# E. NEW BUSINESS

2. Building Setback Encroachment Permit; KPB File 2023-097 Petitioner/Landowner Frison

Request: 40-foot garage to be constructed in the 20-foot

building setback

Location: Block 1, Lot 1, Ashton Park Subdivision

Plat KN 1997-074 Kalifornsky Area

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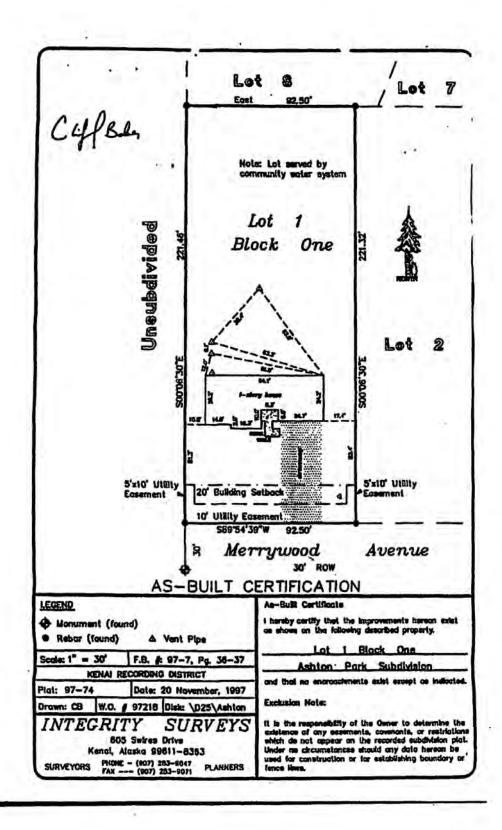


