# Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Wayne Ogle, Assembly President

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

FROM:

Max Best, Planning Director SH For M.B.

**DATE:** 

May 29, 2019

RE:

Vacate a section line easement and right-of-way including the associated utility easement as follows:

- a. Vacate a 13 foot by 54.88-foot portion of the section line easement within Lot 1C Block 3 Pilot's Bend Replat (KN 2008-55);
- b. Vacate the westerly 23 feet by the southerly approximately 285 feet of the Glenmore Circle right-of-way as dedicated on Pilot's Bend Subdivision Part Three, Plat KN 86-71; and including the associated 10-foot utility easement adjoining the portion of the Glenmore Circle right-of-way to be vacated within Lot 1C Block 3 Pilot's Bend Replat (KN 2008-55).

The section line easement and right-of-way proposed to be vacated are undeveloped and located within the SE½ of Section 21, Township 5 South, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian, Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska; KPB File No. 2019-056V

In accordance with AS 29.40.140, no vacation of a Borough right-of-way and/or public access easement may be made without the consent of the Borough Assembly.

During their regularly scheduled meeting of May 28, 2019, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission granted approval of the proposed section line easement vacation by unanimous consent based on the following findings of fact. This petition is being sent to you for your consideration and action.

## Findings:

- Current ROW is undeveloped.
- 2. Current local traffic uses constructed traveled way in the 50-foot SLE to the immediate East.
- 3. Right of way to be vacated provided access to one residence. That residence uses the constructed traveled way to the East.
- 4. Adequate access width still in place with 10-foot ROW remaining combined with 50-foot SLE to the east to provide a full 60-foot wide access.
- 5. Terrain is relatively flat and has no effect on development options.
- 9. KPB records show the section line easement width is 83 feet.
- 10. The petition proposes to vacate a 13 foot by 54.88-foot portion of the section line easement within Lot 1C Block 3 Pilot's Bend Replat (KN 2008-55);
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  maintained Funny River Road, Hayfield Street, Kenwood Avenue, and State maintained Owen Street.
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- 14. No surrounding properties will be denied access.
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- located, and shown, by the surveyor.
- 16. Per Kenai Watershed Forum 2013 Cook Inlet Wetlands Mapping and the National Wetlands Inventory, the right-of-way and section line easement proposed to be vacated are not affected by low wet areas.

#### Conditions:

- 1. Consent by the KPB Assembly.
- 2. Statement of approval or non-objection from ENSTAR.
- 3. No objection from the owner of Lot 1B, KN 2008-55, or the State Department of Natural Resources.
- 4. Compliance with any State requirements for the section line easement vacation.

During their regularly scheduled meeting of May 28, 2019, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission granted approval of the proposed right-of-way vacation and associated 10-foot utility easement by unanimous consent based on the following findings of fact and subject to the following conditions. This petition is being sent to you for your consideration and action.

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Draft, unapproved minutes of the pertinent portion of the meeting and other related materials are attached.

cc: petitioners' w/minutes only

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Staff Report given by Scott Huff

PC Meeting: 5/28/19

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<u>Purpose as stated in petition</u>: The current right-of-way is undeveloped. Current local traffic uses the constructed traveled way in the 50 wide Section Line Easement to the immediate East. Adequate access will remain. There is an existing structure encroaching in the right-of-way. Building was in ROW at time of purchase but was not disclosed to the current owner. Adequate utility easements will be provided with a new platting action. A total of 83 feet of section line easement is in place, which provides ample space for a constructed access.

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Platting Staff Comments: The surveyor was notified of ENSTAR's objection and is working with ENSTAR to resolve it.

KPB Addressing: 37020 Funny River Road will be retained on Lot 2. Existing street names are correct.

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## RIGHT OF WAY AND UTILITY EASEMENT VACATION

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Staff recommends action on the exception be by a separate motion from the requested vacations.

**Staff recommends** that notes be placed on the final plat indicating any exceptions granted by the Plat Committee with the meeting date.

#### Findinas

1. The utility easement, right-of-way, and section line easement vacations will be finalized by recording the Pilot's Bend Subdivision Tom Addition Section Line Easement Vacation Plat.

