

## Kenai Peninsula Borough

144 North Binkley Street Soldotna, AK 99669

# Meeting Agenda Planning Commission

Monday, November 17, 2025

7:30 PM

**Betty J. Glick Assembly Chambers** 

Zoom Meeting ID: 907 714 2200

Remote participation will be available through Zoom, or other audio or video means, wherever technically feasible

**ZOOM MEETING DETAILS** 

Zoom Meeting Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9077142200 Zoom Toll Free Phone Numbers: 888-788-0099 or 877-853-5247

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The hearing procedure for the Planning Commission public hearings are as follows:

- 1) Staff will present a report on the item.
- 2) The Chair will ask for petitioner's presentation given by Petitioner(s) / Applicant (s) or their representative 10 minutes
- 3) Public testimony on the issue. 5 minutes per person
- 4) After testimony is completed, the Planning Commission may follow with questions. A person may only testify once on an issue unless questioned by the Planning Commission.
- 5) Staff may respond to any testimony given and the Commission may ask staff questions.
- 6) Rebuttal by the Petitioner(s) / Applicant(s) to rebut evidence or provide clarification but should not present new testimony or evidence.
- 7) The Chair closes the hearing and no further public comment will be heard.
- 8) The Chair entertains a motion and the Commission deliberates and makes a decision.

All those wishing to testify must wait for recognition by the Chair. Each person that testifies must write his or her name and mailing address on the sign-in sheet located by the microphone provided for public comment. They must begin by stating their name and address for the record at the microphone. All questions will be directed to the Chair. Testimony must be kept to the subject at hand and shall not deal with personalities. Decorum must be maintained at all times and all testifiers shall be treated with respect.

## A. CALL TO ORDER

## **B. ROLL CALL**

## C. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

All items marked with an asterisk (\*) are consent agenda items. Consent agenda items are considered routine and non-controversial by the Planning Commission and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of consent agenda items unless a Planning Commissioner so requests in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the regular agenda.

If you wish to comment on a consent agenda item or a regular agenda item other than a public hearing, please advise the recording secretary before the meeting begins, and she will inform the Chairman of your wish to comment.

- 1. Time Extension Request
- 2. Planning Commission Resolutions

KPB-7293 PC Resolution 2025-30

Attachments: C2. PC RES 2025-30 Packet

3. Plats Granted Administrative Approval

KPB-7294 11/17/2025 Administrative Approvals Report

Attachments: C3. Admin Approvals Report

4. Plats Granted Final Approval (KPB 20.10.040)

KPB-7295 11/17/20 Final Approvals Report

Attachments: C4. Final Approvals Report

- 5. Plat Amendment Request
- 6. Commissioner Excused Absences
- 7. Minutes

<u>KPB-7296</u> October 27, 2025 PC Meeting Minutes

Attachments: C7. 102725 PC Meeting Minutes

- D. OLD BUSINESS
- E. NEW BUSINESS

1.	<u>KPB-7297</u>	Building Setback Encroachment Permit (PC Resolution 2025-31)
		KPB File 2025-161

Swan Surveying / Nienhuis

Request: Permits a portion of a build to remain within the building

setback on Tract A3A Harvey Subdivision No. 2, Plat KN 82-47

Sterling Area

Attachments: E1. BSEP Harvey Sub No. 2 Packet

PHN BSEP-Harvey Sub No 2 Tract A3A

2. KPB-7298 Utility Easement Vacation; KPB File 2025-128V

Peninsula Surveying / Matthews, Schollenbert, Wells

Request: Vacates a 10' wide utility easement along the eastern lot line of Lot 1A & associated 10' wide utility easement along the west lot

line of Lot 1B, Bouwens Subdivision #3

Happy Valley Area

Attachments: E2. UEV Bouwens Sub #3 Packet

PHN UEV-Bouwens Sub No 2

3. KPB-7299 Utility Easement Vacation (PC Resolution 2025-29); KPB File

2025-156V

Edge Surveying & Design / Barrickman

Request: Vacates a portion of the 10' wide utility easement adjacent to Skeeter Street granted by Sterling's Heights Scooter's Replat, Plat KN

93-87

Sterling Area

Attachments: E3. UEV Sterling Heights Scooters Replat Packet

PHN UEV-Sterling Heights Scooter's Replat

## F. PLAT COMMITTEE REPORT

## G. OTHER

## H. PUBLIC COMMENT/PRESENTATION

(Items other than those appearing on the agenda or scheduled for public hearing. Limited to five minutes per speaker unless previous arrangements are made)

## I. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

## J. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

## K. ADJOURNMENT

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATIONAL ITEMS NO ACTION REQUIRED

#### NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be held Monday, December 8, 2025 in the Betty J. Glick Assembly Chambers of the Kenai Peninsula Borough George A. Navarre Administration Building, 144 North Binkley Street, Soldotna, Alaska at 7:30 p.m.

## CONTACT INFORMATION KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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website: http://www.kpb.us/planning-dept/planning-home

A party of record may file an appeal of a decision of the Planning Commission in accordance with the requirements of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Code of Ordinances. An appeal must be filed with the Borough Clerk within 15 days of the notice of decision, using the proper forms, and be accompanied by the filing and records preparation fees. Vacations of right-of-ways, public areas, or public easements outside city limits cannot be made without the consent of the borough assembly.

Vacations within city limits cannot be made without the consent of the city council. The assembly or city council shall have 30 calendar days from the date of approval in which to veto the planning commission decision. If no veto is received within the specified period, it shall be considered that consent was given.

A denial of a vacation is a final act for which the Kenai Peninsula Borough shall give no further consideration. Upon denial, no reapplication or petition concerning the same vacation 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.

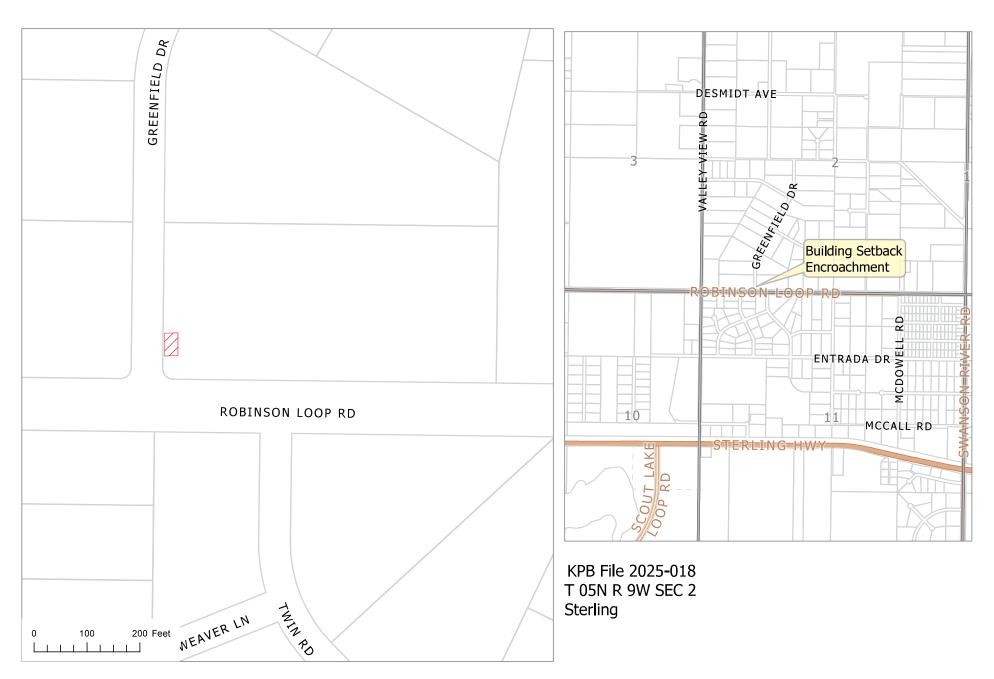
# C. CONSENT AGENDA

\*2 Planning Commission Resolution a. PC Resolution 2025-30

Vicinity Map

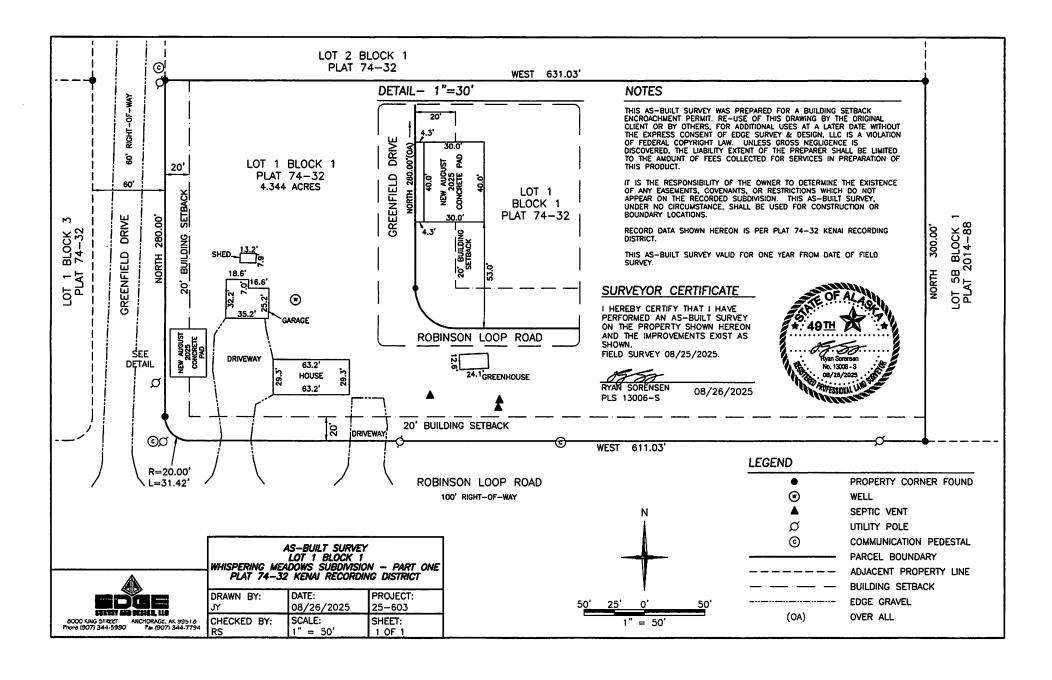












AGENDA ITEM C. NEW BUSINESS

## ITEM #1. – BUILDING SETBACK ENCROACHMENT PERMIT LOT 1, BLOCK 1, WHISPERING MEADOWS SUBDIVISION PART 1, PLAT KN 74-32

KPB File No.	2025-018
Planning Commission	November 17, 2025
Meeting:	
Applicant / Owner:	David C. and Barbara J. Caswell
Surveyor:	Ryan Sorenson / Edge Survey and Design
General Location:	Greenfield Drive and Robinson Loop Road, Sterling area

Parent Parcel No.:	063-360-01	
Legal Description:	Township 5 North, Range 9 West, Section 2, Seward Meridian, Kenai, Plat 74-	
	32, Whispering Meadows Subdivision Part 1, Lot 1, Block 1	
Assessing Use:	Residential	
Zoning:	Unrestricted	
Resolution	2025-30	

## **STAFF REPORT**

This Building Setback Encroachment Permit (BSEP) is returning to the Planning Commission for re-approval after a missed deadline.

The Planning Commission reviewed and approved the BSEP through Resolution 2025-6, following consideration of the standards in KPB 20.10.110(E). Approval was granted subject to the conditions outlined in the staff report, including submission of a current as-built within ninety (90) days for use as an exhibit to Resolution 2025-6. The Resolution was signed on March 24, 2025, and included a stipulation that it would become void if not recorded within ninety (90) days of adoption.

The Planning Department did not receive an updated as-built that satisfied all conditions set forth in the staff report until September 4, 2025. However, the ninety-day recording period required by Resolution 2025-6 had expired. Accordingly, a new resolution, proposed Resolution 2025-30, is required before recording.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Based on the Planning Commission's prior approval of the BSEP on March 24, 2025, and the subsequent submittal of a compliant as-built beyond the required recording period of Resolution 2025-6, staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt Resolution 2025-30 to reaffirm the original approval and ensure compliance with procedural requirements pursuant to KPB 20.10.110(G).

## NOTE:

20.10.110.(H) A decision of the planning commission may be appealed to the hearing officer by a party of record, as defined by KPB 21.20.210, within 15 days of the date of notice of decision in accordance with KPB 21.20.250.

#### **END OF STAFF REPORT**

## KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION 2025-30 KENAI RECORDING DISTRICT

- A RESOLUTION GRANTING A BUILDING SETBACK ENCROACHMENT PERMIT FOR A PORTION OF THE TWENTY-FOOT BUILDING SETBACK FOR LOT 1, BLOCK 1, WHISPERING MEADOWS SUBDIVISION PART ONE (KN 74-32); LOCATED IN THE SW ¼ OF S02, T05N, R09W; SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, WITHIN THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH; KPB FILE NO. 2025-018
- **WHEREAS**, pursuant to KPB 20.30.240, a minimum twenty-foot building setback from all dedicated rights-of-way in subdivisions located outside incorporated cities is required; and
- WHEREAS, issuance of a building setback encroachment permit is an exception to the rule prohibiting such encroachments; and
- WHEREAS, KPB 20.10.110 governs building setback encroachment permits and authorizes the Planning Commission to grant building setback encroachment permits by resolution; and
- WHEREAS, KPB 20.10.110(E) provides the three Standards the Planning Commission must consider when evaluating building setback encroachment permit applications; and
- WHEREAS, the Planning Commission may only approve a building setback encroachment permit if there is substantial evidence showing that each of the three Standards in KPB 20.10.110(E) are met; and
- WHEREAS, these are affirmative findings, and the permittees have the burden to prove with substantial evidence they are true; and
- WHEREAS, David C. and Barbara J. Caswell, Sterling, AK, permittees, requested a building setback encroachment permit to the twenty-foot building setback granted by Whispering Meadows Subdivision Part One (KN 74-32); and
- WHEREAS, on March 24, 2025, the Planning Commission considered the background information, all comments received, and recommendations from KPB Planning Department staff regarding the proposed exception, and granted approval of the building setback encroachment permit via Resolution 2025-6, subject to conditions outlined in the staff report and a requirement that the resolution be recorded within ninety (90) days of adoption; and
- WHEREAS, Resolution 2025-6 was not recorded within ninety (90) days of adoption, therefore it is void; and
- WHEREAS, on November 17, 2025, the Planning Commission considered the prior approval of Resolution 2025-6 and the subsequent submittal of a compliant as-built beyond the required recording period; and
- WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found that the permittees met the burden of proof with substantial evidence as to each of the three Standards found in KPB 20.10.110(E); and
- **WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission found that granting the building setback encroachment permit will not be detrimental to the public interest;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:
- **SECTION 1.** That the permittees have met the burden of proof with substantial evidence as to

each of the three standards found in KPB 20.10.110(E).

- **SECTION 2.** That an exception to the 20-foot building setback limit on KN 74-32 Lot 1 Block 1 WHISPERING MEADOWS SUBDIVISION PART ONE is hereby granted to accommodate only the encroaching portion of the structure based upon the following findings of fact:
  - <u>Standard 1:</u> The building setback encroachment may not interfere with road maintenance.
    - 1. There is no constructed ditch on the east side of Greenfield Drive and there is adequate space for snow berm storage.
    - 2. The proposed building will be 25-feet or more from the traveled surface of Greenfield Drive.
    - 3. The KPB Roads Reviewer commented that there is adequate snow storage and maintenance has not usually been impacted.
  - <u>Standard 2:</u> The building setback encroachment may not interfere with sight lines or distances.
    - 1. The proposed building will be 25-feet or more from the traveled surface of Greenfield Drive.
    - Greenfield Drive is a straight road and the proposed building is well out of the necessary line of sight while traveling Greenfield Drive.
    - There is sufficient line of sight left and right along Robinson Loop while parked at stop sign of Greenfield.
  - <u>Standard 3.</u> The building setback encroachment may not create a safety hazard.
    - 1. The proposed building will be 25-feet or more from the traveled surface of Greenfield Drive.
    - Greenfield Drive is a straight road and the proposed building is well out of the necessary line of sight while traveling Greenfield Drive.
    - The area in question is near the intersection of Robinson Loop and Greenfield Drive, and the traffic is relatively slow in this area.
    - 4. The topography of the parcel is relatively flat.
- **SECTION 3.** That any new, replacement, and/or additional construction will be subject to the 20-foot building setback limit.
- **SECTION 4.** That the granting of a building setback encroachment permit will only be for the portion of the improvement or building that is located within the building setback and the permit will be valid for the life of the structure or for a period of time set by the Planning Commission. The granting of a building setback encroachment permit will not remove any portion of the 20-foot building setback from the parcel.
- **SECTION 5.** That the current as-built survey or sketch prepared, signed, and sealed by a licensed land surveyor showing the location of the encroachment within the building setback provided by the permittees on September 4, 2025, be attached to, and made a part of this Resolution, becoming page 4 of 4.
- **SECTION 6.** That this Resolution is void if not recorded in the appropriate Recording District within 90 days of adoption.
- **SECTION 7.** That this Resolution becomes effective upon being properly recorded with the permittees being responsible for payment of recording fees.

