



## **Meeting Agenda - Final**

## **Planning Commission**

Wednesday, May 1, 2024	7:00 PM	Harrigan Centennial Hall
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- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- II. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA
- III. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES
- A <u>PM 24-05</u> Approve the April 17, 2024 meeting minutes.

### IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

(Public participation on any item off the agenda. All public testimony is not to exceed 3 minutes for any individual, unless the Chair imposes other time constraints at the beginning of the agenda item.)

#### V. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **B** <u>MISC 24-05</u> Vacation of utility easement at Lots 4A and 4B, CJ Subdivision.
- VI. REPORTS

#### VII. THE EVENING BUSINESS

- C ZA 24-01 Public hearing and consideration of a request for a zoning map amendment to rezone 201 Price Street from I industrial to C-2 general commercial mobile home district. The property is also known as Lot 1, Breedlove Subdivision. The request is filed by Paddy Hansen. The owner of record is Hansen and Hansen Enterprise, LLC.
- D P24-01 Public hearing and consideration of a concept plat for a minor subdivision resulting two lots at 201 Price Street in the I Industrial district. The property is also known as Lot 1, Breedlove Subdivision. The request is filed by Paddy Hansen. The owner of record is Hansen and Hansen Enterprise, LLC.

- E P 24- 02 Public hearing and consideration of a plat for a lot merger of 605 Merrill Street and 604 Geodetic Way in the R-1 single-family and duplex residential district. The property is also known as Lot 48 and Lot 62 of the Amended Pinehurst Subdivision. The request is filed by Clayton and Ashleigh Stromquist. The owners of record are Clayton and Ashleigh Stromquist.
- FVAR 24-06Public hearing and consideration of a zoning variance to reduce the front<br/>setback from 14' to 7' at 450 Alice Loop in the WD waterfront district. The<br/>property is also known as Lot 11A, William Paul Subdivision. The request<br/>is filled by Diana Twaddle. The owner of record is Diana Twaddle.
- **G** <u>VAR 24-07</u> Public hearing and consideration of a zoning variance to reduce the required parking at NHN Jarvis Street in the C-1 general commercial district. The property is also known as the Remainder of Lot Three (3) U.S. Survey 3695. The request is filled by Andrew Hinton. The owner of record is Alaska Mental Health Trust, State of Alaska.

### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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## Minutes - Draft

## **Planning Commission**

Wednesday, April 17, 2024	7:00 PM	Harrigan Centennial Hall
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#### I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present: Darrell Windsor (Chair), Katie Riley, Wendy Alderson, Robin Sherman, Thor Christianson (Assembly liaison) Excused: Stacy Mudry Staff: Amy Ainslie, Kim Davis Public: Karen Case, Jere Christner, Andrew Hinton, Ben Kraft, JJ Carlson, Ariadne Will

Chair Windsor called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

#### II. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

Ainslie requested moving item C after A and B. Commissioners discussed and decided to leave the agenda as it was.

#### III. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

A <u>PM 24-04</u> Approve the March 20, 2024 meeting minutes.

M/Alderson-S/Riley moved to approve the March 20, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

#### IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

### V. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ainslie informed commissioners of the number and volume of permits and filings, the next few agendas would be full. The short-term rental report would be moved to May 15.

#### B <u>MISC 24-04</u> Madification of a utility assessment at Late 2 and 2. Orders Out-division

Modification of a utility easement at Lots 2 and 3, Cedars Subdivision.

Ainslie informed commissioners of a modification to a utility easement at Lots 2 and 3, Cedars Subdivision. Per the subdivision code, the commission was to be notified in writing of any modifications.

### VI. REPORTS

**C** <u>MISC 24-03</u> Housing Summit Update and Sitka Tribal Housing Needs Assessment.

Ainslie provided an update on the recent housing summit with partners Sitka Tribe of Alaska (STA) and Baranof Island Housing Authority (BIHA). The Sitka Tribal Housing

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Needs Assessment report highlighted the indigenous population loss due to unaffordable housing. The housing summit had picked a few topics to focus on such as; establishing a local housing network, creation of new housing at higher densities, preventing displacement of mobile home parks, and the development of pocket communities with tiny homes and communal facilities.

#### VII. THE EVENING BUSINESS

<u>CUP 24-03</u> Public hearing and consideration of a conditional use permit for a short-term rental at 343 Wortman Loop in the R-1 LD single-family and duplex residential low density district. The property is also known as Lot 20A, Block 1, Lot Line Adjustment of Lots 20 and 21, Block 1 Cascade Creek Subdivision. The request is filed by Karen Case. The owner of record is Karen Case.

> Ainslie introduced a conditional use permit for a short-term rental (STR) at 343 Wortman Loop in the R-1 LD single-family and duplex low density residential district. The applicant was requesting the STR for the lower level, one-bedroom apartment with a maximum capacity of four guests. Quiet hours were listed from 10PM - 7PM and trash would be handled by the applicant. The property was well buffered by vegetation on the sides and rear with adequate parking for two vehicles and access to the property was from Wortman Loop. Staff recommended approval.

The applicant Karen Case was present. Past renters had been interim for periods of three months, and she was wanting to provide short-term housing for sports or events happening in town. She had added additional bear instructions to the renter handout and would be picking up the trash placed by renters in the trash bin for storage in the garage until trash pickup day. Public comment from Jere Christner was in favor of the STR. Commissioners discussed the loss of long-term rentals and reduced housing stock for year-round residents but stated this was following the code requirements.

M/Riley-S/Alderson moved to approve the conditional use permit for a short-term rental at 343 Wortman Loop in the R-1 LD single-family/duplex low density residential district subject to the attached conditions of approval. The property was also known as Lot 20A, Block 1, Lot Line Adjustment of Lots 20 and 21, Block 1 Cascade Creek Subdivision. The request was filed by Karen Case. The owner of record was Karen Case. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

M/Riley-S/Alderson moved to adopt and approve the required findings for conditional use permits as listed in the staff report. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

E VAR 24-05 Public hearing and consideration of a zoning variance to reduce the southwest front setback from 14' to 5' at NHN Jarvis Street in the C-1 general commercial district. The property is also known as the Remainder of Lot Three (3) US Survey 3695. The request is filled by Andrew Hinton. The owner of record is Alaska Mental Health Trust, State of Alaska.

Ainslie introduced a zoning variance request at NHN Jarvis Street in the C-1 general commercial district for a reduction from 14 feet to 5 feet to the southwest front setback. This was to facilitate construction of permanent supportive housing project with 12 residential units, a caretaker unit, and a services building which would be built during phase two. This was to provide affordable housing for the chronically homeless and provide behavioral health services, employment services, and individualized support on-site.

This property was an irregular shape and had difficult topography as it sloped towards Indian River. The Sitka Homeless Coalition (SHC) had a 30-year lease with the Alaska Mental Health Trust for the front 2 acres of the lot. The property was platted as a corner lot with two front setbacks as it abutted two rights-of-way (ROWs); Jarvis Street and the undeveloped Haley Avenue. As platted, these two ROWs only adjoin in one corner and do not intersect. The lot line abutting Jarvis street was about 810 feet in length, with only the first 68 feet abutting the ROW. The majority of the property line functioned more as a side lot line, which warranted consideration of a setback more in line with its functional use. Staff recommended approval.

Applicants Andrew Hinton and Ben Kraft were present. They had no additional details to add to the staff report. Public comment from JJ Carlson stated this side of the valley could be expanded in the future and the placement of the service building being developed in phase two could limit further development of the lot. Commissioners discussed the unique platting, ROW's and topography of the property.

M/Alderson-S/Riley moved to approve the zoning variance for a reduction to the southwest front setback at NHN Jarvis Street in the C-1 general commercial district subject to the attached conditions of approval. The property was also known as Remainder of Lot Three (3), U.S. Survey 3695. The request was filed by the Sitka Homeless Coalition. The owner of record was Alaska Mental Health Trust, State of Alaska. Motion passed by voice vote 4-0.

M/Alderson-S/Riley moved to adopt and approve the required findings for variances involving major structures or expansions as listed in the staff report. Motion passed by voice vote 4-0.

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Windsor adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM.



### VACATION OF UTILITY EASEMENT

This instrument is made by and between CHRISTINE MARIE MCGRAW, of 738 Alice Loop, Sitka, Alaska 99835 (hereinafter referred to as "McGraw"), and TAYLOR COLVIN and ANDREA COLVIN, husband and wife, of 708 Alice Loop, Sitka, Alaska 99835 (hereinafter referred to as "Colvin's"), and the CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA, of 100 Lincoln Street, Sitka, Alaska 99835 (hereinafter referred to as "CBS").

### Recitals

A. The parties to this instrument are the current owners of adjacent real properties located in the Sitka Recording District, First Judicial District, State of Alaska.

B. McGraw is the owner of real property described as follows:

LOT FOUR (4B), CJ Subdivision, according to the plat thereof filed on October 26, 2018, as Plat Number 2018-11, Sitka Recording District, First Judicial District, State of Alaska. (hereinafter referred to as "Lot 4B").

C. The Colvin's are the owners of real property described as follows:

Lot 4A, CJ Subdivision, according to the plat thereof filed October 26, 2018, as Plat Number 2018-11, Sitka Recording District, First Judicial District, State of Alaska. (hereinafter referred to as "Lot 4A")

- D. CBS is party to the utility easement ("Easement") as the municipal plating authority.
- E. The Easement is labeled as, "New 10' Utility Easement", running parallel to the boundary line between Lot 4B and the adjacent lot to the northwest (Lot 3 Charlie Joseph Subdivision), as depicted and recorded on CJ Subdivision, according to the plat thereof filed on October 26, 2018, as Plat Number 2018-11, Sitka Recording District, First Judicial District, State of Alaska.
- F. When recorded the Easement was intended to benefit Lot 4A and burden lot 4B.
- G. A Utility Easement Maintenance Agreement (#2018-000508-0) for the maintenance and upkeep of the easement was recorded on May 5, 2018, Sitka Recording District, First Judicial District, State of Alaska.

Therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants of the parties as set forth in this instrument, the parties agree as follows:

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- 1. CBS has determined that the need for the Easement no longer exists as each lot derives their utility connection from existing easements adjacent to the Alice Loop Right of Way. CBS has been confirmed that there is no CBS infrastructure in said Easement.
- 2. The parties release all rights to and vacate the above referenced Easement on Lot 4B.
- 3. The parties release and void Utility Easement Maintenance Agreement (#2018-000508-0) associated with this easement.

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STATE OF ALASKA

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this  $17^{t}$  day of April 2024, by Tytor Colvin.

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Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska My commission expires: 10/22/24

Andrea Colvin

STATE OF ALASKA ) ) ss: FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this  $17^{+}$  day of April 2029, by Andrea Colvin.

STATE OF ALASKA NOTARY PUBLIC CHRISTINE McGRAW My Commission Expires 101241

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Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska My commission expires: 10124124

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Christine McGraw

# STATE OF ALASKA

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

2024 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 18day of ₩ 2023, by Christine Marie McGraw.

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NOTARY PUBLIC WILLIAM PENDLETON STATE OF ALASK COMMISSION EXPIRES

Date

Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska My commission expires:

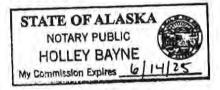
CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

By: John Leach

Its: Municipal Administrator

STATE OF ALASKA ) ) ss. FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 19 day of April 2024, by John Leach, Municipal Administrator of the CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA, an Alaska home rule municipality, on behalf of the municipality.



Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska 6/14/25 My commission expires:

> AFTER RECORDING RETURN TO: Christine Marie McGraw P.O. Box 1841 Sitka, Alaska 99835

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## **Planning and Community Development Department**

### AGENDA ITEM:

Case No:	ZA 24-01
Proposal:	Zoning Map Amendment
District:	I Industrial to C-2 General Commercial Mobile Home
Applicant:	Paddy Hansen
Owner:	Hansen & Hansen Enterprise, LLC
Location:	201 Price Street
Legal:	Lot 1, Breedlove Subdivision
Zone:	I - Industrial District
Size:	35,895 SF
Parcel ID:	3-0370-001
Existing Use:	Industrial
Adjacent Use:	Industrial, Commercial
Utilities:	Existing, Price Street
Access:	Price Street

## **KEY POINTS AND CONCERNS:**

- Proposal to change the zoning from industrial to commercial.
- Property borders C-2 zone to the east adjacent to Price Street and south towards Sawmill Creek Road.
- Property borders industrial to the north and west.
- Current use of property includes a large building for boat repair and boat storage on the property.
- This action is also related to a proposed platting action (case file P 24-01).

## ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Aerial Attachment B: Zoning Map Attachment C: Current Plat Attachment D: Photos Attachment E: Applicant Materials

## **BACKGROUND & PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The applicant is requesting a zoning map amendment from I industrial to C-2 general commercial mobile home district for their property at 201 Price Street. It is the desire of the applicant to subdivide the property (see case file P 24-01) and develop a lot for future residential use as a mobile home park. The property is 35,895 SF with an improvement - a 6,000 SF building. Adjacent industrial uses include marijuana cultivation, marijuana manufacturing, marijuana retail facilities, seafood processing, storage of commercial fishing gear, construction materials, heavy equipment storage, and fabricated metal products. Adjacent commercial uses include single-family and multifamily dwellings, mobile home parks, boat storage, and retail.

Descriptions of each zoning district:

SGC 22.16.110 – I industrial district.

A. Intent. The industrial district is intended for industrial or heavier commercial uses including warehousing, wholesale, and distribution operations, manufacturing, natural resource extraction, contractors' yards and other such uses that require larger property or larger water and sewer services.

SGC 22.16.080 – C-1 general commercial district or C-2 general commercial mobile home district.

- A. Intent. The general commercial district is intended to be served by major essential utilities and to include those areas which are heavily dependent on vehicular access. The district is intended for those areas surrounding major intersections where personal services, convenience goods, and auto-related service facilities are desirable and appropriate land uses. The extension of the general commercial district long the roads in a strip fashion is to be discouraged.
- B. All provisions of the C-1 district apply in the C-2 district, except that permitted uses also include manufactured homes on single lots and manufactured home parks, and tiny houses on chassis on a single lot as a conditional use.

## ANALYSIS

**Project/Site:** Lot is large at 35,895 SF and has been prepared for development. There is a 6,000 SF building on the property currently being used for boat repair.

**Traffic:** The property is accessed via an easement from Price Street through Lot 4 of Breedlove Subdivision. As rezoning enables more dense development of the area, more traffic could result from passage of the zoning map amendment. Price Street is a developed municipal ROW.

**Parking:** Parking requirements will not be changed or impacted by the zoning change. Parking requirements are calculated based on the size and type of developments on the lot.

Noise: Industrial use generally generates more noise than general commercial use.

Public Health, Safety, and Welfare: No impacts to public health or safety anticipated.

Habitat: No concerns for habitat – the lot is already cleared and developed.

**Property Value or Neighborhood Harmony:** Industrial property is generally valued higher as there are fewer usage restrictions. However, the value of added allowable uses involving single-family and multifamily dwellings, sales of goods and services may be higher. As this property directly borders the C-2 zone, there are similar uses to those proposed by the applicant (and those generally allowed in the C-2 zone) via this zoning change in the immediate/nearby vicinity. It is anticipated that the new uses enabled through this zoning change would largely be harmonious with the neighborhood. However, the C-2 zone also allows for low density housing such as single-family housing which may not be as harmonious with neighboring uses. While this is not the applicant's intended use of the lot (and there may be market factors that would limit interest in use of the lot for single-family housing), it is a use that is enabled by this zoning change.

**Comprehensive Plan:** The proposal could contribute to issues identified in LU 6.2: *Prevent future incompatible land use between residential, light commercial, heavy commercial, and industrial uses* as the C-2 zoning has already contributed to (what some may consider) non-complementary uses in the area; the mix of residential, commercial, and industrial uses within a condensed area. Whether or not this zoning change would alleviate, or exacerbate, incompatible land use is likely dependent on the overall view of the neighborhood and the community and ultimately driven by the actual use/development of the property.

The proposal is also supported by Housing Action H1.1e "encourage higher density development" by providing avenues for higher density development generally, and particularly development of higher density housing in the C-2 zone.

## ADDITIONAL POINTS OF ANALYSIS FOR ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS

There are three additional considerations specifically for zoning map amendments – spot zoning, adherence of district boundaries to proper and well-defined boundaries such as streets, natural features, or topography, and the creation of nonconformities.

**Spot Zoning:** Spot zoning is, in essence, creating an "island in sea" where a property is not in a contiguous zoning district with neighboring properties. This property is bordered by the C-2 zone on two sides which would not result in a spot zone.

**Zoning District Boundaries:** The current district boundaries in this area do not neatly adhere to well-defined boundaries such as streets. Good evidence of this is the fact that this lot is accessed via Price Street through a lot that is zoned C-2. While this zoning change does not closely adhere to well-defined boundaries, that is more due to how the existing boundaries have been drawn and the change would better align to well-defined boundary of Price Street.

**Nonconformities:** When rezoning a developed property, we want to ensure that we are not creating a nonconformity. The setback requirements for the C-2 zone are lower than the Industrial zone, building coverage maximums are higher, and the maximum building height is the same for the two districts, so there are no concerns for nonconformities with development standards. The property is currently used for boat repair and boat storage – both uses are also allowed in the C-2 zone so there are no concerns for nonconformities from a use perspective.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the more objective standards for zoning map amendments listed in the zoning code (spot zoning, zoning district boundaries, and nonconformities), staff recommends approval of proposal. However, there are more subjective considerations the code asks the Commission to make with consultation from the applicant and the public.