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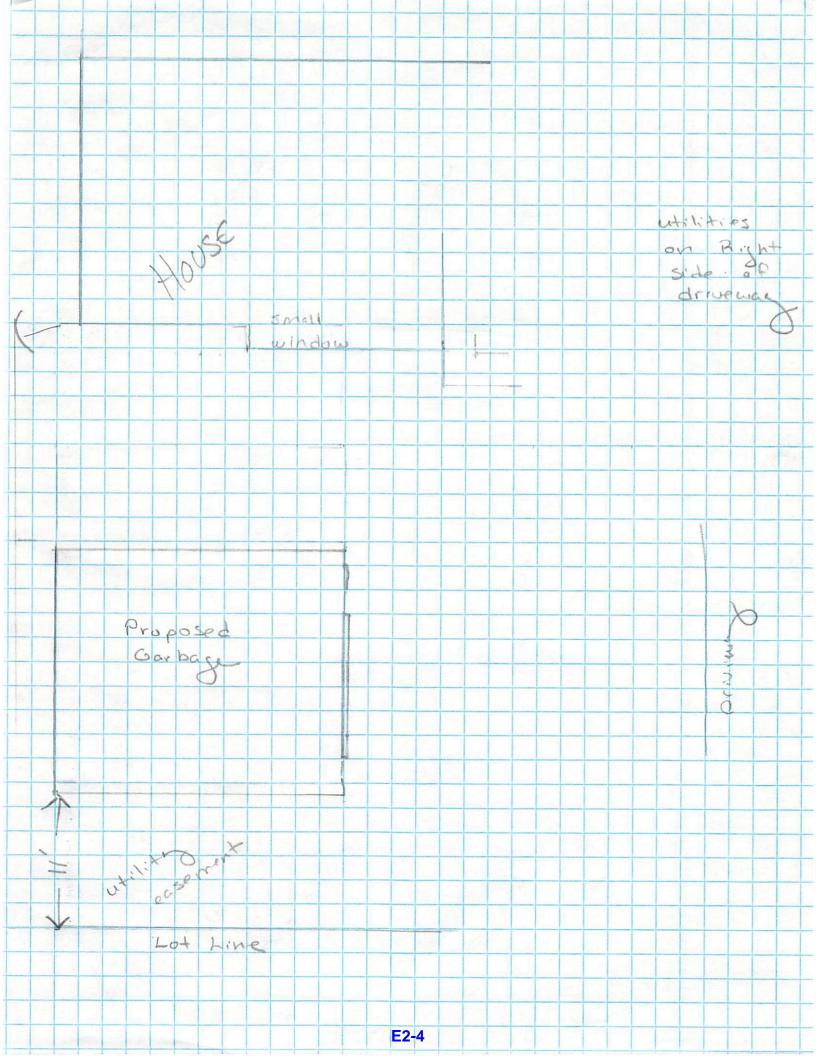
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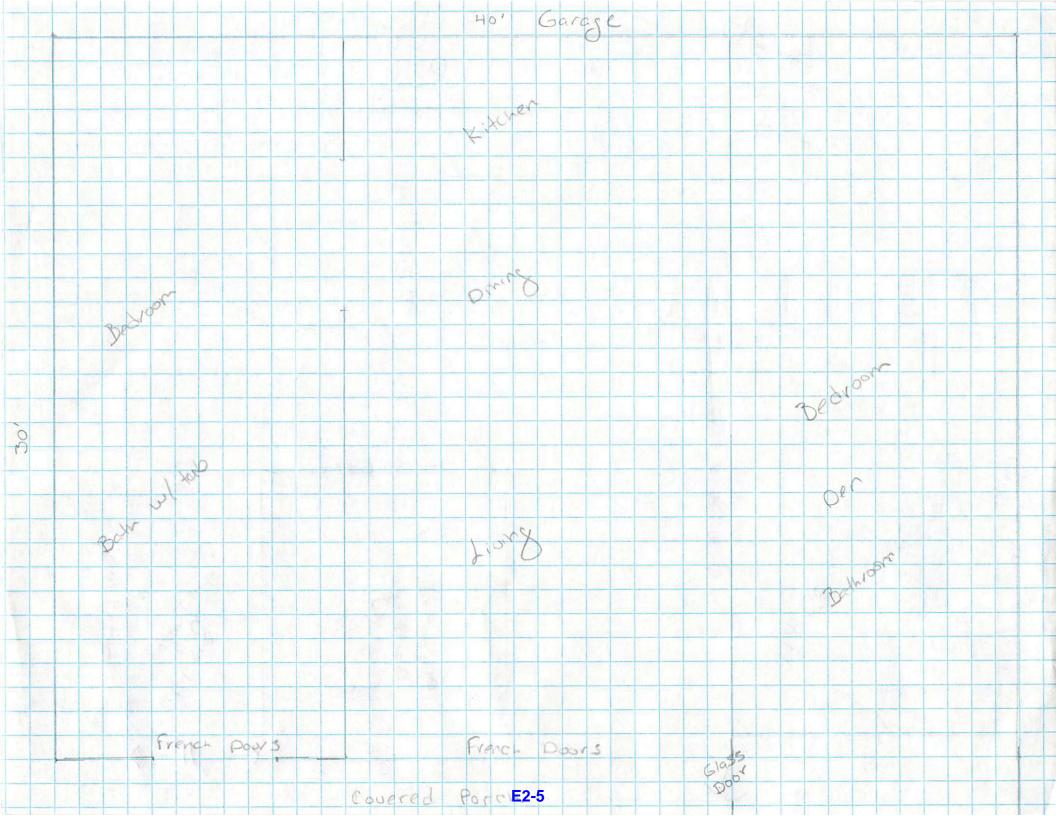
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# **KPB 2023-097**





### **Quainton, Madeleine**

From: Laurel Frison < laurelfrison@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 10:20 AM

**To:** Quainton, Madeleine

Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Re: Ashton Park Subdivision Building Setback Permit KPB 2023-097

**CAUTION**: This email originated from outside of the KPB system. Please use caution when responding or providing information. Do not click on links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender, know the content is safe and were expecting the communication.

I meant to add a letter of explanation to the permit request, but it was so last minute and so much going on... and we already had a good contractor set up to work on it this month. So glad we looked at the As-Built.

