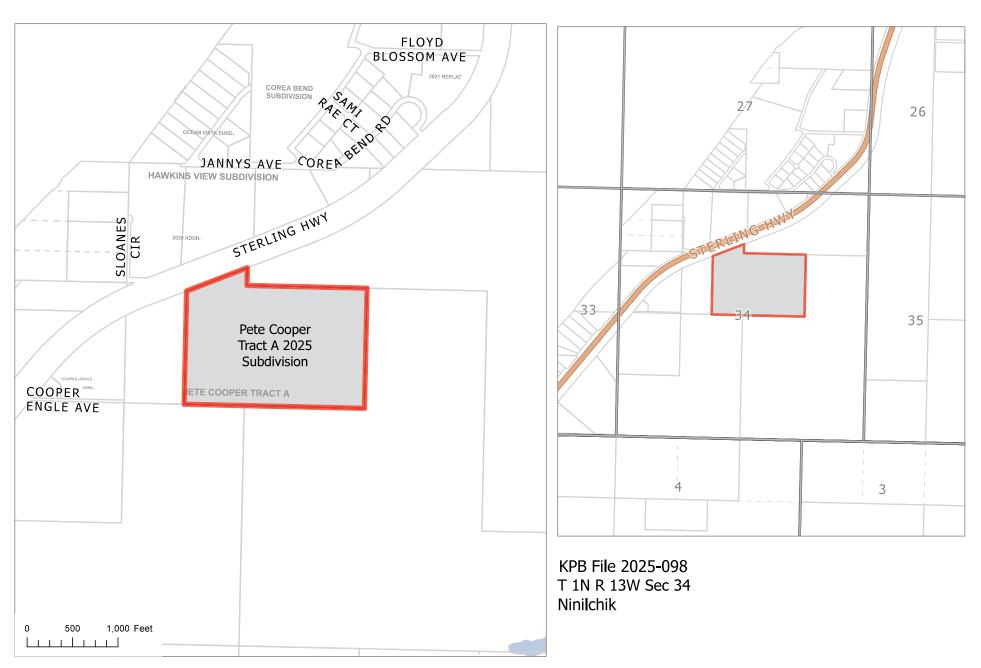
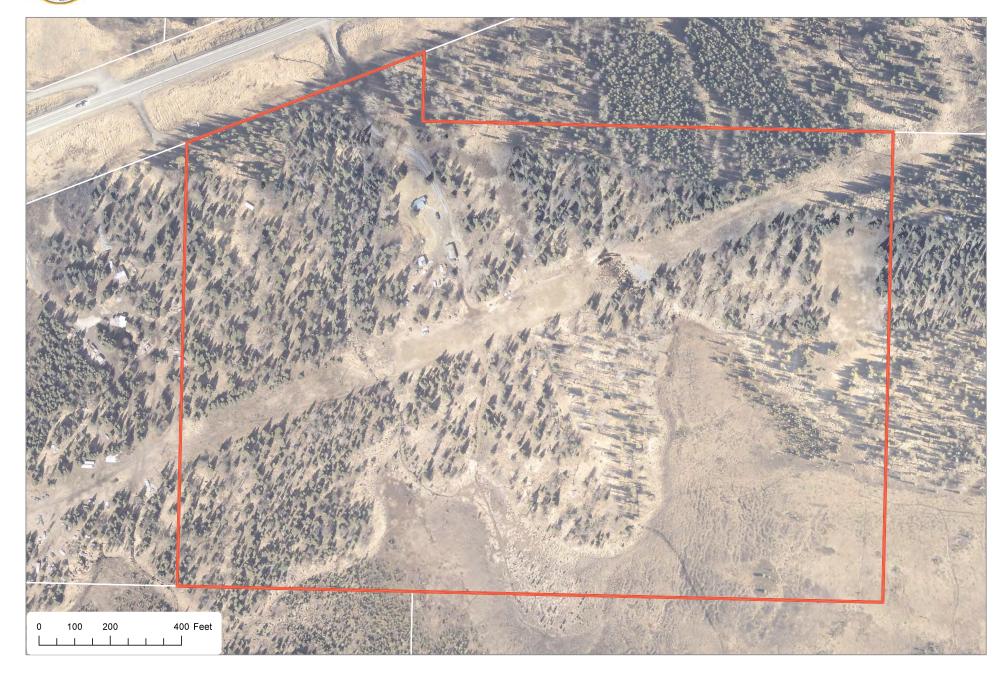
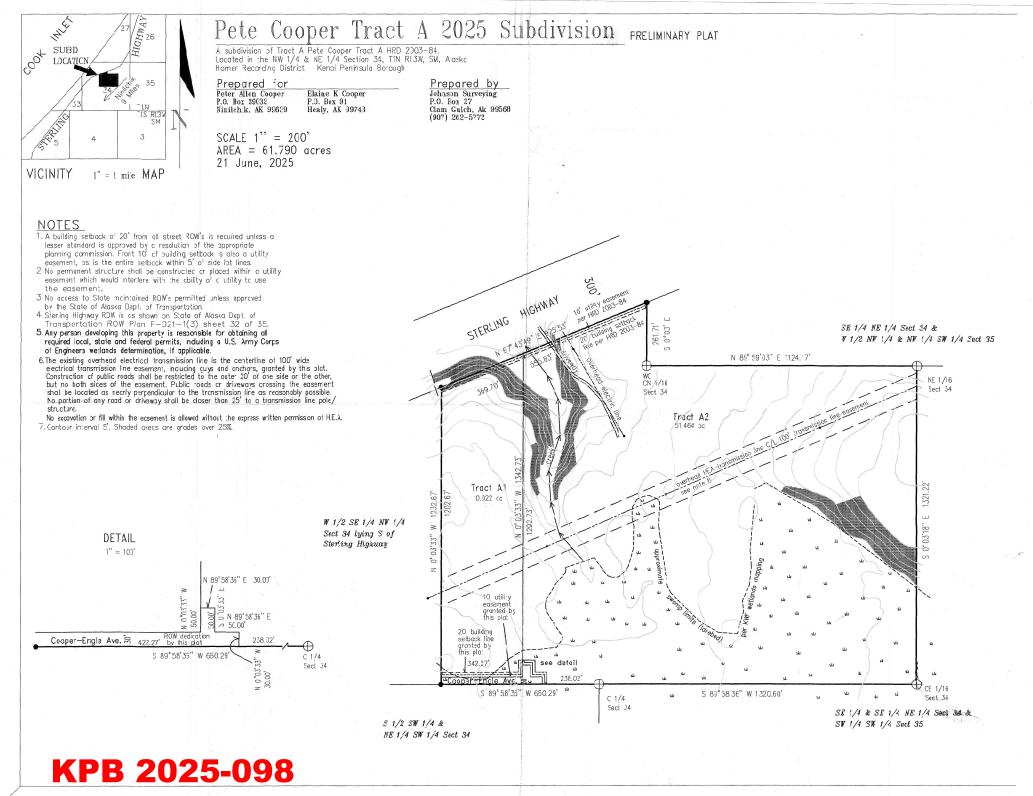
E. NEW BUSINESS

