

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

Meeting Agenda - Final

Planning Commission

Wednesday, March 18, 2020	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 PM 20-05 Approve the March 4, 2020 minutes.

Attachments: 04-Mar 04 2020 DRAFT

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

VI. REPORTS

MISC 20-04 2019 Annual Short-term Rental Report

 Attachments:
 2nd Address Report

 2019 Annual Short-Term Rental Report

 Short-term Rental Distribution Maps

 Rental Statistics from the Department of Labor

VII. THE EVENING BUSINESS

B <u>CUP 19-16</u> Public hearing and consideration of a conditional use permit for a short-term rental at 3311 Halibut Point Road in the R-2 MHP multifamily and mobile home district. The property is also known as Lot 6, Rodgers Subdivision. The request is filed by Mike and Eileen Chambers. The owners of record are Mike and Eileen Chambers.

Attachments:CUP 19-16 3311 HPR STR Staff ReportCUP 19-16 3311 HPR STR AerialCUP 19-16 3311 HPR STR STR DensityCUP 19-16 3311 HPR STR Floor PlanCUP 19-16 3311 HPR STR PhotosCUP 19-16 3311 HPR STR PlatCUP 19-16 3311 HPR STR PlatCUP 19-16 3311 HPR STR Renter HandoutCUP 19-16 3311 HPR STR Application

C <u>CUP 20-03</u> Public hearing and consideration of a conditional use permit for a short-term rental at 1818 Edgecumbe Drive in the R-1 single family and duplex residential district. The property is also known as Lot 12B, Standerwick Subdivision. The applicant is Sondra Lundvick. The owners of record are James and Sondra Lundvick.

Attachments: CUP 20-03 1818 Edgecumbe Dr Lundvick Staff Report

CUP 20-03 1818 Edgecumbe Dr STR Lundvick Aerial Map

CUP 20-03 1818 Edgecumbe Dr STR_Lundvick Density Map

CUP 20-03 1818 Edgecumbe Dr STR Lundvick Floor Plan

CUP 20-03 1818 Edgecumbe Dr STR_Lundvick Photos

CUP 20-03 1818 Edgecumbe Dr STR Lundvick Renter Handout

CUP 20-03 1818 Edgecumbe Dr STR_Lundvick Application

E <u>CUP 20-04</u> Public hearing and consideration of a conditional use permit for an accessory dwelling unit at 2202 Sawmill Creek Road in the R1-LDMH single-family, duplex, and manufactured home low density zoning district. The property is also known as Lot 1, Keith Bartow Subdivision. The request is filed by Chris Balovich. The owner of record is Jack 2199, Inc. <u>Attachments:</u> CUP 20-04 2202 SMC Petrie ADU Staff Report

CUP 20-04 2202 SMC Petrie ADU Aerials CUP 20-04 2202 SMC Petrie ADU Site Plan CUP 20-04 2202 SMC Petrie ADU Floor Plan CUP 20-04 2202 SMC Petrie ADU Plat CUP 20-04 2202 SMC Petrie ADU Photos CUP 20-04 2202 SMC Petrie ADU Applicant Materials

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Minutes - Draft

Planning Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present: Chris Spivey (Chair), Darrell Windsor (Vice Chair), Randy Hughey, Victor Weaver, Richard Wein (Assembly Liason). Absent: Stacy Mudry (Excused) Staff: Amy Ainslie, Andy Corak Public: Judith Kell, Anthony Kell, Henry Colt, Richard Doland, Kim Perkins, Robb Garnic, Noah Dougan, Wendy Dougan.

Chair Spivey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

III CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

A PM 20-04 Approve the February 19, 2020 meeting minutes

Attachments: 03-Feb 19 2020 DRAFT

M-Windsor/S-Weaver moved to approve the February 19, 2020 minutes. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

V. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ainslie began by informing the commission that the new City Administrator John Leach had taken over for Acting Administrator Hugh Bevan. Ainslie noted that the short term rental report would be postponed until the following meeting due to late submissions, but that the delayed report would be more complete. Ainslie noted the affordable housing fair on Saturday, March 7, and stated that she provided the Commission a copy of a special report on a parcel located at 4951 Halibut Point Road, which was part of the No Name Mountain development project.

Brylinsky provided an update on the status of the No Name Mountain/Granite Creek development project, and stated that to date over 25 interviews with knowledgeable stakeholders were completed. The next major meetings were scheduled for April 7th and 8th at the library. Brylinsky noted that drone footage of the project area was posted online. Brylinsky noted that the Tiny Houses ordinance was up for second and final reading at the next meeting.

