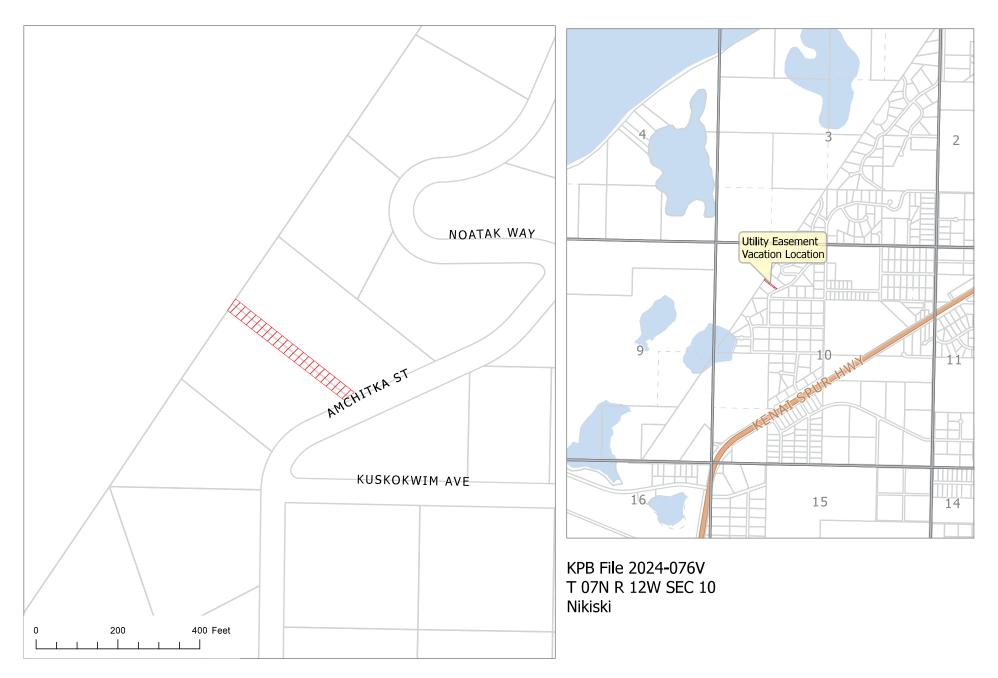
E. NEW BUSINESS

2. Utility Easement Vacation; KPB File 2027-076V McLane Consulting Group / Gottsche Request: Vacates the utility easement granted on the common lot line between Lots 5 & 6, Block 2, Chugach Heights Subdivision, Plat KN 78-136 Nikiski Area / Nikiski APC

Vicinity Map



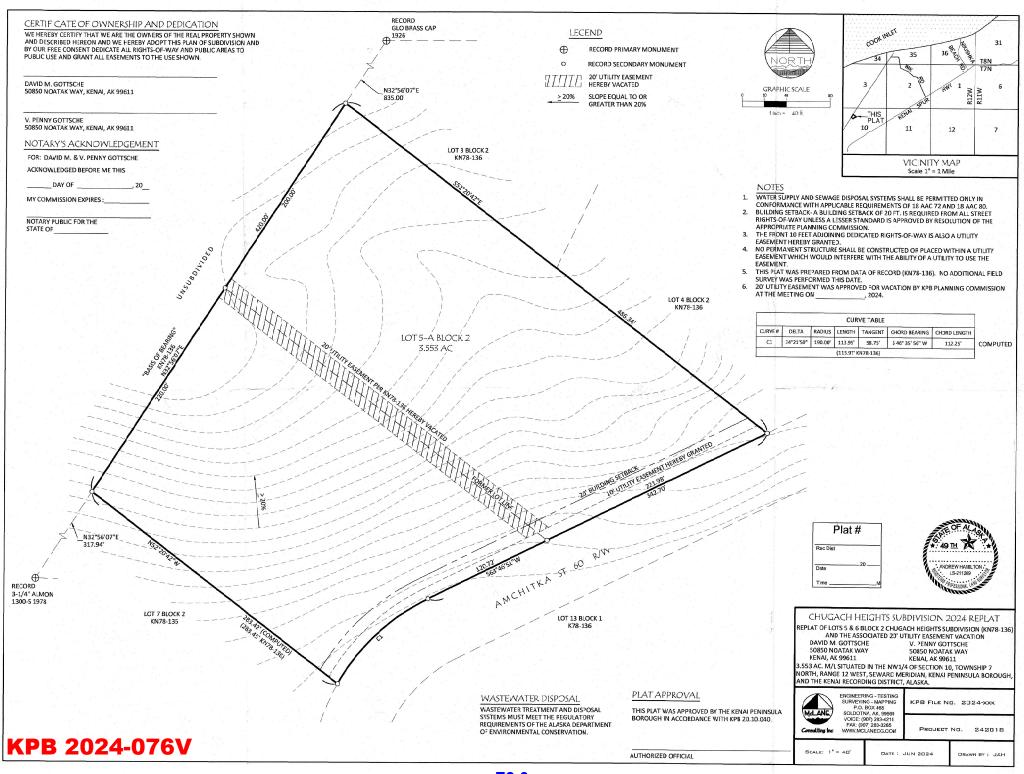




Aerial Map







ITEM 2 - UTILITY EASEMENT ALTERATION

Vacates the utility easement granted per KN 78-136, which is approximately 7,219 square feet and 20 feet wide. This easement is located on the common lot line between lots 5 and 6, block 2, in Chugach Heights Subdivision, Plat 78-136 (KN 1978136)

