AGENDA

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

350 East Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska 99645 – 907-861-7874

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PLATTING CLERK Kayla Kinneen

PLATTING TECHNICIANS Matthew Goddard Chris Curlin Wyatt Anderson



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PLATTING BOARD AGENDA ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS 350 E DAHLIA AVENUE PALMER

PLATTING BOARD MEETING

1:00 P.M.

April 17, 2025

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- When it is your turn to testify you will hear "Your line has been unmuted."
- State your name for the record, spell your last name, and provide your testimony.

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- Matanuska-Susitna Borough YouTube

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum (by Secretary)
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Approval of Agenda

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 3, 2025

3. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION & PRESENTATIONS

A. **PERSONS TO BE HEARD** (Three minutes per person for Items not scheduled for public hearing)

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

5. RECONSIDERATIONS/APPEALS

(None)

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. NORTHERN SKY ESTATES: The request is to create 2 lots from Tax Parcel A5 (W1/2 SE1/4 NE1/4 & W1/2 NE1/4 SE1/4), to be known as NORTHERN SKY ESTATES, containing 39.91 acres +/-. The property is located north of W. Horizon Drive, south of W. Hazel Avenue, and west of S. Knik Goose Bay Road (Tax ID #16N03W13A005); within the E 1/2 Section 13, Township 16 North, Range 03 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Knik-Fairview Community Council and in Assembly District #5. (Petitioner/Owner: Bryan Morgan & Codruta Morgan, Staff: Matthew Goddard, Case # 2025-026)

7. ITEMS OF BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS

(None)

8. PLATTING STAFF & OFFICER COMMENTS

- A. Adjudicatory (If needed)
 - o <u>Definition</u>: Law. To hear and settle an issue or a question regarding code.
- B. Upcoming Platting Board Agenda Items (Staff: Fred Wagner & Clerk: Kayla Kinneen)
 - May 1, 2025, Platting Board Meeting, we have 3 cases to be heard:
 - o Bella Ridge MSP
 - o Rockin Elk
 - North Village

9. BOARD COMMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Platting Board was held on April 3, 2025, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough 350 E Dahlia Ave, Palmer, Alaska. Chair Traxler called the Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (by Administrative Specialist)

Platting Board members present and establishing a quorum:

Mr. Chris Chiavetta, District Seat #1

Mr. Michael Liebing, District Seat #2

Mr. Eric Koan, District Seat #3

Ms. Amanda Salmon, District Seat #4

Ms. Michelle Traxler, District Seat #5

Ms. Sandra Kreger, District seat #6

Ms. Karla McBride, Alternate A

Mr. Robert Hallford, Alternate B

Platting Board members absent and excused were:

Mr. Eric Koan, District Seat #3

Mr. Sidney Bertz, District seat #7

Platting Board members absent were:

Staff in attendance:

Mr. Fred Wagner, Platting Officer

Ms. Kayla Smith, Platting Board Clerk

Mr. Matthew Goddard, Platting Technician

Mr. Chris Curlin, Platting Technician

Mr. Wyatt Anderson, Platting Technician

B. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Platting Member McBride led the pledge of allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Traxler inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Platting Member Liebing made motion to approve the Agenda. Platting

Member Kreger seconded.

VOTE: The Agenda was approved unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• March 20, 2025.

MOTION: Platting Member Kreger made motion to approve March 20, 2025 Minutes.

Platting Member Liebing seconded.

VOTE: The Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION & PRESENTATIONS

PERSONS TO BE HEARD (Three minutes per person for items not scheduled for public hearing)

(None)

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

5. RECONSIDERATIONS/APPEALS

(None)

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. <u>ALEXANDER ESTATES</u>: The request is to create 18 lots from Tax Parcel B3, created by Warranty Deed recorded at 2002-012218-0, to be known as Alexander Estates, containing 26.5 acres +/-. Lots to access S. Knik Goose Bay Road via proposed internal roads. The property is directly north of S. Knik Goose Bay Road and south of S. Knik Knack Mud Shack Road; (Tax ID# 16N02W08B003); V within the NW ¼ Section 08, Township 16 North, Range 02 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Knik-Fairview Community Council and in Assembly District #5. (Petitioner/Owner: Diamond Homes, LLC, Staff: Chris Curlin, Case #2025-021)

Chair Traxler read the statement regarding Ex-Parte & Interest on quasi-judicial action into the record.

