### City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

#### WRANGELL PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

October 12, 2017 7:00pm

### **Agenda**

- A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
- **B. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 14, 2017
- D. PERSONS TO BE HEARD
- E. CORRESPONDENCE
- F. OLD BUSINESS
- **G. NEW BUSINESS** 
  - Final plat approval and Access Easement Maintenance Agreement of River's Edge Subdivision, a subdivision of Tracts A, B1 and B2, Sergief Island Subdivision, zoned Remote Residential Mixed-Use F1, requested by owners Greg Wood and Bernard Massin.
  - 2. Variance application review for a height variance for a house on Lot 9, Block 1 City Subdivision, Zoned Single Family Residential, requested by Mike Jabusch.
  - 3. Request for a vacation of a 3 foot wide trail right-of-way from Cassiar to the corner of Lot 20A Oliver Subdivision and Lot A LRO Subdivision, requested by Thomas Roland, owner of Lot 20A and Michael Nash, Attorney for Evi Fennimore, Trustee of the Viola Erickson Irrevocable Trust, owner of Lots 7 and 8A, Block 13, USS 1119 (or proposed new Lot 8A of proposed Fennimore/Roland Replat).
- H. PUBLIC COMMENT
- I. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- J. ADJOURNMENT

### City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

#### WRANGELL PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

September 14, 2017 7:00pm

### **Minutes**

(Note: the tape recorder was set for the meeting, but staff forgot to turn the recorder on)

- A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL Chair Don McConachie called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Commissioners present April Hutchinson, Terri Henson (by phone), and Charles Haubrich present. Staff Carol Rushmore was also present.
- B. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA None
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 13, 2017
  Hutchinson moves to approve
  Haubrich seconds, approved unanimous
- D. PERSONS TO BE HEARD None
- E. CORRESPONDENCE
- F. OLD BUSINESS
- G. NEW BUSINESS
  - 1. Conditional Use Permit Application for a private air strip as proposed in the Wrangell View Subdivision, a subdivision of Tracts A, B1 and B2, Sergief Island Subdivision, zoned Remote Residential Mixed-Use F1, requested by owners Greg Wood and Bernard Massin.

### Open Public Hearing:

Greg Wood Box 2361, 12 mile Zimovia Highway- We would like to change the name of the Subdivision to River's Edge. The airstrip improves access to property. Provides another option for folks that become land owners. Aircraft seen as traditional use by USFS who has control of surrounding property. The 100' wide runway is 2000' long. Plenty of Distance for landing. Private strip for use of folks that own property. Search and Rescue.

Not sure what all is required for approved flight path, visual parameters. If make a move to build, then would need to look into all the requirements in depth and will have to do it right. Part of future plan Close public hearing.

TH moves to approve a CU app for private air strip as proposed in the Wrangell View Subdivision, a subdivision of Tracts A, B1 and B2, Sergief Island Subdivision, zoned Remote Residential Mixed-Use F1, requested by owners Greg Wood and Bernard Massin. Haubrich seconds.

Staff explained that the Conditional Use permit is good for a year. If reasonable work is performed annually the permit remains in good standing. But if not used, implemented, or good headway is made, the permit would expire after a year. Based on staff's research, very little state regulation for private strips. Anyone can mow a strip down behind their house. If start to work on it and makes substantial effort toward completing then it keeps the CU permit valid.

Henson moves to amend motion adding approval of findings of fact and conditions per staff recommendation:

- 1) Plane landings and take offs should be between the hours of 8:00am and 7:00pm, except for emergency needs.
- 2) No more than 9 planes at any given time should be parked/using the landing strip.
- 3) Any conditions placed on the permit will be recorded to all lots within the subdivision

Add 4) All state and federal requirements must be followed. Haubrich seconds the amendment

### Amendment approved unanimous Main motion approved unanimous

2. Preliminary Plat review of Wrangell View Subdivision, a subdivision of Tracts A, B1 and B2, Sergief Island Subdivision, zoned Remote Residential Mixed-Use F1, requested by owners Greg Wood and Bernard Massin.

### Open public hearing

Greg Wood Box 2361, 12 mile Zimovia Highway. As mentioned previously, change name of subdivision to Rivers Edge Subdivision. Wanted to break down the larger lot into smaller lots. We feel like the 4 acre lot size is met. Land area of the original Plat is actually much larger, but the land is now within the Stikine River, is half of the land area that is left. River is gnawing away. Shoreline is reflected in this plat as the meander line... Applicants understand that if river moves back out, that land comes back to them in possession. Lot line would extend out again. River continues to erode, front lots would lose land area. In meantime state retains control of submerged lands overtaken by the river. Plan to sell the lots in the future. Keep a portion for ourselves. Down the road maybe sell some of them. Access is provided with easements to the three back lots and through the runway access also. Will be creating a home owners association.

Henson moves to approve the preliminary plat of Rivers Edge subdivision with Staff's recommendations:

- 1. Conditional use for a private runway is approved to maintain the designated easement.
- 2. Note 3: Add the name of the Subdivision
- 3. Note 4: Lots 5, 16 and 17 is incorrect... it is either the original lots prior to Plat#79-2,(4-6) or Tract A,B1 and B2. Please correct.
- 4. Note 5: Please identify and provide a copy of the patent
- 5. Add Note 7: Reference the Access maintenance agreement that will be recorded for each Lot 1-9
- 6. The Access Maintenance Agreement should also reference the specific Code for Flag Lots and that each land owner will meet all requirements within the WMC 19.30 Flag Lot Subdivisions.

**Hutchinson seconds. Approved unanimous** 

 Variance application review of a front yard and side yard setback variance for a carport on Lot 3, Block 3, USS 1593, zoned Single Family Residential requested by City and Borough of Wrangell as part of the Evergreen Resurfacing project for owners Roger and Zona Gregg.

Open public hearing Close Public Hearing

Hutchinson moves to approve the Variance request for a front yard and side yard setback for a carport on Lot 3, Block 3, USS 1593, zoned Single Family Residential requested by City and Borough of Wrangell as part of the Evergreen Resurfacing project for owners Roger and Zona Gregg. Henson seconds.

This is to replace the existing car port because it has to come down as part of the Evergreen widening and resurfacing project. Front yard variance of 20 feet (0 feet setback from the property line, but 4 feet back of sidewalk) and side yard variance is 3 feet (2 feet setback from the property line).

