

#### Kenai Planning & Zoning Commission – Regular Meeting

February 26, 2025 - 7:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 Fidalgo Avenue, Kenai, AK 99611

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#### Agenda

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda (*Public comments on Consent Agenda Items limited to three (3) minutes per speaker; thirty (30) minutes aggregated*)

\*All items listed with an asterisk (\*) are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Commission and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Commission Member so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda as part of the General Orders.

#### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. \*Regular Meeting of February 12, 2025
- C. <u>SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT</u> (Public comment limited to ten (10) minutes per speaker)
- **D.** <u>UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT</u> (Public comment limited to three (3) minutes per speaker; thirty (30) minutes aggregated)

#### E. CONSIDERATION OF PLATS

- <u>1.</u> **Resolution PZ2025-09** Recommending Approval of Preliminary Plat Valhalla Heights Subdivision Conan Replat of Lot 9 and Lot 10, Block 5A, Valhalla Heights Subdivision Part 5 in the Rural Residential (RR) Zoning District.
- 2. Resolution PZ2025-11 Recommending Approval of Preliminary Plat Inlet Woods Subdivision 2025 Replat of Inlet Woods Subdivision, Part One, Lots 1 & 2, Block 10 in the Suburban Residential (RS) Zoning District.
- 3. **Resolution PZ2025-12** Recommending Approval of Preliminary Plat Holland Spur Highway Subdivision Addition No. 1 Replat of Holland Spur Highway Subdivision, Tract 1 in the General Commercial (CG) Zoning District.

#### F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

 Resolution PZ2025-08 – Recommending Approval to Rezone the Properties Located at 202 N. Forest Drive and 1408 Second Avenue from Suburban Residential (RS) to General Commercial (CG) Zoning District.

- 2. Resolution PZ2025-10 Granting a Conditional Use Permit to Operate a Retail Businesses (Greenhouse, Café/Retail, Law Office) of the Existing Structures on the Property Described as Lot 1, Fresh Start Subdivision, Located at 202 N. Forest Drive within the Suburban Residential (RS) Zoning District.
- 3. Resolution PZ2025-06 Granting a Conditional Use Permit for a Cabin Rental (I.E Short-term Rental) and Boarding House in a Single-Family Dwelling on the Property Described as Lot 16, Block 1, Anglers Acres Sub, Part 2, Located at 1305 Angler Drive, Within the Rural Residential (RR) Zoning District.
- 4. Resolution PZ2025-07 Granting a Conditional Use Permit for a Lodge and Guide Service in a Single-Family Dwelling on the Property Described as Lot 14-A, Block 1, Anglers Acres Sub, Beaver Creek Replat, Located at 1235 Angler Drive, Within the Rural Residential (RR) Zoning District.

#### G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Discussion –** Aspen Creek, 701 N. Forest Drive Conditional Use Permit

#### H. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

- 1. **Discussion/Action –** Schedule a work session to examine the current Conditional Use Permits in terms of Potential Rezoning.
- \*Action/Approval Requesting Excused Absences for the February 12, 2025 Regular Meeting – Twait, Krause

#### I. <u>REPORTS</u>

- 1. Planning Director
- 2. Commission Chair
- 3. Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning
- 4. City Council Liaison

#### J. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Public comment limited to five (5) minutes per speaker)

#### K. <u>NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION</u>

1. Next Meeting: March 12, 2025

#### L. COMMISSION COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

M. PENDING ITEMS

#### N. ADJOURNMENT

#### O. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The agenda and supporting documents are posted on the City's website at www.kenai.city. Copies of resolutions and ordinances are available at the City Clerk's Office or outside the Council Chamber prior to the meeting. For additional information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 907-283-8231.

**Registration is required to join the meeting remotely through Zoom.** Please use the link below to register:

#### https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/SVmhw133R6K8\_9GIc19EtA

#### \*\*COMMISSIONERS, PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING\*\*

#### KENAI PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 2025 – 7:00 P.M. KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 210 FIDALGO AVE., KENAI, AK 99611 CHAIR JOE HALSTEAD, PRESIDING

#### **MINUTES**

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Kenai Planning & Zoning Commission was held on February 12, 2025, in City Hall Council Chambers, Kenai, AK. Chair Halstead called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

#### 1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Halstead led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 2. Roll Call

There were present: Joe Halstead, Chair Glenese Pettey Gwen Woodard

Sonja Earsley Diane Fikes

A quorum was present.

Absent: Jeff Twait, Vice Chair

Stacie Krause

Also in attendance were:

Kevin Buettner, Planning Director Victoria Askin, City Council Liaison Meghan Thibodeau, Deputy City Clerk

#### 3. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda

#### **MOTION:**

Commissioner Pettey **MOVED** to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Commissioner Woodard **SECONDED** the motion.

The items on the Consent Agenda were read into the record.

Chair Halstead opened the floor for public comment on consent agenda items; there being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested.

There being no objection; SO ORDERED.

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#### B. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>

1. \*Regular Meeting of January 22, 2025



Approved by the consent agenda.

#### C. <u>SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS</u>

#### 1. Aspen Creek Construction – Doug Clegg, Owner

Doug Clegg, owner of Aspen Creek Senior Living Facility, located at 701 N. Forest Drive, explained that he was there at Planning Director Buettner's request after learning about neighborhood complaints about traffic from the City Attorney; he noted that no neighbors had contacted him directly. He clarified that Aspen Creek's Conditional Use Permits (CUP) restricts access via Ponderosa to emergency vehicles, deliveries, and trash removal; ongoing construction has caused increased traffic, and the neighbor's concerns may be resolved when construction is completed; his main priority is resident safety; he will encourage Forest Drive access but cannot police Ponderosa; and he is willing to work with the City for solutions.

#### D. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS

Residents of the neighborhood near the Aspen Creek Senior Living Facility addressed the Commission with concerns related Aspen Creek's expansion. Concerns were expressed regarding Aspen Creek not adhering to the conditions set in their CUPs; the significant increase in traffic on the residential streets of Ponderosa and Pine; large delivery trucks and semis on the residential street; traffic noise; speeding; dangerous conditions for children and pedestrians; insufficient noticing to the public; violation of the residential character of the neighborhood; new challenges for snow removal; and potential for decreased property values. Suggested solutions provided during testimony included purchasing the vacant land to north of Aspen Creek for dedicated access, and a locked gate at back entrance for authorized vehicles only; it was requested that the Commission to take action on this issue.

The following individuals provided testimony:

- Ken Peterson
- M. Scott Moon
- Kit Hill
- Arlys Miskinis
- Howard Hill
- Shelly Peterson
- Merri Duby

Doug Clegg addressed concerns raised during the previous public testimony and responded to questions from the Commission.

The Commission requested that an action item be added to a future agenda to address this issue, and for a report of activities to be provided at the Commission's next meeting.

#### E. <u>CONSIDERATION OF PLATS</u> – None.

#### F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Resolution No. PZ2025-04** - Granting a Conditional Use Permit for Off Street Parking on the Property Described as Tract 1, Frontage Road Subdivision, Located at Approximately Mile 11.4 Kenai Spur Highway, Within the Central Mixed Use (CMU) Zoning District.

#### MOTION:

Commissioner Woodard **MOVED** to approve Resolution PZ2025-04. Commissioner Pettey **SECONDED** the motion.



Planning Director Buettner provided an overview of the staff report as included in the packet and attached to Resolution No. PZ2025-04; he noted that the application was for a CUP to authorize the use of onstreet parking spaces to meet the minimum off-street parking requirements. The current use of the property is a drinking establishment (The Bow Bar), and the applicant is a prospective buyer. It was noted that staff's recommendation is approval.

Applicant Kelsey Meyer noted that she was the prospective new owner of The Bow Bar; the business had been previously functioning with no parking, which was an issue she would like to resolve prior to acquisition.

Chair Halstead opened the floor for public hearing; there being no one wishing to be heard, the public hearing period was closed.

Clarification was provided that the spaces are under 300 feet from the edge of the property, and the parking spaces are public and are not designated only for The Bow Bar's use.

#### VOTE:

YEA: Fikes, Woodard, Earsley, Pettey, Halstead NAY: None

ABSENT: Twait, Krause

#### MOTION PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

Chair Halstead noted the 15-day appeal period.

#### G. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u> – None.

#### H. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

1. \*Action/Approval – Requesting Excused Absences for the January 22, 2025 Regular Meeting – Woodard

Approved by the consent agenda.

#### I. <u>REPORTS</u>

- 1. Planning Director Planning Director Buettner reported on the following:
  - Received a petition signed by neighbors of Aspen Creek, which will be presented as part of a future public hearing.
  - A Joint Work Session with the City Council has been scheduled for April 16, 2025 for a presentation of the draft SS4A Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.
- 2. Commission Chair No report.
- 3. Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commissioner Fikes reported on recent actions of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission.
- 4. City Council Liaison Council Member Askin reported on recent actions of the City Council.

#### J. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

#### K. NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION

1. Next Meeting: February 26, 2025

Commissioner Earsley noted she will be absent.

#### L. COMMISSION COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Commissioner Pettey expressed appreciation for the robust conversation, and noted that she looks forward to working towards a solution and the completion of construction at Aspen Creek.

Chair Halstead noted he is looking forward to settling the issue with Aspen Creek and its neighbors.

M. <u>PENDING ITEMS</u> – None.

#### N. ADJOURNMENT

#### O. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. April 16, 2025, 5 PM: Joint Work Session with City Council - Safe Streets for All Draft Plan to be held in Council Chambers

There being no further business before the Planning & Zoning Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting of February 12, 2025.

Meghan Thibodeau Deputy City Clerk



#### CITY OF KENAI PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. PZ2025-09

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT PRELIMINARY PLAT VALHALLA HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION CONAN REPLAT ATTACHED HERETO BE **APPROVED**.

PROPERTY ADDRESSES: 4311 North Lupine Drive 4315 North Lupine Drive

LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS: Lot 9 and Lot 10, Block 5A, Valhalla Heights Subdivision Part 5

KPB PARCEL NUMBERS: 0933010 and 04933009

WHEREAS, the City of Kenai received a preliminary plat from Edge Survey and Design, on behalf of the property owner, Conan Egan for a replat of Lot 9 and Lot 10, Block 5A, Valhalla Heights Subdivision Part 5; and,

WHEREAS, the preliminary plat meets the minimum lot width and minimum lot depth requirements as outlined in Kenai Municipal Code (KMC) Section 14.10.070(d)(2); and,

WHEREAS, the existing street names are referenced correctly; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed lot will have access from North Lupine Drive (a City-maintained gravel road); and,

WHEREAS, City water and sewer lines are not available to the lots; and,

WHEREAS, a 10-foot easement for utilities is located along all boundaries of the proposed lot; and,

WHEREAS, an installation agreement is not required; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission finds:

- Pursuant to KMC 14.10.070 Subdivision design standards, the preliminary plat for replat, subject to the listed conditions, provides utilities/access easements as denoted in plat notes 2 and 3, provides a satisfactory and desirable building site, and the on-site water and wastewater systems are subject to the regulatory requirements of the City of Kenai Public Works Department.
- 2. Pursuant to KMC 14.10.080 *Minimum improvement required*, the preliminary plat is a replat of a lot within a subdivision that has dedicated rights-of-way and determined acceptable

access, subject to the listed conditions. Therefore, an installation agreement is not required.

- 3. Pursuant to KMC 14.24.010 *Minimum lot area requirements*, the preliminary plat meets City standards for minimum lot size in the RR zoning district of 20,000 square feet, the resulting lot size of this merger will be approximately 30,840 square feet.
- 4. Pursuant to KMC 14.24.020 General Requirements, the preliminary plat meets City standards for minimum lot width/depth and access/utility easements. Compliance with the maximum lot coverage, maximum height, and setbacks will be reviewed during the building permit review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA:

**Section 1.** That preliminary plat Valhalla Heights Subdivision Conan Replat for a replat of Lot 9 and Lot 10, Block 5A, Valhalla Heights Subdivision Part 5 be approved.

PASSED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA, THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

JOE HALSTEAD, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

Meghan Thibodeau, Deputy City Clerk



# **STAFF REPORT**

**PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT** 

TO:	Planning and Zoning Commission				
THROUGH:	evin Buettner, Planning Director				
FROM:	Brandon McElrea, Planning Technician				
DATE:	February 18, 2025				
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. PZ2025-09 – Preliminary Plat – Valhalla Heights Subdivision				
	Conan Replat				
Request	The applicant is proposing a preliminary plat to replat Lots 9 & 10, Block 5A, Valhalla Heights Subdivision Part 5.				
Staff Recommendation	Adopt Resolution No. PZ2025-09 recommending approval of Preliminary Plat – Valhalla Heights Subdivision Conan Replat for the parcel merger of Lots 9 and 10, Block 5A, Valhalla Heights Subdivision Part 5.				
Applicant:	Edge Survey and Design Attn: Jason Young P.O. Box 208 Kasilof, AK 99610				
Property Owner:	Conan Egan				
Legal Descriptions	: Lot 9 and Lot 10, Block 5A, Valhalla Heights Subdivision Part 5.				
Property Addresse	s: 4311 North Lupine Drive 4315 North Lupine Drive				
KPB Parcel Nos.:	04933010 and 04933009				
Zoning District:	Rural Residential (RR)				
Land Use Plan:	Suburban Residential (SR)				
Surrounding Uses:	Vacant and Improved Residential				

#### SUMMARY

The City received a preliminary plat from Edge Survey and Design, Inc. on behalf of the property owner for a replat of Lots 9 and 10, Block 5A, Valhalla Heights Subdivision Part 5, to merge lots 9 and 10 into one (1) lot of approximately 30,840 square feet (0.708 acre). Currently, a single-family dwelling is situated on the lot line between lots 9 and 10, with private water well and private septic residing on lots 10 and 9, respectively.

Kenai Municipal Code (KMC) Chapter 14.10 *Subdivision Regulations* states preliminary plats or replats must first be submitted to the City for review and provide recommendation to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission.

#### ANALYSIS

The proposed parcel merger meets the preliminary plat requirements and development requirements for the Rural Residential (RR) zoning district. Access to the subject lots is via North Lupine Drive, which is a City maintained gravel road. At 30,840 square feet, the proposed merged parcel exceeds the RR minimum lot size of 20,000 square feet. City water and wastewater are not available in this area, however onsite water on lot 10, and wastewater on lot 9, are installed and subject to the regulatory requirements of the State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). The Public Works Director, Fire Marshal, and Building Official have reviewed the preliminary plat and have no comments.

Staff finds that the preliminary plat meets the following Title 14 of Kenai Municipal Code (KMC) sections and aligns with the intent of the Kenai Zoning Code.

- 1. Pursuant to KMC 14.10.070 *Subdivision Design Standards*, the preliminary plat for replat, subject to the listed conditions, provides utilities/access easements, provides a satisfactory and desirable building site, and the on-site water and wastewater systems are subject to the regulatory requirements of the ADEC.
- 2. Pursuant to KMC 14.10.080 *Minimum improvement required*, the preliminary plat is a replat of a lot within a subdivision that has dedicated rights-of-way and determined acceptable access, subject to the listed conditions. Therefore, an installation agreement is not required.
- 3. Pursuant to KMC 14.24.010 *Minimum lot area requirements*, the preliminary plat meets City standards for minimum lot size in the RR zoning district of 20,000 square feet, the resulting lot size of this merger will be approximately 30,840 square feet.
- 4. Pursuant to KMC 14.24.020 *General Requirements*, the preliminary plat meets City standards for minimum lot width/depth and access/utility easements. Compliance with the maximum lot coverage, maximum height, and setbacks will be reviewed during the building permit review.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff finds that the proposed preliminary plat for Valhalla Heights Subdivision Conan Replat to replat Lots 9 and 10, Block 5A, Valhalla Heights Subdivision Part 5 meets the general standards for Kenai Municipal Code (KMC) Chapter 14.10 *Subdivision Regulations* and Chapter 14.24 *Development Requirements Table* and hereby recommends that the Planning and Zoning

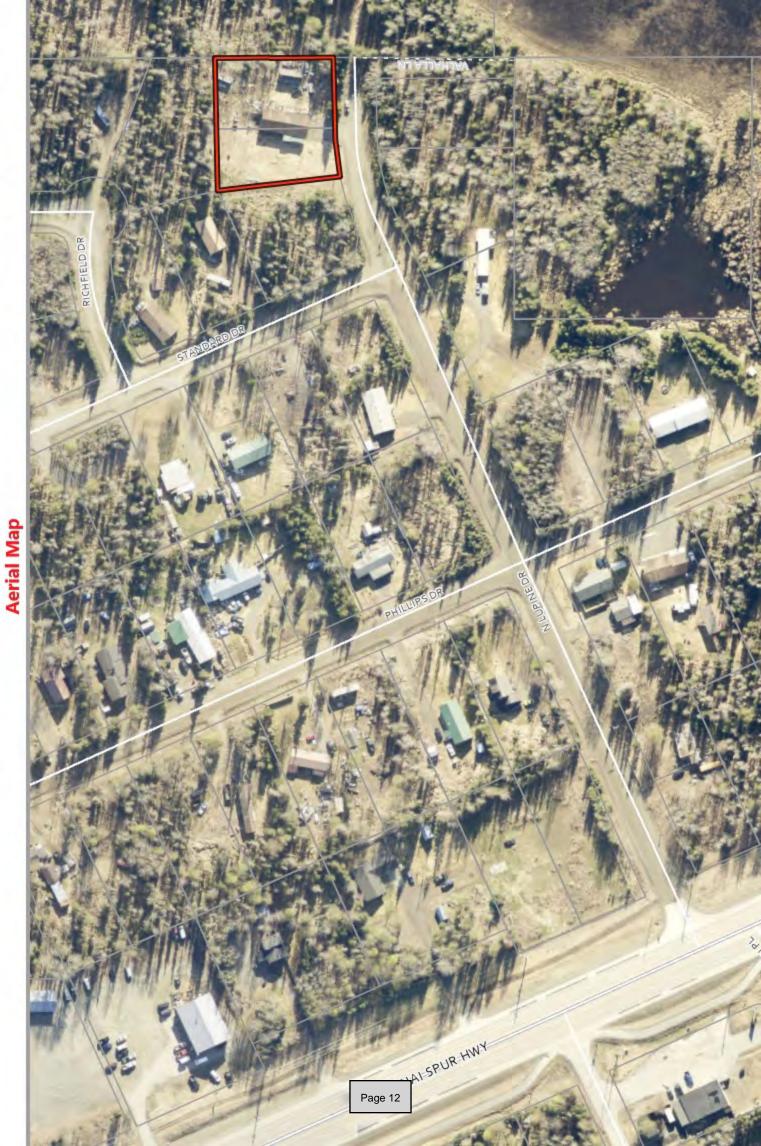


Commission recommends approval of Resolution No. PZ2025-09 to the Kenai Peninsula Borough, subject to the following condition:

1. Further development of the property will conform to all Federal, State of Alaska, and local regulations.

#### ATTACHMENTS

Aerial Map Application Preliminary Plat, Valhalla Heights Subdivision Conan Replat



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Phone Number(s):	907-283-9047						
Email:	jason@edgesurvey.ne						
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Name:	Conan Egan		~				
Mailing Address:	POB 1060	City:	Corvallis	State:	MT	Zip Code:	59828
Phone Number(s):	707-695-8800						
Email:	cecorp.office@gmail.c						
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35681 Kenai Spur Hwy., Unit B Soldotna, AK 99669 Tel: (907) 260-8031 Fax: (907) 260-8036

#### **CERTIFICATE TO PLAT**

Edge Survey and Design, LLC. PO Box 208 Kasilof, AK 99610 Attention: Jason Young File Number: 25213 Premium: \$300.00 Tax:

Gentlemen:

This is a certificate as of January 21, 2025 at 8:00 A.M. for a plat out of the following property:

Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), Block Five "A" (5A), VALHALLA HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION PART 5, according to Plat No. K-1737, Kenai Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska.

The Company certifies that record title is vested in

Conan Egan, a married man an estate in fee simple, free from all liens, encumbrances, and objections except for as follows:

- 1. **RESERVATIONS** and exceptions as contained in U.S. Patent, and/or acts authorizing the issuance thereof.
- 2. TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, if any, due the taxing authority indicated: Taxing Authority: KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
- 3. EASEMENTS, SET-BACKS AND DEDICATIONS as delineated on Plat No. K-1737.
- 4. EFFECT of the notes on said Plat No. K-1737.
- 5. **THE RIGHTS** to the public in and to that portion of the premises herein described lying within the limits of roads, streets and highways.
- RESERVATION of oil, gas and mineral rights constructive notice of which is given by recital in deed: Recorded: June 9, 1969
   Volume/Page: Deed Book 56/19
   FURTHER, no other examination of the excepted title to minerals has been made herein and no insurance nor responsibility therefore is implied or assumed.
- 7. EASEMENT for electric lines or system and/or telephone lines together with right to enter, maintain, repair and clear shrubbery:

Recorded:	July 11, 1969
Volume/Page:	Misc. 35/187
Granted To:	Homer Electric Association, Inc.
Affects: General Easemer	nt, no definite location disclosed

#### 8. THE RIGHT TITLE AND INTEREST OF PAMELA D. ANDERSON, by Quit Claim Deed:

Grantor:	Gary E. Anderson
Grantee:	Gary E. and Pamela D. Anderson
Recorded:	January 11, 2001
Volume/Page:	597/820

#### THE EFFECTS, OF THAT CERTAIN QUIT CLAIM DEED:

Grantor:	Gary E. Anderson and Pamela D. Anderson
Grantee:	Pamela D. Bass
Recorded:	April 24, 2001
Volume/Page:	604/669

**NOTE:** Pamela D. Anderson did not sign said Quit Claim Deed, therefore it acts as Gary E. Anderson's release of interest in the property only, and does not change Ms. Anderson's name as it appears in title to the subject property.

#### THE EFFECTS OF THAT CERTAIN QUIT CLAIM DEED:

Grantor:	Pamela D. Rickard WTTA Pamela D. Bass, an unmarried woman
Grantee:	Conan Egan, a married man
Recorded:	May 13, 2024
Serial No.:	2024-003239-0

**NOTE:** Said Deed should be re-recorded to correct the Grantor's name, to read: Pamela D. Rickard, who acquired title as Pamela D. Anderson, also known of record as Pamela D. Bass, an unmarried woman. Ms. Rickard will need to sign and execute a correct deed.

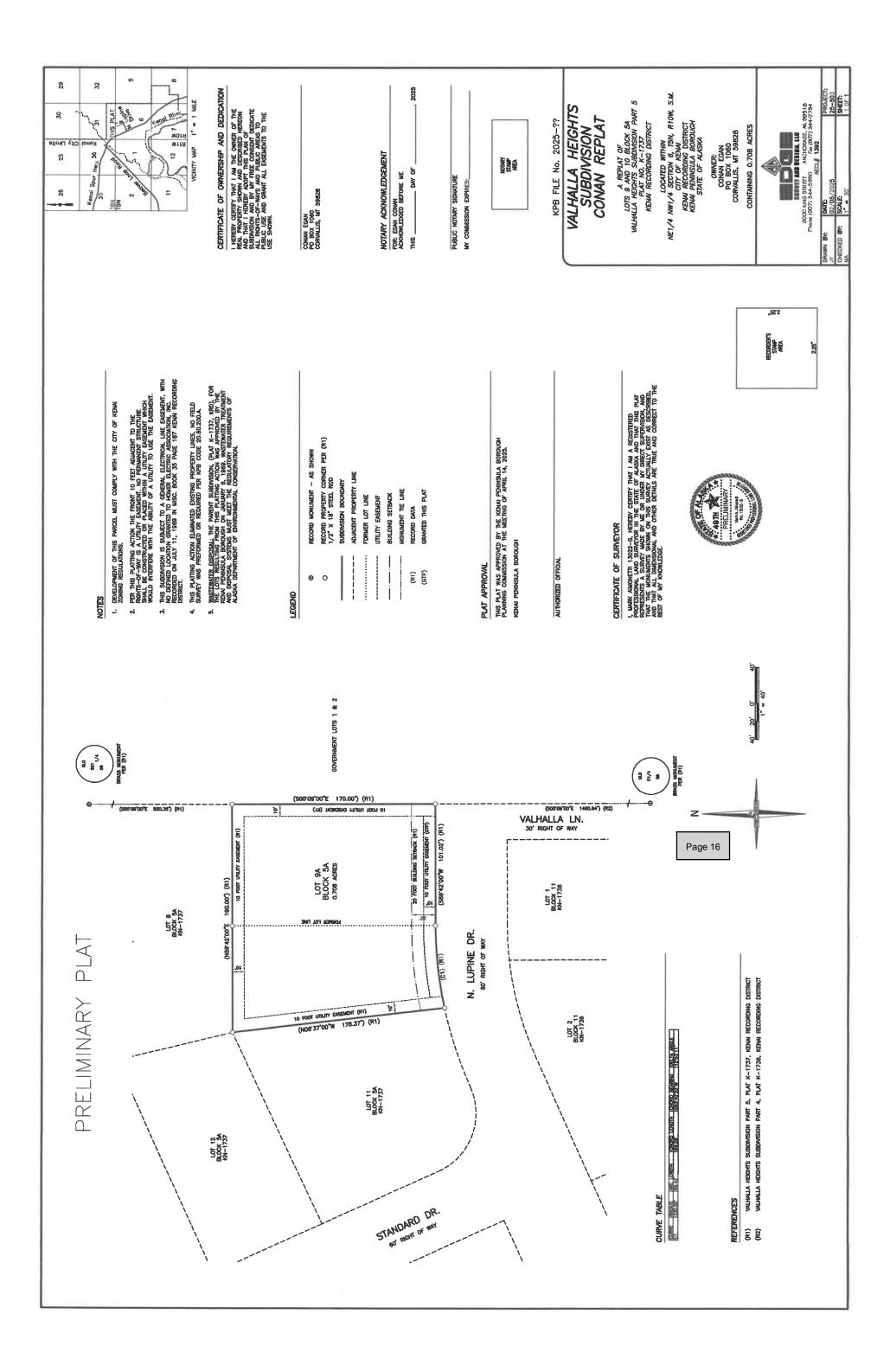
#### Stewart Title of the Kenai Peninsula, Inc.

By

Authorized Countersignature

Mary Frengle Authorized Signator

NOTE: We will update this certificate to comply with Kenai Peninsula Borough Ordinance 90-38 upon notification from surveyor.





