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2. Utility Easement Vacation; KPB File 2025-048V McLane Consulting Group / Douthit Request: Vacates a 20' wide utility easement centered on the southeasterly line of Lots 16 & 17 common to the northwesterly lines of Lots 11 & 12 of Black Gold Estates Subdivision, Plat KN1399 City of Kenai





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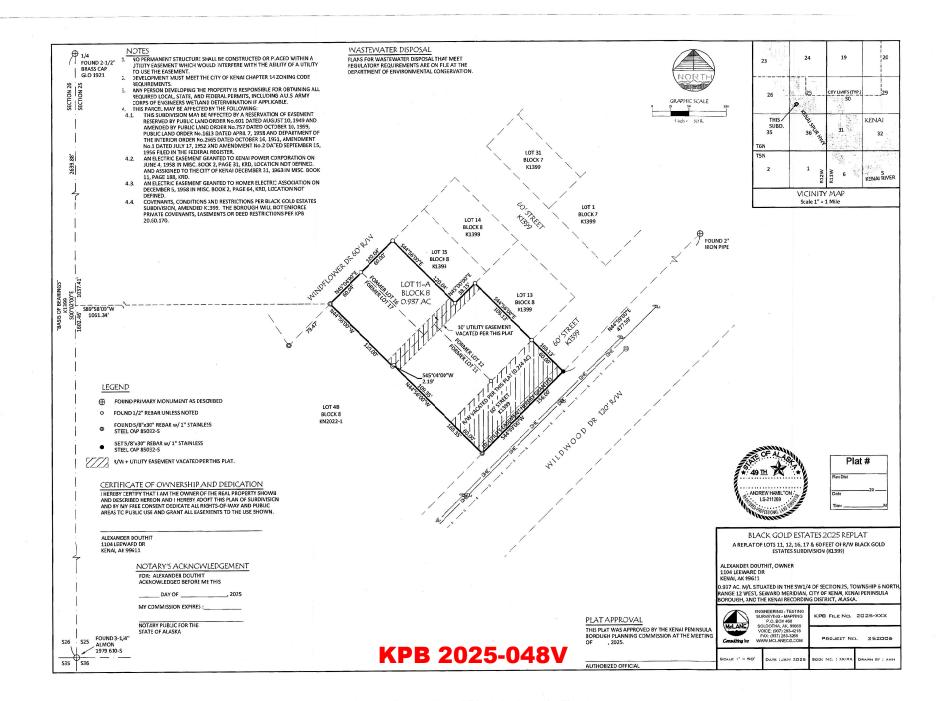
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AGENDA ITEM E. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM #2 - UTILITY EASEMENT ALTERATION

Vacate a 20-foot wide utility easement centered on the southeasterly line of Lots 17 and 16 common to the northwesterly lines of Lots 12 and 11

KPB File No.	2025-048V
Planning Committee Meeting:	April 28, 2025
Applicant / Owner:	Alexander Douthit of Kenai, Alaska
Surveyor:	Andrew Hamilton, McLane Consulting, Inc.
General Location:	City of Kenai

STAFF REPORT

Specific Request / Purpose as stated in the petition:

Utility Vacation: a 20 foot wide utility easement centered on the southeasterly line of Lots 17 and 16 common to the northwesterly lines of lots 12 and 11. Proposed vacation is approximately 2745± square feet.

Notification: Notice of vacation mailings were sent by regular mail to 22 owners of property within 300 feet. Notice of the proposed vacation was emailed to 6 agencies and interested parties.

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

Staff Analysis:

Black Gold Estates Subdivision, plat K-1335, granted a 10-foot-wide utility easement on the southeasterly boundary or Lots 16 and 17 and on the northwesterly boundary of Lots 11 and 12.

The plat shows the easement location to be vacated on the common lot lines and upon approval, will be finalized by the proposed plat, Black Gold Estates 2025 Replat.

A 10-foot-wide utility easement is being granted adjacent to Wildwood Drive right-of-way by the proposed plat. This easement will serve the proposed Lot.

No comment or opposition was received for the requested location of the easement to be vacated from any utility company, indicating no utilities are in the easement.

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

The City of Kenai Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the easement vacation request and plat that will finalize the vacation, Black Gold Estates 2025 Replat, at their March 26, 2025 meeting and granted conditional approval. Resolution PZ2025-05 is included in the packet along with city packet and meeting minutes for review.

Utility provider review:

HEA	No comments
ENSTAR	Approved as shown on submitted plat
ACS	No objections
GCI	No response

Applicant Findings:

1. Lots 11, 12, 16, and 17 are all owned by Alexander Douthit and intends to consolidate into one larger lot.

- 2. Plat will dedicate a 10' utility easement adjacent to Wildwood Drive, windflower drive, or the unnamed 60' right of way in the scenario the unnamed right of way is not vacated as proposed by the preliminary / final plat.
- 3. The utility easement is not in use by utility companies.
- 4. Adjacent utilities are primarily located within the Wildwood Drive right of way.

Staff Findings:

- 1. ACS, ENSTAR and HEA provided written non-objection to the proposed vacation.
- 2. The City of Kenai granted conditional approval of the preliminary plat finalizing the utility easement vacation.
- Black Gold Estates Subdivision, plat K-1335, granted a 10-foot-wide utility easement on the southeasterly boundary or Lots 16 and 17 and on the northwesterly boundary of Lots 11 and 12.
- 4. No surrounding properties will be denied utilities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

CORRECTIONS / EDITS Include Block 8 in the legal description Identify both 10' easements to be vacated on the drawing.

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. Grant any utility easements requested by the Kenai City Council 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.
 - Strategy 3. Near Term: Identify potential utility routes on Borough lands.
- Housing
 - Objective D. Encourage efficient use of land, infrastructure and services outside incorporated cities by prioritizing future growth in the most suitable areas.
 - Strategy 1. Near Term: Collaborate with the AK Department of Transportation, incorporated cities within the borough, utility providers, other agencies overseeing local services, and existing communities located adjacent to the undeveloped areas that are appropriate for future growth, to align plans for future expansion of services to serve future residential development and manage growth.

