprehensive Plan adopted November, 2019 by Ordinance No. 2019-25. The relevant objectives are listed.

Goal 3. Preserve and improve quality of life on the Kenai Peninsula Borough through increased access to local and regional facilities, activities, programs and services.

- Focus Area: Energy and Utilities
 - Objective A Encourage coordination or residential, commercial, and industrial development with extension of utilities and other infrastructure.
 - Strategy 1. Near Term: Maintain existing easements (especially section line easements) in addition to establishing adequate utility rights of way or easements to serve existing and future utility needs.
 - Strategy 2. Near Term: Maintain regular contact with utility operators to coordinate and review utility easement requests that are part of subdivision plat approval.
 - Strategy 3. Near Term: Identify potential utility routes on Borough lands.
- Housing
 - Objective D. Encourage efficient use of land, infrastructure and services outside incorporated cities by prioritizing future growth in the most suitable areas.
 - Strategy 1. Near Term: Collaborate with the AK Department of Transportation, incorporated cities within the borough, utility providers, other agencies overseeing local services, and existing communities located adjacent to the undeveloped areas that are appropriate for future growth, to align plans for future expansion of services to serve future residential development and manage growth.

END OF STAFF REPORT





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Aerial with 5-foot Contours

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