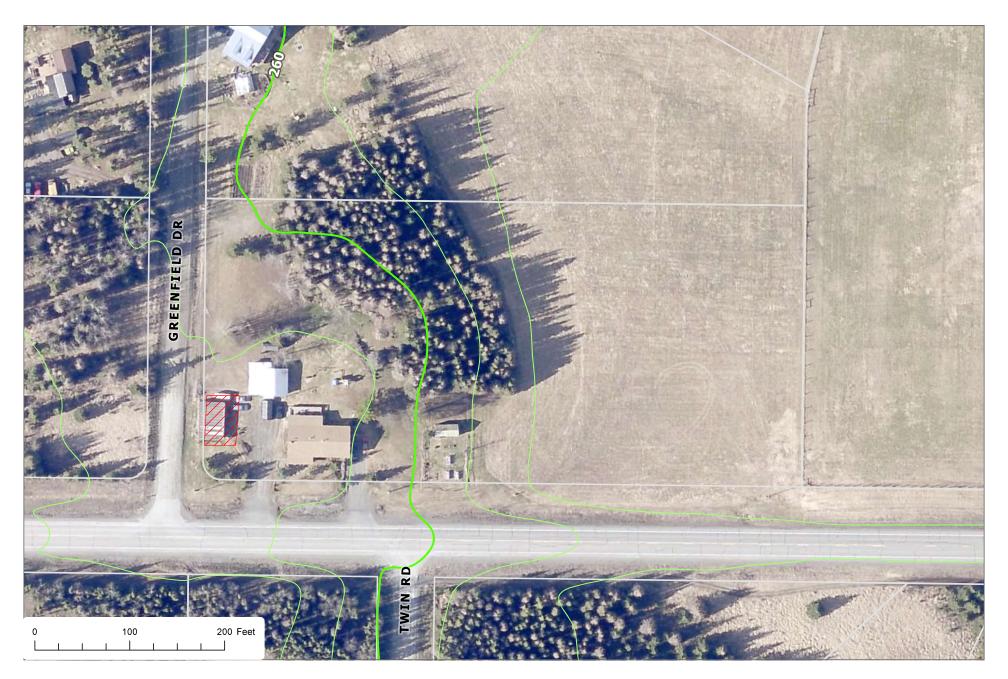
ADOPTED BY THE PLANN	ING COMM	ISSION OF THE KENAI PENINSULA
BOROUGH ON THIS	DAY OF	, 2025.
Jeremy Brantley, Chairperson Planning Commission	ATTEST:	Ann Shirnberg, Administrative Assistant
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Planning Department Kenai Peninsula Borough		
144 North Binkley Street		
Soldotna, Alaska 99669		

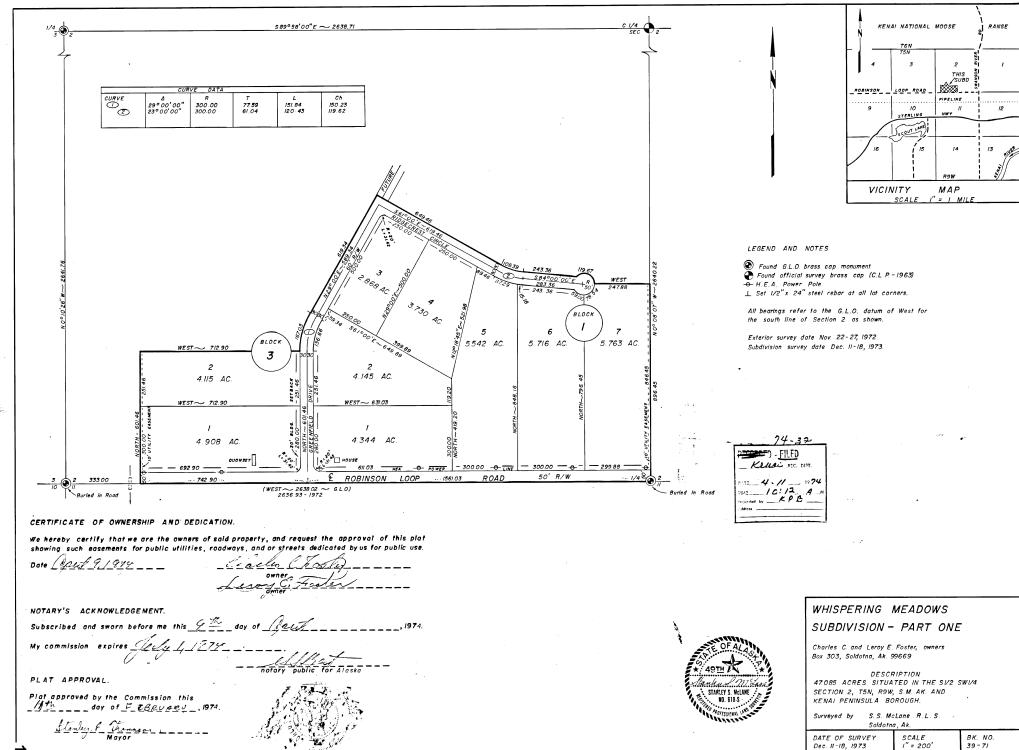




Aerial Map







Hearing no objection or further discussion, the motion was carried by the following vote:

#### MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE:

Yes - 7	Brantley, Epperheimer, Gillham, Morgan, Slaughter, Whitney, Venuti	
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#### AGENDA ITEM E. NEW BUSINESS

## ITEM #1. – BUILDING SETBACK ENCROACHMENT PERMIT LOT 1, BLOCK 1, WHISPERING MEADOWS SUBDIVISION PART 1, PLAT KN 74-32

KPB File No.	2025-018	
<b>Planning Commission Meeting:</b>	March 24, 2025	
Applicant / Owner:	David C. & Barbara J. Caswell	
Surveyor:	Ryan Sorenson, Edge Survey & Design	
General Location:	Greenfield Drive & Robinson Loop Road / Sterling area	
Parent Parcel No.:	<mark>063-360-01</mark>	
Legal Description:	T05N R09W SEC02 S.M. KN LOT 1 BLK 1 WHISPERING MEADOWS SUB KN 74-32	
Assessing Use:	Residential	
Zoning:	Unrestricted	
Resolution	2025-06	

Staff report given by Platting Manager Vince Piagentini.

Chair Brantley opened the item for public comment. Seeing and hearing no one wishing to comment, public comment was closed and discussion was opened among the committee.

**MOTION**: Commissioner Epperheimer moved, seconded by Commissioner Slaughter to adopt Planning Commission Resolution 2025-06, granting a building setback encroachment permit to a portion of the 20-foot building setback on Lot 1, Block 1, Whispering Meadows Subdivision Part One, Plat KN 0740032.

Hearing no objection or further discussion, the motion was carried by the following vote:

## **MOTION PASSED BY:**

Yes - 5	Brantley, Epperheimer, Morgan, Slaughter, Venuti,		
No - 2	Gillham, Whitney		
Absent – 1	Fikes		

# ITEM #2 - UTILITY EASEMENT ALTERATION VACATE THE ENTIRE 10' WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT ALONG THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF LOT 22, BLOCK 2, BEND IN THE RIVER SUBDIVISION PLAT KN 75-114

KPB File No.	2025-004V
Planning Committee Meeting:	March 24, 2025
Applicant / Owner:	Dean W. & Dolores J. Cash
Surveyor:	Andrew Hamilton, McLane Consulting Group
General Location:	King Salmon Avenue / Funny River Area
APC	Funny River APC

Staff report given by Platting Manager Vince Piagentini.

Chair Brantley opened the item for public comment. Seeing and hearing no one wishing to comment, public comment was closed and discussion was opened among the committee.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Gillham moved, seconded by Commissioner Whitney to grant the vacation as petitioned based on the means of evaluating public necessity established by KPB 20.65.050(D), based on

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## AGENDA ITEM E. NEW BUSINESS

## ITEM #1. – BUILDING SETBACK ENCROACHMENT PERMIT LOT 1, BLOCK 1, WHISPERING MEADOWS SUBDIVISION PART 1, PLAT KN 74-32

KPB File No.	2025-018
Planning Commission	March 24, 2025
Meeting:	
Applicant / Owner:	David C. and Barbara J. Caswell
Surveyor:	Ryan Sorenson / Edge Survey and Design
General Location:	Greenfield Drive and Robinson Loop Road, Sterling area

Parent Parcel No.:	063-360-01
Legal Description:	Township 5 North, Range 9 West, Section 2, Seward Meridian, Kenai, Plat 74-
	32, Whispering Meadows Subdivision Part 1, Lot 1, Block 1
Assessing Use:	Residential
Zoning:	Unrestricted
Resolution	2025-6

#### STAFF REPORT

## Specific Request / Purpose as stated in the petition:

The proposed building is replacing an old structure in the same location.

## **Site Investigation:**

Multiple structures are depicted on the provided as-built. KPB GIS Imagery shows an approximate 33 foot by 40 foot structure on the west lot line of the lot, encroaching into the 20-foot building setback along borough-maintained Greenfield Drive. No building setback encroachment permit is on record for this structure.

The owners have provided in their justification that they plan to replace the building in the setback. According to the submitted survey, the proposed 32.9-foot by 40-foot structure will encroach 18-feet into the 20-foot building setback along Greenfield Drive.

Per KPB Code 20.90.010- Definitions- Building Setback is the area of the lot where permanent structures are not allowed. The purpose of the setback is to promote safe public access, areas for emergency response, and traffic sight distance. KPB code 20.90.010 also defines Permanent Structures as anything of a permanent nature that requires footings, foundations or pilings.

The parcel is located on the corner of Greenfield Drive and Robinson Loop Road. Greenfield Drive is a 60-foot KPB maintained road. It connects to Robinson Loop Road to the south and Herta Avenue to the north. Robinson Loop is located on the south side of the lot and is a 100-foot state-maintained road.

Based on KPB imagery and Google Earth imagery, the encroachment does not obstruct or interfere with the sight lines along Greenfield Drive as the topography is relatively flat. Sight distance will not be affected as the proposed structure is approximately 39 feet from the center of the driving lane of Greenfield Drive at its closest point on the north side of indicated structure.

## **Staff Analysis:**

This parcel was originally an aliquot portion of the S1/2 SW1/4 of Section 2, Township 5 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. Whispering Meadows Subdivision – Part One, subdivided a portion of the land including Lot 1, Block 1 and dedicated portions of Greenfield Drive and Robinson Loop Road.

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Whispering Meadows Subdivision - Part One does not include any reference to a building setback. However, in 1968, the Kenai Peninsula Borough developed a subdivision ordinance, KPB 68-26, that included a 20-foot building setback requirement on all plats.

According to KPB GIS Imagery, Greenfield Drive provides access to parcels and roads to the north, with the majority of the parcels being developed. The topography is relatively flat on the parcel and Greenfield Drive. No wetlands affect the road or subject lot.

The structure does not appear to affect the maintenance of Greenfield Drive. The KPB Roads Reviewer commented that there is adequate snow storage and maintenance has not usually been impacted.

Issuance of a building setback encroachment permit is an exception to the rule prohibiting such encroachments. The Commission may only approve an encroachment permit if there is substantial evidence in the record showing that each of the three standards are met. These are affirmative findings, and the petitioner has the burden to prove with substantial evidence they are true. The findings are provided for the Commission's consideration and are not exclusive. Additional relevant findings may be derived from the record, public testimony, written comments, or other Commissioner findings based on substantial evidence in the record.

"Substantial evidence" means relevant evidence a reasonable mind might accept as adequate to support a conclusion.

## **Applicant Discussion:**

- 1. The proposed building is replacing an old structure in the same location. There had been a garage in the same location on air photos dating back until 1996 and the current owners have been there since 1993 and the original structure was in place at that time. See provided photo of the original structure. The previous building had been in place for over 25 years without complaint or issue. The landowner wants to simply replace the structure in the historic location.
- 2. The proposed building setback encroachment does not interfere with road maintenance efforts. The proposed building corner will be 25 feet or more from the traveled surface of Greenfield Drive. There is no constructed ditch on the East side of Greenfield Drive and there is adequate space for snow berm storage.
- 3. The proposed setback encroachment does not interfere with line of sight while traveling on Greenfield Drive. The proposed building is 25 feet from the traveled surface of Greenfield Drive. Greenfield Drive is a straight road, and the proposed building is well out of the necessary line of sight while traveling Greenfield Drive. There is existing vegetation and trees closer to the intersection with Robinson Loop Road than the proposed building, with sufficient line of sight left and right along Robinson Loop while parked at stop sight of Greenfield Drive.
- 4. The proposed building setback encroachment does not create any safety hazard. The proposed building corner is 2 feet from the property line and does not create any safety hazards while traveling Greenfield Drive. The area in question is near the intersection and traffic is traveling slow in this area. Greenfield Drive has low traffic pattern with less than 40 homes located beyond this parcel.
- 5. There is no platted utility easement along the rights-of-way from the parent plat and all the local utility lines appear to be with in the right-of-way. The proposed building therefore will not block any easements.

## **Applicant Findings:**

- 1. The proposed building is replacing an old structure in the same location.
- 2. The old structure can be dated back to 1993, when the owners purchased the property.
- 3. There is no constructed ditch on the east side of Greenfield Drive and there is adequate space for snow berm storage.
- 4. The proposed building will be 25-feet or more from the traveled surface of Greenfield Drive.

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- 5. Greenfield Drive is a straight road and the proposed building is well out of the necessary line of sight while traveling Greenfield Drive.
- 6. There is existing vegetation and trees closer to the intersection of Robinson Loop Road than the proposed building.
- 7. There is sufficient line of sight left and right along Robinson Loop while parked at stop sight of Greenfield Drive.
- 8. The proposed building is 2-feet from the property line.
- 9. The area in question is near the intersection of Robinson Loop and Greenfield Drive, and the traffic is traveling slow in this area.
- 10. Greenfield Drive has a low traffic pattern with less than 40 homes located beyond this parcel.
- 11. There is no platted utility easement along the rights-of-way from the parent plat.
- 12. The local utility lines appear to be within the right-of-way.

Staff recommends the Committee select the findings they determine are applicable, make additional findings if needed, tie the findings to the following standards,

## 20.10.110. - Building setback encroachment permits.

- E. The following standards shall be considered for all building setback encroachment permit applications.
  - 1. The building setback encroachment may not interfere with road maintenance.
  - 2. The building setback encroachment may not interfere with sight lines or distances.
  - 3. The building setback encroachment may not create a safety hazard.
- F. The granting of a building setback encroachment permit will only be for the portion of the improvement or building that is located within the building setback and the permit will be valid for the life of the structure or for a period of time set by the Planning Commission. The granting of a building setback permit will not remove any portion of the 20 foot building setback from the parcel.
- G. The Planning Commission shall approve or deny a building setback encroachment permit. If approved, a resolution will be adopted by the planning commission and recorded by the planning department within the time frame set out in the resolution to complete the permit. The resolution will require an exhibit drawing showing, and dimensioning, the building setback encroachment permit area. The exhibit drawing shall be prepared, signed and sealed, by a licensed land surveyor.

## Staff Findings for the Commission's review:

- 13. The parcel is 4.34 acres in size.
- 14. The topography of the parcel is relatively flat.
- 15. There are no classified wetlands within the boundary of the lot.
- 16. The 20-foot building setback was created by KPB Ordinance 68-20.
- 17. The KPB Roads Reviewer commented that there is adequate snow storage and maintenance has not usually been impacted.
- 18. Existing structures / new structures both require Building Setback Encroachment Permits, one is asking for an existing built structure and the other is for preconstruction request.
- 19. Additions to an existing structure need to be completed behind the 20' building setback line.

