MEMORANDUM

TO:	Wayne Ogle, Assembly President
	Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

FROM: Marcus Mueller, Land Management Officer

DATE: May 31, 2018

RE: Vacation of approximately 710 feet of Idaho Street between Breiby Court and Lopez Avenue and vacate the associated 10-foot-wide utility easements adjacent to the west and east sides of the Idaho Street right-of-way as granted by Heaven's View Subdivision. The right-of-way being vacated is unconstructed and located within the N1/2 SW1/4 of Section 25, Township 5 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, within the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

In accordance with AS 29.40.140, no vacation of a Borough right-of-way and/or easement may be made without the consent of the Borough Assembly.

During their regularly scheduled meeting of May 29, 2018, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission granted approval of the proposed right-of-way and utility easement vacations by unanimous consent based on the following findings of fact. This petition is being sent to you for your consideration and action.

Findings

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Draft, unapproved minutes of the pertinent portion of the meeting and other related materials are attached.

cc: petitioners' w/minutes only



Charlie Pierce Borough Mayor

May 31, 2018

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF DECISION MEETING OF MAY 29, 2018

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By unanimous consent, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission granted approval of the proposed right-of-way and utility easement vacations during their regularly scheduled meeting of May 29, 2018 based on the following findings of fact and conditions.

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Please contact the Borough Clerk's office (907-714-2160 or 1-800-478-4441 toll-free within the borough) for additional information.

This notice and unapproved minutes of the subject portion of the meeting were sent May 29, 2018 to:

Dean Robinson PO Box 1858 Soldotna, AK 99669-1858

Randal Jensen 40707 Lopez Ave Soldotna, AK 99669 David & Carolyn Bradford 40688 Lopez Ave Soldotna, AK 99669-8503

AGENDA ITEM F. PUBLIC HEARING

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Staff Report given by Scott Huff

PC Meeting: 5/29/18

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Petitioners: Dean R. Robinson, David C. Bradford, & Randal D. Jensen of Soldotna, AK.

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Enstar: No comments, recommendations or objections.

KPB Code Compliance: No comments.

KPB GIS: Addresses will be checked during the preliminary plat review. Existing street names are correct.

KPB Planner: No local option zone or material site issues.

KPB Roads Department: No comments.

River Center: The proposed vacation is not within a mapped flood hazard zone and is not affected by the Anadromous Habitat Protection District.

State Department of Fish & Game: No objections.

State Parks: No comments.

Staff Discussion:

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Currently, the block is a platted looped access. The block is generally defined by Lopez Avenue, Idaho Street, McSmith Avenue, and Charles Street.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Based on Findings 1-5, 7, 9, and 13-16, staff recommends approval of the vacation as petitioned, subject to:

1. Consent by the KPB Assembly.

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- 2. Submittal of a preliminary plat in accordance with Chapter 20 of the KPB Code.
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KPB 20.70.130:

THE FINAL PLAT MUST BE RECORDED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE VACATION CONSENT IN KPB 20.70.110.

END OF STAFF REPORT

Chairman Martin opened the meeting for public comment. Seeing and hearing no one wishing to speak Chairman Martin closed the public comment period and opened discussion among the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Foster moved, seconded by Commissioner Carluccio to approve the vacation of approximately 710 feet of Idaho Street between Breiby Court and Lopez Ave and the associated 10 foot wide utility easements citing the following findings of fact and per staff recommendations.

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VOTE: The motion passed by unanimous consent.

