# **E. NEW BUSINESS**

6. Building Setback Permit; KPB File 2022-098; PC RES 2022-37 Lot 1A, Block 1, Clearwater Subdivision Harpring Replat; Plat KN 2005-126 No Surveyor / Harpring Funny River Area



## Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department

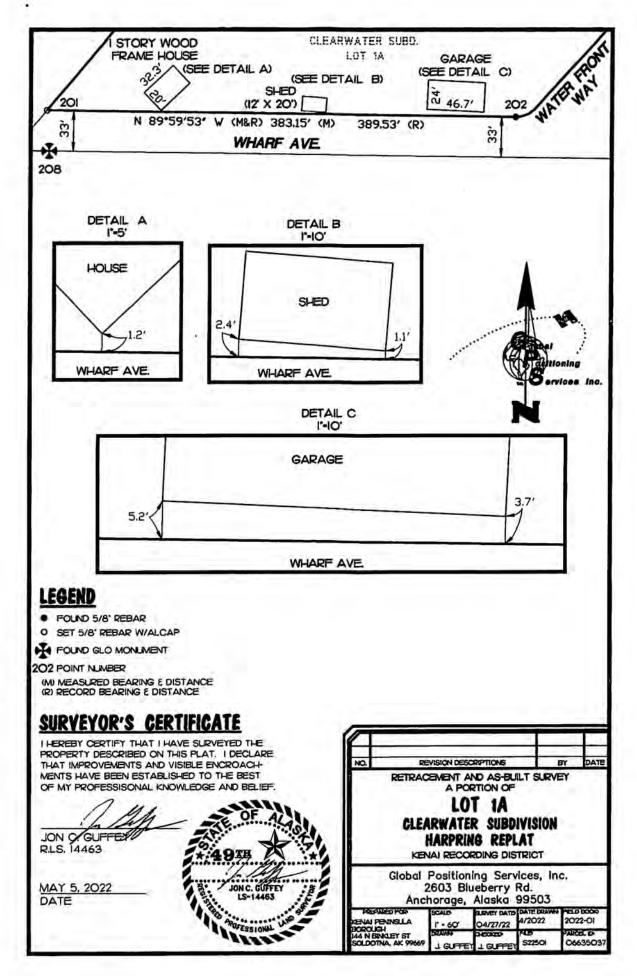
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#### AGENDA ITEM E. NEW BUSINESS

#### ITEM 6. – BUILDING SETBACK ENCROACHMENT PERMIT LOT 1A BLOCK 1 CLEARWATER SUBDIVISION HARPRING REPLAT, KN 2005-126

KPB File No. 2022-098
Planning Commission August 8, 2022

Meeting:

Applicant / Owner: Blaine D. Gilman / James Harpring

**Surveyor:** Jon Guffey / Global Positioning Services, Inc.

General Location: Wharf Avenue, Water Front Way, Funny River area / Funny River APC

**Parent Parcel No.:** 066-350-37

**Legal Description:** Clearwater Subdivision Harpring Replat Lot 1A Block 1, KN 2005-126

Assessing Use: Residential Rural Unrestricted

#### **STAFF REPORT**

<u>Specific Request / Purpose as stated in the petition:</u> This is a summary the entire request is included within the packet. A request for a setback encroachment permit for three buildings within the 20 foot building setback along Wharf Avenue.

<u>Site Investigation:</u> There are numerous structures within the property lines of the subject parcel. Per the as-built provided, three of the structures are encroaching into the 20 foot building setback.

The property is on the corner of Water Front Way, a 60 foot wide dedicated right-of-way is not maintained by the borough, and Wharf Avenue. Wharf Avenue is a 33 foot wide dedication atop a section line easement. The only portion of Wharf Avenue that appears to be in use is what appears to be used as the driveway to the property. Wharf Avenue is not maintained by the borough and beyond the owner's entrance to his property it appears there may be a small clearing that ends at the Kenai River. The property south of Wharf Avenue is owned by the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources and appears to be subject to a section line easement adjacent to the Wharf Avenue dedication.