#### CITY OF KENAI PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. PZ2025-11

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR THE INLET WOODS SUBDIVISION 2025 REPLAT ATTACHED HERETO BE **APPROVED**.

PROPERTY ADDRESSES: 1406 & 1408 Hedley Dr., Kenai, AK 99611

LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS: Inlet Woods Subdivision, Part One, Lots 1 & 2, Block 10

KPB PARCEL NUMBERS: 04101139 & 04101140

WHEREAS, the City of Kenai received a preliminary plat from McLane Consulting, on behalf of the property owner, Margaret Winston for a replat of Lots 1 & 2, Block 10, Inlet Woods Subdivision, Part One; and,

WHEREAS, the preliminary plat meets the minimum lot width and minimum lot depth requirements as outlined in Kenai Municipal Code (KMC) Section 14.10.070(d)(2); and,

WHEREAS, the existing street names are referenced correctly; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed lots have access from Hedley Drive; and,

WHEREAS, City water and sewer lines are available to the lot; and,

WHEREAS, an installation agreement is not required; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission finds:

- 1. Pursuant to KMC 14.10.070 *Subdivision Design Standards*, the preliminary plat for replat, subject to the listed conditions, provides utilities/access easements, provides satisfactory and desirable building sites, and the on-site water and sewer systems will be subject to the regulatory requirements of the Public Works Department; and,
- 2. Pursuant to KMC 14.24.010 *Minimum lot area requirements*, the preliminary plat meets City standards for minimum lot size in the RS zoning district of 7,200 square feet, the proposed lot is approximately 16,800 square feet (0.386 acre).
- 3. Pursuant to KMC 14.24.020 *General Requirements*, the preliminary plat meets City standards for minimum lot width/depth and access/utility easements. Compliance with the maximum lot coverage, maximum height, and setbacks will be reviewed during the building permit review.

Resolution No. PZ2025-11 Page 2 of 2

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA:

**Section 1.** That preliminary plat Inlet Woods Subdivision 2025 Replat be approved subject to the following conditions,

1. Further development of the property will conform to all federal, State of Alaska, and local regulations.

PASSED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA, THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

JOE HALSTEAD, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

Meghan Thibodeau, Deputy City Clerk



# **STAFF REPORT**

#### **PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT**

то:	Planning and Zoning Commission		
FROM:	Kevin Buettner, Planning Director		
DATE:	February 19, 2025		
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. PZ2025-11 – Preliminary Plat – Inlet Woods Subdivision 2025 Replat		
Request	The applicant is proposing a preliminary plat to merge Lots 1 & 2, Block 10, Inlet Woods Subdivision, Part One		
Staff Recommendation	Adopt Resolution No. PZ2025-11 recommending approval of Preliminary Plat – Inlet Woods Subdivision 2025 Replat, creating 1 parcel of 0.386 acres.		
Applicant:	McLane Consulting Attn: Andrew Hamilton P.O. Box 468 Soldotna, AK 99669		
Property Owner:	Margaret Winston		
Legal Description:	Inlet Woods Subdivision, Part One, Lots 1 & 2, Block 10		
Property Address:	1406 & 1408 Hedley Dr., Kenai, AK 99611		
KPB Parcel No.:	04101139 & 04101140		
Zoning District:	Suburban Residential (RS)		
Land Use Plan:	Suburban Residential (SR)		
Surrounding Uses	: Suburban Residential		

#### SUMMARY

A preliminary plat has been submitted from McLane Consulting on behalf of Margaret Winston to merge Lots 1 & 2, Block 10, Inlet Woods Subdivision, Part One, to create one lot. The subject lots are located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Hedley Drive and Backwood Avenue in the Inlet Woods subdivision.

There is a single-family dwelling on Lot 2 (1406 Hedley Drive) and no improvements to Lot 1 (1408 Hedley Drive). If approved, the merging of the two (2) subject lots will result in a 0.3863-acre lot.

Kenai Municipal Code (KMC) Chapter 14.10 *Subdivision Regulations* states preliminary plats or replats must first be submitted to the City for review and provide recommendation to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission.

#### ANALYSIS

The proposed replat meets the minimum lot size requirement of 7,200 square feet (0.165 acre) for the Suburban Residential (RS) zoning district. The size of Lots One (1) and Two (2) are 0.22 acres each and the merged lot will total 0.386 acres when allowing for the public right of way on the northeast corner of the lot.

City water and wastewater are available in this area. Property owner(s) currently have water and wastewater services provided by the City of Kenai.

Access to the proposed Lots is provided via Hedley Drive, which is connected to Redoubt Avenue through a series of other local roads within the Inlet Wood Subdivision.

All rights-of-way within the proposed preliminary plat are currently existing. The Public Works Director has reviewed the preliminary plat and had no comments. Therefore, staff finds that an installation agreement is not required for the preliminary plat.

A 10-foot easement for utilities is located along the north and east boundaries of the lots adjacent to existing right-of-way. This is denoted in plat note two (2), which states the front 10-feet adjacent to right-of-way is a utility easement.

Staff finds that the preliminary plat to merge Lots 1 & 2, Block 10, Inlet Woods Subdivision, Part One meets the following Title 14 of Kenai Municipal Code (KMC) sections and aligns with the intent of the Kenai Zoning Code.

- 1. Pursuant to KMC 14.10.070 *Subdivision Design Standards*, the preliminary plat for replat, subject to the listed conditions, provides utilities/access easements, provides a satisfactory and desirable building site, and the accessible water and wastewater systems are subject to the regulatory requirements of the City of Kenai Public Works Department.
- 2. Pursuant to KMC 14.10.080 *Minimum improvement required*, the preliminary plat is a replat of two lots within a subdivision that has dedicated rights-of-way and determined acceptable access, subject to the listed conditions. Therefore, an installation agreement is not required.
- 3. Pursuant to KMC 14.24.010 *Minimum lot area requirements*, the preliminary plat meets City standards for minimum lot size in the RS zoning district of 7,200 square feet (0.165 acre), the resulting lot sizes of this subdivision will be approximately 0.386-acre.
- 4. Pursuant to KMC 14.24.020 *General Requirements*, the preliminary plat meets City standards for minimum lot width/depth and access/utility easements. Compliance with the maximum lot coverage, maximum height, and setbacks will be reviewed during the building permit review.

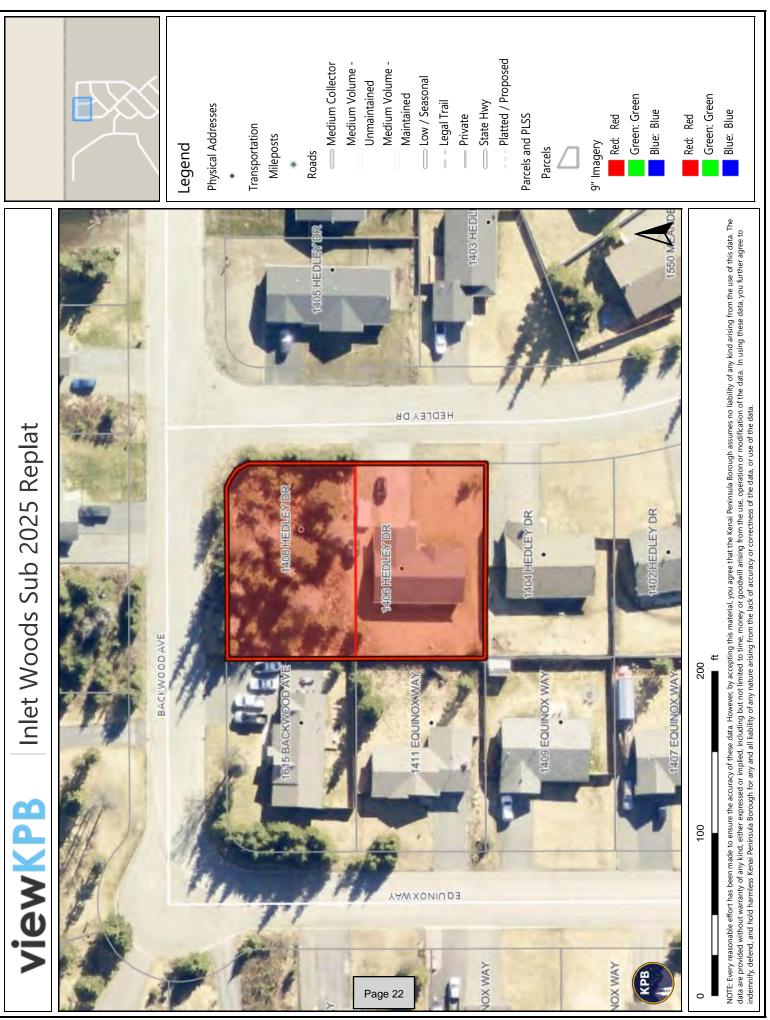
#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff finds that the preliminary plat to merge Lots 1 & 2, Block 10, Inlet Woods Subdivision, Part One, meets the general standards of Kenai Municipal Code (KMC), Chapter 14.10 *Subdivision Regulations* and Chapter 14.24 *Development Requirements Table* and hereby recommends that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval of Resolution No. PZ2025-11 for a merger of Lots 1 & 2, Block 10, Inlet Woods Subdivision, Part One, subject to the following conditions.

1. Further development of the property will conform to all federal, State of Alaska, and local regulations.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Aerial Map Application Preliminary Plat, Inlet Woods Subdivision 2025 Replat



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CONSULTING, INC. P.O. Box 468 Soldotna, Alaska 99669 (907) 283-4218 fax (907) 283-3265

TO: City of Kenai

Planning and Zoning Department

210 Fidalgo Avenue

Kenai, Alaska 99611

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

### DATE: JANUARY 28, 2025 JOB #

ATTENTION: Platting and Zoning Department

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Inlet Woods Subdivision 2025 Replat

KBP File 2025-XXX

PRELIMINARY PLAT

From: Andrew Hamilton

We are sending you: 🗵 Attached 🛛 🗆 Under separate Cover

Via: Delivered

RE:

Copies	Description	
1	Blackline Prelim Plat full size	
2	Prelim Plat 11x17" size	
1	Certificate to Plat	
1	City of Kenai/KPB Owner Submittal Forms	

#### Reason for Transmittal Checked Below:

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Remarks:		
Copy to:	Signed:	Andrew Hamilton

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		APPLICANT (SURVEYO	R)			
Name:	McLane Consulting					
Mailing Address:	PO BOX 468	City: Soldotna	State:	AK	Zip Code: 99669	
Phone Number(s):	907-283-4218					
Email:	AHAMILTON@MCLAN	ECG.COM				
		PROPERTY OWNER		197		
Name:	Margaret Winston					
Mailing Address:	1406 Hedley Dr.	City: Kenai	State:	AK	Zip Code: 99611	
Phone Number(s):	907-740-0410					
Email:	MAGGIEKAYWINSTON	@GMAIL.COM				
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Use:	Residential	Recreational			Commercial	
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Water:	On Site	City			Community	
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		SIGNATURE				
Signature:	MARK				Date: 12/03/24	
Print Name:	Margaret Winston	Title/Business:				

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35681 Kenai Spur Hwy., Unit B Soldotna, AK 99669 Tel: (907) 260-8031 Fax: (907) 260-8036

### **CERTIFICATE TO PLAT**

McLane Consulting, Inc. PO Box 468 Soldotna, AK 99669 Attention: Andrew Hamitlon File Number: 24878 Premium: \$300.00 Tax:

Gentlemen:

This is a certificate as of January 08, 2025 at 8:00 A.M. for a plat out of the following property:

Lots One (1) and Two (2), Block Ten (10), INLET WOODS SUBDIVISION PART ONE, according to Plat No. 84-279, Kenai Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska.

The Company certifies that record title is vested in

Margaret Kay Winston as to Lot 1;

and Margaret Kay Winston, an unmarried person, as to Lot 2

an estate in fee simple, free from all liens, encumbrances, and objections except for as follows:

- 1. **RESERVATIONS** and exceptions as contained in U.S. Patent, and/or acts authorizing the issuance thereof.
- 2. **TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS**, if any, due the taxing authority indicated: Taxing Authority: KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
- 3. EASEMENT for electric lines or system and/or telephone lines together with right to enter, maintain, repair and clear shrubbery:

Recorded:	March 3, 1960
Volume/Page:	Misc. 5/133
Granted To:	Kenai Power Corporation
Affects: General Easemen	t, no definite location disclosed

ASSIGNMENT OF EAS	SEMENT, including the terms and provisions therein:
Grantor:	Kenai Power Corporation
Grantee:	City of Kenai
Recorded:	December 31, 1963
Volume/Page:	Misc. 11/188

- RESERVATION of oil, gas and mineral rights constructive notice of which is given by recital in deed: Recorded: May 8, 1984 Volume/Page: 235/173
- 5. EASEMENTS, SET-BACKS AND DEDICATIONS as delineated on Plat No. 84-279.
- 6. **EFFECT** of the notes on said Plat No. 84-279.

- 8. **DEED OF TRUST**, including terms and provisions thereof, to secure an indebtedness of the amount herein stated and for any other amounts payable under the terms thereof:

Amount:	\$90,000.00
Dated:	August 29, 2012
Recorded:	September 7, 2012
Serial No.:	2012-008669
Trustor:	Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.
Trustee:	First American Title Insurance Company
Beneficiary:	Housing Assistance Council
Affects Lot 2	-

**PARTIAL DEED OF RECONVEYANCE**, releasing Lots 10 and 12, Block 10 and Lots 9 and 10, Block 12 from the obligation under said Deed of Trust:

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Recorded:	October 11, 2012
Serial No.:	2012-010116-0

PARTIAL DEED OF RECONVEYANCE, releasing Lot 9, Block 11 from the obligation under said Deed of Trust:

Recorded:	February 28, 2013
Serial No.:	2013-001871-0

9. **DEED OF TRUST**, including terms and provisions thereof, to secure an indebtedness of the amount herein stated and for any other amounts payable under the terms thereof:

Amount:	\$89,780.00
Dated:	February 28, 2013
Recorded:	March 4, 2013
Serial No.:	2013-001924-0
Trustor:	Margaret Kay Winston, an unmarried person
Trustee:	State Director, Rural Development
Beneficiary:	United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or
successor agency, United	States Department of Agriculture
Affects Lot 2	

10. **DEED OF TRUST**, including terms and provisions thereof, to secure an indebtedness of the amount herein stated and for any other amounts payable under the terms thereof:

Amount:	\$45,800.00
Dated:	February 28, 2013
Recorded:	March 4, 2013
Serial No.:	2013-001925-0
Trustor:	Margaret Kay Winston, an individual
Trustee:	First American Title Insurance Company
Beneficiary:	Cook Inlet Lending Center, Inc.
Affects Lot 2	-

11. **DEED OF TRUST**, including terms and provisions thereof, to secure an indebtedness of the amount herein stated and for any other amounts pavable under the terms thereof:

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Amount:	\$40,000.00
Dated:	February 28, 2013
Recorded:	March 4, 2013
Serial No.:	2013-001926-0
Trustor:	Margaret K. Winston, an unmarried person
Trustee:	First American Title Insurance Company
Beneficiary:	Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
Affects Lot 2	

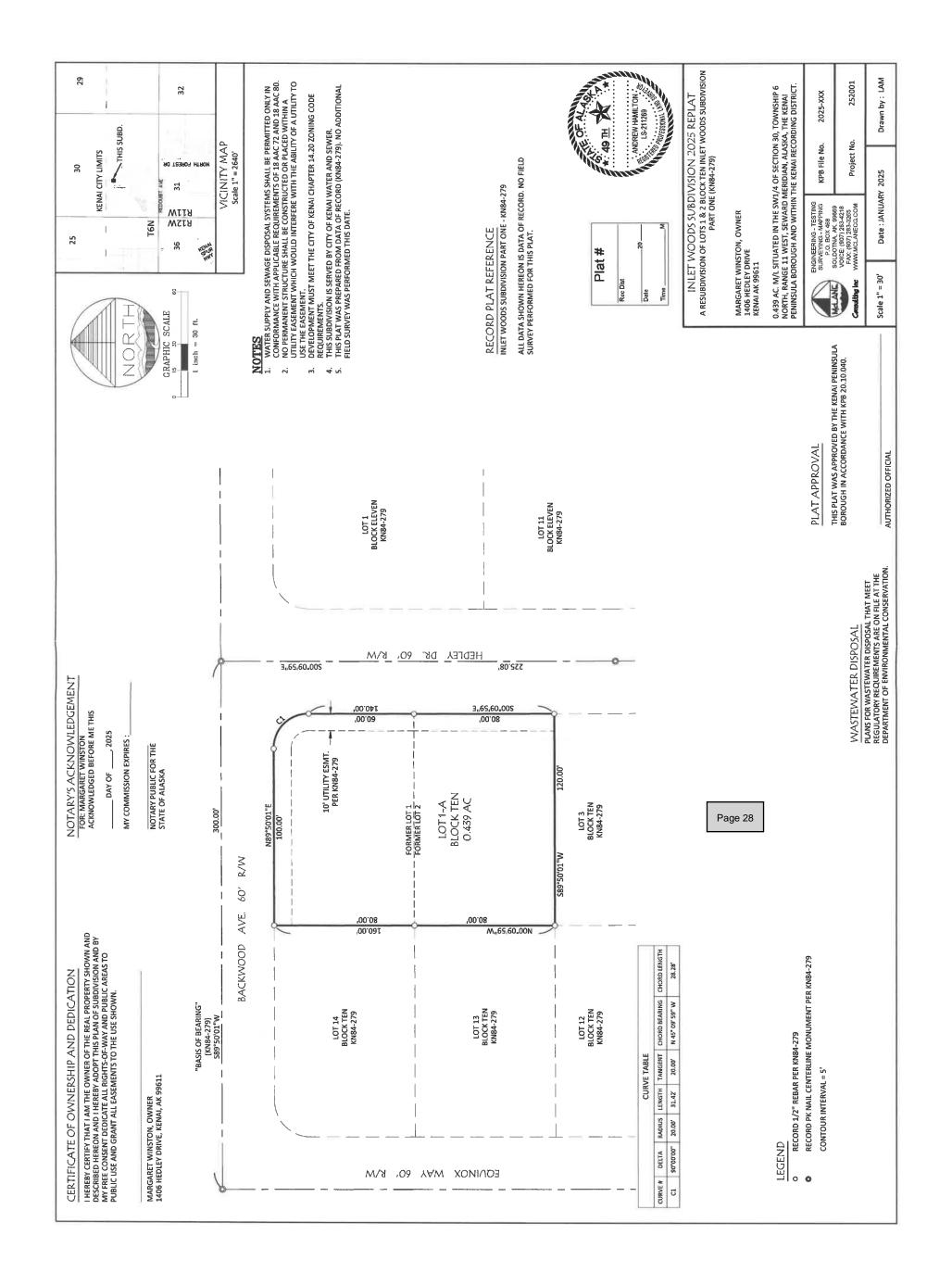
- 12. BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS CERTIFICATION including the terms and provisions therein: Recorded: November 26, 2013 Serial No.: 2013-011220-0 Affects Lot 2
- 13. **INTEREST OF THE SPOUSE** of the vestee, if married, and the subject property has been used as a marital homestead.

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Bv Authorized Countersignature

Mary Frengle Authorized Signator

NOTE: We will update this certificate to comply with Kenai Peninsula Borough Ordinance 90-38 upon notification from surveyor.





#### CITY OF KENAI PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. PZ2025-12

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR THE HOLLAND SPUR HIGHWAY SUBDIVISION ADDITION NO.1 ATTACHED HERETO BE **APPROVED**.

PROPERTY ADDRESSES: 7450 Kenai Spur Highway, Kenai, AK 99611

LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS: Holland Spur Highway Subdivision, Tract 1

KPB PARCEL NUMBERS: 04103055

WHEREAS, the City of Kenai received a preliminary plat from Peninsula Surveying, LLC, on behalf of the property owner, Glen F. Martin, for a subdivision of Holland Spur Highway Subdivision, Tract 1; and,

WHEREAS, the preliminary plat meets the minimum lot width and minimum lot depth requirements as outlined in Kenai Municipal Code (KMC) Section 14.10.070(d)(2); and,

WHEREAS, the existing street names are referenced correctly; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed lots have access from the Kenai Spur Highway; and,

WHEREAS, City water and sewer lines are not available to the lot; and,

WHEREAS, an installation agreement is not required; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission finds:

- 1. Pursuant to KMC 14.10.070 *Subdivision Design Standards*, the preliminary plat for subdivision, subject to the listed conditions, provides utility/access easements, provides satisfactory and desirable building sites, and the on-site water and wastewater systems are subject to the regulatory requirements of ADEC.
- 2. Pursuant to KMC 14.24.010 *Minimum lot area requirements*, there are no minimum lot sizes for General Commercial (CG) zones. If approved, this subdivision will create Tract 1A and Tract 1B, with areas of 2.548 and 2.734 acres respectively.
- 3. Pursuant to KMC 14.10.120 *Division of a Commercial Tract*, the owner of a commercial tract located in a commercial zone may divide the tract into fragment lots provided that such a division is not inconsistent with the approved commercial site plan and recorded declarations, covenants and restrictions applicable to the commercial tract. The subdivision of this tract, if approved, will be consistent with the proposed land use in this area.

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4. Pursuant to KMC 14.24.020 *General Requirements*, the preliminary plat meets City standards for minimum lot width/depth and access/utility easements. Compliance with the maximum lot coverage, maximum height, and setbacks will be reviewed during the building permit review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA:

**Section 1.** That preliminary plat Holland Spur Highway Subdivision Addition No. 1 be approved subject to the following conditions,

1. Further development of the property will conform to all federal, State of Alaska, and local regulations.

PASSED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA, THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

JOE HALSTEAD, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

Meghan Thibodeau, Deputy City Clerk



# **STAFF REPORT**

#### **PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT**

то:	Planning and Zoning Commission			
FROM:	Kevin Buettner, Planning Director			
DATE:	February 19, 2025			
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. PZ2025-12 – Preliminary Plat – Holland Spur Highway Subdivision Addition No. 1			
Request	The applicant is proposing a preliminary plat to subdivide Holland Spur Highway Subdivision, Tract 1.			
Staff Recommendatio	Adopt Resolution No. PZ2025-12 recommending approval of Preliminary Plat – Holland Spur Highway Subdivision Addition No. 1, creating 2 parcels of 2.548 and 2.734 acres, respectively.			
Applicant:	Peninsula Surveying, LLC. Attn: Jason Schollenberg 10535 Katrina Blvd Ninilchik, AK 99639			
Property Owner:	Glen F. Martin			
Legal Description:	Holland Spur Highway Subdivision, Tract 1			
Property Address:	7450 Kenai Spur Highway, Kenai, AK 99611			
KPB Parcel No.:	04103055			
Zoning District:	General Commercial (CG)			
Land Use Plan:	Mixed Use			
Surrounding Uses	s: Mixed Use and Rural Residential			

#### SUMMARY

A preliminary plat has been submitted from Peninsula Surveying, LLC on behalf of Glen F. Martin for a subdivision of Holland Spur Highway Subdivision, Tract 1, to create 2 parcels. The two parcels, if approved would total 2.548 and 2.734 acres respectively, which will allow varied commercial uses to be developed while maintaining necessary parking requirements, access management for safe access to the Kenai Spur Highway, and building setbacks.

Kenai Municipal Code (KMC) Chapter 14.10 *Subdivision Regulations* states preliminary plats or replats must first be submitted to the City for review and provide recommendation to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission.

#### ANALYSIS

The proposed replat meets intent of the General Commercial (CG) zoning district. There are no minimum lot sizes within the General Commercial zoning district, but the proposed lot sizes will allow for a variety of potential commercial uses to be developed on each parcel. The area is immediately adjacent to the Kenai Spur Highway and commercial uses are preferred due to the increased road noise. Commercial developments can help shield future residential development through proper vegetative screening, and the increased distance form the highway.

City water and wastewater are not available in this area. Property owner(s) will need to install private wells and septic systems. The septic systems must meet the regulatory requirements of the State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC).

Access to the proposed Lots is provided via the Kenai Spur Highway.

All rights-of-way within the proposed preliminary plat are existing. The Public Works Director has reviewed the preliminary plat and had no comments. Therefore, staff finds that an installation agreement is not required for the preliminary plat.

A 15-foot easement for utilities is located along the south boundary of the lots adjacent to existing rights-of-way. This is denoted in plat note three (3), which states the front 15-feet adjacent to rights-of-way is a utility easement.

Staff finds that the preliminary plat for a subdivision of Holland Spur Highway Subdivision, Tract 1 meets the following Title 14 of Kenai Municipal Code (KMC) sections and aligns with the intent of the Kenai Zoning Code.

- 1. Pursuant to KMC 14.10.070 *Subdivision Design Standards*, the preliminary plat for subdivision, subject to the listed conditions, provides utility/access easements, provides satisfactory and desirable building sites, and the on-site water and wastewater systems are subject to the regulatory requirements of ADEC.
- 2. Pursuant to KMC 14.24.010 *Minimum lot area requirements*, there are no minimum lot sizes within the General Commercial zoning district, but the proposed lot sizes will allow for a variety of potential commercial uses to be developed on each parcel.
- 3. Pursuant to KMC 14.24.020 *General Requirements*, the preliminary plat meets City standards for minimum lot width/depth and access/utility easements. Compliance with the maximum lot coverage, maximum height, and setbacks will be reviewed during the building permit review.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

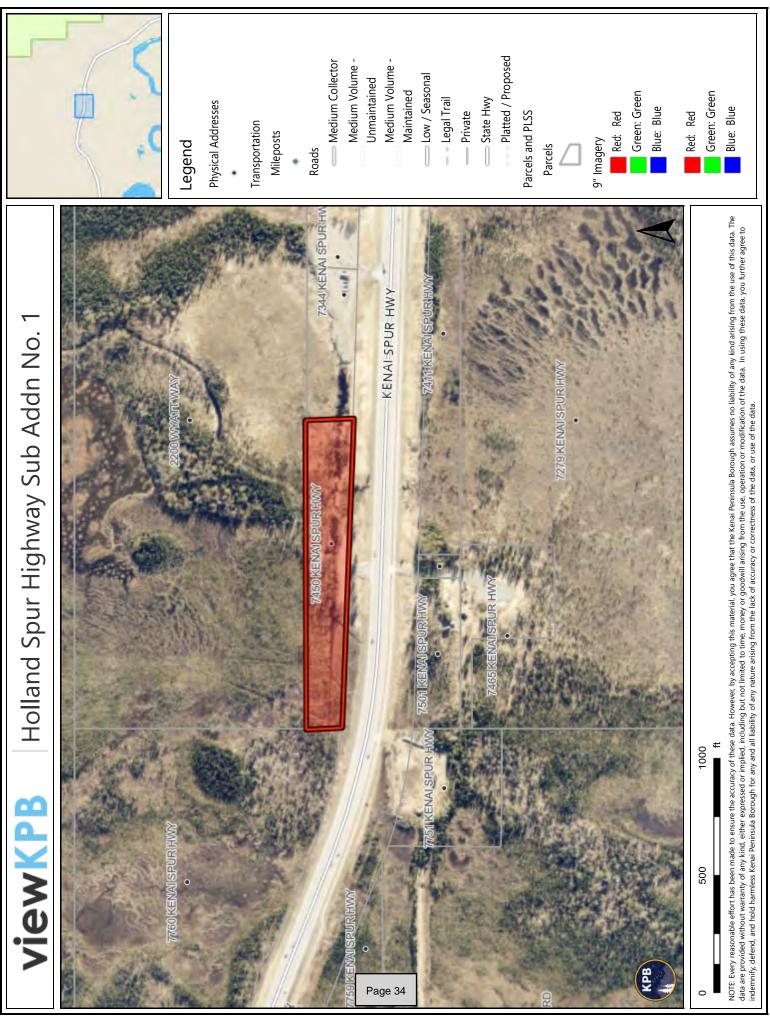
Staff finds that the proposed preliminary plat for Holland Spur Highway Subdivision Addition No. 1, meets the general standards of Kenai Municipal Code (KMC), Chapter 14.10 *Subdivision Regulations* and Chapter 14.24 *Development Requirements Table* and hereby recommends that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval of Resolution No. PZ2025-12 for a

subdivision of Holland Spur Highway Subdivision, Tract 1 to the Kenai Peninsula Borough, subject to the following conditions.