KPB department / agency review:

KPB Roads Dept. comments	Out of Jurisdiction: No
	Roads Director: Griebel, Scott
	Comments:

	Consultated in all whater water through the Abra March at the attraction but
	Greenfield is slightly misaligned to the West at the structure location, but
	located well within the ROW. There exist adequate snow storage and maintenance has not been traditionally impacted. No further RSA comments
	or objections.
SOA DOT comments	No Comments
KPB River Center review	A. Floodplain
	Reviewer: Hindman, Julie
	Floodplain Status: Not within flood hazard area
	Comments: No comments
	B. Habitat Protection
	B. Habitat Protection
	Reviewer: Aldridge, Morgan
	Habitat Protection District Status: Is NOT within HPD
	Comments: No comments
State of Alaska Fish and Game	No Response
Addressing	Reviewer: Leavitt, Rhealyn
	Affected Addresses:
	35710 ROBINSON LOOP RD
	Existing Street Names are Correct: Yes
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	List of Correct Street Names:
	GREENFIELD DR, ROBINSON LOOP RD
	Existing Street Name Corrections Needed:
	All New Street Names are Approved: No
	List of Approved Street Names:
	List of Street Names Denied:
	Comments:
	No other comments
Code Compliance	Reviewer: Ogren, Eric
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	Comments: Existing structure is in violation and permit to be in the setback
	would be required to allow it to stay or to be rebuilt in the same location.
Planner	Reviewer: Raidmae, Ryan
	There are not any Local Option Zoning District issues with this proposed plat.
	Material Site Comments:
	There are not any material site issues with this proposed plat.
Assessing	Reviewer: Windsor, Heather
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	Comments: No comment
Advisory Planning Commission	No Response

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

If the Commission determines the petitioner **has not** met the burden of proving by substantial evidence that each of the Standards is met, the Commission should deny the application, and it should explain its reasons.

If the Commission determines the petitioner **has** met the burden of proving by substantial evidence that each of the Standards is met, the Commission should identify the findings of fact, based upon substantial evidence from the record, which includes this Staff Report, it determines are applicable to the Standards, and incorporate the following conditions for final approval:

- 1. Compliance with KPB 20.10.110 sections F and G.
- 2. Providing a current as-built with recommended corrections as noted below, to be used as an exhibit drawing for a resolution 2025-8, prepared, signed, and sealed by a licensed land surveyor.
- 3. The recording fees be submitted to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department for the recording of the resolution.
- 4. Failure to provide an as-built so that it may be recorded within one year approval will result in a new application, hearing, and approval.
- 5. Additional encroachments found on the new as-built will require a new hearing.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

## **CORRECTIONS / EDITS**

o Correct the east lot label to reflect "Lot 5B, Block 1, KN 74-32.

## **NOTE:**

20.10.110.(H) A decision of the planning commission may be appealed to the hearing officer by a party of record, as defined by KPB 20.90, within 15 days of the date of notice of decision in accordance with KPB 21.20.250.

**END OF STAFF REPORT** 

#### KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION 2025-6 KENAI RECORDING DISTRICT

GRANT A BUILDING SETBACK ENCROACHMENT PERMIT TO A PORTION OF THE TWENTY FOOT BUILDING SETBACK FOR LOT 1 BLOCK 1, WHISPERING MEADOWS SUBDIVISION - PART ONE (KN 0740032); IN SW 1/4 S02, T05N, R09W; SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, WITHIN THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH; KPB FILE NO. 2025-018

WHEREAS, per KPB 20.30.240 – Building Setbacks, a minimum 20-foot building setback shall be required for fee simple non-arterial rights-of-way in subdivisions located outside incorporated cities; and

WHEREAS, David C. and Barbara J. Caswell of Sterling, AK requested a building setback encroachment permit to the 20-foot building setback granted by Whispering Meadows Subdivision - Part One (KN 0740032); and

WHEREAS, per the petition; and

WHEREAS, the encroaching structure does not affect sight distance along the right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, March 24, 2025, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission considered the background information, all comments received, and recommendations from KPB Planning Department staff regarding the proposed exception; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found that granting the building setback encroachment permit will not be detrimental to the public interest; and

WHEREAS, 20.10.110 of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Code of Ordinances authorizes the Planning Commission to accomplish building setback encroachment permits by Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

<u>Section 1</u>. That the 20-foot building setback limit on KN 0740032 Lot 1 Block 1 is hereby excepted to accommodate only the encroaching portion of the Garage.

<u>Section 2</u>. That any new, replacement, and/or additional construction will be subject to the 20-foot building setback limit.

Section 3. That the 20-foot building setback limit shall apply to the remainder of said lot.

<u>Section 4</u>. That a current as-built survey or sketch prepared, signed, and sealed by a licensed land surveyor showing the location of the encroachment within the building setback be attached to, and made a part of this resolution, becoming page 2 of 2.

<u>Section 5</u>. That this resolution is void if not recorded in the appropriate Recording District within 90 days of adoption.

 $\underline{\text{Section 6}}$ . That this resolution becomes effective upon being properly recorded with petitioner being responsible for payment of recording fees.

ADOPTED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON

Administrative Assistant

THIS	DAY OF	_, 2025.		
		ATTEST:		
Jeremy Brantl	ley, Chairperson		Ann Shirnberg,	

Return to: Planning Department Kenai Peninsula Borough 144 North Binkley Street Soldotna, Alaska 99669

Planning Commission

## C. CONSENT AGENDA

- \*3. Administrative Approvals
  - a. Friday Replat; KPB File 2025-034
  - b. Liebenthal Subdivision 2024 Addition; KPB File 2024-086
  - c. Lookout Valley Subdivision; KPB File 2025-056
  - d. River Acres Subdivision Blu River Addition; KPB File 2025-067
  - e. Snowland Estates 2025; KPB File 2025-019



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## ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL

Subdivision:

Friday Replat

KPB File 2025-034

Kenai Recording District

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission conditionally approved the preliminary subdivision plat on April 14, 2025. Approval for the plat is valid for two years from the date of approval.

The final plat complied with conditions of preliminary approval and KPB Title 20 (Subdivisions); therefore, per KPB 20.60.220, administrative approval has been granted by the undersigned on Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

Vince Piagentini Platting Manager

State of Alaska

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Signed and sworn (or affirmed) in my presence this 22nd day of October 2025 by Vince Piagentini.

Notary Public for the State of Alaska

My commission expires: with office

Notary Public Sandra K. Simons State of Alaska My Commission Expires With Office



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## ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL

Subdivision:

Liebenthal Subdivision 2024 Addition

KPB File 2024-086

Homer Recording District

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission conditionally approved the preliminary subdivision plat on September 9, 2024. Approval for the plat is valid for two years from the date of approval.

The final plat complied with conditions of preliminary approval and KPB Title 20 (Subdivisions); therefore, per KPB 20.60.220, administrative approval has been granted by the undersigned on Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

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Platting Manager

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## ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL

Subdivision:

**Lookout Valley Subdivision** 

KPB File 2025-056

**Homer Recording District** 

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission conditionally approved the preliminary subdivision plat on May 12, 2025. Approval for the plat is valid for two years from the date of approval.

The final plat complied with conditions of preliminary approval and KPB Title 20 (Subdivisions); therefore, per KPB 20.60.220, administrative approval has been granted by the undersigned on Wednesday, October 29, 2025.

Vince Piagentini

Platting Manager

State of Alaska

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Signed and sworn (or affirmed) in my presence this 29th day of October 2025 by Vince Piagentini.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL

Subdivision:

River Acres Subdivision Blu River Addition

KPB File 2025-067

Kenai Recording District

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission conditionally approved the preliminary subdivision plat on May 27, 2025. Approval for the plat is valid for two years from the date of approval.

The final plat complied with conditions of preliminary approval and KPB Title 20 (Subdivisions); therefore, per KPB 20.60.220, administrative approval has been granted by the undersigned on Wednesday, October 29, 2025.

Vince Piagentini Platting Manager

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Kenai Peninsula Borough

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## ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL

Subdivision:

**Snowland Estates 2025** 

KPB File 2025-019

Kenai Recording District

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission conditionally approved the preliminary subdivision plat on March 24, 2025. Approval for the plat is valid for two years from the date of approval.

The final plat complied with conditions of preliminary approval and KPB Title 20 (Subdivisions); therefore, per KPB 20.60.220, administrative approval has been granted by the undersigned on Wednesday, October 29, 2025.

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# C. CONSENT AGENDA

- \*4. Final Approvals
- a. Bailey Estates Karpik Rice Replat; KPB File 2025-001
- b. Cape Resurrection Sub Sanefur Seavey Replat; KPB File 2024-113



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## FINAL APPROVAL OF PLAT SUBMITTED UNDER 20.10.040

Subdivision:

Bailey Estates Karpik Rice Replat

KPB File 2025-001

Kenai Recording District

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department has reviewed the above referenced subdivision plat in accordance with 20.10.040 Borough Code of Ordinances. The final plat meets the conditions of the preliminary approval and complies with KPB Title 20; therefore, final approval has been granted by the undersigned on Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

Vince Piagentini Platting Manager

State of Alaska

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Signed and sworn (or affirmed) in my presence this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of <u>October</u> 2025 by Vince Piagentini.

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## FINAL APPROVAL OF PLAT SUBMITTED UNDER 20.10.040

Subdivision:

Cape Resurrection Subdivision Sandefur Seavey Replat

KPB File 2024-113

Seward Recording District

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department has reviewed the above referenced subdivision plat in accordance with 20.10.040 Borough Code of Ordinances. The final plat meets the conditions of the preliminary approval and complies with KPB Title 20; therefore, final approval has been granted by the undersigned on Thursday, October 30, 2025.

Vince Piagentini

Platting Manager

State of Alaska

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Signed and sworn (or affirmed) in my presence this 30th day of October 2025 by Vince Piagentini.

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# C. CONSENT AGENDA

- \*7. Minutes
  - a. 10/27/25 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

# Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission

Betty J. Glick Assembly Chambers, Kenai Peninsula Borough George A. Navarre Administration Building

## OCTOBER 27, 2025 7:30 P.M. UNAPPROVED MINUTES

## AGENDA ITEM A. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Brantley called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

## AGENDA ITEM B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present
Jeremy Brantley, Sterling / Funny River
Jeffery Epperheimer, Nikiski District
Pamela Gillham, Kalifornsky/Kasilof District
Dawson Slaughter, Southern Peninsula District
Virginia Morgan, Cooper Landing/Hope/Eastern Peninsula District
Karina England, City of Seward
Diane Fikes, City of Kenai
Paul Whitney, City of Soldotna
Franco Venuti, City of Homer

With 9 members present, a quorum was present.

#### Staff Present

Aaron Hughes, Land Management Officer Vince Piagentini, Platting Manager Jenny Robertson, LM Administrative Assistant Ann Shirnberg, Planning Administrative Assistant

## AGENDA ITEM C. CONSENT & REGULAR AGENDA

## \*1. Time Extension Requests

a. Seward Airport ROW Acquisition Plat; KPB File 2021-047

## \*3. Administrative Approvals

- a. Barber Heights Addition Riedel Subdivision; KPB File 2023-013R1
- b. Baycrest Subdivision 2025 Replat; KPB File 2025-023
- c. Bridge Creek Coop Subdivision 2024 Replat; KPB File 2024-133
- d. Kenai River Bridge Subdivision 2024 Replat; KPB File 2024-118
- e. McGahan Ridge Subdivision No. 2; KPB File 2024-134
- f. Millers Crossing Subdivision Phase 2; KPB File 2025-071
- g. Soldotna Creek The Pointe Addition 2025 Replat; KPB File 2025-040
- h. Stone Steps Estates; KPB File 2024-125
- i. Whistlebait Estates Addition No. 2 KPB File 2024-100

## \*4. Final Approvals

a. Rudy Dazzling Scenic View Subdivision Hendriks Addition; KPB File 2025-099

#### \*7. Minutes

a. October 13, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

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Chair Brantley asked Ms. Shirnberg to read the consent agenda items into the record. He then asked if anyone wished to speak to any of the items on the consent agenda. Seeing and hearing no one wishing to comment, Chair Brantley brought it back to the commission for a motion.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Gillham moved, seconded by Commissioner Slaughter to approve the consent and regular agendas.

Hearing no objection or further discussion, the motion was carried by the following vote:

## **MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE:**

Yes - 9	Brantley, England, Epperheimer, Fikes, Gillham, Morgan, Slaughter, V	Whitney, Venuti
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## AGENDA ITEM E. NEW BUSINESS

## ITEM #1. - BUILDING SETBACK ENCROACHMENT PERMIT

PERMITS A 30.7-FOOT BY 40.5-FOOT SHOP TO REMAIN 15.3-FEET INTO THE 20-FOOT BUILDING SETBACK; AND A 12-FOOT BY 23.5-FOOT CARPORT TO REMAIN 4.7-FEET INTO THE 20-FOOT BUILDING SETBACK ADJACENT TO SARA STREET GRANTED BY PLAT KN 79-157 ON THAT PORTION OF THE NORTH 440 FEET OF GOVERNMENT LOT 6, LYING EAST OF SARA STREET, EXCEPT APACHE ACRES SUBDIVISION PART 6

KPB File No.	2025-153
Planning Commission Meeting:	October 27, 2025
Applicant / Owner:	John Robert Stevens
Surveyor:	Jerry Johnson, Johnson Surveying
General Location:	Sara Street / Funny River Area

Parent Parcel No.:	066-280-22		
Legal Description:	T 5N R 8W SEC 18 SEWARD MERIDIAN KN THAT PORTION OF THE NORTH 440 FT OF GOVT LOT 6 LYING EAST OF		
	SARA STREET EXCEPT APACHE ACRES SUB PART 6		
Assessing Use:	Residential Dwelling		
Zoning:	Rural Unrestricted		
Planning Commission Resolution	2025-27		

Staff report given by Platting Manager Vince Piagentini.

Chair Brantley opened the item for public comment.

<u>Jerry Johnson, Johnson Surveying; P.O. Box 27, Clam Gulch, AK 99568:</u> Mr. Johnson was the surveyor for this project and made himself available for questions.

Seeing and hearing no one else wishing to comment, public comment was closed and discussion was opened among the committee.

<u>MOTION:</u> Commissioner Gillham moved, seconded by Commissioner Slaughter to adopt PC Resolution 2025-27 granting a building setback encroachment permit to that portion of the north 440' of Government Lot 6 lying east of Sara Street, excluding Apache Acres Subdivision Part 6, citing finding 1, 8 & 9 in support of standards one, two and three and subject to the six conditions as stated in the staff report

Hearing no objection or further discussion, the motion was carried by the following vote:

## **MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE:**

Yes - 9 Brantley, England, Epperheimer, Fikes, Gillham, Morgan, Slaughter, Whitney, Venuti	
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# ITEM #2. – BUILDING SETBACK ENCROACHMENT PERMIT PERMITS A PORTION OF A 24.4' X 28.4' HOUSE, PART OF A COVERED PORCH AND THE ATTACHED STAIRS AND AN OPEN CARPORT TO REMAIN INTO THE 20' BUILDIING SETBACK LOCATED IN LOT 1 HOLLYWOOD KENNEDY GIBBONS 2006 ADDITION KN2007-108

KPB File No.	2025-149
Planning Commission Meeting:	October 27, 2025
Applicant / Owner:	Laida LLC
Surveyor:	Dmitri Kimbrell, Fineline Surveys, Inc.
General Location:	Sterling Highway / Anchor Point Area

Parent Parcel No.:	165-630-27		
Legal Description:	T 4S R 15W SEC 22 & 23 SEWARD MERIDIAN HM 2007108		
	HOLLYWOOD KENNEDY GIBBONS 2006 ADDN LOT 1		
Assessing Use:	Residential		
Zoning:	Rural Unrestricted		
Planning Commission Resolution	2025-26		

Staff report given by Platting Manager Vince Piagentini.

Chair Brantley opened the item for public comment.

Mary Trimble, Owner; P.O. Box 193, Anchor Point, AK 99556: Ms. Trimble is the petitioner and landowner and made herself available for questions.

<u>Travis Todd; 31150 Sterling Hwy., Anchor Point, AK 99556:</u> Mr. Todd is a neighboring landowner and just want to make sure that this permit would not negatively affect his property.

Seeing and hearing no one else wishing to comment, public comment was closed and discussion was opened among the committee.

<u>MOTION:</u> Commissioner Slaughter moved, seconded by Commissioner Epperheimer to adopt PC Resolution 2025-26 granting a building setback encroachment permit to Lot 1, Hollywood Kennedy Gibbons 2006 Addition, Plat KN 2007-108, citing findings 1 & 4 ins support of standard one, findings 2 & 4 in support of standard two and findings 3 & 4 in support of standard three and subject to the 6 conditions as stated in the staff report.

Hearing no objection or further discussion, the motion was carried by the following vote:

## MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE:

Yes - 9 Brantley, England, Epperheimer, Fikes, Gillham, Morgan, Slat	1.4 14.00 14 14 41
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# ITEM #3. – BUILDING SETBACK ENCROACHMENT PERMIT PERMITS A PORTION OF A 24.2-FOOT BY 34.2-FOOT ONE-STORY HOUSE TO REMAIN ENTIRELY WITHIN THE 20-FOOT BUILDING SETBACK ADJACENT TO SKEETER STREET WITHIN LOT 1A, BLOCK 1, STERLING HEIGHTS SCOOTER'S REPLAT, PLAT KN 93-87, KRD.