BENTZ	CARLUCCIO	ECKLUND	ERNST	FIKES	FOSTER	ISHAM
ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT
MARTIN	MORGAN	RUFFNER	VENUTI	WHITNEY		9 YES
YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES		3 ABSENT

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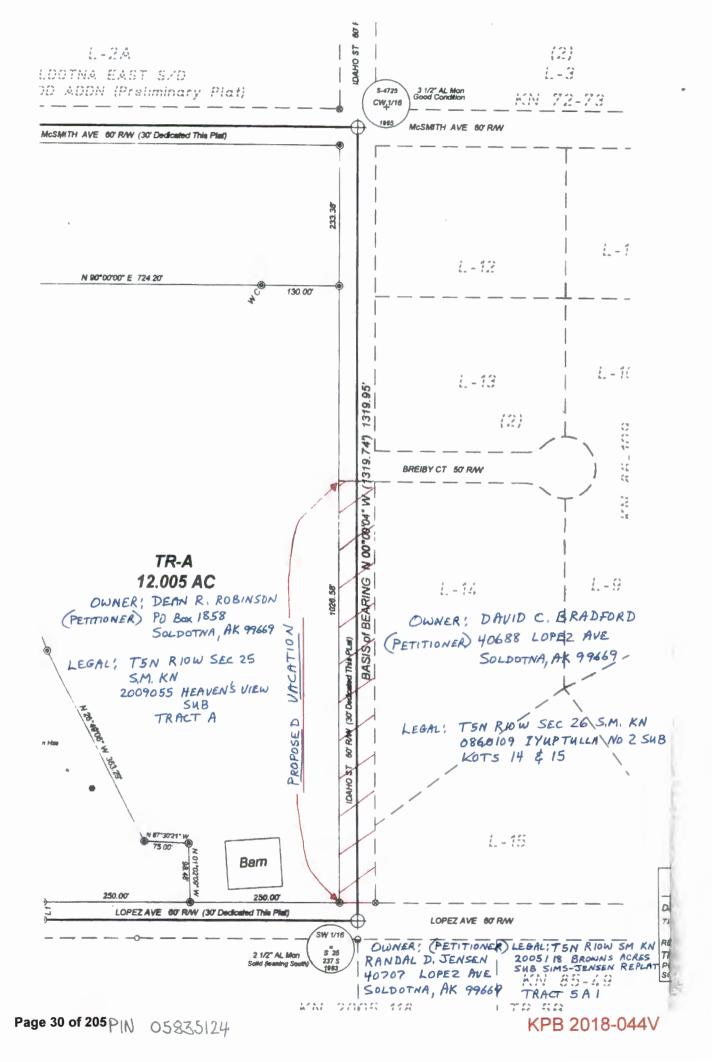
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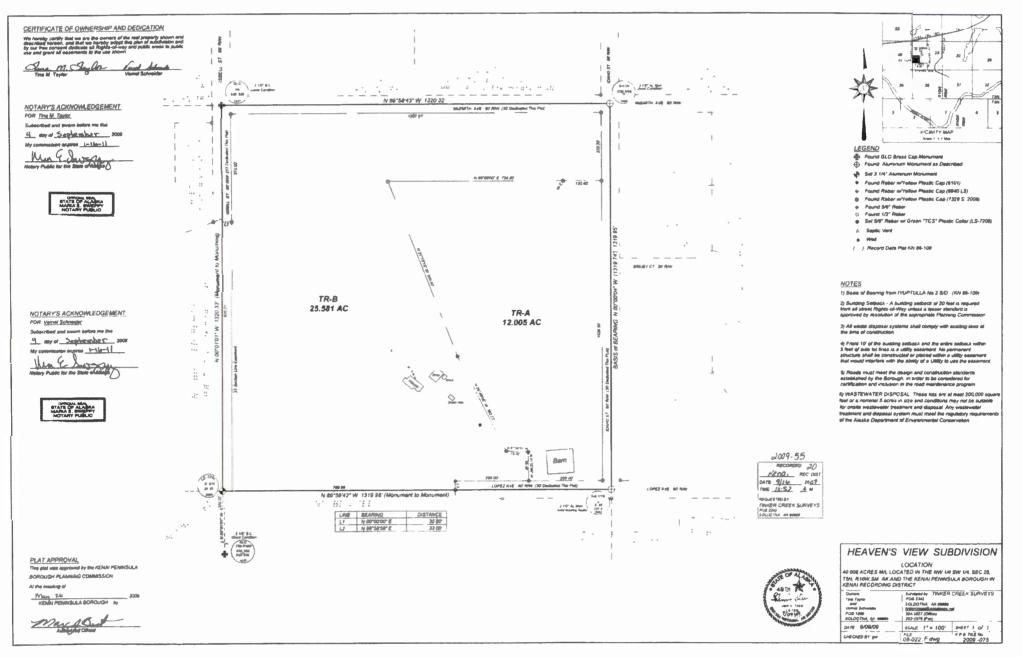
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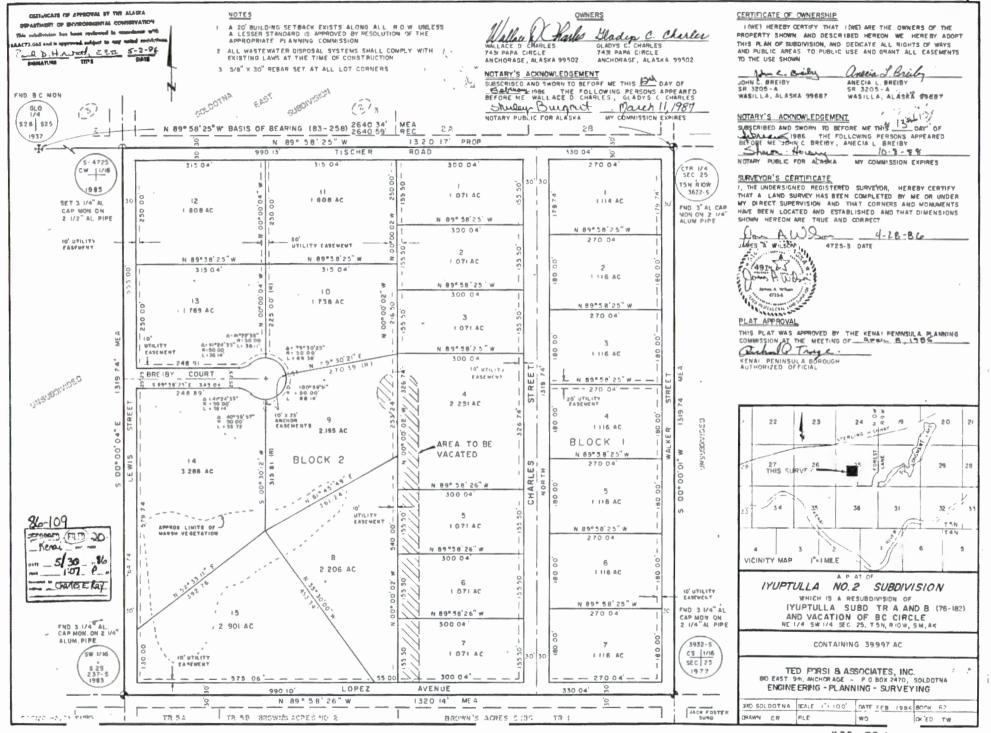