Industrial zoned land in Sitka is scarce; maps of the Industrial land are provided in the packet. The Commission should consider the ramifications of removing these properties from the "inventory" of Industrial land. There may be opportunities to open more industrial land; however, Industrial land can be difficult to establish as it is generally the highest impact use.

Additionally, whether the proposal aligns with Comprehensive Plan action LU 6.2 needs to be discussed, as there are fair considerations on both sides. There is also potential tension between action LU 6.2 and action H1.1e that needs to be weighed.

The goal of the Planning Department is to "facilitate citizen directed, community growth." The community-driven, policy questions this ZMA raises must be heard by, commented on, and ultimately decided by the community. Staff maintains a neutral position on these issues.

### **RECOMMENDED MOTIONS**

- 1) "I move to recommend approval of the zoning map amendment to rezone 201 Price Street from the I Industrial to C-2 General Commercial Mobile Home District. The property is also known as Lot 1, Breedlove Subdivision. The request is filed by Paddy Hansen. The owner of record is Hansen & Hansen Enterprise, LLC."
- 2) "I move to adopt the findings as listed in the staff report."

The commission finds that:

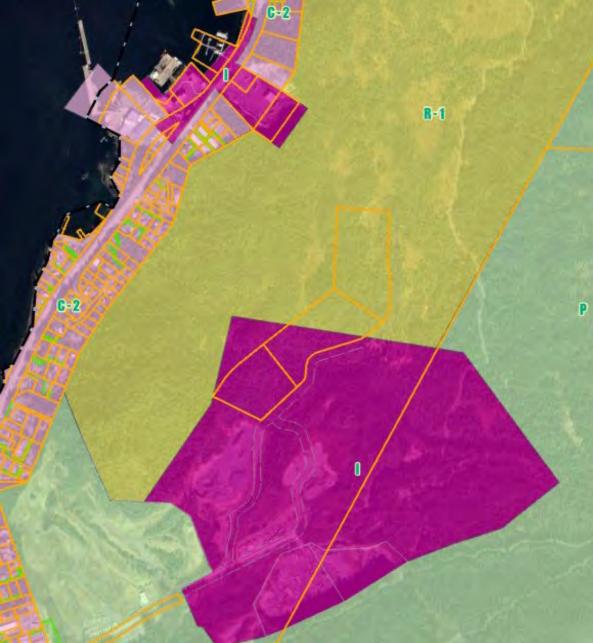
- a. The zoning map amendment does not negatively impact the public health, safety, and welfare *because the lot is already developed and in an area with high density/intensity uses*;
- b. The zoning map amendment will not result in adverse effects on surrounding neighbors because of C-2 zoning and existing uses within the vicinity and would not result in nonconformities;
- c. The zoning map change does not result in spot zoning *because it is immediately adjacent to the C-2 district on two sides*;
- d. The zoning map amendment follows proper and well-defined boundaries because *the property is accessed via Price Street through a property that is zoned as C-2*; and
- e. The zoning map amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan by aligning with goal Housing Action H1.1e, "encourage higher density development" because the C-2 zone allows for higher density development through lower development standards and high-density housing.

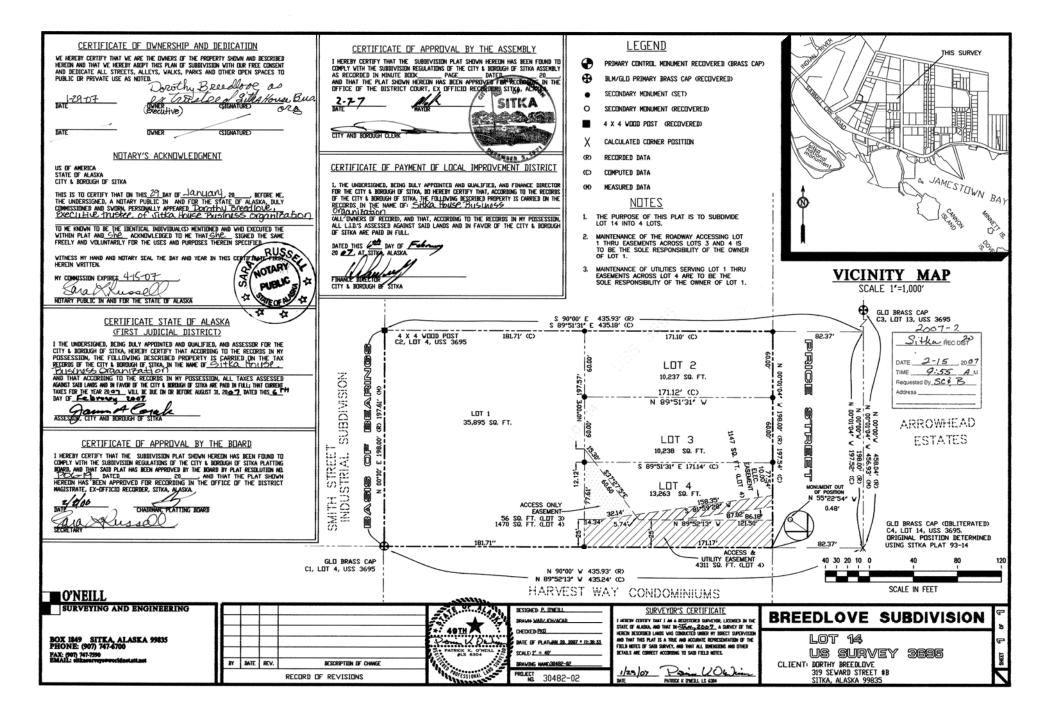






















PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT GENERAL APPLICATION

- Applications must be deemed complete at least TWENTY-ONE (21) days in advance of next meeting date.
- Review guidelines and procedural information.
- Fill form out completely. No request will be considered without a completed form.
- Submit all supporting documents and proof of payment.

APPLICATION FOR: W VARIANCE CONDITIONAL USE

ZONING AMENDMENT

PLAT/SUBDIVISION

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: The further development and partial conversion of the property

in order to provide full-time rentals and housing for employees.

## **PROPERTY INFORMATION:**

CURRENT ZONING: Industrial	NT ZONING: Industrial PROPOSED ZONING (if applicable): Commercial - 2	
CURRENT LAND USE(S): Shop - Retail/Storage	PROPOSED LAND USES (if changing): Shop, Retail/Storage, and	

long-term housing.

## **APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

PROPERTY OWNER: Paddy and Deena Hansen

PROPERTY OWNER ADDRESS: 515 Verstovia Ave.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 201 Price St.

APPLICANT'S NAME: Paddy Hansen

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1152

EMAIL ADDRESS: Paddyhansen@hotmail.com

DAYTIME PHONE: 907-738-1070

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Date Submitted

**Project Address** 

## **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:**

For All Applications:
Completed General Application form
Supplemental Application (Variance, CUP, Plat, Zoning Amendment)
Site Plan showing all existing and proposed structures with dimensions and location of utilities
Floor Plan for all structures and showing use of those structures
Proof of filing fee payment
Other:
For Marijuana Enterprise Conditional Use Permits Only:
AMCO Application
For Short-Term Rentals and B&Bs:
Renter Informational Handout (directions to rental, garbage instructions, etc.)
Documentation establishing property as primary residence (motor vehicle registration, voter registration, etc.)
Signed Affidavit of Primary Residence for Short-term Rental Conditional Use Permit
CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that I am the owner of the property described above and that I desire a planning action in
conformance with Sitka General Code and hereby state that all of the above statements are true. I certify that this application meet SCG requirements to the best of my knowledge, belief, and professional ability. I acknowledge that payment of the review fee is non-refundable, is to cover costs associated with the processing of this application and does not ensure approval of the request. I understand that public notice will be mailed to neighboring property owners and published in the Daily Sitka Sentinel. I understand that attendance at the Planning Commission meeting is required for the application to be considered for approval. I further authorize municipal staff to access the property to conduct site visits as necessary. I authorize the applicant listed on this application to conduct business on my behalf.
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Owner Date

3-25-24 Date

Owner

I certify that I desire a planning action in conformance with Sitka General Code and hereby state that all of the above statements are true. I certify that this application meets SCG requirements to the best of my knowledge, belief, and professional ability. I acknowledge that payment of the review fee is non-refundable, is to cover costs associated with the processing of this application and does not ensure approval of the request.

Applicant (If different than owner)

Date

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Last Name

**Date Submitted** 

**Project Address** 



PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FORM ZONING AMENDMENT APPLICATION

APPLICATION FOR

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

## ANALYSIS: (Please address each item in regard to your proposal)

NEED/HARDSHIP/JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSAL: The need for housing is a well documented necess ty within the community. Consequently, the approval of this proposal will enable the conversionc

of ten units that we are currently renting into available housing inventory.

Affordable housing has far reaching benefits for the community. **PUBLIC BENEFIT OF PROPOSAL:** 

Housing security, workforce retention, and community cohesion are just a few of many benefits.

No physical boundaries will CONSISTENCY WITH PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES (Streets, Major Creeks, etc.): be impacted by the proposal.

To the SW and E of the proposed site are residental COMPATIBLE WITH NEIGHBORING USES BECAUSE: neighborhoods and to the north are retail stores.

The impact of this additional affordable ANY IMPACT ON PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE: housing will have a positive impact on mental health and public welfare.

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## **Planning and Community Development Department**

### AGENDA ITEM:

Case No:	P 24-01
Proposal:	Conceptual plat for a minor subdivision
Applicant:	Paddy Hansen
Owners:	Hansen & Hansen Enterprise, LLC
Location:	201 Price Street
Legal:	Lot 1, Breedlove Subdivision
Zone:	C-2 - General Commercial and Mobile Home District
Size:	35,895 SF
Parcel IDs:	3-0370-001
Existing Use:	Industrial
Adjacent Use:	Industrial, Commercial
Utilities:	Existing, Price Street
Access:	Price Street

## **KEY POINTS AND CONCERNS:**

- Property is developed.
- Proposed lots meet minimum development standards.
- Current use of property includes a large building for boat repair and boat storage.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Aerial Attachment B: Current Plat Attachment C: Conceptual Plat Sketch Attachment D: Photos Attachment E: Applicant Materials

## **BACKGROUND & PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The applicant is proposing a conceptual plat for a minor subdivision of their property at 201 Price Street resulting in two lots. The current lot is 35,895 SF with an improvement of 6,000 SF. The applicant has two proposed lots; one lot with 15,409 SF and the other lot with 20,423 SF. The conceptual plat currently shows a 10-foot easement, this will need to be adjusted to 20 feet for access and utilities on a preliminary plat. As this property is accessed and served with utilities via an easement crossing Lot 4 of the Breedlove Subdivision, a new maintenance agreement will be needed to add an additional lot to it. Access and utility easements are limited to serve no more than four lots; this platting action would only have two lots served via the access and utility easement to Price Street.

It is the desire of the applicant to subdivide the property and develop a lot for future residential use as a mobile home park (based on the result of ZA 24-01, a request to rezone from Industrial to C-2). The building on the larger lot will remain, but a portion may be repurposed for workforce housing. The proposed lots both meet the dimensional standards for the C-2 zone which require a minimum lot size of 6,000 SF (net of access easements) and a minimum lot width of 60 feet. Were these lots to remain in the Industrial district, the lots may be slightly undersized as the minimum lot size is 15,000 SF net of access easements (though they would meet the lot width requirement of 100 feet). If the rezoning request is unsuccessful, and the applicant wishes to proceed with the proposed subdivision, a platting variance may be needed for lot size(s).

Per the subdivision code, minor subdivisions only require a hearing for preliminary plat approval and final plat approval. Historically, applicants have been offered the option of completing a conceptual plat review for minor subdivisions wherein a plat prepared by a licensed surveyor is not required. This gives the applicant, staff, the commission, and surrounding neighbors the opportunity to discuss the concept before an investment in surveying is made. As this review is optional, the Commission is not required to make/pass a motion on the proposal; the applicant would still be able to move forward to preliminary plat approval regardless. However, the Commission may choose to indicate how they would view a future request for preliminary plat approval. Additionally, more thorough review by other CBS departments will be performed if the conceptual plat is deemed viable, so more information regarding any provisions for access, utilities, building setbacks, and drainage will be provided in a preliminary plat review.

## ANALYSIS

**Site:** Site is developed and within a developed neighborhood. This lot is large at 35,895 SF and has a 6,000 SF building on the property currently being used for boat repair and storage. The lot is largely flat and cleared.

**Utilities:** Utilities come to the lot (and serve the existing building) via the easement to Price Street. Separate services for the new lot will need to be installed.

Access, Roads, Transportation, and Mobility: Price Street is a municipally owned and maintained rights-of-way. These lots will be served via the access easement from Price Street which is 25 feet wide, exceeding the minimum 20 foot width requirement.

**Public Health, Safety, and Welfare:** No adverse impacts to public health, safety, or welfare are anticipated as a result of this subdivision.

**Orderly and Efficient Layout and Development:** The property is large enough to create two lots that both exceed the district minimums for development standards if the property is rezoned to C-2, and only minimally deviate from development standards for the Industrial district. Additionally, the lot is relatively flat, cleared, and developed, making it a good candidate for redevelopment through a subdivision action.

**Comprehensive Plan:** This proposal is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan (2030) and specifically promotes Housing Action H1.1e, "Encourage higher density development," by creating another buildable lot that could be utilized for housing development; in particular, a mobile/manufactured home park which is a form of higher density housing.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

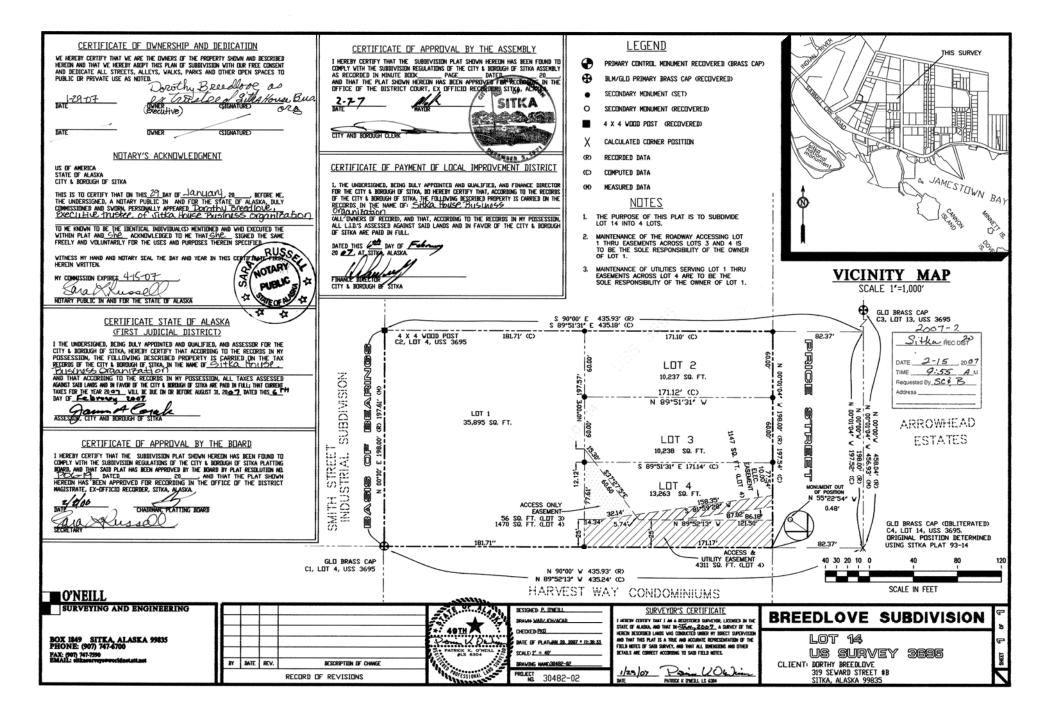
Staff recommends approval of the conceptual plat for a minor subdivision of 201 Price Street.

### **RECOMMENDED MOTIONS**

While the Commission does not have to make a motion, one may be made. However, it is important to note that this does not bind the Commission to approval of the next steps (the preliminary plat).

 "I move to support the conceptual design for a plat of a minor subdivision at 201 Price Street in the C-2 General Commercial Mobile Home District subject to additional review of a preliminary plat. The property is also known as Lot 1, Breedlove Subdivision. The request is filed by Paddy Hansen. The owner of record is Hansen & Hansen Enterprise, LLC."





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PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT GENERAL APPLICATION

- Applications must be deemed complete at least TWENTY-ONE (21) days in advance of next meeting date.
- Review guidelines and procedural information.
- Fill form out completely. No request will be considered without a completed form.
- Submit all supporting documents and proof of payment.

APPLICATION FOR: W VARIANCE CONDITIONAL USE

ZONING AMENDMENT

PLAT/SUBDIVISION

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: The further development and partial conversion of the property

in order to provide full-time rentals and housing for employees.

## **PROPERTY INFORMATION:**

CURRENT ZONING: Industrial	NT ZONING: Industrial PROPOSED ZONING (if applicable): Commercial - 2	
CURRENT LAND USE(S): Shop - Retail/Storage	PROPOSED LAND USES (if changing): Shop, Retail/Storage, and	

long-term housing.