VI. REPORTS

B <u>MISC 20-03</u> Special Report on 4951 Halibut Point Road

Attachments: 4951 Halibut Point Road Special Report

VII. THE EVENING BUSINESS

C <u>CUP 20-02</u> Public hearing and consideration of a conditional use permit for a short term rental located at 468 Katlian Street in the R-1 single family and duplex residential district. The property is also known as Lot 105, BIHA 2 Subdivision, USS 2542. The request is filed by Judith Kell. The owner of record is Judith Howard (Kell).

<u>Attachments:</u>	CUP-20 Kell 468 Katlian STR Staff Report
	CUP-20 Kell 468 Katlian STR Density Map
	<u>CUP-20 Kell 468 Katlian STR - Floor Plan</u>
	CUP-20 Kell 468 Katlian STR Photos
	CUP-20 Kell 468 Katlian STR - Plat
	CUP 20-02 468 Katlian STR Public Comment
	CUP 20-02 468 Katlian STR Application
	CUP 20-02 468 Katlian STR Renter Handout

Ainslie described this application for a short term rental, and noted the property was a 2 bedroom/2 bath located on Katlian Avenue, with 2 parking spaces, good access, and close proximity to town. Ainslie described the property as well-buffered, and noted that it would be professionally managed. For these reasons, staff recommended approval.

The applicant, Judith Kell, and her husband Anthony Kell were present. They stated that they wanted to attempt to rent the property as an AirBNB during the summer, with the possibility of converting to a long term rental in the future.

M-Windsor/S-Weaver moved to approve a conditional use permit for a short term rental located at 468 Katlian Street in the R-1 single family and duplex residential district. The property was also known as Lot 105, BIHA 2 Subdivision, USS 2542. The request was filed by Judith Kell. The owner of record was Judith Howard (Kell). The motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

M-Windsor/S-Weaver moved to adopt the findings as listed in the staff report. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

D P 20- 01 Public hearing and consideration of a conceptual plat for a lot merger for three lots on Middle Island to result in one lot in the Large Island zoning district. The properties are also known as Lots 3, 4, and 5, Block 1, Middle Island Subdivision. The applicant is Michael Coady. The owner of record is Michael Coady.

<u>Attachments:</u>	P 20-01 Coady Middle Island Lot Merger_Staff Report
	P 20-01 Coady Middle Island Lot Merger Aerial
	P 20-01 Coady Middle Island Lot Merger_Current Plat
	P 20-01 Coady Middle Island Lot Merger Conceptual Plat
	P 20-01 Coady Middle Island Lot Merger_Applicant Materials

Ainslie noted that the applicant presented this plat as a conceptual plat rather than a final plat. Ainslie stated that the lots were located on Middle Island in the Large Island zoning district, and were under a conditional use permit for use as a lodge at the time of application. Ainslie described 3 primary considerations in the lot merger process, the first being that the 3 lots were operating as a single economic unit. Second, one lot was non-conforming, which was remedied in the proposed merger. Finally, Ainslie noted that the change of density of structures across the lots was a consideration, and that while 25% coverage was the maximum for the zoning district before and after the change, the location on the lot where the structure coverage was located could affect buffers. Ainslie noted that pedestrian access easements would not be changed by this merger, and conditional use permitting requirements would remain in place for the lodge. Staff recommended approval.

The applicant Michael Coady was present telephonically. Coady stated that he was hoping to simplify his tax bill from 3 lots to 1, and noted that one of the conditions of use for the lodge was to keep the lots together. Commissioner Windsor asked how the right of way changes with the state went, Coady responded that this had been completed.

M-Hughey/S-Weaver moved to approve a conceptual plat for a lot merger for three lots on Middle Island to result in one lot in the Large Island zoning district. The properties were also known as Lots 3, 4, and 5, Block 1, Middle Island Subdivision. The applicant was Michael Coady. The owner of record was Michael Coady. The motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

M-Hughey/S-Weaver moved to adopt the findings as listed in the staff report. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

E VAR 20-03 Public hearing and consideration of a variance for a substandard lot at Shotgun Alley, located in the SFLD single-family low density zoning district. The property is also known as a portion of Lot 14, USS 3557. The applicant is the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Mining, Land, and Water and North57 Surveying. The owner of record is the State of Alaska.