4. Pete Cooper Tract A 2025 Subdivision KPB File 2025-098 Johnson Surveying / Cooper Location: MP 126.5 Sterling Highway Ninilchik Area Vicinity Map 6/27/2025







ITEM #4 - PRELIMINARY PLAT Pete Cooper Tract A Subdivision

KPB File No.	2025-098
Plat Committee Meeting:	August 11, 2025
Applicant / Owner:	Peter Allen and Elaine K. Cooper of Ninilchik, Alaska
Surveyor:	Jerry Johnson / Johnson Land Surveying
General Location:	Sterling Hwy Mi 126.5 / Ninilchik

Parent Parcel No.:	139-100-47
Legal Description:	T 1N R 13W SEC 34 SEWARD MERIDIAN HM 2003084 PETE COOPER TRACT A
	TRACT A
Assessing Use:	Residential
Zoning:	Rural Unrestricted
Water / Wastewater	Onsite / Onsite
Exception Request	20.30.170 & 20.30.190

STAFF REPORT

<u>Specific Request / Scope of Subdivision:</u> The proposed plat will subdivide a 61.79-acre parcel into two parcels of 10.022-acres and 51.464-acres and includes a dedication.

Location and Legal Access (existing and proposed):

The proposed plat is located in Ninilchik on the Sterling Highway near milepost 126.

Legal access to the plat is provided as follows:

Sterling Highway is a 300-foot state-maintained road to the northwest side of the plat providing access to both proposed tracts. PER DOT: The platting action voids any previous issued permits. Land owners will need to reapply for driveway access permits to state road and right-of-way access.

The plat proposes to dedicate a 30' extension of Cooper-Engle Ave on the western portion of the southern border, including a 30' ROW dedication extending 50 feet to the north near the eastern terminus of the Cooper-Engle Ave dedication. The connection to Cooper-Engle Ave currently is not constructed coming from the west off of Sterling Highway. Wetlands classified as lake bed prevent the feasible continuation of Cooper-Engle Avenue to the east. **Staff recommends** the surveyor modify the design of Cooper-Engle Avenue to a partial cul-de-sac with the reasonable expectation in the future that the land to the south will dedicate the additional 30-feet.