END OF STAFF REPORT



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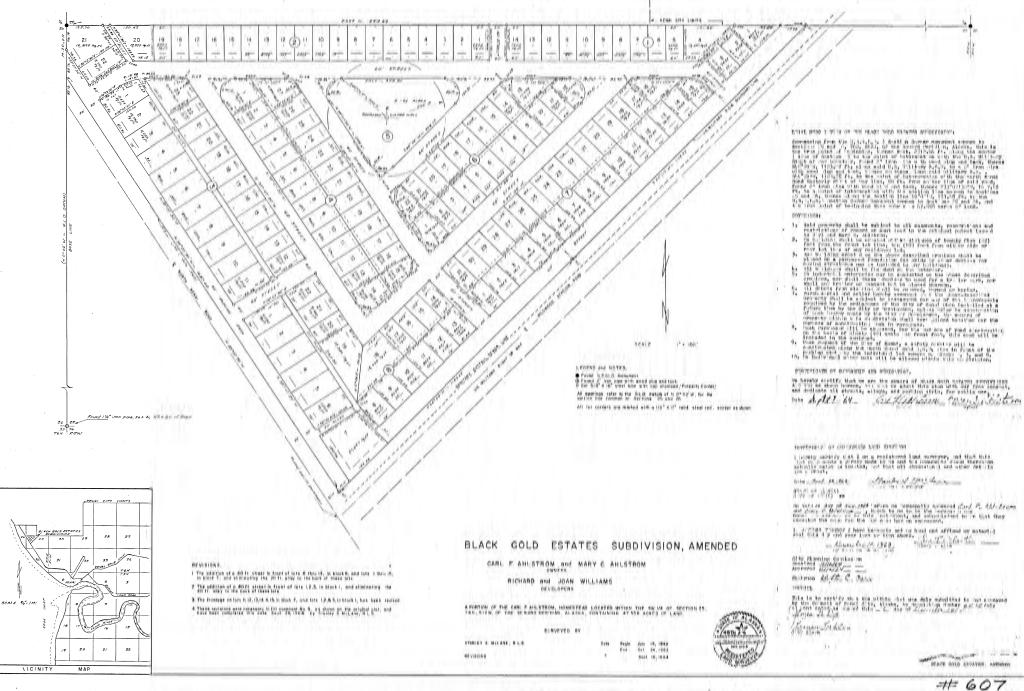


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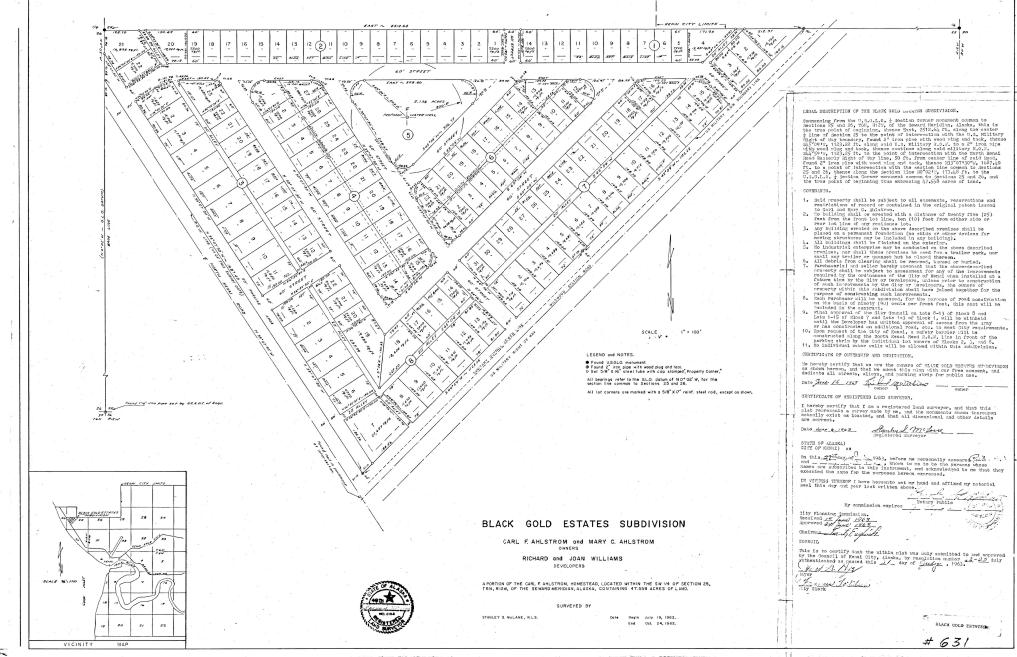






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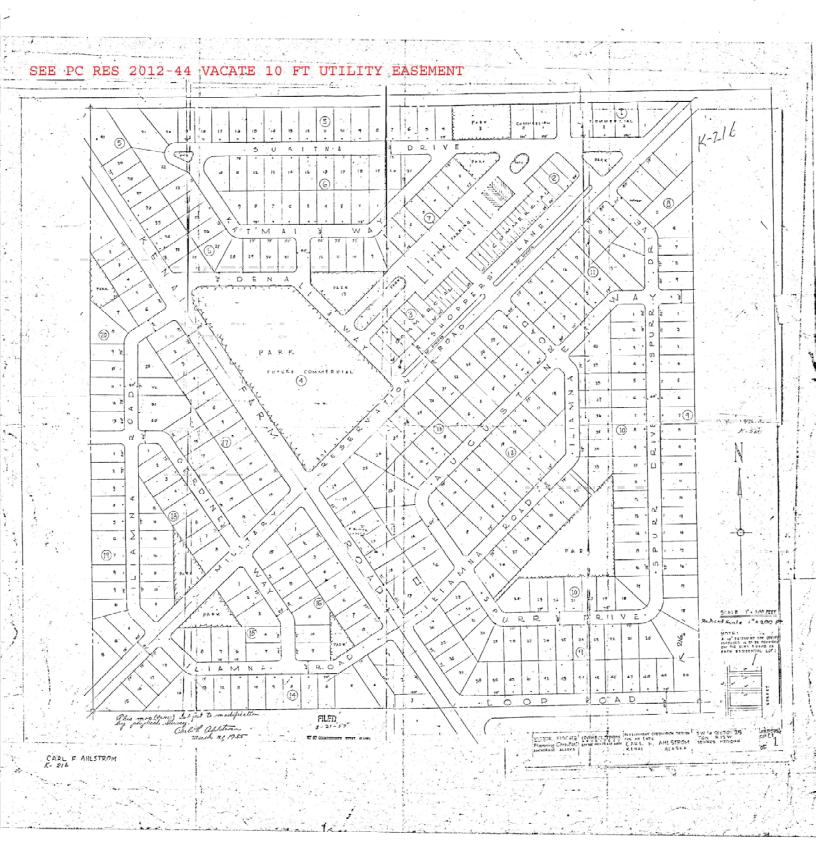
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STAFF REPORT PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