KPB File No.	2025-124
Planning Commission Meeting:	October 27, 2025
Applicant / Owner:	Kathleen A. Barrickman
Surveyor:	Jason Young, Edge Survey & Design
General Location:	Skeeter Street / Sterling Area

Parent Parcel No.:	063-454-09
Legal Description:	T05N R09W SEC 11 S. M. KN 0930087 STERLING HEIGHTS SUB SCOOTER'S REPLAT LOT 1A BLK 1
Assessing Use:	Residential Mobile Home

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Zoning:	Rural Unrestricted
Planning Commission Resolution	2025-25

Staff report given by Platting Manager Vince Piagentini.

Chair Brantley opened the item for public comment.

<u>Jason Young, Edge Survey & Design; P.O. Bx 59, Kasilof, AK 99610</u>: Mr. Young was the surveyor on this project and made himself available for guestions.

Seeing and hearing no one else wishing to comment, public comment was closed and discussion was opened among the committee.

<u>MAIN MOTION:</u> Commissioner Venuti moved, seconded by Commissioner Gillham to adopt PC Resolution 2025-25 granting a building setback encroachment permit to Lot 1A, Block 1, Sterling Heights Scooter's Replat, Plat KN 93-87.

Hearing no objection or further discussion, the motion was carried by the following vote:

#### MAIN MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE:

Yes - 9 Brantley, England, Epperheimer, Fikes, Gillham, Morgan, Slaughter, Whitney, Venuti

**FINDINGS MOTION:** Commissioner Gillham moved, seconded by Commissioner Slaughter to attach findings 1, 4 & 14 – 16 in support of standard one, findings 2-4 & 13 in support of standard two and findings 2-4 in support of standard three and subject to the 4 conditions as set forth in the staff report.

Hearing no objection or further discussion, the motion was carried by the following vote:

#### FINDINGS MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE:

Yes - 9 Brantley, Engla	d, Epperheimer, Fikes	, Gillham, Morgan,	Slaughter, Whitney, Venuti
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## **ITEM #4 - UTILITY EASEMENT ALTERATION**

VACATE THE 10-FOOT UTILITY EASEMENT ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF LOTS 27 AND 28 AND ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF LOTS 8 AND 9 ALL WITHIN BLOCK 7 GRANTED BY VALHALLA HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION PART 3 (PLAT KN 1568)

KPB File No.	2025-129V
Planning Committee Meeting:	October 27, 2025
Applicant / Owner:	Craig W. Thomsen o
Surveyor:	Jason Young, Edge Survey & Design LLC
General Location:	Standard Drive and Phillips Drive / City of Kenai

Staff report given by Platting Manager Vince Piagentini.

Chair Brantley opened the item for public comment.

<u>Jason Young, Edge Survey & Design; P.O. Bx 59, Kasilof, AK 99610</u>: Mr. Young was the surveyor on this project and made himself available for questions.

Seeing and hearing no one else wishing to comment, public comment was closed and discussion was opened among the committee.

Commissioner Fikes informed the chair that she had voted on this matter in her role as a planning commissioner for the City of Kenai and requested to be recused. Chair Brantley granted her request.

<u>MOTION:</u> Commissioner Whitney moved, seconded by Commissioner Epperheimer to grant the vacation as petitioned based on the means of evaluating public necessity established by KPB 20.65, adopting and incorporating by reference the staff report, staff recommendations and subject to the two conditions as set forth in the staff report.

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Hearing no objection or further discussion, the motion was carried by the following vote:

### **MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE:**

Yes - 8	Brantley, England, Epperheimer, Gillham, Morgan, Slaughter, Whitney, Venuti
Recused - 1	Fikes

### AGENDA ITEM H. PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

Chair Brantley asked if there was anyone who wished to comment on anything that was not on the agenda. There was no one who wished to comment.

### AGENDA ITEM K. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Venuti moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

Ann E. Shirnberg Administrative Assistant

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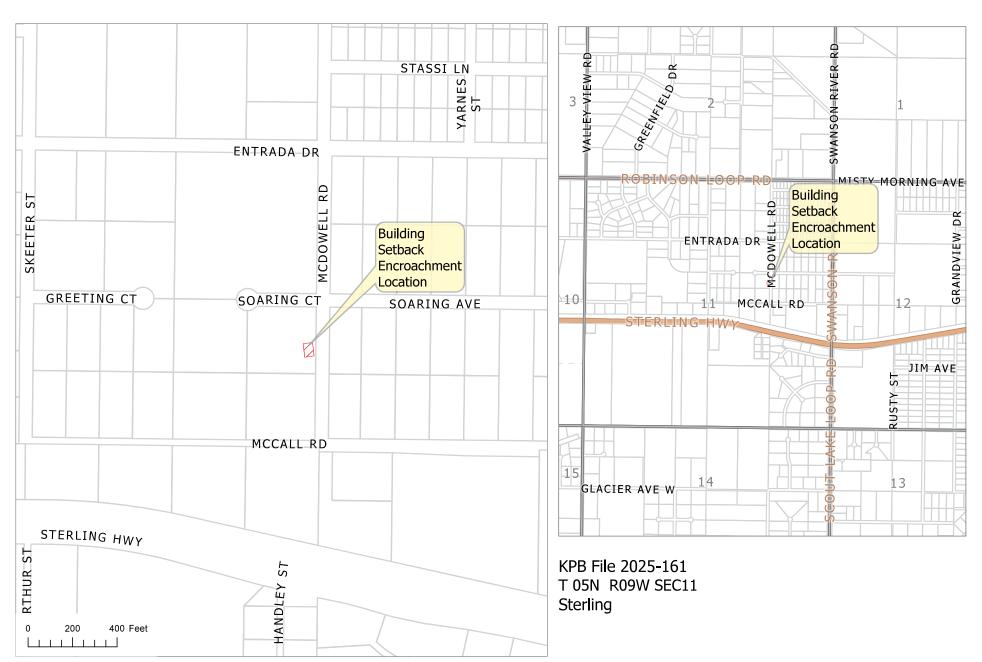
# **E. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Building Setback Encroachment Permit (PC Resolution 2025-31) KPB File 2025-161

**Swan Surveying / Nienhuis** 

Request: Permits a portion of a build to remain within the building setback on Tract A3A Harvey Subdivision No. 2, Plat KN 82-47 Sterling Area

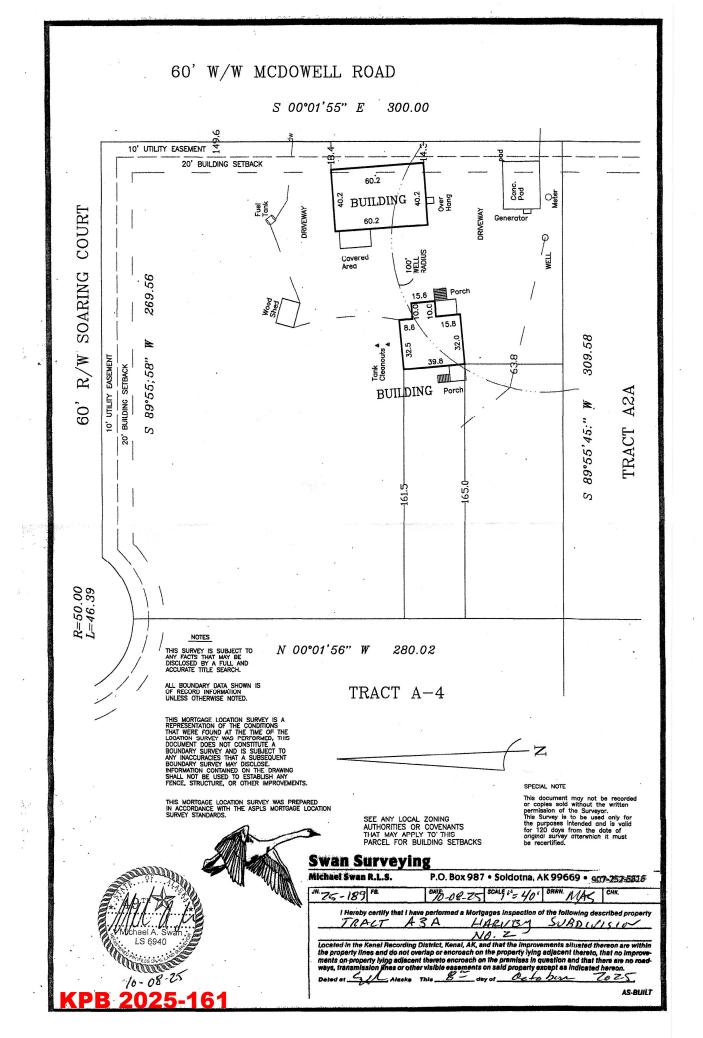
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Aerial Map







AGENDA ITEM E. NEW BUSINESS

# ITEM #1. – BUILDING SETBACK ENCROACHMENT PERMIT PERMITS A PORTION OF A 40.2 BY 60.2-FOOT BUILDING ON TRACT A3A, TO REMAIN WITHIN THE 20FOOT BUILDING SETBACK ADJACENT TO MCDOWELL ROAD, AS GRANTED BY HARVEY SUBDIVISION NO 2 (KN 82-47)

KPB File No.	2025-161
Planning Commission	November 17, 2025
Meeting:	
Applicant / Owner:	Brett and Paula Nienhuis of Sterling, Alaska
Surveyor:	Mike Swan, Swan Surveying
General Location:	McDowell Road, Sterling Area

Parent Parcel No.:	063-490-26
Legal Description:	T 5N R 9W SEC 11 SEWARD MERIDIAN KN 0820047 HARVEY SUB NO 2
	TRACT A3A
Assessing Use:	Residential Dwelling
Zoning:	Rural Unrestricted
Resolution	2025-31

#### **STAFF REPORT**

#### Specific Request / Purpose as stated in the petition:

The encroachment does not interfere with any road maintenance, lines of sight or distances, and does not create any safety or traffic hazards.

### **Site Investigation:**

The submitted as-built drawing shows a 40.2 by 60.2-foot building encroaching into the 20-foot building setback along McDowell Road, specifically by 1.6-feet at the north corner and 5.7-feet at the south corner. Additionally, a concrete pad of unspecified dimensions encroaches into the building setback in the southeast corner of the lot.

KPB GIS Imagery dated 2021 indicates trees within the 20-foot building setback and does not reflect the current structure. Based on a comparison with KPB Assessing records and KPB GIS imagery, the building appears to have been constructed in 2023.

The concrete pad was shown on the parent plats Harvey Subdivision No 2 (KN82-47) and Harvey Subdivision (KN81-55). Plat KN 82-47 included a note stating, "The garage as shown in the R/W is to be allowed until such time it deteriorates, then if is to be removed." Per the as-built and the owner's correspondence the garage appears to have deteriorated and has been used for extra parking. The owner has indicated they plan to remove the concrete within the next year.

Located to the east, McDowell Road is a 60-foot platted dedication. The road is approximately 23.5-feet wide and appears to be gravel constructed, maintained by the borough. The edge of the driving surface appears to be approximately 44.7-feet from encroaching structure.

Sight distances along McDowell Road does not seem to be impacted due to the encroachment based off the distance between the structure and driving surface. Traffic seems to be limited in this area due to the surrounding parcels including being developed with structures and the existence of constructed roads allowing connectivity.

### **Staff Analysis:**

Originally the land consisted of an aliquot section of the SW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 11, Township 5 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian, Kenai Recording District, Alaska. In 1974, Sterling Heights Subdivision (KN74-51) subdivided the area into two tracts. In 1981, Harvey Subdivision (KN 81-55) further subdivided Tract A into five tracts. Subsequently in 1982, Harvey Subdivision No. 2 (KN 82-47) reconfigured three tracts on the east to dedicate the west 20-feet of McDowell Road. Harvey Subdivision No. 2 (KN 82-47) also granted a 20-foot building setback from all street rights-of-way.

According to the contours data available on KPB GIS Imagery, the topography of the area is relatively flat with no steep slopes present.

### **Applicant Discussion:**

Property was cleared of trees and debris. Level of the ground is same height as the road; therefore, road maintenance is actually easier. We maintain the road area around property, keeping sight lines clear for safety and road conditions. No building or debris in sight line for road. Area around property is kept clear all year long. Easy for borough to maintain and have necessary access around property.

### **Applicant Findings:**

- 1. Level of the ground is same height as the road.
- 2. We maintain the road area around property and area around property is kept clear all year long.
- 3. No building or debris in sight line for road.

### Staff Findings for the Commission's review:

- 4. Harvey Subdivision No. 2 (KN 82-47) granted a 20-foot building setback from all street rights-of-way.
- 5. The submitted as-built drawing shows a 40.2 by 60.2-foot building encroaching into the 20-foot building setback along McDowell Road, specifically by 1.6-feet at the north corner and 5.7-feet at the south corner.
- 6. Based on a comparison with KPB Assessing records and KPB GIS imagery, the building appears to have been constructed in 2023.
- 7. The garage depicted and noted on the parent plat (KN 82-47) is no longer present.
- 8. The concrete pad is to be removed in the next year.
- 9. The encroaching structure appears to be approximately 44.7-feet from driving surface of McDowell Road.
- 10. No maintenance concerns were submitted by KPB RSA.

### 20.10.110. - Building setback encroachment permits.

E. The following standards shall be considered for all building setback encroachment permit applications.

**Staff recommends** the Planning Commission select the findings they determine are applicable to the standards and vote on them:

1. The building setback encroachment may not interfere with road maintenance.

Findings 1, 2, 9 and 10 appear to support this standard.

2. The building setback encroachment may not interfere with sight lines or distances.

Findings 1, 3, and 9 appear to support this standard.

3. The building setback encroachment may not create a safety hazard.

Findings 2, 3 and 9 appear to support this standard.

F. The granting of a building setback encroachment permit will only be for the portion of the improvement or building that is located within the building setback and the permit will be valid for the life of the structure or for a period of time set by the Planning Commission. The granting of a building setback permit will not remove any portion of the 20 foot building setback from the parcel.

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G. The Planning Commission shall approve or deny a building setback encroachment permit. If approved, a resolution will be adopted by the planning commission and recorded by the planning department within the time frame set out in the resolution to complete the permit. The resolution will require an exhibit drawing showing, and dimensioning, the building setback encroachment permit area. The exhibit drawing shall be prepared, signed and sealed, by a licensed land surveyor.

KPB department / agency review:

KPB department / agency review	
KPB Roads Dept. comments	Out of Jurisdiction: No
	Roads Director: Uhlin, Dil
	Comments:
	RSA has no objection at this time
SOA DOT comments	No Response
KPB River Center review	A. Floodplain
	'
	Reviewer: Hindman, Julie
	Floodplain Status: IS in flood hazard area
	Comments: Within non-regulatory X-Unshaded Zone, an area of minimal
	flood hazard.
	Flood Zone: X (unshaded)
	Map Panel: 02122C-0295F
	In Floodway: False
	Floodway Panel:
	B. Habitat Protection
	Decision Allista Manager
	Reviewer: Aldridge, Morgan Habitat Protection District Status: Is NOT within HPD
	Comments: No comments
Addressing	Reviewer: Pace, Rhealyn
Addressing	Affected Addresses:
	38575 MCDOWELL RD
	Existing Street Names are Correct: Yes
	List of Correct Street Names:
	SOARING CT, MCDOWELL RD
	Existing Street Name Corrections Needed:
	Existing Street Name Corrections Needed:
	All New Street Names are Approved: No
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	List of Approved Street Names:
	List of Street Names Denied:
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	Comments:
Code Compliance	No other comments  Peviewer: Ogrep, Fric
Code Compliance	Reviewer: Ogren, Eric

	Comments: The building is in the Set back. With the approval of the Commission it would be granted an exception, otherwise it should be moved out the setback.
Planner	Reviewer: Raidmae, Ryan There are not any Local Option Zoning District issues with this proposed plat.
	Material Site Comments:
	There are not any material site issues with this proposed plat.
Assessing	Reviewer: Windsor, Heather
	Comments: No comment

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Based on the standards to grant a building setback encroachment permit, **staff recommends** to grant approval for the portion of structures within the 20-foot building setback as shown on the October, 2025 as-built survey, subject to:

If the Commission determines the petitioner **has not** met the burden of proving by substantial evidence that each of the Standards is met, the Commission should deny the application, and it should explain its reasons.