The garage will be 20 feet wide by 24 foot long. We didn't realize when we planned this project that we had a 20 foot building setback and we misjudged the property line. A little pushed for space.

We're not able to put the garage in the back just because we'll have very limited access in the winter.

So while I don't really want a garage in our front yard it's our only choice.

Thank you so much for following up.

Laurel Frison 598-2011

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 6, 2023, at 10:06 AM, Quainton, Madeleine <mquainton@kpb.us> wrote:

Hello Laurel,

Staff has begun to work on your request to construct a garage within the 20-foot building setback of lot one block one of the above referenced subdivision. The application did not include a justification or dimensions for the garage you are looking to construct. Please respond to this email with those details, so that we can prepare a staff report for the Planning Commission.

Thank you,

#### **Madeleine Quainton**

Platting Specialist Planning Department Ph: (907) 714-2200

Fx: (907) 714-2378 <image001.png>

AGENDA ITEM E. NEW BUSINESS

#### ITEM 2. – BUILDING SETBACK ENCROACHMENT PERMIT – ASHTON PARK SUBDIVISION

**KPB File No.** 2023-097

Planning Commission September 25, 2023

Meeting:

Applicant / Owner: Laurel Frison of Soldotna, Alaska

Surveyor: None

General Location: Merrywood Avenue, Kalifornsky Area

Parent Parcel No.: 055-081-45

Assessor Description: T 5N R 11W SEC 35 Seward Meridian KN 0970074 Ashton Park Sub Lot 1 Blk 1

Assessing Use: Residential

**Zoning:** Rural Unrestricted

Resolution 2023-30

#### STAFF REPORT

<u>Specific Request / Purpose as stated in the petition:</u> The garage will be 20 feet wide by 24 foot long. We didn't realize when we planned this project that we had a 20 foot building setback and we misjudged the property line. A little pushed for space. We're not able to put the garage in the back just because we'll have very limited access in the winter. So, while I don't really want a garage in our front yard it's our only choice.

<u>Site Investigation:</u> The owners are requesting permission to construct a garage that would encroach approximately 9 feet by 24 feet into the building setback along borough maintained Merrywood Avenue. Merrywood Avenue is a 60-foot-wide right-of-way that reduced to 30 feet to the west. Road maintenance ends at the Merrywood Avenue and Herr Street intersection. When the unsubdivided parcel along the west boundary of the subject parcel is subdivided a matching dedication will be given to Merrywood Avenue to bring the dedication to the borough required 60 feet width.

There are several improvements located on the property. According to borough imagery taken May 12, 2023 there are several structures towards the north boundary of the lot behind the house. Per the justification letter the owner is requesting to build the garage in front of the house due to lack of space in the backyard. Along Merrywood Avenue there is a chain link fence shown on some aerial photos that is not shown on the as built that was submitted dated November 20, 1997. Per KPB Code 20.90 – Definitions – Permanent structures – transparent fencing is an allowable improvement. However, along the west boundary the fence is cedar and not transparent according to a more recent aerial photo. Staff is unable to determine if the cedar fence or the chain link fencing encroaches into the right-of-way or just within the setback. If the cedar portion of the fence is within the setback that portion will need to be removed or changed to chain link to comply with KPB code. If the permit is approved and both fences are removed from the parcel for construction **staff recommends** the owner verify boundary lines and non-allowable fencing not be placed in the building setback or rights-of-ways.

There are several vacant lots and unsubdivided parcels located to the west of the subject parcel. Traffic turning left on to Herr Street would have limited impact to line of sight as there is only one driveway currently to the northwest and this garage would be behind the vehicle. Traffic turning right on to Merrywood Avenue would not have line of sight issues. There are Google Earth Street Views in the area and are available in the packet.

<u>Staff Analysis:</u> This subdivision was created from an aliquot parcel within Section 35, Township 5N, Range 11W SM, KRD, Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska. The plat granted all utility easements and the building setback on Ashton Park Subdivision KN 97-74.