### Approved unanimous

4. Variance application review of a side yard setback for a deck on Tract Z-5 Road House Subdivision, zoned Rural Residential, requested by owners Ronald and Anne Winters

Open Public Hearing

Anne Winters 4.5 mile Zimovia. Want to build a house with a wrap around deck. Would like variance to be 10 feet so we can have a wrap around deck. Actual house will be 18 feet but deck will be 10 feet from side yard property line. Close Public hearing

Haubrich moves to approve Variance application of a side yard setback, for a deck to be 10 feet from the property line, on Tract Z-5 Road House Subdivision, zoned Rural Residential, requested by owners Ronald and Anne Winters Hutchinson seconds.

### **Approved unanimous**

5. Conditional Use application review of a Home Occupation for an environmental portrait business, Lot 3A, Emde/Calvert Resubdivision, zoned Rural Residential, requested by owner Richard M. Rivard.

Open public hearing Close public hearing

Hutchinson moves to approve Conditional Use application of a Home Occupation for an environmental portrait business, Lot 3A, Emde/Calvert Resubdivision, zoned Rural Residential, requested by owner Richard M. Rivard. Haubrich seconds.

### Approved unanimous.

 Review and discussion of request by Wrangell Medical Center to construct a 4plex on Lot 1, Block 35, USS 1119, owned by the City and Borough of Wrangell.

Henson sits on Hospital Board and asked if she has a conflict of interest. McConachie says no. She declares her position with the Hospital Board.

Kris Reed is here to answer questions.

Questions regarding the 4 different land areas looked at were asked with Staff describing each area as discussed in the staff report. Cost effective since still pursing the new hospital?

Kris Reed 6522 Etolin Avenue. WMC chose the specific area because flat, middle between existing and new hospital site.

Plenty of room for parking but we want to keep foot print small enough so not to have to do a COE permit. Would like south portion of lot. Adjacent to platted road that is not built yet but could be an access or alley.

It is a fair amount of property. McConachie suggests subdivision prior to building or any construction. Need only the adequate land area for access and parking. Want to be fair to both hospital and city. City shouldn't be giving away land. City derives income from sale of lot and taxes collected, but this would be exempt. Henson wants to make sure that however it is divided, there is adequate yard area, and fits the need of what is required. Intent is a landing place for doctors/nurses, traveling professionals, and also for teachers or public safety professionals while they find long term housing. Haubrich said he had been in that situation but was fortunate that AICS had a place to provide. I am sympathetic to this problem.

Hutchinson asked whether the Light Industrial lots might be more appropriate. Concern about elevation, close proximity to Kadin construction yard

Hutchinson moves to recommend to the Assembly to approve WMC request to construct the 4-plex housing development on the southern portion of Lot 1 Block 35, with a subdivision to occur as part of the site planning process, with lot size determined by need of construction, outdoor space, and parking and subdivision will occur after a site plan is developed which will be reviewed by the Commission.

Haubrich seconds. Approved unanimous

### H. PUBLIC COMMENT

### I. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Howell has put his name in for Assembly so Commission will have 2 vacancies.

Street addressing has been reviewed with recommendations and the issue will be forth coming in the next several months.

#### J. ADJOURNMENT

### City and Borough of Wrangell

### Agenda G1

Date: October 9, 2017

To: Planning and Zoning Commission

From: Carol Rushmore, Economic Development Director

Re: Final plat approval and Access Easement Maintenance Agreement of River's Edge Subdivision, a subdivision of Tracts A, B1 and B2, Sergief Island Subdivision, zoned Remote Residential Mixed-Use F1, requested by owners Greg Wood and Bernard Massin.

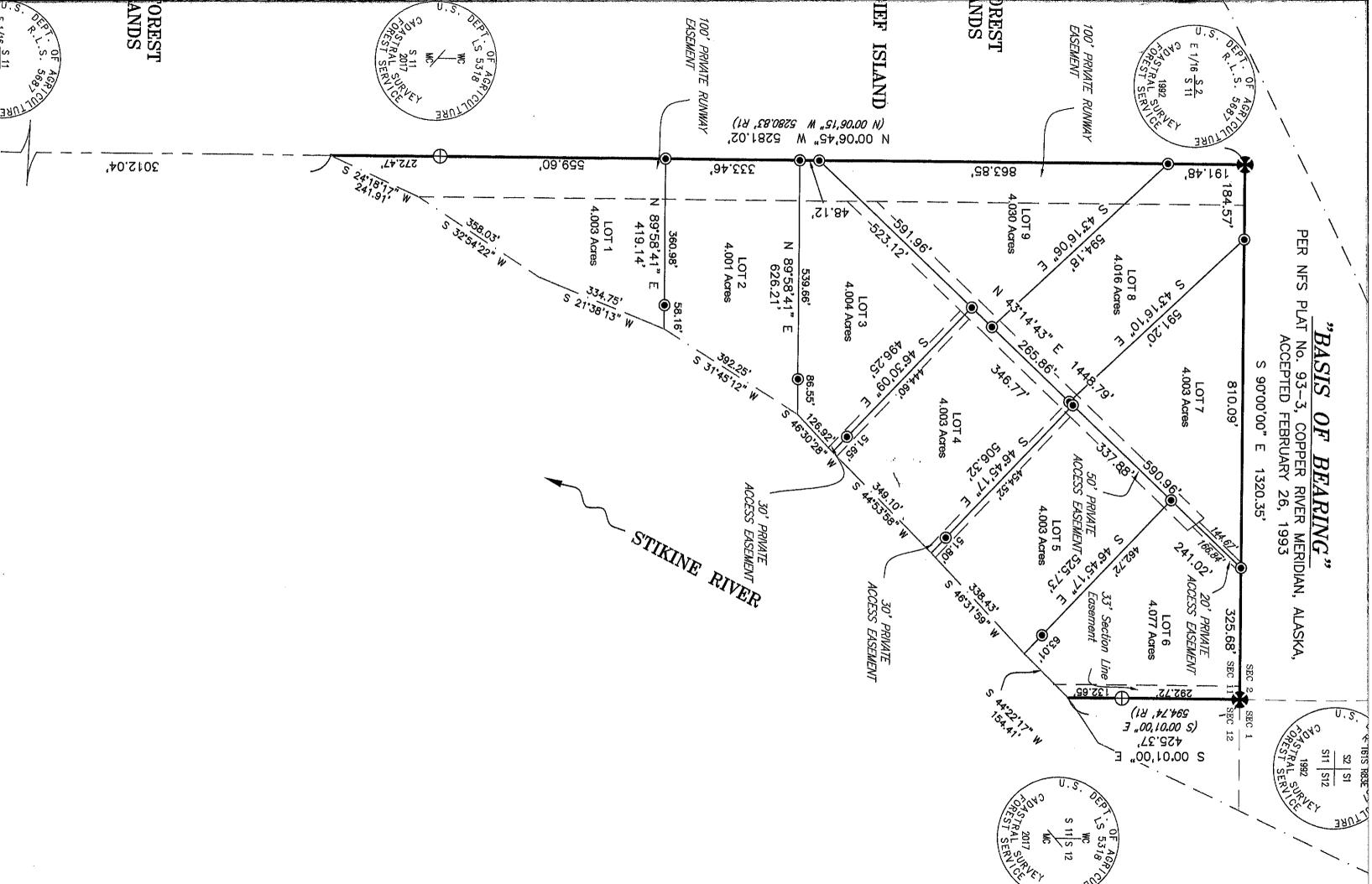
**Background:** Applicants are seeking to subdivide their recently acquired property. As part of their subdivision, they applied for and received last month a conditional use permit for a private landing strip easement for personal airplanes or emergency search and rescue.