The plat is not vacating a right-of-way and it is not affected by a section line easement.

Block length is not compliant and the surveyor has requested an exception to KPB 20.30.170 Block Length Requirements.

KPB Roads Dept RSA review	Out of Jurisdiction: No
	Roads Director: Uhlin, Dil Comments: no objection at this time
SOA DOT comments	No response

Site Investigation:

There are structures and improvements located on the plat according to KPB GIS Imagery and KPB Assessing

records. Once finalized, the structures appear they will be located on Tract A2. The plat does not appear to be creating any encroachments with the division of the lot.

The lots are long and narrow as created and the surveyor has requested an exception to KPB 20.30.190 Lot Dimensions.

There are steep areas indicated on the plat with the shading that follows the ravine out of the swamp area in the south towards the Sterling Highway right-of-way.

The east part of the plat starting near the ravine and the west side of the swamp is all wetlands designated as Riverine, Lakebed and Wetland/ Upland Complex. The Lakebed designation is located where the swamp area is, the riverine is following the ravine in the low area north of the transmission line and the rest of the area north and west is the wetland / upland complex.

The River Center review did not identify the plat to be located in a flood hazard area or a habitat protection district.

KPB River Center review	A. Floodplain
	Reviewer: Hindman, Julie Floodplain Status: Not within flood hazard area Comments: No comments
	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

Staff Analysis

The land was previously aliquot parts of the NW1/4 and NE1/4 of Section 34, Township 1 North, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. Pete Cooper Tract A (plat HM2003-84) was the first plat of the parcel in 2003.

A soils report will not be required as the tract are both above 200,000 sq ft. **Staff recommends** the proper Wastewater Disposal note shall be put on the plat to comply with KPB 20.40.030.

Per the preliminary Certificate to Plat, beneficial interest holders do not affect the proposed plat. Notification per KPB 20.10.100 will not be required unless the final Certificate to Plat states the property is affected by beneficial interest holders.

The property is not within an advisory planning commission.

The subdivision plat has been reviewed and generally complies with the 2019 Kenai Peninsula Borough Comprehensive plan.

Utility Easements

The 100' transmission line easement shown on the plat and note 6 was carried forward from the parent plat. **Staff recommends** this be noted as being carried forward from HM2003-84 and modify the plat note to remove the "granted by this plat".

The parent plat included a plat note for a 20-foot-wide easement on the overhead power line located to the north. **Staff recommends** Plat note number 6 should be carried forward from the parent plat referencing the overhead powerline and a label should be included on the depiction referencing the plat note.

The 10' utility easement located along the Sterling Highway was granted by the parent plat HM 2003-84.

Right-of-way easements were granted to HEA by recorded documents book 50 page 55, HRD and Misc. Book 4, Page 150 KRD. **Staff recommends** the surveyor add the easement information to the plat.

As part of our routine notification process, the subdivision plat was emailed to the affected utility providers for review. **Staff recommends:** the surveyor work with the utility providers to accommodate their request, ensuring optimal use of the owner's land and maximum benefit for both the provider and the public.

The 10' utility easement located along Cooper-Engle Ave is being granted by this plat.

Utility provider review:

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

KPB department / agency review:

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

CORRECTIONS / EDITS

- Add legend to drawing
- Add cap detail to the GLO/BLM monuments.
- Add Plat Approval note

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- Roads must meet the design and construction standards established by the borough in order to be considered for certification and inclusion in the road maintenance program (KPB 14.06).

KPB 20.25.070 - Form and contents required

Staff recommendation: final plat submittals must comply with 20.25.070. Additional information, revisions, and/or corrections are required as noted below.

- A. Within the Title Block
 - 1. Name of the subdivision which shall not be the same as an existing city, town, tract, or subdivision of land in the borough, of which a plat has been previously recorded, or so nearly the same as to mislead the public or cause confusion. The parent plat's name shall be the primary name of the preliminary plat.
 - 2. Legal description, location, date, and total area in acres of the proposed subdivision;
 - 3. Name and address of owner(s), as shown on the KPB records and the certificate to plat, and registered land surveyor.