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There is no steep terrain or classified wetlands within the boundary of the subject parcel.

This parcel is located within the Kalifornsky Advisory Planning Commission which is not currently active.

Merrywood Avenue is maintained by the Borough and maintenance ends at the west side of the subject property.

#### Findings:

- 1. There are several large parcels located west of the subject lot.
- 2. There is no steep terrain within the boundary of the lot.
- 3. There are no classified wetlands within the boundary of the lot.
- 4. A cedar fence is not an allowable improvement as defined by KPB 20.90 within setbacks.
- 5. There is limited space on the property to build a garage.
- 6. The lot is 20,479 sq. ft in size which is less than a half an acre (0.47 ac).
- 7. The septic field is located behind the house.
- 8. There will be no site issues.
- 9. Ashton Park Subdivision KN97-74 created the setbacks.
- 10. 11 feet of the building setback will remain.
- 11. Merrywood Avenue is currently not fully developed.
- 12. Merrywood Avenue is 60 feet in width.

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

- E. The following standards shall be considered for all building setback encroachment permit applications. Staff recommends the Commission select the findings they determine are applicable to the standards and vote on them:
  - 1. The building setback encroachment may not interfere with road maintenance.

Findings 5 - 8, 10 & 12 appear to support this standard.

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

Findings 5 – 7, & 10 – 12 appear to support this standard.

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

Findings 5 – 8, & 10 – 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.

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KPB Roads Dept. comments	Out of Jurisdiction: No			
	Roads Director: Griebel, Scott Comments:			

	No commente
COA DOT	No comments
SOA DOT comments	DOT ROW Engineering has no comments on these setbacks.
KPB River Center review	A. Floodplain
	Reviewer: Hindman, Julie
	Floodplain Status: Not within flood hazard area
	Comments: No comments
	B. Habitat Protection
	Reviewer: Aldridge, Morgan
	Habitat Protection District Status: Is NOT within HPD
	Comments: No comments
	C. State Parks
	Reviewer: VACANT
	Comments:
State of Alaska Fish and Game	Comments.
Addressing	Reviewer: Leavitt, Rhealyn
Addressing	Affected Addresses:
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	List of Street Names Denied:
	Comments:
	No other comments
Code Compliance	Reviewer: Ogren, Eric
	Comments: Construction of the structure would be a violation of the 20 ft set
	back if, it is not approved.
Planner	Reviewer: Raidmae, Ryan
	There are not any Local Option Zoning District issues with this proposed plat.
	Material Site Comments:
	There are not any material site issues with this proposed plat.
	Review Not Required
Assessing	Reviewer: Windsor, Heather
	Comments: No comment
	Comments: No comment

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Based on the standards to grant a building setback encroachment permit, **staff recommends** to grant approval for the portion of the structures within the 20 foot building setback as shown on the sketch, subject to:

- 1. Compliance with KPB 20.10.110 sections F and G.
- 2. Providing a current as-built to be used as an exhibit drawing prepared, signed, and sealed by a licensed land surveyor after construction is complete.
- 3. The recording fees be submitted to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department for the recording of the resolution.
- 4. Failure to provide an as-built so that it may be recorded within one year approval will result in a new application, hearing, and approval.
- 5. Additional encroachments found on the new as-built will require a new hearing.

### 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** 

#### KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION 2023-30 KENAI RECORDING DISTRICT

GRANT A BUILDING SETBACK ENCROACHMENT PERMIT TO A PORTION OF THE TWENTY FOOT BUILDING SETBACK FOR LOT 1 BLOCK 1, ASHTON PARK SUBDIVISION (KN 097074); IN NE 1/4 S35, T05N, R11W; SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, WITHIN THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH; KPB FILE NO. 2023-097

WHEREAS, per KPB 20.30.240 – Building Setbacks, a minimum 20-foot building setback shall be required for fee simple non-arterial rights-of-way in subdivisions located outside incorporated cities; and

WHEREAS, Laurel A Frison of Soldotna, AK requested a building setback encroachment permit to the 20-foot building setback granted by Ashton Park Subdivision (KN 097074); and

WHEREAS, per the petition:

WHEREAS, the encroaching structure does not affect sight distance along the right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, September 25, 2023, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission considered the background information, all comments received, and recommendations from KPB Planning Department staff regarding the proposed exception; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found that granting the building setback encroachment permit will not be detrimental to the public interest; and

WHEREAS, 20.10.110 of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Code of Ordinances authorizes the Planning Commission to accomplish building setback encroachment permits by Resolution.