1. Further development of the property will conform to all federal, State of Alaska, and local regulations.

#### ATTACHMENTS

Aerial Map Application Preliminary Plat, Beaver Loop Acres No. 3



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Name:	Jason Schollenberg, P			;			
Mailing Address:	10535 Katrina Blvd	City:	Ninilchik	State:	AK	Zip Code: 99639	
Phone Number(s):	907-306-7065						
Email:	jason@peninsulasurve						
		PRO	<b>DPERTY OWNER</b>				
Name:	Glen F Martin						
Mailing Address:	PO Box 1389	City:	Soldotna	State:	AK	Zip Code: 99669	
Phone Number(s):	907-252-5326						
Email:	akgold16@gmail.com						
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### Stewart Title of the Kenai Peninsula, Inc.

35681 Kenai Spur Hwy., Unit B Soldotna, AK 99669 Tel: (907) 260-8031 Fax: (907) 260-8036

#### CERTIFICATE TO PLAT

Peninsula Surveying 10535 Katrina Blvd Ninilchik, AK 99639 Attention: Brandon Thielke File Number: 25227 Premium: \$300.00 Tax:

Gentlemen:

This is a certificate as of February 04, 2025 at 8:00 A.M. for a plat out of the following property:

Tract One (1), HOLLAND SPUR HIGHWAY SUBDIVISION, according to Plat No. 2011-68, Kenai Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska.

The Company certifies that record title is vested in

Glen F. Martin, a married person

an estate in fee simple, free from all liens, encumbrances, and objections except for as follows:

- RESERVATIONS and exceptions as contained in U.S. Patent, and/or acts authorizing the issuance thereof.
- 2. RESERVATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS as contained in Mineral Patent from the United States of America to the State of Alaska

Recorded: September 27, 1982 Volume/Page: 194/777

FURTHER, no other examination of the excepted title to minerals has been made herein and no insurance nor responsibility therefore is implied or assumed.

- 3. TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, if any due the taxing authority indicated Taxing Authority: CITY OF KENAI
- 4. TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, if any, due the taxing authority indicated: Taxing Authority: KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
- EASEMENT for electric lines or system and/or telephone lines together with right to enter, maintain, repair and clear shrubbery: Recorded: December 13, 1960

Volume/Page:	6/182
Granted To:	Homer Electric Association, Inc.
Affects: General Easemer	it, no definite location disclosed

6. RESERVATION OF EASEMENT for highway purposes, and any assignments or uses thereof for recreational, utility or other purposes, as disclosed by Public Land Order No. 601, dated August 10, 1949 and amended by Public Land Order No. 757, dated October 10, 1959; Public Land Order No. 1613, dated April 7, 1958; and Department of the Interior Order No. 2665, dated October 16, 1951, Amendment No. 1 thereto, dated July 17, 1952 and Amendment No. 2 thereto, dated September 15, 1956, filed in the Federal Register.

- 7. **RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC** and or governmental agencies in and to that portion of said premises lying below the mean high water mark of the creek and any questions of right of access to the creek in the event said lands do not in fact abut the creek.
- ANY PROHIBITION OR LIMITATION on the use, occupancy or improvement of the land resulting from the rights of the public or riparian owners to use any waters which may cover the land or to use any portion of the land which is now or may formerly have been covered by water.
- 9. EASEMENTS, SET-BACKS AND DEDICATIONS as delineated on Plat No. 2011-68.
- 10. EFFECT of the notes on said Plat No. 2011-68.

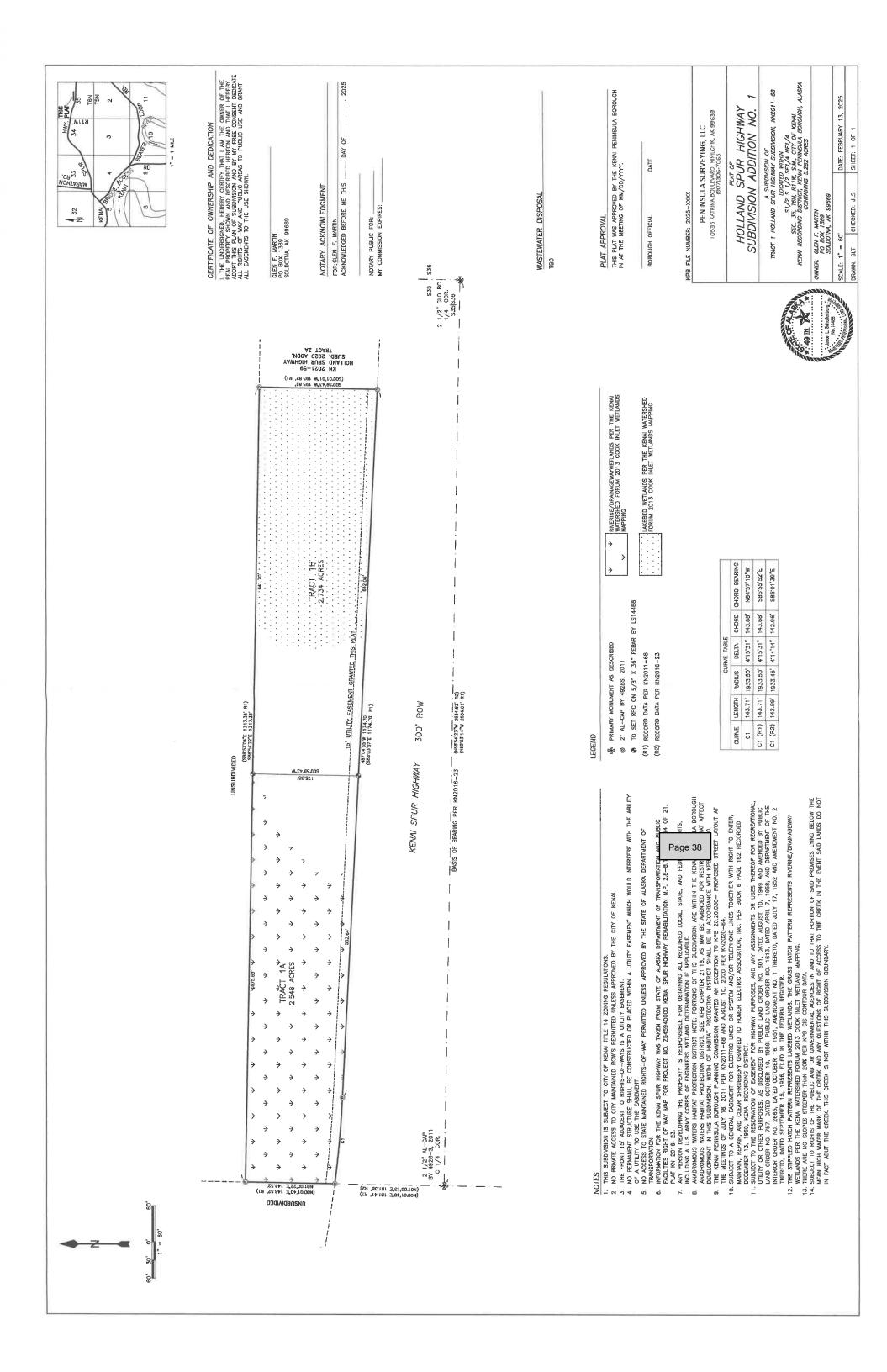
#### Stewart Title of the Kenai Peninsula, Inc.

By

Authorized Countersignature Mary Frengle

Authorized Signator

NOTE: We will update this certificate to comply with Kenai Peninsula Borough Ordinance 90-38 upon notification from surveyor.





#### CITY OF KENAI PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RESOLUTION PZ2025-08

A RESOLUTION **RECOMMENDING** THE KENAI CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE REZONE FROM SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (RS) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) ZONING DISTRICT FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES AND AS DEPICTED ON THE ATTACHED BOUNDARY MAP.

Parcel No.	<u>Address</u>	Lot Size	Legal Description
04312013	202 N. Forest Drive	0.64-acre	Lot 1, Fresh Start Subdivision
04312014	1408 Second Avenue	0.83-acre	Lot 2, Fresh Start Subdivision

WHEREAS, the City of Kenai received a rezone application from the majority of property owners in accordance with Kenai Municipal Code (KMC) Section 14.20.270 *Amendment procedures*; and,

WHEREAS, the area proposed to be rezoned contains a minimum of one (1) acre (excluding street or alley rights-of-way); and,

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance is not substantially the same as any other unapproved proposed amendment submitted within the previous nine (9) months; and,

WHEREAS, a map has been included of the proposed rezone area; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Kenai Planning and Zoning Department conducted a duly advertised public hearing, following requirements outlined in Kenai Municipal Code 14.20.280 for public hearings and notifications.

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission finds:

- The current zoning district, Suburban Residential (RS) is intended to provide for medium density residential development. The existing RS zone is not the preferred land use for this area as there are existing commercial/institutional uses to the south and west of the proposed rezone area and the subject properties are located within 600 feet of the Kenai Spur Highway.
- 2. The rezone to General Commercial (CG) zone would increase the adjacent CG zoning district, which it is anticipated that it would be developed in conjunction with the surrounding commercial and institutional uses along the Kenai Spur Highway and South Forest Drive.

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Therefore, minimizing potential impacts of commercial development on existing residential uses.

- 3. North Forest Drive has a Functional Classification as a Major Collector, as designated by the Alaska Department of Transportation, which infers a higher annual average daily traffic volume than surrounding neighborhood streets and therefore less desirable for residential uses due to vehicle noise.
- 4. The existing land use classification states that the area is to be Suburban Residential. Due to North Forest Drive being a Major Collector route, there is reason to anticipate that this area will become low-impact commercial uses, as traffic volume is higher along N. Forest Drive and the associated road noise make residential uses less desirable. In the current RS zone, several commercial uses are permitted subject to a Conditional Use Permit (see attached Land Use Table). The proposed rezone to CG zone would be consistent as a natural extension of the Mixed-Use land use classification that is immediately south of the subject properties as identified in the Comprehensive Plan and reduce the administrative burden on business owners and city staff.
- 5. The proposed rezone to CG would align with the current low to medium density commercial/institutional character of the neighborhood.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA:

- Section 1. That Kenai City Council approve the rezone request for the properties located at 202 N. Forest Drive and 1408 Second Avenue from Suburban Residential (RS) to General Commercial (CG) zoning district.
- **Section 2.** That the Commission will forward its written recommendation to the Kenai City Council, along with all certified minutes and public records relating to the proposed amendment.

PASSED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA, THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

Joe Halstead, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

Meghan Thibodeau, Deputy City Clerk



## **STAFF REPORT**

#### **PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT**

<b>O</b> :	Planning and Zoning Comr	nission	
FROM:	Kevin Buettner, Planning D	virector	
DATE:	February 26, 2025		
SUBJECT:	Resolution PZ2025-08 – Re (RS) to General Commercia		Parcels from Suburban Residential District
Request			rezone of two (2) parcels from eneral Commercial (CG) Zoning
Staff Recommendation			nmending approval of a rezone of ential (RS) to General Commercial
Applicants:	John and Parrisa Har 202 N. Forest LLC 215 Fidalgo Ave, Ste Kenai, AK 99611	-	
Parcel No.	<u>Address</u>	Lot Size	Legal Description
04312013	202 N Forest Dr.	0.49-acre	FRESH START SUB LOT 1
04312014	1408 Second Avenue	e 0.83-acre	FRESH START SUB LOT 2
Current Zoning:	Suburban Residentia	I (RS)	
Proposed Zoning	g: General Commercial	(CG)	
Current Land Use	e Single-Family Reside	nce, Accessor	y Structures
Land Use Plan	Suburban Residentia	I	

#### SUMMARY

The applicants are seeking to rezone properties located at 202 N. Forest Drive and 1408 Second Avenue from Suburban Residential (RS) to General Commercial (CG) zoning district. The purpose of the rezone is to allow light commercial uses on the subject parcels. For the parcel located at 202 N. Forest Drive, the property owner intends to operate a law office, coffee shop, and commercial greenhouse. The parcel at 1408 Second Avenue would remain undeveloped, but be used for snow storage from the adjoining lot.

North Forest Drive is classified as a Major Collector by the Alaska Department of Transportation and as such, is used to access several neighborhoods between the Kenai Spur Highway and Redoubt Avenue. A Major Collector route often has higher annual average daily traffic counts than surrounding streets, and generally results in higher associated road noise. This noise often deters substantial residential development directly on the route.

This property has historically had a conditional use permit, initially issued in 1999 (PZ1999-24) for a Greenhouse, Gift Shop, and Coffee Shop. The current owners seek to reactivate this property with a similar mix of commercial uses, with the exception of the Gift Shop which would be replaced by a law office. There is vegetative screening for adjacent properties to the north, east, and south. N. Forest Drive is on the west side of the property.

If approved, the zone change would allow commercial uses as a principal use, whereas under the existing zone, RS, a commercial use is only permitted as a conditional use.

#### ANALYSIS

Pursuant to KMC Section 14.20.270, the initiation of a Zoning Map Amendment may be initiated by a majority of the property owners in the area to be rezone. Furthermore, the area to be rezoned contains a minimum one (1) acre (excluding street or alley rights-of-way) unless the amendment enlarges an adjacent district boundary.

Both affected parcels are owned by the same owner, 202 N. Forest, LLC, therefore, meeting the initiation of a rezone application. The combined area of the rezone is approximately 1.32 acres, which exceeds the minimum one (1) acre requirement for a zoning map amendment and it would expand the adjacent General Commercial zoning district to the south of the proposed rezone area.

#### Existing and Proposed Zoning

The existing zoning is Suburban Residential (RS) and the intent as outlined in KMC Section 14.20.090 states the following:

The RS Zone is intended to provide for medium density residential development in areas which will be provided with common utility systems. The specific intent in establishing this zone is:

- (1) To separate residential structures to an extent which will allow for adequate light, air, and privacy;
- (2) To prohibit uses which would:
  - (A) Violate the residential character of the environment;
  - (B) Generate heavy traffic in predominantly residential areas.

**Findings**: The proposed rezone area is surrounded by a commercial office/warehouse (Salvation Army) to the west, residential uses to the north and east, and a commercial zoned area along First Avenue. The current zoning, RS prohibits commercial uses unless it is a conditional use according to the land use table found in KMC Section 14.22.010 as shown below (highlighted in yellow).

#### LAND USE TABLE

KEY: P = Principal Permitted Use

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NOTE: Reference footnotes on following pages for additional restrictions

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The proposed zoning is General Commercial (CG) and the intent as outlined in KMC Section 14.20.120 states the following:

The CG zone allows for the widest range of commercial uses compared to other commercial zoning districts. The current zoning district, Suburban Residential (RS) is intended to provide for medium density residential development. The existing RS zone is not the preferred land use for this area as there are existing commercial/institutional uses to the south and west of the proposed rezone area and the subject properties are located within 600 feet of the Kenai Spur Highway.

The rezone to General Commercial (CG) zone would increase the adjacent CG zoning district, which it is anticipated that it would be developed in conjunction with the surrounding commercial and institutional uses along the Kenai Spur Highway and South Forest Drive. Therefore, it would minimize potential impacts of commercial development on existing residential uses.

North Forest Drive has a Functional Classification as a Major Collector, as designated by the Alaska Department of Transportation, which infers a higher annual average daily traffic volume than surrounding neighborhood streets and therefore less desirable for residential uses due to vehicle noise.

**Findings**: The rezone to CG zone would increase the adjacent RCGS zoning district, which it is anticipated that it would be developed in conjunction with the surrounding commercial/institutional uses to the west and south. Therefore, minimizing potential impacts of commercial development on existing uses. As noted by the applicants, this property has historically functioned as a commercial property with a Conditional Use Permit and rezoning would reduce the administrative burden on both the businesses, and the city staff.

#### Comprehensive Plan – Land Use Classification

The existing land use classification is Suburban Residential and the intent as outlined in the *Imagine Kenai 2030 Comprehensive Plan* ("Comprehensive Plan") states the following:

Kenai residents place a high value on residential neighborhoods that are safe for all ages and located near important community facilities such as schools, recreational facilities, the library, parks, government services, and commercial areas.

**Findings**: The existing land use classification states that the area is to be Suburban Residential. Due to North Forest Drive being a Major Collector route, there is reason to anticipate that this area will become low-impact commercial uses, as traffic is higher along N. Forest Drive and the associated road noise make residential uses less desirable. In the current RS zone, several commercial uses are permitted subject to a Conditional Use Permit (see attached Land Use Table). The proposed rezone to CG zone would be consistent as a natural extension of the Mixed-Use land use classification that is immediately south of the subject properties as identified in the Comprehensive Plan.

An amendment to the land use map in the Comprehensive Plan is not currently required, as all the proposed uses are allowable in Suburban Residential zones, albeit as conditional uses. The City anticipates updating the Comprehensive Plan within a couple years, and a new Land Use Plan may be developed as a part of this process.

The Comprehensive Plan supports this rezoning in the following identified goal:

Goal 1 – Quality of Life: Promote and encourage quality of life in Kenai.

• Q-4: Promote the siting and design of land uses that are in harmony and scale with surrounding uses.

**Findings**: The proposed rezone to CG would align with the current low to medium density development of the neighborhood.

#### Existing Use

In the proposed rezone area, the only existing principal use are the existing buildings (greenhouse, coffee shop, and law office) on the property located at 202 N. Forest Drive, which are adjacent the intersection of N. Forest Drive and Second Avenue.

**Findings**: The proposed rezone to CG zone would make the existing buildings (greenhouse, coffee shop, and law office) compliant with the zoning district. Under the existing RS zone, the existing buildings are considered a non-conforming use since commercial uses are not permitted to be a principal use. Therefore, any expansions or alterations of the buildings would be subject to KMC Section 14.20.050 *Nonconforming lots, structures, and uses.* 

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Kenai Municipal Code 14.20.280 notices of the public hearing for the rezone were mailed to property owners within a three hundred-foot (300') periphery of the subject properties. City staff published notice of the public hearing in the *Peninsula Clarion*, and notification was posted.

No public comments have been received as-of-date.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the findings and analysis in this staff report, Staff recommends the Planning & Zoning Commission recommend approval of the rezone request for the properties located at 202 N. Forest Drive and 1408 Second Avenue from Suburban Residential (RS) to General Commercial (CG) zoning district. Planning & Zoning Commission's recommendation will be forwarded to City Council for consideration.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Zoning Map Application Materials Letter of Intent Aerial Map Plat KMC 14.22.010 Land Use Table Draft Zoning Map

(CG)



February 4, 2025

Kevin Buettner City of Kenai, Planning Director 210 Fidalgo Avenue Kenai, Alaska 99611 Email: <u>kbuettner@kenai.city</u>

#### Re: FIREWEED SQUARE Re-Zoning Request

Dear Mr. Buettner:

My husband, John C. Harris, and I (through 202 N FOREST LLC) are the owners of Kenai parcels 04312013 and 04312014. The property street addresses for those two lots are 202 N. Forest Drive and 1408 Second Avenue, respectively. We plan to refer to the two parcels collectively as "Fireweed Square."

I am writing to request that those two parcels be re-zoned to "general commercial" use. Attached please find "FIREWEED SQUARE" SITE PLAN.<sup>1</sup> Please note, the Site Plan identifies 12 designated parking spots, large truck parking zone, dumpster with screening and orientation away from Forest Drive, and adequate snow storage.

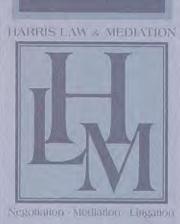
#### 202 N. Forest Drive

This property has historically been used for general commercial purposes by previous owners. The prior owners used this property to operate a commercial greenhouse in the Spring and Summer months. They also operated a gift/coffee shop out of the "main house" on the property, although it was converted into the prior owners' residence after they became ill a few years before their passing. There is also a smaller "cottage" structure that was used as a residence by the previous owners.

#### **Greenhouse: Fireweed Greenhouse**

My husband and I purchased the property in or around June 2023. In Spring/Summer 2024, we operated the commercial greenhouse on the property in similar fashion as the previous owners, doing business as Fireweed Greenhouse. It is our intention to continue operating Fireweed Greenhouse similarly this year and in the future.





Parrisa J. Harris ATTORNEY AT LAW pharris@hlmlaw.org

<sup>215</sup> Fidalgo Avenue, Ste. 104, Kenai, Alaska 99611 PHONE: 007.335.0043 FAX: 907.335.0530 WEB: www.hlmlaw.org

#### Café/Retail: Ooakzen Café and Fireweed Greenhouse/Giftshop

When we purchased the property in 2023, the cottage structure was in disrepair. We have remodeled and renovated the cottage with the intent to operate a café/retail space out of that structure year-round. We intend to lease the cottage to Ooakzen to operate their café out of that space. We are waiting for approval from the City of Kenai for necessary permits. Once those permit applications are granted, Ooakzen will commence operations immediately. The retail space will be operated by Fireweed Greenhouse in conjunction with Ooakzen.

#### Law Office: Harris Law & Mediation

The next project we plan to undertake is the remodel/renovation of the "main house" on the property into a law office where I will operate my law practice, Harris Law & Mediation. It is our hope to complete that project and be moved into that space by April 2025.

#### 1408 Second Avenue

This property is currently a vacant lot, but pleasantly landscaped with a large lawn, trees and shrubs. While we do not currently have a specific plan for developing this parcel, it is our intention to eventually develop this parcel in a manner complimentary to the general commercial use of 202 N. Forest Drive.

The reinvigoration of Fireweed Square as proposed promotes many of the goals and objectives enumerated in the City's *Imagine Kenai 2030 Comprehensive Plan*, including the objective to "support development at emerging community "centers" that lie outside the major employment centers, but provide a mix of retail, service, and residential uses."<sup>2</sup>

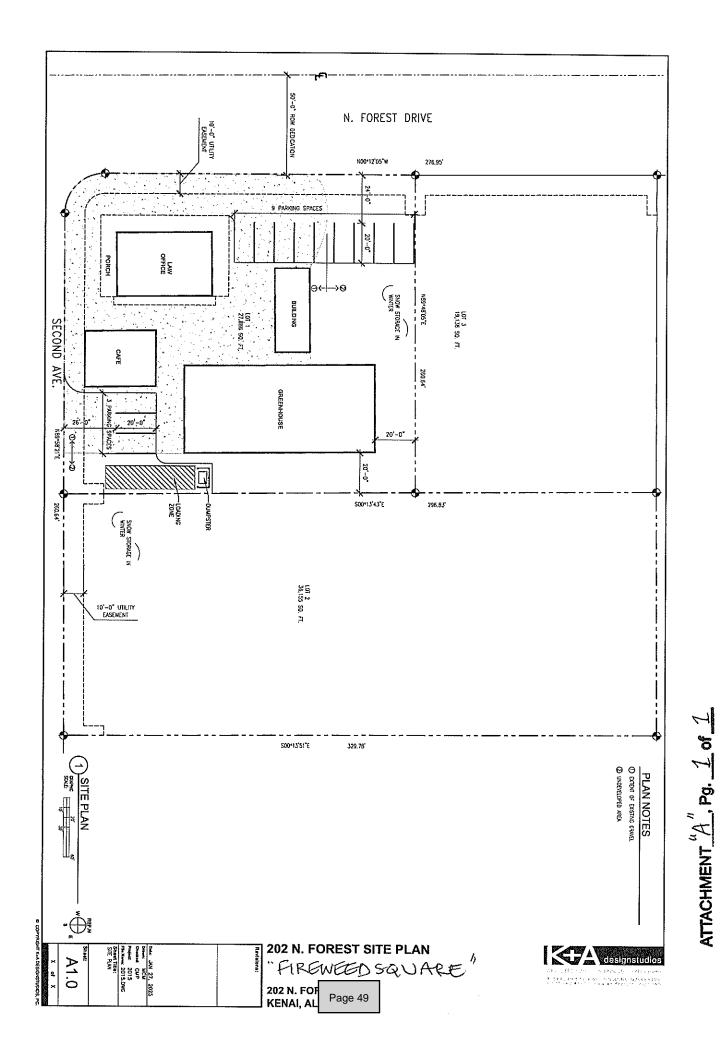
Our vision for these parcels is to create a quaint, aesthetically pleasing "third place" for community enrichment and gathering. The location of these parcels is ideal for that goal. The lots are only 1.5 blocks from a major highway and the proposed uses will not significantly increase current or historical traffic patterns. Currently, the use of surrounding properties is as follows: North: undeveloped; South: undeveloped; East: single family residential/light commercial; West: single family residential. The addition of a café and retail space on this property will provide a local space and services to this primarily suburban residential zone that people can either walk or drive to enjoy. I believe the community will welcome this development, as it was a great loss felt by many when the previous owners were forced to shut down the greenhouse and gift shop due to health issues.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 907-398-4986 or via email to <u>pharris@hlmlaw.org</u>.