## **APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

PROPERTY OWNER: Paddy and Deena Hansen

PROPERTY OWNER ADDRESS: 515 Verstovia Ave.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 201 Price St.

APPLICANT'S NAME: Paddy Hansen

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1152

EMAIL ADDRESS: Paddyhansen@hotmail.com

DAYTIME PHONE: 907-738-1070

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Date Submitted

**Project Address** 

## **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:**

For All Applications:
Completed General Application form
Supplemental Application (Variance, CUP, Plat, Zoning Amendment)
Site Plan showing all existing and proposed structures with dimensions and location of utilities
Floor Plan for all structures and showing use of those structures
Proof of filing fee payment
Other:
For Marijuana Enterprise Conditional Use Permits Only:
AMCO Application
For Short-Term Rentals and B&Bs:
Renter Informational Handout (directions to rental, garbage instructions, etc.)
Documentation establishing property as primary residence (motor vehicle registration, voter registration, etc.)
Signed Affidavit of Primary Residence for Short-term Rental Conditional Use Permit
CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that I am the owner of the property described above and that I desire a planning action in
conformance with Sitka General Code and hereby state that all of the above statements are true. I certify that this application meet SCG requirements to the best of my knowledge, belief, and professional ability. I acknowledge that payment of the review fee is non-refundable, is to cover costs associated with the processing of this application and does not ensure approval of the request. I understand that public notice will be mailed to neighboring property owners and published in the Daily Sitka Sentinel. I understand that attendance at the Planning Commission meeting is required for the application to be considered for approval. I further authorize municipal staff to access the property to conduct site visits as necessary. I authorize the applicant listed on this application to conduct business on my behalf.
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**Date Submitted** 

**Project Address** 



PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FORM PLAT APPLICATION

**APPLICATION FOR** 

MAJOR SUBDIVISION/PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT MINOR SUBDIVISION/HYBRID SUBDIVISION SUBDIVISION REPLAT/LOT MERGER/EASEMENT AMENDMENT BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT

## ANALYSIS: (Please address each item in regard to your proposal)

Current Site Dimension is 181'x197'. Proposed Site Dimension is two lots, measuring 181'x112' and

181'x 85'. The site is near level with exception of the driveway, which is a 3% grade toward Price Street.

The current site is compacted gravel/rock.

- EXISTING UTILITIES AND UTILITY ROUTES:
   Running adjacent and under the driveway are the current
   existing utilities and utility routes. Utility routes continue to run beneath the driveway slab.
- PROPOSED UTILITIES AND UTILITY ROUTES:
   The proposed utilities and utility routes will run along the

utility easement reflected on the attached drawing.

- ACCESS, ROADS, TRANSPORTATION, AND MOBILITY:
   points, roads, transportation, or mobility.
- IMPACT OF PROPOSAL ON ANY EXISTING EASEMENTS:
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  easements.
- PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE:
   Residents spending less on housing, will have more discretionary

income for spending which will fuel community-wide economic growth by bolstering local businesses and the local

ACCESS TO LIGHT AND AIR:

space, ensuring residents' and neighbors' access to light and air will not be dampened nor curtailed.

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ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT LAYOUT AND DEVELOPMENT: Further development will be confined to

the current boundries and will not impact other community members

DESCRIBE ALL EXISTING STRUCTURES, THEIR USE, AND PROXIMITY TO PROPOSED PROPERTY LINES:

Currently, there is an existing structure that serves as a storage and a repair shop. The NW face of the

building will be 30 feet from the utility easment, leaving ample access for emergency and other

vehicles. The building stands 25 ft from the SE property boundary and 50 ft from the west property

boundry.

EXISTENCE OF ANY ENCROACHMENTS:
 None

further development.

## ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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## **Planning and Community Development Department**

## AGENDA ITEM:

Case No:	P 24-02
Proposal:	Replat - Lot Merger
Applicants:	Clayton and Ashleigh Stromquist
Owners:	Clayton and Ashleigh Stromquist
Location:	605 Merrill Street and 604 Geodetic Way
Legal:	Lots 48 and 62, Pinehurst Addition, Amended
Zone:	R-1 - Single-Family/Duplex Residential District
Size:	6,059 & 5,500 SF
Parcel IDs:	1-8332-000 & 1-8260-000
Existing Use:	Residential
Adjacent Use:	Residential
Utilities:	Existing
Access:	Merrill Street

## **KEY POINTS AND CONCERNS:**

- The applicant owns both lots.
- Property is partially developed and in an existing residential neighborhood.
- Lot merger will facilitate construction of a residential dwelling.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Aerial Attachment B: Current Plat Attachment C: Final Plat Attachment D: Photos Attachment E: Applicant Materials

## **BACKGROUND & PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The applicants and owners of Lots 48 and 62 of Amended Pinehurst Addition are requesting to consolidate two lots into one, resulting in a 11,572 SF lot. The lots are situated between Merrill Street to the south, and Geodetic Way, an undeveloped municipal right-of-way to the north.

## ANALYSIS

**Project/Site:** The lot fronting Merrill Street has been partially developed with clearing/site preparation and the north lot is undeveloped. The site is within a developed residential neighborhood. This lot merger does not allow for more building density/coverage than would be allowed as separate lots. The rear lot is partially encumbered by wetlands. All applicable state and federal regulations shall be followed.

Utilities: Existing and accessed from Merrill Street.

Access, Roads, Transportation, and Mobility: Merrill Street is a municipal maintained right-ofway (ROW). The replat will not change existing traffic patterns or create an increase in the volume of traffic outside normal residential use. Parking requirements will not be changed or impacted by the lot merger. Parking requirements will be calculated based on the size and type of developments on the lot.

**Public Health, Safety, and Welfare:** Generally, adverse impacts to public health, safety, or welfare are not anticipated as a result of this lot merger. Lots are accessible to emergency services. The proposal will not result in an increase of noise outside of existing residential use.

**Orderly and Efficient Layout and Development:** This proposal is consistent with the district minimums for development standards.

**Comprehensive Plan:** This proposal is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan by promoting the housing goal to "maintain attractive, livable neighborhoods" by enabling development of underutilized lots in a residential neighborhood.

Given Sitka's need for housing development, the loss of a residential building lot seems contrary to Housing Action H 1.1e, "encourage higher density development". However, the platting configuration of the lots in this block with access from Geodetic Way (as well as the lack of road and utility infrastructure on Geodetic Way) have stifled their development. Only one property in this block is developed, and it required an access easement through a property on Merrill Street, severely restricting development of the Merrill Street property which remains vacant. In recognition of these factors, the net benefit of enabling residential development through this lot merger supports the intent of action H 1.1e.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of a lot merger of 605 Merrill Street and 604 Geodetic Way.

### **RECOMMENDED MOTIONS**

 "I move to approve the lot merger of 605 Merrill Street and 604 Geodetic Way in the R-1 single-family/duplex residential district subject to the attached conditions of approval. The properties are also known as Lots 48 and 62, Amended Pinehurst Addition. The request is filed by Clayton and Ashleigh Stromquist. The owners of record are Clayton and Ashleigh Stromquist.

### Conditions of Approval

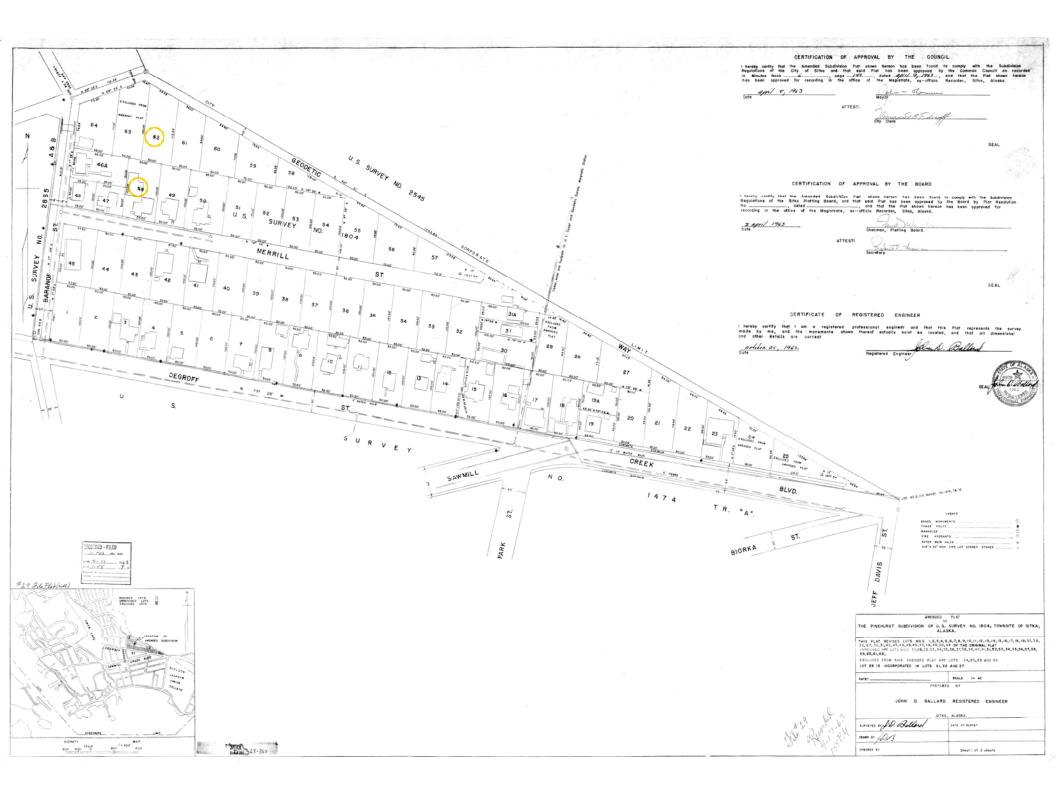
- a. All utilities, including water, sewer, and electricity, and drainage shall be required to have an approved permit from the municipality; and all utility permits and design shall comply with all applicable code and design polices including, but not limited to 15.05, 15.10, 15.15, and 15.20.
- b. All applicable local, state, federal, and tribal codes, permits, licenses, regulations, and statutes shall be obtained and complied with for development of the property resulting from this platting action.

### 2) "I move to adopt the following findings as listed in the staff report:"

The Commission makes the following findings:

- a. The final plat meets its burden of proof as to access, utilities, and dimensions as proposed *through submission of a plat prepared by a licensed surveyor and information regarding access and utilities provided in the application*;
- b. The final plat complies with the Comprehensive Plan by *encouraging residential development on under utilized lots and contributing to an attractive and livable neighborhood*;
- c. The proposed final plat complies with the subdivision code; and
- d. The final plat is not injurious to the public health, safety, and welfare *because the lot merger promotes residential development in-line with existing uses in the surrounding neighborhood and allowable uses in the zoning district; additionally, the conditions of approval protect the public's health, safety, and welfare by requiring compliance with health and safety regulations.*



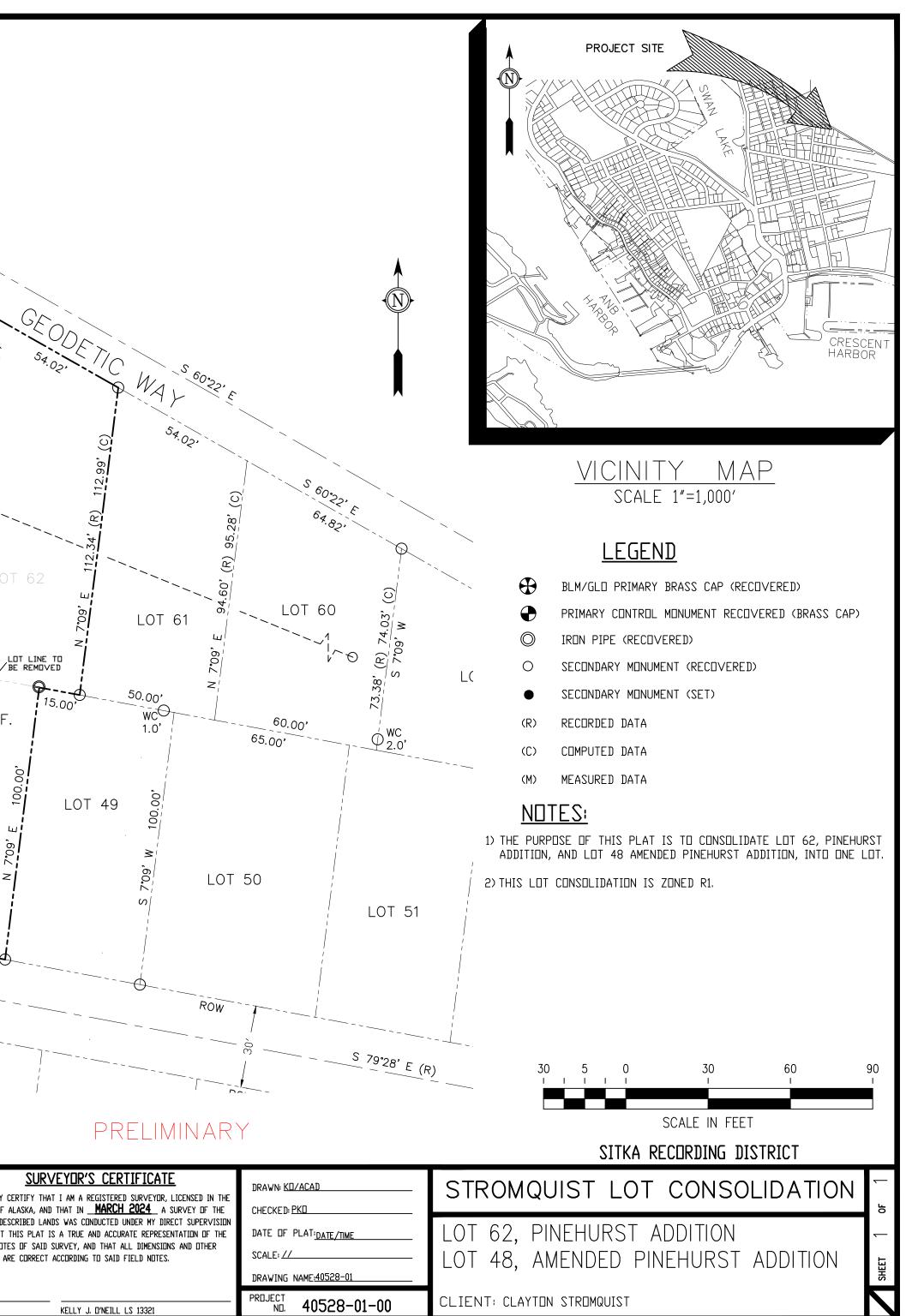


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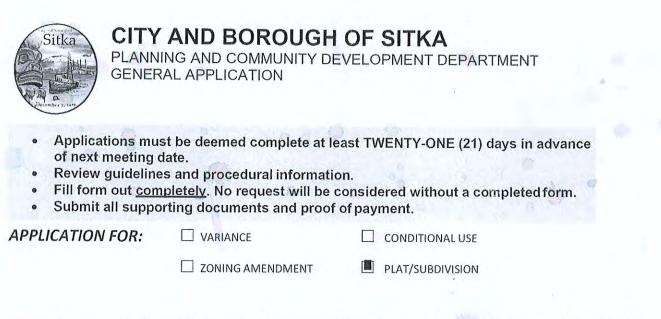
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: The applicant and owner of Lot 62, Pinehurst Addition and

adjacent Lot 48, Amended Pinehurst Addition, with to combine the two lots into one, approximate

11,572 square foot lot (see attached drawing). The lots are situated between Merrill Street to the

south, and undeveloped Geodetic Way to the north.

#### **PROPERTY INFORMATION:**

CURRENT ZONING: R1	PROPOSED ZONING (if applicable): N/A	
CURRENT LAND USE(S): Residential	PROPOSED LAND USES (if changing): N/A	1

#### **APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

PROPERTY OWNER: Clayton and Ashleigh Stromqu	uist
PROPERTY OWNER ADDRESS: 1302 Sawmill Creek Ro	
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 605 Merrill Street and	
APPLICANT'S NAME: Kelly O'Neill for Clay and Ash	
MAILING ADDRESS: 2007 Cascade Creek Road	
EMAIL ADDRESS: koneill@north57ls.com	DAYTIME PHONE: 907-747-6700

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April 2, 2024

605 Merrill Street

Last Name

Date Submitted

Project Address

#### **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:**

For All Applications:
Completed General Application form
Supplemental Application (Variance, CUP, Plat, Zoning Amendment)
Site Plan showing all existing and proposed structures with dimensions and location of utilities
Floor Plan for all structures and showing use of those structures
Proof of filing fee payment
Other:
or Marijuana Enterprise Conditional Use Permits Only:
AMCO Application
or Short-Term Rentals and B&Bs:
Renter Informational Handout (directions to rental, garbage instructions, etc.)
Documentation establishing property as primary residence (motor vehicle registration, voter registration, etc.)
Signed Affidavit of Primary Residence for Short-term Rental Conditional Use Permit
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I certify that I desire a planning action in conformance with Sitka General Code and hereby state that all of the above statements are true. I certify that this application meets SCG requirements to the best of my knowledge, belief, and professional ability. I acknowledge that payment of the review fee is non-refundable, is to cover costs associated with the processing of this application and does not ensure approval of the request.