The following recommendations were made at the approval of the preliminary plat and were corrected/made for the final plat:

- Conditional use for a private runway is approved to maintain the designated easement.
- Note 3: Add the name of the Subdivision and change the name to River's Edge.
- Note 4: Lots 5, 16 and 17 is incorrect... it is either the original lots prior to Plat#79-2,(4-6) or Tract A,B1 and B2. Please correct.
- Note 5: Please identify and provide a copy of the patent
- Add Note 7: Reference the Access maintenance agreement that will be recorded for each Lot 1-9
- The Access Maintenance Agreement should also reference the specific Code for Flag Lots and that each land owner will meet all requirements within the WMC 19.30 Flag Lot Subdivisions

#### Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the final plat.



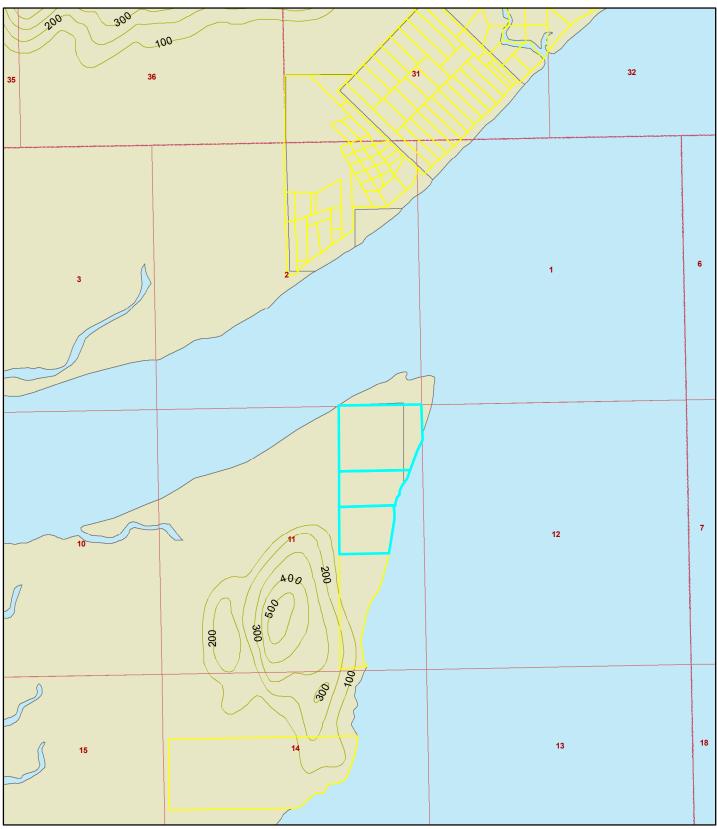


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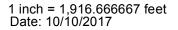
### NOTES

- The error of closure of this survey does not exceed 1:5000.
- 2. All Bearings shown are True Bearings as oriented to the Basis of Bearing as per Plat No. 93-3, and the distances are shown are reduced to horizontal field distances.
- 3. River's Edge Subdivision in its entirety is located within the RMU-F1 Zone as defined by chapter 20.31.010 (A) of the Wrangell Municipal Code and is subject to the reservations and restrictions thereof.
- 4. The natural meanders of the mean high water line of the Stikine River form the true bounds of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6. The mean high water line as shown hereon was determined from a field survey of the Stikine River's bank conducted during July, 2017, and is for area computations only, the true corners being on the extensions of the sidelines and their intersections with the natural meanders.
- 5. This plat is subject to reservations and exceptions as contained in U.S. Patent No. 1039022.
- 6. Acceptance of this survey does not purport to transfer any interest in submerged lands to which the State of Alaska is entitled under the Equal Footing Doctrine, Submerged Lands Act of 1953 and Section 6(m) of the Alaska Statehood Act, P.L. 85-508, notwithstanding the use, location, or absence of meander lines to depict water bodies.
- 7. Lots 1-9 shall be subject to an Access Maintenance Agreement which shall be recorded for each lot.

### CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA











## City of Wrangell, Alaska Agenda Item G2

Date: October 9, 2017

To: Planning and Zoning Commission

From: Carol Rushmore, Economic Development Director

Re: Variance application review for a height variance for a house on Lot 9, Block 1 City

Subdivision, Zoned Single Family Residential, requested by Mike Jabusch.

### Background:

Applicant is seeking to construct a residence and is asking for a 5 foot variance to the 25 foot height restriction.

#### Criteria:

The proposal must comply with the following sections:

Chapter 20.16: Single Family Residential District

Chapter 20.52: Lot Standards Chapter 20.72: Variances

### Findings:

Mr. Jabusch will be constructing a two story house on Council Drive in the City Subdivision. The lot is 21.347 square feet. The lot is a relatively flat rocky knob.