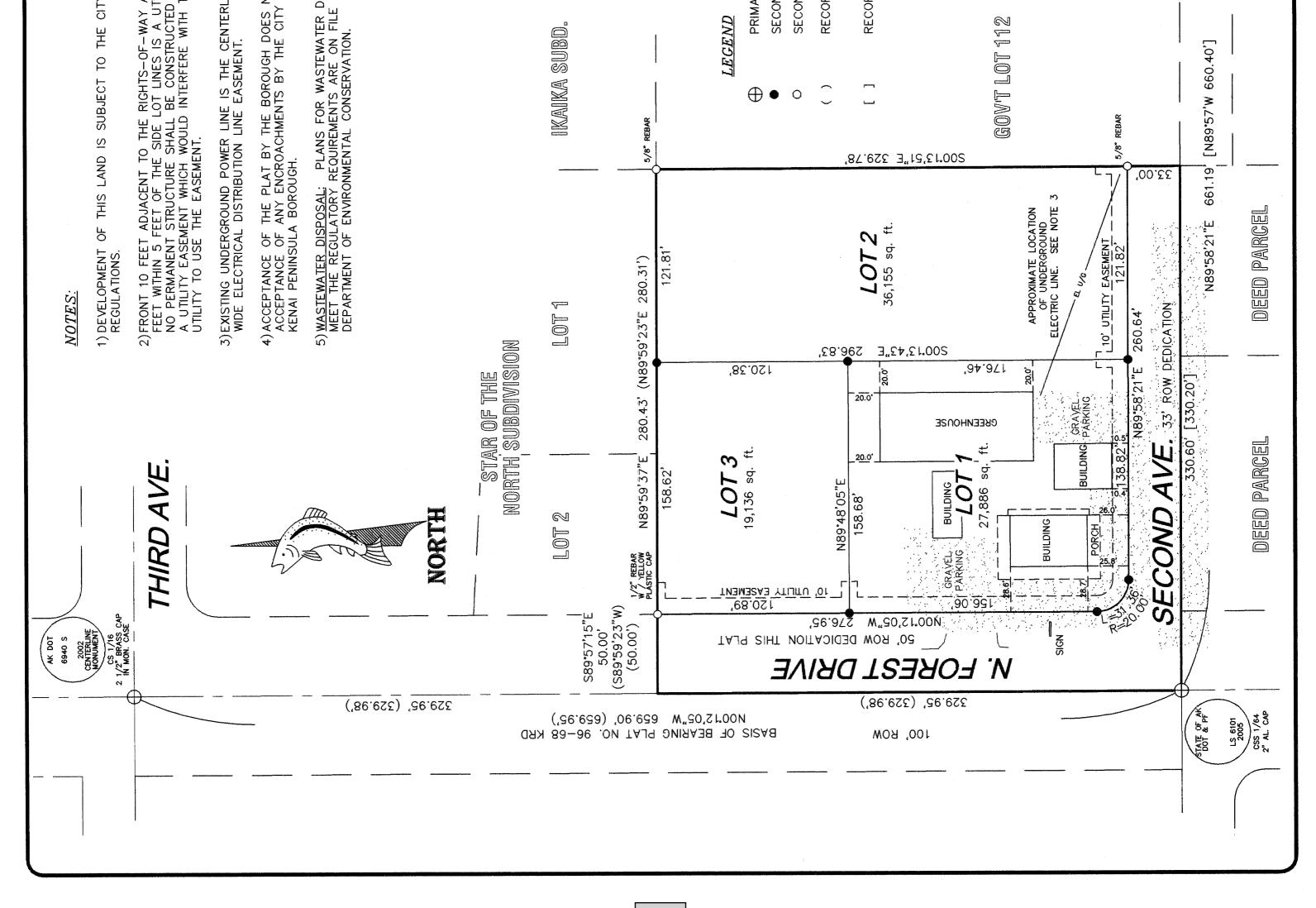
Sincerely,

Parrisa Harris

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Imagine Kenai 2030 Comprehensive Plan at p. 80



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> MIKE NAVARRE BOROUGH MAYOR

#### CERTIFICATE OF TAX DEPARTMENT

I, Rhonda K. Krohn, Property Tax and Collections Supervisor for the Kenai Peninsula Borough, do hereby certify that, as of the date of this certificate, all real property taxes levied by the Kenai Peninsula Borough have been paid for the area(s) described as:

Subdivision: Fresh Start Subdivision

Parcel # 04312005 T 6N R 11W SEC 31 Seward Meridian KN GOVT LOT 111

The following assessments (except assessments for the cities of Homer, Kenai, Seward, Seldovia, and Soldotna) levied against this property are outstanding: \$.00.

Witness my hand and seal this 27th day of September, 2012.

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Rhonda K. Krohn Property Tax and Collections Supervisor

#### 14.22.010 Land Use Table.

#### LAND USE TABLE

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- \* See 42 U.S.C. Sec. 2000cc (Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000)
- \*\* See 42 U.S.C. Telecommunications Act of 1996, Sec. 704(a)

**\*\*\*** See, however, the limitations imposed under KMC 3.10.070

Footnotes:

**1** Allowed as a secondary use except on the ground floor of the part of the building fronting on collector streets and major highways. Commercial or industrial which falls under the landscaping/site plans requirements of KMC Chapter 14.25 shall include any secondary uses in the landscaping and site plans.

**2** One (1) single-family residence per parcel, which is part of the main building.

**3** Allowed as a conditional use, subject to satisfying the following conditions:

**a** The usable area per dwelling unit shall be the same as that required for dwelling units in the RS Zone;

**b** The site square footage in area must be approved by the Commission;

**c** Yards around the site, off-street parking, and other development requirements shall be the same as for principal uses in the RR Zone;

**d** Water and sewer facilities shall meet the requirements of all applicable health regulations;

**e** The proposed dwelling group will constitute a residential area of sustained desirability and stability, will be in harmony with the character of the surrounding neighborhood, and will not adversely affect surrounding property values;

**f** The buildings shall be used only for residential purposes and customary accessory uses, such as garages, storage spaces, and recreational and community activities;

**g** There shall be provided, as part of the proposed development, adequate recreation areas to serve the needs of the anticipated population;

**h** The development shall not produce a volume of traffic in excess of the capacity for which the access streets are designed;

i The property adjacent to the proposed dwelling group will not be adversely affected.

**4** See "Townhouses" section.

**5** See "Mobile Homes" section.

**6** Allowed as a conditional use, subject to "Mobile Homes" section; and provided, that any mobile home park meets the minimum Federal Housing Authority requirements.

**7** See "Planned Unit Residential Development" section.

**8** Allowed as a conditional use; provided, that the proposed location and the characteristics of the site will not destroy the residential character of the neighborhood.

**9** Allowed as a conditional use; provided, that all applicable safety and fire regulations are met.

**10** Provided, that no part of any building is located nearer than thirty (30) feet to any adjoining street or property line.

**11** Allowed as a conditional use; provided, that no part of any building is located nearer than thirty (30) feet to any adjoining street or property line; and provided further, that the proposed location and characteristics of the use will not adversely affect the commercial development of the zone.

**12** Allowed as a conditional use; provided, that the following conditions are met:

**a** The proposed location of the use and the size and characteristics of the site will maximize its benefit to the public;

**b** Exits and entrances and off-street parking for the use are located to prevent traffic hazards on public streets.

**13** Allowed as a conditional use; provided, that setbacks, buffer strips, and other provisions are adequate to assure that the use will not be a nuisance to surrounding properties. The Commission shall specify the conditions necessary to fulfill this requirement. Animal boarding and commercial kennels require a kennel license (see KMC Chapter <u>3.15</u>).

**14** Allowed as a conditional use; provided, that no indication of said use is evident from the exterior of the mortuary.

**15** Allowed; provided, that the following conditions are met:

**a** An uncleared buffer strip of at least thirty (30) feet shall be provided between said use and any adjoining property in a residential zone.

**b** Exits and entrances and off-street parking for the use shall be located to prevent traffic hazards on the public streets.

**16** See "Conditional Uses" section.

**17** See "Conditional Use Permit for Surface Extraction of Natural Resources" section.

18 Conditional use allowed only on privately held property. Not allowed on government lands.

19 Reserved.

**20** The airport-related uses allowed under this entry are aircraft approach and departure zones pursuant to KMC <u>14.20.070(a)</u>, except that for properties contained inside the airport perimeter fence or having access to aircraft movement areas, taxiways or parking aprons, FAA authorized uses are allowed.

**21** Developments for use shall be the same as those listed in the Development Requirements Table for the RU/TSH Zones.

**22** Allowed as a conditional use in conjunction with a permitted use in the ED Zone. For example, housing for teachers or students for a school in the zone.

**23** Allowed as an accessory use in conjunction with a permitted use in the ED Zone. For example, a dormitory used to house students for a school or educational facility.

**24** Retail businesses allowed as a secondary use in conjunction with the primary use (e.g., a gift shop or coffee shop within another business).

ce 3442-2024, passed November 20, 2024.

**25** Art studios, barbers, beauticians, tattoo parlors, dressmakers, dry cleaners and self-service laundries, fitness centers, photographic studios, tailors, tanning salons and massage therapists.

**26** Food services are allowed on a temporary or seasonal basis of not more than four (4) months per year.

**27** Personal services not set forth in the below matrix are conditional uses.

Limite	d Commercial Zon	e
Personal Services	Permitted (P)	Conditional Use (C)
Art Studios	x	
Barbers	x	
Beauticians	x	
Dressmakers	x	
Dry Cleaners		Х
Fitness Centers	x	
Massage Therapist		Х
Photographic Studios	x	
Self-Service Laundries		Х
Tailors	Х	
Tanning Salons	Х	
Tattoo Parlors		Х

**28** Communications tower/antenna(s) allowed as a principal permitted (P) use if the applicable conditions set forth in KMC <u>14.20.255</u> are met or a conditional use (C) if the applicable conditions set forth in KMC <u>14.20.255</u> are met.

**29** Use allowed only for those parcels that abut the Kenai Spur Highway. The access to any such parcel must be either from: (a) driveway access on the Kenai Spur Highway; or (b) driveway access from a dedicated right-of-way and that driveway access is not more than two hundred seventy-five (275) feet as measured from the constructed centerline of the Kenai Spur Highway to the center of the driveway access as shown on an as-built drawing/survey of the parcel.

**30** See marijuana regulations, KMC <u>14.20.230</u>—Home Occupations, <u>14.20.320</u>—Definitions, <u>14.20.330</u>—Standards for commercial marijuana establishments.

**31** See KMC <u>14.20.175</u>—Adult businesses; no adult business may be located within one thousand (1,000) feet of another adult business, or sensitive use. "Sensitive use" means a church or other place of worship, a public or private school (licensed pre-K through twelfth grade) or businesses where or areas where youth are likely to be present (limited to public parks, youth recreational centers, public playgrounds, public libraries).

**32** Allowed as a conditional use; provided, it is a maritime-related use to accommodate recreational boating activities, recreational facilities, accessory uses, and service facilities.

**33** Commercial or industrial which falls under the landscaping/site plans requirements of KMC Chapter 14.25 shall include any secondary uses in the landscaping and site plans.

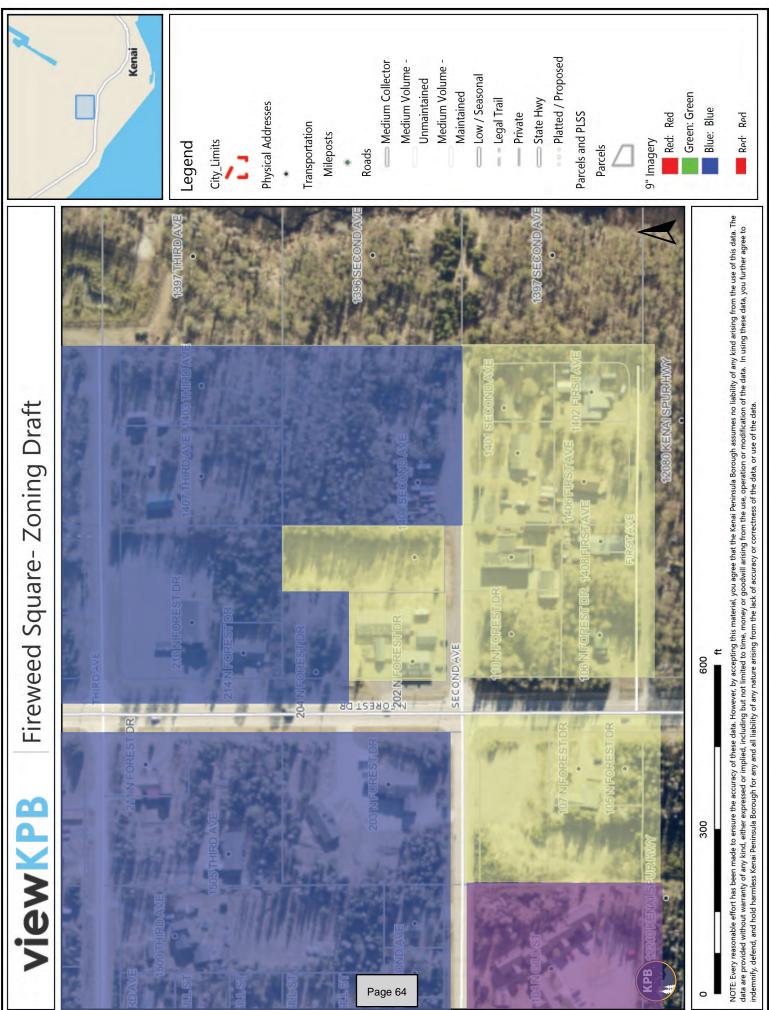
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#### The Kenai Municipal Code is current through Ordinance 3442-2024, passed November 20, 2024.

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#### CITY OF KENAI PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. PZ2025-10

A RESOLUTION **GRANTING** A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A RETAIL BUSINESS (GREENHOUSE, CAFÉ/RETAIL, LAW OFFICES) IN EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING AND ACCESSORY BUILDINGS.

APPLICANT: 202 N. Forest, LLC – Parissa Harris

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 202 N. Forest Drive

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 1, Fresh Start Subdivision

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PARCEL NUMBER: 04312013

WHEREAS, a complete application meeting the requirements of Kenai Municipal Code 14.20.150 was submitted to the City on February 10, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant has demonstrated that the prerequisites of a Conditional Use Permit have been met pursuant to Kenai Municipal Code 14.20.150; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Kenai Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a duly advertised public hearing on February 26, 2025, following requirements outlined in Kenai Municipal Code 14.20.280 for public hearings and notifications.

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission finds:

1. KMC 14.20.150(d)(1) The use is consistent with the purpose of this chapter and the purposes and intent of the zoning district;

<u>Findings</u>: The RS Zone is intended to provide for medium density residential development in areas which will be provided with common utility systems. The specific intent in establishing this zone is:

(1) To separate residential structures to an extent which will allow for adequate light, air, and privacy;

- (2) To prohibit uses which would:
- (A) Violate the residential character of the environment;
- (B) Generate heavy traffic in predominantly residential areas.

The proposed use would not necessarily violate the residential character of the neighborhood as it would function/remain as it has historically operated with a Conditional Use Permit. Furthermore, the proposed use is not anticipated to generate a significant change in traffic, as North Forest Drive is considered a Major Collector route by the Alaska Department of Transportation, given that it creates access to several neighborhoods between the Kenai Spur Highway and Redoubt Avenue. A Major Collector route often has higher annual average daily traffic counts than the surrounding streets, so no significant change in traffic is anticipated. There is adequate parking available. The existing density would remain unchanged since there is no proposed alteration to increase the number of accessory buildings. Staff finds that the proposed use meets the intent of the RS zoning district.

2. KMC 14.20.150(d)(2) The economic and noneconomic value of the adjoining property and neighborhood will not be significantly impaired;

<u>Findings</u>: The proposed use is similar the previously issued Conditional Use Permit, PZ1999-24. The Greenhouse, gift and coffee shop operated without complaint or problems recorded, until the primary structure was remodeled to provide living quarters for the previous owners when they retired. 202 N. Forest LLC purchased the property with the intention of revitalizing and reopening business already established on the premises. Furthermore, they have requested a rezone to General Commercial, which would allow the requested use without the need for a Conditional Use Permit, and have applied for the Conditional Use Permit in the meantime to assure they remain in compliance with Kenai Municipal Code. Staff finds the proposed use, similar to the previously approved Conditional Use Permit, would not have an adverse impact on the neighborhood and adjoining properties. Staff finds the proposed use would not impair the economic and noneconomic value of adjacent properties and neighborhood.

3. KMC 14.20.150(d)(3) The proposed use is in harmony with the Comprehensive Plan;

<u>Findings</u>: The Land Use Plan, from the 2016 Comprehensive Plan, identifies the subject property with the Suburban Residential (RS) land use classification. The RS Land Use Classification is defined in the Comprehensive Plan:

Suburban Residential is intended for single-family and multi-family residential uses that are urban or suburban in character. The area will typically be developed at a higher density; lots are typically smaller; and, public water and sewer services are required or planned. Some developments may be required to construct streets to a pave standard and larger subdivisions may be required to provide sidewalks and public areas. Parks and open space land uses may be considered appropriate.

The existing land use classification states that the area is to be Suburban Residential. Due to North Forest Drive being a Major Collector route, there is reason to anticipate that this area will become low-impact commercial, as traffic is higher along N. Forest Drive and the associated road noise make residential uses less desirable.

The surrounding uses consist of an empty lot to the north east and south, and North Forest Drive and a Church to the west. The church property as well as the properties to the south are designated General Commercial, and the applicant has applied to have that zone extended to cover their property at both 202 N. Forest and 1408 Second Avenue. Staff

finds that the proposed use meets is in harmony with the Comprehensive Plan both as currently zoned, and the proposed rezone to General Commercial.

As stated by the applicant, the proposed reinvigoration of the property as proposed is consistent and in harmony with several goals in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan.

In *Imagine Kenai 2030 Comprehensive Plan*, Chapter 6, "Goals, Objectives, and Implementation", several goals and objectives are met from the proposed use.

**Goal 1** – Quality of Life is to promote and encourage quality of life in Kenai.

#### **Objective Q-4**

Establish siting and design standards so that development is in harmony and scale with surrounding uses.

**Goal 3** – Land Use is to develop land use strategies to implement a forward-looking approach to community growth and development.

#### **Objective LU-1**

Establish siting and design standards so that development is in harmony and scale with surrounding uses.

#### **Objective LU-5**

Support development at emerging community "centers" that lie outside the major employment centers but provide a mix of retail, service and residential uses.

4. KMC 14.20.150(d)(4) Public services and facilities are adequate to serve the proposed use;

<u>Findings</u>: City water and sewer are available and adequate for the proposed use. North Forest is a paved City-maintained road.

5. KMC 14.150(d)(5) The proposed use will not be harmful to the public safety, health or welfare;

<u>Findings</u>: There is adequate parking and buffer for the proposed use to minimize the impact to the surrounding area. It is not anticipated that the continued use will be harmful to the public safety, health or welfare.

As noted by the applicant, their vision for this property and the neighboring parcel, referred to as Fireweed Square, is to create a quaint, aesthetically pleasing "third place" for community enrichment and gathering. The location is ideal for such a goal, as it Is only 1.5 blocks from the Kenai Spur Highway, and the use will not significantly increase already established traffic patterns.

6. KMC 14.150(d)(6) Any and all specific conditions deemed necessary by the Commission to fulfill the above-mentioned conditions should be met by the applicant. These may include, but are not limited to, measures relative to access, screening, site development, building design, operation of the use and other similar aspects related to the proposed use.

<u>Findings</u>: Staff finds that allowing Retail Businesses (Greenhouse, Café/Retail, Law Offices) in the existing structures would not cause any adverse impacts on the surrounding properties. Staff finds that additional specific conditions are not deemed necessary to fulfill the above-mentioned conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA:

Section 1. That a conditional use permit is granted to operate a Retail Business (Greenhouse, Café/Retail, Law Offices) in the existing single-family and accessory structures on the property described as Lot 1, Fresh Start Subdivision, located at 202 N. Forest Drive.

**Section 2.** That the conditional use permit is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Any development or use of the property shall comply with all applicable Federal, State of Alaska, and City regulations regardless of whether or not the requirements are listed as conditions for the approval of the Conditional Use Permit.
- 2. Upon request, the applicant or applicant's representative shall meet with City staff for an on-site inspection.

PASSED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA, THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025

ATTEST:

JOE HALSTEAD, CHAIRPERSON

Meghan Thibodeau, Deputy City Clerk



## **STAFF REPORT**

**PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT** 

то:	Planning and Zoning Commission
THROUGH:	Kevin Buettner, Planning Director
FROM:	Beth McDonald, Planning Administrative Assistant
DATE:	February 26, 2025
SUBJECT:	Resolution PZ2025-10 – Conditional Use Permit – Retail Business (Greenhouse, Café/Retail, Law Offices)
Request	The applicant is requesting to operate Retail Business out of existing structures on the property.
Staff Recommendation	Adopt Resolution PZ2025-10 approving a Conditional Use Permit to operate Retail Business out of existing structures on the property.
Applicant:	202 N. Forest, LLC – Parissa Harris
Legal Description:	Lot 1, Fresh Start Subdivision
Property Address:	202 N. Forest Drive
KPB Parcel No.:	04312013
Lot Size:	27538.35 square feet (.63-acres)
Zoning:	Suburban Residential (RS) currently, though they have petitioned for a Rezone of the property to General Commercial (CG).
Current Use:	Single Family Dwelling
Land Use Plan:	Suburban Residential (RS)

#### SUMMARY

The applicant is requesting to operate the existing single-family dwelling and accessory buildings as a Retail Business, specifically a Greenhouse, a Café/Retail Space and Law Offices. A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is required to operate the existing single-family dwelling and accessory buildings as Retail businesses. This property has historically had a conditional use permit, originally issued in 1999 (PZ1999-24) for a Greenhouse, Gift Shop and Coffee Shop. The current owners seek to reactivate this property with a similar mix of commercial uses with the Gift

Shop being replaced by the Law Offices. Additionally, applicants have requested rezoning of the property in question, with the understanding that if it is approved, the conditional use permit would become automatically expire.

#### ANALYSIS

Pursuant to KMC 14.20.150(a), the intent of a conditional use permit is to allow some uses that may be compatible with the designated principal uses in specific zoning districts provided certain conditions are met. Prior to granting a conditional use permit, the Commission shall determine that the identified criteria as outlined in KMC 14.20.150(e) *Conditional Use Permits Review Criteria* are met.

### Criteria 1: The use is consistent with the purpose of this chapter and the purposes and intent of the zoning district.

**<u>Findings</u>**: The RS Zone is intended to provide for medium density residential development in areas which will be provided with common utility systems. The specific intent in establishing this zone is:

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The proposed use would not necessarily violate the residential character of the neighborhood as it would function/remain as it has historically operated with a Conditional Use Permit. Furthermore, the proposed use is not anticipated to generate a significant change in traffic, as North Forest Drive is considered a Major Collector route by the Alaska Department of Transportation, given that it creates access to several neighborhoods between the Kenai Spur Highway and Redoubt Avenue. A Major Collector route often has higher annual average daily traffic counts than the surrounding streets, so no significant change in traffic is anticipated. There is adequate parking available. The existing density would remain unchanged since there is no proposed alteration to increase the number of accessory buildings. Staff finds that the proposed use meets the intent of the RS zoning district.

### Criteria 2: The economic and noneconomic value of the adjoining property and neighborhood will not be significantly impaired.

**Findings**: The proposed use is similar the previously issued Conditional Use Permit, PZ1999-24. The Greenhouse, gift and coffee shop operated without complaint or problems recorded. The primary structure was remodeled to provide living quarters for the previous owners when they retired. 202 N. Forest LLC purchased the property with the intention of revitalizing and reopening business already established on the premises. Furthermore, they have requested a rezone to General Commercial, which would allow the requested use without the need for a Conditional Use Permit, and have applied for the

Conditional Use Permit in the meantime to assure they remain in compliance with Kenai Municipal Code. Staff finds the proposed use, similar to the previously approved Conditional Use Permit, would not have an adverse impact on the neighborhood and adjoining properties. Staff finds the proposed use would not impair the economic and noneconomic value of adjacent properties and neighborhood.

#### Criteria 3: The proposed use is in harmony with the Comprehensive Plan.

**<u>Findings</u>**: The Land Use Plan, from the 2016 Comprehensive Plan, identifies the subject property with the Suburban Residential (RS) land use classification. The RS Land Use Classification is defined in the Comprehensive Plan:

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The surrounding uses consist of an empty lot to the north east and south, and North Forest Drive and a Church to the west. The church property as well as the properties to the south are designated General Commercial, and the applicant has applied to have that zone extended to cover their property at both 202 N. Forest Drive and 1408 Second Avenue. Staff finds that the proposed use meets is in harmony with the Comprehensive Plan both as currently zoned, and the proposed rezone to General Commercial.

As stated by the applicant, the proposed reinvigoration of the property as proposed is consistent and in harmony with several goals in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan.

#### **RELEVENT GOALS**

In *Imagine Kenai 2030 Comprehensive Plan*, Chapter 6, "Goals, Objectives, and Implementation", several goals and objectives are met from the proposed use.

Goal 1 – Quality of Life is to promote and encourage quality of life in Kenai.

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Support development at emerging community "centers" that lie outside the major employment centers but provide a mix of retail, service and residential uses.

#### Criteria 4: Public services and facilities are adequate to serve the proposed use.

**Findings**: City water and sewer are available and adequate for the proposed use. North Forest is a paved City-maintained road.

#### Criteria 5: The proposed use will not be harmful to the public safety, health or welfare.

**<u>Findings</u>**: There is adequate parking and buffer for the proposed use to minimize the impact to the surrounding area. It is not anticipated that the continued use will be harmful to the public safety, health or welfare.

As noted by the applicant, their vision for this property and the neighboring parcel, referred to as Fireweed Square, is to create a quaint, aesthetically pleasing "third place" for community enrichment and gathering. The location is ideal for such a goal, as it Is only 1.5 blocks from the Kenai Spur Highway, and the use will not significantly increase already established traffic patterns.

# Criteria 6: Any and all specific conditions deemed necessary by the Commission to fulfill the above-mentioned conditions. These may include, but are not limited to, measures relative to access, screening, site development, building design, operation of the use and other similar aspects related to the proposed use.