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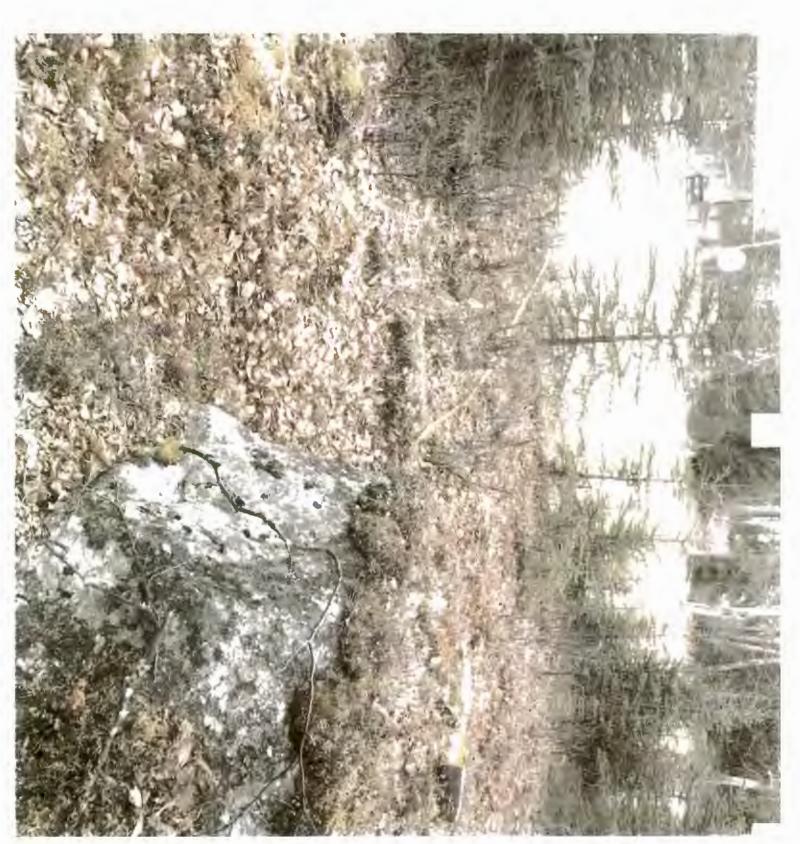
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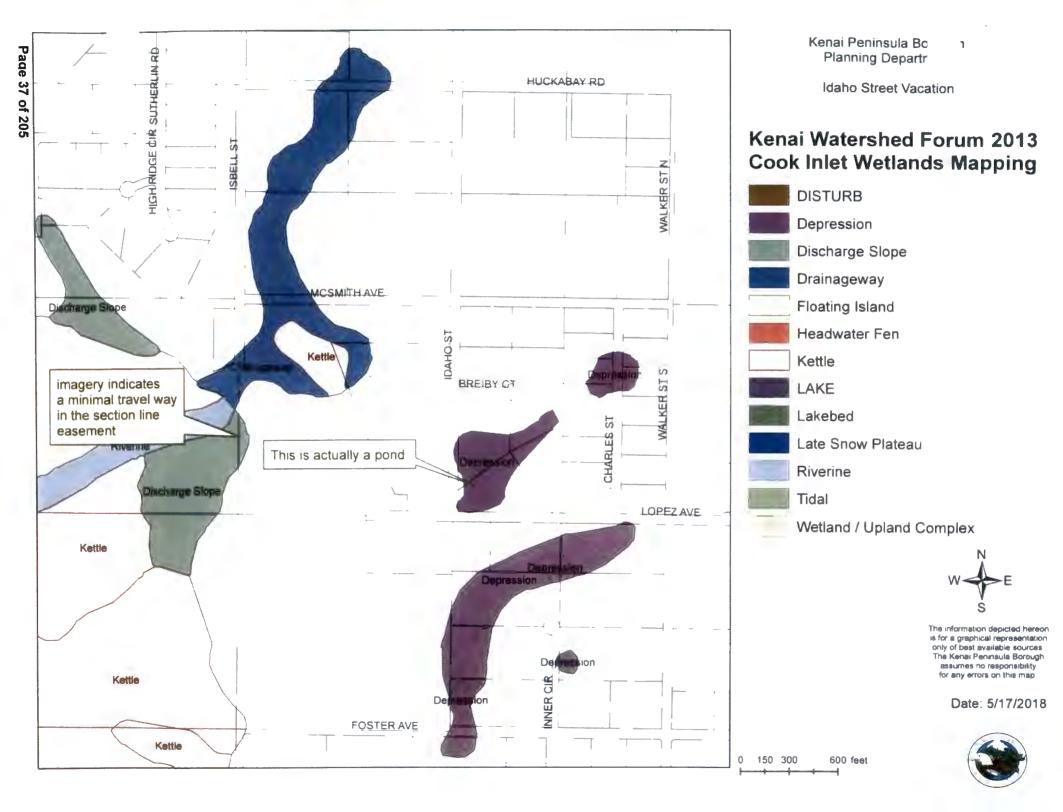
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