# E. NEW BUSINESS

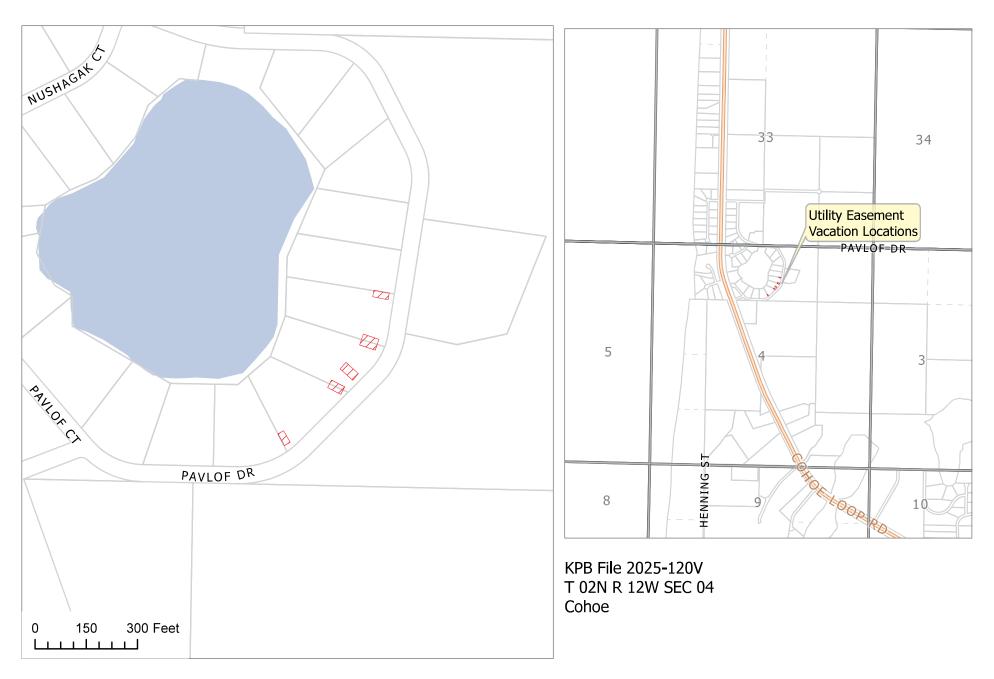
4. Utility Easement Vacation; KPB File 2025-120V Peninsula Surveying / Quint

Request: Vacates a 10'  $\times$  20' portion of the 10'  $\times$  30' anchor easement located on Lot 8 and all the interior anchor easements adjacent to lot lines within Lots 7 – 9, as shown by the detail on page 2 Highland Bluff Subdivision Quint Addition Plat KN 80-38 Cohoe Area