**Findings**: Staff finds that allowing Retail Businesses (Greenhouse, Café/Retail, Law Offices) in the existing structures would no cause any adverse impacts on the surrounding properties. Staff finds that additional specific conditions are not deemed necessary to fulfill the above-mentioned conditions.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Kenai Municipal Code 14.20.280(c) notices of the public hearing for the conditional use were mailed to property owners within a three hundred-foot (300') periphery of the subject property. City staff published notice of the public hearing in the *Peninsula Clarion*. City staff submitted an Affidavit of Posting verifying a sign was placed on the parcel with information on the public hearing for the conditional use permit request.

No public comments have been received at the time of this report.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

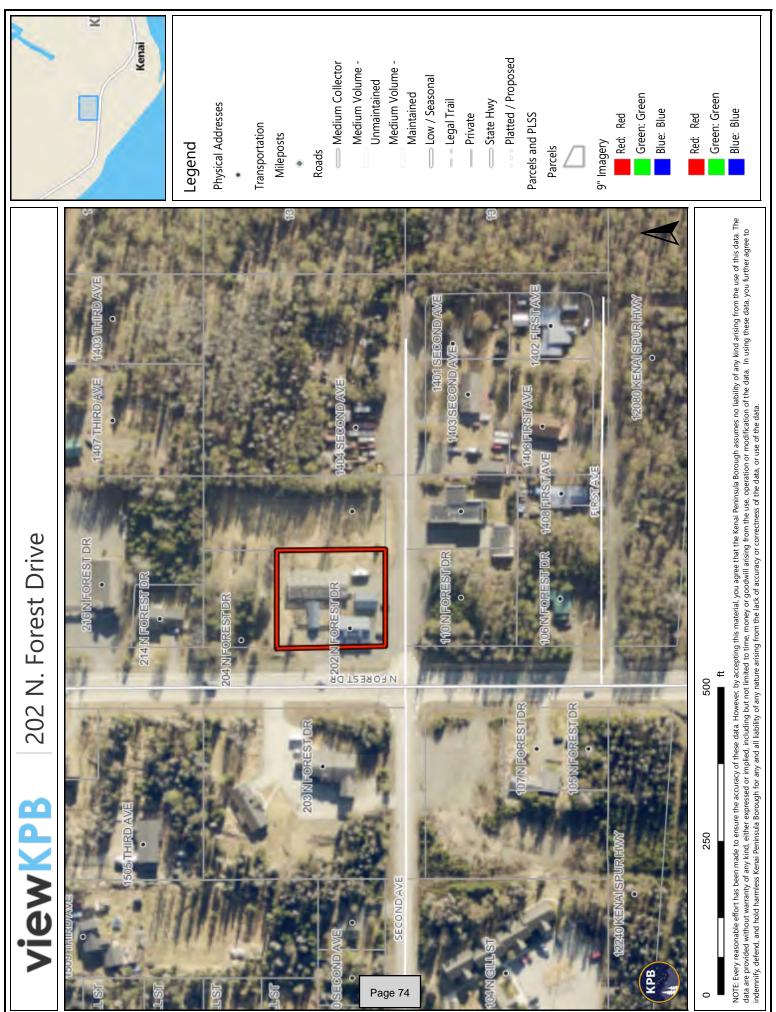
Staff finds that the proposed Conditional Use Permit for Retail Businesses (Greenhouse, Café/Retail, Law Offices) in the existing Single Family Dwelling and Accessory Structures on the property described as Lot 1, Fresh Start Subdivision meets the criteria for issuance of a Conditional Use Permit as set forth in subsections (e)(1) through (e)(6) of Kenai Municipal Code

14.20.150, and hereby recommends that the Planning and Zoning Commission adopt Resolution PZ2025-10 approving the Conditional Use Permit, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Any development or use of the property shall comply with all applicable Federal, State of Alaska, and City regulations regardless of whether or not the requirements are listed as conditions for the approval of the Conditional Use Permit.
- 2. Upon request, the applicant or applicant's representative shall meet with City staff for an on-site inspection.

### ATTACHMENTS

Aerial Map Application Application Letter Site Plan Fresh Start Subdivision Plat



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February 4, 2025

Kevin Buettner City of Kenai, Planning Director 210 Fidalgo Avenue Kenai, Alaska 99611 Email: <u>kbuettner@kenai.city</u>

### Re: FIREWEED SQUARE Re-Zoning Request

Dear Mr. Buettner:

My husband, John C. Harris, and I (through 202 N FOREST LLC) are the owners of Kenai parcels 04312013 and 04312014. The property street addresses for those two lots are 202 N. Forest Drive and 1408 Second Avenue, respectively. We plan to refer to the two parcels collectively as "Fireweed Square."

I am writing to request that those two parcels be re-zoned to "general commercial" use. Attached please find "FIREWEED SQUARE" SITE PLAN.<sup>1</sup> Please note, the Site Plan identifies 12 designated parking spots, large truck parking zone, dumpster with screening and orientation away from Forest Drive, and adequate snow storage.

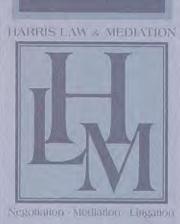
### 202 N. Forest Drive

This property has historically been used for general commercial purposes by previous owners. The prior owners used this property to operate a commercial greenhouse in the Spring and Summer months. They also operated a gift/coffee shop out of the "main house" on the property, although it was converted into the prior owners' residence after they became ill a few years before their passing. There is also a smaller "cottage" structure that was used as a residence by the previous owners.

### **Greenhouse: Fireweed Greenhouse**

My husband and I purchased the property in or around June 2023. In Spring/Summer 2024, we operated the commercial greenhouse on the property in similar fashion as the previous owners, doing business as Fireweed Greenhouse. It is our intention to continue operating Fireweed Greenhouse similarly this year and in the future.





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<sup>215</sup> Fidalgo Avenue, Ste. 104, Kenai, Alaska 99611 PHONE: 007.335.0043 FAX: 907.335.0530 WEB: www.hlmlaw.org

### Café/Retail: Ooakzen Café and Fireweed Greenhouse/Giftshop

When we purchased the property in 2023, the cottage structure was in disrepair. We have remodeled and renovated the cottage with the intent to operate a café/retail space out of that structure year-round. We intend to lease the cottage to Ooakzen to operate their café out of that space. We are waiting for approval from the City of Kenai for necessary permits. Once those permit applications are granted, Ooakzen will commence operations immediately. The retail space will be operated by Fireweed Greenhouse in conjunction with Ooakzen.

### Law Office: Harris Law & Mediation

The next project we plan to undertake is the remodel/renovation of the "main house" on the property into a law office where I will operate my law practice, Harris Law & Mediation. It is our hope to complete that project and be moved into that space by April 2025.

### 1408 Second Avenue

This property is currently a vacant lot, but pleasantly landscaped with a large lawn, trees and shrubs. While we do not currently have a specific plan for developing this parcel, it is our intention to eventually develop this parcel in a manner complimentary to the general commercial use of 202 N. Forest Drive.

The reinvigoration of Fireweed Square as proposed promotes many of the goals and objectives enumerated in the City's *Imagine Kenai 2030 Comprehensive Plan*, including the objective to "support development at emerging community "centers" that lie outside the major employment centers, but provide a mix of retail, service, and residential uses."<sup>2</sup>

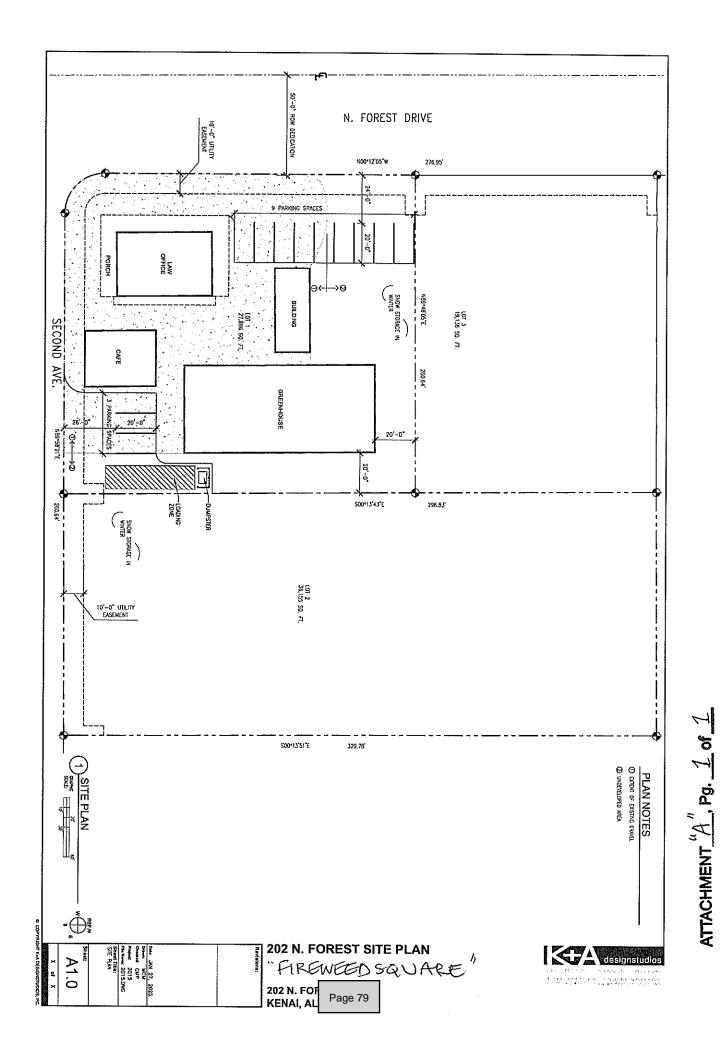
Our vision for these parcels is to create a quaint, aesthetically pleasing "third place" for community enrichment and gathering. The location of these parcels is ideal for that goal. The lots are only 1.5 blocks from a major highway and the proposed uses will not significantly increase current or historical traffic patterns. Currently, the use of surrounding properties is as follows: North: undeveloped; South: undeveloped; East: single family residential/light commercial; West: single family residential. The addition of a café and retail space on this property will provide a local space and services to this primarily suburban residential zone that people can either walk or drive to enjoy. I believe the community will welcome this development, as it was a great loss felt by many when the previous owners were forced to shut down the greenhouse and gift shop due to health issues.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 907-398-4986 or via email to <u>pharris@hlmlaw.org</u>.

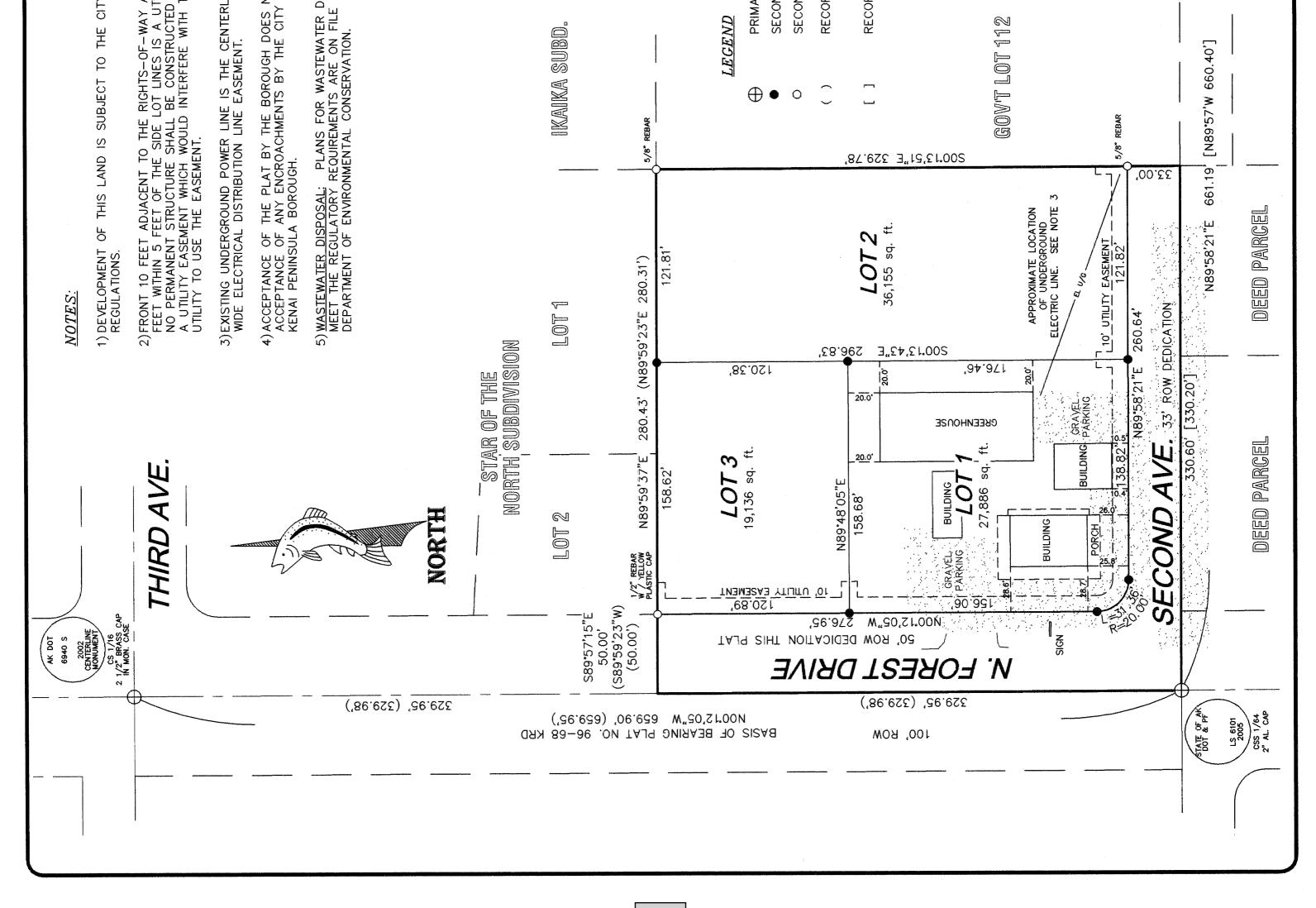
Sincerely,

Parrisa Harris

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### KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

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> MIKE NAVARRE BOROUGH MAYOR

### CERTIFICATE OF TAX DEPARTMENT

I, Rhonda K. Krohn, Property Tax and Collections Supervisor for the Kenai Peninsula Borough, do hereby certify that, as of the date of this certificate, all real property taxes levied by the Kenai Peninsula Borough have been paid for the area(s) described as:

Subdivision: Fresh Start Subdivision

Parcel # 04312005 T 6N R 11W SEC 31 Seward Meridian KN GOVT LOT 111

The following assessments (except assessments for the cities of Homer, Kenai, Seward, Seldovia, and Soldotna) levied against this property are outstanding: \$.00.

Witness my hand and seal this 27th day of September, 2012.

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Rhonda K. Krohn Property Tax and Collections Supervisor



### CITY OF KENAI PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. PZ2025-06

A RESOLUTION **GRANTING** A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A CABIN RENTAL / BOARDING HOUSE OF A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING.

APPLICANT: Tower Rock Lodge, LLC

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1305 Angler Drive

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 16, Block 1, Anglers Acres Sub Part 2

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PARCEL NUMBER: 04939023

WHEREAS, a complete application meeting the requirements of Kenai Municipal Code 14.20.150 was submitted to the City on January 30, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant has demonstrated that the prerequisites of a Conditional Use Permit have been met pursuant to Kenai Municipal Code 14.20.150; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Kenai Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a duly advertised public hearing on February 26, 2025, following requirements outlined in Kenai Municipal Code 14.20.280 for public hearings and notifications.

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission finds:

1. KMC 14.20.150(d)(1) The use is consistent with the purpose of this chapter and the purposes and intent of the zoning district;

<u>Findings</u>: The RR Zone is intended to provide for low density residential development in outlying and rural areas in a form which creates a stable and attractive residential environment. The specific intent in establishing this zone is:

- (1) To separate residential structures to an extent which will:
  - (A) Preserve the rural, open quality of the environment;
  - (B) Prevent health hazards in areas not served by public water and sewer.
- (2) To prohibit uses which would:
  - (A) Violate the residential character of the environment;
  - (B) Generate heavy traffic in predominantly residential areas.

The proposed use would not necessarily violate the residential character of the neighborhood as it would function/remain as a single-family dwelling and be seasonally used as a short-term rental and/or a boarding house for employees of the neighboring parcel Guide Services and Lodge (PZ2025-07). Furthermore, the proposed use is not anticipated to generate heavy traffic as the use is limited to the single-family dwelling, and there is adequate parking available. The existing density would remain unchanged since there is no proposed alteration to increase the number of dwelling units. Staff finds that the proposed use meets the intent of the RR zoning district.

2. KMC 14.20.150(d)(2) The economic and noneconomic value of the adjoining property and neighborhood will not be significantly impaired;

<u>Findings</u>: The proposed use is similar to other properties on Angler Drive, where there are several Lodges and Guides in operation. The City has not received any complaints involving 1305 Angler Dr. Staff finds the proposed use, similar to the nearby properties, would not have an adverse impact on the neighborhood and adjoining properties. Staff finds the proposed use would not impair the economic and noneconomic value of adjacent properties and neighborhood.

3. KMC 14.20.150(d)(3) The proposed use is in harmony with the Comprehensive Plan;

<u>Findings</u>: The Land Use Plan, from the 2016 Comprehensive Plan, identifies the subject property with the Low Density Residential (LDR) land use classification. The LDR Land Use Classification is defined in the Comprehensive Plan:

Low Density Residential because of location or poor site conditions is intended for largelot single-family low-density residential development. The area will typically be developed with individual on-site water supply and wastewater disposal systems. Streets will typically be constructed to rural street standards (i.e., gravel) and sidewalks will not be typically included in the subdivision design. Rural Residential becomes Low Density Residential to avoid confusion with zoning category.

The surrounding uses are a mix of residential and commercial/recreation uses. The proposed use would be compatible with the existing uses and would not require any buffer between surrounding uses since most lots are approximately an acre. Additionally, the applicant states the impact on the area will be minimal giving they have no intent to remove vegetation or heavily modify the natural aesthetics of the property.

In *Imagine Kenai 2030 Comprehensive Plan*, Chapter 6, "Goals, Objectives, and Implementation", several goals and objectives are met from the proposed use.

Goal 1 – Quality of Life is to promote and encourage quality of life in Kenai.

### Objective Q-4

Establish siting and design standards so that development is in harmony and scale with surrounding uses.

Goal 2 – Economic Development is to provide economic development to support the fiscal health of Kenai.

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> Objective ED-9 Capitalize on the tourism industry by marketing Kenai as a destination for recreational activities, conventions, festivals, arts, cultural and other events.

Goal 3 – Land Use is to develop land use strategies to implement a forward-looking approach to community growth and development.

Objective LU-1 Establish siting and design standards so that development is in harmony and scale with surrounding issues.

Objective LU-3

Review existing zoning and subdivision codes to determine if they address current and future land uses adequately.

4. KMC 14.20.150(d)(4) Public services and facilities are adequate to serve the proposed use;

<u>Findings</u>: City water and sewer is not in the vicinity of the subject property but onsite water and wastewater treatment and disposal systems are in place. The applicants are required to be in compliant with wastewater disposal requirements of Kenai Peninsula Borough Chapter 20.40 and regulatory requirements of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. Angler Drive is a paved road, which is a City-maintained road.

5. KMC 14.150(d)(5) The proposed use will not be harmful to the public safety, health or welfare;

<u>Findings</u>: There is adequate parking and buffer for the proposed use to minimize the impact to the surrounding area. It is not anticipated that the continued use will be harmful to the public safety, health or welfare.

As noted by the applicant, the proposed use will not be harmful and the impact on the neighbors would be minimal. It falls into line with other property uses in the area, and their company has been in the fishing and lodging business for over 30 years, with an immaculate record. There is a natural buffer zone around the properties, and they intend to maintain and enhance those zones for a feeling of privacy and seclusion.

6. KMC 14.150(d)(6) Any and all specific conditions deemed necessary by the Commission to fulfill the above-mentioned conditions should be met by the applicant. These may include, but are not limited to, measures relative to access, screening, site development, building design, operation of the use and other similar aspects related to the proposed use.

<u>Findings</u>: Staff finds that allowing short-term rentals and a boarding house for lodge employees in the existing single-family dwelling would not cause any adverse impacts on the surrounding properties. Staff finds that additional specific conditions are not deemed necessary to fulfill the above-mentioned conditions.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA:

Section 1. That a conditional use permit is granted to operate a cabin rental (i.e., short-term rental) / Boarding House in the existing single-family dwelling on a property described as Lot 16, Block 1 or the Anglers Acres Subdivision Part 2, located at 1305 Angler Dr.

**Section 2.** That the conditional use permit is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Any development or use of the property shall comply with all applicable Federal, State of Alaska, and City regulations regardless of whether or not the requirements are listed as conditions for the approval of the Conditional Use Permit.
- 2. Upon request, the applicant or applicant's representative shall meet with City staff for an on-site inspection.

PASSED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA, THIS  $26^{TH}$  DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025

ATTEST:

JOE HALSTEAD, CHAIRPERSON

Meghan Thibodeau, Deputy City Clerk



# **STAFF REPORT**

**PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT** 

то:	Planning and Zoning Commission	
THROUGH:	Kevin Buettner, Planning Director	
FROM:	Beth McDonald, Planning Administrative Assistant	
DATE:	February 26, 2025	
SUBJECT:	Resolution PZ2025-06 – Conditional Use Permit – Cabin Rentals / Boarding House	
Request	The applicant is requesting to operate a cabin rental (i.e., short-term rental) and Boarding House at the existing single-family dwelling.	
Staff Recommendation	Adopt Resolution PZ2025-06 approving a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Cabin Rental (Short-Term Rental) and Boarding House of a single-family dwelling.	
Applicant:	Tower Rock Lodge, LLC – Joseph Chambers	
Legal Description:	Lot 16, Block 1, Anglers Acres Sub Part 2	
Property Address:	1305 Angler Drive	
KPB Parcel No.:	04939023	
Lot Size:	49266.36 square feet (1.131-acres)	
Zoning:	Rural Residential (RR)	
Current Use:	Single Family Dwelling	
Land Use Plan:	Low Density Residential (LDR)	

### SUMMARY

The applicant is requesting to operate the existing single-family dwelling as a Cabin Rental (Shortterm Rental) / Boarding House. A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is required to operate the existing single-family dwelling as a cabin rental (i.e., short-term rental) and Boarding House.

### **ANALYSIS**

Pursuant to KMC 14.20.150(a), the intent of a conditional use permit is to allow some uses that may be compatible with the designated principal uses in specific zoning districts provided certain conditions are met. Prior to granting a conditional use permit, the Commission shall determine that the identified criteria as outlined in KMC 14.20.150(e) *Conditional Use Permits Review Criteria* are met.

## Criteria 1: The use is consistent with the purpose of this chapter and the purposes and intent of the zoning district.

**<u>Findings</u>**: The RR Zone is intended to provide for low density residential development in outlying and rural areas in a form which creates a stable and attractive residential environment. The specific intent in establishing this zone is:

- (1) To separate residential structures to an extent which will:
  - (A) Preserve the rural, open quality of the environment;

(B) Prevent health hazards in areas not served by public water and sewer.

- (2) To prohibit uses which would:
  - (A) Violate the residential character of the environment;
  - (B) Generate heavy traffic in predominantly residential areas.

The proposed use would not necessarily violate the residential character of the neighborhood as it would function/remain as a single-family dwelling and be seasonally used as a short-term rental and/or a boarding house for employees of the neighboring parcel Guide Services and Lodge (PZ2025-07). Furthermore, the proposed use is not anticipated to generate heavy traffic as the use is limited to the single-family dwelling, and there is adequate parking available. The existing density would remain unchanged since there is no proposed alteration to increase the number of dwelling units. Staff finds that the proposed use meets the intent of the RR zoning district.

## Criteria 2: The economic and noneconomic value of the adjoining property and neighborhood will not be significantly impaired.

**Findings**: The proposed use is similar to other properties on Angler Drive, where there are several Lodges and Guides in operation. The City has not received any complaints involving 1305 Angler Dr. Staff finds the proposed use, similar to the nearby properties, would not have an adverse impact on the neighborhood and adjoining properties. Staff finds the proposed use would not impair the economic and noneconomic value of adjacent properties and neighborhood.

### Criteria 3: The proposed use is in harmony with the Comprehensive Plan.

**<u>Findings</u>**: The Land Use Plan, from the 2016 Comprehensive Plan, identifies the subject property with the Low Density Residential (LDR) land use classification. The LDR Land Use Classification is defined in the Comprehensive Plan:

Low Density Residential because of location or poor site conditions is intended for large-lot single-family low-density residential development. The area will typically be developed with individual on-site water supply and wastewater disposal systems. Streets will typically be constructed to rural street standards (i.e., gravel) and sidewalks will not be typically included in the subdivision design. Rural Residential becomes Low Density Residential to avoid confusion with zoning category.

The surrounding uses are a mix of residential and commercial/recreation uses. The proposed use would be compatible with the existing uses and would not require any buffer between surrounding uses since most lots are approximately an acre. Additionally, the applicant states the impact on the area will be minimal giving they have no intent to remove vegetation or heavily modify the natural aesthetics of the property.

As stated by the applicant, the proposed use of a Cabin Rental and/or a Boarding House is consistent and in harmony with several goals in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan, specifically Goals 1, 2 and 4 listed below.

### **RELEVENT GOALS**

In *Imagine Kenai 2030 Comprehensive Plan*, Chapter 6, "Goals, Objectives, and Implementation", several goals and objectives are met from the proposed use.

**Goal 1** – Quality of Life is to promote and encourage quality of life in Kenai.

### **Objective Q-4**

Establish siting and design standards so that development is in harmony and scale with surrounding uses.

**Goal 2** – Economic Development is to provide economic development to support the fiscal health of Kenai.

### **Objective ED-9**

Capitalize on the tourism industry by marketing Kenai as a destination for recreational activities, conventions, festivals, arts, cultural and other events.

**Goal 3** – Land Use is to develop land use strategies to implement a forward-looking approach to community growth and development.

### **Objective LU-1**

Establish siting and design standards so that development is in harmony and scale with surrounding uses.

### **Objective LU-3**

Review existing zoning and subdivision codes to determine if they address current and future land uses adequately.