Kayla Smith provided the mailing report:

• Stating that 38 public hearing notices were mailed out on March 11, 2025.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

• Staff recommends approval with 9 conditions and 5 findings of facts.

Platting Member Liebing had questions for staff.

Chair Traxler invited the petitioner/petitioner's representative to give an overview.

The petitioner's representative, Tim Carmen chose not to speak.

Chair Traxler opened the public hearing for public testimony.

There being no one to be heard Chair Traxler closed the public hearing and invited the petitioner and/or the petitioner's representative to further discuss and answer any questions from the Board.

The petitioner's representative spoke.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Platting Member Liebing made a motion to approve the preliminary plat of

Alexander Estates. Platting Member Chiavetta seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Platting Member Liebing made a motion to amend Condition of Approval

#4 to state "No direct access to KGB Road for all lots adjacent to KGB: Lot 1, 2 Block 1, Lot 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, & 7 Block 2 unless authorized by the permitting authority." Platting Member Kreger would like it to state "No direct access to KGB Road for all lots adjacent to KGB: Lot 1 Block 1, Lot 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, & 7 Block 2 unless authorized by the permitting authority"

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. BROOKWOOD COMMERCIAL PARK PUE: The request is to create a Public Use Easement on Lot 1, Brookwood Commercial Park, (Plat # 2021-97), containing 3,590 sf (.08 acres +/-), (Tax ID # 8166000L001). The proposed Public Use Easement is located east of S. Knik-Goose Bay Road and directly north of E. Hard Rock Circle; located within the NW ¼ Section 15, Township 17 North, Range 01 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the City of Wasilla and Assembly District #4. (Petitioner/Owner: RFN Properties, LLC, Staff: Chris Curlin, Case #2025-024)

Chair Traxler read the statement regarding Ex-Parte & Interest on quasi-judicial action into the record.

Kayla Smith provided the mailing report:

• Stating that 57 public hearing notices were mailed out on March 11, 2025.

Staff gave an overview of the case:

• Staff recommends approval with 6 conditions and 4 findings of facts.

Chair Traxler invited the petitioner/petitioner's representative to give an overview.

The petitioner's representative, Gary LoRusso chose not to speak.

Chair Traxler opened the public hearing for public testimony.

There being no one to be heard Chair Traxler closed the public hearing and invited the petitioner and/or the petitioner's representative to further discuss and answer any questions from the Board.

The petitioner's representative spoke.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Platting Member Liebing made a motion to approve the preliminary plat of

Brookwood Commercial Park PUE. Platting Member Chiavetta seconded

the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

7. ITEMS OF BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS

(None)

8. PLATTING STAFF & OFFICER COMMENTS

- A. Adjudicatory (*if needed*)
- B. Upcoming Platting Board Agenda Items

Platting Officer, Fred Wagner informed the board of upcoming items:

- o There is 1 case scheduled for April 17, 2025 Platting Board.
 - Northern Sky Estates

9. BOARD COMMENTS.

• No board comments

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Platting Board, Chair Traxler adjourned the meeting at 1:22 PM.

MICHELLE TRAXLER
Platting Board Chair

ATTEST:

KAYLA SMITH Platting Board Clerk

STAFF REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 17, 2025

PRELIMINARY PLAT: NORTHERN SKY ESTATES

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SEC 13, T16N, R03W, SEWARD MERIDIAN AK

PETITIONERS: BRIAN MORGAN

SURVEYOR/ENGINEER: LAVENDER SURVEY & MAPPING

ACRES: $39.91 \pm PARCELS: 2$

REVIEWED BY: MATTHEW GODDARD CASE #: 2025-026

REQUEST: The request is to create 2 lots from Tax Parcel A5 (W1/2 SE1/4 NE1/4 & W1/2 NE1/4 SE1/4), to be known as **NORTHERN SKY ESTATES**, containing 39.91 acres +/-. The property is located north of W. Horizon Drive, south of W. Hazel Avenue, and west of S. Knik Goose Bay Road; within the E 1/2 Section 13, Township 16 North, Range 03 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the Knik-Fairview Community Council and in Assembly District #5.