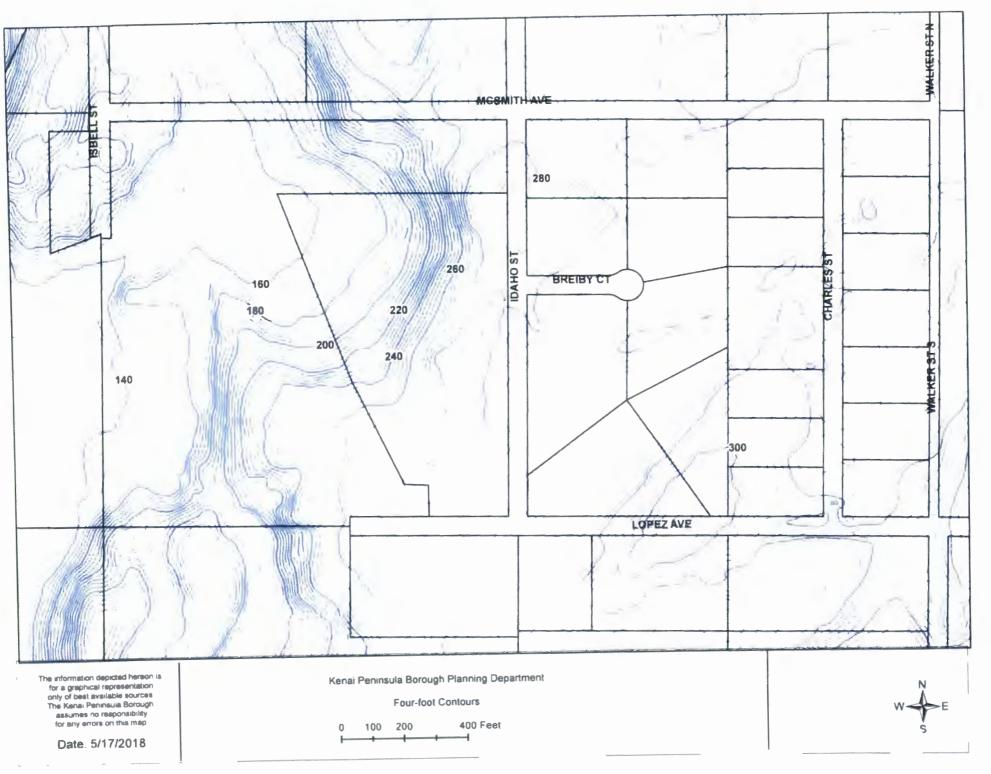
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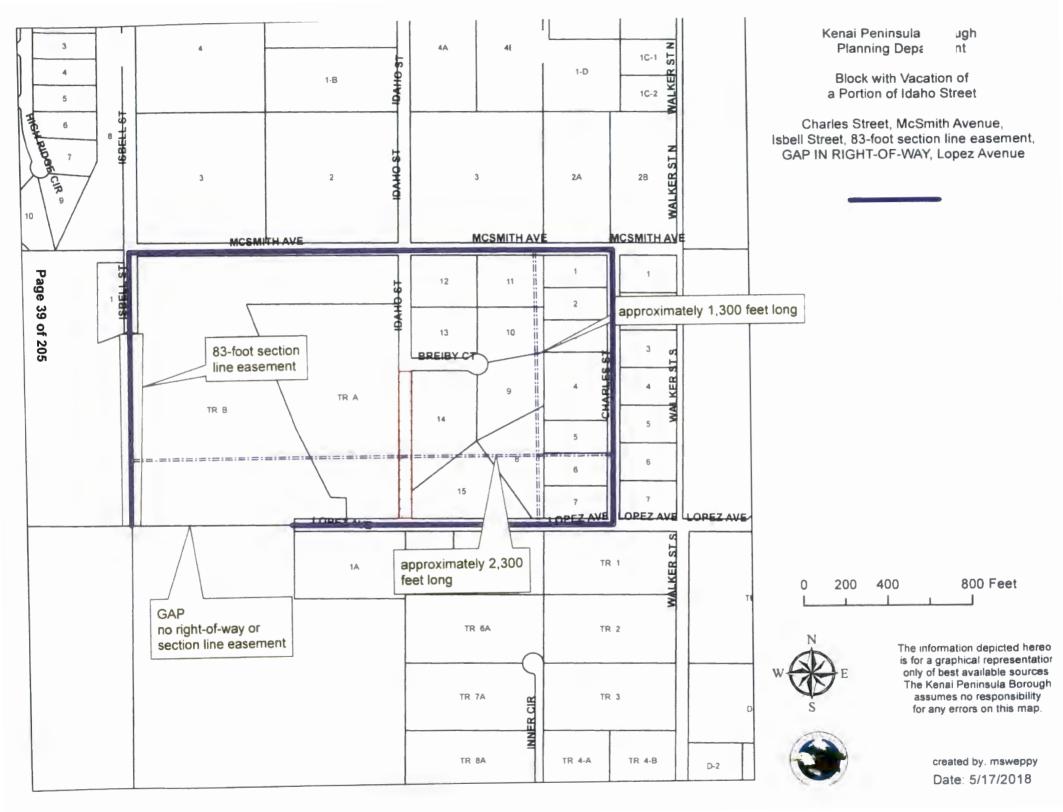
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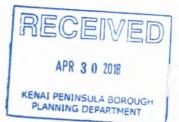