### Criteria 4: Public services and facilities are adequate to serve the proposed use.

**Findings**: City water and sewer is not in the vicinity of the subject property but onsite water and wastewater treatment and disposal systems are in place. The applicants are required to be in compliant with wastewater disposal requirements of Kenai Peninsula Borough Chapter 20.40 and regulatory requirements of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. Angler Drive is a paved road, which is a City-maintained road.

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**Findings:** There is adequate parking and buffer for the proposed use to minimize the impact to the surrounding area. It is not anticipated that the continued use will be harmful to the public safety, health or welfare.

As noted by the applicant, the proposed use will not be harmful and the impact on the neighbors would be minimal. It falls into line with other property uses in the area, and their company has been in the fishing and lodging business for over 30 years, with an immaculate record. There is a natural buffer zone around the properties, and they intend to maintain and enhance those zones for a feeling of privacy and seclusion.

# Criteria 6: Any and all specific conditions deemed necessary by the Commission to fulfill the above-mentioned conditions. These may include, but are not limited to, measures relative to access, screening, site development, building design, operation of the use and other similar aspects related to the proposed use.

**<u>Findings</u>**: Staff finds that allowing short-term rentals and a boarding house for lodge employees in the existing single-family dwelling would not cause any adverse impacts on the surrounding properties. Staff finds that additional specific conditions are not deemed necessary to fulfill the above-mentioned conditions.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to Kenai Municipal Code 14.20.280(c) notices of the public hearing for the conditional use were mailed to property owners within a three hundred-foot (300') periphery of the subject property. City staff published notice of the public hearing in the *Peninsula Clarion*. City staff submitted an Affidavit of Posting verifying a sign was placed on the parcel with information on the public hearing for the conditional use permit request.

No public comments have been received at the time of this report.

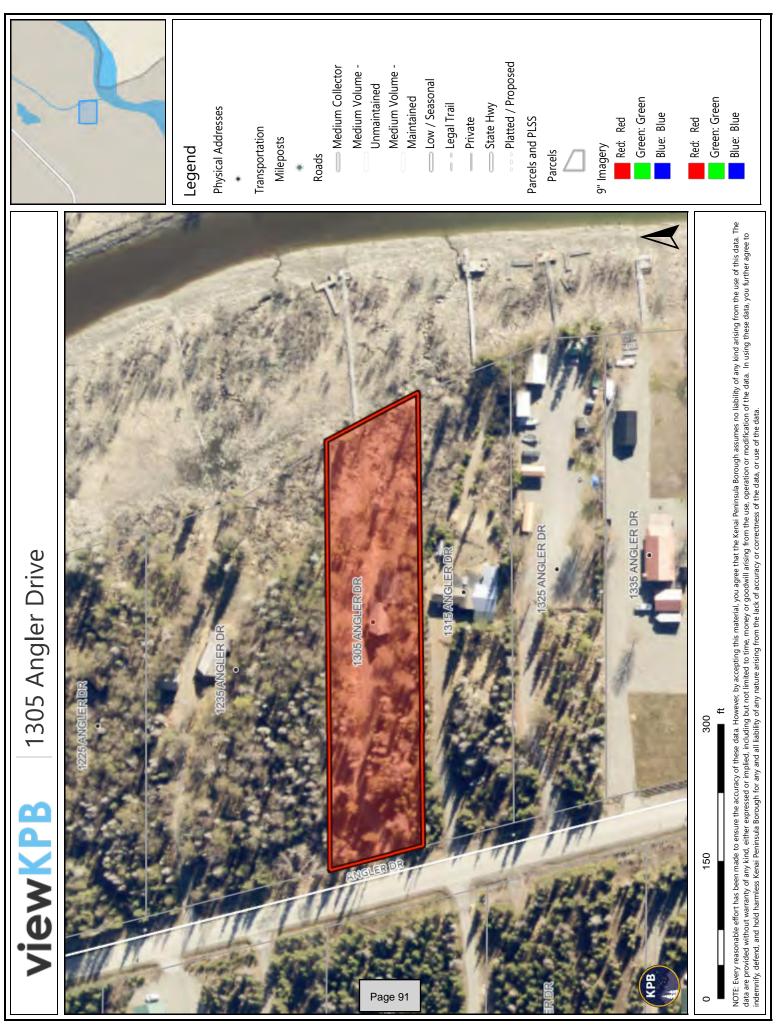
### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff finds that the proposed Conditional Use Permit for a cabin rental (i.e., short-term rental) and/or boarding house in the existing single-family dwelling on the property described as Lot 16, Block 1 of the Angler Acres Subdivision Part 2 meets the criteria for issuance of a Conditional Use Permit as set forth in subsections (e)(1) through (e)(6) of Kenai Municipal Code 14.20.150, and hereby recommends that the Planning and Zoning Commission adopt Resolution PZ2025-06 approving the Conditional Use Permit, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Any development or use of the property shall comply with all applicable Federal, State of Alaska, and City regulations regardless of whether or not the requirements are listed as conditions for the approval of the Conditional Use Permit.
- 2. Upon request, the applicant or applicant's representative shall meet with City staff for an on-site inspection.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Aerial Map Application Site Plan Angler Acres Subdivision Part 2 Plat



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K	Conditional Use Permit Application	City of Kenai Planning and Zoning Department 210 Fidalgo Avenue Kenai, AK 99611 (907) 283-8200 planning@kenai.city www.kenai.city/planning
	PROPERTY OWNER	
Name:	Tower Rock Lodge LLC	
Mailing Address:	35555 Kenai Spur Hwy #222	less lesses
City:	soldotna State:	AK Zip Code: 99669
Phone Number(s):	(303) 884-1254 (907) 953-2656	
Email:	joefishing.chambers@gmail.com	
	PETITIONER REPRESENTATIVE (LEAVE	BLANK IF NONE)
Name:	Joseph chambers	
Mailing Address:	35555 kenai spur highway #222	
City:	soldotna State:	AK Zip Code: 99669
Phone Number(s):	303 884 1254	
Email:	joefishing.chambers@gmail.com	1
	PROPERTY INFORMATIO	
	bugh Parcel # (Property Tax ID):	04939023
Physical Address:	1305 Angler Drive	
Legal Description: Zoning:	Anglers Acres sub part 2 Lot 16 BLK 1 rural residential	
Acres:	1.13	
	CONDITIONAL USE DESCRI	PTION
	(include site plan/floor plan with squ	
(iı	nclude State Business License and KPB Tax	Compliance if applicable)
How is this property of	currently being used? long term rental/unoc	cupied
Conditional Use Req	uested for (attach additional sheets if necessary)	
For summer 2025 u housing for our guid	use requested is short term rental. After 2025 de staff.	, property is being requested to use as
Explain how the conditional use is consistent with purposes and intent of the zoning district of the property:		
As being primarily used for housing our seasonal stafff, I dont see any inconsistencies with zoning.		
Explain how the value use:	e of adjoining property and neighborhood will not	be significantly impaired by the conditional
The adjoining properties will not be significantly impaired by our use given the seclusion of the property relative to the neighbors (myself soon being one of them!). Additionally, our impact on the area and property would be minimus given we have no intent to remove vegetation or heavily modify the natural asthetics of the poperty.		

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Use of surrounding property - north:	our other residence	
Use of surrounding property - south:	private residence	
Use of surrounding property - east:	(beaver creek)	
Use of surrounding property - west:	commercial short term rental (also in	process of purchasing)
Explain how the conditional use is in harmony	with the City's Comprehensive Plan:	
Providing short term rental during 2025 th Comprehensive plan especially goals 1,2		ent with the
Are public services and facilities on the prope	rty adequate to serve the proposed cond	litional use?
Yes (with some modifications).		
Explain how the conditional use will not be ha	rmful to public safety, health, or welfare:	
If anything, I believe our conditional use w company, Tower Rock Lodge, has been in immaculate record.		
Are there any measures with access, screeni lessen potential impacts of the conditional us		business operation that will
No. Given the natural buffer zone around described, we intend to maintain and enh privacy and seclusion, minimizing impact	ance these buffer zones. It is our goal	l to give the feeling of
AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR CONDITIONAL USE: I hereby certify that (I am) (I have been authorized to act for) owner of the property described above and that I petition for a conditional use permit in conformance with Title 14 of the Kenai Municipal Code. I understand that payment of the application fee is nonrefundable and is to cover the costs associated with processing this application, and that it does not assure approval of the conditional use. I also understand that assigned hearing dates are tentative and may have to be postponed by Planning Department staff of the Planning and Zoning Commission for administrative reasons. I understand that a site visit may be required to process this application. City of Kenai personnel are authorized to access the above-referenced property for the purpose of processing this application. Signature: Date: 12/8/2024		
Print Name: Joseph M Chambers	Title/Business: Tower Rock L	
For City Use Only Date Application Fee Received:		
	PZ Resolution Number:	

TO: City of Kenai Zoning and Planning Commission FROM: Tower Rock Lodge LLC (Joe Chambers) Re: Conditional Use Permit for 1235 and 1305 Angler Drive

### Introduction:

Tower Rock Lodge (TRL) has been in business since 1992, providing our guests with lodging, meals, and fishing trips, providing them with years of unforgettable Alaskan experiences. TRL seeks to move location from outside of city limits to within the city limits of Kenai. Three adjacent parcels are the venue planned for TRL's new home–1230 Angler Drive (guest housing), 1235 Angler Drive (eventually a guest dining area along with cabins), and 1305 Angler Drive planned for housing guides. The transition of 1235 and 1305 from a residential home to a base of operations for a fishing lodge will be an evolution over years. While the "plans" put forth are indeed plans, they are contingent on the success of our business over the next 3-4 years. Thus these plans put forth are an idealized scenario. I feel it best to fully disclose any plans for the future state of the property under the notion that these are idealistic. Any deviation from these plans put forth would be in the direction of "less" rather than "more". For example, we might find that adding additional guest cabins (phase II) is unnecessary in the future along with making significant modifications to 1235 by converting it to a guest dining area. We might find that what is already in place is perfectly sufficient. As mentioned, I feel it best to disclose what path our business takes in modifying the properties based on the growth of our business. Therefore, what I have put forth in this application is in phases.

### Phase I – Short Term Rentals During Summer 2025

Phase I during the summer of 2025, is fairly simple with minimal impacts to the surrounding neighborhood and could be largely seen as "business as usual" with some minor additions that would be both beneficial to us as well as our neighbors. With a CUP, both 1305 and 1235 will be used as short term rental during the summer of 2025.

Improvements to the property include revegetating the landscape post spruce beetle infestation. Trees and shrubs will be planted throughout the property, especially along property lines, providing us and our neighbors more privacy. Additionally, privacy fences will be added in conjunction with the revegetation to add to privacy for both us and our neighbors. These "living fences" will be around 50 ft in length and not extend the whole property line. The hope is to utilize both of these properties (1235 and 1305) for short term rental during the summer of 2025.

Recently the land owner cleared a good portion of land between the buildings and beaver creek. While this would have not been my choice, what is left is barren ground with root wads and potholes gathering moisture. Fill dirt will need to be brought in to cover the aftermath so that it can be leveled, replanted with vegetation conducive to the environment. After this area is leveled a small gravel path from 1235 to the 1305 walkway will also be added. Additionally, much of the beetle has

been removed on both properties. This change has allowed for ample parking. These parking areas however will need to be leveled and gravel added. Note that most of our guest and boat parking will likely occur on our other property across the street (1230), because it is very important to us to not remove any more trees nor vegetation in order to maintain the aesthetics and privacy.

### Phase 1.5 – Moving Our Dry Cabins from our Present Property

Phase 1.5 is to occur in the fall of 2025, which consists mostly of moving our small staff dry cabins (8'x12') to 1305 Angler Drive. These dry cabins are solely used for our employees and are not available for short term rental. After summer 2025, 1305 will not be available for short term rental, but will house our guide staff as well myself and wife. At this time we will also look into replacing the dock. It is of wood construction and certainly is nearing the end of its life.

### Phase II – Converting 1235 Building to a Dining Hall and Kitchen.

Phase II would occur anywhere from 3 to 5 years from now or not at all depending on the success of the business and our direction of growth. Likely at the least, we would like to convert the 1235 building into a dining hall and kitchen with seating up to 16 guests. Historically we've served meals to our guests and we would like to maintain the tradition. If we see an apparent need, eventually we would like to add an additional three guest log cabins. While it would be years before we undergo such a venture, I believe it's worth mentioning.



### **AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING** PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

I hereby certify that I have posted a Notice of Public Hearing as prescribed by Kenai Municipal

Code 14.20.280 (d) on the property that

Joe Chambers	(Name of Applicant) has petitioned for a
Conditional Use	prmit for short term
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The notice was posted on the date of \_\_\_\_\_\_, which is at least 10 days prior to the public hearing on this petition. I acknowledge this Notice must be posted so as to be visible from each improved street adjacent to the property and must be maintained and displayed until all public hearings have been completed. I acknowledge that the Notice must be removed within 5 days after the hearing.

Affirmed and signed by:

Joseph Chembers Printed Name

**Property:** 

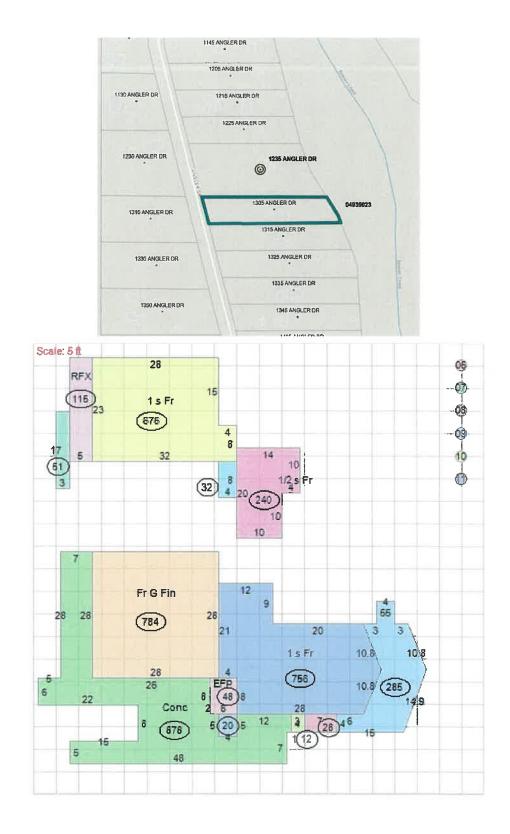
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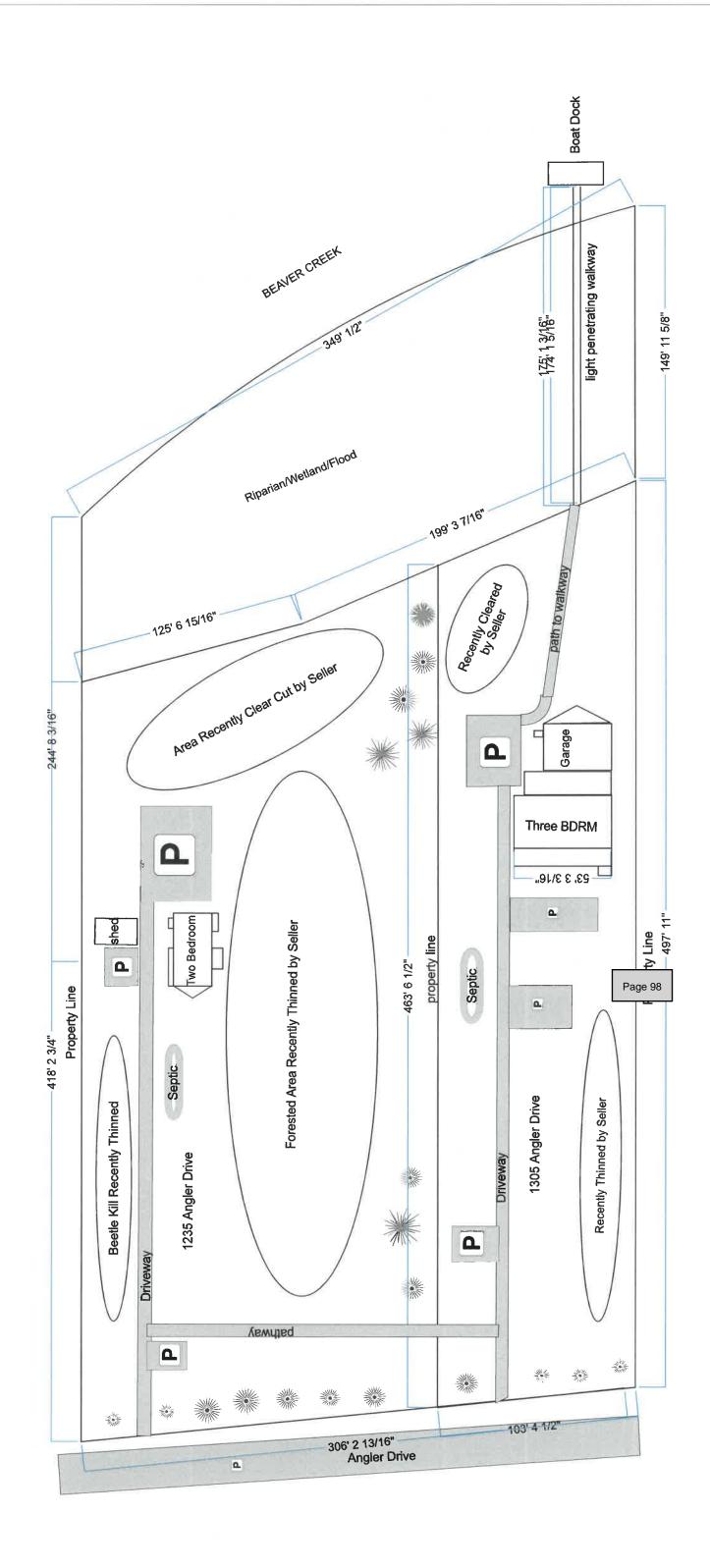
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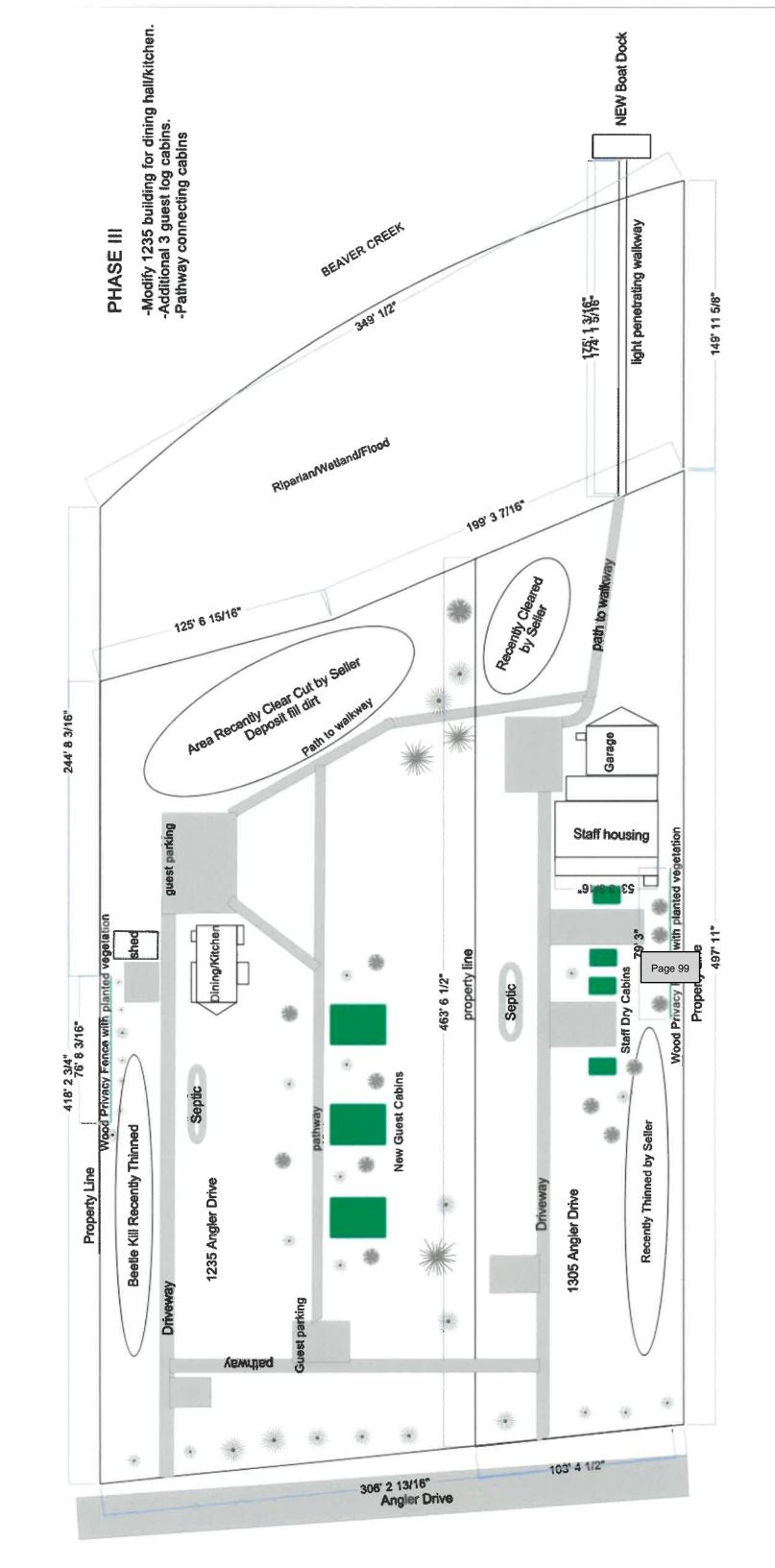
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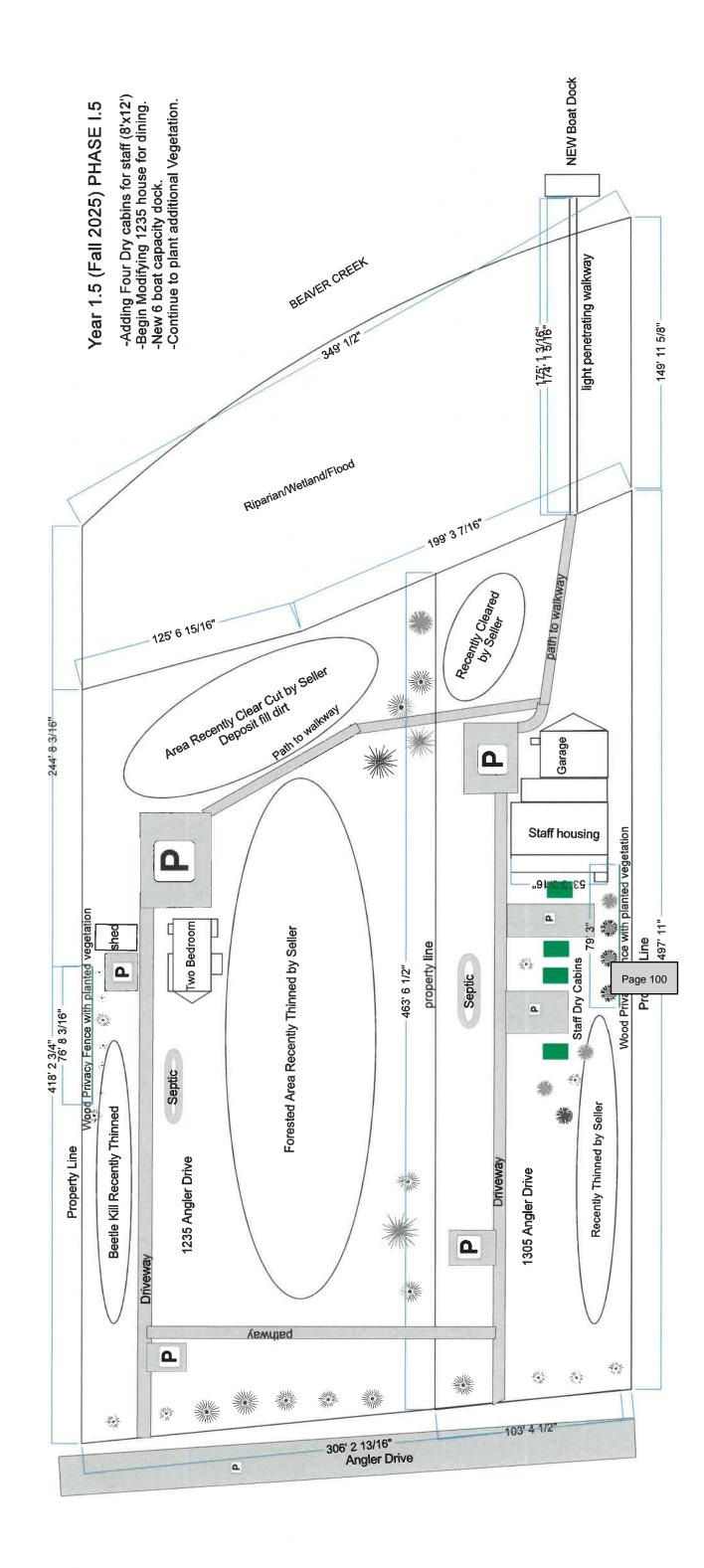
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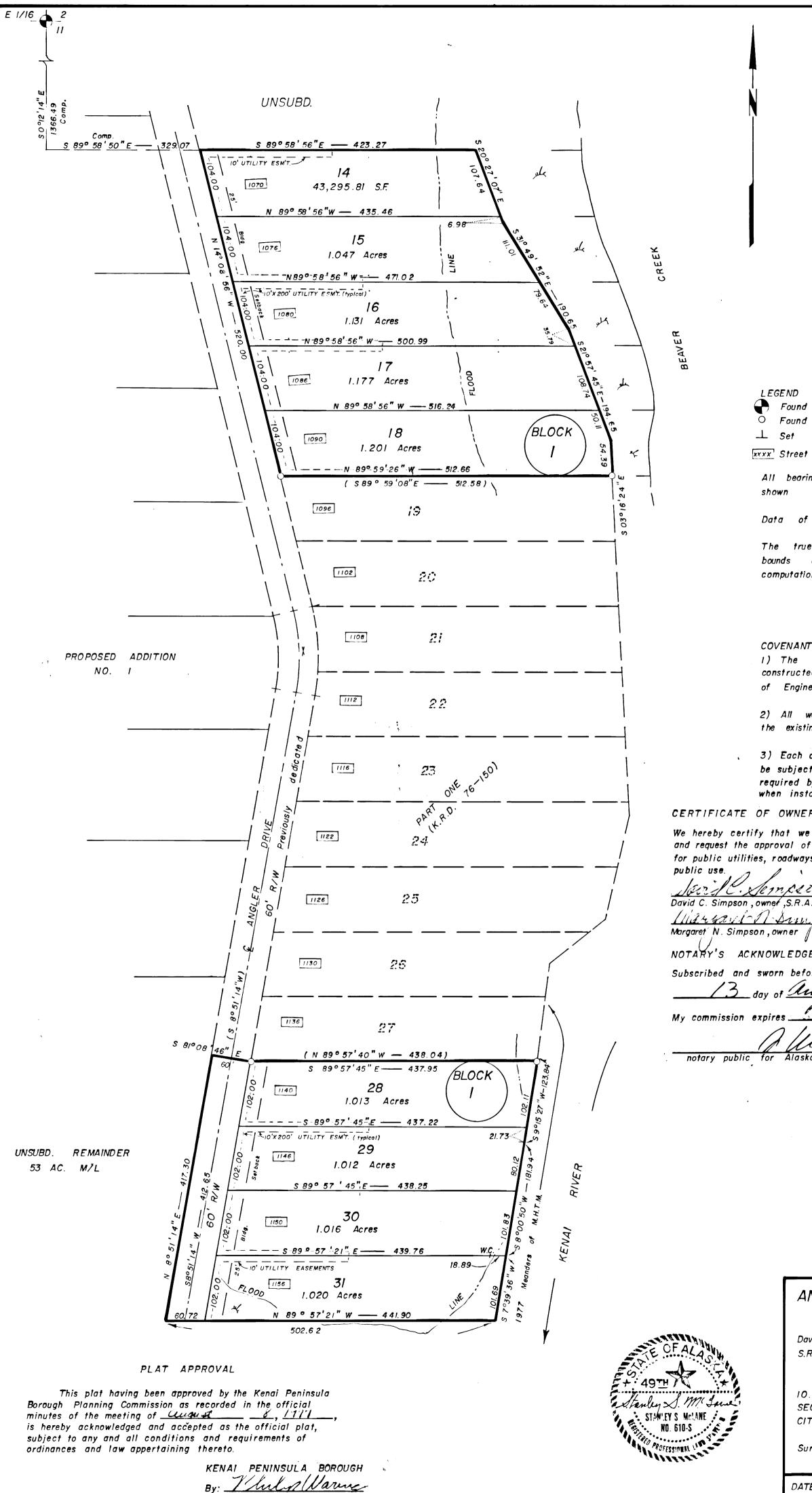
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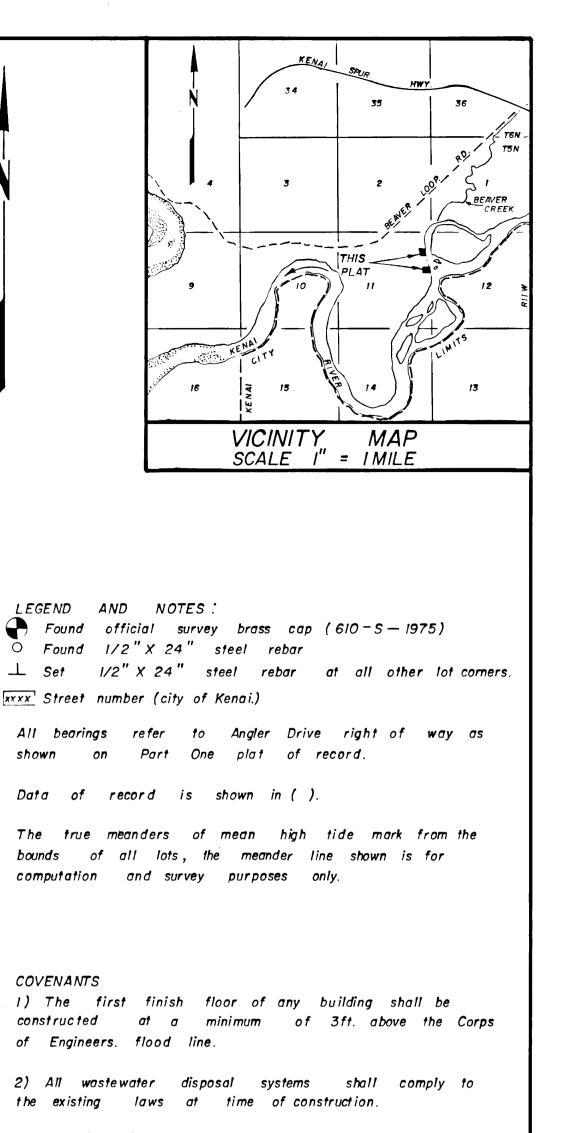