TO: Planning and Zoning Commission Kevin Buettner, Planning Director THROUGH: FROM: Brandon McElrea, Planning Technician DATE: March 19, 2025 SUBJECT: Resolution No. PZ2025-05 - Preliminary Plat - Black Gold Estates 2025 Replat The applicant is proposing a preliminary plat to merge Lots 11, 12, 16, Request 17 and 60 feet of Right-of-Way in Black Gold Estates Subdivision. Staff Adopt Resolution No. PZ2025-05 recommending conditional approval of Preliminary Plat - Black Gold Estates 2025 Replat merging Lots 11, Recommendation 12, 16, 17 and 60 feet of Right-of-Way into a single Lot. Applicant: McLane Consulting Attn: Andrew Hamilton P.O. Box 468 Soldotna, AK 99669 Property Owner: Alex Douthit Legal Descriptions: Lots 11, 12, 16, 17 & 60 Feet of Right-of-Way Property Addresses: 2705 & 2707 Windflower Drive 2712 & 2714 Wildwood Drive **KPB Parcel Nos.:** 03904007, 03904008, 03904011, 03904012 Zoning District: Suburban Residential (RS) Land Use Plan: Suburban Residential (SR) Surrounding Uses: General Commercial, Suburban Residential

SUMMARY

A preliminary plat has been submitted from McLane Consulting on behalf of Alex Douthit for a replat of Lots 11, 12, 16, 17 and 60' of unnamed Right-of-Way (ROW) in the Black Gold Estates Subdivision to create one Lot. The subject lots are located between Wildwood Drive and

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Windflower Drive near the intersection of the Kenai Spur Highway and Wildwood Drive. The subject lots as well as the unnamed Right-of-Way are unimproved. If approved, the merging of the four (4) subject Lots and the vacation and subsequent merging of the unnamed ROW will result in a single approximately 0.937-acre parcel.

Kenai Municipal Code (KMC) Chapter 14.10 *Subdivision Regulations* states preliminary plats or replats must first be submitted to the City for review and provide recommendation to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission.

ANALYSIS

The proposed parcel merger meets the preliminary plat requirements and development requirements for the Suburban Residential (RS) zoning district. The merged parcel will have primary access off of Wildwood Drive, which is a City maintained paved road. City sewer and water are available along Wildwood Drive. The Public Works Director, Fire Marshal, and Building Official have reviewed the preliminary replat and have no comments.

Right of way along Wildwood Drive has been previously been contested. The City of Kenai is working with Kenai Native Association and State of Alaska to address any and all potential ownership issues. This process is ongoing, and pending the results of those discussions, the City of Kenai has not reached a final decision on the vacation of the unnamed 60' ROW. The City is currently awaiting documentation from the Kenai Native Association that would allow City Council to determine there is no public benefit to retaining the unnamed 60' ROW. The City does not object to the merger of the four parcels, Lots 11, 12, 16, &17, and does not wish to stymie potential development along this corridor.

Staff finds that the preliminary plat for a replat of Lots 11, 12, 16, 17 & 60' of unnamed ROW meets the following Title 14 of Kenai Municipal Code (KMC) sections and aligns with the intent of the Kenai Zoning Code.

- 1. Pursuant to KMC 14.10.070 *Subdivision Design Standards*, the preliminary plat for replat, subject to the listed conditions, provides utilities/access easements, provides a satisfactory and desirable building site, and the accessible water and wastewater systems are subject to the regulatory requirements of the City of Kenai Public Works Department.
- 2. Pursuant to KMC 14.10.080 *Minimum improvement required*, the preliminary plat is a replat of four lots within a subdivision that has dedicated rights-of-way and determined acceptable access, subject to the listed conditions. Therefore, an installation agreement is not required.
- 3. Pursuant to KMC 14.24.010 *Minimum lot area requirements*, the preliminary plat meets City standards for minimum lot size in the RS zoning district of 7,200 square feet (0.165 acre), the resulting lot sizes of this subdivision will be approximately 0.937-acre.
- 4. Pursuant to KMC 14.24.020 *General Requirements*, the preliminary plat meets City standards for minimum lot width/depth and access/utility easements. Compliance with the maximum lot coverage, maximum height, and setbacks will be reviewed during the building permit review.



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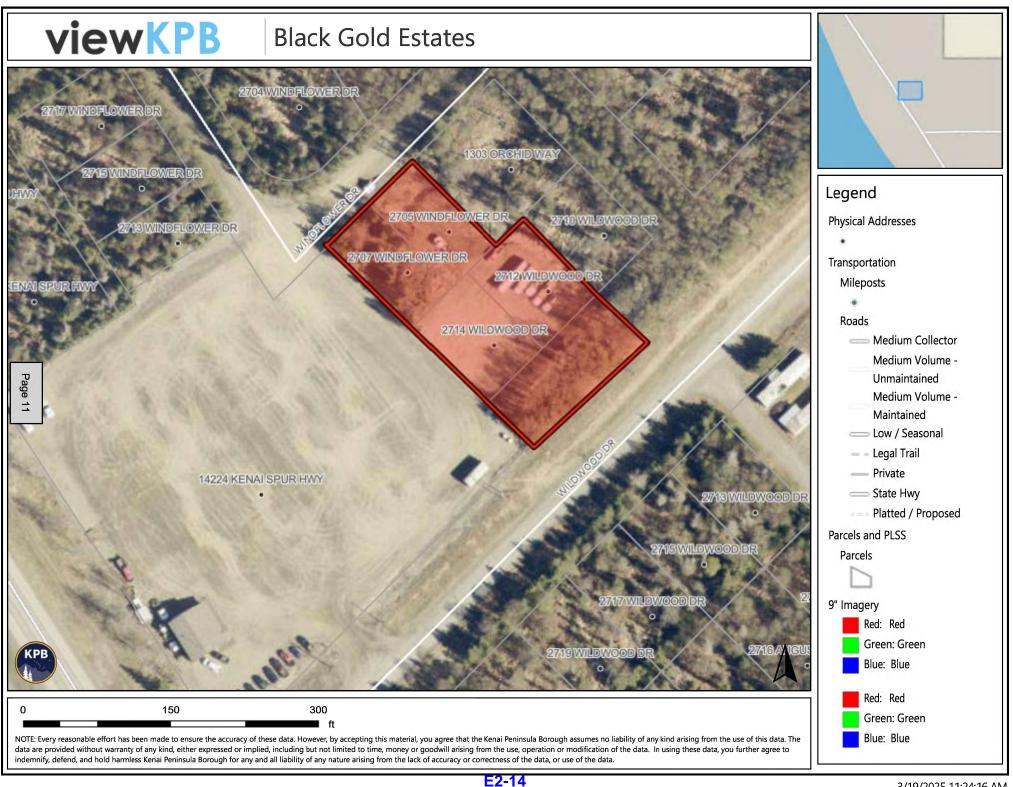
Staff finds that the proposed preliminary plat for Black Gold Estates 2025 Replat to replat Lots 11, 12, 16, 17 and 60 feet of unnamed ROW meets the general standards of Kenai Municipal Code (KMC), Chapter 14.10 *Subdivision Regulations* and Chapter 14.24 *Development Requirements Table* and hereby recommends that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends conditional approval of Resolution No. PZ2025-05 for a replat of Lots 11, 12, 16, 17 and 60 feet of unnamed ROW to Kenai Peninsula Borough, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Further development of the property will conform to all federal, State of Alaska, and local regulations.
- 2. The Kenai City Council must declare the unnamed sixty-foot right-of-way not needed for a public purpose and approve the vacation of the right-of-way as shown on the preliminary plat.

