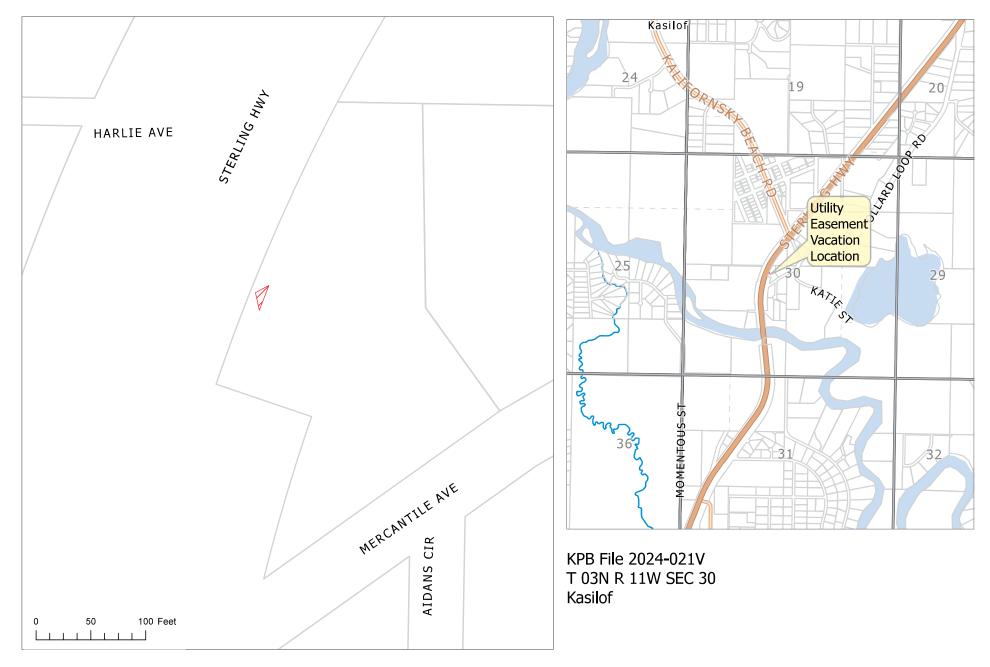
E. NEW BUSINESS

Utility Easement Vacation: KPB File 2024-021V
Johnson Surveying / Steinbeck
Request: Vacates a portion of the 25' utility easement on the western
side of Tract B, Harlie A Fellers Subdivision, KN 78-31
Kasilof Area

Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department

Vicinity Map







KASILOF RIVER Harlie A. Fellers Subdivision 18 Tract B utility easement vacation Partial As—Buit Survey of Tract B Harlie Fellers Subd., KRD 78—31. utility easement vacation/variances needed. 19 Located in the SW 1/4 Section 30, T3N R11W, SM, Kasilof, Alaska. KASILOF 20 24 Kenai Recording District Kenai Peninsula Borough File 2023-037 Prepared for Prepared by Johnson Surveying 29 Steinbeck, Inc. 1116 Inlet Woods Dr. P.O. Box 27 Kenai, AK 99611 Clam Gulch, Ak 99568 1" = 1 mile MAP VICINITY SCALE 1'' = 40'13 February, 2024 NOTES 1. existing septic system shown to be permitted within the utility easement. 2. Fence shown to be permitted to remain in place. 3. Utility easement vacations/exceptions to be finalized with recording of associated replat. 4. Areas of utility vacation shown by shading -5' existing overhead or underground utility easement granted by plat KRD 78-31 corner building 4.0 from edge Highway ROW corner roof 3.0 from edge Highway ROW STERLING HIGHWAY Tract B restaurant store utility easement N 72°15'14 W dome 5' existing overhead or underground utility easement by plat KRD 78-31 20' from center power line easement to be granted by proposed replat. 154.00 septic center powerline 19.0' from corner shed roof to be permitted in proposed replat.

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AGENDA ITEM E. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM #1 - UTILITY EASEMENT ALTERATION

Vacates a portion of the five-foot utility easement that the Northerly portion of a structure is encroaching located on the western side of Tract B.

KPB File No.	2024-021V
Planning Commission Meeting:	April 22, 2024
Applicant / Owner:	Steinbeck, Inc. / Kenai, AK
Surveyor:	Jerry Johnson / Johnson Surveying
General Location:	Sterling Highway and Mercantile Avenue

STAFF REPORT

<u>Specific Request / Purpose as stated in the petition:</u> Petition to vacate a portion of the five-foot utility easement that a triangular portion of northwestern corner is encroaching into.

Notification: Notice of vacation mailings were sent by regular mail to thirteen owners of property within 600 feet. Notice of the proposed vacation was emailed to seven 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> No utilities appear to be affected by the building encroachment as is. Any future utilities to be installed should have enough clearance to avoid the structure in the future.

Utility provider review:

HEA	No comment
ENSTAR	No comments or recommendations
ACS	No response
GCI	Approved as shown

Findings:

- 1. The petition does not state that the utility easement proposed to be vacated is not in use by a utility company.
- 2. ACS, ENSTAR, GCI, and HEA provided written non-objection to the proposed vacation.
- 3. No surrounding properties will be denied utilities.
- 4. This easement faces towards and is against a large highway right-of-way.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

CORRECTIONS / EDITS

Make the following corrections:

Orient the label for the overhead power line better and add a arrow pointer to the line. Label as Existing.

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 utility providers.
- 2. Finalizing the approval of the easement alteration by either;
 - a. The recording of a subdivision plat within 12 months, compliant with the requirements of Chapter 20 of KPB Code 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