3) Each of the lots in this subdivision shall be subject to assessments for improvements

required by ordinance of the City of when installed by the City of Kenai. 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

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David C. Simpson, owner, S.R.A. Box 31, Anchorage, Ak. 99507 1112 4 Way 1 11 Dun ben

NOTARY'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Subscribed and sworn before me this

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My commission expires

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ANGLERS ACRES SUBDIVISION PART TWO David C. and Margaret N. Simpson, owners S.R.A Box 31, Anchorage, Ak. 99507 DESCRIPTION 10.180 ACRES IN GOV'T LOTS 4 AND 5 SECTION 11, T5N, R 11W, S.M. AK. AND IN THE CITY OF KENAL, AK. McLane and Associates Surveyed by: Soldotna, Ak. DATE OF SURVEY SCALE BK. NO. July 1-5 1077 1" = 100' 40 - 72

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### CITY OF KENAI PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. PZ2025-07

A RESOLUTION **GRANTING** A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A LODGE AND GUIDE SERVICE OF A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING.

APPLICANT: Tower Rock Lodge, LLC

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1235 Angler Drive

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 14-A, Block 1, Anglers Acres Sub Beaver Creek Replat

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PARCEL NUMBER: 04939058

WHEREAS, a complete application meeting the requirements of Kenai Municipal Code 14.20.150 was submitted to the City on January 30, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant has demonstrated that the prerequisites of a Conditional Use Permit have been met pursuant to Kenai Municipal Code 14.20.150; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Kenai Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a duly advertised public hearing on February 26, 2025, following requirements outlined in Kenai Municipal Code 14.20.280 for public hearings and notifications.

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission finds:

1. KMC 14.20.150(d)(1) The use is consistent with the purpose of this chapter and the purposes and intent of the zoning district;

<u>Findings</u>: The RR Zone is intended to provide for low density residential development in outlying and rural areas in a form which creates a stable and attractive residential environment. The specific intent in establishing this zone is:

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- (2) To prohibit uses which would:
  - (A) Violate the residential character of the environment;
  - (B) Generate heavy traffic in predominantly residential areas.

The proposed use would not necessarily violate the residential character of the neighborhood as it would function/remain as a single-family dwelling and be seasonally used as a Lodge and Fishing Guide Service. Furthermore, the proposed use is not anticipated to generate heavy traffic as the use is limited to the single-family dwelling, and there is adequate parking available. The existing density would remain unchanged since there is no proposed alteration to increase the number of dwelling units. Staff finds that the proposed use meets the intent of the RR zoning district.

2. KMC 14.20.150(d)(2) The economic and noneconomic value of the adjoining property and neighborhood will not be significantly impaired;

<u>Findings</u>: The proposed use is similar to other properties on Angler Drive, where there are several Lodges and Guides in operation. The City has not received any complaints involving 1235 Angler Dr. Staff finds the proposed use, similar to the nearby properties, would not have an adverse impact on the neighborhood and adjoining properties. Staff finds the proposed use would not impair the economic and noneconomic value of adjacent properties and neighborhood.

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In *Imagine Kenai 2030 Comprehensive Plan*, Chapter 6, "Goals, Objectives, and Implementation", several goals and objectives are met from the proposed use.

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### Objective Q-4

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Goal 8 – Environmental Resources: Protect and enhance the natural resources and environment of the community.

Objective ER-2

Development plans should include provisions to avoid or minimize impacts on environmental resources such as the dunes, bluffs and wetlands.

4. KMC 14.20.150(d)(4) Public services and facilities are adequate to serve the proposed use;

<u>Findings</u>: City water and sewer is not in the vicinity of the subject property but onsite water and wastewater treatment and disposal systems are in place. The applicants are required to be in compliant with wastewater disposal requirements of Kenai Peninsula Borough Chapter 20.40 and regulatory requirements of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. Angler Drive is a paved road, which is a City-maintained road.

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6. KMC 14.150(d)(6) Any and all specific conditions deemed necessary by the Commission to fulfill the above-mentioned conditions should be met by the applicant. These may include, but are not limited to, measures relative to access, screening, site development, building design, operation of the use and other similar aspects related to the proposed use.

<u>Findings</u>: Staff finds that allowing a Lodge and Fishing Guide business in the existing single-family dwelling would not cause any adverse impacts on the surrounding properties. Staff finds that additional specific conditions are not deemed necessary to fulfill the above-mentioned conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA:

**Section 1.** That a conditional use permit is granted to operate a Lodge and Guide Service in the existing single-family dwelling on the property described as Lot 14-A, Block 1 of the Angler Acres Subdivision Beaver Creek Replat, located at 1235 Angler Dr.

**Section 2.** That the conditional use permit is subject to the following conditions:

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PASSED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA, THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025

ATTEST:

JOE HALSTEAD, CHAIRPERSON

Meghan Thibodeau, Deputy City Clerk



## **STAFF REPORT**

**PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT** 

TO:	Planning and Zoning Commission	
THROUGH:	Kevin Buettner, Planning Director	
FROM:	Beth McDonald, Planning Administrative Assistant	
DATE:	February 26, 2025	
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**Findings**: The proposed use is similar to other properties on Angler Drive, where there are several Lodges and Guides in operation. The City has not received any complaints involving 1235 Angler Dr. Staff finds the proposed use, similar to the nearby properties, would not have an adverse impact on the neighborhood and adjoining properties. Staff finds the proposed use would not impair the economic and noneconomic value of adjacent properties and neighborhood.

### Criteria 3: The proposed use is in harmony with the Comprehensive Plan.

**<u>Findings</u>**: The Land Use Plan, from the 2016 Comprehensive Plan, identifies the subject property with the Low Density Residential (LDR) land use classification. The LDR Land Use Classification is defined in the Comprehensive Plan:

Low Density Residential because of location or poor site conditions is intended for large-lot single-family low-density residential development. The area will typically be developed with individual on-site water supply and wastewater disposal systems. Streets will typically be constructed to rural street standards (i.e., gravel) and sidewalks will not be typically included in the subdivision design. Rural Residential becomes Low Density Residential to avoid confusion with zoning category.

The surrounding uses are a mix of residential and commercial/recreation uses. The proposed use would be compatible with the existing uses and would not require any buffer between surrounding uses since most lots are approximately an acre. Additionally, the applicant states the impact on the area will be minimal giving they have no intent to remove vegetation or heavily modify the natural aesthetics of the property. Furthermore, they intend to plant trees and shrubs to replace cleared spruce beetle infestations, especially along the property lines. They also intend to add privacy fences with revegetation to add privacy for both them and the neighbors. Future plans involve a gravel path to protect the wetlands, and using fill dirt and vegetation conducive to the environment to rebuild barren ground left from the over-clearing by previous owners.

As stated by the applicant, the proposed use of a Lodge and Guide Service is consistent and in harmony with several goals in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan, specifically Goals 1, 2, 3 and 8 listed below.

### **RELEVENT GOALS**

In *Imagine Kenai 2030 Comprehensive Plan*, Chapter 6, "Goals, Objectives, and Implementation", several goals and objectives are met from the proposed use.

**Goal 1** – Quality of Life is to promote and encourage quality of life in Kenai.

### **Objective Q-4**

Establish siting and design standards so that development is in harmony and scale with surrounding uses.

**Goal 2** – Economic Development is to provide economic development to support the fiscal health of Kenai.

### **Objective ED-9**

Capitalize on the tourism industry by marketing Kenai as a destination for recreational activities, conventions, festivals, arts, cultural and other events.

**Goal 3** – Land Use is to develop land use strategies to implement a forward-looking approach to community growth and development.

### **Objective LU-1**

Establish siting and design standards so that development is in harmony and scale

with surrounding uses.

#### **Objective LU-3**

Review existing zoning and subdivision codes to determine if they address current and future land uses adequately.

**Goal 8** – Environmental Resources: Protect and enhance the natural resources and environment of the community.

#### **Objective ER-2**

Development plans should include provisions to avoid or minimize impacts on environmental resources such as the dunes, bluffs and wetlands.

#### Criteria 4: Public services and facilities are adequate to serve the proposed use.

**Findings**: City water and sewer is not in the vicinity of the subject property but onsite water and wastewater treatment and disposal systems are in place. The applicants are required to be in compliant with wastewater disposal requirements of Kenai Peninsula Borough Chapter 20.40 and regulatory requirements of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. Angler Drive is a paved road, which is a City-maintained road.

#### Criteria 5: The proposed use will not be harmful to the public safety, health or welfare.

<u>Findings</u>: There is adequate parking and buffer for the proposed use to minimize the impact to the surrounding area. It is not anticipated that the continued use will be harmful to the public safety, health or welfare.

As noted by the applicant, the proposed use will not be harmful and the impact on the neighbors would be minimal. It falls into line with other property uses in the area, and their company has been in the fishing and lodging business for over 30 years, with an immaculate record. There is a natural buffer zone around the properties, and they intend to maintain and enhance those zones for a feeling of privacy and seclusion.

# Criteria 6: Any and all specific conditions deemed necessary by the Commission to fulfill the above-mentioned conditions. These may include, but are not limited to, measures relative to access, screening, site development, building design, operation of the use and other similar aspects related to the proposed use.

**<u>Findings</u>**: Staff finds that allowing a Lodge and Guide business in the existing singlefamily dwelling would not cause any adverse impacts on the surrounding properties. Staff finds that additional specific conditions are not deemed necessary to fulfill the abovementioned conditions.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Kenai Municipal Code 14.20.280(c) notices of the public hearing for the conditional use were mailed to property owners within a three hundred-foot (300') periphery of the subject property. City staff published notice of the public hearing in the *Peninsula Clarion*. City staff submitted an Affidavit of Posting verifying a sign was placed on the parcel with information on the public hearing for the conditional use permit request.

No public comments have been received at the time of this report.

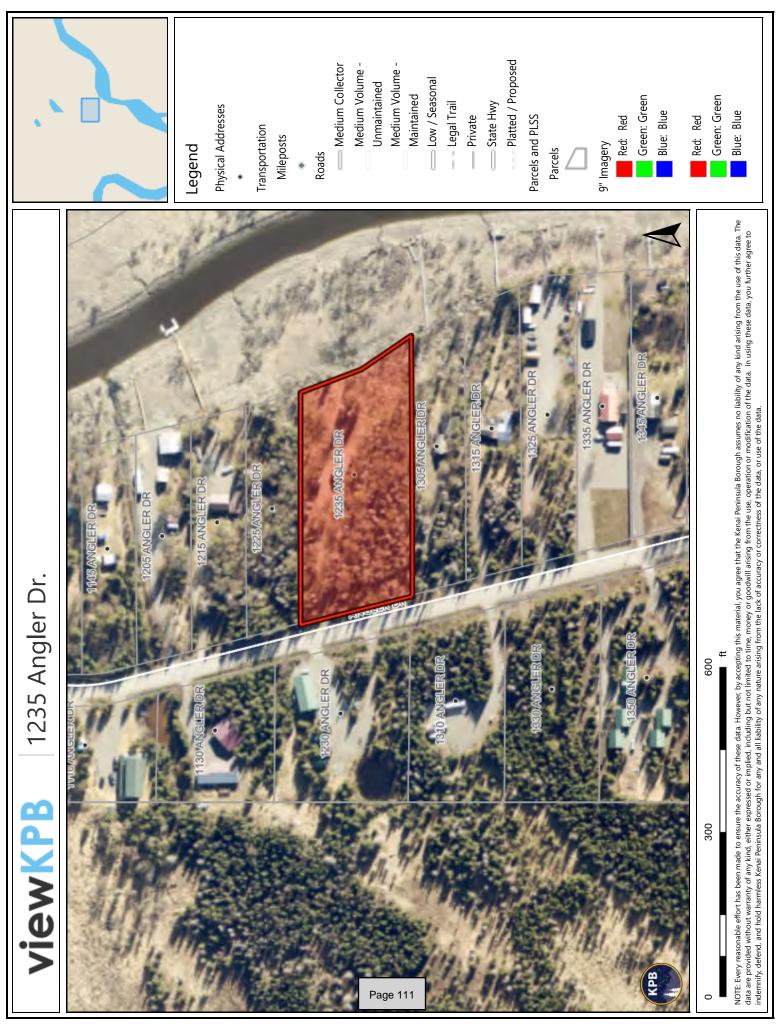
#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff finds that the proposed Conditional Use Permit for a Lodge and Guide Service in the existing single-family dwelling on the property described as Lot 14-A, Block 1 of the Angler Acres Subdivision Beaver Creek Replat meets the criteria for issuance of a Conditional Use Permit as set forth in subsections (e)(1) through (e)(6) of Kenai Municipal Code 14.20.150, and hereby recommends that the Planning and Zoning Commission adopt Resolution PZ2025-07 approving the Conditional Use Permit, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Any development or use of the property shall comply with all applicable Federal, State of Alaska, and City regulations regardless of whether or not the requirements are listed as conditions for the approval of the Conditional Use Permit.
- 2. Upon request, the applicant or applicant's representative shall meet with City staff for an on-site inspection.

**ATTACHMENTS** 

Aerial Map Application Site Plan Angler Acres Subdivision Beaver Creek Replat



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Manual		YOWNER	A CONTRACTOR		
Name:	Tower Rock Lodge LLC				
Mailing Address:	35555 Kenai Spur Hwy #222				
City:	soldotna State:	/	AK Zip C	Code: 99669	
Phone Number(s):	(303) 884-1254 (907) 953-2656				
Email:	joefishing.chambers@gmail.com				
	PETITIONER REPRESENTAT	IVE (LEAVE I	BLANK IF NONE)		
Name:	Joseph chambers				
Mailing Address:	35555 kenai spur highway #222				
City:	soldotna State:	/	AK Zip C	Code: 99669	
Phone Number(s):	303 884 1254				
Email:	joefishing.chambers@gmail.com				
	PROPERTY II				
	ough Parcel # (Property Tax ID):	d	)4939058		
Physical Address:	1235 angler drive kenai, ak 99611				
Legal Description: Zoning:	ANGLERS ACRES SUB BEAVER CREEK REPLAT LOT 14-A BLK 1				
Acres:	2.04				
	CONDITIONAL U	SE DESCRIP	TION		
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How is this property	currently being used? long term r	ental/unoccu	pied		
Conditional Use Rec	uested for (attach additional sheets it		•		
Short term rental a	nd base of operations for lodging,	fishing chart	ers and dining for o	onsite guests.	
Explain how the con	ditional use is consistent with purpose	es and intent of	of the zoning district	of the property:	
The conditional us centered recreatio	e is consistent by way of providing nal business.	short term re	entals and a hub fo	or our outdoor	
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Use of surrounding property - north:	private residence			
Use of surrounding property - south:	(in the process of purchasing property)			
Use of surrounding property - east:	(beaver creek)			
Use of surrounding property - west:	commercial short term rental (also in process of purchasing)			
Explain how the conditional use is in harmony	y with the City's Comprehensive Plan:			
	ng and Alaska experiences from a well established business I nor natural environment. the conditional use is within goals			
Are public services and facilities on the prope	erty adequate to serve the proposed conditional use?			
Yes.				
Explain how the conditional use will not be ha	armful to public safety, health, or welfare:			
	vould only improve public safety, health and welfare. Our n the fishing and lodging business over 30 years and have			
Are there any measures with access, screeni lessen potential impacts of the conditional us	ng, site development, building design, or business operation that will e to neighbors?			
Yes. Given the natural buffer zone around the properties, the impact on neighbors would be minimal. As described, we intend to maintain and enhance these buffer zones. It is our goal to give the feeling of privacy and seclusion, minimizing impact on neighbors and enhancing our guest experience.				
AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR CONDITIONAL USE: I hereby certify that (I am) (I have been authorized to act for) owner of the property described above and that I petition for a conditional use permit in conformance with Title 14 of the Kenai Municipal Code. I understand that payment of the application fee is nonrefundable and is to cover the costs associated with processing this application, and that it does not assure approval of the conditional use. I also understand that assigned hearing dates are tentative and may have to be postponed by Planning Department staff of the Planning and Zoning Commission for administrative reasons. I understand that a site visit may be required to process this application. City of Kenai personnel are authorized to access the above-referenced property for the purpose of processing this application.				
Signature:	Date: 12/8/2024			
Print Name: Joseph M Chambers Title/Business: Tower Rock Lodge LLC Date Application Fee Received:				
For City Use Only PZ Resolution Number:				

TO: City of Kenai Zoning and Planning Commission FROM: Tower Rock Lodge LLC (Joe Chambers) Re: Conditional Use Permit for 1235 and 1305 Angler Drive

#### Introduction:

Tower Rock Lodge (TRL) has been in business since 1992, providing our guests with lodging, meals, and fishing trips, providing them with years of unforgettable Alaskan experiences. TRL seeks to move location from outside of city limits to within the city limits of Kenai. Three adjacent parcels are the venue planned for TRL's new home–1230 Angler Drive (guest housing), 1235 Angler Drive (eventually a guest dining area along with cabins), and 1305 Angler Drive planned for housing guides. The transition of 1235 and 1305 from a residential home to a base of operations for a fishing lodge will be an evolution over years. While the "plans" put forth are indeed plans, they are contingent on the success of our business over the next 3-4 years. Thus these plans put forth are an idealized scenario. I feel it best to fully disclose any plans for the future state of the property under the notion that these are idealistic. Any deviation from these plans put forth would be in the direction of "less" rather than "more". For example, we might find that adding additional guest cabins (phase II) is unnecessary in the future along with making significant modifications to 1235 by converting it to a guest dining area. We might find that what is already in place is perfectly sufficient. As mentioned, I feel it best to disclose what path our business takes in modifying the properties based on the growth of our business. Therefore, what I have put forth in this application is in phases.

#### Phase I – Short Term Rentals During Summer 2025

Phase I during the summer of 2025, is fairly simple with minimal impacts to the surrounding neighborhood and could be largely seen as "business as usual" with some minor additions that would be both beneficial to us as well as our neighbors. With a CUP, both 1305 and 1235 will be used as short term rental during the summer of 2025.

Improvements to the property include revegetating the landscape post spruce beetle infestation. Trees and shrubs will be planted throughout the property, especially along property lines, providing us and our neighbors more privacy. Additionally, privacy fences will be added in conjunction with the revegetation to add to privacy for both us and our neighbors. These "living fences" will be around 50 ft in length and not extend the whole property line. The hope is to utilize both of these properties (1235 and 1305) for short term rental during the summer of 2025.

Recently the land owner cleared a good portion of land between the buildings and beaver creek. While this would have not been my choice, what is left is barren ground with root wads and potholes gathering moisture. Fill dirt will need to be brought in to cover the aftermath so that it can be leveled, replanted with vegetation conducive to the environment. After this area is leveled a small gravel path from 1235 to the 1305 walkway will also be added. Additionally, much of the beetle has

been removed on both properties. This change has allowed for ample parking. These parking areas however will need to be leveled and gravel added. Note that most of our guest and boat parking will likely occur on our other property across the street (1230), because it is very important to us to not remove any more trees nor vegetation in order to maintain the aesthetics and privacy.

#### Phase 1.5 – Moving Our Dry Cabins from our Present Property

Phase 1.5 is to occur in the fall of 2025, which consists mostly of moving our small staff dry cabins (8'x12') to 1305 Angler Drive. These dry cabins are solely used for our employees and are not available for short term rental. After summer 2025, 1305 will not be available for short term rental, but will house our guide staff as well myself and wife. At this time we will also look into replacing the dock. It is of wood construction and certainly is nearing the end of its life.

#### Phase II – Converting 1235 Building to a Dining Hall and Kitchen.

Phase II would occur anywhere from 3 to 5 years from now or not at all depending on the success of the business and our direction of growth. Likely at the least, we would like to convert the 1235 building into a dining hall and kitchen with seating up to 16 guests. Historically we've served meals to our guests and we would like to maintain the tradition. If we see an apparent need, eventually we would like to add an additional three guest log cabins. While it would be years before we undergo such a venture, I believe it's worth mentioning.



#### AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

I hereby certify that I have posted a Notice of Public Hearing as prescribed by Kenai Municipal Code 14.20.280 (d) on the property that

Joe Chambers \_\_\_\_\_(Name of Applicant) has petitioned for a

Conditional use pumit for lodge & Guide Service

The notice was posted on the date of 2/14/25, which is <u>at least 10 days prior</u> to the public hearing on this petition. I acknowledge this Notice must be posted so as to be visible from each improved street adjacent to the property and must be maintained and displayed until all public hearings have been completed. I acknowledge that the Notice must be removed within 5 days after the hearing.