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The commission shall make findings of fact meeting the following standards before granting any exception:

- 1. That special circumstances or conditions affecting the property have been shown by application; Findings 1-5 appear to support this standard.
- 2. That the exception is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right and is the most practical manner of complying with the intent of this title;

  Findings 1-5 appear to support this standard.
- That the granting of the exception will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to other
  property in the area in which said property is situated.
   Findings 1.5 appear to support this standard.

Staff Discussion for the Right-of-way and Utility Easement Vacations: The preliminary plat (Pilot's Bend Subdivision Tom Addition Section Line Easement Vacation), which will finalize the vacation (if approved) has been submitted for Plat Committee's review on June 10, 2019.

The property is within a Special Assessment Utility District (USAD). Since a fee right-of-way is being vacated, the property boundaries will be altered; therefore, a Tax Certificate will be required to be recorded with the mylar.

Glenmore Circle adjoins three properties: the petitioners, owner of Lot 1B (KN 2008-55), and 120-acre parcel owned by the State Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The owner of Lot 1B, KN 2008-55, uses Glenmore Circle for access and has been issued a Glenmore Circle address.

The DNR properties (120-acre and 25-acre parcels) front the section line easements, paved State maintained Funny River Road, Hayfield Street, Kenwood Avenue, and State maintained Owen Street. DNR's parcels are within the Kenai River Special Management Area.

## Surveyor's Findings for the Right-of-way and Utility Easement Vacation:

- 1. Current ROW is undeveloped.
- Current local traffic uses constructed traveled way in the 50-foot SLE to the immediate East.
- Right of way to be vacated provided access to one residence. That residence uses the constructed traveled way to the East.
- Adequate access width still in place with 10-foot ROW remaining combined with 50-foot SLE to the east to provide a full 60-foot wide access.
- 5. Terrain is relatively flat and has no effect on development options.
- 6. ROW to be vacated has existing structure encroachment that was undisclosed to current owner at time of purchase.
- 7. Seeking exception to building setback width near existing structure.
- 8. Adequate utility easement provided with new platting action.

## Platting Staff Findings for the Right-of-way and Utility Easement Vacation:

- 9. ACS submitted a statement of no objection.
- KPB records show Glenmore Circle overlies an 83-foot wide section line easement.
- 11. A 13 foot by 54.88-foot portion of the section line easement within Lot 1C Block 3 Pilot's Bend Replat (KN 2008-55) is being petitioned to be vacated.
- 12. Per KPB Roads Department, it appears that the building will not create issues with maintenance if it is ever applied for.
- 13. DNR owns the 120-acre and 25-acre parcels to the east and north of the proposed vacations.
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- 15. No surrounding properties will be denied access.
- 16. The existing traveled gravel road and existing constructed approach to Funny River Road has been located, and shown, by the surveyor.
- 17. Per Kenai Watershed Forum 2013 Cook Inlet Wetlands Mapping and the National Wetlands Inventory, the right-of-way and section line easement proposed to be vacated are not affected by low wet areas.
- 18. The owner of Lot 1B, KN 2008-55, the adjoining lot to the north, uses Glenmore Circle for access and has been issued a Glenmore Circle address.
- 19. ENSTAR submitted a statement of objection to the proposed vacations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Based on Findings 1-5 and 9-17 staff recommends granting a four-year approval of the vacations as petitioned subject to:

- 1. Consent by the KPB Assembly
- Statement of approval or non-objection from ENSTAR.
- 3. No objection from the owner of Lot 1B, KN 2008-55, or the State Department of Natural Resources.
- 4. Compliance with Chapter 20 of the KPB Code for preliminary and final plat review and approval.

If the vacation is approved, the Borough Assembly has thirty days in which they may veto Planning Commission approval of the vacation.

NOTE: KPB 20.70.120. - Action after denial of vacation petition.

- A. Denial of a vacation petition is a final act for which no further consideration shall be given by the Kenai Peninsula Borough.
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### SECTION LINE EASEMENT VACATION

<u>Staff Discussion:</u> Per KPB 20.70.220, the petition must be reviewed and approved by the planning commission, but final authority for approval and platting of the vacation rests with DNR. The petitioner is responsible for coordination with DNR and submittals to DNR.