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Petition to Vacate Public Right-of-Way/Easement/Platted Public Area Public Hearing Required

Upon receipt of complete application with fees and all required attachments, a public hearing before the Planning Commission will be scheduled. The petition with all required information and attachments must be in the Planning Department at least 30 days prior to the preferred hearing date. By State Statute and Borough Code, the public hearing must be scheduled within 60 days of receipt of complete application.

\$500 non-refundable fee to help defray costs of advertising public hearing.

City Advisory Planning Commission. Copy of minutes at which this item was acted on, along with a copy of City Staff Report.

 Name of public right-of-way proposed to be vacated is dedicated by the plat of Heaven's View

 Heaven's View
 Subdivision, filed as Plat No.
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Are there associated utility easements to be vacated? Ves No

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Submit three copies of plat or map showing area proposed to be vacated. Must not exceed 11x17 inches in size. In the case of public right-of-way, the submittal must include a sketch showing which parcels the vacated area will be attached to. Proposed alternative dedication is to be shown and labeled on the sketch.

Has right-of-way been fully or partially constructed? Is right-of-way used by vehicles / pedestrians / other? Is alternative right-of-way being provided?

Yes	🗹 No
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Yes	[7] No

The petitioner must provide reasonable justification for the vacation. Reason for vacating:

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The petition must be signed (written signature) by owners of the majority of land fronting the right-ofway, easement, or platted public area proposed to be vacated. Each petitioner must include address and legal description of his/her or poperty.

Submitted By: Dean R. Robinson Name: Dean R. Robinson Address PO Box 1858 Soldotna, Alaska 99669 Phone (907) 262-9042 CELL 907	Signature as: Petitioner Representative OWNER OF; TSN RIOW SEC 25 SM KN 2009055 HEAVENS VIEW SH8 7398-1955 TRACT A
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ROW Easement Vacation Petition & Procedures Revised 2/21/14