Section 20.52.080 Building Height establishes requirements for height restrictions to minimize safety risks and maintain character of neighborhoods. The usual concern of neighbors is the impact on views. The house directly behind the proposed structure is surrounded by trees so the 5 foot height increase should have minimal impact on their views. The other residences adjacent or nearby have other view angles if trees in other locations don't block their current views or are homes are further away from the structure to open up entirely new view angles.

The applicants are seeking a variance because to construct current crawl space requirements, to meet certain energy standards, roofing pitch and snow loads, regular 8 foot high ceilings with attic, and typical current construction for residences, the feel the 25 foot requirement is very difficult if not impossible to meet. The Commission needs to explore if their proposed residence would impact adjacent residents and is reasonable in the request.

A Variance application must meet four criteria.

- 1. Exceptional Physical Circumstances: The original lot itself does not have exceptional physical circumstances. The lot is primary rock which is actually a benefit for home construction. The exceptional circumstances arise in the building code requirements and current typical home constructions for crawl spaces, energy efficiency construction, typical roof constructions and other needs that make meeting the required 25 foot requirement difficult.
- 2. Strict application would result in practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships: Strict application to the height requirement would require the applicant eliminate crawl space, flatten

- the roof, drop ceiling heights. According to the applicant, to try and meet the height requirement, he has minimized crawl spaces and foundation footings, and reduced ceilings.
- 3. That the granting of the variance will not result in prejudice to others, or be detrimental to public health, safety or welfare: The granting of the variance will not prejudice others in the area with similar construction. The variance will not create a safety issue or be detrimental to public health.
- 4. Granting of the variance is not contrary to the comp plan for single family residential development.

Staff recommends approval of the variance request for a five foot variance to the 25 foot height restriction, permitting a 30 foot high structure from grade.

### Review Criteria:

### 20.08.150 Building height.

"Building height" means the vertical distance from the grade, as defined in WMC 20.08.360, to the average height of the highest roof surface. [Ord. 867 § 1, 2013; Ord. 349 § 5, 1976; prior code § 95.80.020. Formerly § 20.08.130.]

### 20.08.360 Grade or ground level.

"Grade" or "ground level" means a reference plane representing the average of finished ground level adjoining the building at exterior walls. Where the finished ground level slopes away from the exterior walls, the reference plane shall be established by the lowest points within the area between the building and the lot line or, where the lot line is more than six feet from the building, between the building and a point six feet from the building. [Ord. 867 § 1, 2013; Ord. 349 § 5, 1976; prior code § 95.80.020. Formerly § 20.08.300.]

### 20.52.080 Building height.

The purposes of building height standards are to prevent loss of life, excessive property damage, and to minimize risk of fires, by enabling firefighters to reach upper stories or roofs, and to help maintain the character of neighborhoods.

- A. No structure within a single-family residential district should exceed a height of 25 feet absent a variance.
- B. Church spires, water towers, elevator shafts, or smoke stacks not used for human occupancy, and cables, antennas or similar accessories, are exempt from the height requirements of this section.
- C. Portions of a building may exceed 35 feet in height where 50 percent of the building's roof perimeter lies within the 35-foot height limit, from an existing grade accessible to fire suppression personnel and rescue equipment, not including perimeter areas which provide access only to portions of the building used for storage, or where all dwelling units and work spaces can be reached and evacuated through windows or balconies lying within the 35-foot height limit of borough firefighting equipment. The approval of the borough's fire chief and the zoning administrator shall be required before permits are issued for the construction of buildings exceeding the 35-foot limit. Measurements shall be taken from the base of the building to the perimeter of the roof.
- D. In the remote residential mixed-used district, structures should not exceed a height of 35 feet absent a variance. [Ord. 867 § 1, 2013; Ord. 462 § 6, 1984.]

### VARIANCES 20.72.050 Conditions of approval.

The commission must find all four of the following conditions to exist in order to grant the variance:

- A. That there are exceptional physical circumstances or conditions applicable to the property or to its intended use or development which do not apply generally to the other properties in the same zone;
- B. That the strict application of the provisions of this title would result in practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships. Financial difficulty shall not considered a hardship under this provision;
- C. That the granting of the variance will not result in material damage or prejudice to other properties in the vicinity and will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare;
- D. That the granting of the variance will not be contrary to the objectives of the comprehensive plan. [Ord. 867 § 1, 2013; Ord. 485 § 5, 1985; prior code § 95.65.030(2)(d).]