ATTACHMENTS

Aerial Map Application Preliminary Plat, Black Gold Estates 2025 Replat





X	Preliminary Plat Submittal Form			City of Kenai Planning and Zoning Department 210 Fidalgo Avenue Kenai, AK 99611 (907) 283-8200 planning@kenai.city www.kenai.city/planning			
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McLANE CONSULTING, INC. P.O. Box 468 Soldotna, Alaska 99669 JOB # (907) 283-4218 fax (907) 283-3265 DATE: JANUARY 28, 2025 252006 ATTENTION: Platting and Zoning Department To: RE: City of Kenai Black Gold Estates 2025 Replat Planning and Zoning Department KBP File 2025-XXX 210 Fidalgo Avenue PRELIMINARY PLAT From: Andrew Hamilton Kenai, Alaska 99611 We are sending you: Attached Under separate Cover Via: Delivered Copies Description 1 Blackline Prelim Plat full size 2 Prelim Plat 11x17" size

1 Certificate to Plat City of Kenai/KPB Owner Submittal Forms 1

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Subdivision Guarantee

Issued by First American Title Insurance Company

GUARANTEE NUMBER 5033602-0229-4229879

SUBJECT TO THE EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE, THE LIMITS OF LIABILITY AND THE CONDITIONS AND STIPULATIONS OF THIS GUARANTEE,

FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY

a Nebraska corporation, herein called the Company

GUARANTEES

the Assured named in Schedule A against actual monetary loss or damage not exceeding the liability stated in Schedule A, which the Assured shall sustain by reason of any incorrectness in the assurances set forth in Schedule A.

By

FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY

By:

Kenneth D. DeGiorgio, President

Lisa W. Cornehi, Secretary

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Steven Taylor on behalf of Dustyn Fergus, Title Officer

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SCHEDULE OF EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE OF THIS GUARANTEE

- Except to the extent that specific assurances are provided in Schedule A of this Guarantee, the Company assumes no liability for loss or damage by reason of the following:
 - (a) Defects, liens, encumbrances, adverse claims or other matters against the title, whether or not shown by the public records.
 - (b) (1) Taxes or assessments of any taxing authority that levies taxes or assessments on real property; or, (2) Proceedings by a public agency which may result in taxes or assessments, or notices of such proceedings, whether or not the matters excluded under (1) or (2) are shown by the records of the taxing authority or by the public records.
 - (c) (1) Unpatented mining claims; (2) reservations or exceptions in patents or in Acts authorizing the issuance thereof; (3) water rights, claims or title to water, whether or not the matters excluded under (1), (2) or (3) are shown by the public records.
- Notwithstanding any specific assurances which are provided in Schedule A of this Guarantee, the Company assumes no liability for loss or damage by reason of the following:

1. Definition of Terms.

The following terms when used in the Guarantee mean:

- (a) the "Assured": the party or parties named as the Assured in this Guarantee, or on a supplemental writing executed by the Company.
- (b) "land": the land described or referred to in Schedule (A)(C) or in Part 2, and improvements affixed thereto which by law constitute real property. The term "land" does not include any property beyond the lines of the area described or referred to in Schedule (A)(C) or in Part 2, nor any right, title, interest, estate or easement in abutting streets, roads, avenues, alleys, lanes, ways or waterways.
- (c) "mortgage": mortgage, deed of trust, trust deed, or other security instrument.
- (d) "public records": records established under state statutes at Date of Guarantee for the purpose of imparting constructive notice of matters relating to real property to purchasers for value and without knowledge.
 (e) "date": the effective date.
- 2. Notice of Claim to be Given by Assured Claimant. An Assured shall notify the Company promptly in writing in case knowledge shall come to an Assured hereunder of any claim of title or interest which is adverse to the title to the estate or interest, as stated herein, and which might cause loss or damage for which the Company may be liable by virtue of this Guarantee. If prompt notice shall not be given to the Company, then all liability of the Company shall terminate with regard to the matter or matters for which prompt notice is required; provided, however, that failure to notify the Company shall in no case prejudice the rights of any Assured unless the Company shall be prejudiced by the failure and then only to the extent of the prejudice.
- No Duty to Defend or Prosecute. The Company shall have no duty to defend or prosecute any action or proceeding to which the Assured is a party, notwithstanding the nature of any allegation in such action or proceeding.