EXHIBITS:

SUPPORTING DOCUMETATION:

Vicinity Map and Aerial Photos	PAGES – 1-5
Topographic Narrative	PAGE -6
Topographic Map & As-Built	PAGE -7

AGENCY COMMENTS

MSB DPW Pre-Design and Engineering Division	PAGE -8
MSB Permit Center	PAGE −9
Utilities	PAGES – 10-11

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: The proposed subdivision is creating two lots from Tax Parcel A5. The petitioner is proposing the dedication of a 60'X 354' public use easement to provide legal access the adjacent western parcel. This is to satisfy the requirements of MSB 43.20.060(D). Access for the proposed northern lot is from W. Big Dipper Drive. Access for the proposed southern lots is from W. Milkyway Lane. Both roads are Borough maintained roads.

<u>Access</u>: Legal and physical access to the proposed lots are required pursuant to MSB 43.20.100 Access Required, MSB 43.20.120 Legal Access and MSB 43.20.140 Physical Access. Both proposed lots have the required access.

Topographic Narrative: A topographic narrative was submitted (**Exhibit Page 6**), pursuant to MSB 43.20.281(A)(1)(i)(i). Dayna Rumfelt, Professional Land Surveyor, notes that the parent parcel is largely undeveloped and gently sloping to the southeast with a ridge on the southeast side of the property steeply sloping down to the southeast. No wet locations were observed throughout the property, the land being made up of predominately mature birch trees. The proposed Lot 1 has a typical tank/leach field on it for its septic system. No septic features were found on proposed Lot 2. Lot 1 is the smaller of the two proposed lots, but it contains approximately 9.98 acres or 434,728 sqft. Lot 2 is proposed at 29.92 acres or 1,303,315 sqft. Topographic map and as-built are at **Exhibit Page 7**.

Comments:

Department of Public Works Pre-Design and Engineering Division (**Exhibit Page 8**) notes that the right of way dedication at the end of Big Dipper Drive needs to be extended to allow for a T-Turnaround meeting the requirements of the 2022 SCM (**Recommendation #4**)

MSB Permit Center (Exhibit Page 9) notes the driveway on the parcel does not have a permit on file.

<u>Utilities</u>: (**Exhibit Pages 10-11**) ENSTAR has no comments or recommendations. GCI did not respond. MEA did not respond. MTA did not respond.

At the time of staff report write-up, there were no responses to the Request for Comments from ADF&G; US Army Corps of Engineers; Community Council #16 Knik-Fairview; Fire Service Area #130 Central Mat-Su; Road Service Area #17 Knik; MSB Emergency Services, Community Development, Assessments, or Planning; GCI, MEA or MTA.

CONCLUSION: The preliminary plat of Northern Sky Estates is consistent with AS 29.40.070 Platting Regulations and MSB 43.15.016 Preliminary Plats. There were no objections from any federal or state agencies, Borough departments, or utilities. There were no objections to the plat from the public in response to the Notice of Public Hearing. Legal and physical access will exist to the proposed lots, consistent with MSB 43.20.100 Access Required, MSB 43.20.120 Legal Access and MSB 43.20.140 Physical Access. Frontage for the subdivision will exist, pursuant to MSB 43.20.320 Frontage. A topographic narrative was submitted in lieu of a soils report, pursuant to MSB 43.20.218(A)(1)(i)(i).