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Applicant (If different than owner)

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PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FORM PLAT APPLICATION

APPLICATION FOR

MAJOR SUBDIVISION/PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

ANALYSIS: (Please address each item in regard to your proposal)

SITE/DIMENSIONS/TOPOGRAPHY: \_\_\_\_\_

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lots between the developed roadway of Merrill Street and undeveloped Geodetic Way.

 EXISTING UTILITIES AND UTILITY ROUTES: Municipal water and sewer mains are available within the Merrill Street right of way.

PROPOSED UTILITIES AND UTILITY ROUTES: Water and sewer stubouts already exists to the lot

per the City's utility service detail drawings.

ACCESS, ROADS, TRANSPORTATION, AND MOBILITY: The combined lots are accessible from

Merrill Street immediately adjacent to the south.

- IMPACT OF PROPOSAL ON ANY EXISTING EASEMENTS: Easements are not expected to be impacted.
- PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE: No issues have been identified that might public health, safety, and welfare.
- ACCESS TO LIGHT AND AIR: No issues expected to impact access to light and air.

April 2, 2024

605 Merrill Street

ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT LAYOUT AND DEVELOPMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

	nt of structures.
EXISTENCE OF ANY ENCROACHMENTS:	None identified at this time.
AVAILABILITY OF REQUIRED PARKING:	Some parking is available on Merrill Street. Combining the
lots will provide more options for	r lot parking if needed.
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED EASEMENT A	None proposed. AGREEMENTS OR COVENANTS:
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605 Merrill Street Project Address



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### **Planning and Community Development Department**

#### AGENDA ITEM

Case No:	V 24-06
Proposal:	Reduce front west setback from 14' to 7'
Applicant:	Diana Twaddle
Owner:	Diana Twaddle
Location:	450 Alice Loop
Legal:	Lot 11A, William Paul Subdivision
Zone:	WD - Waterfront District
Size:	12,263 SF
Parcel ID:	1-9020-000
Existing Use:	Vacant
Adjacent Use:	Residential, Commercial
Utilities:	Alice Loop
Access:	Alice Loop

#### **KEY POINTS AND CONCERNS**

- The proposal is to facilitate construction of a tri-plex.
- No negative impacts to ingress/egress or visibility anticipated.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Aerial Attachment B: Plat Attachment C: Site Plan Attachment D: Parking Plan Attachment E: Floor Plan Attachment F: Model View & Elevation Attachment G: Photos Attachment H: Applicant Materials

#### BACKGROUND/PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The applicant/owner is proposing to reduce the west front setback from 14 feet to 7 feet. The applicant would like to build a tri-plex and strategically place the structure on the property so as not to block the neighboring property's view from their deck. The property is 12,263 SF and the proposed tri-plex would be 1840 SF, and two stories tall. This property has been developed and is flat. The property fronts a 30' access and utility easement from Alice Loop which serves two other lots in the subdivision.

#### ANALYSIS

#### Setback requirements

The Sitka General Code requires 14-foot front setbacks in the WD zone<sup>1</sup>.

#### 22.20.040 Yards and setbacks.

# A. Projections into Required Yards. Where yards are required as setbacks, they shall be open and unobstructed by any structure or portion of a structure from thirty inches above the general ground level of the graded lot upward.

Alaska Statute 29.40.040(b)(3) states that a variance may not be granted solely to relieve financial hardship or inconvenience. A required finding for variances involving major structures or expansions in the Sitka General Code is "That there are special circumstances to the intended use that do not apply generally to the other properties. Special circumstances may include the shape of the parcel, the topography of the lot, the size or dimensions of the parcels, the orientation or placement of existing structures, or other circumstances that are outside the control of the property owner".

#### Justification

In order for a variance to be granted, it must be shown that there are special circumstances warranting a variance. In this case, the placement of existing structures (a neighbor's home) should be considered a circumstance outside of the control of the property owner.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> SGC Table 22.20-1

#### Potential Impacts

Generally, there are two primary concerns that arise when decreasing front setback – safety of ingress/egress, and driver visibility.

This property's front lot line is the west side which abuts the 30' wide access and utility easement. The whole length of the front lot line ( $\sim$ 127') is subject to a front setback. As shown on the site plan, the structure is oriented towards the west side of the lot. While the structure encroaches into the front setback along the entire front lot line, the structure is more than 20' set back from the access easement. Additionally, with parking planned on the east side of the lot, drivers will have ample room to maneuver and turn around so that vehicles are not backing into the access easement. The distance of the structure to the access easement also ensures that visibility for drivers utilizing the access easement will not be impeded.

#### Comprehensive Plan Guidance

This proposal is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan Housing goal to, "Expand the range, affordability, and quality of housing in Sitka while maintaining attractive, livable neighborhoods", and Housing Action 1.1e, "Encourage higher density development", by enabling development of a new multifamily building that is mindful of the attractive qualities of neighboring structures.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval for a reduction to the front setback.

#### Motions to approve the zoning variance

1. "I move to approve the zoning variance for a reduction to the front setback at 450 Alice Loop in the WD - Waterfront District subject to the attached conditions of approval. The property is also known as Lot 11A, William Paul Subdivision. The request is filed by Diana Twaddle. The owner of record is Diana Twaddle."

Conditions of Approval:

- a. The front setback will be decreased from 14 feet to 7 feet. No encroachments over the property line are permitted.
- b. Building plans shall remain consistent with the narrative and plans provided by the applicant for this request. Any major changes (as determined by staff) to the plan will require additional Planning Commission review.
- c. Substantial construction progress must be made on the project within one year of the date of the variance approval or the approval becomes void. In the event it can be documented that other substantial progress has been made, a one-year extension may be granted by the Planning Director if a request is filed within eleven months of the initial approval.

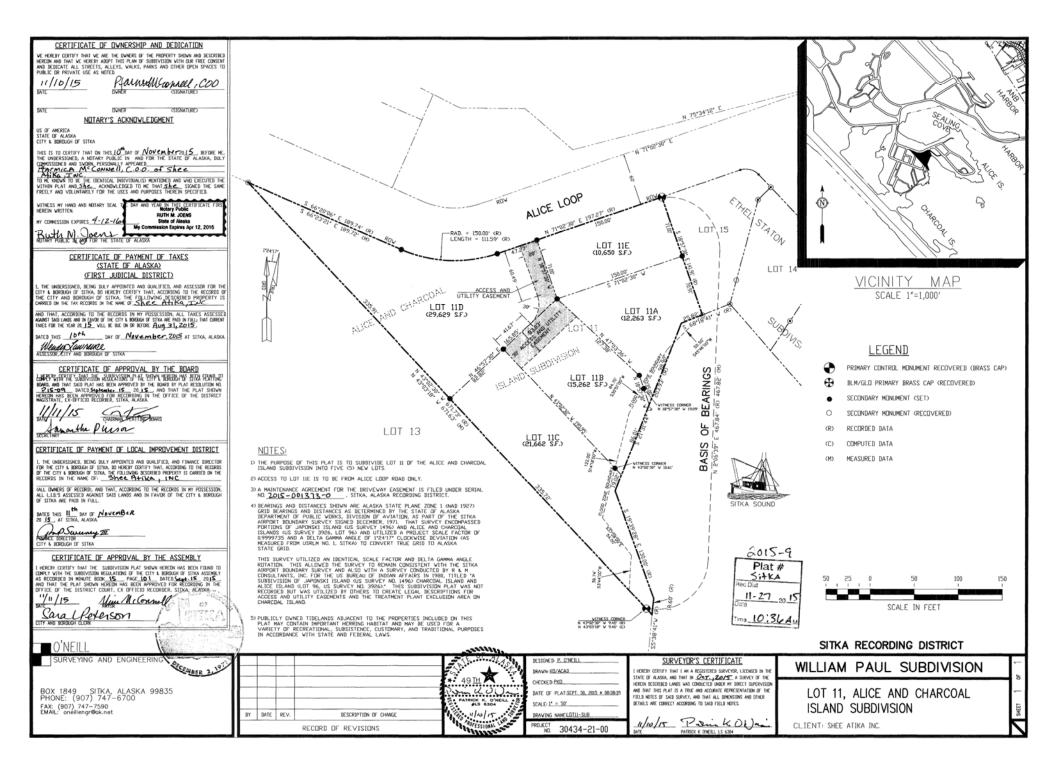
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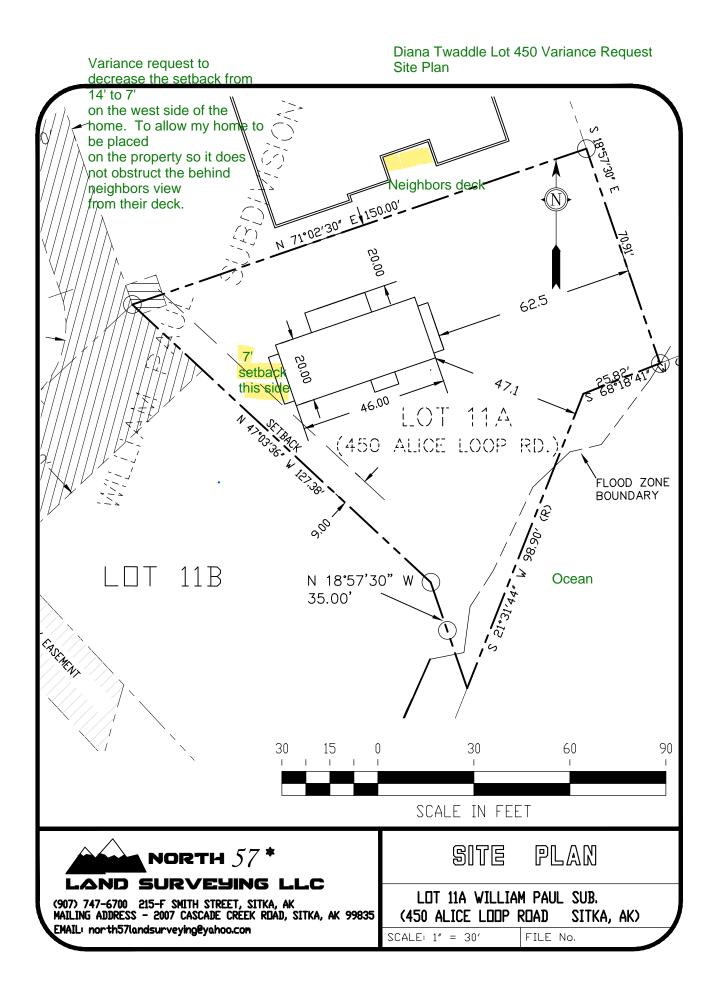
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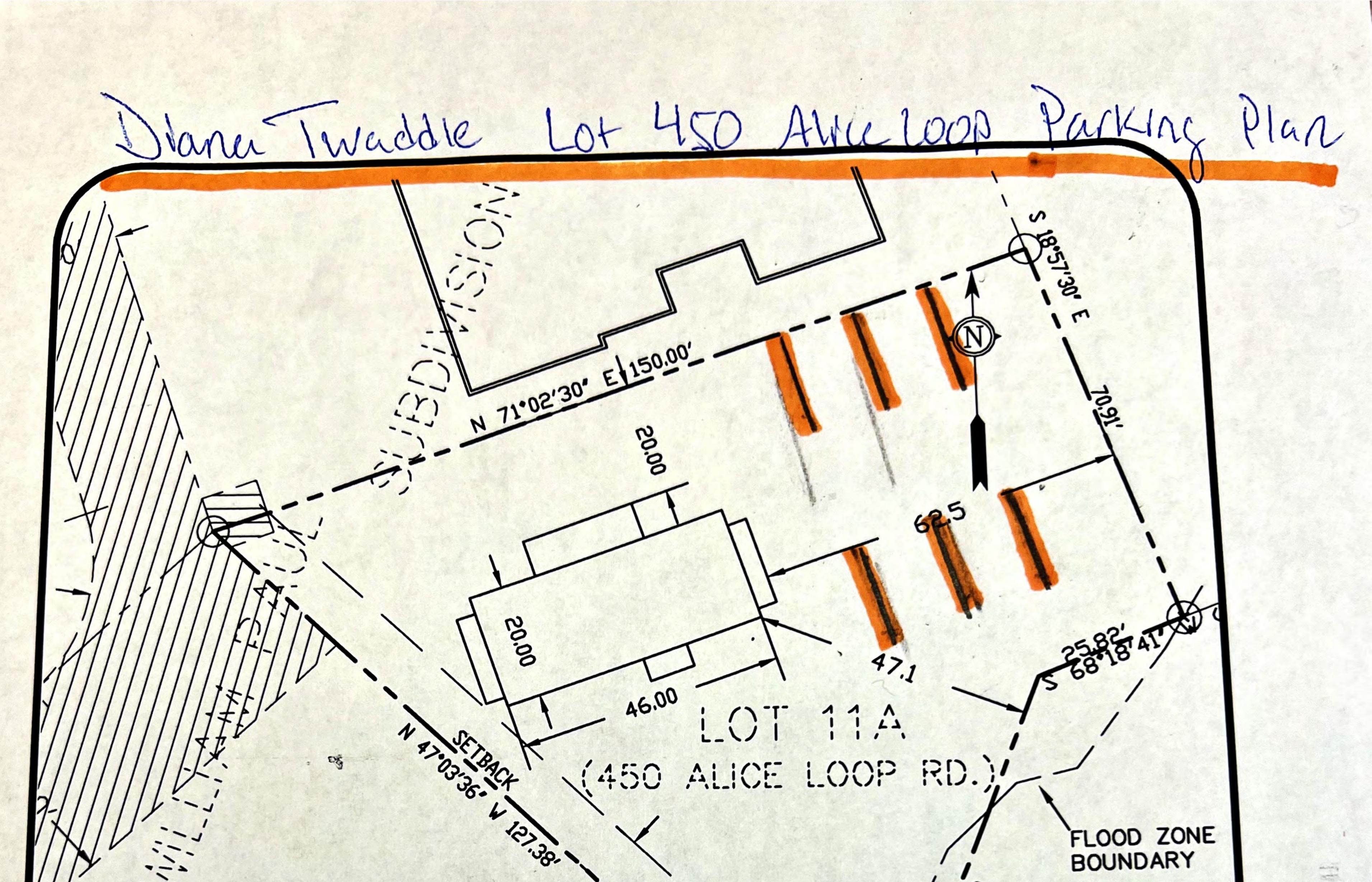
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- b. The variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right or use possessed by other properties but are denied to this parcel; such uses may include the placement of garages or the expansion of structures that are commonly constructed on other parcels in the vicinity *because the granting of this variance is necessary to build a multifamily structure, a substantial property right in the WD zone.*
- c. That the granting of such a variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property, nearby parcels or public infrastructure *because the site plan preserves safe ingress/egress and visibility, and because the proposal furthers an appropriate use of the property per the zoning and with regards to public infrastructure in the area.*
- d. That the granting of such a variance will not adversely affect the comprehensive plan *because it supports higher density development while maintaining the attractiveness of the neighborhood.*

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Section 22.10.160(D)(1)—Required Findings for Major Variances