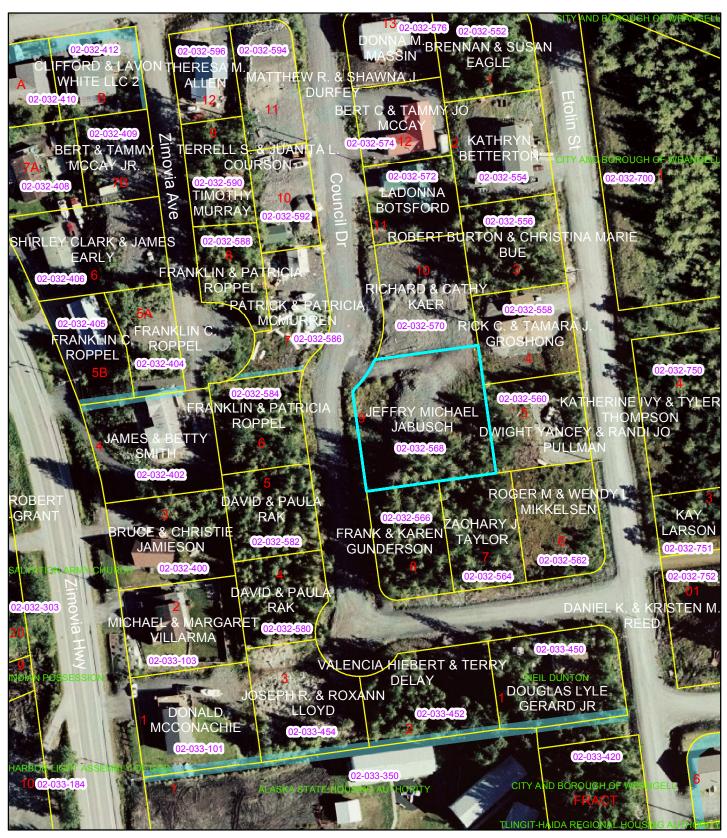
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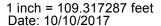
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II.	II. Description: (use additional paper if necessary)							
	Legal description of the area requested for the variance LOT 9 BIX LUY SUBDIVISION #96-Z							
	Lot (s) size of the petition area 21, 347 SQ. C+.							
	Existing zoning of the petition area SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL							
	Current zoning requirements that cannot be met (setbacks, height, etc.): Height - from Top of grade  To PEAK - 30' 2''							
	Proposed change that requires this variance New house with 2 floors, Normac house							
	Constr. requirements but house Peak at 30'2".							
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	A schematic site plat must be attached showing the type and location of Proposed uses on the site, and all vehicular and pedestrian circulation prelevant to those uses.							
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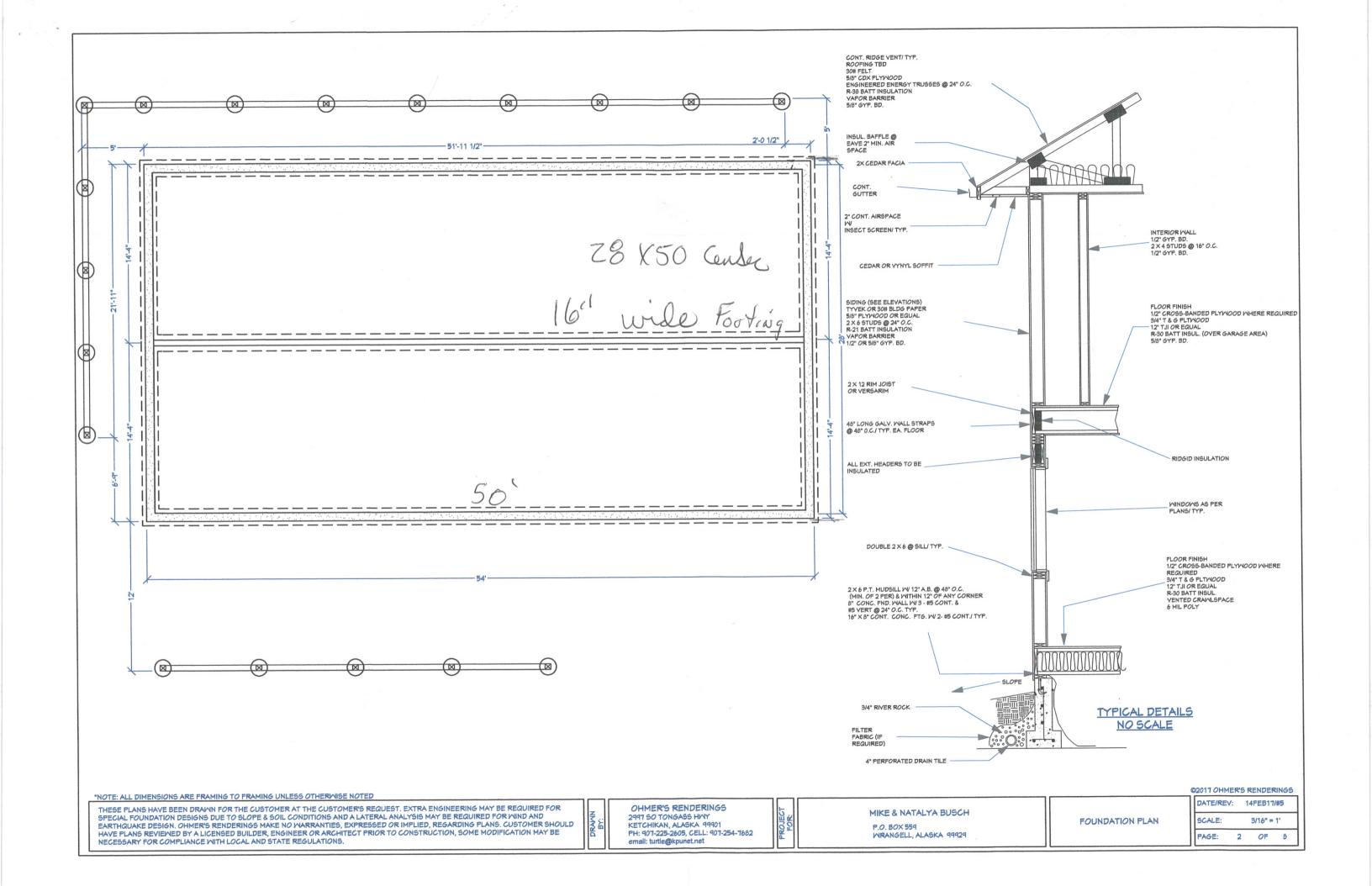