Per the surveyor, a section line easement vacation plat has not been submitted to the State.

## Surveyor's Findings

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## Platting Staff's Findings for the Section Line Easement Vacation

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- 17. ENSTAR submitted a statement of objection to the proposed vacations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Based on Findings 1-5 and 9-16, staff recommends granting a four-year approval for the section line easement vacation as submitted, subject to:

- Consent by the KPB Assembly.
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Planning Commission Unapproved Minutes May 28, 2019

### **END OF STAFF REPORT**

Chairman Martin opened public comment.

Jason Young, 43335 K-Beach Rd., Suite 16B, Soldotna
 Mr. Young was available for questions.

Seeing and hearing no one else wishing to comment, Chairman Martin closed public comment and discussion was opened among the Commission.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Ecklund moved, seconded by Commissioner Carluccio to approve the vacation of a section line easement, a right-of-way, and an associated utility easement in the Funny River area.

**AMENDMENT MOTION:** Commissioner Ecklund moved, seconded by Commissioner Carluccio to approve the exception requested to KPB 20.70.130 – recordation of the vacation plat within one year of vacation consent, citing staff report findings 1 through 5 in support of the 3 standards.

AMENDMENT MOTION PASSED: Seeing and hearing no discussion or objection the motion passed by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Ecklund wanted to know if Government Lot 10, that is to the east, it is where the existing constructed approach to the cul-de-sac, was alright with that road being the travel way and if there was an easement. Mr. Huff responded that Government Lot 10 is owned by the State of Alaska DNR. There is a 50 foot section line easement on that side of the section line. There is an improved road there which is wholly within the section line easement.

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MOTION: Commissioner Ecklund moved seconded by Commissioner Carluccio to approved the Section Line Easement vacation per KPB 20:70.220 to allow time to match the state's review of a section line easement, citing staff report findings 1 through 5 and 9 through 16 to grant a four year approval based on staff recommendations and adherence to borough code.

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# F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Vacate a Section Line Easement, a Right-of-Way, and an associated utility easement in the Funny River area.

**KPB File 2019-056V** 

**Petitioner: Colin Tom and Vanessa Tom of** 

Aipea, Hawaii

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- 12. Per KPB Roads Department, it appears that the building will not create issues with maintenance if it is ever applied for.
- 13. DNR owns the 120-acre and 25-acre parcels to the east and north of the proposed vacations.
- 14. The DNR properties (120-acre and 25-acre parcels) front the section line easements, paved State maintained Funny River Road, Hayfield Street, Kenwood Avenue, and State maintained Owen Street.
- 15. No surrounding properties will be denied access.
- 16. The existing traveled gravel road and existing constructed approach to Funny River Road has been located, and shown, by the surveyor.
- 17. Per Kenai Watershed Forum 2013 Cook Inlet Wetlands Mapping and the National Wetlands Inventory, the right-of-way and section line easement proposed to be vacated are not affected by low wet areas.
- 18. The owner of Lot 1B, KN 2008-55, the adjoining lot to the north, uses Glenmore Circle for access and has been issued a Glenmore Circle address.
- 19. ENSTAR submitted a statement of objection to the proposed vacations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Based on Findings 1-5 and 9-17 staff recommends granting a four-year approval of the vacations as petitioned, subject to:

- 1. Consent by the KPB Assembly
- 2. Statement of approval or non-objection from ENSTAR.
- 3. No objection from the owner of Lot 1B, KN 2008-55, or the State Department of Natural Resources.
- 4. Compliance with Chapter 20 of the KPB Code for preliminary and final plat review and approval.

If the vacation is approved, the Borough Assembly has thirty days in which they may veto Planning Commission approval of the vacation.

NOTE: KPB 20.70.120. - Action after denial of vacation petition.

- A. Denial of a vacation petition is a final act for which no further consideration shall be given by the Kenai Peninsula Borough.
- B. Upon denial by the planning commission, no reapplication or petition concerning the same vacation 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.