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The plat of Northern Sky Estates is consistent with AS 29.40.070 Platting Regulations and MSB 43.15.016 Preliminary Plats.
- 2. A topographic narrative was submitted in lieu of a soils report, pursuant to MSB 43.20.218(A)(1)(i)(i).
- 3. The lot has the required frontage pursuant to MSB 43.20.320.
- 4. At the time of staff report write-up, there were no responses to the Request for Comments from ADF&G; US Army Corps of Engineers; Community Council #16 Knik-Fairview; Fire Service Area #130 Central Mat-Su; Road Service Area #17 Knik; MSB Emergency Services, Community Development, Assessments, or Planning; GCI, MEA or MTA.
- 5. There were no objections from any federal or state agencies, Borough departments, or utilities.
- 6. There were no objections from the public in response to the Notice of Public Hearing.

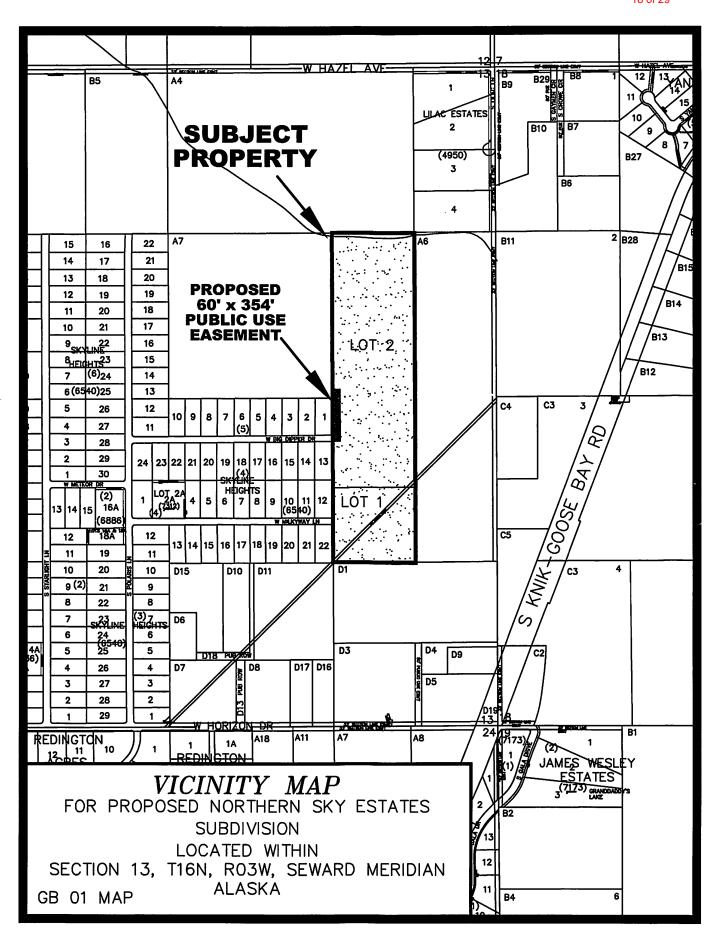
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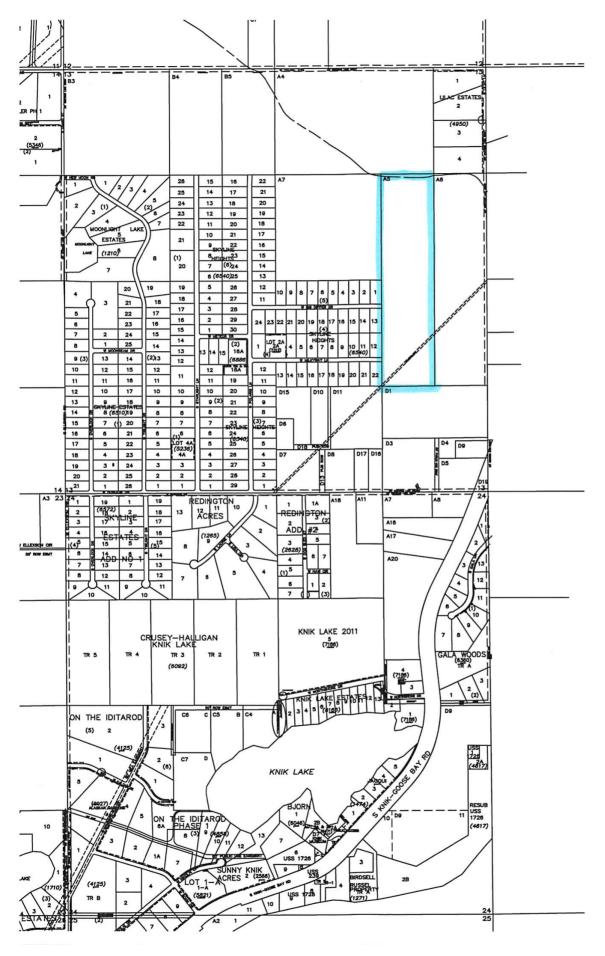
RECOMMENDATIONS OF CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Suggested motion: I move to approve the preliminary plat of Northern Sky Estates, Section 13, Township 16 North, Range 03 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, contingent on staff recommendations

