E. NEW BUSINESS

 Utility Easement Vacation; KPB File 2022-148V Location: Lots 2A-1 &2B-1, Seldovia Townsite East Addn. 2006 Replat; Plat SL 2007-3



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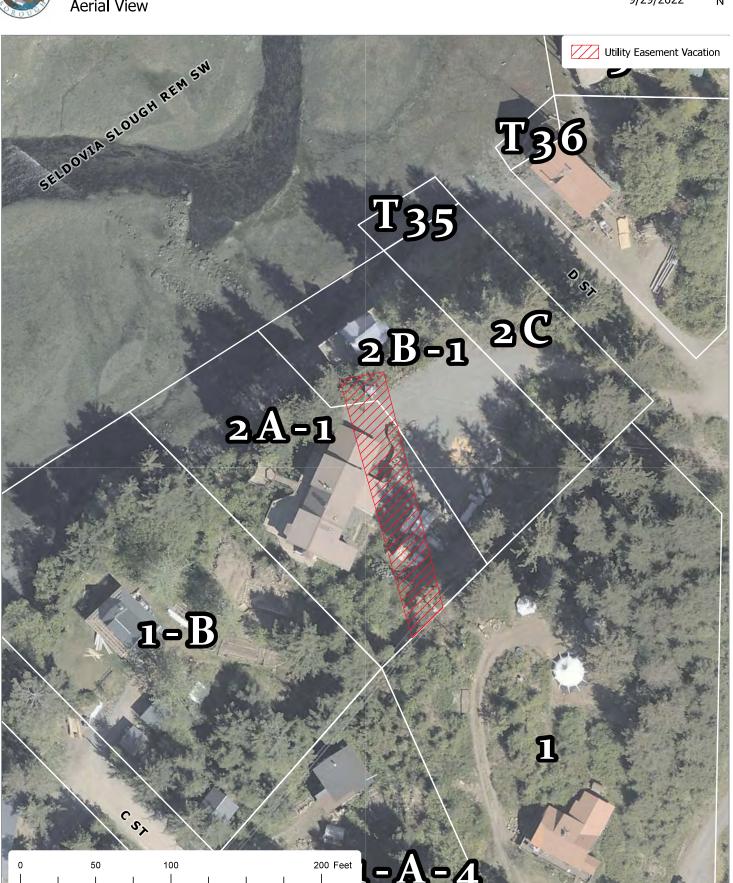
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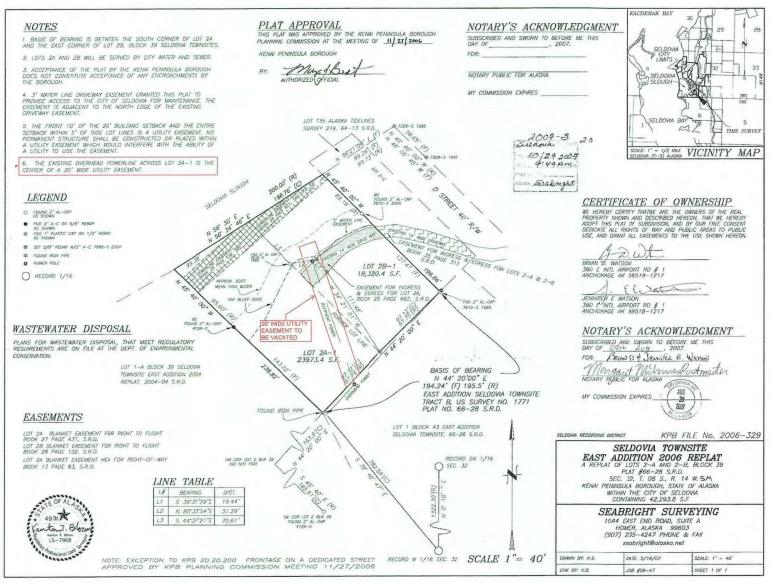
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ITEM 2 – UTILITY EASEMENET ALTERATION – 20 FOOT WIDE HOMER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION EASEMENT WITHIN LOTS 2A-1 AND 2B-1 OF SELDOVIA TOWNSITE EAST ADDITION 2006 REPLAT

KPB File No. 2022-148V

Planning Commission Meeting: October 24, 2022

Applicant / Owner: Jennifer Watson of Anchorage, Alaska

Surveyor:

General Location: City of Seldovia

STAFF REPORT

Specific Request / Purpose as stated in the petition: Easement not in use.