## SECTION LINE EASEMENT VACATION

<u>Staff Discussion:</u> Per KPB 20.70.220, the petition must be reviewed and approved by the planning commission, but final authority for approval and platting of the vacation rests with DNR. The petitioner is responsible for coordination with DNR and submittals to DNR.

Per the surveyor, a section line easement vacation plat has not been submitted to the State.

## Surveyor's Findings

- Current ROW is undeveloped.
- 2. Current local traffic uses constructed traveled way in the 50-foot SLE to the immediate East.
- 3. Right of way to be vacated provided access to one residence. That residence uses the constructed traveled way to the East.
- 4. Adequate access width still in place with 10-foot ROW remaining combined with 50-foot SLE to the east to provide a full 60-foot wide access.
- 5. Terrain is relatively flat and has no effect on development options.
- 6. ROW to be vacated has existing structure encroachment that was undisclosed to current owner at time of purchase.
- 7. Seeking exception to building setback width near existing structure.
- 8. Adequate utility easement provided with new platting action.

## Platting Staff's Findings for the Section Line Easement Vacation

- 9. KPB records show the section line easement width is 83 feet.
- 10. The petition proposes to vacate a 13 foot by 54.88-foot portion of the section line easement within Lot 1C Block 3 Pilot's Bend Replat (KN 2008-55);
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- 17. ENSTAR submitted a statement of objection to the proposed vacations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Based on Findings 1-5 and 9-16, staff recommends granting a four-year approval for the section line easement vacation as submitted, subject to:

- Consent by the KPB Assembly.
- 2. Statement of approval or non-objection from ENSTAR.
- No objection from the owner of Lot 1B, KN 2008-55, or the State Department of Natural Resources.
- Compliance with any State requirements for the section line easement vacation.