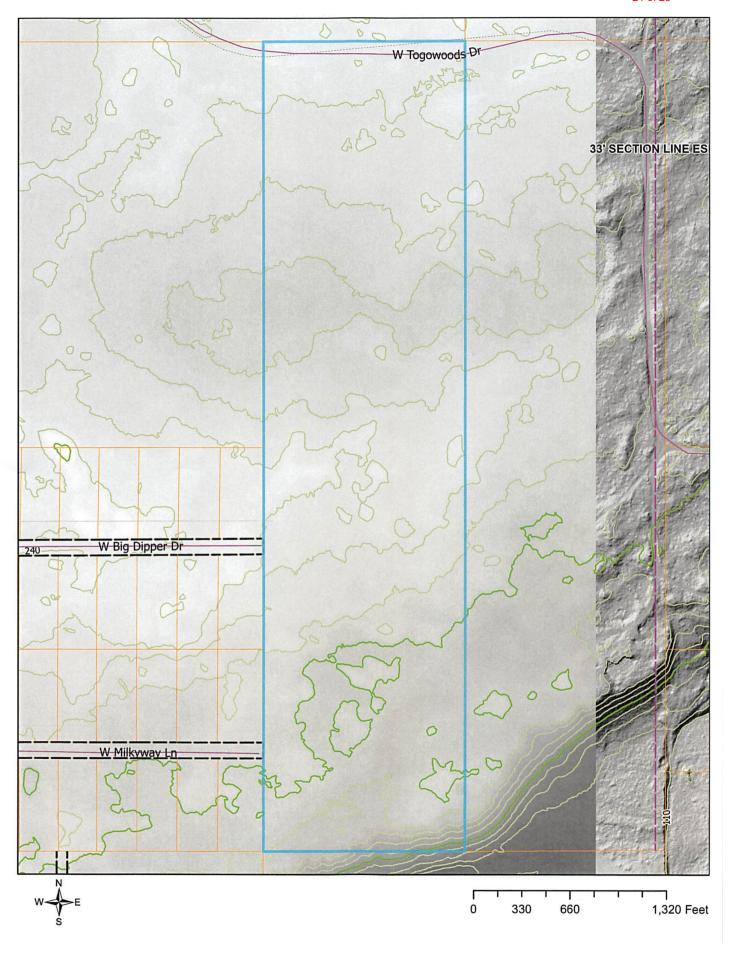
- 1. Taxes and special assessments must be paid in full for the year of recording, pursuant to MSB 43.15.053(F) and AS 40.15.020. Pay taxes and special assessments (LIDs), by CERTIFIED FUNDS OR CASH.
- 2. Provide updated Certificate to Plat executed within seven (7) days of recording of plat and submit Beneficiary Affidavit for any holders of a beneficial interest.
- 3. Pay postage and advertising fees.
- 4. Extend the right of way dedication at the end of Big Dipper Drive to allow for a T-Turnaround meeting the requirements of the 2022 Subdivision Construction Manual.
- 5. Show all easements of record on final plat.
- 6. Submit recording fees, payable to Department of Natural Resources (DNR).
- 7. Submit plat in full compliance with Title 43.

