# E. NEW BUSINESS

3. Utility Easement Vacation; KPB File 2024-003V Edge Survey & Design, LLC / Jose Request: Vacates portions of a utility easement located on the south boundary of Lot 4-B, eastern boundaries of Lots 4-C & 4-D granted by Resubdivision of Lots 4&5 Cottonwood Acres Subdivision, Plat KN 78-224 Soldotna Area



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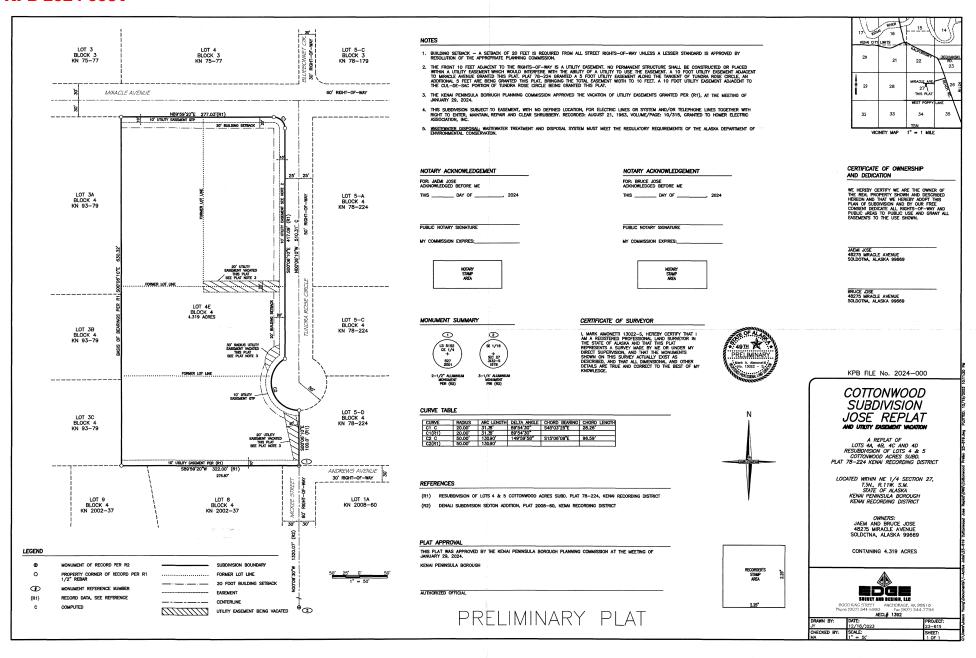


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#### **KPB 2024-003V**



# ITEM #3 - UTILITY EASEMENT ALTERATION VACATE PLATTED UTILITY EASEMENTS ON SOUTH LINE OF LOT 4-B, NORTH LINE OF LOT 4-C, SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 4-C AND SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 4-D

KPB File No.	2024-003V
Planning Commission Meeting:	January 22, 2024
Applicant / Owner:	Bruce & Jaemi Jose of Soldotna Alaska
Surveyor:	Mark Aimonetti / Edge Survey and Design, LLC
General Location:	Tundra Rose Circle in Kalifornsky area

#### STAFF REPORT

### Specific Request / Purpose as stated in the petition:

- 1. Easements to be vacated not in use by any utility provider.
- 2. Additional easement being granted to accommodate utility needs.
- 3. Easements granted by parent plat were not designed around existing utilities.
- 4. Vacating easements provides landowner with more usable space.
- 5. All local providers and KPB roads department agreed to proposed easement vacation.

**<u>Notification:</u>** Notice of vacation mailings were sent by regular mail to twenty-six owners of property within 600 feet. Notice of the proposed vacation was emailed to seventeen agencies and interested parties.

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

#### Staff Analysis:

The petition is to vacate portions of a utility easement located on the south line of Lot 4-B, the North line of Lot 4-C, the southeast corner of Lot 4-C and the southeast corner of Lot 4-D all in Resubdivision of Lots 4 & 5 cottonwood Acres Subdivision KN 78-224. There are no utilities currently located within these easements proposed for vacation.

With a new subdivision o combine the four lots, a 10 foot utility easement is proposed along the front 10 feet adjacent to the right-of-way. His will accommodate any utility more functionally in a better location for use and access.

KPB Road Department had no objection to the proposed vacation.

#### Utility provider review:

HEA	No comments
ENSTAR	Approved as shown
ACS	Approved as shown
GCI	Approved as shown

#### Findings:

- 1. ACS, ENSTAR, GCI, and HEA provided written non-objection to the proposed vacation.
- 2. No surrounding properties will be denied utilities.
- 3. Resubdivision of Lots 4 & 5 Cottonwood Acres Subdivision created the utility easements being proposed for vacation.
- 4. New easements are being proposed with the new plat to better accommodate.
- 5. Utility providers had no objections.