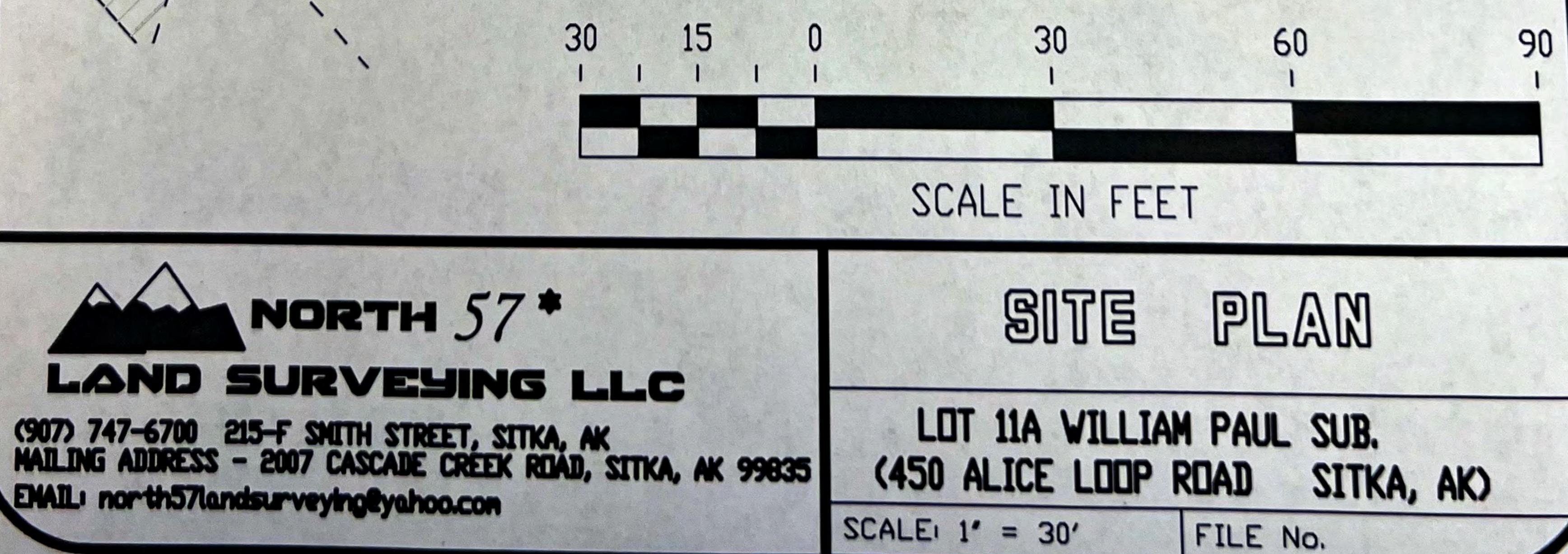


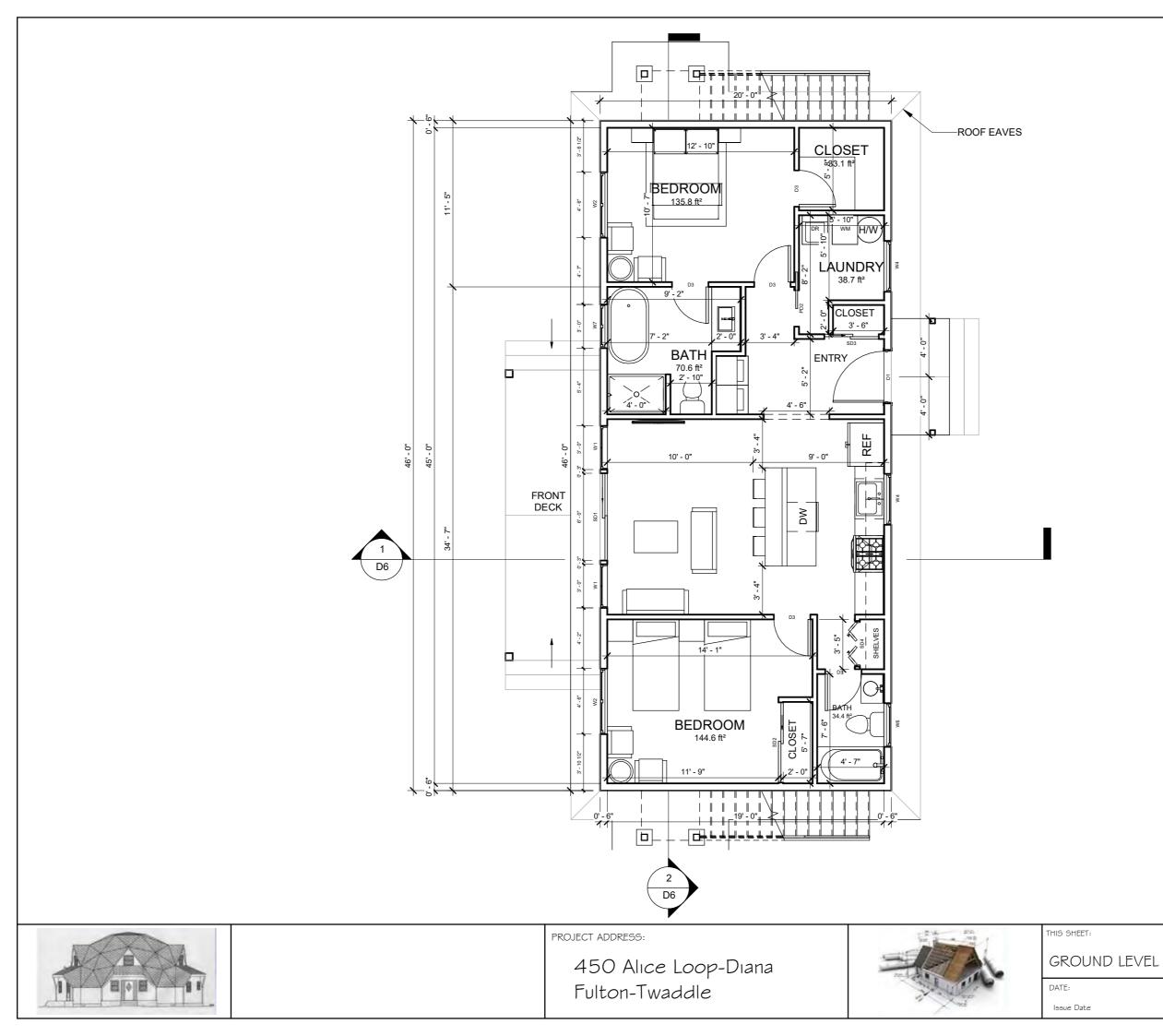






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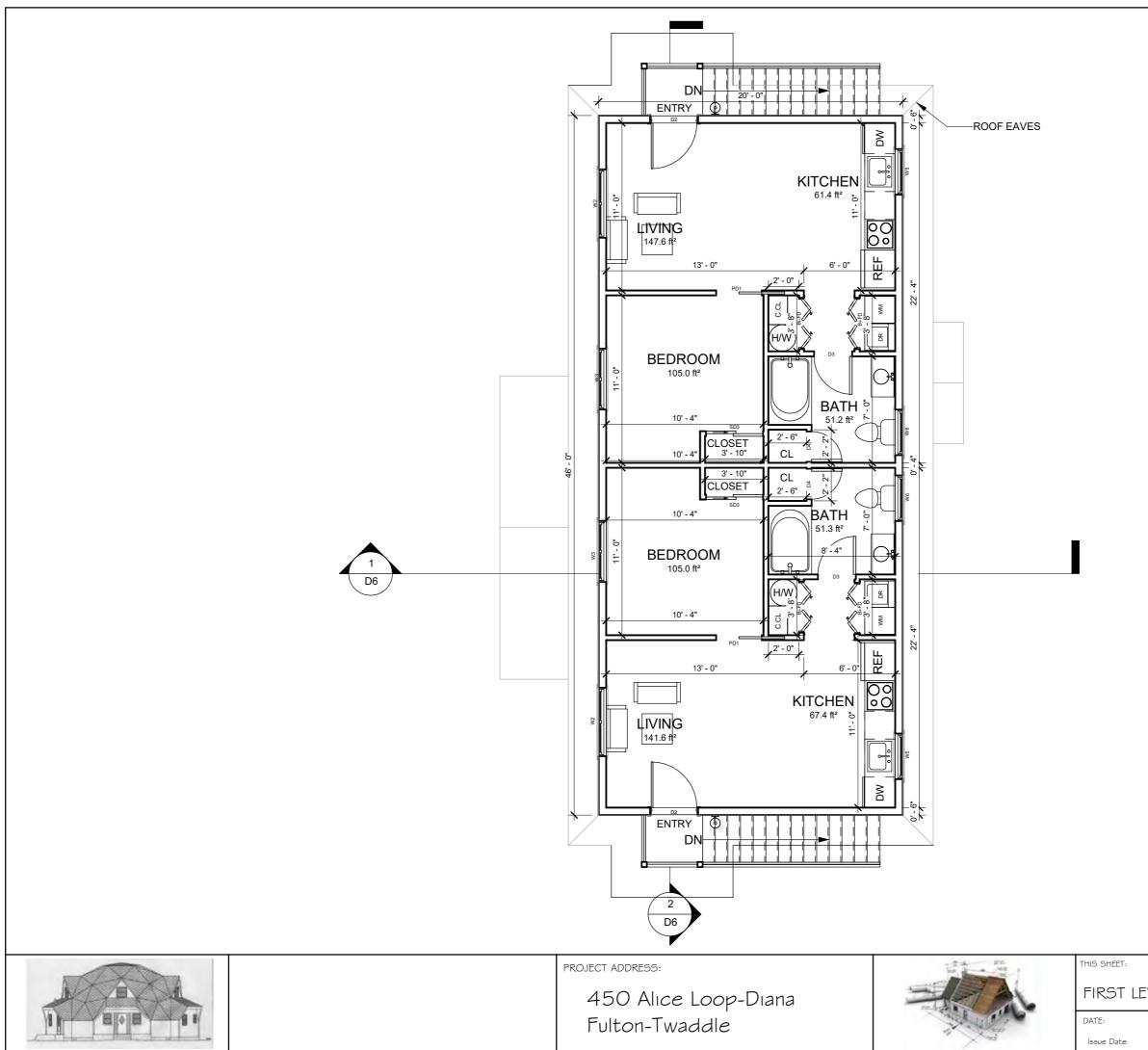




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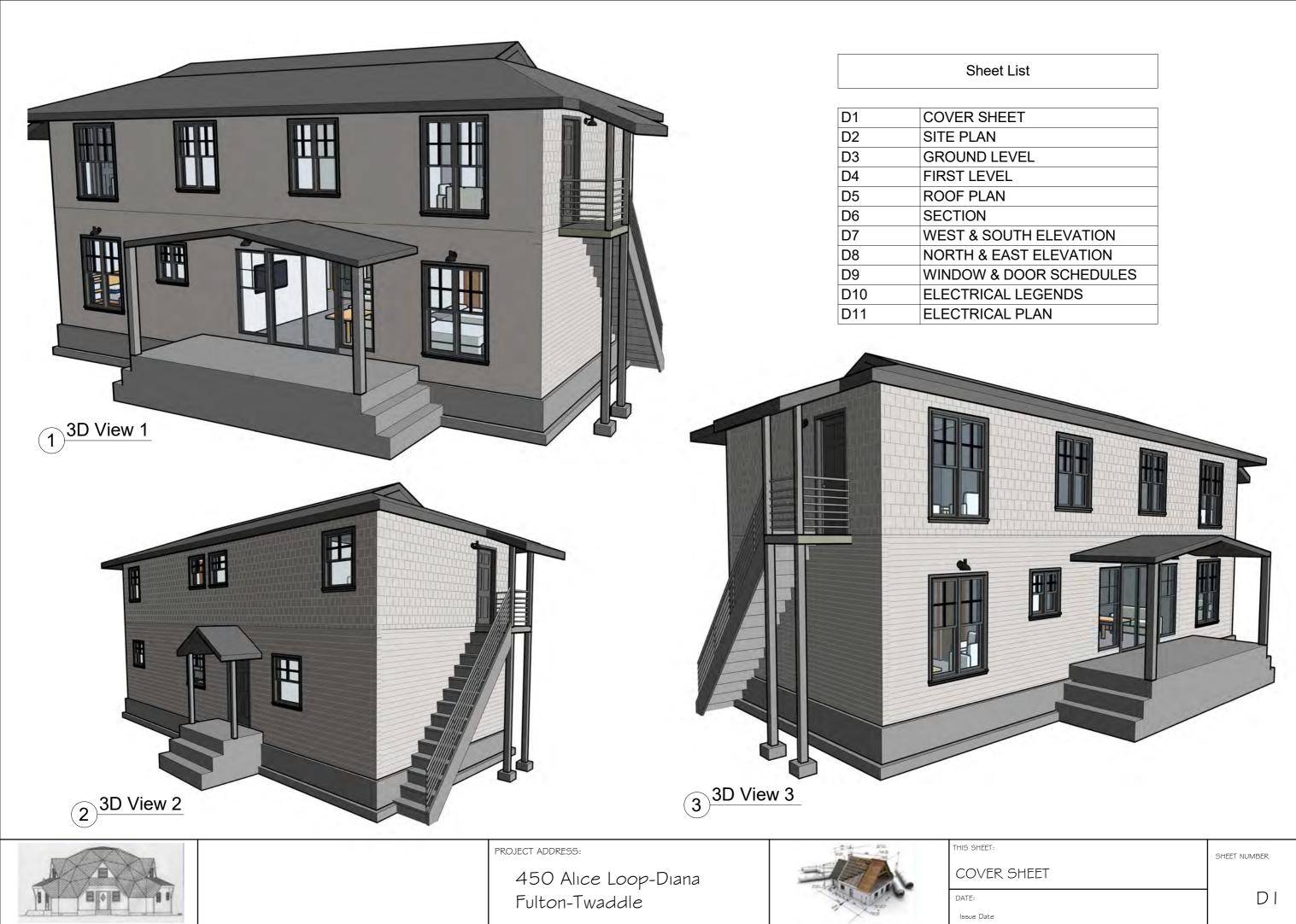
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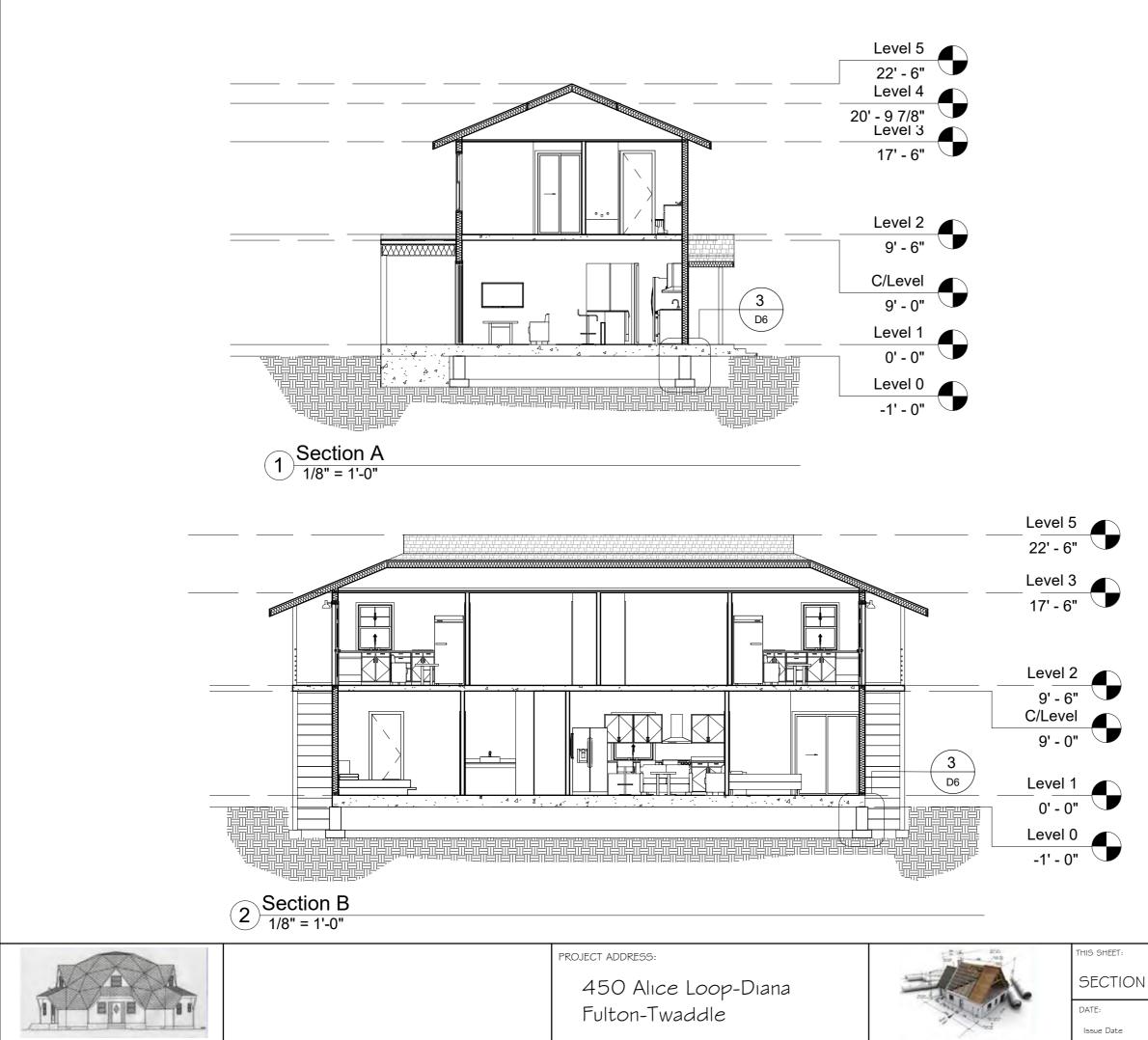
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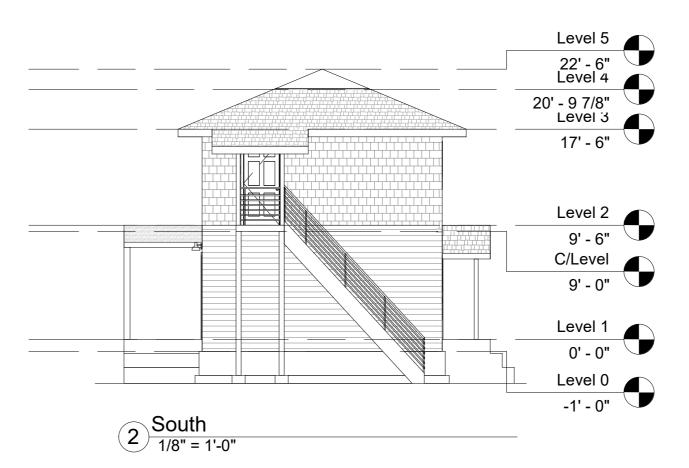