Per the photos submitted there does not appear to be any sight distance issues.

<u>Staff Analysis:</u> The property was originally part of Government Lot 10, T5N, R9W, Section 28. Clearwater Subdivision, Plat KN 77-196, subdivided that government lot in addition to several others in the area. The plat created Lots 1 and 2 within Block 1. The plat also dedicated a 33 foot wide portion of Boundary Avenue, later changed to Wharf Avenue, and 60 foot wide Water Front Way. A 5 foot utility easement was placed along Boundary Avenue and Water Front Way with a depiction and label. Per the plat notes, "All lots are subject to a 20' building set back along dedicated R/W's."

Clearwater Subdivision, Plat KN 77-196, was later amended and recorded as Clearwater Subdivision Amended, Plat KN 92-47. Per the surveyor's note, the correction was a bearing typo on the shared lot line between Lot 1 and Lot 2 of Block 1.

Mr. Harpring had the property replatted in 2005, Clearwater Subdivision Harpring Replat, KN 2005-126. The plat did not depict the setbacks or utility easements but did indicate they existed per the plat notes. Per plat note 2, "Building Setback – A setback of 20 feet is required from all street Rights-of-Way unless a lesser standard is approved by resolution by the appropriate Planning Commission." Plat note 4 described the utility easements the

property was subject to, which is the code required minimum 10 feet along the dedicated rights-of-way. The minutes and the staff report presented did not address any possible issues with the setbacks or utility easements.

In 2013, Mr. Harpring petitioned to have the section line easement and the right-of-way dedication vacated. Staff reviewed the packets and staff reports from those meetings and there was no discussion specific to the setbacks or any possible encroachments.

Staff became aware that there was a possibility of right-of-way encroachments within Wharf Avenue and contacted Mr. Harpring. As the as-built provided indicates there is not any encroachments into the right-of-way but the structures in question do reside within the building setback that was put into place with Plat KN 77-196, shown on Plat KN 92-47, and carried over onto Plat KN 2005-126. There has not been an application received regarding the utility easement encroachments.

Per the as-built signed on May 5, 2022, the house is at an angle with the one corner 1.2 feet from the edge of the right-of-way resulting in an 18.8 feet encroachment. The as-built also shows a shed that is at an angle with one corner being 1.1 feet and the other corner 2.4 feet from the edge of the right-of-way, resulting in an 18.9 foot encroachment that lessens to 17.6 feet. The garage is also at a slight angle with one corner 3.7 feet and the other 5.2 feet from the edge of the right-of-way, resulting in a 16.3 foot encroachment that lessens to 14.8 feet. There was no indication of the encroaching structures foundation types.

#### **Findings:**

- 1. A setback was put into place by Clearwater Subdivision, Plat KN 77-196.
- 2. Through the years the property in question has been before the Plat Committee/Planning Commission with no discussion of possible encroachments per meeting minutes.
- 3. The property has a 20-foot building setback along the 33-foot dedicated Wharf Avenue.
- 4. Three structures are encroaching into the setback.
- 5. The status of the foundations is not known.
- 6. The house is 18.8 feet into the setback.
- 7. The shed is 18.9 feet into the setback.
- 8. The garage is 16.3 feet into the setback.
- 9. The right-of-way is not constructed beyond the owner's driveway.
- 10. The right-of-way is not maintained by the Kenai Peninsula Borough.
- 11. With section line easements present, there is an 83 foot wide access.
- 12. The KPB Roads Department provided a comment of no comment at this time.

#### 20.10.110. - Building setback encroachment permits.

- E. The following standards shall be considered for all building setback encroachment permit applications:
  - 1. The building setback encroachment may not interfere with road maintenance.

#### Findings 9-12 appear to support this standard.

2. The building setback encroachment may not interfere with sight lines or distances.

#### Findings 9-12 appear to support this standard.

3. The building setback encroachment may not create a safety hazard.

#### Findings 9-12 appear to support this standard.

F. The granting of a building setback encroachment permit will only be for the portion of the improvement or building that is located within the building setback and the permit will be valid for the life of the structure or for a period of time set by the Planning Commission. The granting of a building setback permit will not remove any portion of the 20 foot building setback from the parcel.