If the Commission determines the petitioner **has** met the burden of proving by substantial evidence that each of the Standards is met, the Commission should identify the findings of fact, based upon substantial evidence from the record, which includes this Staff Report, it determines are applicable to the Standards, and incorporate the following conditions for final approval:

- 1. Compliance with KPB 20.10.110 sections F and G.
- 2. Providing a current as-built with recommended corrections as noted below, to be used as an exhibit drawing for Resolution 2025-31, prepared, signed, and sealed by a licensed land surveyor.
- 3. The recording fees be submitted to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department for the recording of the resolution.
- 4. Failure to provide an as-built so that it may be recorded within one year approval will result in a new application, hearing, and approval.
- 5. Additional encroachments found on the new as-built will require a new hearing.
- 6. Removal of the concrete pad in the southeast corner of property within one year of approval.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

### **CORRECTIONS / EDITS**

- Add the KPB File No 2025-161 to the drawing
- Correct label of McDowell Road right-of-way: 60' R/W
- Add a note to the drawing near the concrete pad that "concrete pad will be removed within one year of approval of the Building Setback Encroachment Permit"

### NOTE:

20.10.110.(H) A decision of the planning commission may be appealed to the hearing officer by a party of record, as defined by KPB 20.90, within 15 days of the date of notice of decision in accordance with KPB 21.20.250.

### **END OF STAFF REPORT**

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### KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION 2025-31 KENAI RECORDING DISTRICT

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A BUILDING SETBACK ENCROACHMENT PERMIT TO A PORTION OF THE TWENTY FOOT BUILDING SETBACK FOR TRACT A3A, HARVEY SUBDIVISION NO 2 (KN 0820047); LOCATED IN THE NE ½ S11, T05N, R09W; SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, WITHIN THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH; KPB FILE NO. 2025-161

- WHEREAS, pursuant to KPB 20.30.240, a minimum twenty-foot building setback from all dedicated rights-of-way in subdivisions located outside incorporated cities is required; and
- WHEREAS, issuance of a building setback encroachment permit is an exception to the rule prohibiting such encroachments; and
- WHEREAS, KPB 20.10.110 governs building setback encroachment permits and authorizes the Planning Commission to grant building setback encroachment permits by resolution; and
- WHEREAS, KPB 20.10.110(E) provides the three Standards the Planning Commission must consider when evaluating building setback permit applications; and
- WHEREAS, the Planning Commission may only approve an encroachment permit if there is substantial evidence showing that each of the three Standards in KPB 20.10.110(E) are met; and
- WHEREAS, these are affirmative findings, and the petitioner has the burden to prove with substantial evidence they are true; and
- **WHEREAS,** Brett and Paula Nienhuis of Sterling, Alaska, requested a building setback encroachment permit to the twenty-foot building setback granted by Harvey Subdivision No 2 (KN 82-47); and
- WHEREAS, on Monday, November 17, 2025, the Planning Commission considered the background information, all comments received, and recommendations from KPB Planning Department staff regarding the proposed exception,
- WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found that the petitioner met the burden of proof with substantial evidence as to each of the three Standards found in KPB 20.10.110(E); and
- **WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission found that granting the building setback encroachment permit will not be detrimental to the public interest;

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

- **SECTION 1**. That the petitioner has met the burden of proof with substantial evidence as to each of the three standards found in KPB 20.10.110(E).
- **SECTION 2.** That an exception to the 20-foot building setback limit on KN 0820047 Tract A3A HARVEY SUBDIVISION NO 2 is hereby granted to accommodate only the encroaching portion of the building based upon the following findings of fact:
  - <u>Standard 1:</u> The building setback encroachment may not interfere with road maintenance.

- 1. Level of the ground is same height as the road.
- The encroaching structure appears to be approximately 44.7-feet from driving surface of McDowell Road.
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- 10. No maintenance concerns were submitted by KPB RSA.
  - <u>Standard 2:</u> The building setback encroachment may not interfere with sight lines or distances.
- 1. Level of the ground is same height as the road.
- 3. No building or debris in sight line for road.
- The encroaching structure appears to be approximately 44.7-feet from driving surface of McDowell Road.

<u>Standard 3.</u> The building setback encroachment may not create a safety hazard.

- The encroaching structure appears to be approximately 44.7-feet from driving surface of McDowell Road.
- 3. No building or debris in sight line for road.
- The encroaching structure appears to be approximately 44.7-feet from driving surface of McDowell Road.
- **SECTION 3.** That any new, replacement, and/or additional construction will be subject to the 20-foot building setback limit.
- **SECTION 4.** That the granting of a building setback encroachment permit will only be for the portion of the improvement or building that is located within the building setback and the permit will be valid for the life of the structure or for a period of time set by the Planning Commission. The granting of a building setback permit will not remove any portion of the 20-foot building setback from the parcel.
- **SECTION 5.** That a current as-built survey or sketch prepared, signed, and sealed by a licensed land surveyor showing the location of the encroachment within the building setback be attached to, and made a part of this resolution, becoming page 3 of 3.
- **SECTION 6.** That this resolution is void if not recorded in the appropriate Recording District within 90 days of adoption.
- **SECTION 7.** That this resolution becomes effective upon being properly recorded with petitioner being responsible for payment of recording fees.

ADOPTED D		NNING COMMIS	SION OF THE KENAI , 2025.	PENINSULA
Jeremy Brant Planning Con	ley, Chairperson nmission	ATTEST:	Ann Shirnberg, Administrative Assistant	

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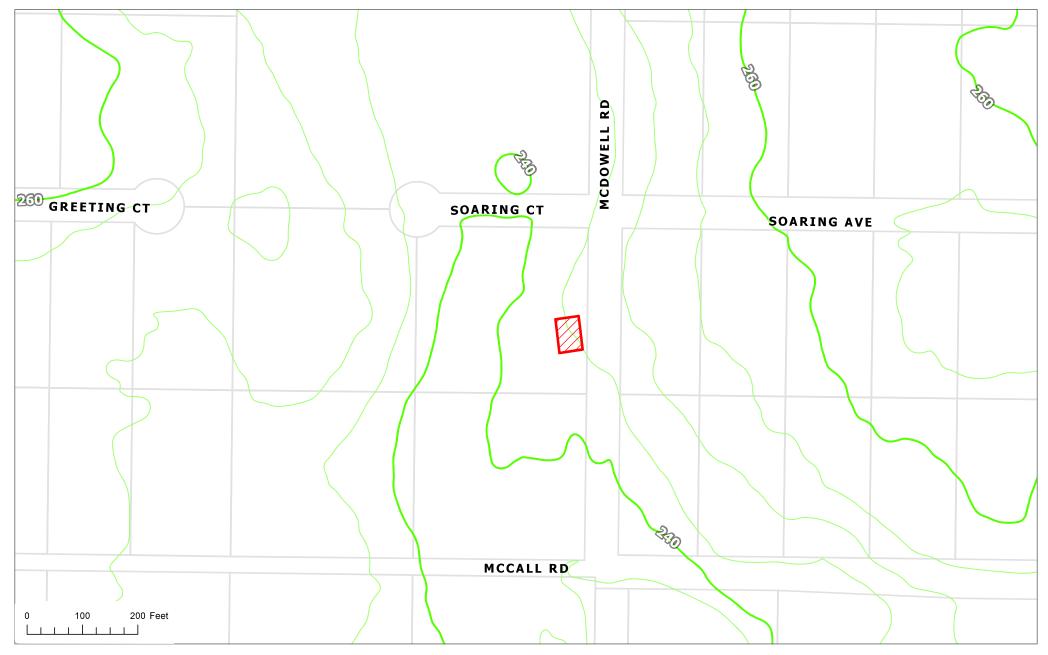
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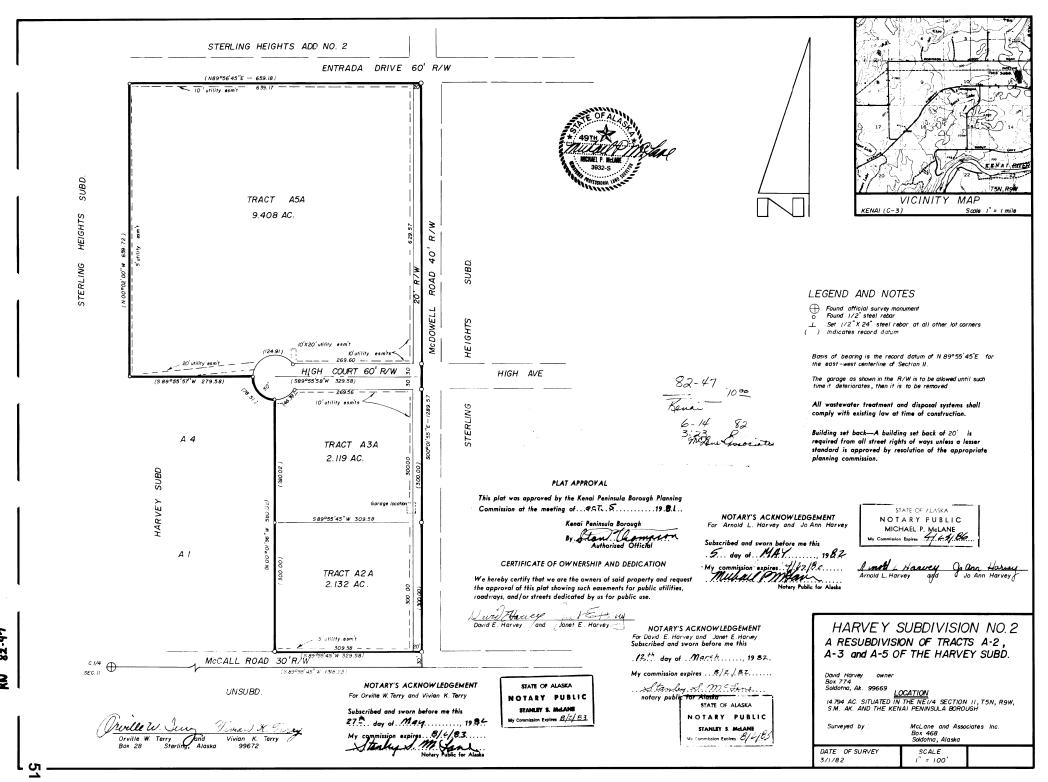


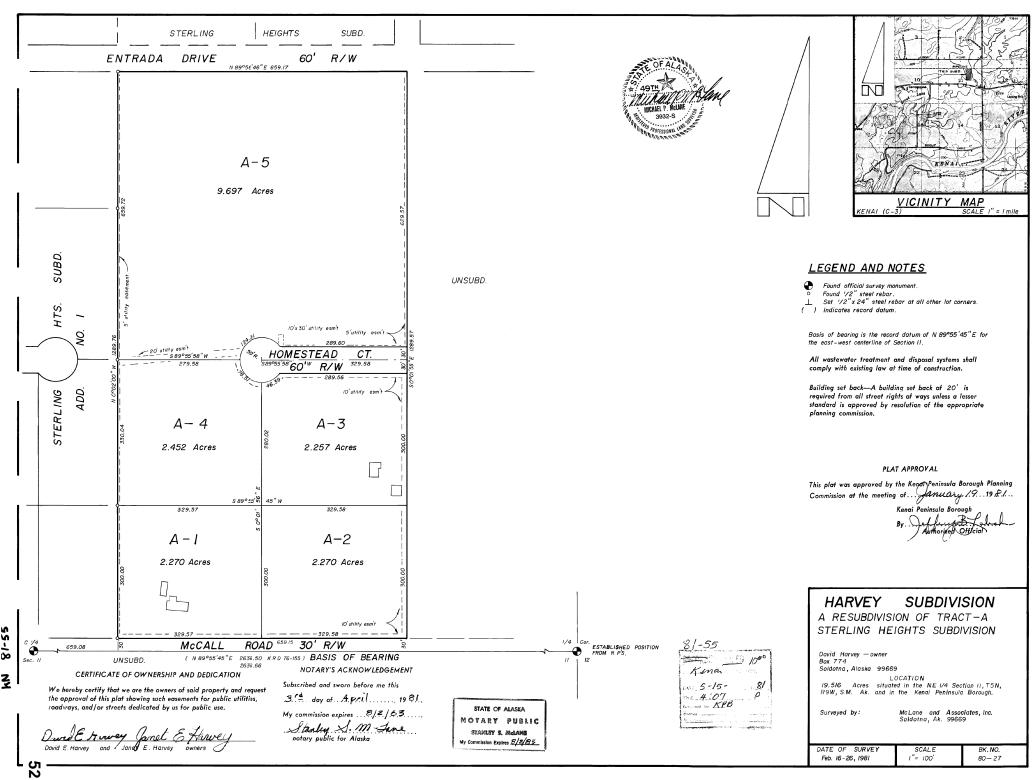


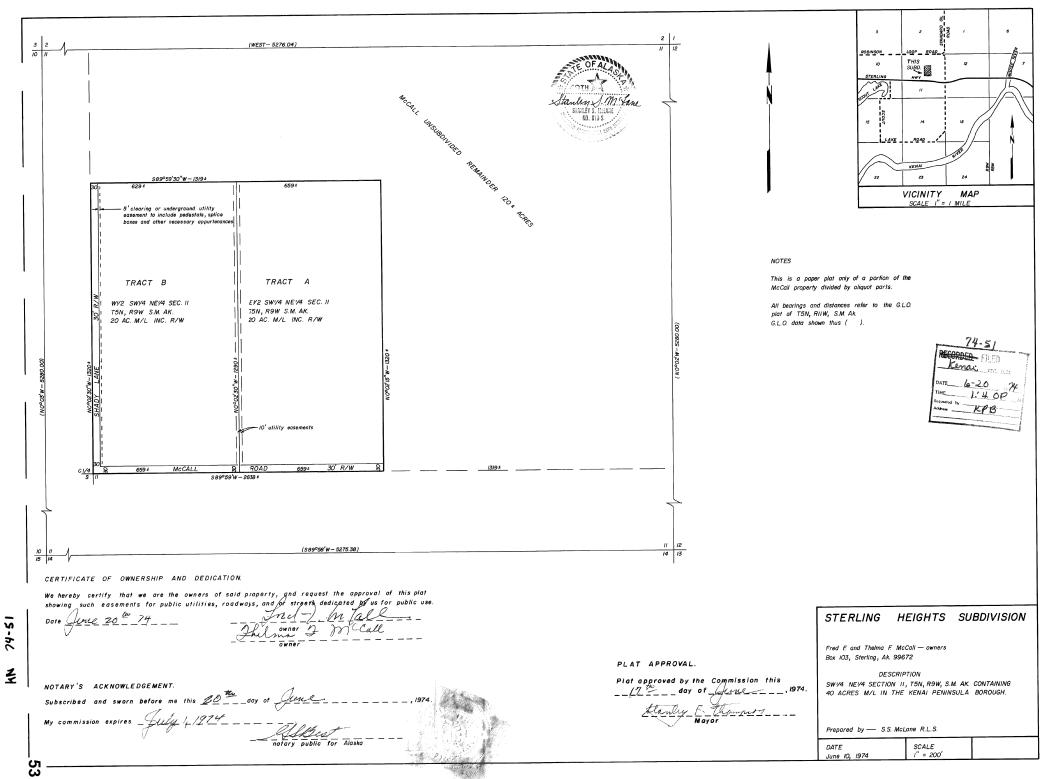
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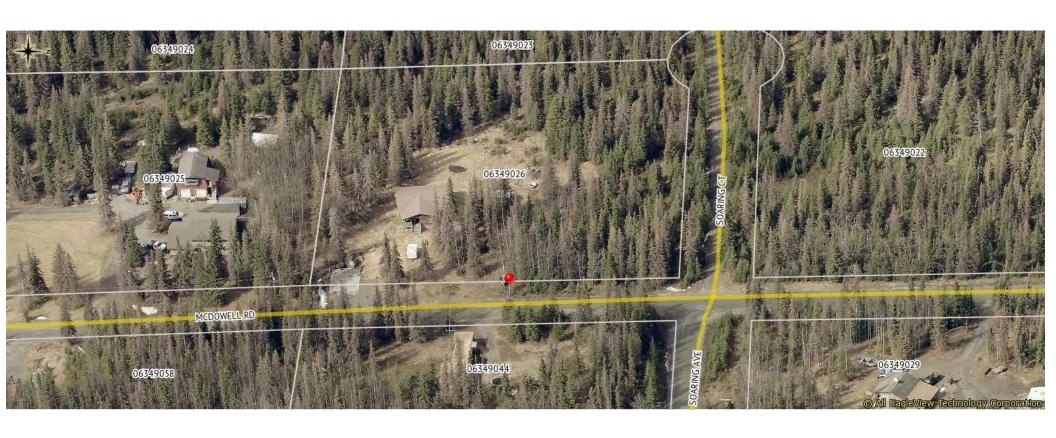
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# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF BUILDING SETBACK ENCROACHMENT PERMIT

Public notice is hereby given that a building setback encroachment permit application was received on 10/21/2025. You are being sent this notice because you are within 300 feet of the subject parcel and are invited to comment.

The building setback encroachment permit application is for the following property:

Request / Affected Property: Permits a 60.2' side of a 40.2' x 60.2' building to remain 1.6' into the building setback on the northern end and 5.7' into the building setback on the southern end.