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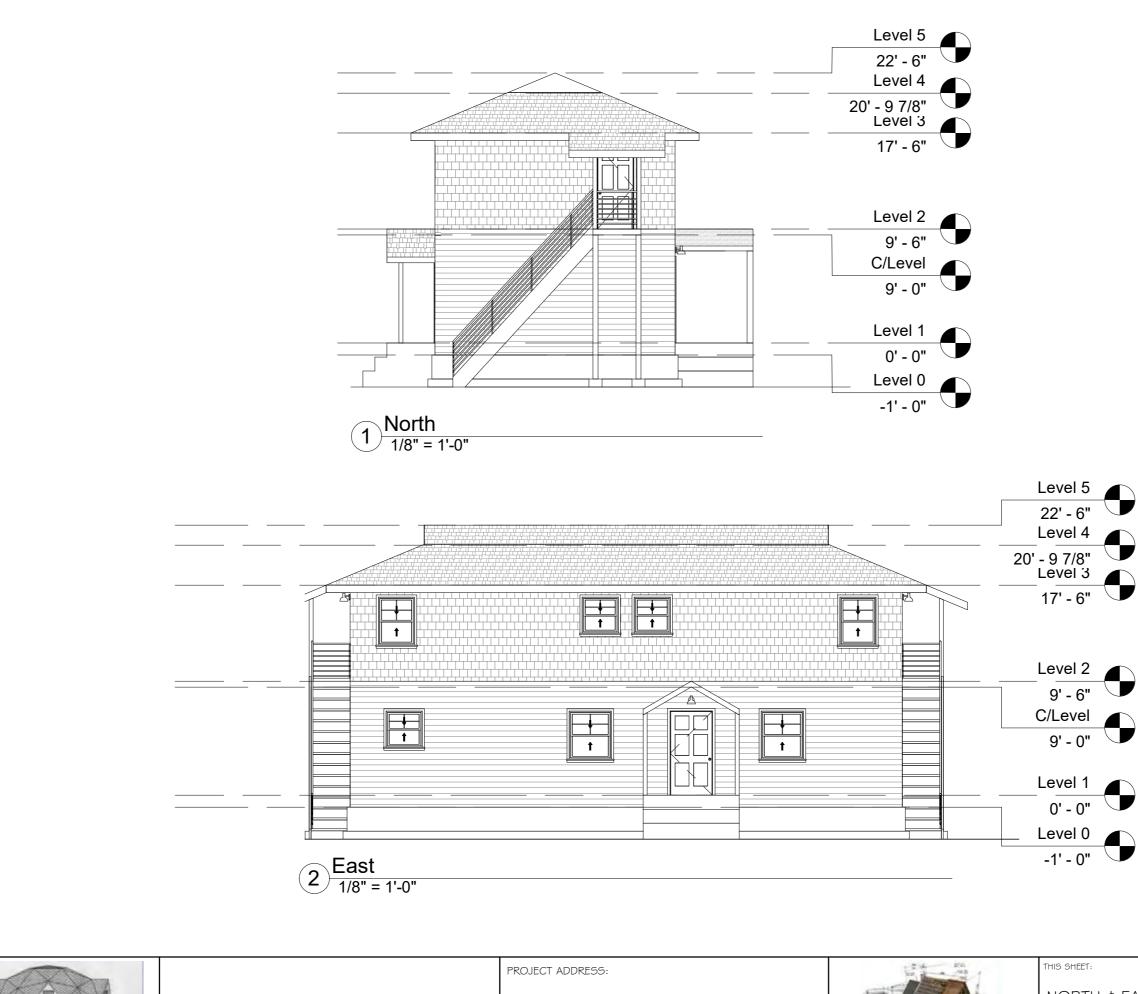


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PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT GENERAL APPLICATION

- Applications must be deemed complete at least TWENTY-ONE (21) days in advance of next meeting date.
- Review guidelines and procedural information.
- Fill form out <u>completely</u>. No request will be considered without a completed form.
- Submit all supporting documents and proof of payment.

APPLICATION FOR:		
	□ ZONING AMENDMENT	PLAT/SUBDIVISION

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY INFORMATION:** 

CURRENT ZONING:	PROPOSED ZONING (if applicable):
CURRENT LAND USE(S):	PROPOSED LAND USES (if changing):

#### **APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

PROPERTY OWNER:	
PROPERTY OWNER ADDRESS:	
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:	
APPLICANT'S NAME:	
MAILING ADDRESS:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	_DAYTIME PHONE:

#### **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:**

For All Applications:	
Completed General Application form	
Supplemental Application (Variance, CUP, Plat, Zoning Amendment)	
Site Plan showing all existing and proposed structures with dimensions and locat	ion of utilities
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Other:	
For Marijuana Enterprise Conditional Use Permits Only:	
AMCO Application	
For Short-Term Rentals and B&Bs:	
Renter Informational Handout (directions to rental, garbage instructions, etc.)	
Documentation establishing property as primary residence (motor vehicle registr	ation, voter registration, etc.)
Signed Affidavit of Primary Residence for Short-term Rental Conditional Use Per	mit
<b>CERTIFICATION:</b> I hereby certify that I am the owner of the property described above conformance with Sitka General Code and hereby state that all of the above statements a SCG requirements to the best of my knowledge, belief, and professional ability. I acknowled non-refundable, is to cover costs associated with the processing of this application and do understand that public notice will be mailed to neighboring property owners and publish that attendance at the Planning Commission meeting is required for the application to be authorize municipal staff to access the property to conduct site visits as necessary. I auth application to conduct business on my behalf.	re true. I certify that this application meets edge that payment of the review fee is bes not ensure approval of the request. I hed in the Daily Sitka Sentinel. Understand e considered for approval. I further
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PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FORM VARIANCE

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ZONING VARIANCE – MINOR EXPANSIONS, SMALL STRUCTURES, FENCES, SIGNS ZONING VARIANCE – MAJOR STRUCTURES OR EXPANSIONS PLATTING VARIANCE – WHEN SUBDIVIDING

**RATIONALE** - Alaska Statute 29.40.040(b)3 states that a variance may not be granted solely to relieve financial hardship or inconvenience. Explain why a variance is required for your project.

**POTENTIAL IMPACTS** (Please address each item in regard to your proposal)

•	TRAFFIC
•	PARKING
•	NOISE
•	NOISE
•	PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY
•	HABITAT
•	PROPERTY VALUE/NEIGHBORHOOD HARMONY
•	

#### **REQUIRED FINDINGS** (Choose <u>ONE</u> applicable type and explain how your project meets these criterion):

*Major Zoning Variance* (Sitka General Code 22.30.160(D)1)

Required Findings for Variances Involving Major Structures or Expansions. Before any variance is granted, it shall be shown:

a. That there are special circumstances to the intended use that do not apply generally to the other properties. Special circumstances may include the shape of the parcel, the topography of the lot, the size or dimensions of the parcels, the orientation or placement of existing structures, or other circumstances that are outside the control of the property owner. **Explain the special circumstances**:

b. The variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right or use possessed by other properties but are denied to this parcel; such uses may include the placement of garages or the expansion of structures that are commonly constructed on other parcels in the vicinity. Explain the use/ enjoyment this variance enables:

c. The granting of such a variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property, nearby parcels or public infrastructure. **Initial Here** \_\_\_\_\_

*Minor Zoning Variance* (Sitka General Code 22.30.160(D)2)

Required Findings for Minor Expansions, Small Structures, Fences, and Signs.

a. The municipality finds that the necessary threshold for granting this variance should be lower than thresholds for variances involving major structures or major expansions. **My request should be considered a minor zoning variance because:** 

b. *The granting of the variance furthers an appropriate use of the property.* **Explain the use or enjoyment this variance enables:**\_\_\_\_\_

c. The granting of the variance is not injurious to nearby properties or improvements. **Initial Here** 

#### Platting Variance (Sitka General Code 21.48.010)

- a. A variance from the requirements of this title may be granted only if the planning commission finds that the tract to be subdivided is of such unusual size and shape or topographical conditions that the strict application of the requirements of this title will result in undue and substantial hardship to the owner of the property. Explain the conditions of the lot that warrant a variance:
- b. The granting of a platting variance will not be detrimental to the public safety, or welfare, or injurious to adjacent property. Initial Here \_\_\_\_\_

#### ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Applicant

Date



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### **Planning and Community Development Department**

#### AGENDA ITEM

Case No:	V 24-07
Proposal:	Reduction of Required Parking
Applicant:	Andrew Hinton, Sitka Homeless Coalition
Owner:	Alaska Mental Health Trust, State of Alaska
Location:	NHN Jarvis Street
Legal:	Remainder of Lot Three (3), U.S. Survey 3695
Zone:	C-1 - General Commercial District
Size:	710,028 SF (16.3 acres)
Parcel ID:	3-0290-000
Existing Use:	Vacant
Adjacent Use:	Commercial
Utilities:	Jarvis Street
Access:	Jarvis Street

#### KEY POINTS AND CONCERNS

- The proposal is to facilitate construction of a permanent supportive housing project.
- Sitka General Code requires 1.5 parking spaces per dwelling unit and 1 parking space per 300 sq. ft. of gross floor area of professional offices.
- The development is located on a site with a 30-year lease with Alaska Mental Health Trust.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Aerial Attachment B: U.S. Survey 3695 Attachment C: Site/Parking Plan Attachment D: Floor Plans Attachment E: Photos Attachment F: Applicant Materials

#### BACKGROUND/PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The applicant is proposing to reduce the required amount of parking from 27 parking spaces to 7 parking spaces. This is for a permanent supportive housing project that will have 12 residential units, a caretaker unit, and a 2,000 SF services building. This will provide affordable housing for the chronically homeless and provide behavioral health services, employment services, and individualized support on-site.

The proposed residential units meet the zoning and building code definitions of dwelling units. As it is a multifamily development with five or more dwelling units, the parking requirement is 1.5 spaces per unit (20 spaces). The 2,000 SF services building requires 7 spaces (one per each 300 SF of gross floor area), for a total number of 27 required parking spaces.

As discussed extensively in a previous request, (case file V 24-05), the property has development limitations due to the shape and topography of the lot which constrain development to the front of the lot.

The applicant has made this variance request based on similar projects in the state including a similar project in Nome that had 15 residential units, a caretaker unit, and onsite clinic spaces that requested 8 parking spaces, and a project in Bethel that supported 47 residents and staff offices with 21 parking spaces. These two projects represent resident to parking ratios of .53 and .44 respectively. The applicant's request for 7 parking spaces for a 12 resident development is a resident to parking ratio of .58. Additionally, the background materials provided in an analysis from MRV Architects sited a project in Juneau that provided only 3 parking spaces for 64 residents with no reported parking concerns in the five years of operation.

#### ANALYSIS

#### SGC 22.20.100:

G. 1. Residential Uses. For five-unit buildings and above: one and one-half spaces per unit. Each dwelling unit must have parking spaces independently accessed.
G. 4. Banks, office buildings, professional offices or clinics: one public parking space per each 300 square feet of gross floor area, but not less than five spaces for uses where the principal structure is equal to or greater than 1,500 gross square feet in area. For uses having a smaller principal structure, the minimum parking requirement is one space per 300 gross square feet.

Alaska Statute 29.40.040(b)(3) states that a variance may not be granted solely to relieve financial hardship or inconvenience. A required finding for variances involving major structures or expansions in the Sitka General Code echoes this statement by stating that there must be "...special

circumstances to the intended use that do not apply generally to the other properties. Special circumstances may include the shape of the parcel, topography of the lot, the size or dimensions of the parcels, the orientation or placement of existing structures, or other circumstances that are outside the control of the property owner".

#### Justification

In this case, the shape of the parcel and topography of the lot limiting the buildable area for both structures and parking spaces should be considered a special circumstance warranting a variance.

#### Potential Impacts

Generally, the potential impacts resulting from a lack of parking would be longer walks between distant parking spaces and destinations, the propensity of drivers to find other parking nearby that may be suboptimal (along streets, "creating" parking where there is open space), or to utilize parking on nearby/neighboring properties. In this case, there is no on-street parking formally designated on Jarvis Street. However, the applicant does not anticipate that lowering the parking requirement would result in a lack of parking given that their clients generally do not have vehicles.

#### Comprehensive Plan Guidance

The Housing section of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan specifically sites the lack of transitional housing and homeless shelter, and the call to explore housing options and cooperative programs for at-risk populations, as a key challenges and opportunities for the future. Housing Action H 1.2i states, "Create housing for the homeless through public-private partnerships." The granting of this variance enables development of a challenging, publicly owned property for a private (non-profit) development of a homeless shelter.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Overall, staff is supportive of a reduction in parking taking into account the type of services at this site and examples of parking reductions for similar developments in other communities. However, it's important to account for future uses of this development were it to be repurposed, especially with the property being in a commercial zone. With the high demand for housing in Sitka, the residential units the applicant is building have potential to be repurposed as rental units if the opportunity arose in the future. The services building could also be repurposed for commercial uses. Rental and commercial uses would likely come with more vehicle use, and 7 spaces may not be adequate. Conditions of approval aimed at mitigating this potential risk have been added.

#### Motions to approve the zoning variance

1. "I move to approve the zoning variance for a reduction in parking requirements at NHN Jarvis Street in the C-1 - General Commercial District subject to the attached conditions of approval. The property is also known as Remainder of Lot Three (3), U.S. Survey 3695. The request is filed by the Sitka Homeless Coalition. The owner of record is Alaska Mental Health Trust, State of Alaska."

#### Conditions of Approval:

- a. There shall be no fewer than seven (7) parking spaces provided on the property. The parking spaces must be available before the Planning Department approves building permits for structures on the lot. Any additional decrease in parking spaces will require a new variance request to be approved by the Planning Commission.
- b. Building plans shall remain consistent with the narrative and plans provided by the applicant for this request. Any major changes (as determined by staff) to the plan, or a proposal for additional structures, will require additional Planning Commission review.
- c. Before the applicant can utilize, or allow other entities to utilize, any structures on the lot for uses outside of supportive housing and services for those experiencing homelessness, the Planning Department must be notified, and the Planning Commission must approve a new parking variance.
- d. Before the property owner can lease, allow a sublease, or sell the property to any entity for uses outside of supportive housing and services for those experiencing homelessness, the Planning Department must be notified, and the Planning Commission must approve a new parking variance.
- e. Substantial construction progress must be made on the project within one year of the date of the variance approval or the approval becomes void. In the event it can be documented that other substantial progress has been made, a one-year extension may be granted by the Planning Director if a request is filed within eleven months of the initial approval.

### 1) "I move to adopt and approve the required findings for variances involving major structures or expansions as listed in the staff report."