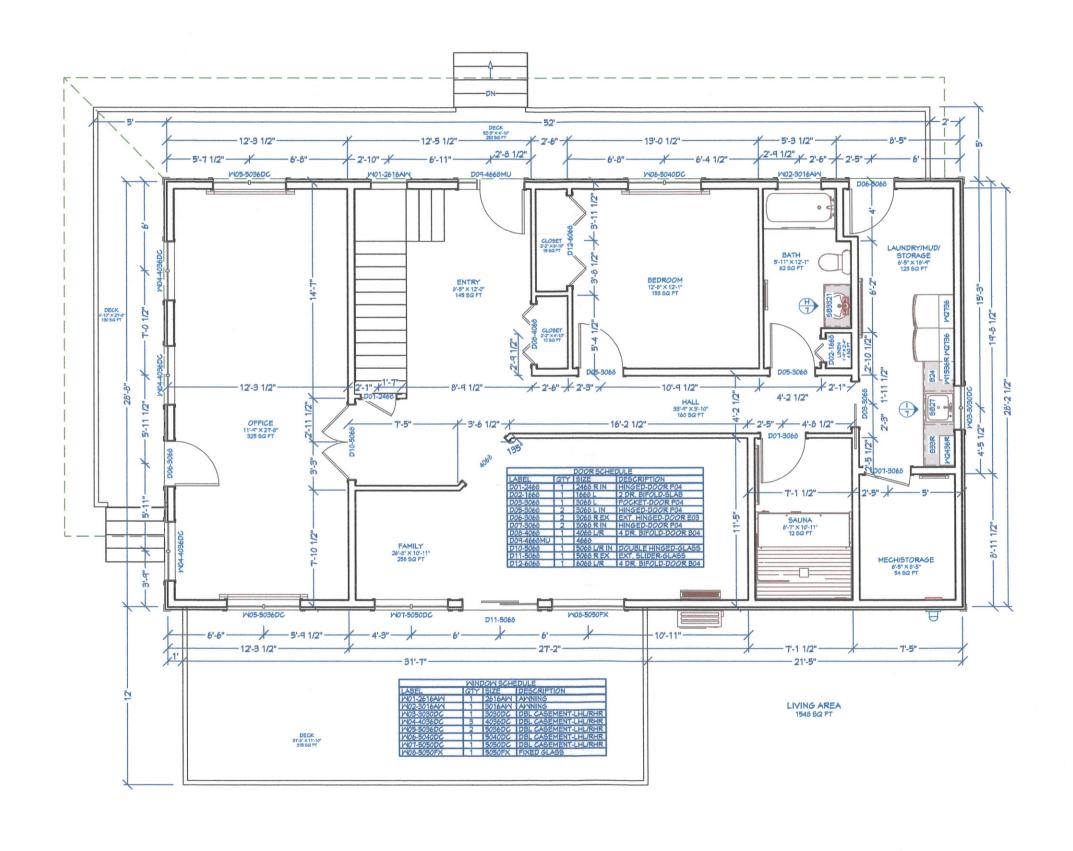












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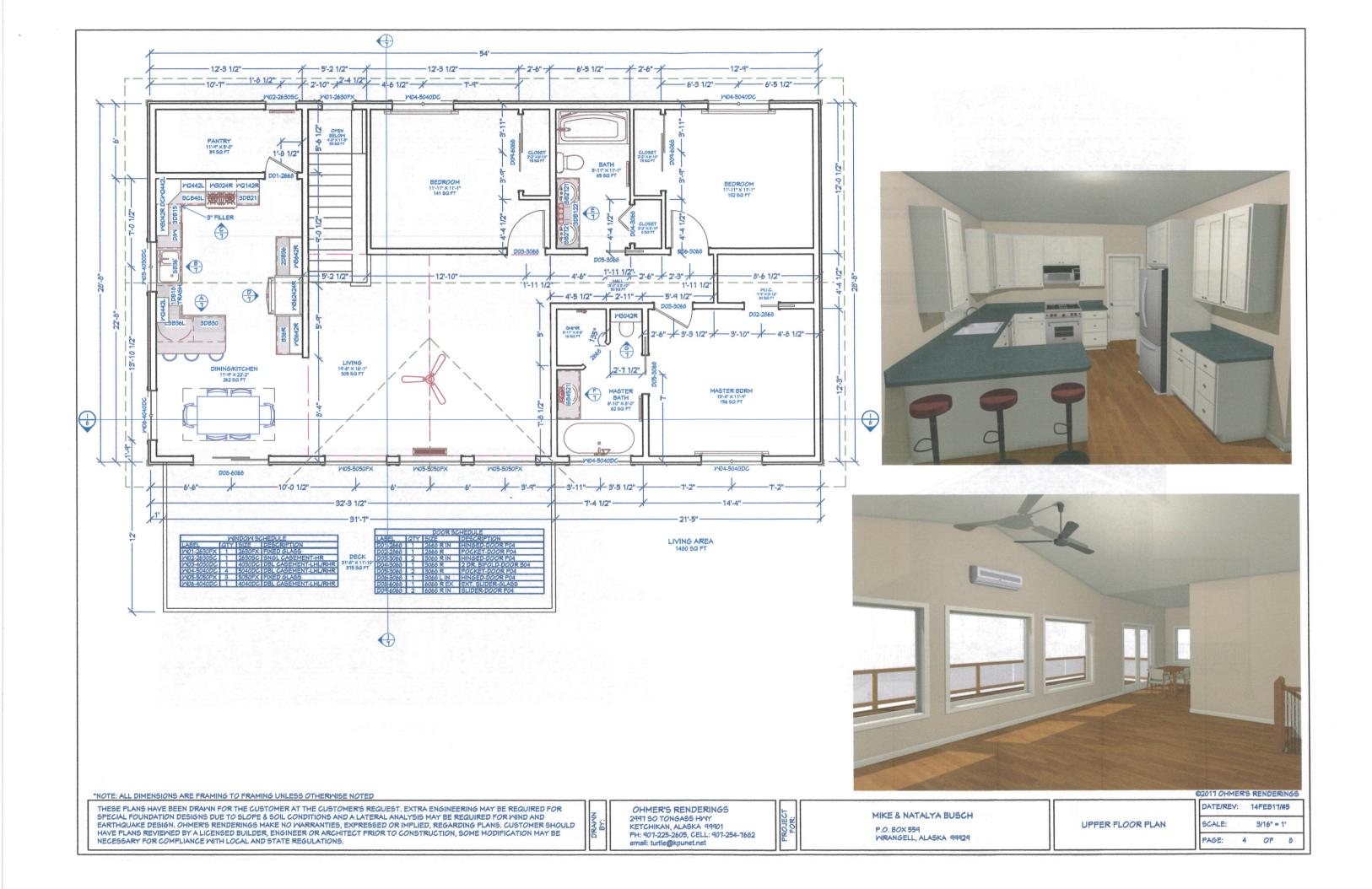
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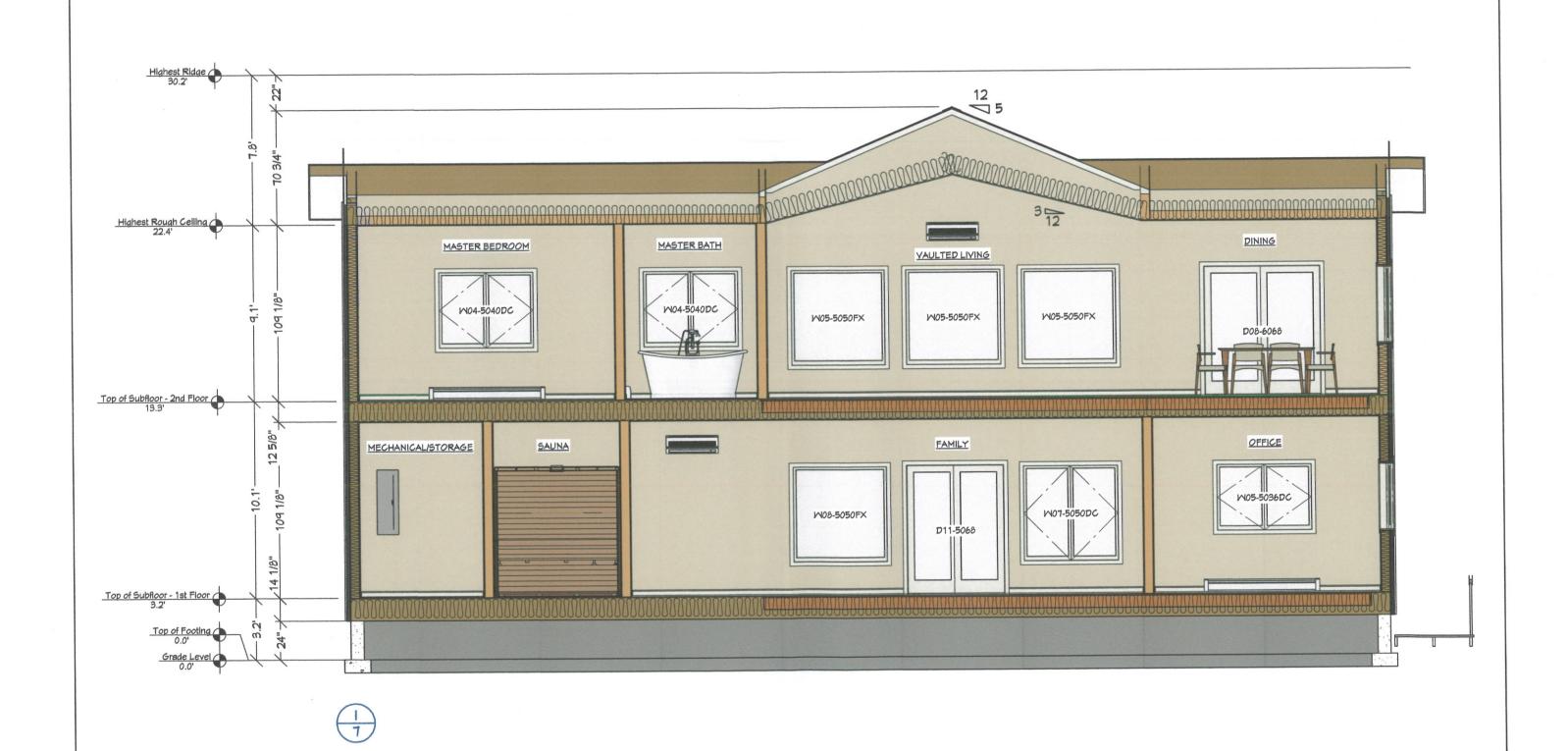
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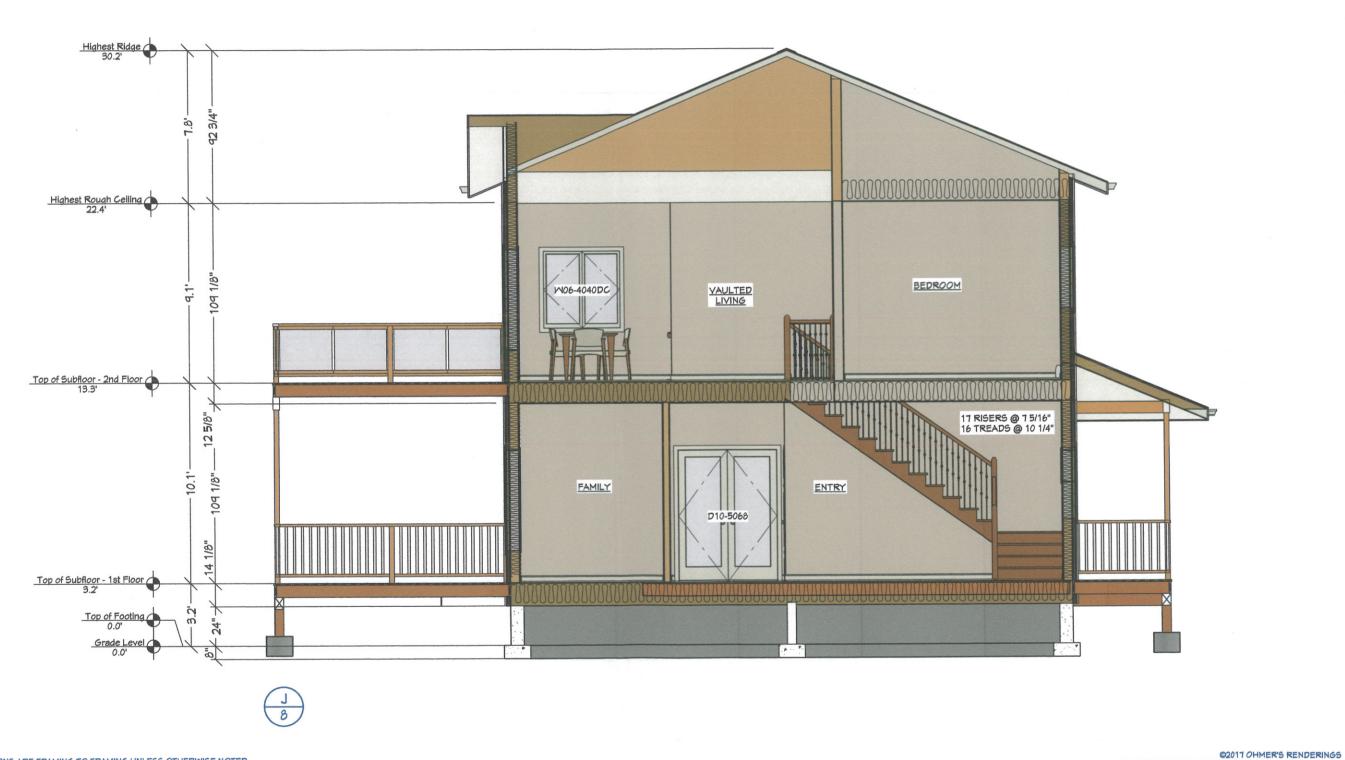