KPB File No.	2024-076V
Planning Committee Meeting:	August 12, 2024
Applicant / Owner:	V Penny and David M Gottsche
Surveyor:	Andrew Hamilton — McLane Consulting Group
General Location:	Nikiski

STAFF REPORT

<u>Specific Request / Purpose as stated in the petition:</u> Petition is to vacate a 20 foot utility easement between Lots 5 and 6 Block 2 Chugach Heights Subdivision KN78-136. Both lots 5 & 6 are owned by Penny and David Gottsche. The lot line between lots 5 & 6 is to be vacated. Owners want to further develop the property and utility easement will hinder development.

Notification: Notice of vacation mailings were sent by regular mail to 24 owners of property within 600 feet. Notice of the proposed vacation was emailed to 3 agencies and interested parties.

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

Staff Analysis:

There are no utilities currently located within the utility easement and no utilities are planning for the easement.

Utility providers have no objections to the right-of-way vacation. Future utilities shall utilize the 10-foot utility easement adjacent to Amchitka Street, which will be granted by the abbreviated plat, Chugach Heights Subdivision 2024 Replat, which has been submitted and was reviewed on July 18, 2024.

Planning Commission Resolution 2024-11 will finalize the vacation of this 20-foot utility easement when recorded. Once recorded, it will be added as note to the Chugach Heights Subdivision 2024 Replat and the second submittal will be submitted for review.

Utility provider review:

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HEA	No comments				
ENSTAR	No comments or recommendations				
ACS	No comments				
GCI	No comments				

Findings:

- 1. The petition states that the utility easement proposed for vacation is not in use by any utility company.
- 2. ACS, ENSTAR, GCI, and HEA have provided written non-objections to the proposed vacation.
- 3. The Chugach Heights Subdivision 2024 Replat is granting a 10-foot wide utility easement adjoining all rights-of-way.
- 4. The lots associated with the utility easement are owned by the same individuals. The Chugach Heights Subdivision 2024 Replat will combine both lots into one, and the location of the easement currently prevents development.
- 5. No surrounding properties will be denied utilities.
- 6. Alaska DOT & PF and KPB RSA have provided reviews of "no comment or objections."

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

CORRECTIONS / EDITS

The drawing should be drawn to represent the original lots of Lots 5 and 6 Block 2 Chugach Heights Subdivision KN78-136 for purposes of being filed with Resolution 2024-11.

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

20.65.070 Alteration of platted utility easements

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

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

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

- Focus Area: Energy and Utilities
 - Objective A Encourage coordination or residential, commercial, and industrial development with extension of utilities and other infrastructure.
 - Strategy 1. Near Term: Maintain existing easements (especially section line easements) in addition to establishing adequate utility rights of way or easements to serve existing and future utility needs.
 - Strategy 2. Near Term: Maintain regular contact with utility operators to coordinate and review utility easement requests that are part of subdivision plat approval.

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- 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 2024-11 KENAI RECORDING DISTRICT

Vacates the utility easement granted per KN 78-136, which is approximately 7,219 square feet and 20 feet wide. This easement is located on the common lot line between lots 5 and 6, block 2, in Chugach Heights Subdivision, Plat 78-136 (KN 1978136), Kenai Recording District, granted by Chugach Heights Subdivision, Plat 78-136 (KN 1978136); within S10, T07N, R12W, Seward Meridian, Alaska, within the Kenai Peninsula Borough. KPB File 2024-076V

WHEREAS, a request has been received from V Penny and David M Gottsche of Kenai, AK to Vacate the utility easement granted per KN 78-136, which is approximately 7,219 square feet and 20 feet wide. This easement is located on the common lot line between lots 5 and 6, block 2, in Chugach Heights Subdivision, Plat 78-136 (KN 1978136), granted by Chugach Heights Subdivision (KN 0780136); 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 August 12, 2024, 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, 20.70.140 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 vacates the utility easement granted per KN 78-136, which is approximately 7,219 square feet and 20 feet wide. This easement is located on the common lot line between lots 5 and 6, block 2, in Chugach Heights Subdivision, Plat 78-136 (KN 1978136), are hereby vacated.

Section 2. That an as-built survey or sketch 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.

ADOPT	ED BY THE PL	ANNING COMM	ISSION OF TE	IE KENAI PENINSULA BORO	UGH ON THIS
DAY OF _		_, 2024.			
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	ey, Chairperson			Ann Shirnberg,	
Planning Com	mission			Administrative Assistant	

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