- (a) Defects, liens, encumbrances, adverse claims or other matters affecting the title to any property beyond the lines of the land expressly described in the description set forth in Schedule (A), (C) or in Part 2 of this Guarantee, or title to streets, roads, avenues, lanes, ways or waterways to which such land abuts, or the right to maintain therein vaults, tunnels, ramps or any structure or improvements; or any rights or easements therein, unless such property, rights or easements are expressly and specifically set forth in said description.
- (b) Defects, liens, encumbrances, adverse claims or other matters, whether or not shown by the public records; (1) which are created, suffered, assumed or agreed to by one or more of the Assureds; (2) which result in no loss to the Assured; or (3) which do not result in the invalidity or potential invalidity of any judicial or non-judicial proceeding which is within the scope and purpose of the assurances provided.
- (c) The identity of any party shown or referred to in Schedule A.
- (d) The validity, legal effect or priority of any matter shown or referred to in this Guarantee.

GUARANTEE CONDITIONS AND STIPULATIONS

 Company's Option to Defend or Prosecute Actions; Duty of Assured Claimant to Cooperate.

Even though the Company has no duty to defend or prosecute as set forth in Paragraph 3 above:

- (a) The Company shall have the right, at its sole option and cost, to institute and prosecute any action or proceeding, interpose a defense, as limited in (b), or to do any other act which in its opinion may be necessary or desirable to establish the title to the estate or interest as stated herein, or to establish the lien rights of the Assured, or to prevent or reduce loss or damage to the Assured. The Company may take any appropriate action under the terms of this Guarantee, whether or not it shall be liable hereunder, and shall not thereby concede liability or waive any provision of this Guarantee. If the Company shall exercise its rights under this paragraph, it shall do so diligently.
- (b) If the Company elects to exercise its options as stated in Paragraph 4(a) the Company shall have the right to select counsel of its choice (subject to the right of such Assured to object for reasonable cause) to represent the Assured and shall not be liable for and will not pay the fees of any other counsel, nor will the Company pay any fees, costs or expenses incurred by an Assured in the defense of those causes of action which allege matters not covered by this Guarantee.
- (c) Whenever the Company shall have brought an action or interposed a defense as permitted by the provisions of this Guarantee, the Company may pursue any litigation to final determination by a court of competent jurisdiction and expressly reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to appeal from an adverse judgment or order.
- (d) In all cases where this Guarantee permits the Company to prosecute or provide for the defense of any action or proceeding, an Assured shall secure to the Company the right to so prosecute or provide for the defense of any action or proceeding, and all appeals therein, and permit the Company to use, at its option, the name of such Assured for this purpose. Whenever requested by the Company, an Assured, at the Company's expense, shall give the Company all

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reasonable aid in any action or proceeding, securing evidence, obtaining witnesses, prosecuting or defending the action or lawful act which in the opinion of the Company may be necessary or desirable to establish the title to the estate or interest as stated herein, or to establish the lien rights of the Assured. If the Company is prejudiced by the failure of the Assured to furnish the required cooperation, the Company's obligations to the Assured under the Guarantee shall terminate.

5. Proof of Loss or Damage.

In addition to and after the notices required under Section 2 of these Conditions and Stipulations have been provided to the Company, a proof of loss or damage signed and sworn to by the Assured shall be furnished to the Company within ninety (90) days after the Assured shall ascertain the facts giving rise to the loss or damage. The proof of loss or damage shall describe the matters covered by this Guarantee which constitute the basis of loss or damage and shall state, to the extent possible, the basis of calculating the amount of the loss or damage. If the Company is prejudiced by the failure of the Assured to provide the required proof of loss or damage, the Company's obligation to such assured under the Guarantee shall terminate. In addition, the Assured may reasonably be required to submit to examination under oath by any authorized representative of the Company and shall produce for examination, inspection and copying, at such reasonable times and places as may be designated by any authorized representative of the Company, all records, books, ledgers, checks, correspondence and memoranda, whether bearing a date before or after Date of Guarantee, which reasonably pertain to the loss or damage. Further, if requested by any authorized representative of the Company, the Assured shall grant its permission, in writing, for any authorized representative of the Company to examine, inspect and copy all records, books, ledgers, checks, correspondence and memoranda in the custody or control of a third party, which reasonably pertain to the loss or damage. All information designated as confidential by the Assured provided to the Company pursuant to this Section shall not be disclosed to others unless, in the reasonable judgment of the Company, it is necessary in the administration of the claim. Failure of the Assured to submit for examination under oath, produce other reasonably requested information or grant permission to secure reasonably necessary information from third parties as required in the above paragraph, unless prohibited by law or governmental regulation, shall terminate any liability of the Company under this Guarantee to the Assured for that claim.

6. Options to Pay or Otherwise Settle Claims: Termination of Liability.

In case of a claim under this Guarantee, the Company shall have the following additional options:

(a) To Pay or Tender Payment of the Amount of Liability or to Purchase the Indebtedness.

The Company shall have the option to pay or settle or compromise for or in the name of the Assured any claim which could result in loss to the Assured within the coverage of this Guarantee, or to pay the full amount of this Guarantee or, if this Guarantee is issued for the benefit of a holder of a mortgage or a lienholder, the Company shall have the option to purchase the indebtedness secured by said mortgage or said lien for the amount owing thereon, together with any costs, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the Assured claimant which were authorized by the Company up to the time of purchase.

Such purchase, payment or tender of payment of the full amount of the Guarantee shall terminate all liability of the Company hereunder. In the event after notice of claim has been given to the Company by the Assured the Company offers to purchase said indebtedness, the owner of such indebtedness shall transfer and assign said indebtedness, together with any collateral security, to the Company upon payment of the purchase price.

Upon the exercise by the Company of the option provided for in Paragraph (a) the Company's obligation to the Assured under this Guarantee for the claimed loss or damage, other than to make the payment required in that paragraph, shall terminate, including any obligation to continue the defense or prosecution of any litigation for which the Company has exercised its options under Paragraph 4, and the Guarantee shall be surrendered to the Company for cancellation.

(b) To Pay or Otherwise Settle With Parties Other Than the Assured or With the Assured Claimant. To pay or otherwise settle with other parties for or in the name of an Assured claimant any claim assured against under this Guarantee, together with any costs, attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the Assured claimant which were authorized by the Company up to the time of payment and which the Company is obligated to pay. Upon the exercise by the Company of the option provided for in Paragraph (b) the Company's obligation to the Assured under this Guarantee for the claimed loss or damage, other than to make the payment required in that paragraph, shall terminate, including any obligation to continue the defense or prosection of any litigation for which the Company has exercised its options under Paragraph 4.