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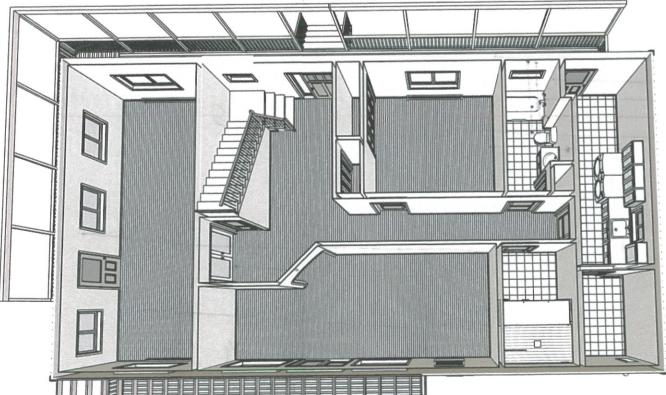
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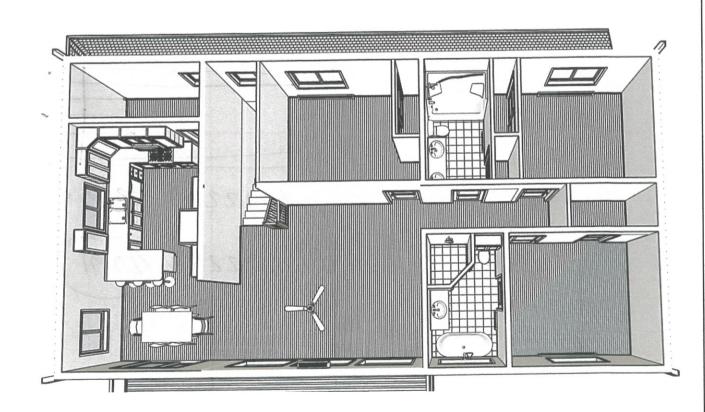
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### City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