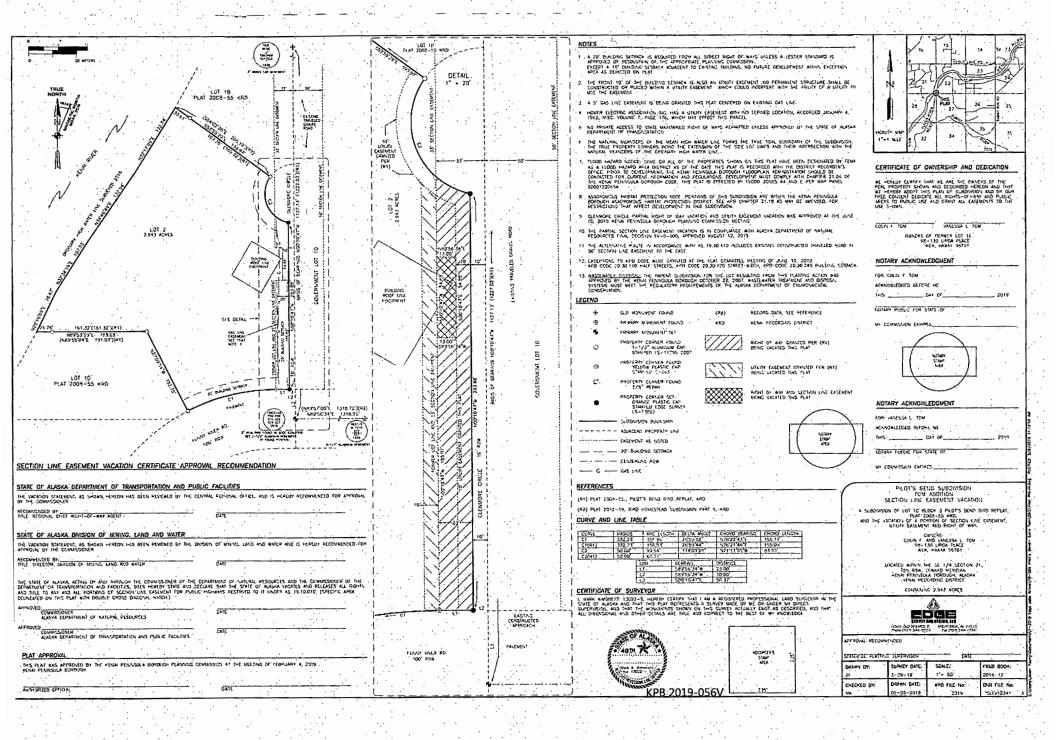
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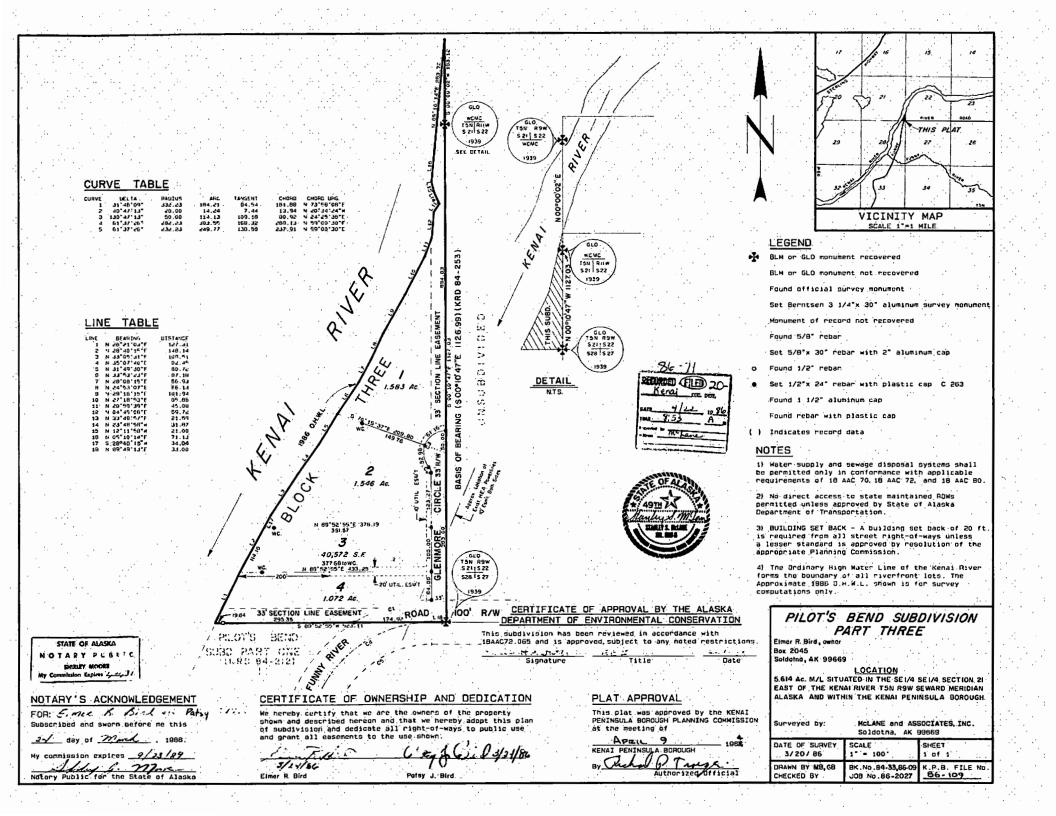
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**END OF STAFF REPORT** 





#### NOTES:

- 1) Proposed land uses are recreational, residential, agricultural, and commercial.
- Building Satback A setback of 20 feet is required from all street rights-of-way unless a lesser standard is approved by resolution of the appropriate Planning Commission.
- 3) No private access to State maintained ROW's permitted unless approved by the State of Alaska Department of Transportation.
- 4) Front 10 ft, of the building setback adjacent to rights-of-way is also a utility easement. No permanent structure shall be constructed or placed within a utility easement which would interfere with the ability of a Utility to use the easement.
- 5) Lots within this subdivision may be located within a designated flood hazard area; if such is the case, development must comply with Title 21 of the Kenoi Peninsula Barough Code of Ordinances. A survey to determine the clavation of the property may be required prior to construction.
- 6) Roads must meet the design and construction standards astablished by the Borough in order to be considered for certification and inclusion in the road maintanance program.
- 7) The natural meanders of the line of Mean High Water or Ordinary High Water forms the true bounds of the subdivision. The approximate line of Mean High Water or Ordinary High Water, as shown, is for computations only. The TRUE property corners being on the extension of the side lot lines and their intersection with the natural
- 8) Portions of this subdivision are within the Kenai Peninsula Baraugh 50 ft. Anadromous Stream Habitat Protection Area. Development may be restricted under Chapter 21.18 Kenai Peninsula Borough Code of Ordinances.
- An exception was granted by the Plot committee on October 22, 2007 to KPB 20.20.180 (depth to width rolio).
- 10) WASTEWATER DISPOSAL: Soil conditions, water table levels, and soil slopes in this subdivision have been found suitable for conventional ansite wastewater treatment and disposal systems serving single-family or duplex residences and meeting the regulatory requirements of the Kenai Peninsula Baraugh. Any other type of ansite wastewater treatment and disposal system must be designed by a professional engineer, registered to practice in Alaska, and the design must be approved by the Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation.





#### SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that: I am properly registered and licensed to practice land surveying in the State of Alaska, this plat represents a survey made by me or under my direct supervision. the monuments shown hereon actually exist as described, and all dimensions and other details are correct to the normal standards of practice of land surveyors in the State of Alaska.

## LEGEND:

- 2-1/2" Brass Cap GLO Monument (found)
- 2" Iron Pipe, no cap (found)
- Yellow Plastic Cap, C263 (found)
- 1/2" Rebar (found)
- 5/8" Rebar (set)
- Witness Corner Meander Corner 5/8" Rebor (set)
- Record Datum Pilot's Bend Subd. Homestcad Addn., Plot # 99-92 KRD

CURVE TABLE							
CURVE	DELTA .	RADIUS	LENGTH	CHORD	CHORD BEARING		
Cl	31'51'45"	332.23	184,76	182.38	S73'55'46"W		
C2	4'52'01"	332.23	28.22'	28.21	S60'25'53"W		
C3	26'59'44"	. 332.23'	156.53	155.09	. \$76'21'46"W		
C4	41"00"10"	20.00	14.31	14.01	_N20'30'40"W		
C5	76'53'49"	50.00	67,11	62.18	S02'29'30"E		
. C6 .	53'48'36"	50.00	46.96*	45.25	S62'51'42"W		
. C7	130'42'25"	50.00	114.06	90,89	. \$24'24'48"W		

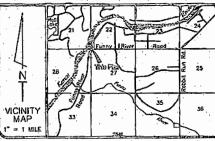
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L1	S23'39'13'W	54.93
L2 ·	S22'45'54"W	86.78
L3	S14'06'52"W	107.09
L4	538'07'55"W	30.84
L5 ·	S06'15'50'E	108.62
L6	S07'45'55"W	126.08'
L7.	N0070'47"W	47.96



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## CERTIFICATE of OWNERSHIP and DEDICATION

WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT WE ARE THE OWNER(S) OF THE REAL PROPERTY SHOWN AND DESCRIBED HEREON AND THAT WE HEREBY ADOPT THIS PLAN OF SUBDIVISION AND BY OUR FREE CONSENT DEDICATE ALL RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND PUBLIC AREAS TO PUBLIC USE AND GRANT ALL EASEMENTS TO

37020 Funny River Road Saldotna, Alaska 99669

## NOTARY'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME THIS 9th DAY OF JUNE 2008 FOR Elmer Ray Bird & Patsy ]

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR ALAS MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 1-1-09



## PLAT APPROVAL

THIS PLAT WAS APPROVED BY THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION AT THE MEETING OF October 22, 2001

KENA) PENINSULA BOROUGH

May Jole AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL

## KPB FILE No. 2007-282

## Pilot's Bend Bird Replat

A subdivision of Lot IA Block 3 Pilot's Bend Subdivision. Plat No. 99-92 KRD.

Located within the SE1/4 Section 21, TSN, R9W, S. M., Kenai Recording District, Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska.