7. Determination and Extent of Liability.

This Guarantee is a contract of Indemnity against actual monetary loss or damage sustained or incurred by the Assured claimant who has suffered loss or damage by reason of reliance upon the assurances set forth in this Guarantee and only to the extent herein described, and subject to the Exclusions From Coverage of This Guarantee.

The liability of the Company under this Guarantee to the Assured shall not exceed the least of:

- (a) the amount of liability stated in Schedule A or in Part 2;
- (b) the amount of the unpaid principal indebtedness secured by the mortgage of an Assured mortgagee, as limited or provided under Section 6 of these Conditions and Stipulations or as reduced under Section 9 of these Conditions and Stipulations, at the time the loss or damage assured against by this Guarantee occurs, together with interest thereon; or
- (c) the difference between the value of the estate or interest covered hereby as stated herein and the value of the estate or interest subject to any defect, lien or encumbrance assured against by this Guarantee.

8. Limitation of Liability.

(a) If the Company establishes the title, or removes the alleged defect, lien or encumbrance, or cures any other matter assured against by this Guarantee in a reasonably diligent manner by

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any method, including litigation and the completion of any appeals therefrom, it shall have fully performed its obligations with respect to that matter and shall not be liable for any loss or damage caused thereby.

- (b) In the event of any litigation by the Company or with the Company's consent, the Company shall have no liability for loss or damage until there has been a final determination by a court of competent jurisdiction, and disposition of all appeals therefrom, adverse to the title, as stated herein.
- (c) The Company shall not be liable for loss or damage to any Assured for liability voluntarily assumed by the Assured in settling any claim or suit without the prior written consent of the Company.
- Reduction of Liability or Termination of Liability. All payments under this Guarantee, except payments made for costs, attorneys' fees and expenses pursuant to Paragraph 4 shall reduce the amount of liability pro tanto.
- 10. Payment of Loss.
 - (a) No payment shall be made without producing this Guarantee for endorsement of the payment unless the Guarantee has been lost or destroyed, in which case proof of loss or destruction shall be furnished to the satisfaction of the Company.
 - (b) When liability and the extent of loss or damage has been definitely fixed in accordance with these Conditions and Stipulations, the loss or damage shall be payable within thirty (30) days thereafter.

11. Subrogation Upon Payment or Settlement.

Whenever the Company shall have settled and paid a claim under this Guarantee, all right of subrogation shall vest in the Company unaffected by any act of the Assured claimant. The Company shall be subrogated to and be entitled to all rights and remedies which the Assured would have had against any person or property in respect to the claim had this Guarantee not been issued. If requested by the Company, the Assured shall transfer to the Company all rights and remedies against any person or property necessary in order to perfect this right of subrogation. The Assured shall permit the Company to sue, compromise or settle in the name of the Assured and to use the name of the Assured in any transaction or litigation involving these rights or remedies. If a payment on account of a claim does not fully cover the loss of the Assured the Company shall be subrogated to all rights and remedies of the Assured after the Assured shall have recovered its principal, interest, and costs of collection.

12. Arbitration.

Unless prohibited by applicable law, either the Company or the Assured may demand arbitration pursuant to the Title Insurance Arbitration Rules of the American Land Title Association. Arbitrable matters may include, but are not limited to, any controversy or claim between the Company and the Assured arising out of or relating to this Guarantee, any service of the Company in connection with its issuance or the breach of a Guarantee provision or other obligation. All arbitrable matters when the Amount of Liability is \$2,000,000 or less shall be arbitrated at the option of either the Company or the Assured. All arbitrable matters when the amount of liability is in excess of \$2,000,000 shall be arbitrated only when agreed to by both the Company and the Assured. The Rules in effect at Date of Guarantee shall be binding upon the parties. The award may include attorneys' fees only if the laws of the state in which the land is located permits a court to award attorneys' fees to a prevailing party. Judgment upon the award rendered by the Arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

The law of the situs of the land shall apply to an arbitration under the Title Insurance Arbitration Rules.

A copy of the Rules may be obtained from the Company upon request.

13. Liability Limited to This Guarantee; Guarantee Entire Contract.

- (a) This Guarantee together with all endorsements, if any, attached hereto by the Company is the entire Guarantee and contract between the Assured and the Company. In interpreting any provision of this Guarantee, this Guarantee shall be construed as a whole.
- (b) Any claim of loss or damage, whether or not based on negligence, or any action asserting such claim, shall be restricted to this Guarantee.
- (c) No amendment of or endorsement to this Guarantee can be made except by a writing endorsed hereon or attached hereto signed by either the President, a Vice President, the Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, or validating officer or authorized signatory of the Company.

14. Notices, Where Sent.

All notices required to be given the Company and any statement in writing required to be furnished the Company shall include the number of this Guarantee and shall be addressed to the Company at First American Title Insurance Company, Attn: Claims National Intake Center, 1 First American Way, Santa Ana, California 92707 <u>Claims.NIC@firstam.com</u> Phone: 888-632-1642 Fax: 877-804-7606

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Subdivision Guarantee

ISSUED BY First American Title Insurance Company

GUARANTEE NUMBER

Order No.: 4229879

Liability: \$300.00

Fee: \$300.00 Tax: \$N/A

Name of Assured: McLane Consulting Inc

Date of Guarantee: December 23, 2024

The assurances referred to on the face page hereof are:

1. Title is vested in:

Alexander Douthit, as to Lots 11, 12 and 16 of Block 8 and Alex Douthit, a married man, as to Lot 17 of Block 8

- That, according to the Public Records relative to the land described in Schedule C attached hereto (including those records maintained and indexed by name), there are no other documents affecting title to said land or any portion thereof, other than those shown under Record Matters in Schedule B.
- 3. The following matters are excluded from the coverage of this Guarantee:
 - A. Unpatented Mining Claims, reservations or exceptions in patents or in acts authorizing the issuance thereof.
 - B. Water rights, claims or title to water.
 - C. Tax Deeds to the State of Alaska.
 - D. Documents pertaining to mineral estates.
- 4. No guarantee is given nor liability assumed with respect to the validity, legal effect or priority of any matter shown herein.
- 5. This Guarantee is restricted to the use of the Assured for the purpose of providing title evidence as may be required when subdividing land pursuant to the provisions of A.S. Section 38.04.045 and A.S. Chapter 40.15., and the local regulations and ordinances adopted pursuant to said statute. It is not to be used as a basis for closing any transaction affecting title to said property.
- 6. Any sketch attached hereto is done so as a courtesy only and is not part of any title commitment, guarantee or policy. It is furnished solely for the purpose of assisting in locating the premises and First American expressly disclaims any liability which may result from reliance made upon it.