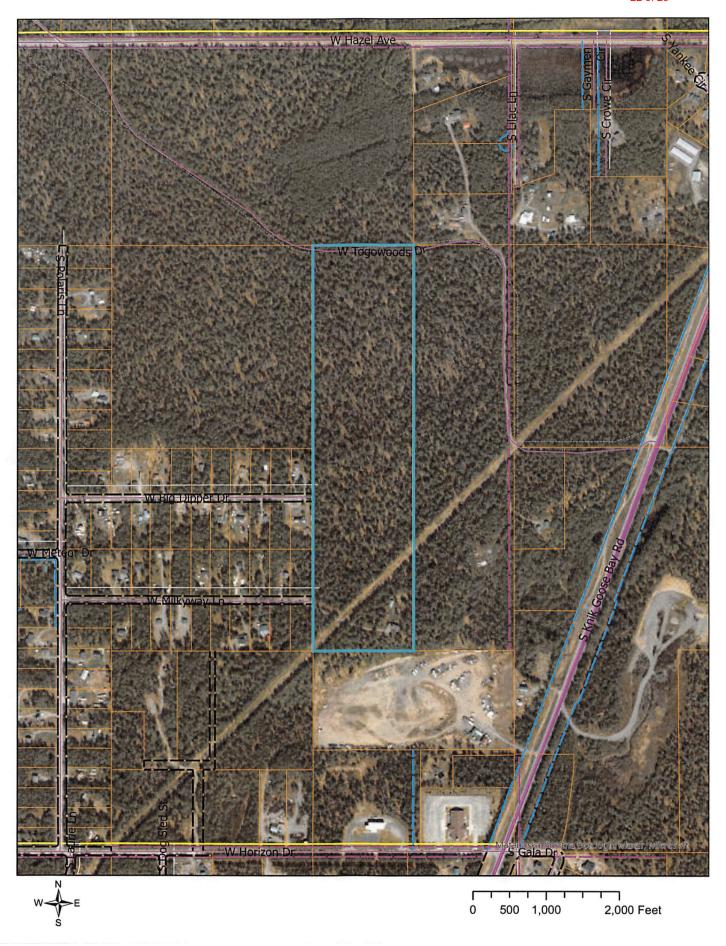
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Lavender Survey & Mapping 720 N Yeti St Pamer, AK 99645