G-3

Date: October 9, 2017

To: Planning and Zoning Commission

From: Carol Rushmore, Economic Development Director

Re: Request for a vacation of a 3 foot wide trail right-of-way from Cassiar to the corner of Lot 20A Oliver Subdivision and Lot A LRO Subdivision, requested by Thomas Roland, owner of Lot 20A and Michael Nash, Attorney for Evi Fennimore, Trustee of the Viola Erickson Irrevocable Trust, owner of Lots 7 and 8A, Block 13, USS 1119 (or proposed new Lot 8A of proposed Fennimore/Roland Replat).

### Background:

In January of 2017 a preliminary plat for a subdivision was presented by the applicants to address an area of fill encroachment by Fennimore's into Lot 20A owned by Roland. The plat was approved, but there were questions raised regarding the potential to vacate and purpose of the three foot ROW reflected on the preliminary plat.

### Findings:

For Vacation of easement or Right-of-way requests, the Planning and Zoning Commission holds a public hearing and makes a recommendation to the Assembly whether to grant the vacation. The Assembly also holds a public hearing and makes the final decision. As Wrangell's code does not have sections specific to vacation requirements, the Alaska Statutes within Title 29.40.160 are followed.

The surveyor and Michael Nash, attorney for Evi Fennimore, Trustee of the Viola Erickson Irrevocable Trust, conducted extensive document research on the three foot right of way, discovering over time it was described or reflected differently, a ROW, or an easement, part of Lot 20 or outside of Lot 20. Attorney Nash was able to find the original document that created the ROW from Lot 20. The owner of Lot 20 at the time created a three foot ROW and deeded the trail to the City of Wrangell to access Mt. Dewey (copy attached).

Because the vacation of the easement must be approved by the Assembly, the landowners are bringing this request forward first for Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to the Assembly. The final plat will address the final decision of the Assembly regarding the vacation request.

Staff reviewed utilities, drainages and other public issues that might warrant the retention of the ROW. The trail back in 1923 was designated to access Mt. Dewey. Since that time, another trail option from downtown has been developed and is being utilized. There are no known utilities in the ROW area and it would be a difficult trail through residential yards, with blockages of vegetation, fences, and rock.

October 9, 2017

Carol Rushmore Economic Development Director City and Borough of Wrangell P.O. Box 531 Wrangell, AK 99929

### To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to the property at 306 Cassiar, Lot 20A of the Oliver subdivision. Prior to the Fennimore/Roland replat, we are seeking for the City and Borough of Wrangell to vacate the three foot trail Right of Way from Cassiar to the corner of Lot A and Lot 20, along the entire length of our property line.

Sincerely,

Thomas Roland P.O. Box 2163 Wrangell, AK 99929

# P. O. Box 2341 Wrangell, AK 99929



September 5, 2017

Carol Rushmore
Planning and Zoning Commission
Borough of Wrangell
P.O. Box 531
Wrangell, AK 99929

In Re: Request to vacate a portion of a three-foot-wide right-of-way.

Dear Ms. Rushmore and Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission: .

As Ms. Rushmore is aware, I represent Evi Fennimore, Trustee of the Viola Erickson Irrevocable Trust. The trust desires to make a boundary line adjustment with a neighbor to incorporate in its property a driveway that currently intrudes on the neighbor's property.

To that end, Ms. Fennimore had a preliminary plat prepared. In the process it discovered that the Borough of Wrangell has a three-foot wide right-of-way, running between the properties, that originally provided access to City land on Mount Dewey. At my request, Ms. Rushmore researched the origins and use of the right-of-way. She informed me that the right-of-way is no longer necessary, and that I could ask to have it vacated. Is do so now.

Because the new plat cannot be presented to this Commission until the issue of the three-foot right-of-way is resolved, I am requesting that the Borough vacate the right-of-way running along the northwest side of lots 7 and 8 and the southeast side of lot 20 as shown on the preliminary plat (enclosed). If that is not feasible, then I request some other action by the Borough to allow a driveway over the right-of-way.

Thank you for considering this request. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Nash

Attorney for Evi Fennimore, Trustee of the Viola Erickson Irrevocable Trust

Enclosure: Preliminary Plat

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