KPB File No. 2025-161

Petitioner(s) / Land Owner(s): Brett E. & Paula J. Nienhuis of Sterling, AK.

<u>Purpose as stated in petition</u>: The encroachment does not interfere with any road maintenance, lines of sight or distances, and does not create any safety or traffic hazards.

Building setback encroachment permit reviews are conducted in accordance with KPB Subdivision Ordinance.

Public hearing will be held by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission on **Monday, November 17, 2025**, commencing at **7:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as business permits. The meeting is being held in person at the Betty J. Glick Assembly Chambers of the Kenai Peninsula Borough George A. Navarre Administration Building, 144 N. Binkley Street, Soldotna, Alaska. This meeting will also be held via Zoom, or other audio or video conferencing means whenever technically feasible.

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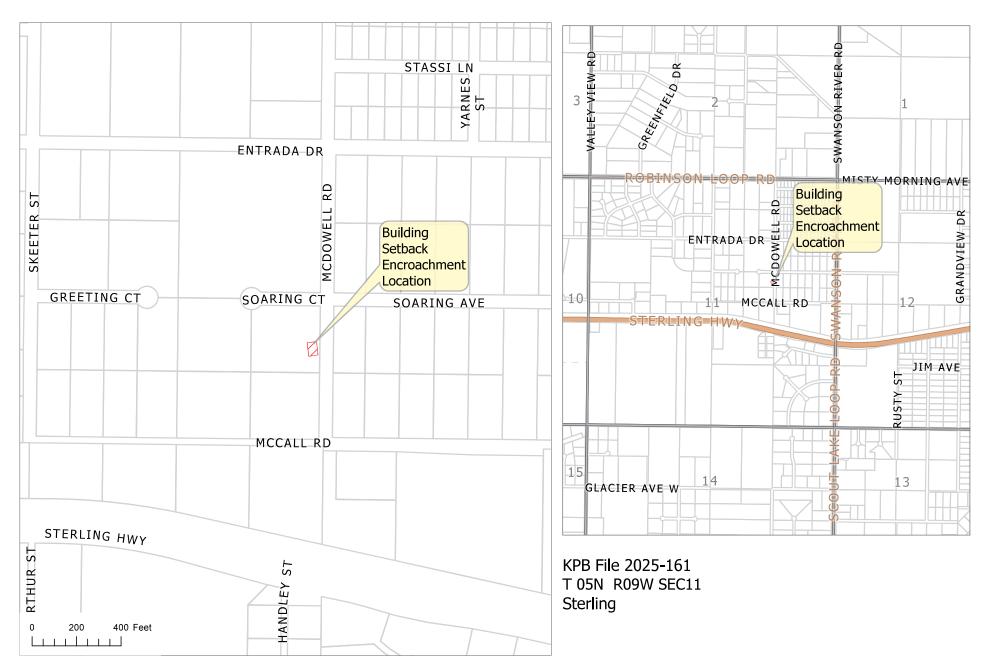
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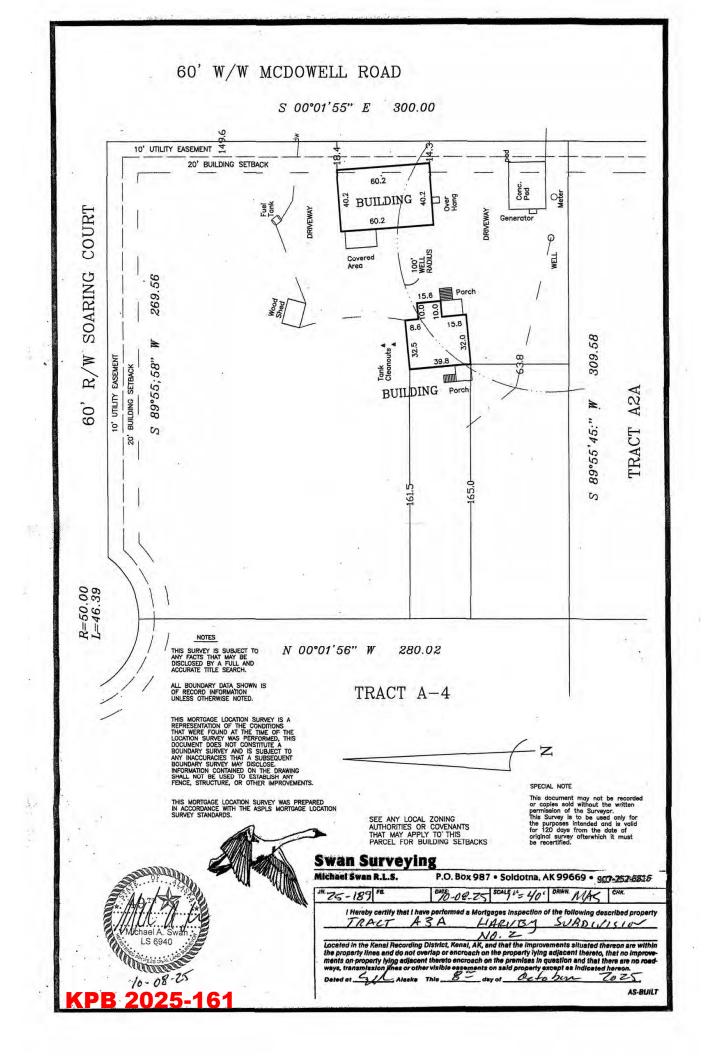
Additional information such as staff reports and comments are available online. This information is available the Monday prior to the meeting and found at <a href="https://kpb.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx">https://kpb.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx</a>. Use the search options to find the correct timeframe and committee.

For additional information contact Sandee Simons (ssimons@kpb.us) or Beverly Carpenter (BCarpenter@kpb.us), Planning Department, 714-2200 (1-800-478-4441 toll free within Kenai Peninsula Borough).

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Vicinity Map 10/21/2025

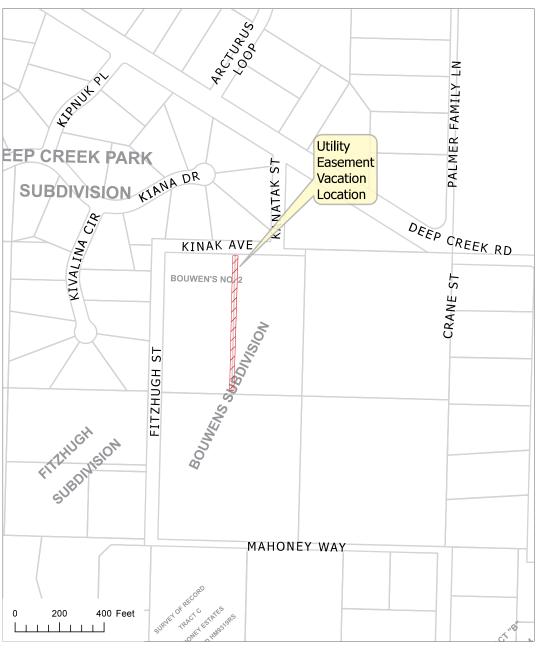


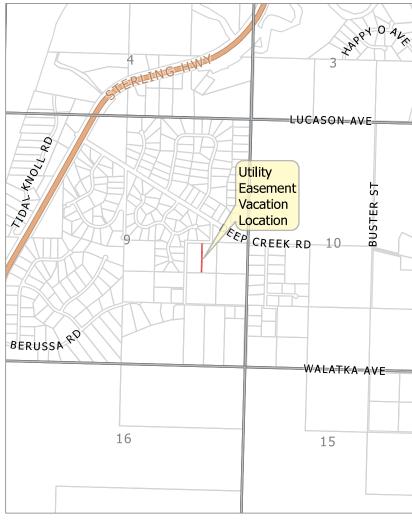


# E. NEW BUSINESS

2. Utility Easement Vacation; KPB File 2025-128V
Peninsula Surveying / Matthews, Schollenbert, Wells
Request: Vacates a 10' wide utility easement along the eastern lot
line of Lot 1A & associated 10' wide utility easement along the
west lot line of Lot 1B, Bouwens Subdivision #3
Happy Valley Area

Vicinity Map 10/15/2025



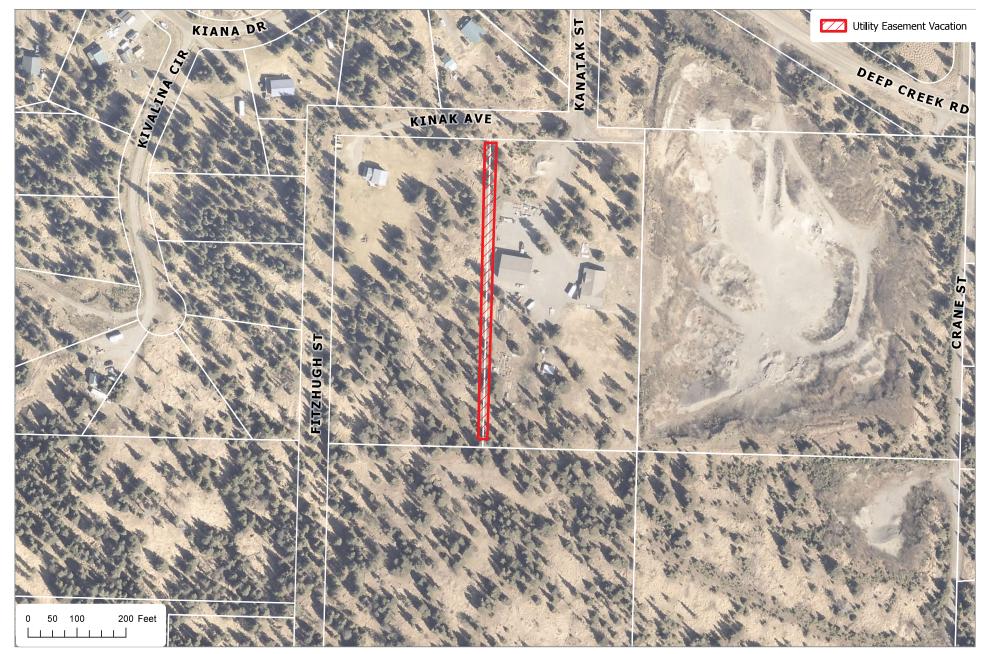


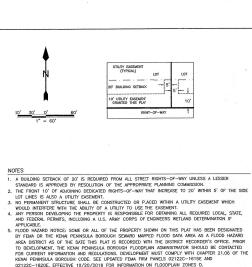
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Aerial Map

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CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP AND DEDICATION

WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT WE ARE THE OWNERS OF THE REAL PROPERTY SHOWN AND DESCRIBED HEREON, AND THAT WE HEREBY ADOPT THIS PLAN OF SUBDIVISION, AND BY OUR FREE CONSENT DEDICARE ALL RIGHTS—OF—WAY AND PUBLIC AREAS TO PUBLIC USE AND GRANT ALL EASOBERTS TO THE USE SHOWN.

ANDREW MATTHEWS, OWNER LOT 1B P.O. BOX 39148 NINILCHIK, AK 99639

KATIE SCHOLLENBERG MATTHEWS, OWNER LOT 1B P.O. BOX 3914B NINILCHIK, AK 99639

PATRICK S WELLS, OWNER LOT 1A 2230 SW 104TH ST SEATTLE, VA 98146

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

FOR: ANDREW MATTHEWS ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF\_\_\_

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR: MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

FOR: KATIE SCHOLLENBERG MATTHEWS ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME THIS \_\_\_\_

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KPB FILE NUMBER: 2025-000 PENINSULA SURVEYING, LLC

10535 KATRINA BOULEVARD, NINILCHIK, AK 99639 (907)306-7065

BOUWENS SUBDIVISION NO. 3

A SUBDIVISION OF

LOTS 1A & 1B, BOUWENS SUBDIVISION NO. 2, HM96-8 LOCATED WITHIN

THE SE1/4 SEC. 9, T2S, R14W, S.M., HOMER RECORDING DISTRICT, KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH, ALASKA CONTAINING 9.106 ACRES

OWNERS: ANDREW MATTHEWS P.O. BOX 39148 NINILCHIK, AK 99639

KATIE SCHOLLENBERG MATTHEWS P.O. BOX 39148 NINILCHIK, AK 99639

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**KPB 2025-128V** 

### AGENDA ITEM E. NEW BUSINESS

#### **ITEM #2 - UTILITY EASEMENT ALTERATION**

VACATE A 20-FOOT-WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT CENTERED ON THE COMMON LOT LINE BETWEEN LOTS 1A AND 1B, BOUWENS SUBDIVISION # 2, PLAT HM 96-8.

KPB File No.	2025-128V
Planning Commission	November 17, 2025
Meeting:	
Applicant / Owner:	Patrick S. Wells, Andrew Matthews, Katie Schollenberg Matthews
	AKA Katie Schollenberg of Ninilchik, AK
Surveyor:	Jason Schollenberg, Peninsula Surveying, LLC
General Location:	Deep Creek Road, Happy Valley Area
Parent Parcel Number(s):	159-013-17 and 159-013-18
Legal Description:	159-013-17: T 2S R 14W SEC 9 Seward Meridian HM 0960008 BOUWENS SUB #2 LOT 1A
	159-013-18: T 2S R 14W SEC 9 Seward Meridian HM 0960008 BOUWENS SUB #2 LOT 1B

#### STAFF REPORT

### Specific Request / Purpose as stated in the petition:

This petition to vacate the utility easement is going along with a replat of Lots 1A and 1B, Bouwens Subdivision No. 2, HM96-8. The proposed replat would vacate the lot line that this easement follows. If the proposed plat is approved, this easement will cut through the middle of the property, limiting use and development. The owners would like to be able to freely use their entire lot. Alternate utility easements are in place along all four sides of the property. These can be used for any future utilities.

**Notification:** Notice of vacation mailings were sent by regular mail to sixteen owners of property within 300 feet. Notice of the proposed vacation was emailed to six agencies and interested parties.

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

### **Staff Analysis:**

Bouwens Subdivision (HM 84-28) originally granted a 10-foot utility easement adjacent to all rights-of-way. This easement was carried forward in Bouwens Subdivision # 2 (HM 96-8), which also added a 10-foot utility easement to the front setback extending within 5-feet of side lot lines to 20'. The proposed plat accurately reflects the 10-foot utility easement adjacent to all rights-of-way, as noted in plat note number 2.

Additionally, Bouwens Subdivision # 2 (HM 96-8) granted a 10-foot utility easement along both sides of the interior lot line between the two lots, as well as along the southern boundaries of both lots. A 10-foot by 30-foot anchor easement was also granted along the north boundary of former Lot 1B. The proposed plat includes the vacation of the 10-foot utility easement on either side of the former common lot line, as depicted.

Bouwens Subdivision No. 3 proposes to reconfigure the lot line between the two existing lots, resulting in the creation of two newly platted lots. This reconfiguration eliminates the former common lot line and if approved, will finalize the vacation of the associated utility easement. The Plat Committee reviewed and unanimously granted conditional approval of the proposed plat during its September 22, 2025 meeting.

No comment or opposition was received from any utility companies the surveyor sent a request to indicating no utilities are in use on the easement.

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Utility provider review:

HEA	No objection and no comment
ENSTAR	Approved as shown
ACS	No objections
GCI	GCI reviewed the associated plat that will finalize the utility easement vacation which included depiction of the area proposed to be vacated and commented "approved as shown."

### **Applicant Findings:**

- 1. The petition does not state that the utility easement proposed to be vacated is in use by a utility company.
- 2. Utility Agencies provided written non-objection to the proposed vacation.
- 3. The proposed replat would vacate the lot line that this easement follows.
- 4. Alternate utility easements are in place along all four sides of the property. These can be used for any future utilities.

#### **Staff Findings:**

- 5. Bouwens Subdivision (HM 84-28) granted a 10-foot utility easement adjacent to all rights-of-way.
- 6. The 10-foot utility easement adjacent to all rights-of-way was carried forward in Bouwens Subdivision # 2 (HM 96-8), which also added a 20-foot utility easement extending within 5-feet of side lot lines. The proposed plat will subsequently carry forward this easement.
- 7. Bouwens Subdivision # 2 (HM 96-8) granted a 10-foot utility easement along interior lot lines between the two lots.
- 8. Plat HM 96-8 granted a 10-foot utility easement along the south boundary of both lots and a 10-foot by 30-foot anchor easement was granted on the north boundary of former Lot 1B. These easements are being carried forward on the associated plat.
- 9. The Plat Committee reviewed and unanimously granted conditional approval of the associated plat during its September 22, 2025 meeting.
- 10. No surrounding properties will be denied utilities.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **CORRECTIONS / EDITS**

- o Please review the staff report for the associated plat and make any requested corrections.
- o If approved, include a note referencing the meeting date the Planning Commission granted approval of the utility easement vacation.

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.

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- 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.