Vicinity Map



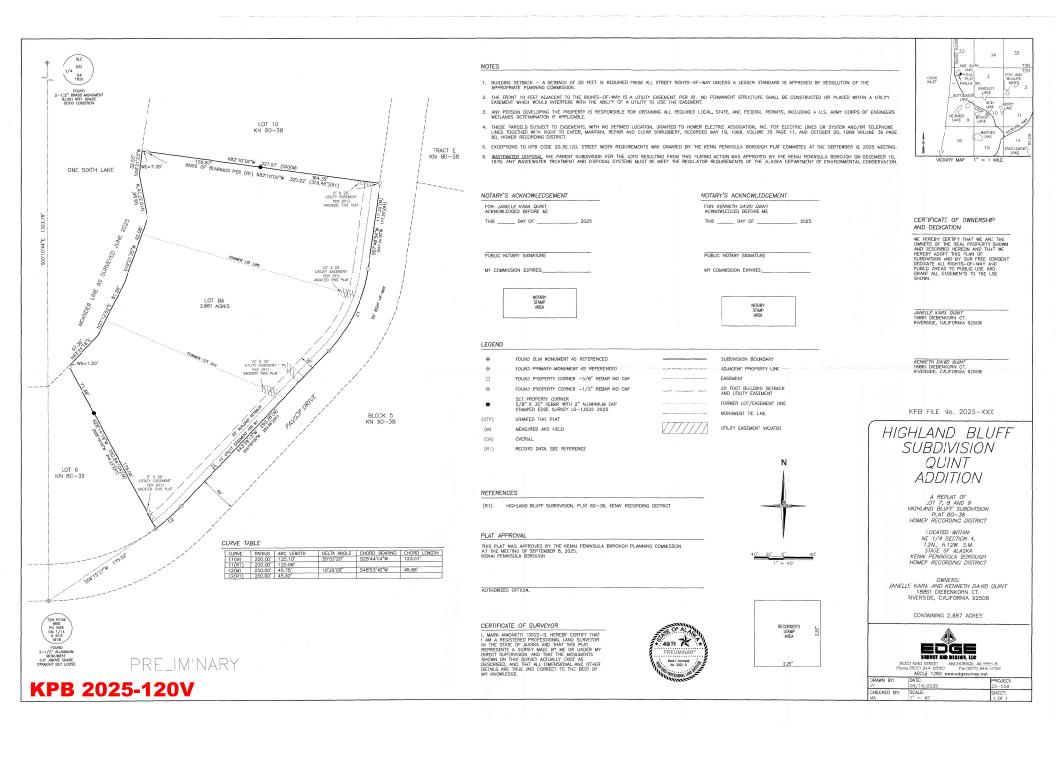








Aerial Map



#### **ITEM #4 - UTILITY EASEMENT ALTERATION**

VACATES A 10-FOOT BY 20-FOOT PORTION OF THE 10-FOOT BY 30-FOOT ANCHOR EASEMENT LOCATED ON LOT 8 AND ALL INTERIOR ANCHOR EASEMENTS ADJACENT TO THE LOT LINES WITHIN LOTS 7 THROUGH 9 BLOCK 4, AS SHOWN BY THE DETAIL ON PAGE 2, PLAT HIGHLAND BLUFF SUBDIVISION, KN 80-38

KPB File No.	2025-120V
Planning Committee Meeting:	September 22, 2025
Applicant / Owner:	Janelle Kara Quint and Kenneth David Quint of Riverside, CA
Surveyor:	Jason Young / Edge Survey & Design, LLC
General Location:	Pavlof Drive off Cohoe Loop Road, Cohoe

#### STAFF REPORT

**Specific Request / Purpose as stated in the petition:** The petitioner requests the vacation of a 10-foot by 20-foot utility easement within former Lot 8 Block 4 and the 5-foot by 20-foot utility easements along the current and former side lot lines granted by Plat 80-38, Kenai Recording District.

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

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

#### <u> Staff Analysis:</u>

Highland Bluff Subdivision (Plat HM 80-38) granted a 10-foot by 30-foot anchor easement near the eastern boundary of proposed former Lot 8 Block 4. A 10-foot by 20-foot portion of this easement is being petitioned to be vacated and is represented by a hatched area on the sketch.

Plat HM 80-38 granted 5-foot by 20-foot anchor easements on all side lot lines. The interior anchor easements adjacent to the lot lines within Lots 7, 8 & 9 Block 4 are being petitioned to be vacated as shown on the sketch.

Plat HM 80-38 granted a 10-foot utility easement adjacent to all rights-of-way.

If approved, this utility easement will be finalized by Highland Bluff Subdivision Quint Addition. This plat is scheduled to be reviewed during the September 22, 2025 Plat Committee meeting.

### Utility provider review:

HEA	No Objections
ENSTAR	No Comments or objections
ACS	No Objections
GCI	No Response

# **Applicant Findings:**

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

## Staff Findings:

- 5. The petition does not state that the anchor easements proposed to be vacated is not in use by a utility company.
- 6. ACS and HEA and KPB RSA provided written non-objection to the proposed vacation.
- 7. Highland Bluff Subdivision (Plat HM 80-38) granted a 10-foot by 30-foot anchor easement near the eastern boundary of former Lot 8.
- 8. Plat HM 80-38 granted 5-foot by 20-foot anchor easements on all side lot lines, not including the front 10' utility easement.
- 9. Plat HM 80-38 granted a 10-foot utility easement adjacent to rights-of-way
- 10. No surrounding properties will be denied utilities.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

**CORRECTIONS / EDITS** 

Change utility easement to Anchor Easements in the labels being vacated Modify the KPB File No to 2025-120V In the title block change Homer Recording District to Kenai Recording District More comments are with the subdivision review.

## **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 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**