<u>Notification:</u> Notice of vacation mailings were sent by regular mail to seventy-three owners of property within 600 feet. Notice of the proposed vacation was emailed to eleven 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> Seldovia Townsite East Addition 2006 Replat, Plat SL 2007-3, depicted an overhead powerline within Lot 2A-1. Per plat note 6 the line was the center of a 20 foot utility easement. The end of the line would then include a portion of the easement to be within Lot 2B-1. The easement was not depicted on the earlier plat. Plat SL 2007-3 created the utility easement.

The owner submitted the proposal to HEA as the owner of the line to see if they objected to the removal of the easement. HEA stated the powerline had been removed and the easement was no longer required.

The City of Seldovia Planning Commission did not meet to discuss this action due to lack of a quorum. The City Council reviewed the petition at their September 12, 2022 meeting. The council voted unanimously to approve the petition for alteration to a platted utility easement.

A replat of the two lots subject to the easement has been submitted and was approved by the Plat Committee on November 29, 2021. Seldovia Townsite East Addn. Watson 2021 Replat, KPB File 2021-148, is reconfiguring the shared lot line. A final was submitted and reviewed. The final plat still depicts the utility easement. Unless something unexpected occurs, it is expected to record prior to October 14, 2022. The new plat does grant a new 20 foot wide utility easement over an overhead powerline located in a different location on the property. The petition states it is intended to finalize by resolution.

Utility provider review:

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| HEA | This line has been removed and the platted easement is not required at this time. HEA agrees | | | |
| | to the vacation of the 20 foot wide easement per SL 2007-3. | | | |
| ENSTAR | | | | |
| ACS | No objections | | | |
| GCI | Approved as shown | | | |

Findings:

- 1. HEA has stated the powerline has been removed and the easement is no longer needed.
- 2. The Seldovia City Council agreed to the petition.
- 3. Seldovia Townsite East Addition 2006 Replat, Plat SL 2007-003, granted the 20 foot utility easement centered on the existing overhead powerline.
- 4. A replat of the property will be granting new utility easements over the new existing powerlines.
- 5. No surrounding properties will be denied utilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on consideration of the merits as outlined by Staff comments and Staff findings, Staff recommends APPROVAL of the utility easement alteration as petitioned, subject to:

- 1. Grant utility easements requested by the Seldovia 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 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.

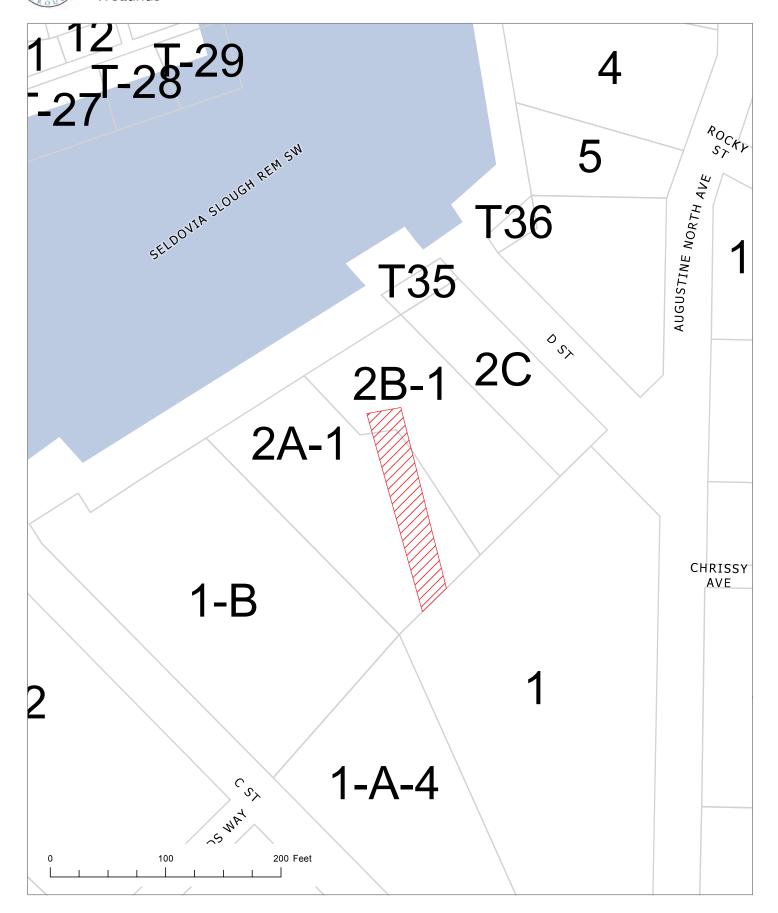
Goal 3. Preserve and improve quality of life on the Kenai Peninsula Borough through increased access to local and regional facilities, activities, programs and services.