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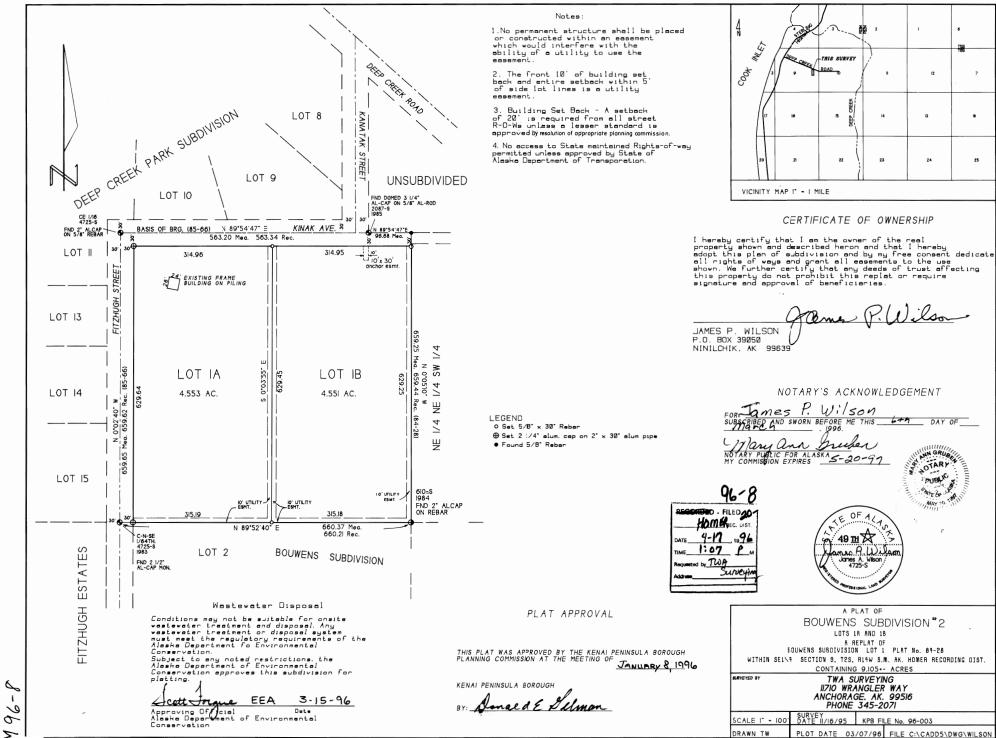


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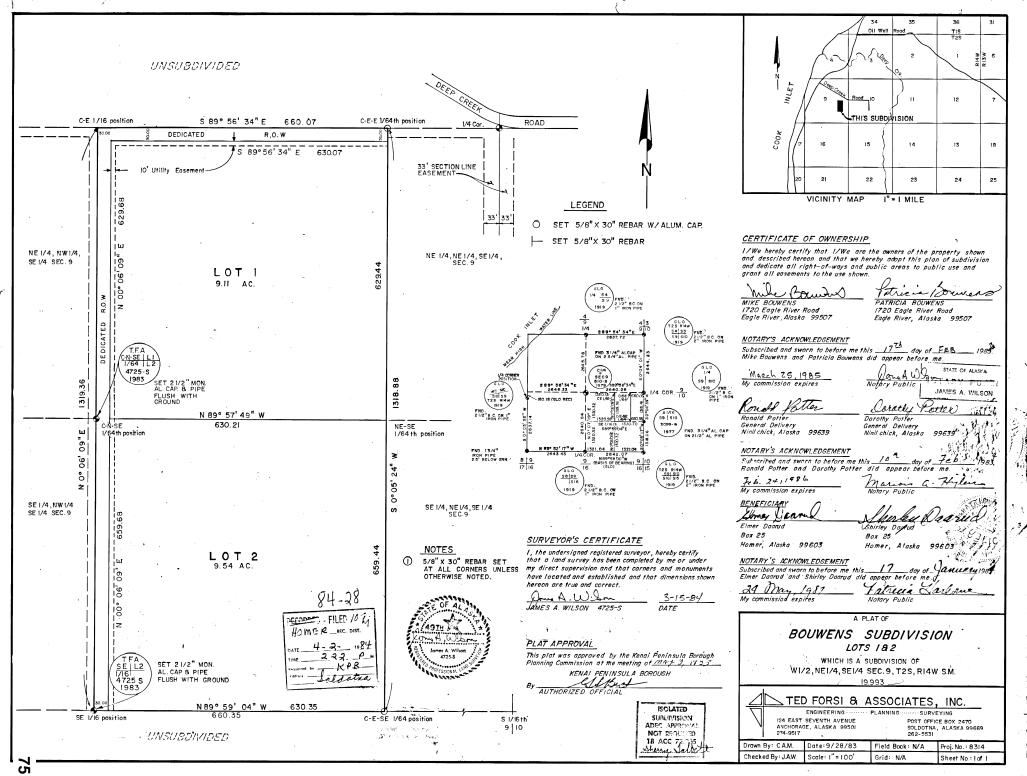






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### NOTICE OF PROPOSED UTILITY EASEMENT VACATION

Notice is hereby given that an application to vacate a utility easement in the Happy Valley area was received on 10/20/2025 by the Planning Department of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

In accordance with Chapter 20 of the Borough Code of Ordinances, all owners of properties within a 300-foot radius must be notified of the proposed vacation. According to Borough records, you are an owner of property within that radius or you are an affected party.

Request / Affected Property: Vacates a 10' wide utility easement along the eastern lot line of Lot 1A and associated 10' wide utility easement along the western lot line of Lot 1B

KPB File No. 2025-128V

Petitioner(s)/ Land owner(s): Andrew Matthews & Katie Schollenberg Matthews of Ninilchik, AK.

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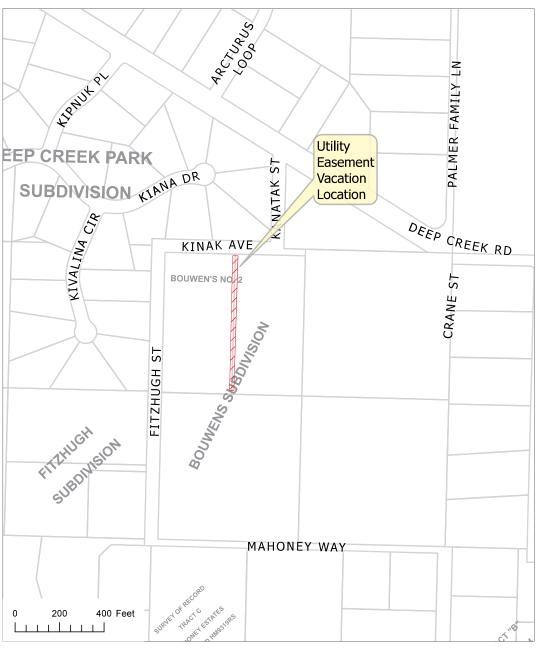
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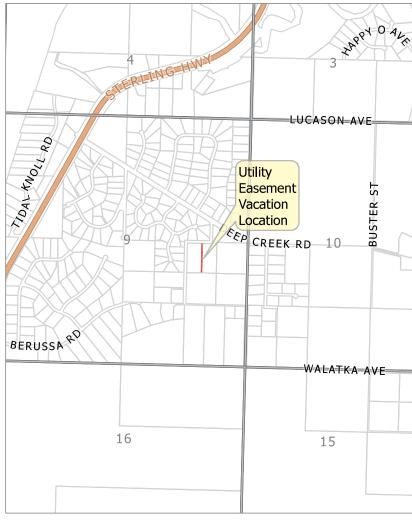
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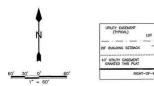
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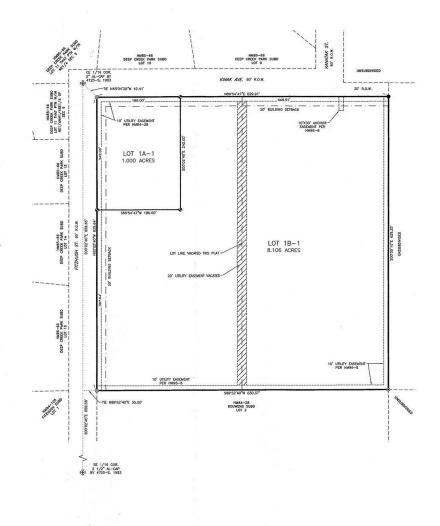
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WASTEWATER DISPOSAL

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PLAT APPROVAL

THIS PLAT WAS APPROVED BY THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMITTEE AT THE MEETING OF MM/DD/YYYY.

DATE

BOROUGH OFFICIAL





CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP AND DEDICATION

WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT WE ARE THE OWNERS OF THE REAL PROPERTY SHOWN AND DESCRIBED HEREDN, AND THAT WE HEREBY ADOPT THIS PLAN OF SUBDIVISION, AND BY OUR FIRE CONSENT DEDICATE ALL RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND PUBLIC AREAS TO PUBLIC USE AND GRANT ALL EASEMENTS TO THE USE SHOWN.

ANDREW MATTHEWS, OWNER LOT 1B P.O. BOX 39148 NINILCHIK, AK 99639

KATIE SCHOLLENBERG MATTHEWS, OWNER LOT 18 P.O. BOX 39148 NINILCHIK, AK 99639

PATRICK S WELLS, OWNER LOT 1A 2230 SW 104TH ST SEATTLE, WA 98146

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR: ANDREW MATTHEWS ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME THIS \_\_\_

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#### PENINSULA SURVEYING, LLC

10535 KATRINA BOULEVARD, NINILCHIK, AX 99639 (907)306-7065

#### BOUWENS SUBDIVISION NO. 3

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LOTS 1A & 1B, BOUWENS SUBDIVISION NO. 2, HM96-8 LOCATED WITHIN

THE SE1/4 SEC. 9, T2S, R14W, S.M., HOMER RECORDING DISTRICT, KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH, ALASKA CONTAINING 9.106 ACRES

WNERS: ANDREW MATTHEWS P.O. BOX 39148 NINILCHIK, AK 99639

KATIE SCHOLLENBERG MATTHEWS P.O. BOX 39148 NINILCHIK, AK 99639

SCALE: 1" = 60" DATE: JULY 29, 2025

# E. NEW BUSINESS

3. Utility Easement Vacation (PC Resolution 2025-29)

**KPB File 2025-156V** 

**Edge Surveying & Design / Barrickman** 

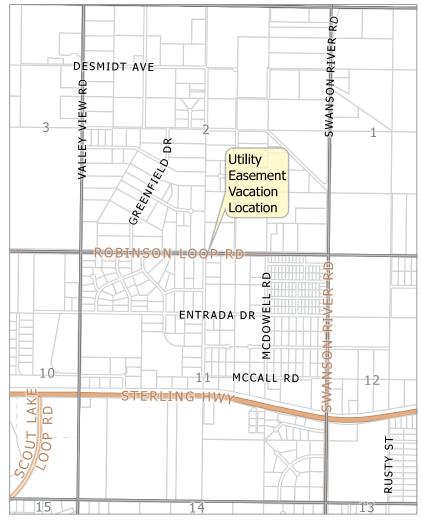
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Replat, Plat KN 93-87

**Sterling Area** 

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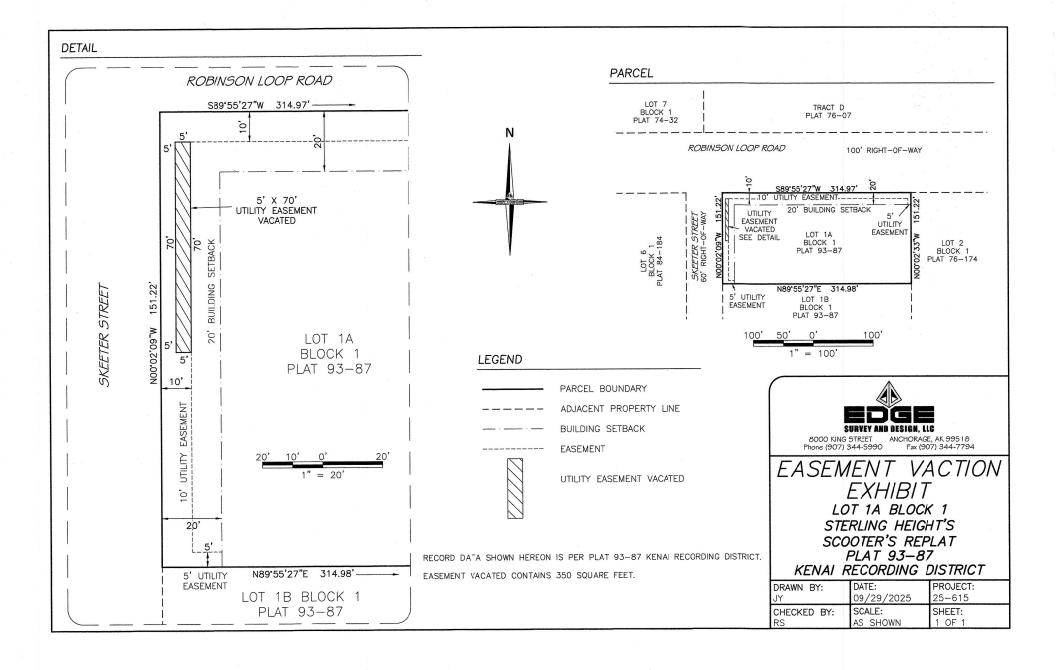
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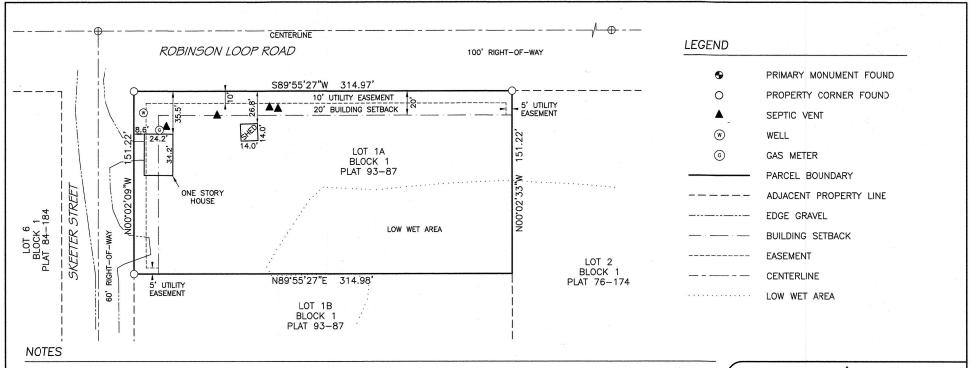
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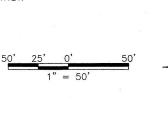
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08/11/2025









Phone (907) 344-5990

8000 KING STREET ANCHORAGE, AK 99518 Fax (907) 344-7794

AS-BUILT SURVEY LOT 1A BLOCK 1 STERLING HEIGHT'S SCOOTER'S REPLAT PLAT 93-87 KENAI RECORDING DISTRICT

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AGENDA ITEM E. NEW BUSINESS

#### **ITEM #3 - UTILITY EASEMENT ALTERATION**

VACATE A 5-FOOT BY 70-FOOT PORTION OF THE 10-FOOT-WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT ADJACENT TO SKEETER STREET LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1A, BLOCK 1, STERLING HEIGHTS SCOOTER'S REPLAT, PLAT KN 93-87 AS DEPICTED ON THE EASEMENT VACATION EXHIBIT

KPB File No.	2025-156V
Planning Commission	November 17, 2025
Meeting:	
Applicant / Owner: Kathleen A. Barrickman of Sterling, AK	
Surveyor:	Jason Young, Edge Survey & Design
General Location:	Skeeter Street, Sterling Area
Parent Parcel Number:	063-454-09
Legal Description:	T 5N R 9W SEC 11 Seward Meridian KN 0930087 STERLING
	HEIGHTS SUB SCOOTER'S REPLAT LOT 1A BLK 1
Resolution:	2025-29

#### STAFF REPORT

#### Specific Request / Purpose as stated in the petition:

A newly constructed house and existing water well encroach into the 10' utility easement. Seeking to vacate a 5' x 70' portion of the 10' utility easement adjacent to Skeeter Street.

**Notification:** Notice of vacation mailings were sent by regular mail to eight owners of property within 300 feet. Notice of the proposed vacation was emailed to five agencies and interested parties.

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

#### **Staff Analysis:**

In 1976, Sterling Heights Subdivision Addition No. 2 (KN 76-174) originally subdivided the N1/2 NE1/4 Sec 11, T5N R9W, SM, AK. Sterling Heights Scooter's Replat (KN 93-87) further subdivided a lot 1 Block 1 in 1993 and granted a 10-foot-wide utility easement adjacent to rights-of-way including 5-feet within side lot lines. The plat also included the required plat not in KPB 20.60.150 stating, "no permanent structure shall be constructed or placed within a utility easement which would interfere with the ability of a utility to use the easement" as denoted in plat note number four.