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RECORD MATTERS

- 7. Reservations or exceptions in patents or in acts authorizing the issuance thereof.
- Taxes and/or Assessments due The Kenai Peninsula Borough for the year 2024, (Property Tax Division 907-714-2304; Assessment Department 907-714-2230):

Tax Account No.:	039-040-07
Levied Amount:	\$93.54
Balance Due:	\$0.00
Due Date:	1st half September 15th and 2nd half November 15th or entire
	Amount due October 15th
Land Valuation:	\$10,800.00
Improvements:	\$0.00
Affects:	Lot 11 of Block 8
	Tax Account No.: Levied Amount: Balance Due: Due Date: Land Valuation: Improvements: Affects:

 Taxes and/or Assessments due The Kenai Peninsula Borough for the year 2024, (Property Tax Division 907-714-2304; Assessment Department 907-714-2230):

Tax Account No.:	039-040-08
Levied Amount:	\$93.54
Balance Due:	\$0.00
Due Date:	1st half September 15th and 2nd half November 15th or entire
	Amount due October 15th
Land Valuation:	\$10,800.00
Improvements:	\$0.00
Affects:	Lot 12 of Block 8

 Taxes and/or Assessments due The Kenai Peninsula Borough for the year 2024, (Property Tax Division 907-714-2304; Assessment Department 907-714-2230):

Tax Account No.:039-040-11Levied Amount:\$24.26Balance Due:\$0.00Due Date:1st half September 15th and 2nd half November 15th or entire
Amount due October 15thLand Valuation:\$2,800.00Improvements:\$0.00Affects:Lot 16 of Block 8

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11. Taxes and/or Assessments due The Kenai Peninsula Borough for the year 2024, (Property Tax Division 907-714-2304; Assessment Department 907-714-2230):

Tax Account No.:	039-040-1Z
Levied Amount:	\$0.00
Balance Due:	\$0.00
Due Date:	1st half September 15th and 2nd half November 15th or entire Amount due October 15th
Land Valuation:	\$2,800.00
Improvements:	\$0.00

NOTE: Possible liability for additional general taxes for the current and/or prior years in the event the exemption applied is not applicable to the present ownership of said premises. Affects: Lot 17 of Block 8

- 12. Assessments, if any due The City of Kenai. (Information to follow)
- Reservation of an easement for highway purposes as disclosed by Public Land Order No. 601, dated August 10, 1949 and amended by Public Land Order No. 757, dated October 10, 1959; Public Land Order No. 1613, dated April 7, 1958; and Department of the Interior Order No. 2665, dated October 16, 1951, Amendment No. 1, thereto, dated July 17, 1952 and Amendment No. 2, thereto, dated September 15, 1956, filed in the Federal Register.

 Right of Way Easement, including the terms and provisions thereof, granted to Kenai Power Corporation, and its assigns and/or successors in interest, to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission and/or telephone distribution line or system by instrument,

Recorded:	June 1, 1958
Recording Information:	Book 2 Page 31
Affects:	Blanket Easement

Easement rights were assigned to the City of Kenai by an assignment, Recorded: December 31, 1963 Recording Information: Book 11 Page 188

 Right of Way Easement, including the terms and provisions thereof, granted to Homer Electric Association, Inc., and its assigns and/or successors in interest, to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission and/or telephone distribution line or system by instrument Recorded: December 5, 1958

Affects:	Blanket Easement	
Recording Information:	Book 2 Page 64	
Recorded:	December 5, 1956	

- 16. Easements as dedicated and shown on the plat of said subdivision. (Copy Attached)
- 17. The effect of the notes which appear on the plat of said subdivision. (Copy Attached)
- 18. Covenants, conditions and restrictions, as shown on the Plat of said subdivision.

NOTE: We find no outstanding voluntary liens of record affecting subject property. An inquiry should be made concerning the existence of any unrecorded lien or other indebtedness which could give rise to any security interest in the subject property.

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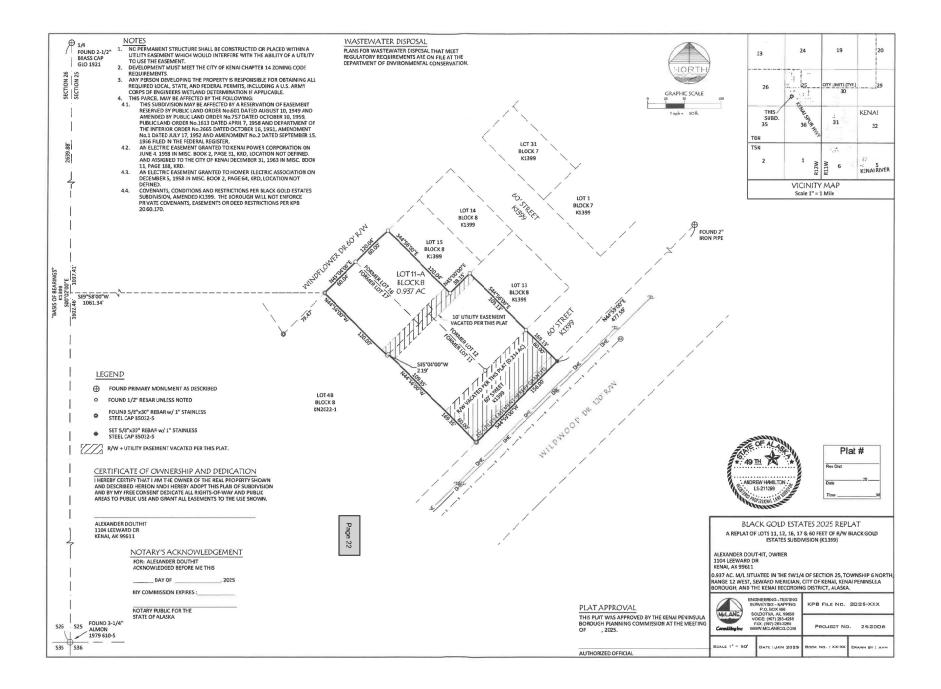


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The land in the Recording District of Kenai, State of Alaska, described as follows:

Lots 11, 12, 16 and 17 Block 8, BLACK GOLD ESTATES SUBDIVISION, AMENDED, according to the official plat thereof, filed under Plat Number K-1399, Records of the Kenal Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska.