- 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

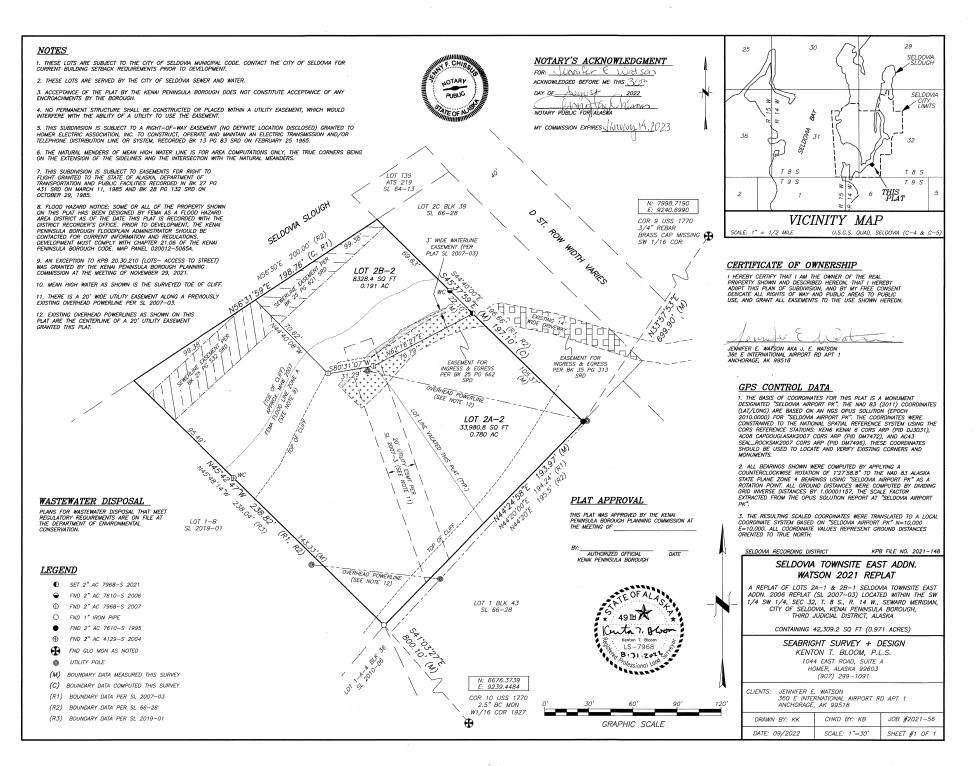


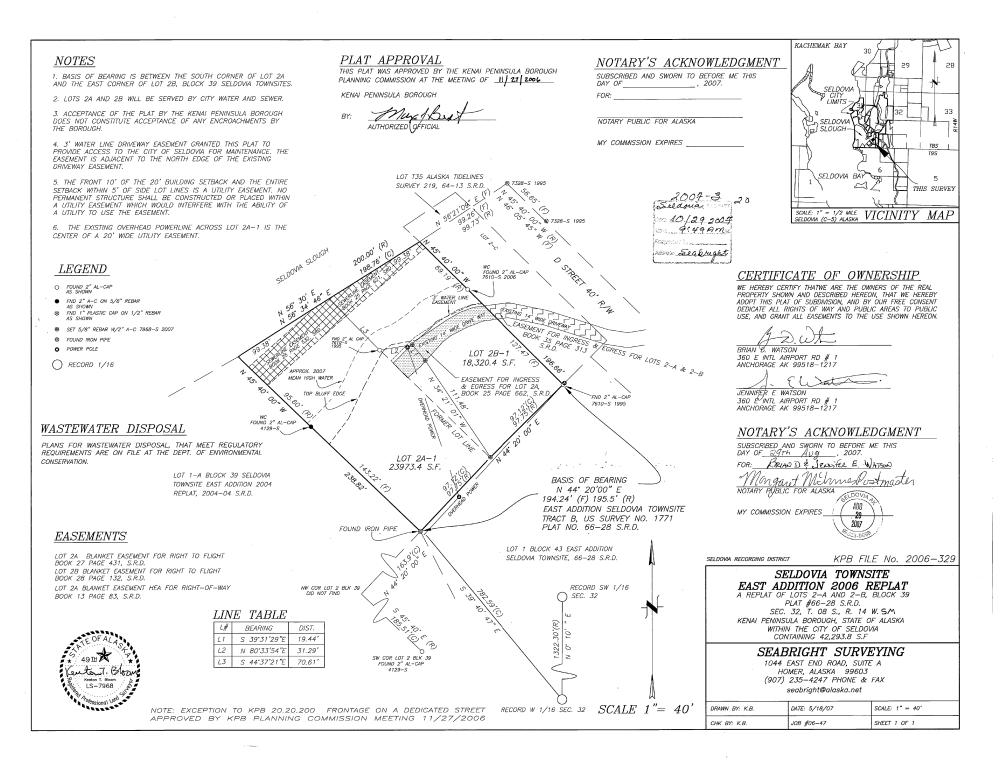


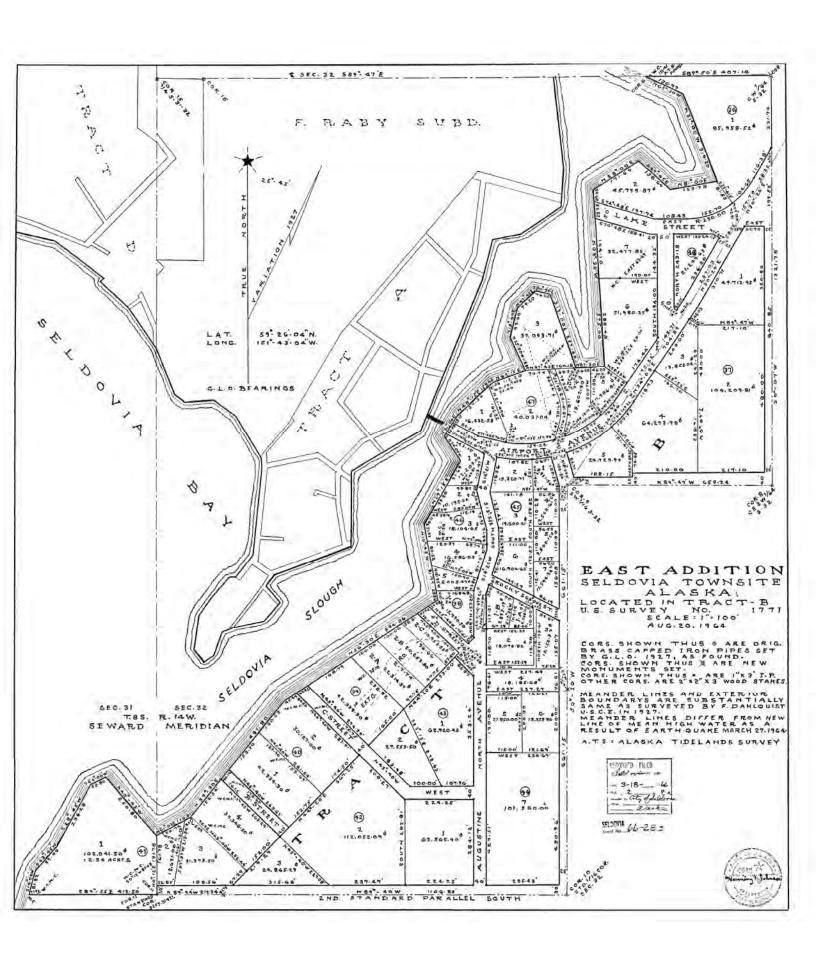












Transportation, Senator Murkowski were aware of Jakolof Bay Dock situation.

CONSENSUS OF COUNCIL TO BRING BACK THE DISCUSSION AT NEXT REGULAR MEETING

5. PETITION FOR ALTERATION TO PLATTED UTILITY EASEMENT- WATSON 2022

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

CLERK GEAGEL- Presented a petition to vacate a 20-foot HEA Utility Easement in the Seldovia Townsite East Addition. A staff report with recommended findings and a comment in support of the vacation from HEA was also presented. The petition was received by the City and scheduled to be presented at the regular Seldovia Planning Commission regular meeting last week, which was cancelled from lack of quorum. Petitions should be reviewed within 30 days of receipt and due to the deadline this petition was now being referred to council for consideration.

b. Council Discussion

NATHAN, PAYTON, ROJAS, MAYOR CAMPBELL- Spoke in support of approving the petition to vacate.

c. Public Presentation or Hearing (public has 3 min each)

MAYOR CAMPBELL- Called for public comment and none was heard.

d. Action/Disposition

CLERK GEAGEL- Asked for the consideration of the council to approve the petition for alteration to a platted utility easement for Watson 2022 with findings as attached in the staff report.