Affirmed and signed by:

Signature

Joseph Chembers Printed Name

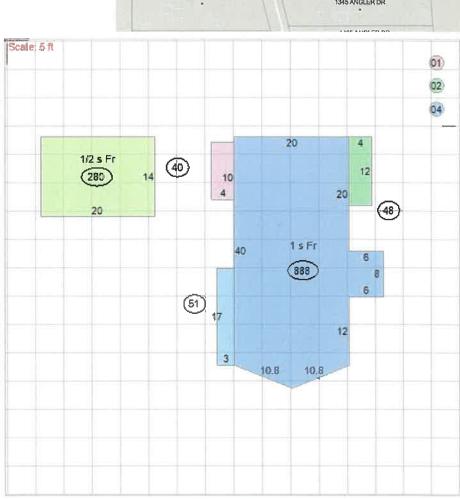
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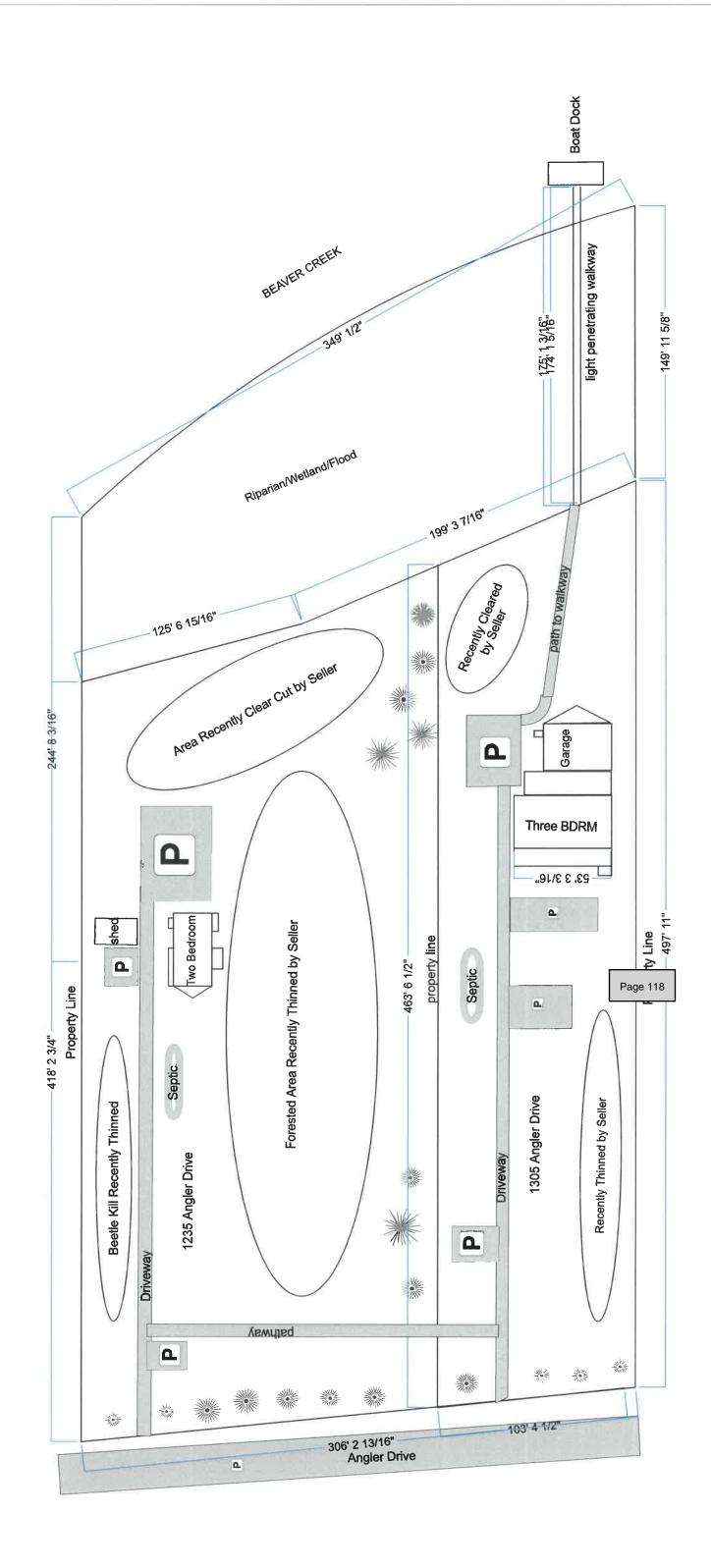
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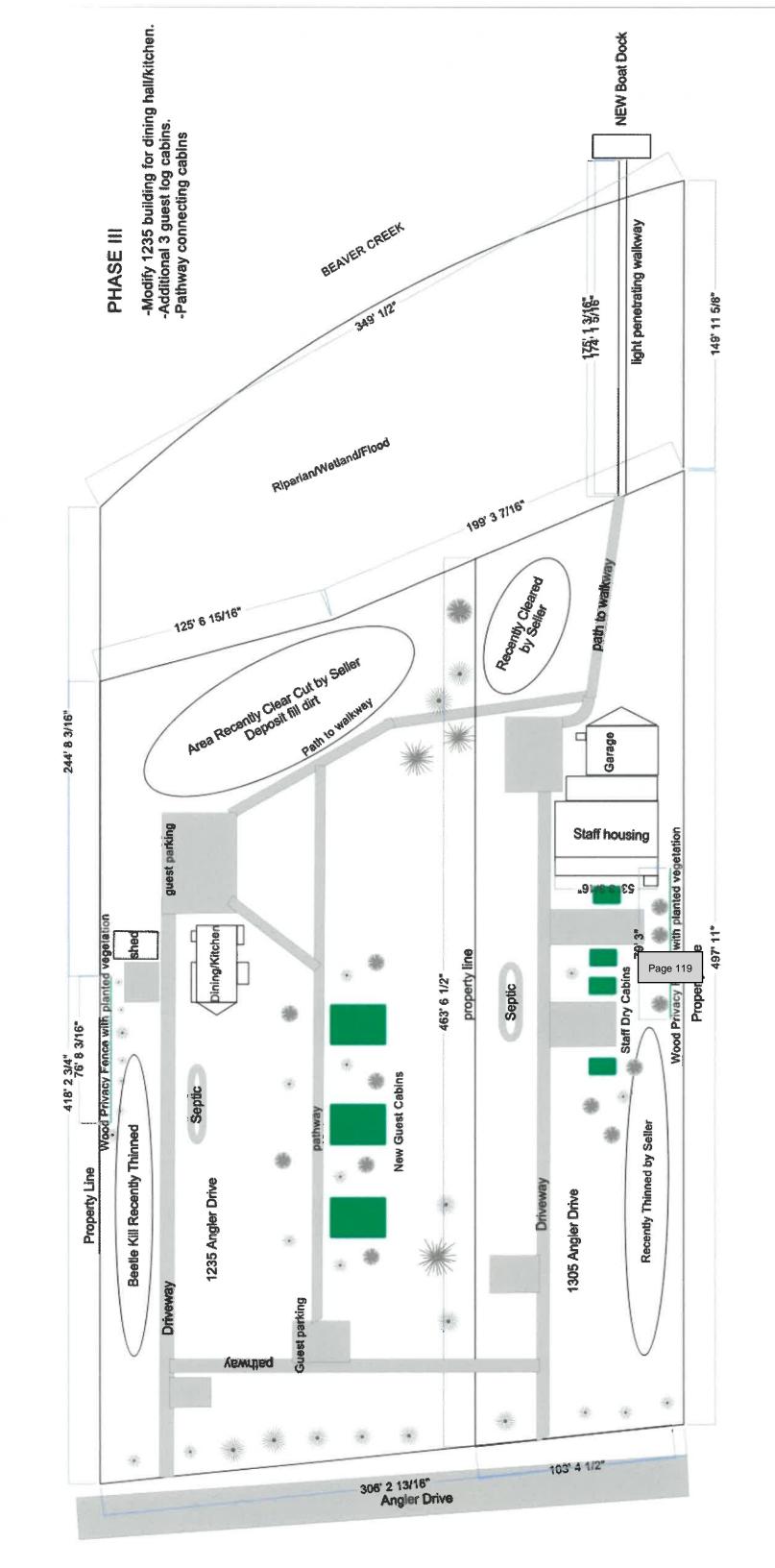
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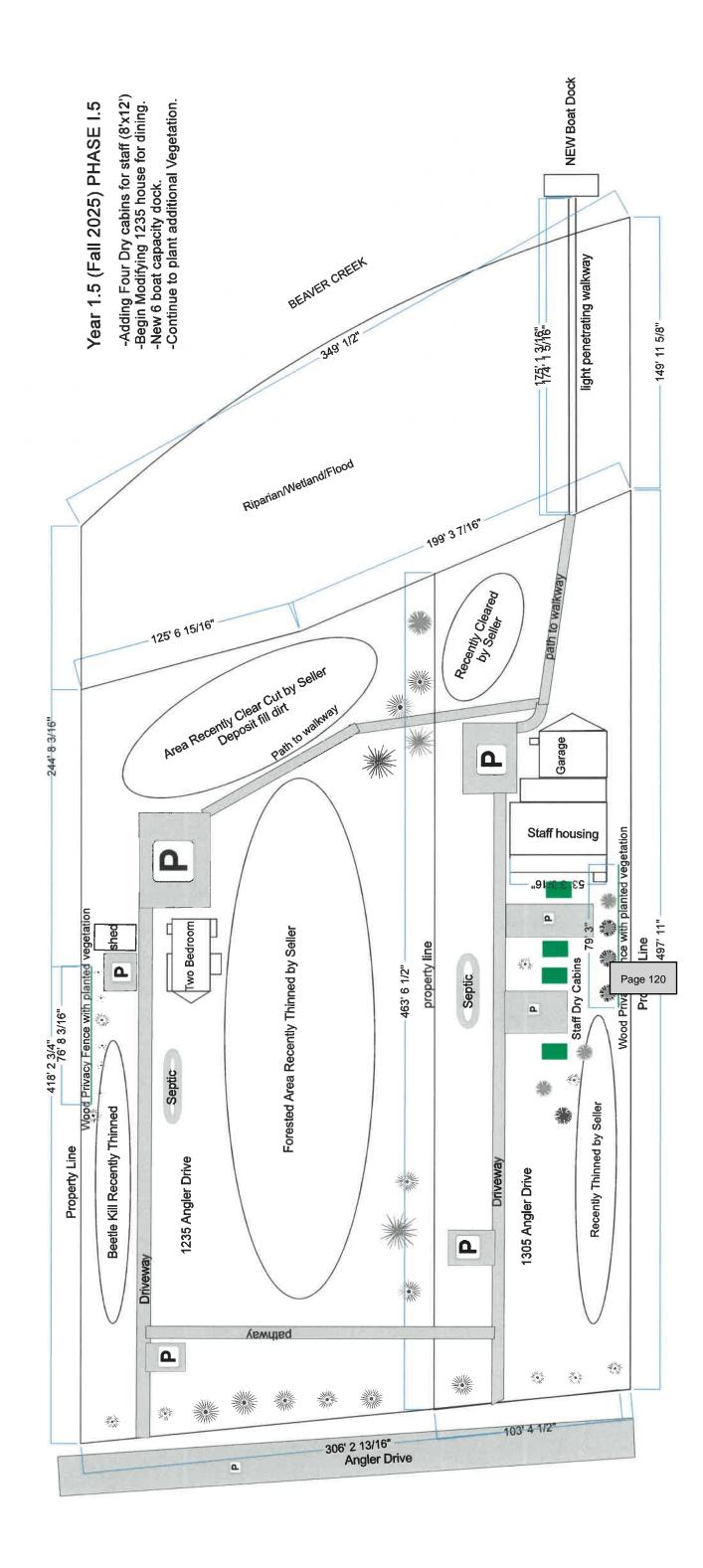
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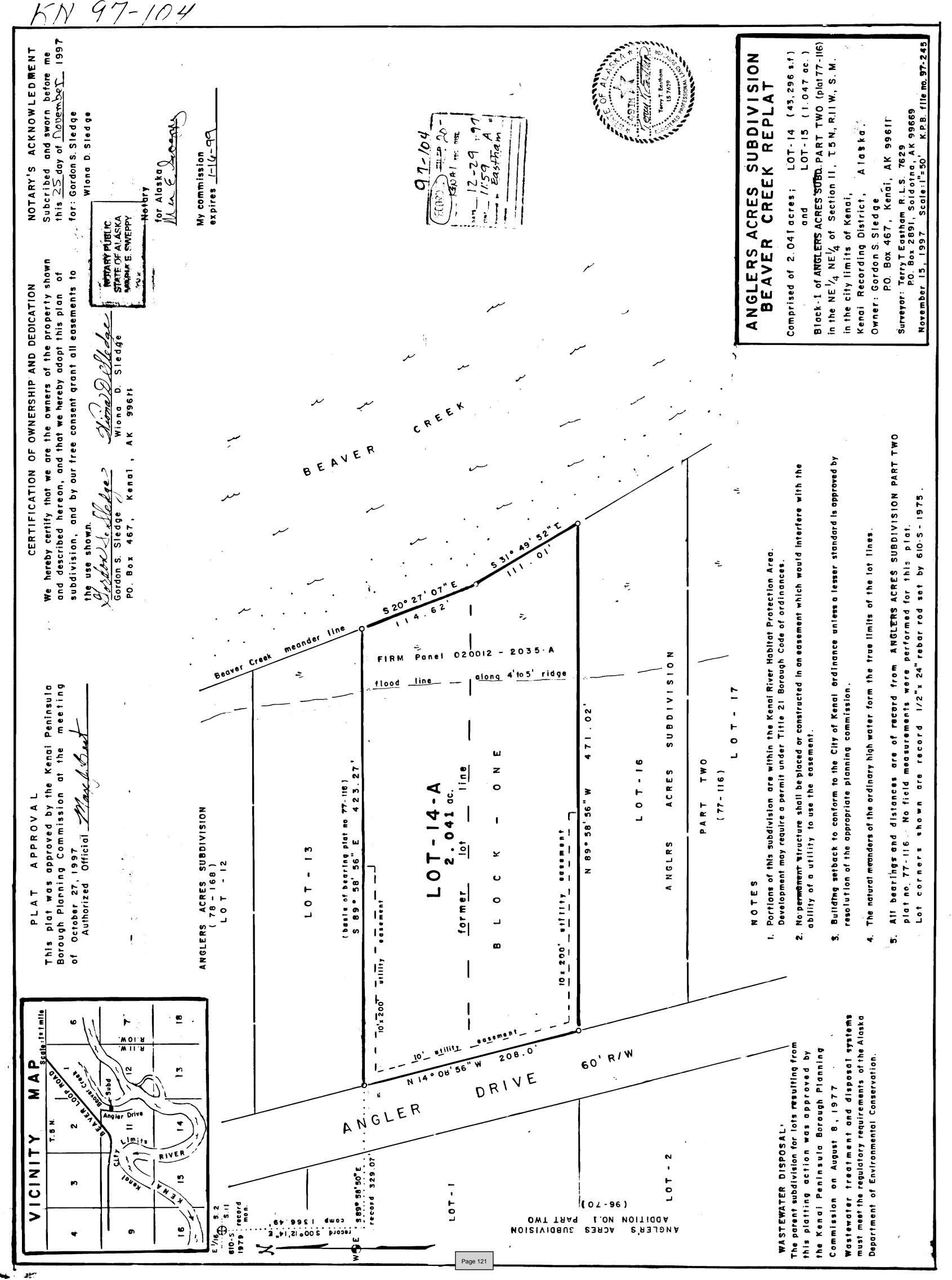












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## **Planning Commission**

February 10, 2025 – 7:30 PM

KENAI PENINSULA

Borough

Action Agenda

Betty J. Glick Assembly Chambers George A. Navarre Kenai Peninsula Borough Administration Building and Through

Remote participation will be available through Zoom, or other audio or video means, wherever technically feasible Jeremy Brantley, Chair **ZOOM MEETING DETAILS** Sterling/Funny River Term Expires 2027 Zoom Meeting Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9077142200 Zoom Toll Free Phone Numbers: 888-788-0099 or 877-853-5247 Zoom Meeting ID: 907 714 2200 Pamela Gillham, Vice Chair Kalifornsky / Kasilof District To join the meeting from a computer, visit the Zoom meeting link above. If you connect Term Expires 2026 by computer and do not have speakers or a microphone, connect online and then select phone for audio. A box will come up with toll free numbers, the meeting ID, and your participant number. To attend the Zoom meeting by telephone, use the Zoom toll free Virginia Morgan phone numbers listed above. Cooper Landing / Hope Eastern Peninsula District Term Expires 2025 The hearing procedure for Planning Commission public hearings is as follows: 1) Staff will present a report on the item. 2) The Chair will ask for the petitioner's presentation, given by Petitioner(s) / Applicant (s) or their representative – 10 minutes Diane Fikes 3) Public testimony on the issue – 5 minutes per person City of Kenai Term Expires 2025 4) After testimony is completed, the Planning Commission may follow with questions. A person may only testify once on an issue unless questioned by the Planning Commission. 5) Staff may respond to any testimony given and the Commission may ask staff Paul Whitney City of Soldotna questions. Term Expires 2027 6) Rebuttal by the Petitioner(s) / Applicant(s) to rebut evidence or provide clarification but should not present new testimony or evidence. 7) The Chair closes the hearing and no further public comment will be heard. 8) The Chair entertains a motion and the Commission deliberates and makes a Franco Venuti City of Homer decision. Term Expires 2025 All those wishing to testify must wait for recognition by the Chair. Each person must begin by stating his or her name and mailing address for the record at the microphone. All questions will be directed to the Chair. Testimony must be kept to the subject at hand Vacant and shall not deal with personalities. Decorum must be maintained at all times and all City of Seward Term Expires 2026 testifiers shall be treated with respect. If participating via Zoom the testifier will need to use the Zoom "raise hand" feature or press \*9 by phone to speak. Jeffrey Epperheimer A. CALL TO ORDER Nikiski District Term Expires 2026 **B. ROLL CALL** 

**Dawson Slaughter** South Peninsula District Term Expires 2025

#### C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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Motion to approve the consent & regular agendas passed by unanimous vote (7-Yes, 1-Absent).

#### ACTION ITEMS CURRENTLY ON CONSENT AGENDA:

- \*1. Time Extension Request None
- \*2. Planning Commission Resolutions None
- \*3. Plats Granted Administrative Approval None
- \*4. Plats Granted Final Approval None
- \*5. Plat Amendment Request None
- \*6. Commissioner Excused Absences
  - a. Dawson Slaughter, South Peninsula District

#### \*7. Minutes

a. January 27, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

#### **D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

#### E. NEW BUSINESS

**Public Hearing: Quasi-Judicial Matters** (Commission members may not receive or engage in ex-parte contact with the applicant, other parties interested in the application, or members of the public concerning the application or issues presented in the application)

#### 1. Building Setback Encroachment Permit; KPB File 2025-006

Planning Commission Resolution 2025-02 Swan Surveying / Isitt Request: Permits a portion of a 20.1' x 52.7' structure to remain approximately 2.4" in the 20' building setback adjacent to Fritz Street on Lot 5A, Schlereth Subdivision Sanders Addition, Plat KN 97-11 Sterling Area

### Motion to grant the building setback encroachment permit passed by unanimous vote (7-Yes, 1-Absent)

#### 2. Building Setback Encroachment Permit; KPB File 2025-008

Planning Commission Resolution 2025-03

Edge Survey & Design / Presley

Request: Permits a portion of a 32.2' x 43.3' garage to remain approximately 2' within the 20' building setback on Lot 4-C, Block 1, Echo Hills Subdivision No.2, Plat KN 81-142 Kalifornsky Area

Motion to grant the building setback encroachment permit passed by unanimous vote (7-Yes, 1-Absent)

**Public Hearing: Legislative Matters - None** 

F. PLAT COMMITTEE REPORT – The plat committee reviewed 3 plats

#### G. OTHER

- H. PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA (3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)
- I. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS
- J. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
- K. ADJOURNMENT

#### **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

#### NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be held **Monday, February 24, 2025** in the Betty J. Glick Assembly Chambers of the Kenai Peninsula Borough George A. Navarre Administration Building, 144 North Binkley Street, Soldotna, Alaska at **7:30 p.m.** 

#### CONTACT INFORMATION KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Phone: 907-714-2215 / Toll free within the Borough 1-800-478-4441, extension 2215 Fax: 907-714-2378 e-mail address: <u>planning@kpb.us</u> website: <u>http://www.kpb.us/planning-dept/planning-home</u>

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Vacations of rights-of-way, public areas, or public easements outside city limits cannot be made without the consent of the borough assembly. Vacations within city limits cannot be made without the consent of the city council. The assembly or city council shall have 30 calendar days from the date of approval in which to veto the planning commission decision. If no veto is received within the specified period, it shall be considered that consent was given.

A denial of a vacation is a final act for which the Kenai Peninsula Borough shall give no further consideration. Upon denial, 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.



### **Plat Committee**

February 10, 2025 - 6:30 PM

**KENAI PENINSULA** 

Borough

Motion Agenda

Betty J. Glick Assembly Chambers George A. Navarre Kenai Peninsula Borough Administration Building and Through

	ZOOM MEETING DETAILS			
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Territ Expires 2025	should not present new testimony or evidence.			
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<b>Franco Venuti</b> City of Homer Term Expires 2025	respect. If participating via Zoom the testifier will need to use the Zoom "raise hand" feature or			
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	A. CALL TO ORDER			
<b>Vacant</b> City of Seward Term Expires 2026	B. ROLL CALL			
	PLAT COMMITTEE MEMBERS:			
	Pamela Gillham, Kalifornsky/Kasilof District			

Jeffrey Epperheimer Nikiski District Term Expires 2026

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#### ACTION ITEMS CURRENTLY ON CONSENT AGENDA:

- \*1. Agenda
- \*2. Member Excused Absences None

#### \*3. Minutes

a. January 27, 2025 Plat Committee Meeting Minutes

#### \*4. Grouped Plats

- E1. Barber Heights; KPB File 2023-013R1
- E2. Sterling Vista Subdivision Roster Replat; KPB File 2025-005
- E3. Whiskey Gulch Beach Subdivision; KPB File 2025-007

Motion to approve the consent and regular agendas passed by unanimous vote (4-Yes)

#### **D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

#### E. NEW BUSINESS

**Public Hearing: Quasi-Judicial Matters** (Commission members may not receive or engage in exparte contact with the applicant, other parties interested in the application, or members of the public concerning the application or issues presented in the application)

Barber Heights; KPB File 2023-013R1
 Peninsula Surveying / Savage, Barber
 Location: King Salmon Drive & Strawberry Road
 City of Kenai

#### Motion to grant preliminary approval passed by unanimous vote (4-Yes)

 Sterling Vista Subdivision Roster Replat; KPB File 2025-005 Vector Surveying LLC Magnitude & Direction / Roster Location: Cottontree Lane & Bunny Court Sterling Area

Motion to grant preliminary approval passed by unanimous vote (4-Yes)

 Whiskey Gulch Beach Subdivision; KPB File 2025-007 Edge Survey & Design / Thomas Location: Near MP 152 of Sterling Highway Anchor Point Area / Anchor Point APC

#### Motion to grant preliminary approval passed by unanimous vote (4-Yes)

- Bayview Subdivision Lighthouse Village Replat; KPB File 2024-131 (*Postponed to the 2/24/25 Plat Committee meeting*) Seabright Surveying / Doyon Limited, Doyon Tourism Inc. Location: Homer Spit Road & B Street City of Homer
- F. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA (3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)

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Kenai City Council - Regular Meeting February 19, 2025 – 6:00 PM Kenai City Council Chambers 210 Fidalgo Avenue, Kenai, Alaska <u>www.kenai.city</u> \*\*Telephonic/Virtual Information on Page 3\*\*

#### Action Agenda

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda (*Public comments on Consent Agenda Items limited to three (3) minutes per speaker; thirty (30) minutes aggregated*)

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#### B. <u>SCHEDULED ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS</u>

- C. <u>SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS</u> (Public comments limited to ten (10) minutes per speaker)
  - 1. Project Homeless Connect 2025, Executive Director of Love INC Leslie Rohr.
- **D.** <u>UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS</u> (Public comments limited to three (3) minutes per speaker; thirty (30) minutes aggregated)

#### E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. **ENACTED UNANIMOUSLY. Ordinance No. 3449-2025** Increasing Estimated Revenues and Appropriations in the General Fund Police Department and Accepting Grants from the United States Department of Justice and Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association for the Purchase of Ballistic Vests. (Administration)
- ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. Ordinance No. 3450-2025 Amending Sections of Kenai Municipal Code Title 23 - Personnel Regulations, Sections 23.05.070 - Definitions, 23.25.080 -Promotion, 23.30.030 - Probationary Period for Employees in the Classified Service, and 23.55.020 - Compensation Structure by Grade for Employees in the Classified Service, to Ensure a Consistent Approach to Pay Adjustments for City Employees. (Administration)
- 3. **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. Resolution No. 2025-15** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Lease of Airport Reserve Lands Between the City of Kenai and ENA, Limited Liability Corporation for Lots 5A and 5B, FBO Subdivision No. 10, to be Described as Lot 5C, FBO Subdivision 2024 Addition Upon Approval of Final Plat. (Administration)

#### F. MINUTES

1. \*Regular Meeting of February 5, 2025. (City Clerk)

#### G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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#### H. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

- 1. \*Action/Approval Bills to be Ratified. (Administration)
- 2. \*Action/Approval First Extension to the Agreement with Guardian Security Systems, Inc. for Security Guard Services at the Kenai Municipal Airport. (Administration)
- 3. \*Action/Approval Council Confirmation of Mayoral Nomination of Gina Kuntzman to the Council on Aging Commission. (Gabriel)
- 4. **\*Ordinance No. 3451-2025** Accepting and Appropriating Donations to the Kenai Community Library for Library Materials, Equipment, Furniture, and Programming. (Administration)
- 5. **\*Ordinance No. 3452-2025** Accepting and Appropriating a Polar Bear and Brown Bear Taxidermy Donation from the Warren E Johnson Estate for Display in the Kenai Municipal Airport Terminal. (Administration)
- \*Ordinance No. 3453-2025 Amending Kenai Municipal Code Chapter 7.15 Purchases and Sales, Sections 7.15.060 – Procurement of Professional Services and 7.15.070 – Innovative Procurements and Other Exceptions, to Allow Insurance Coverages to be Procured by Direct Negotiation and Authorize Other Procurement Exceptions Subject to City Council Approval by Resolution. (Knackstedt)
- 7. **\*Ordinance No. 3454-2025** Amending Kenai Municipal Code 23.35.032 Arbitration Panel to Amend the Member Terms from Indefinite Terms to Three-Year Terms. (City Clerk)
- 8. **\*Ordinance No. 3455-2025** Authorizing the Purchase of a Used Ventrac Tractor and Attachments from KNC Golf, Inc., that Deviates from Procurement Procedures Authorized by Kenai Municipal Code Chapter 7.15 Purchases and Sales. (Administration)
- 9. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. Action/Approval** Authorizing the City Manager to Modify the Agreement with the Kenai Peninsula Borough for Accepting Landfill Leachate at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. (Administration)
- 10. **SUPPORTED UNANIMOUSLY. Discussion/Action** Digester Blowers Standardization. (Administration)
- 11. Discussion Grants to Other Agencies Annual Reports. (Douthit)

#### I. <u>COMMISSION REPORTS</u>

- 1. Council on Aging Commission
- 2. Airport Commission
- 3. Harbor Commission
- 4. Parks and Recreation Commission
- 5. Planning and Zoning Commission
- 6. Beautification Commission

#### J. <u>REPORT OF THE MAYOR</u>

#### K. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- 1. City Manager
- 2. City Attorney
- 3. City Clerk



#### L. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 1. Citizens Comments (Public comments limited to five (5) minutes per speaker)
- 2. Council Comments

#### M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

N. PENDING ITEMS

#### O. ADJOURNMENT

#### P. INFORMATION ITEMS

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