Staff recommendation:

Add KPB File No 2025-098 to the title block

D. A vicinity map, drawn to scale showing location of proposed subdivision, north arrow if different from plat orientation, township and range, section lines, roads, political boundaries, and prominent natural and manmade features, such as shorelines or streams:

Staff recommendation:

Show Cooper - Engle Ave to the west

KPB 20.30 – Subdivision Design Requirements

Staff recommendation: final plat submittals must comply with 20.30. Additional information, revisions, and/or corrections are required as noted below.

KPB 20.40 - Wastewater Disposal

Staff recommendation: final plat submittals must comply with 20.40. Additional information, revisions, and/or corrections are required as noted below.

20.40.010 Wastewater disposal.

Platting Staff Comments:

Staff recommendation: comply with 20.40.

Show proper Wastewater Disposal note on drawing

KPB 20.60 – Final Plat

Staff recommendation: final plat submittals must comply with 20.60. Additional information, revisions, and/or corrections are required as noted below.

EXCEPTIONS REQUESTED:

A. KPB 20.30.170 Block Length, 20.30.190 Lot Dimensions for Tract A2

Surveyor's Discussion:

These exceptions are necessary for preservation and enjoyment of property rights and are the most practical manner of complying with code. The granting of these exceptions will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious.

The Surveyor/Applicant has submitted the following proposed Findings in support of the exception request.

- 1. Any ROW dedicated from the Sterling Highway onto this property would create a dangerous intersection due to short sight distances and hills.
- 2. Any north-south dedication would encounter steep slopes.
- 3. On the south, any extension of Cooper-Engle Avenue would cross a large swamp
- 4. Any property being accessed are large government owned parcels with alternate access.
- 5. Lot is a large lot that can be further subdivided in the future to bring it in compliance.
- 6. The lot configuration is what the owners want.

Staff Discussion:

20.30.170. - Blocks-Length requirements.

Blocks shall not be less than 330 feet or more than 1,320 feet in length. Along arterial streets and state maintained roads, block lengths shall not be less than 800 feet. Block lengths shall be measured from centerline intersections.

20.30.190. - Lots—Dimensions.

A. The size and shape of lots shall provide usable sites appropriate for the locality in which the subdivision is located and in conformance with the requirements of any zoning ordinance effective for the area in which the proposed subdivision is located. Generally, lots shall be square or rectangular. Lots shall be at least 60 feet wide on the building setback line. The minimum depth shall be no less than 100 feet, and the average depth shall be no greater than three times the average width.

Findings.

Staff reviewed the exception request and recommends granting approval

Staff recommends the Committee (or Commission, as applicable) select the findings they determine are applicable, make additional findings if needed, tie the findings to the following standards, and vote on the exception in a separate motion.

Unless prohibited under KPB Title 20, the Committee may authorize exceptions to any of the requirements set forth in KPB Title 20. A request for an exception shall be in writing and presented to the Committee with substantial evidence, justifying the requested waiver or exception stating fully the grounds for the application and the facts relied upon. All exceptions must be requested and granted at the time of preliminary plat approval. Exceptions may not be requested with a final plat submittal.

The Committee shall make findings of fact meeting the following standards before granting any exception:

- 1. That special circumstances or conditions affecting the property have been shown **Findings 1-4 appear to support this standard.**
- 2. That the exception is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right and is the most practical manner of complying with the intent of this title;

Findings 1-4 appear to support this standard.

3. That the granting of the exception will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to other property in the area in which said property is situated.

Findings 1-4 appear to support this standard.

Staff recommendation: place notes on the final plat indicating any exceptions granted by the Plat Committee with the meeting date.

RECOMMENDATION:

SUBJECT TO EXCEPTION(S) GRANTED, STAFF RECOMMENDS:

- GRANT APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY PLAT SUBJECT TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS, AND
- COMPLIANCE WITH KPB 20.25.070 (FORM AND CONTENTS), KPB 20.25.080 (PETITION REQUIRED), KPB 20.30 (DESIGN REQUIREMENTS); AND KPB 20.40 (WASTEWATER DISPOSAL), AND
- COMPLIANCE WITH KPB 20.60 TO ENSURE ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT.