NATHAN/ROJAS SO MOVED

ROLL CALL VOTE/ SWEATT-Y, ROJAS-Y, KENNEDY-Y, SWICK-Y, PAYTON-Y, NATHAN-Y/MOTION PASSED

N. City Manager's Report: Provided in the Laydown

CM FRIEDLANDER- Presented the city manager's report as written and was available for questions.

- O. Informational Items Not Requiring Action:
 - 1. Notice of Regular Election: October 04, 2022
 - 2. There will be a 4:00pm work session on September 26, 2022 to discuss the City Manager and Chief Police transition
- P. Executive Session:
- Q. Council and Mayor Comments Concerning Items Not on the Agenda:

SWEATT, ROJAS, PAYTON- Provided thanks to the staff, council, and people in attendance.

NATHAN- Discussed having chased another helicopter off the runup pad at airport and he wished they could somehow get the state to put up signs or paint notice on the pad. It took twenty years to get the pad and now every time he turned around there was a helicopter on it.

MAYOR CAMPBELL- Discussed having had an opportunity to attend the school taco open house and having been surprised to see how many people showed up. It was packed and the principal told him there were 54 kids attending the school. He spoke to it being nice to know as before they were slipping into the low 30's for attendance and he provided thanks to the staff.

- R. Next Meeting: The next Regular Meeting will be held on September 26, 2022 at 6:00 pm.
- S. Adjournment:

ROJAS/SWICK MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:23PM NO OBJECTION/MOTION PASSED

| I certify the above represents accurate | minutes of City of | f Seldovia Council | meeting of September | 12 2022 |
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| Heidi Geagel, City Clerk | |
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| Approved by Council | |

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION 2022-47 SELDOVIA RECORDING DISTRICT

Vacate the entire 20-foot-wide utility easement centered along the shown overhead powerline within Lot 2A-1, Seldovia Townsite East Addition 2006 Replat (SL 2007-3), granted by Seldovia Townsite East Addition 2006 Replat (SL 2007-3); within SW1/4 SW1/4 Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 14 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, within the Kenai Peninsula Borough. KPB File 2022-148V

WHEREAS, Jennifer Watson of Anchorage, Alaska requested the vacation of the 20-foot-wide utility easement centered on an overhead powerline located on Lot 2A-1, Seldovia Townsite East Addition 2006 Replat (SL 2007-3), granted by Seldovia Townsite East Addition 2006 Replat (SL 2007-3) and;

WHEREAS, per KPB 20.30.060(A) – Easements – Requirements, the planning commission may require easements it determines necessary for the benefit of the public. Such easements include, but are not limited to, lateral support (slope) easements, drainage easements for ditching or protection of a drainage, and utility easements. Required easements do not need to be for road purposes.

WHEREAS, affected utility companies provided written non-objection to the proposed vacation; and

WHEREAS, per the petition, the easement is not in use by any utility companies; and

WHEREAS, the proposed vacation will not deny utility easement(s) to surrounding properties; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2022, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission considered the background information, all comments received, and recommendations from KPB Planning Department staff regarding the proposed vacation; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has found that vacating the utility easement will not be detrimental to the public interest; and

WHEREAS, 20.65.070 of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Code of Ordinances authorizes the Planning Commission to accomplish vacations by Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. 20-foot-wide utility easement centered on an overhead powerline located on Lot 2A-1, Seldovia Townsite East Addition 2006 Replat (SL 2007-3), granted by Seldovia Townsite East Addition 2006 Replat (SL 2007-3), is hereby vacated.

Section 2. That an exhibit drawing or as built survey, prepared by a licensed surveyor, showing the location of the portion of the utility easement being vacated be attached to, and made a part of this resolution, becoming Page 2 of 2.

 $\underline{\text{Section 3.}}$ That this resolution is eligible for recording upon being signed by the Planning Commission chairperson and will be deemed void if not recorded within 90 days of adoption.

<u>Section 4.</u> That this Resolution becomes effective upon being properly recorded with petitioner being responsible for payment of recording fee.

ADOPTED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 24th DAY OF OCTOBER 2022.

| ATTEST: | Jeremy Brantley, Chairperson Planning Commission | |
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| Ann Shirnberg Administrative Assistant | | |
| Return to: Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department 144 North Binkley Street | | |

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