#### **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 Planning Commission 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**



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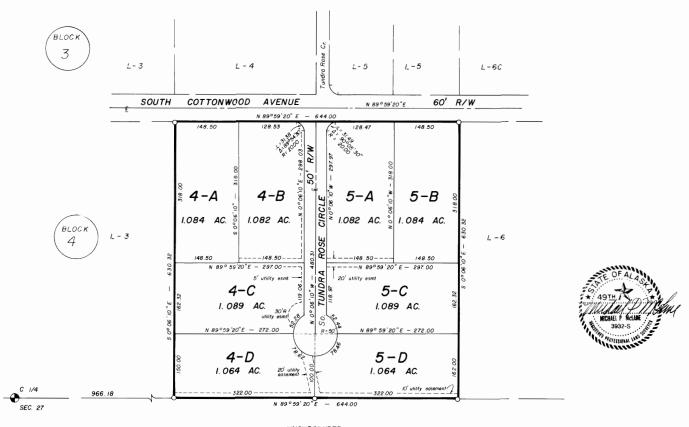


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UNSUBDIVIDED

CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP AND DEDICATION

We hereby certify that we are the owners of said property and request the approval of this plat showing such easements for public utilities, roadways, and or streets dedicated by us for public use.

Christopher G. Burns, owner, Box 2107 Soldotna, Ak 39669

NOTARY'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Subscribed and sworn before me this

9 3rd day of October, 1978

We confirm a confirmation expires 11.81

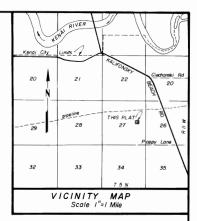
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PLAT APPROVAL

This plat having been approved by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission as recorded in the official minutes of the meeting of Commission and Indiana, is hereby acknowledged and accepted as the official plat, subject to any and all conditions and requirements of ordinances and law appertaining thereto.

KENAI PENINSYLA BOROUGH By: Lung Waring





## Legend and Notes

Found official survey survey monument

Found 1/2" x 24" steel rebar

Set 1/2" x 24" steel rebar at all lot corners

All bearings refer to the E-W c of Section 27 as being S 89°59'20" W data of record

All lots are subject to a 20' building setback along dedicated R/W's

All wastewater disposal systems shall comply with existing law at the time of construction.

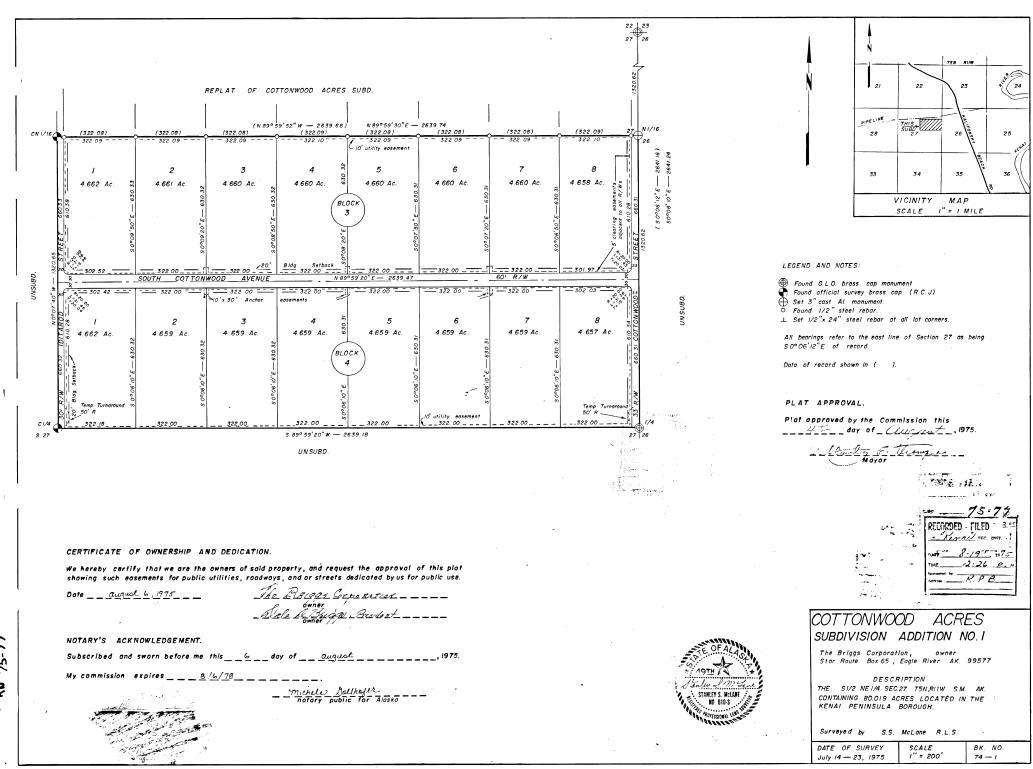
## RESUBDIVISION of LOTS 4 a 5 COTTONWOOD ACRES SUBD.

Chris Burns owner
Box 2107 Soldotna, Ak. 99669
DESCRIPTION

9.319 ACRES CONSISTING OF LOTS 4 AND 5 BLK. 4
COTTONWOOD ACRES SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE
NE I/4 SECTION 27 T5 N, R II W S.M. AK. AND IN
KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH.

Surveyed by McLane and Associates

DATE OF SURVEY SCALE BK. NO. 7-24-78 I"=100' 77-26



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