January 8, 2025

Matanuska-Susitna Borough 350 E. Dahlia Palmer, AK 99645 Platting Division

Dear Platting,

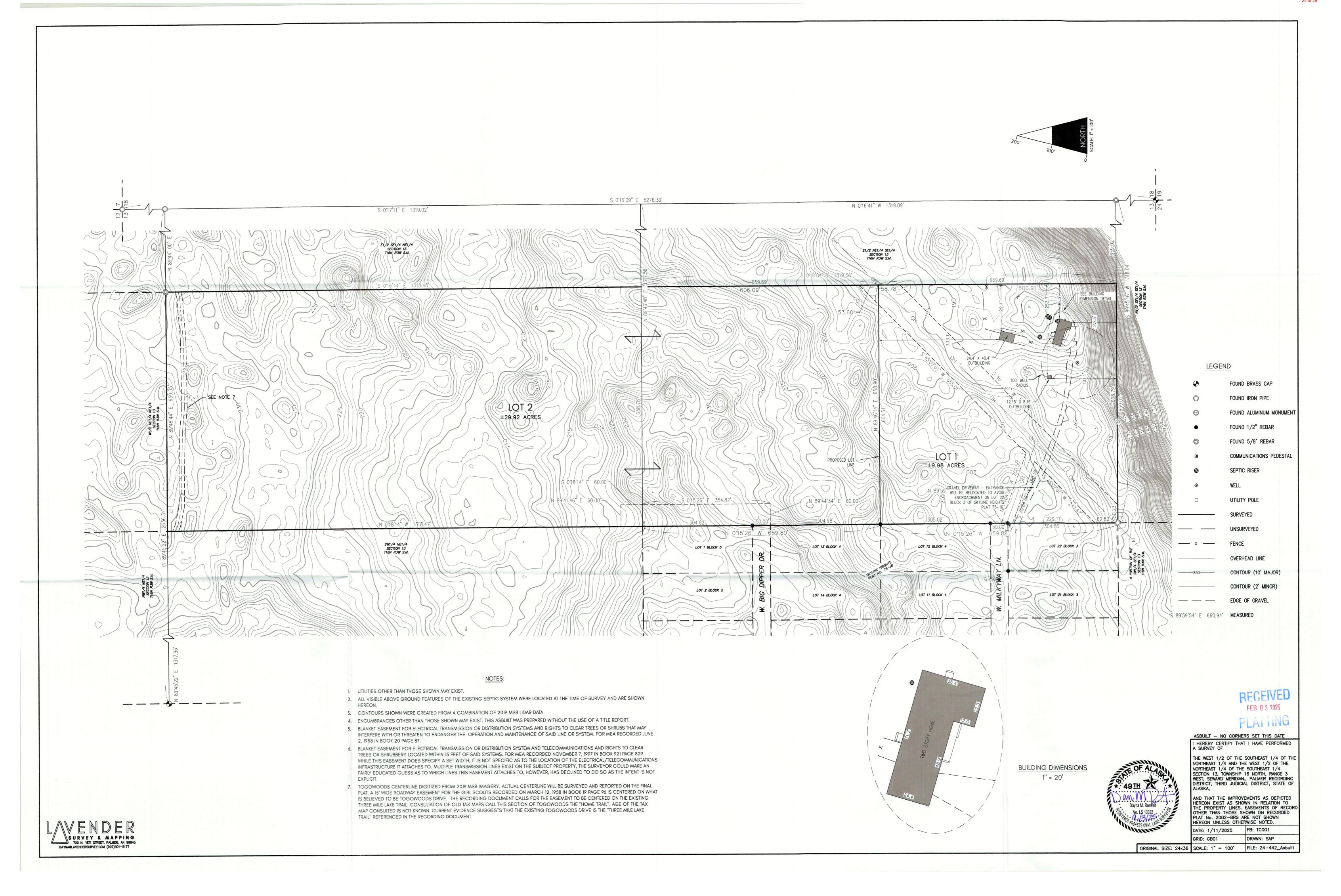
I, Dayna Rumfelt PLS, certify the proposed subdivision Northern Sky Estates located in the west one-half of the southeast one-quarter of the northeast one-quarter (W1/2 SE1/4 NE1/4) and the west one-half of the northeast one-quarter of the southeast one-quarter (W1/2 NE1/4 SE 1/4) of Section 13, Township 16 North, Range 3 west, Seward Meridian, Alaska, Palmer Recording District will not create any setback violations, nor do any exist at this time. The land is largely undeveloped and gently sloping to the southeast with a ridge on the southeast side of the property steeply sloping down to the southeast. No wet locations were observed throughout the property, the land being made up of predominantly mature birch trees. The proposed Lot 1 has a typical tank/leach field on it for its septic system. No septic features were found on Proposed Lot 2. Lot 1 is the smaller of the two proposed lots, but it contains approximately 9.98 acres or 434,728 sqft. Lot 2 is proposed at 29.92 acres or 1,303,315 sqft.

In my opinion as a well-traveled lay person, I expect that almost the entirety of both lots is buildable, with the one notable exception of the steep slope on the southeast portion of the property. The presence of mature birch throughout the property suggests that the ground is well drained, and a typical leach field setup would pass perc tests throughout the property.

Thank you,

Dayna Rumfelt PLS

LS-13322



Matthew Goddard

From:

Pre-Design & Engineering

Sent:

Thursday, March 6, 2025 3:38 PM

To:

Matthew Goddard

Cc:

Brad Sworts; Jamie Taylor; Tammy Simmons

Subject:

RE: RFC Northern Sky Estates (MG)

Matthew,

Dedicate ROW at the end of Big Dipper Drive for T Turnaround meeting the requirements of the 2022 SCM.