Containing 5.132 Acres

## Integriby Surveys, Inc.

8195 Kenai Spur Hwy SURVEYORS

Kenoi, Aloska 99611-8902 PHONE - (907) 283-9047 PLANNERS

13 May, 2008 CB 27173 DRAWN SURVEYĖD: . 10/07 - 01/08 SCALE: DISK-Piol's Brad 2007-E. P.G. 73.75

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20'x433.25' Utility

Easement

Lot 18

1.282 Ac.

Lot 1C

2.809 Ac.

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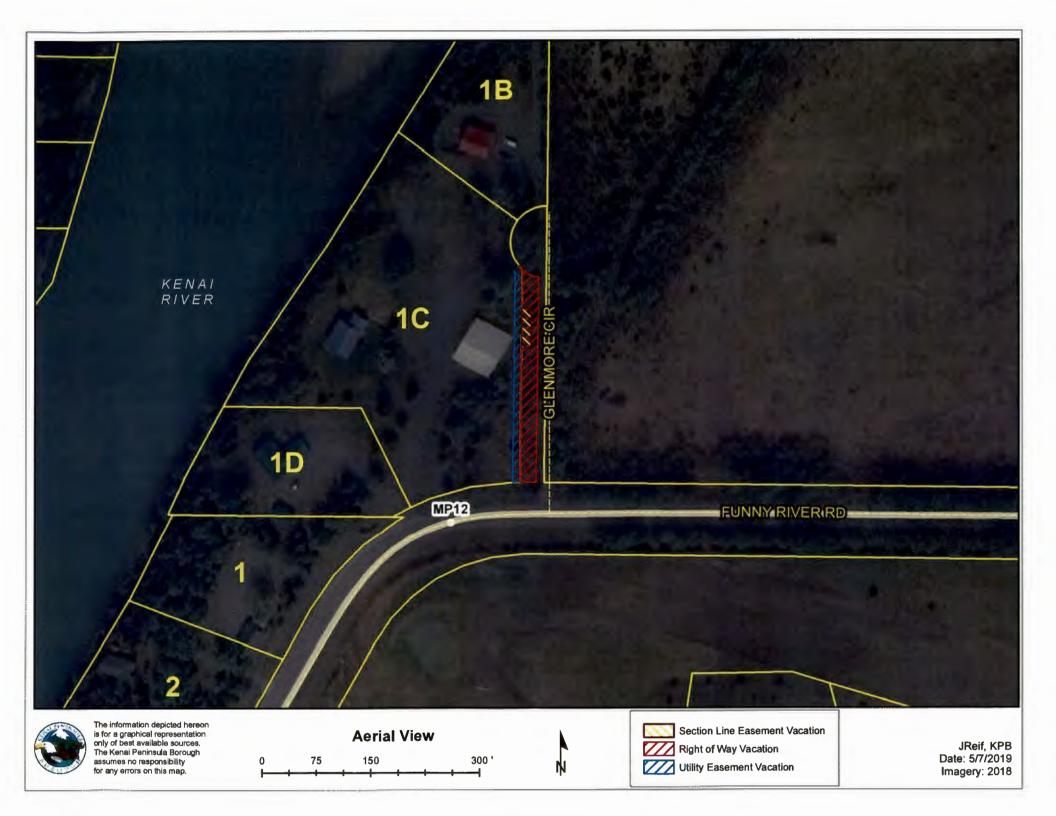
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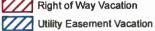