G. The Planning Commission shall approve or deny a building setback encroachment permit. If approved, a resolution will be adopted by the planning commission and recorded by the planning department within the time frame set out in the resolution to complete the permit. The resolution will require an exhibit drawing showing, and dimensioning, the building setback encroachment permit area. The exhibit drawing shall be prepared, signed and sealed, by a licensed land surveyor.

KPB department / agency review:

KPB Roads Dept. comments	It doesn't appear that anything is in the ROW. The RSA has no comment at this time.
SOA DOT comments	No comment given
State of Alaska Fish and Game	
Code Compliance	Mr Harpring application has the support of Code compliance for a exception of the 20 ft set back. Although evidence shows he had knowledge of the setback each time he signed the plat. The as-built created depicts that the structures are built fully in the 20 ft.
Planner	
Advisory Planning Commission	The Funny River APC heard this at their July 12, 2022 meeting. Four members were allowed to vote on the item. The motion to support the permit was approved unanimously.

Utility provider review:

Addressing	
Code Compliance	
Planner	
Assessing	
Advisory Planning Commission	

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Based on the standards to grant a building setback encroachment permit, **staff recommends** to adopt Resolution 2022-37 subject to compliance with KPB 20.10.110 sections F and G.

### NOTE:

20.10.110.(H) A decision of the planning commission may be appealed to the hearing officer by a party of record, as defined by KPB 20.90, within 15 days of the date of notice of decision in accordance with KPB 21.20.250.

**END OF STAFF REPORT** 

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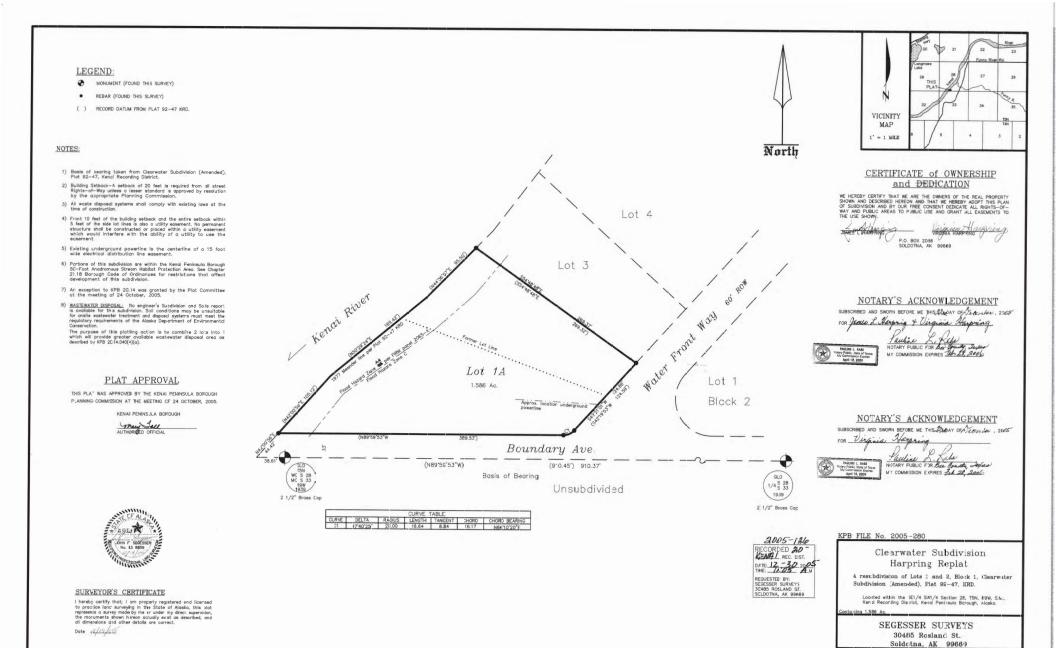












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SURVEYED: July, 2001

FIELD BOOK: 01-1

DRAWN:

SCALE:

SHEET:

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1"= 40"