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B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. *Regular Meeting of March 12, 2025

Approved by the consent agenda.

- C. <u>SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS</u> None.
- D. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

E. CONSIDERATION OF PLATS

1. Resolution No. PZ2025-05 – Recommending Conditional Approval of Preliminary Plat – Black Gold Estates 2025 Replat Merging Lots 11, 12, 16, 17 and 60 feet of Right-of-Way into a Single Lot in the Suburban Residential (RS) Zoning District.

MOTION:

Commissioner Woodard **MOVED** to approve Resolution PZ2025-05. Commissioner Pettey **SECONDED** the motion.

Planning Director Buettner noted that a substitute staff report was provided in the laydown, provided an overview of the staff report, and explained the purpose of the plat was to merge four parcels and 60 feet of unnamed Right-of-Way (ROW) into one lot. It was noted that staff's recommendation is approval subject to the conditions specified within the staff report as attached to Resolution No. PZ2025-05.

Alex Douthit, applicant, provided background regarding the plat and vacation of the portion of ROW. He explained and that the lot would be more suitable for development once merged.

There was Commission discussion regarding the background of the unnamed ROW. Clarification was provided that this ROW was not involved in a dispute between the Kenai Native Association and the City of Kenai, and that a Conditional Use Permit is not needed for the proposed uses.

VOTE:

- YEA: Twait, Woodard, Earsley, Pettey, Krause, Halstead
- NAY: None

ABSENT: Fikes

MOTION PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

2. **PZ2025-15** - Recommending Approval of Preliminary Plat – Bailey Estates Karpik Rice Replat to Relocate the Lot Line Separating Lots 1 and 2, Bailey Estates Amended in the Suburban Residential 2 (RS-2) Zoning District.

MOTION:

Vice Chair Twait **MOVED** to approve Resolution PZ2025-15. Commissioner Woodard **SECONDED** the motion.

Planning Director Buettner provided an overview of the staff report as included in the packet and attached to Resolution No. PZ2025-15, and explained the purpose of the plat was to adjust the lot lines between two lots, to allow a shop building to meet setback requirements. It was noted that staff's recommendation is approval subject to the condition specified within the staff report as attached to Resolution No. PZ2025-15.

VOTE:

YEA: Earsley, Pettey, Woodard, Twait, Halstead, Krause NAY: None ABSENT: Fikes MOTION PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.



SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

March 27, 2025

McLane Consulting PO Box 468 Soldotna, AK 99669 ahamilton@mclanecg.com

RE: Notice of Recommendation - Resolution PZ2025-05 – Preliminary Plat – Black Gold Estates 2025 Replat

Dear McLane Consulting:

On Wednesday, March 26, 2025, the City of Kenai Planning and Zoning Commission recommended conditional approval of Resolution PZ2025-05 for Preliminary Plat Black Gold Estates 2025 Replat. An installation agreement is not required. Enclosed is a copy of the resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact Planning & Zoning Department at 907-283-8237 or planning@kenai.city.

Sincerely,

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Beth McDonald Planning Administration

Enclosure

cc: Beverly Carpenter, KPB Planing Department (bcarpenter@kpb.us)



CITY OF KENAI PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. PZ2025-05

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR THE BLACK GOLD ESTATES 2025 REPLAT ATTACHED HERETO BE **CONDITIONALLY APPROVED**.

PROPERTY ADDRESSES: 2712 & 2714 Wildwood Dr., 2505 & 2507 Windflower Dr.

LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS: Lots 11,12, 16, 17, Block 8, Black Gold Estates Subdivision Amended

KPB PARCEL NUMBERS: 03904007, 03904008, 03904011, 03904012

WHEREAS, the City of Kenai received a preliminary plat from McLane Consulting, on behalf of the property owner, Alexander Douthit for a replat of Lots 11,12, 16, 17, Block 8, Black Gold Estates Subdivision Amended; and,

WHEREAS, the preliminary plat meets the minimum lot width and minimum lot depth requirements as outlined in Kenai Municipal Code (KMC) Section 14.10.070(d)(2); and,

WHEREAS, the existing street names are referenced correctly; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed lots have access from Wildwood Drive (a City-maintained paved road) and Windflower Drive (a city-designated right of way and undeveloped road); and,

WHEREAS, A 10-foot easement for utilities is granted along the southeast boundary of current Lots 11 & 12 adjacent to the existing 120-foot Wildwood Drive right-of-way; and,

WHEREAS, the owner is requesting a vacation of a 10-foot utility easement between the southeast boundary of current Lots 16 & 17 and the northwest boundary of current Lots 11 & 12; and

WHEREAS, the owner is requesting a vacation of a 60-foot by 156-foot public right of way along the southeastern boundary of the new lot; and,

WHEREAS, the City does not have a public interest in retaining the 60-foot by 156-foot public right of way; and,

WHEREAS, City water and sewer lines are available to the lot; and,

WHEREAS, an installation agreement is not required; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission finds:

- 1. Pursuant to KMC 14.10.070 *Subdivision Design Standards*, the preliminary plat for replat, subject to the listed conditions, provides utilities/access easements, provides satisfactory and desirable building sites, and the on-site water and sewer systems will be subject to the regulatory requirements of the Public Works Department; and,
- 2. Pursuant to KMC 14.24.010 *Minimum lot area requirements*, the preliminary plat meets City standards for minimum lot size in the RS zoning district of 7,200 square feet, the proposed lot is approximately 40,816 square feet (0.937 acre).
- 3. Pursuant to KMC 14.24.020 *General Requirements*, the preliminary plat meets City standards for minimum lot width/depth and access/utility easements. Compliance with the maximum lot coverage, maximum height, and setbacks will be reviewed during the building permit review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA:

Section 1. That preliminary plat Black Gold Estates 2025 Replat be approved subject to the following conditions,

- 1. Further development of the property will conform to all federal, State of Alaska, and local regulations.
- The Kenai City Council must declare the unnamed sixty-foot right-of-way not needed for a public purpose and approve the vacation of the right-of-way as shown on the preliminary plat.

PASSED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA, THIS 26th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

JOE HALSTEAD, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST.

Meghan Thibodeau, Deputy City Clerk