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

<u>Section 1</u>. That the 20-foot building setback limit on KN 097074 Lot 1 Block 1 is hereby excepted to accommodate only the encroaching portion of the Structure.

Section 2. That any new, replacement, and/or additional construction will be subject to the 20-foot building setback limit.

Section 3. That the 20-foot building setback limit shall apply to the remainder of said lot.

<u>Section 4</u>. That a current as-built survey or sketch prepared, signed, and sealed by a licensed land surveyor showing the location of the encroachment within the building setback be attached to, and made a part of this resolution, becoming page 2 of 2.

Section 5. That this resolution is void if not recorded in the appropriate Recording District within 90 days of adoption.

<u>Section 6</u>. That this resolution becomes effective upon being properly recorded with petitioner being responsible for payment of recording fees.

ADOPTED	BY THE PLANNING	G COMMISSION OF T	HE KENAI PENINSU	LA BOROUGH ON THIS
DAY OF		, 2023.		

Blair J. Martin, Chairperson Ann Shirnberg,
Planning Commission Administrative Assistant

Return to: Planning Department Kenai Peninsula Borough 144 North Binkley Street Soldotna, Alaska 99669

Images taken from Google Earth by staff on 9/6/2023 MQ



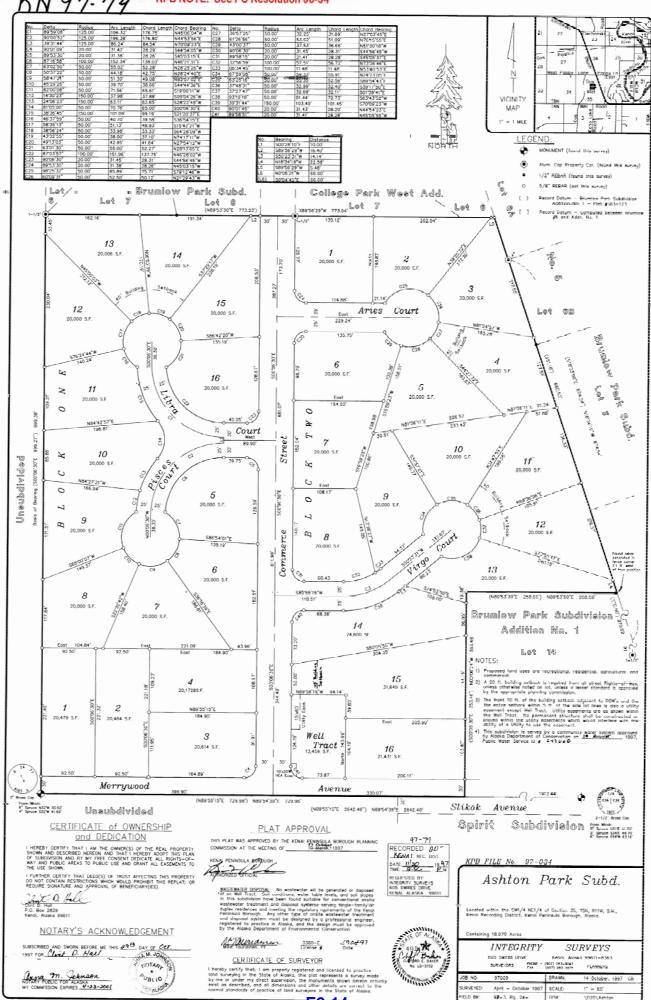
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KN 97-74 KPB NOTE: See PC Resolution 98-34



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