As defined in KPB 20.90.010 Definitions, "Permanent Structures" refers to anything of a permanent nature that requires footings, foundations or pilings.

An as-built survey was submitted depicting a 24.2-foot by 34.2-foot one story house encroaching into the 10' utility easement near the west boundary of Lot 1A, Block 1, Plat KN 93-87. Comparing that information to KPB Imagery and KPB Assessing Records, it appears that a 12-foot by 44-foot manufactured home with a 12.5-foot by 23-foot addition attached to it was previously located within the same general area as the one-story house.

A 5-foot by 70-foot portion of the 10-foot-wide utility easement that the structure is encroaching into is being petitioned to be vacated. The submitted easement vacation exhibit depicts the area petitioned to be vacated with hatching.

Previously, the surrounding adjacent parcels were material sites that have been discontinued per the KPB Planners Review. KPB GIS Imagery shows a former gravel pit and the contours of the property follow the site sloping to the south. The southeasterly portion of the property appears to be within the former gravel pit and is depicted as a low wet area on the as-built. Directly to the south is a pond resulting from the prior existing use.

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All associated utility agencies provided a non-objection or no comment upon returned.

Utility provider review:

HEA	No comments
ENSTAR	No response
ACS	No objections
GCI	No Response

#### **Applicant Findings:**

- 1. A newly constructed house and existing water well encroach into the 10' utility easement.
- 2. The petition does not state that the utility easement proposed to be vacated is in use by a utility company.
- 3. ACS, GCI, and HEA provided written non-objection to the proposed vacation.

#### **Staff Findings:**

- 4. Sterling Heights Scooter's Replat (KN 93-87) granted a 10-foot-wide utility easement adjacent to rights-of-way including 5-feet within side lot lines.
- 5. Sterling Heights Scooter's Replat (KN 93-87) Plat Note 4 references the KPB 20.60.150 required plat note stating, "no permanent structure shall be constructed or placed within a utility easement which would interfere with the ability of a utility to use the easement."
- 6. "Permanent Structures" as defined in KPB 20.90.010 refers to anything of a permanent nature that requires footings, foundations or pilings.
- 7. Sterling Heights Scooter's Replat (KN 93-87) includes a hatched depiction on Lot 1A indicating a large portion of the northeast corner of Lot 1A to be area designated for waste disposal.
- 8. The surrounding adjacent parcels were material sites that have been discontinued per the KPB Planners Review.
- 9. An as-built survey was submitted depicting a 24.2-foot by 34.2-foot one story house encroaching into the utility easement on the west boundary of Lot 1A, Block 1, Plat KN 93-87
- 10. No surrounding properties will be denied utilities.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **CORRECTIONS / EDITS**

Make the following corrections:

- o Add KPB File NO 2025-156V to drawing.
- Within the title block:
  - Correct the minor typo: Easement Vacation Exhibit
  - Remove the apostrophe in "Heights."
- o Both graphic scales appear to be off when checking with a scale. Please check scaling and fix.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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

- 1. 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:

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- i. Corrections to be made to the exhibit prior to recording.
- ii. 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 2025-29.
- iii. The applicants will provide the recording fee for the resolution and its attachment to the Planning Department.
- iv. 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**

#### KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION 2025-29 KENAI RECORDING DISTRICT

Vacate a 5-foot by 70-foot portion of the 10-foot-wide utility easement adjacent to Skeeter Street located in the Northwest corner of Lot 1A, Block 1, granted by Sterling Heights Scooter's Replat (KN 93-187); within S11, T05N, R09W, Seward Meridian, Alaska, within the Kenai Peninsula Borough, as depicted on the easement vacation exhibit, KPB File 2025-156V

WHEREAS, a request has been received from Kathleen Barrickman of Sterling, AK to vacate a 5-foot by 70-foot portion of the 10-foot-wide utility easement granted by Sterling Heights Scooter's Replat (KN 93-187); and

WHEREAS, affected utility companies have provided written non-objection to the proposed vacation; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Roads Department provided written non-objection to the proposed vacation; and

WHEREAS, the easement is not in use by the utility companies; and

WHEREAS, no surrounding properties will be denied utilities; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2025, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission addressed all concerns about the proposed vacation; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has found that vacating the utility easement will not be detrimental to the public interest; and

WHEREAS, 20.65.070 of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Code of Ordinances authorizes the Planning Commission to accomplish vacations by Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

<u>Section 1</u>. That the above described 5-foot by 70-foot portion of the 10-foot-wide utility easement adjacent to Skeeter Street is hereby vacated.

Section 2. That an easement vacation exhibit prepared, signed, and sealed by a licensed land surveyor showing the locations of the portions of the utility easements being vacated be attached to, and made a part of this resolution, becoming page 2 of 2.

<u>Section 3</u>. That this resolution is eligible for recording upon being signed by the Planning Commission chairperson and will be deemed void if not recorded within 90 days of adoption.

<u>Section 4</u>. That this Resolution becomes effective upon being properly recorded with petitioner being responsible for payment of recording fee.

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	Jeremy Brantley, Chairperson		ATTEST.	Ann Shirnberg,	
	Planning Commission			Administrative Assistant	

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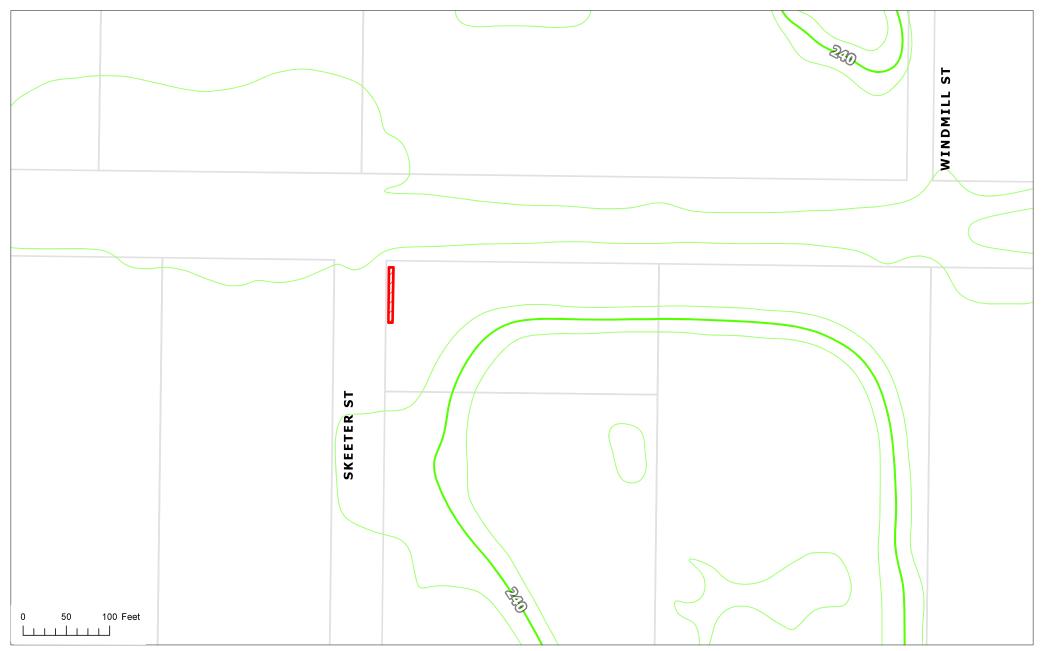


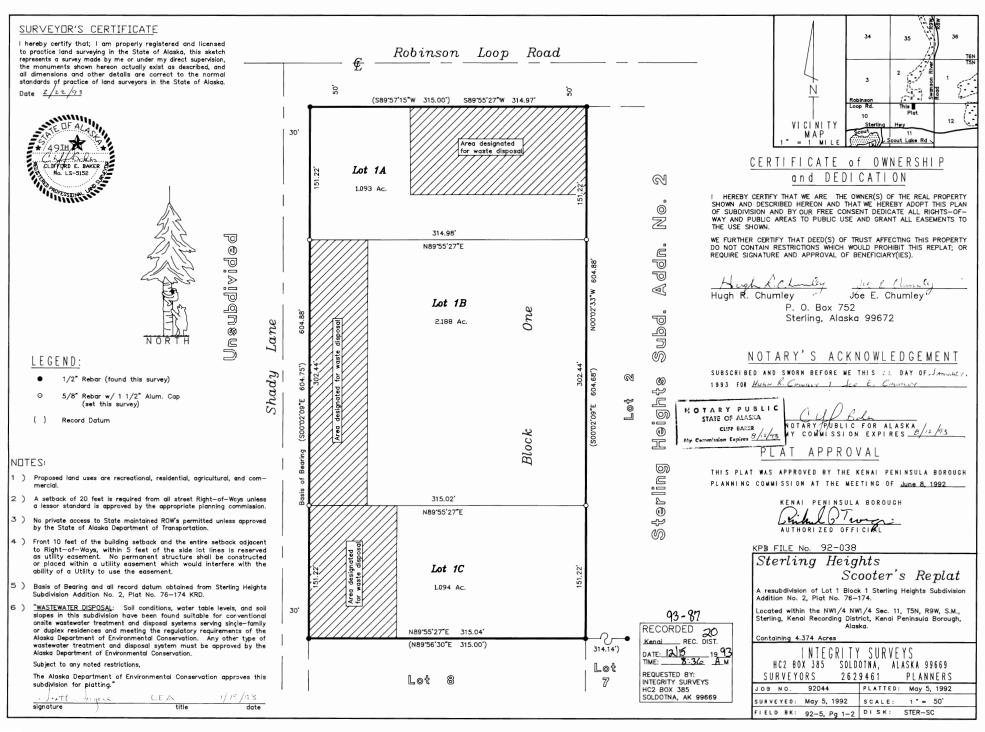


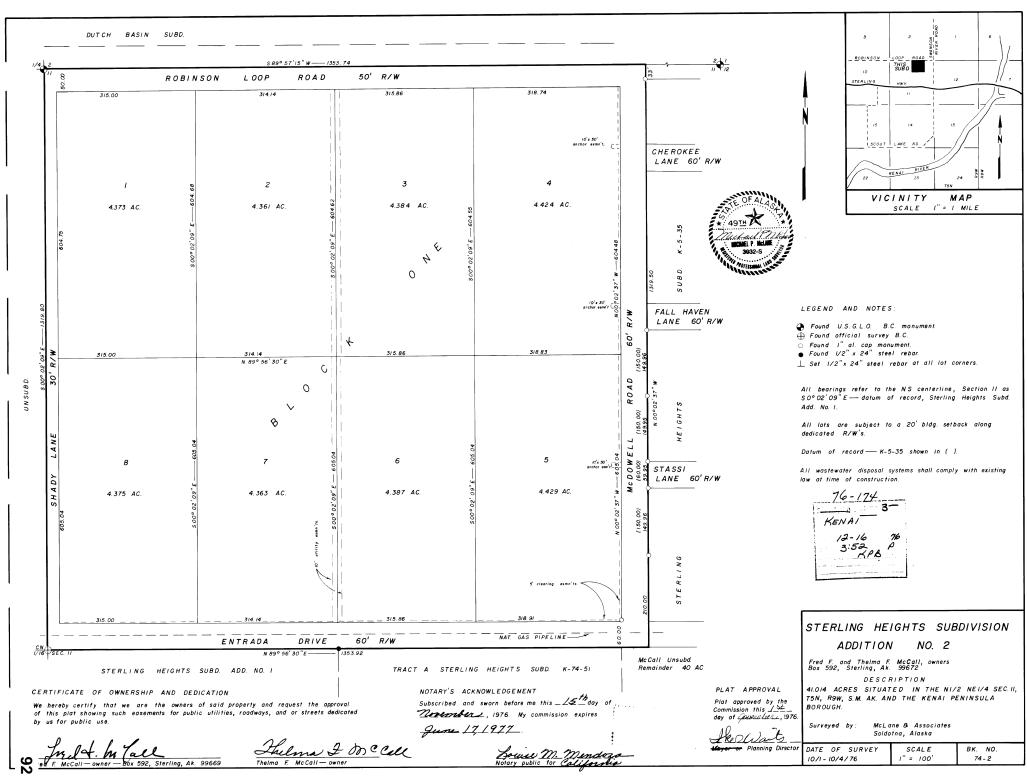
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#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED UTILITY EASEMENT VACATION

Notice is hereby given that an application to vacate a utility easement in the Sterling area was received on 10/13/2025 by the Planning Department of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

In accordance with Chapter 20 of the Borough Code of Ordinances, all owners of properties within a 300-foot radius must be notified of the proposed vacation. According to Borough records, you are an owner of property within that radius or you are an affected party.

Request / Affected Property: Vacates a 5' x 70' portion of the 10' utility easement adjacent to Skeeter Street, granted by KN 93-87

KPB File No. 2025-156V

Petitioner(s)/ Land owner(s): Kathleen Barrickman of Sterling, AK.

<u>Purpose as stated in petition</u>: A newly constructed house and existing water well encroach into the 0' utility easement. Seeking to vacate a 5' x 70' portion of the 10' utility easement adjacent to Skeeter Street. .

Public hearing will be held by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission on **Monday, November 17, 2025** commencing at **7:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as business permits. The meeting is being held in person at the Betty J. Glick Assembly Chambers of the Kenai Peninsula Borough George A. Navarre Administration Building, 144 N. Binkley Street, Soldotna, Alaska. This meeting will also be held via Zoom, or other audio or video conferencing means whenever technically feasible.

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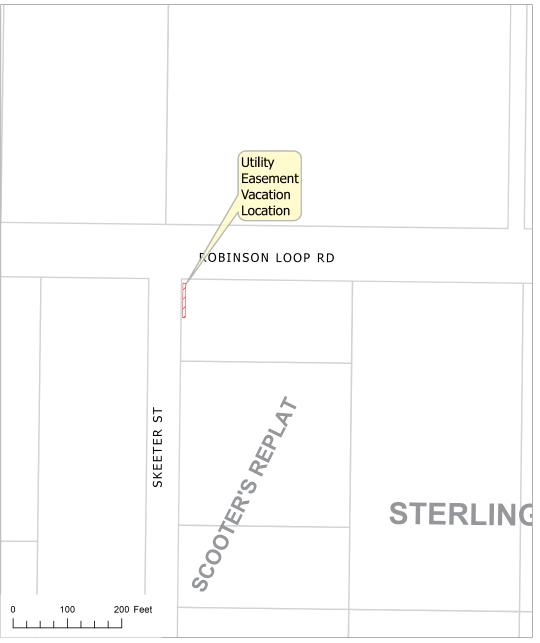
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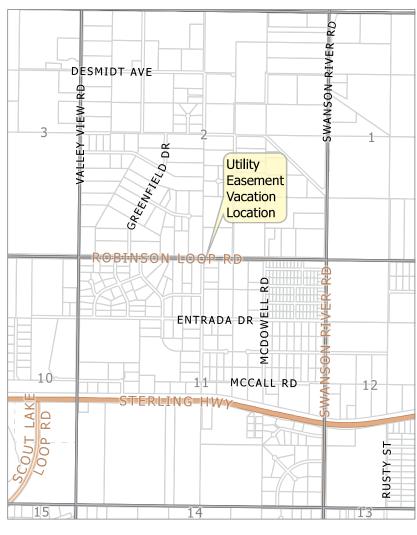
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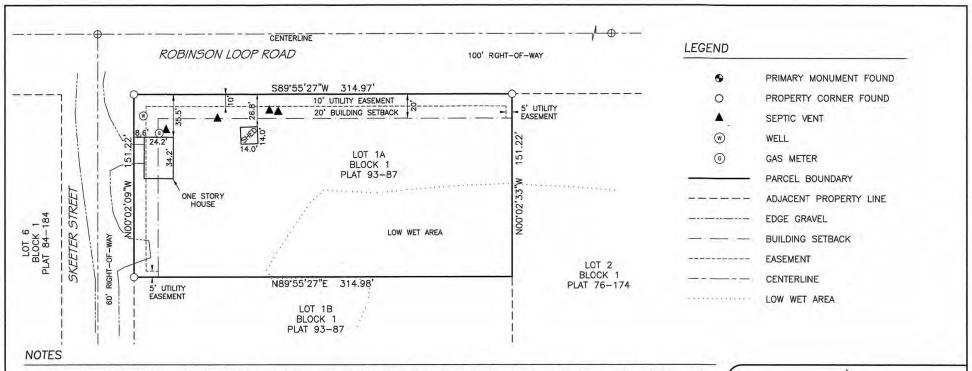
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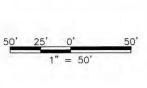
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