PD&E

From: Matthew Goddard < Matthew. Goddard@matsugov.us>

Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 8:12 AM

To: Myers, Sarah E E (DFG) <sarah.myers@alaska.gov>; Percy, Colton T (DFG) <colton.percy@alaska.gov>; billydoc56@hotmail.com; pcook@alaskan.com; dglsaviatn@aol.com; Michael Keenan <Michael.Keenan@matsugov.us>;

<Land.Management@matsugov.us>; Jillian Morrissey <Jillian.Morrissey@matsugov.us>; Tom Adams

<Tom.Adams@matsugov.us>; Brad Sworts <Brad.Sworts@matsugov.us>; Jamie Taylor <Jamie.Taylor@matsugov.us>; Daniel Dahms <Daniel.Dahms@matsugov.us>; Tammy Simmons <Tammy.Simmons@matsugov.us>; Pre-Design &

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<row@mtasolutions.com>; OSP Design Group <ospdesign@gci.com>; mearow@mea.coop

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Northern Sky Estates

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Matthew Goddard
Platting Technician
907-861-7881
Matthew.Goddard@matsugov.us

Matthew Goddard

From:

Permit Center

Sent:

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 8:41 AM

To:

Matthew Goddard

Subject:

RE: RFC Northern Sky Estates (MG)

No comments from the Permit Center.

Brandon Tucker

Permit Technician
Matanuska-Susitna Borough Permit Center
350 E Dahlia Ave
Palmer AK 99645
P (907) 861-7871
F (907) 861-8158

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To: Myers, Sarah E E (DFG) <sarah.myers@alaska.gov>; Percy, Colton T (DFG) <colton.percy@alaska.gov>; billydoc56@hotmail.com; pcook@alaskan.com; dglsaviatn@aol.com; Michael Keenan <Michael.Keenan@matsugov.us>; Jeffrey Anderson < Jeffrey. Anderson@matsugov.us>; Fire Code < Fire. Code@matsugov.us>; Brian Davis <Brian.Davis@matsugov.us>; Bill Gamble <Bill.Gamble@matsugov.us>; Land Management <Land.Management@matsugov.us>; Jillian Morrissey <Jillian.Morrissey@matsugov.us>; Tom Adams <Tom.Adams@matsugov.us>; Brad Sworts <Brad.Sworts@matsugov.us>; Jamie Taylor <Jamie.Taylor@matsugov.us>; Daniel Dahms Daniel.Dahms@matsugov.us>; Tammy Simmons Tammy.Simmons@matsugov.us>; Pre-Design & Engineering <pde@matsugov.us>; Amie Jacobs <Amie.Jacobs@matsugov.us>; Katrina Kline <katrina.kline@matsugov.us>; MSB Farmers <MSB.Farmers@matsugov.us>; Permit Center <Permit.Center@matsugov.us>; Code Compliance <Code.Compliance@matsugov.us>; Planning <MSB.Planning@matsugov.us>; Alex Strawn <Alex.Strawn@matsugov.us>; Fred Wagner <Frederic.Wagner@matsugov.us>; Taunnie Boothby <Taunnie.Boothby@matsugov.us>; msbaddressing <msbaddressing@matsugov.us>; eric.r.schuler@usps.gov; John Aschenbrenner <John.Aschenbrenner@matsugov.us>; Andrew Fraiser <andrew.fraiser@enstarnaturalgas.com>; ROW <row@enstarnaturalgas.com>; Right of Way Dept. <row@mtasolutions.com>; OSP Design Group <ospdesign@gci.com>; mearow@mea.coop Subject: RFC Northern Sky Estates (MG)

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Thank you,

Matthew Goddard Platting Technician



ENSTAR Natural Gas Company, LLC

Engineering Department, Right of Way Section 401 E. International Airport Road P. O. Box 190288 Anchorage, Alaska 99519-0288 (907) 277-5551 FAX (907) 334-7798

February 27, 2025

Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Platting Division 350 East Dahlia Avenue Palmer, AK 99645-6488

To whom it may concern:

ENSTAR Natural Gas Company, LLC has reviewed the following preliminary plat and has no comments or recommendations.

 Northern Sky Estates (MSB Case # 2025-026)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 334-7944 or by email at james.christopher@enstarnaturalgas.com.

Sincerely,

James Christopher

Right of Way & Compliance Agent ENSTAR Natural Gas Company, LLC

James Christopher