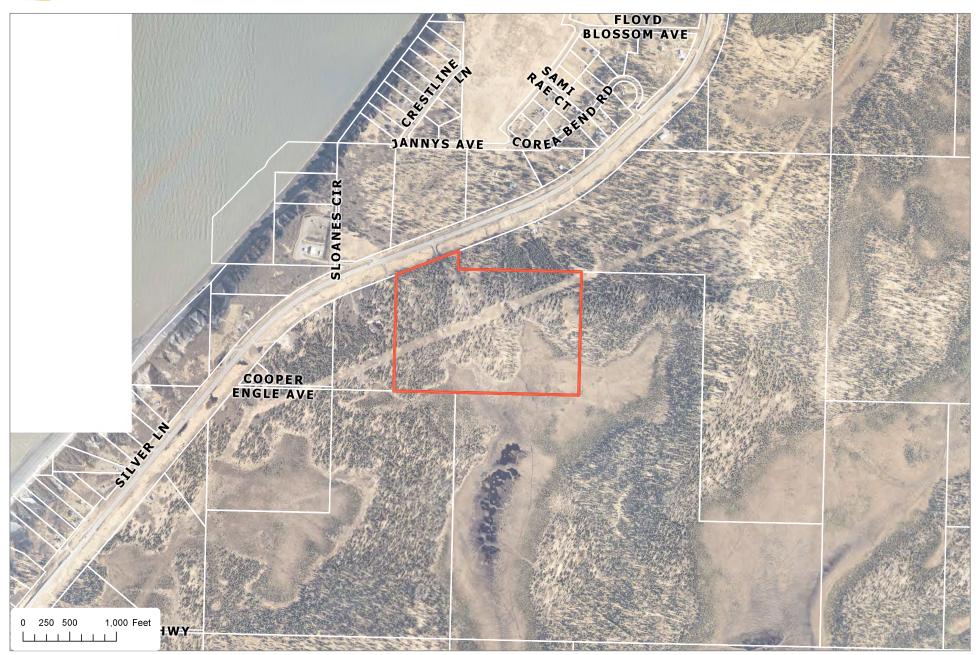
NOTE: KPB 20.25.120. - REVIEW AND APPEAL.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH KPB 2.40.080, ANY PERSON, AGENCY, OR CITY THAT PARTICIPATED AT THE PLAT COMMITTEE HEARING, EITHER BY WRITTEN OR ORAL PRESENTATION, MAY REQUEST THAT A DECISION OF THE PLAT COMMITTEE BE REVIEWED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION BY FILING A WRITTEN REQUEST WITHIN 15 DAYS OF DATE OF DISTRIBUTION OF THE DECISION.

A DECISION OF THE PLAT COMMISSION MAY BE APPEALED TO THE HEARING OFFICER BY A PARTY OF RECORD WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE DATE OF NOTICE OF DECISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH KPB 21.20.250.

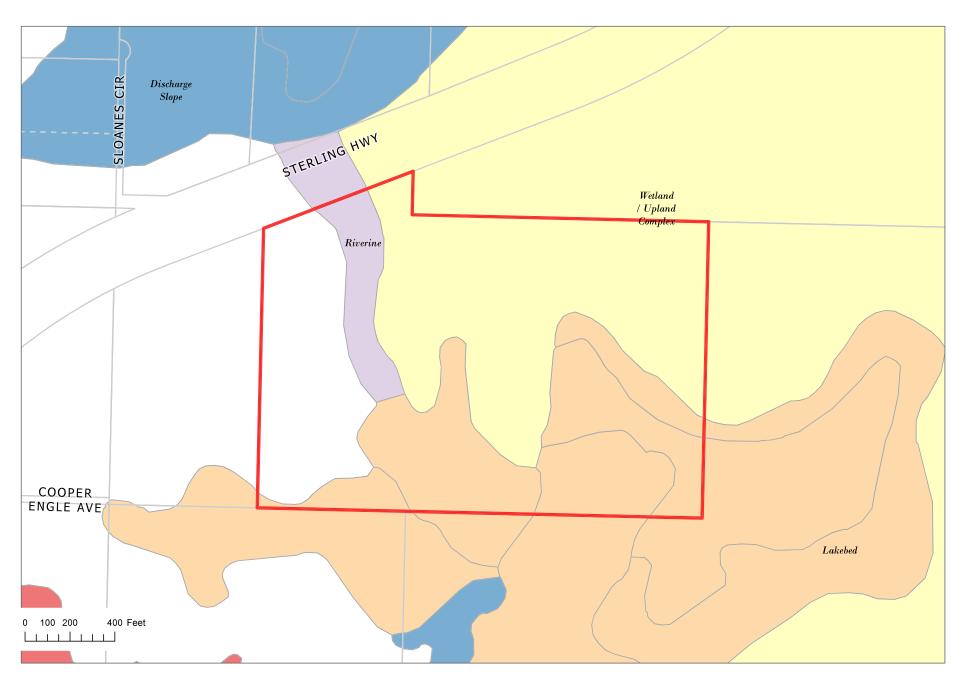
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Aerial with 5-foot Contours

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