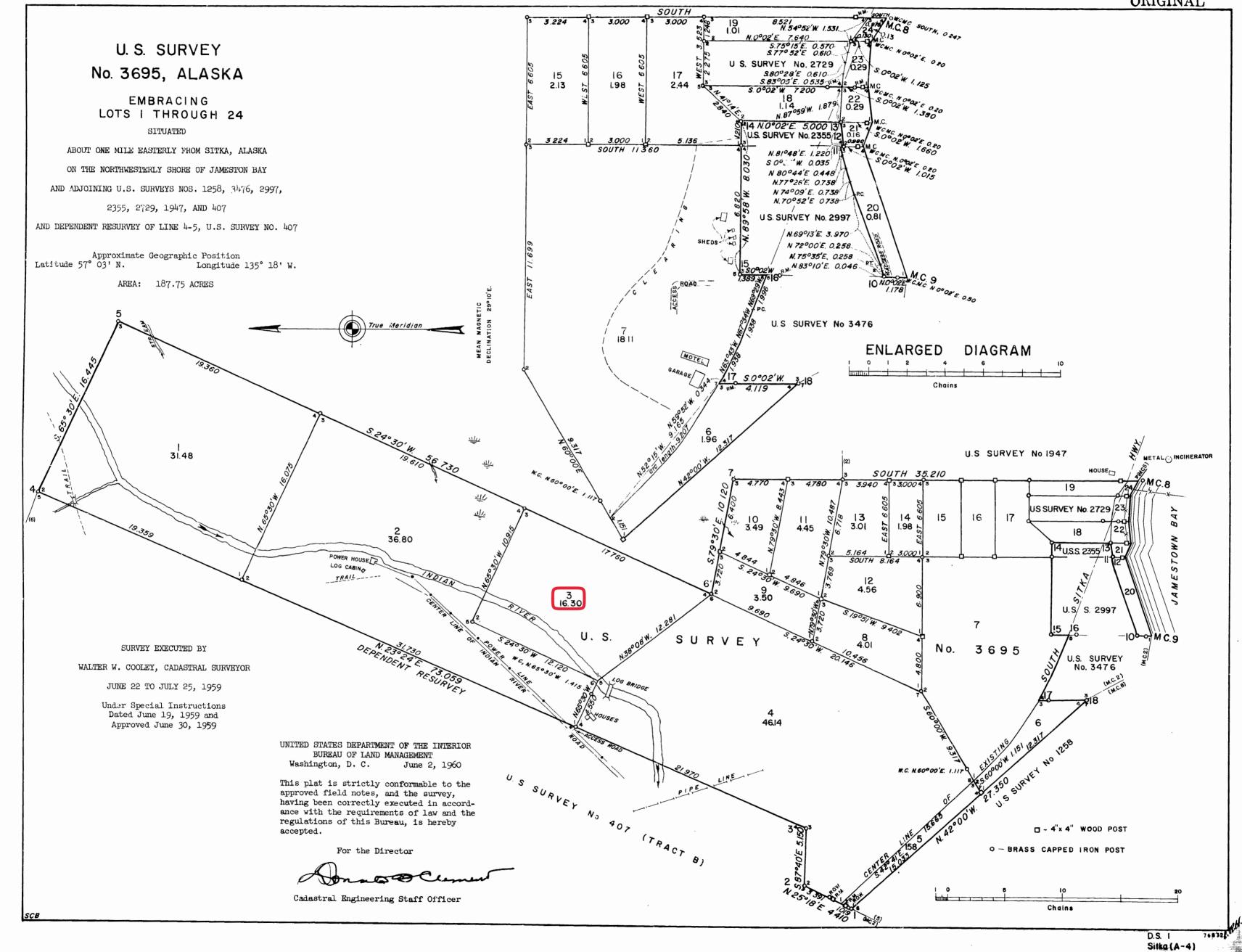
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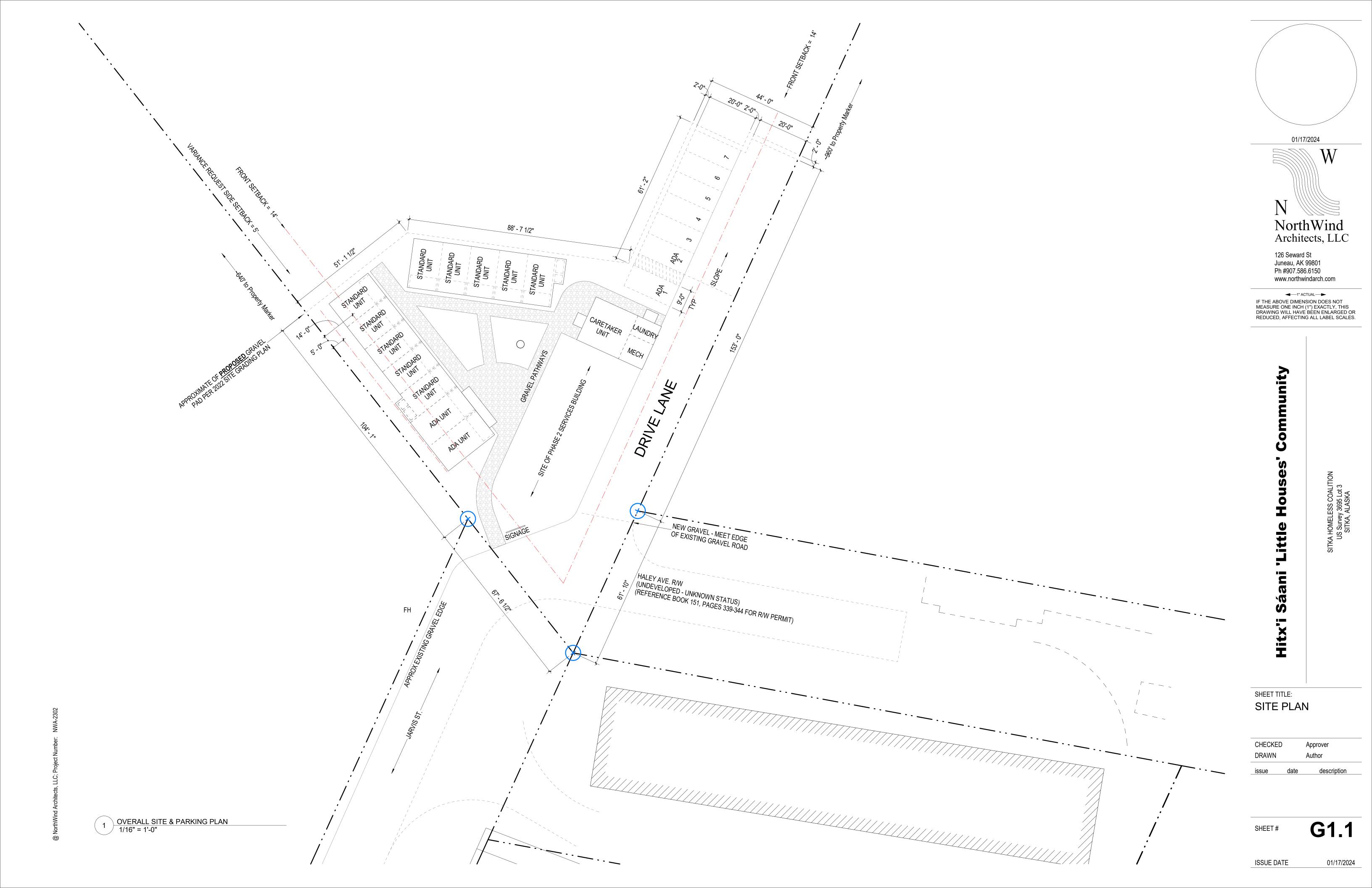
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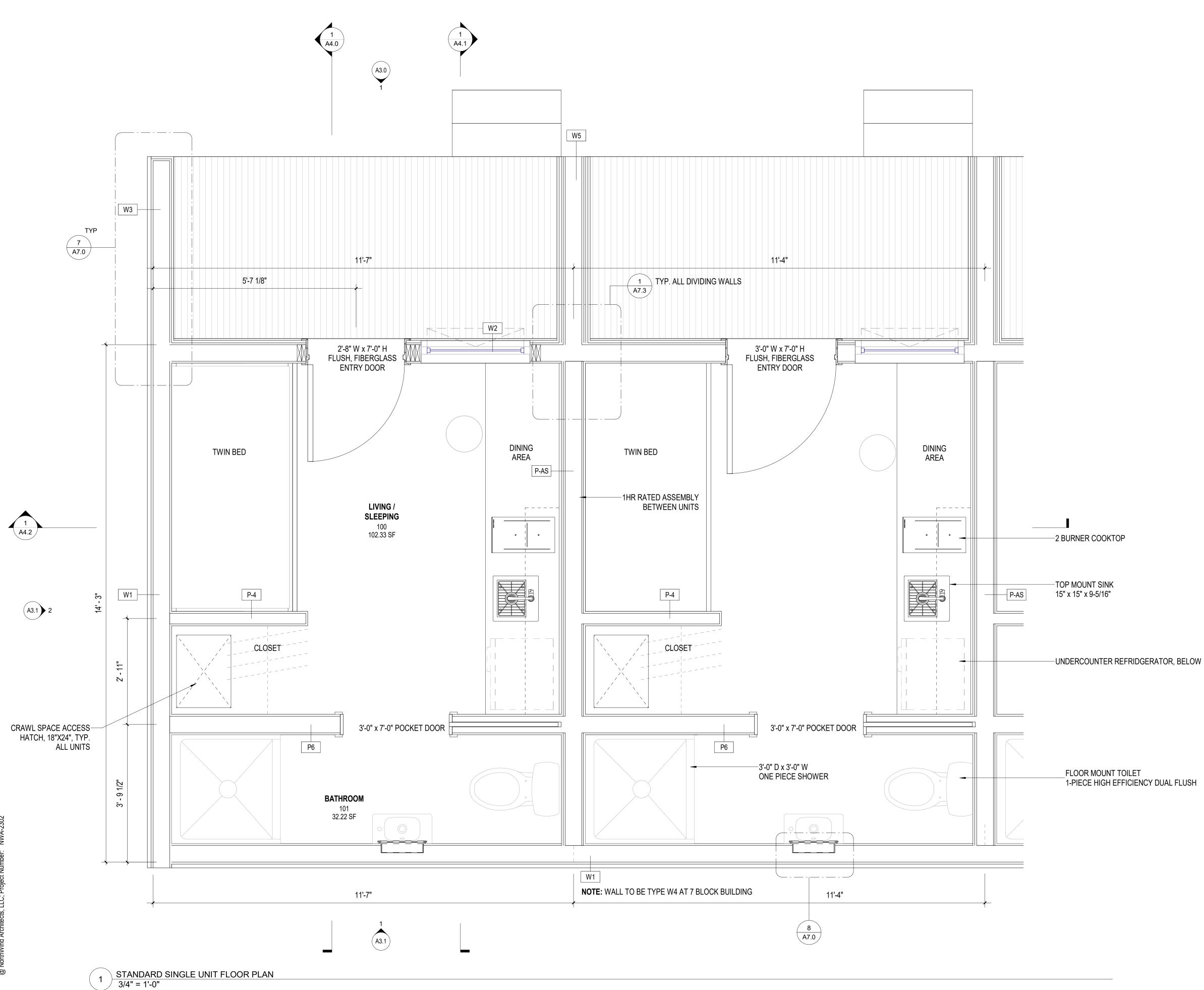
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- c. That the granting of such a variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property, nearby parcels or public infrastructure *because the parking plan provides adequate parking for the proposed use, and because the proposal furthers an appropriate use of the property per the zoning and with regards to public infrastructure in the area.*
- d. That the granting of such a variance will not adversely affect the comprehensive plan *because it supports creative development of a property providing housing to the homeless through a public-private partnership.*





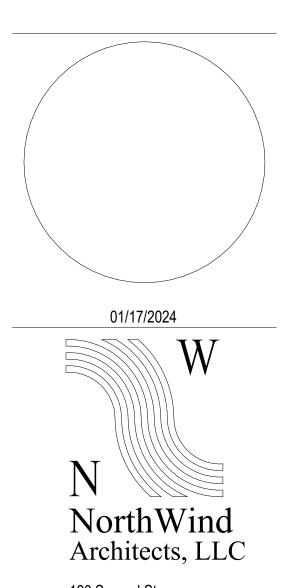
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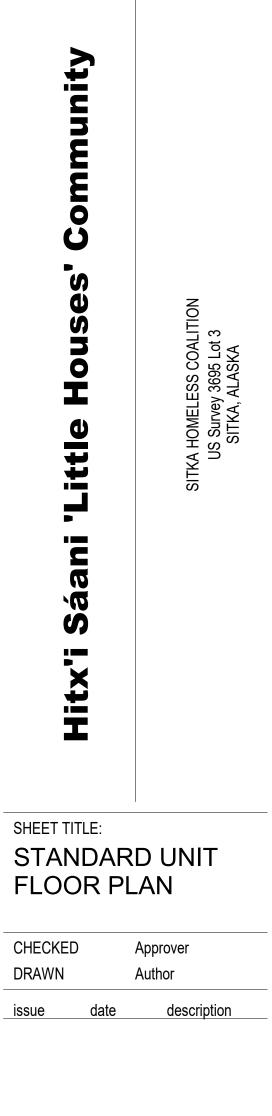
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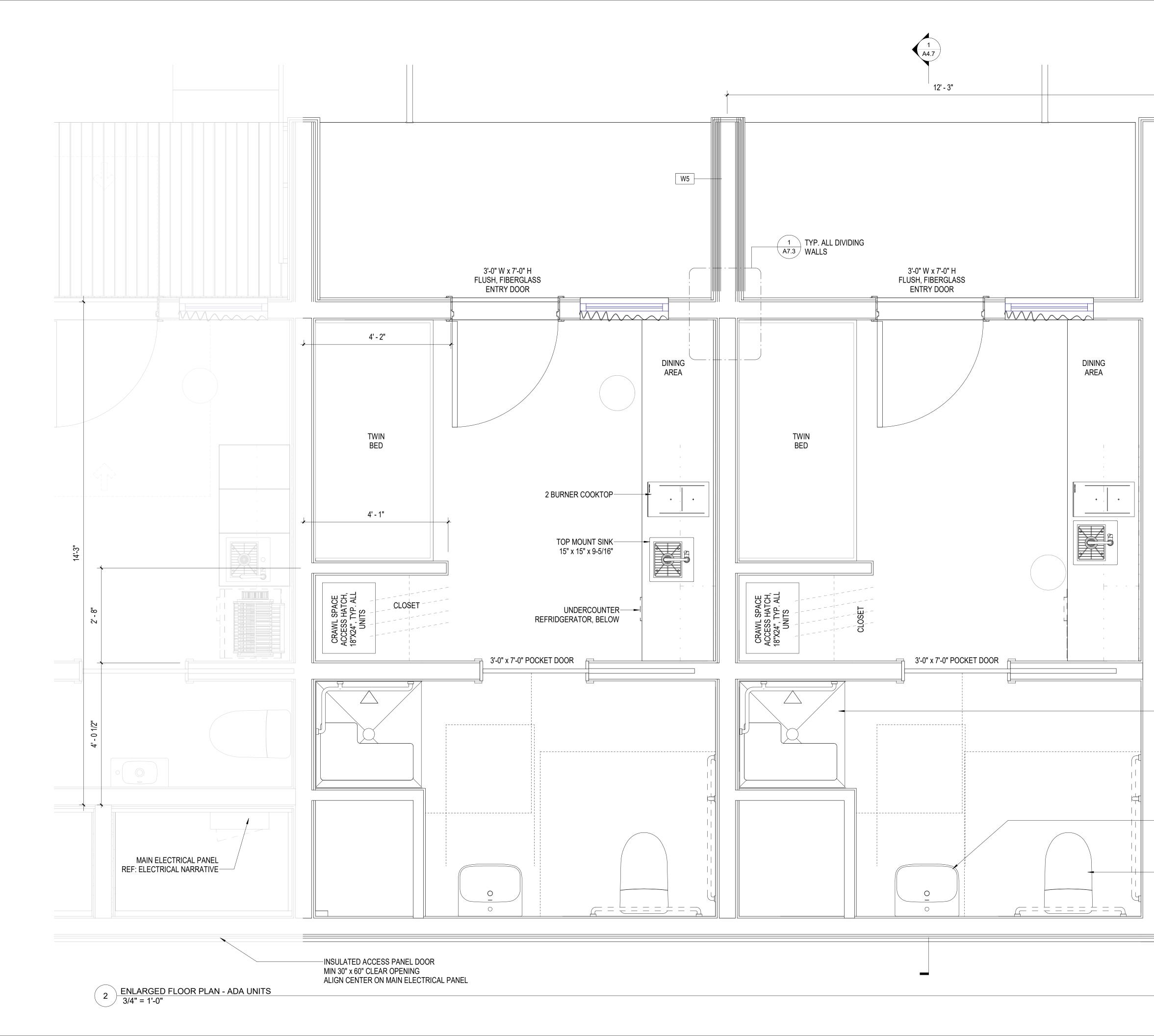




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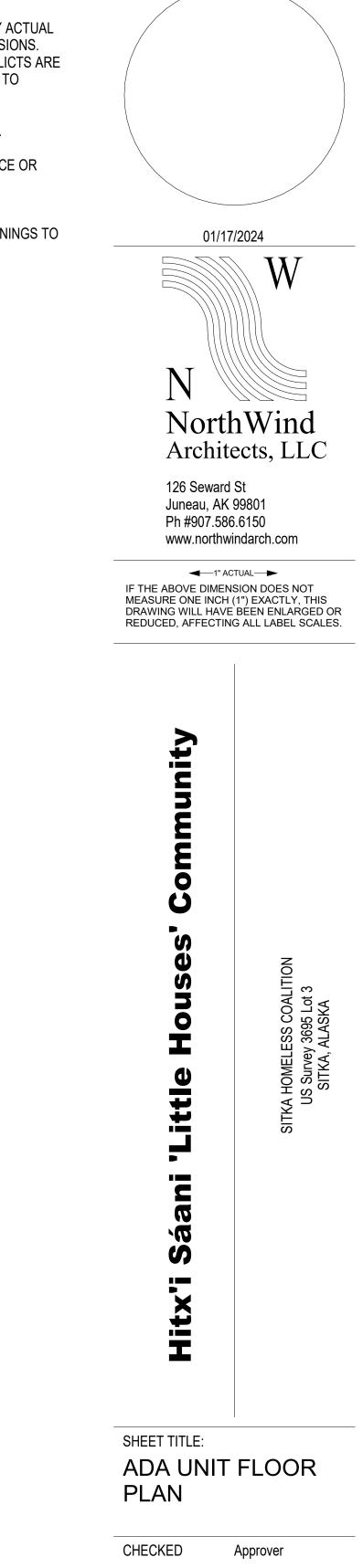
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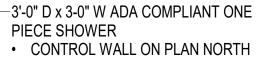
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March 27, 2024 City & Borough of Sitka – Planning Commission 100 Lincoln St. Sitka, AK 99835

Letter of Intent for Parking Setback Variance for: NHN Sawmill Creek Rd US Survey 3695 Lot 3 Parcel #: 3-0290-000 Sitka, AK 99835

Dear Commissioners:

We would like to make a formal request for a variance for the otherwise required number of parking spaces for the Sitka Homeless Coalition's Hitx'i Sáani 'Little Houses' Community Project. Sitka Homeless Coalition (SHC) plans to construct a permanent supportive housing project that will have 12 residential units, a caretaker unit, and a services building. The project will provide affordable housing for the chronically homeless as well as essential services, such as behavioral health services, employment services, and individualized support on-site.

#### Parking:

In an effort to maximize open space in the area around the buildings and minimize overall site impact, we would like to formally request a variance to allow the project to have 7 total parking spaces. We arrived at this number after reviewing the proposed program, target population and established precedent in other communities in Alaska.

The specific use of this development is fairly unique in Alaska and rather ill-fitting within the Sitka Municipal Code. A strict 'closest fit' parking calculation in terms of the listed uses and their parking requirements in the zoning code would result in at least 27 parking spaces: (13 Residential Units x 1.5) + (2000 GSF Service Building (Business) / 300).

Looking at similar projects across the state for precedent projects with similar typologies and targeting chronically homeless populations:

- Winter House in Bethel: A 24-unit, 8700 sf supportive housing project: <u>8</u> parking spaces.
- Home Plate Apartments in Nome: A 15-unit studio apartment building for single occupancy with an on-site property manager's unit, onsite medical and mental health clinic with space for individual counseling: <u>9</u> parking spaces.

Sitka Homeless Coalition's (SHC) target population for the project is the chronically homeless. Based on SHC's experience, we believe that most of the possible clients that will occupy units in the project will not have vehicles. We recognize that SHC staff, service providers and visitors will need access to off-street parking. We feel that 7 parking spaces will be more than ample for the program and occupants, allocating: 1 Caretaker space, 2 Staff spaces, 1 Service Provider space and 3 Resident/Visitor spaces.

Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you,

E. David Hurley, AIA Principal Architect NorthWind Architects, LLC

126 Seward Street Juneau, AK 99801

Sean M Boily AIA

Principal Architect

James Bibb AIA

Principal Architect David Hurley AIA

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p.907.586.6150 f.907.586.6181 Andew Hinton Executive Director Sitka Homeless Coalition



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PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT GENERAL APPLICATION

- Applications must be deemed complete at least TWENTY-ONE (21) days in advance of next meeting date.
- Review guidelines and procedural information.
- Fill form out <u>completely</u>. No request will be considered without a completed form.
- Submit all supporting documents and proof of payment.

APPLICATION FOR:		
	□ ZONING AMENDMENT	PLAT/SUBDIVISION

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY INFORMATION:** 

CURRENT ZONING:	PROPOSED ZONING (if applicable):
CURRENT LAND USE(S):	PROPOSED LAND USES (if changing):

# **APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

PROPERTY OWNER:	
PROPERTY OWNER ADDRESS:	
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:	
APPLICANT'S NAME:	
MAILING ADDRESS:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	_DAYTIME PHONE:

# **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:**

For All Applications:	
Completed General Application form	
Supplemental Application (Variance, CUP, Plat, Zoning Amendment)	
Site Plan showing all existing and proposed structures with dimensions and locat	ion of utilities
Floor Plan for all structures and showing use of those structures	
Proof of filing fee payment	
Other:	
For Marijuana Enterprise Conditional Use Permits Only:	
AMCO Application	
For Short-Term Rentals and B&Bs:	
Renter Informational Handout (directions to rental, garbage instructions, etc.)	
Documentation establishing property as primary residence (motor vehicle registr	ation, voter registration, etc.)
Signed Affidavit of Primary Residence for Short-term Rental Conditional Use Per	mit
<b>CERTIFICATION:</b> I hereby certify that I am the owner of the property described above conformance with Sitka General Code and hereby state that all of the above statements a SCG requirements to the best of my knowledge, belief, and professional ability. I acknowled non-refundable, is to cover costs associated with the processing of this application and do understand that public notice will be mailed to neighboring property owners and publish that attendance at the Planning Commission meeting is required for the application to be authorize municipal staff to access the property to conduct site visits as necessary. I auth application to conduct business on my behalf.	re true. I certify that this application meets edge that payment of the review fee is bes not ensure approval of the request. I hed in the Daily Sitka Sentinel. Understand e considered for approval. I further
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Applicant (If different than owner)

Date



# **CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA**

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FORM VARIANCE

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ZONING VARIANCE – MINOR EXPANSIONS, SMALL STRUCTURES, FENCES, SIGNS ZONING VARIANCE – MAJOR STRUCTURES OR EXPANSIONS PLATTING VARIANCE – WHEN SUBDIVIDING

**RATIONALE** - Alaska Statute 29.40.040(b)3 states that a variance may not be granted solely to relieve financial hardship or inconvenience. Explain why a variance is required for your project.

**POTENTIAL IMPACTS** (Please address each item in regard to your proposal)

•	TRAFFIC
•	PARKING
•	NOISE
•	NOISE
•	PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY
•	HABITAT
•	PROPERTY VALUE/NEIGHBORHOOD HARMONY
•	

## **REQUIRED FINDINGS** (Choose <u>ONE</u> applicable type and explain how your project meets these criterion):

*Major Zoning Variance* (Sitka General Code 22.30.160(D)1)

Required Findings for Variances Involving Major Structures or Expansions. Before any variance is granted, it shall be shown:

a. That there are special circumstances to the intended use that do not apply generally to the other properties. Special circumstances may include the shape of the parcel, the topography of the lot, the size or dimensions of the parcels, the orientation or placement of existing structures, or other circumstances that are outside the control of the property owner. **Explain the special circumstances**:

b. The variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right or use possessed by other properties but are denied to this parcel; such uses may include the placement of garages or the expansion of structures that are commonly constructed on other parcels in the vicinity. Explain the use/ enjoyment this variance enables:

c. The granting of such a variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property, nearby parcels or public infrastructure. **Initial Here** \_\_\_\_\_

*Minor Zoning Variance* (Sitka General Code 22.30.160(D)2)

Required Findings for Minor Expansions, Small Structures, Fences, and Signs.

a. The municipality finds that the necessary threshold for granting this variance should be lower than thresholds for variances involving major structures or major expansions. **My request should be considered a minor zoning variance because:** 

b. *The granting of the variance furthers an appropriate use of the property.* **Explain the use or enjoyment this variance enables:**\_\_\_\_\_

c. The granting of the variance is not injurious to nearby properties or improvements. **Initial Here** 

### Platting Variance (Sitka General Code 21.48.010)

- a. A variance from the requirements of this title may be granted only if the planning commission finds that the tract to be subdivided is of such unusual size and shape or topographical conditions that the strict application of the requirements of this title will result in undue and substantial hardship to the owner of the property. Explain the conditions of the lot that warrant a variance:
- b. The granting of a platting variance will not be detrimental to the public safety, or welfare, or injurious to adjacent property. Initial Here \_\_\_\_\_

# ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Applicant

Date



# Nome Community Center, Inc.

Post Office Box 98 Nome, Alaska 99762 Website: www.nomecc.org Phone: 907-443-5259 Fax: 907-443-2990 rschneider@nomecc.org

January 4, 2022

Nome Planning Commission City of Nome

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to make a formal request for a variance for the otherwise required number of parking spaces for the housing first project that is planned for lots on the north east side of Nome.

Our target population for the project is chronic homeless. We don't believe any of the possible tenants that will occupy units in the building have driver's licenses or own vehicles. We recognize that service providers and visitors will need access to off-street parking. In an effort to maintain as much open space on the lots around the building, we would like to formally request a variance to allow the project to have eight parking spaces.

The building will be 8700 square feet and will be situated on three city lots. We have incorporated green space in to the plan and do not want unnecessary parking spaces to tie up space on the property that could be used for picnicking, visiting, social calls and outdoor events.

If you have questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Rhonda M. Schneide

Rhonda Schneider Executive Director

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February 15, 2023

Dena Strait DD Strait Consulting, LLC 3705 Arctic Boulevard #1348 Anchorage, AK 99503

### Subject: Bethel Permanent Supportive Housing (Bethel Winter House) – Concurrency on Required Parking Determination

Dear Ms. Strait:

DOWL, on behalf of the City of Bethel, has reviewed the applicant's request of an updated review and determination of required off-street parking spaces for the Bethel Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project. DOWL concurs with the applicant's request.

The request to update the determination of parking required is based on two factors. First, the applicant has increased the projected PSH housing unit count from 23 to 47 total occupants. Second, the applicant contends that the proposed supportive housing does not fall under a conventional occupancy type as stipulated in the off-street parking space requirement table in Bethel Municipal Code (BMC) 18.48.160.D. Instead, due to the use, the applicant is requesting a parking determination based on BMC 18.48.160.C, which states, "Parking requirements for types of structures or uses not specifically listed in this section shall be determined by the land use administrator based on comparable uses listed in this chapter or on standards recommended by a professional planning or engineering organization."

Winter House's request for a parking determination is based primarily on the absence of car ownership of tenants in permanent supportive housing. The existing Bethel Winter House (BWH) and the proposed PSH will share on-site parking. Based on the information provided in the letter from MRV Architects, dated January 25, 2023, the applicant has referenced the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Parking Generation Manual's Senior Housing occupancy data as this is the better representation of a facility that houses residents who generally do not have cars and provided parking is primarily for staff and caregivers. With 47 proposed dwelling units and a ITE Parking Generation Manual requirement of .38 parking spots per dwelling unit for the weekday peak demand, the facility would require 18 parking spaces. The applicant plans to provide 21 spaces total.

Finally, BWH staff monitored use of the current parking area from the end of 2021 to May 2022. On average, the tally found an average of 4.56 vehicles on-site at any one time. These tallies do not exceed the currently provided 17 spaces and the proposed 21 spaces.

DOWL concurs with the findings of the applicant's representative and support the requested parking determination to provide 21 parking spaces, at this project site, for the specifically detailed business operations as detailed in this letter. Any change in the current use will require reevaluation by the City of Bethel Planning Director and this concurrence letter will no longer apply.

Please note that the issuance of this letter does not preclude the city from requesting additional information, nor does it prevent the applicant from providing more information during the ensuing

Ms. Dena Strait DD Strait Consulting, LLC February15, 2023 Page **2** of **2** 

application process. Please contact me by phone at (907) 562-2000 or via email at <u>lchmielowski@dowl.com</u>, with any questions.

Sincerely,

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LaQuita Chmielowski, P.E., LEED AP Senior Land Use Planning Manager, DOWL Consulting Planner for City of Bethel

### Fwd: Sitka

Michelle DeWitt <michelle@bcsfoundation.org> Sun 4/7/2024 9:56 AM To:Ben Kraft <ben@northwindarch.com>

2 attachments (3 MB) COB-Parking-Concurrence Letter\_BWH\_02-15-23.pdf; MRV Parking Analysis, Rev 1.25.2023-final.pdf;

Per Dena's note below, there are 21 parking spots at BWH. Attached are the letters between our design firm and the City to confirm that that number would be both adequate for this type of facility and acceptably by the City.

Michelle DeWitt she/her/hers Bethel Community Services Foundation Executive Director PO Box 2189 Bethel, AK 99559

------ Forwarded message ------From: **Dena Strait** <<u>ddstrait@ddstrait.com</u>> Date: Sat, Apr 6, 2024 at 9:02 AM Subject: Re: Sitka To: Michelle DeWitt <<u>michelle@bcsfoundation.org</u>> Cc: Jaela Milford <j<u>milford@bethelwinterhouse.org</u>>

We have 21 spots officially. Attached is MRV's request for the count we have and the city's concurrence with that count.

DD Strait Consulting, LLC Dena D. Strait, Licensed Architect, Project Manager and Owner's Representative ddstrait@ddstrait.com (907) 440-9443

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January 25, 2023

City of Bethel Planning Department Attn: Ms. LaQuita Chmielowski 204 Chief Eddie Hoffman Hwy. Bethel, AK 99559

Subject: Bethel Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Project - Required off-street parking

Dear Ms. Chmielowski

We are writing to request an updated review and determination of required off-street parking spaces for the Bethel Permanent Supportive Housing project. Briefly, the PSH project will provide 24 SRO independent apartment rooms serving the vulnerable homeless population in Bethel. The new facility will be built adjoining the existing Bethel Winter House (BWH), sharing parking, and covered entry. The current parking lot is identified as expanded from the current maximum of 17 spaces to 21, infilling an un-vegetated area adjoining the existing parking.

An updated determination of parking requirement is needed for two reasons. First, Bethel Community Services Foundation, as project developer, has been able to increase the new housing unit count from 20 to 24, based on additional fund-raising. This size increase was previously identified as a potential in correspondence submitted to the City of Bethel in May 2022.

Attached is earlier correspondence from Mr. Ted Meyer, City Planner, dated August 2, 2022. His analysis is based on using the parking requirements for boarding and lodging facilities as the most comparable type of use. Although this is a similar occupancy type, the supportive housing to be constructed in Bethel is a very specific and unusual occupancy, justifying a variation from the more conventional occupancy types as allowed under BMC 18.48.160.C, generating parking requirements closer to the actual use patterns anticipated.

The key factor to consider here is that the individuals who will be housed in the new facility -- chronically homeless individuals -- simply do not own vehicles. This means that the functional parking needs for this particular housing category should be focused for staff, care providers, and visitors.

Given the shared parking lot situation with BWH, both facilities must be considered together. Because the City of Bethel municipal code does not have a similar occupancy in the zoning regulations, we propose using the Senior Housing occupancy data as found in the ITE Parking Generation Manual. This is the best representation to the BWH and PSH occupancy where the guests generally do not have cars and the parking lot is primarily for staff and caregivers. Utilizing this manual for the combined facility generates the following counts: Bethel Winter House has a sleeping occupant load of 23, and the new Supportive Housing will provide 24 single occupant units, for 47 total occupants. At .38 parking spot per dwelling unit, the facility requirement would round up to 10 spots. The parking spot/dwelling unit ratio within the manual appears to include staff. It is important to note that BWH does not have 23 units, but rather 23 individuals can sleep in the open room provided on cots, thus making the parking count of 10 likely higher than needed. The attached BWH parking tally shows less than 10 cars parked over an entire week. Therefore, we believe the current design, with 21 spaces overall, provides an abundance of parking relative to what is needed.

As additional background, MRV Architects has designed and constructed two phases of identical supportive housing in Juneau, with 32 units in both phases. Similar to Bethel, the City of Juneau did not have a parking use category that was specific to supportive housing. A variance was granted to provide parking focused on staff, support, and on-site clinic uses. A total of only three spaces were designated to the 64 housing units themselves. To date after five years of operation, no concerns with parking have arisen and there have been no situations where occupants had cars.

To provide additional context for this important decision, staff at Bethel Winter House monitored the use of the current parking area from the end of 2021 to May of 2022. This tally is attached. Please note that facility renovation was being completed during that time, so some vehicles were those of construction workers.

Per the BWH Executive Director, the greatest count of cars in the parking lot at any one time to date has been six during a board meeting. The average daily count is four cars in the morning, which typically reduces to one after lunch. All of these counts are well under the current 17 spaces available, and the proposed 21 spots to be developed with the project.

We appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at <u>paul@mrvarchitects.com</u> or (907) 586-1371.

Sincerely,

Paul Voelckers, President

**MRV** Architects



Dena Strait <ddstrait@ddstrait.com>

Tue, Aug 2, 2022 at 5:02 PM

## Information for Planned Bethel Permanent Supportive Housing Project

3 messages

Ted Meyer <tmeyer@cityofbethel.net> To: Dena Strait <ddstrait@ddstrait.com> Cc: Peter Williams <pwilliams@cityofbethel.net>, Pauline Boratko <pboratko@cityofbethel.net>

Hi Dena,

I'm writing to give you the information you've requested regarding the planned 2023 Bethel Permanent Supportive Housing Project:

#### 1. Need for a Conditional Use Permit?

A Conditional Use Permit was approved by the Planning Commission in October 2020 for use and operation of a homeless shelter, in a structure called the Bethel Winter House, at 127 Alsag Street. According to your recent 2022 plans, the planned 20-unit Bethel Permanent Supportive Housing structure will be an attached addition to the existing Bethel Winter House (homeless shelter), owned by the same entity. Unlike the existing homeless shelter that has one group room for overnight guests, the new Supportive Housing structure will consist of 20 apartment-style units for housing longer term guests. This new attached structure will share the same front entrance with the homeless shelter, and share the same administration and staff, maintenance, laundry facilities, and dining room. As this new wing addition is an expansion of the existing building with the same already-approved use, a Conditional Use Permit is not required.

Additionally, the Winter House Homeless Shelter approved by the Planning Commission in October 2020, included a statement in the CUP application that providing emergency shelter would be followed by transitional housing, giving their clients the tools and skills they need to become self-sufficient.

#### 2. Required Parking Spaces

BMC 18.48.160 (C) provides that parking requirements for types of structures or uses not specifically listed (such as a homeless shelter), shall be determined by the land use administrator based on comparable uses listed in the chapter, or on standards recommended by a professional planning or engineering organization. The type of use found most comparable by this planner, are boarding and lodging facilities. This type of use was also specifically referred to in this planner's 2020 CUP report findings submitted to the Planning Commission for the Bethel Winter House homeless shelter, as well.

BMC 18.48.160 (B) (17) (Boarding and Lodging Facilities), requires one parking space per room. This provision would require 20 parking spaces for the 20 individual guest units in the planned new Supportive Structure wing, and one parking space for the one group room in the existing homeless shelter wing, for a total of 21 parking spaces. As it is anticipated that most guests will not own vehicles, 21 guest parking spaces for the property should be sufficient. Twenty-one parking spaces are shown on the site plan drawing.

Please contact me if you have any question. Thanks.

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				Total count for	r the entire
Par	king Pre Week Guests	BWH	Other	week	
1	11/21/2021	1	1	3	5
2	11/28/2021	0	1	3	4
3	12/5/2021	1	1	3	5
4	12/12/2021	0	1	3	4
2 3 4 5 6 7 8	12/19/2021	0	2	4	6
6	12/26/2021	0	1	3	4
7	1/2/2022	0	1	4	5
8	1/9/2022	0	2	3	5
9	1/16/2022	0	1	2	3
10	1/23/2022	o	1	3	4
11	1/30/2022	0	1	3	4
12	2/6/2022	0	1	3	4
13	2/13/2022	1	1	3	5
14	2/20/2022	0	1	5	6
15	2/27/2022	O	1	3	4
16	3/6/2022	0	1	4	5
17	3/13/2022	0	1	4	5
18	3/20/2022	0	1	3	4
19	3/27/2022	0	2	3	S
20	4/3/2022	0	1	3	4
21	4/10/2022	0	2	3	5
22	4/17/2022	0	1	3	4
23	4/24/2022	0	1	3	4
24	5/1/2022	0	1	4	5
25	5/8/2022	0	1	4	5
		Average pe	r week:	a Same and	114 4.56

The total columns above are from Jaela Milford, Bethel Winter House Executive Director, on 5-10-22. They represent the number of different cars that were in the lot over the course of the entire week. They do not represent the total number of cars on the site at any one time.