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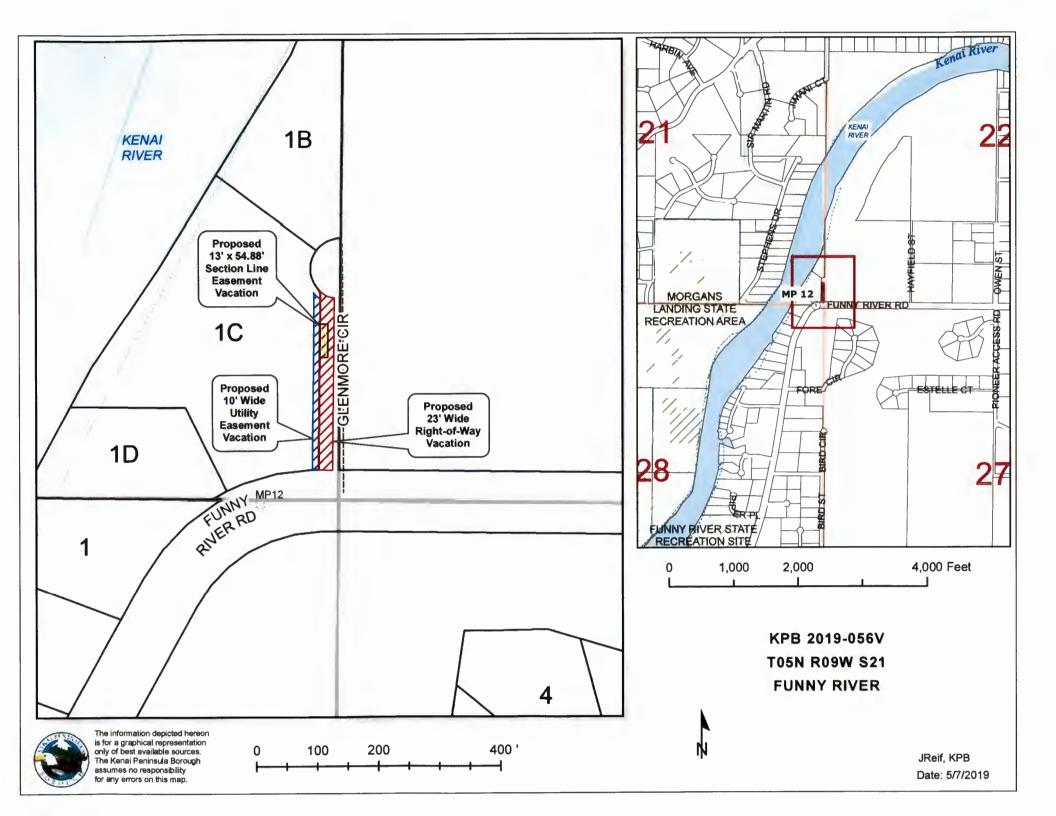
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Right of Way Vacation



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MENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

# Petition to Vacate Public Right-of-Way/Easement/Platted Public Area Public Hearing Required

Upon receipt of complete application with fees and all required attachments, a public hearing before the Planning Commission will be scheduled. The petition with all required information and attachments must be in the Planning Department at least 30 days prior to the preferred hearing date. By State Statute and Borough Code, the public hearing must be scheduled within 60 days of receipt of complete application.

	\$500 non-refundable fee to help defray costs of advertising public hearing.  City Advisory Planning Commission. Copy of minutes at which this item was acted on, along with a copy of City Staff Report.							
V	Name of public right-of-way proposed to be vacated is dedicated by the plat of Pllots Band Bird Replat Subdivision, filed as Plat No. 2008-55 in							
	Konei Recording District.							
~	Are there associated utility easements to be vacated?							
V	Are easements in use by any utility company? If so, which company No							
	Easement for public road or right-of-way as set out in (specify type of document)							
	as recorded in Book Page of the							
	Recording District. (Copy of recorded document must be submitted with petition.)							
V	Submit three copies of plat or map showing area proposed to be vacated. Must not exceed 11x17							
inches in size. In the case of public right-of-way, the submittal must include a sketch showing which								
	parcels the vacated area will be attached to. Proposed alternative dedication is to be shown and labeled on the sketch.							
	Has right-of-way been fully or partially constructed? ☐ Yes ☑ No							
	Is right-of-way used by vehicles / pedestrians / other?							
	Is alternative right-of-way being provided?							
	petitioner must provide reasonable justification for the vacation. Reason for vacating:  ng in PIOW at time of purchase undeclosed to current owner.							
A curr	rent total of 83' of section line easment in place, which provides ample space for a constructed access.							
Area t	to be vacated not constructed. Existing ROW provides access to one parcel and ends in cul-de-sec.							
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way,	petition must be signed (written signature) by owners of the majority of land fronting the right-of- easement, or platted public area proposed to be vacated. Each petitioner must include address legal description of his/her property.							
Subm	nitted By: Signature as: Name: Edge Survey and Design Petitioner Representative							
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	Soldotna, AK 99669							
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Pilot's Bend Bird Replat. Plat 2008-55 KRD.

Findings for Vacation Approval:

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