<u>Attachments:</u>	V 20-03 SoA Platting Variance Shotgun Alley Staff Report
	V 20-03_SoA Platting Variance Shotgun Alley_Aerial
	V 20-03 SoA Platting Variance Shotgun Alley Preliminary Plat
	V 20-03 SoA Platting Variance Shotgun Alley Applicant Materials

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Ainslie noted that this variance was related to P 20-02, the following agenda item, and addressed three issues including right of way encroachment, created a new residential lot in the neighborhood, and also created a more straightforward means of access and utilities to an existing private lot. Ainslie noted that Shotgun Alley was developed as a right of way differently than it was platted, and that land set aside for the right of way was not developed. Ainslie said the State of Alaska was helping the City of Sitka by dedicating land to the right of way, and in exchange, the state requested permission to

sell the remaining portion of land previously designated for the right of way, but not used as such. Ainslie noted that the private lot ownership north of the project would benefit from owning the land allowing access to their property, but could not receive the land in a "preference sale" unless the lot was substandard, hence the design in this platting variance. Ainslie believed that this variance was in the best interest of the private lot owner, the City of Sitka, and the State of Alaska. Staff recommended approval.

Kelly O'Neill was present on behalf of the State of Alaska and North57 Surveying. Commissioners had no further questions for the applicant.

Member of the public Kim Douglas Perkins was present, and stated that he was the neighbor to the north. He stated that as long as the public access easement allowing access to the water depicted on the preliminary plat remained once the subdivision was finalized, he had no issues with the variance.

M-Hughey/S-Windsor moved to approve a variance for a substandard lot at Shotgun Alley, located in the SFLD single-family low density zoning district. The property was also known as a portion of Lot 14, USS 3557. The applicant was the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Mining, Land, and Water and North57 Surveying. The owner of record was the State of Alaska.

M-Hughey/S-Windsor moved to adopt the findings as listed in the staff report. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

FP 20- 02Public hearing and consideration of a preliminary plat for a minor subdivision
to result in two lots at Shotgun Alley, located in the SFLD single-family low
density zoning district. The property is also known as Lot 14, USS 3557. The
applicant is the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of
Mining, Land, and Water and North57 Surveying. The owner of record is the
State of Alaska.

 Attachments:
 P 20-02 SoA Shotgun Alley Subdivision_Staff Report

 P 20-02 SoA Shotgun Alley Subdivision_Aerial

 P 20-02 SoA Shotgun Alley Subdivision_Preliminary Plat

 P 20-02 SoA Shotgun Alley Subdivision_Applicant Materials

Ainslie noted this subdivision pertained to the previous item, VAR 20-03, which the commission had covered in detail, and pertained to lot one. Ainslie noted that this subdivision would create Lot 2 which would be available for public auction. She noted this proposed Lot 2 had a scenic view, good access, and was sufficiently sized for the zoning district, and had sewer/water/power access. Ainslie stated that police and fire reviewed the subdivision, and had no issues for access of emergency response. Ainslie stated that the development of the lot via subdivision and auction fit Sitka's goals and master plan, and staff recommended approval.

Kelly O'Neill was present on behalf of the State of Alaska and North57 Surveying.

M-Hughey/S-Weaver moved to approve a preliminary plat for a minor subdivision to result in two lots at Shotgun Alley, located in the SFLD single-family low density zoning district. The property was also known as Lot 14, USS 3557. The applicant was the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Mining, Land, and Water and North57 Surveying. The owner of record was the State of Alaska. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

M-Hughey/S-Windso moved to adopt the findings as stated in the staff report. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

G <u>VAR 20-04</u> Public hearing and consideration of a platting variance to create 2 substandard lots at 746 Alice Loop in the WD waterfront zoning district. The property is also known as Lot 2 Charlie Joseph Subdivision. The request is filed by Kris Karsunky. The owner of record is Jay Stevens.

<u>Attachments:</u>	V 20-04 Karsunky 746 Alice Platting Variance_Staff Report
	V 20-04 Karsunky 746 Alice Platting Variance Aerial
	V 20-04 Karsunky 746 Alice Platting Variance_Proposed Plat
	V 20-04 Karsunky 746 Alice Platting Variance_Buildable Area
	<u>Diagram</u>
	V 20-04 Karsunky 746 Alice Platting Variance Applicant Materials
	V 20-04 Karsunky 746 Alice Platting Variance_Public Comment

Spviey noted the applicant was not present.

M-Hughey/S-Windsor moved to postpone VAR 20-04 to the March 18th meeting. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no objection, Chair Spivey adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM

2019 Annual Short-term Rental Report City and Borough of Sitka Planning and Community Development Department March 18, 2020

Prepared for Chair Spivey and Members of the Planning Commission Copy provided to: Mayor Paxton and Assembly Members John Leach, Municipal Administrator

Report Sections

I. Permit Holder Data

- A. Financial Data
- B. Property Data
- C. Marketing Platforms

II. Known Comments, Feedback, and Concerns

- A. Permit Holder Feedback and Comments
- B. Community Survey Results
- **III.** Direction of Staff

IV. Attachments

Please note the following:

This report only covers short-term rentals or bed and breakfast establishments that operate through the conditional use permit process. This report does not have information about short-term rentals that are operated as a right within the Central Business District, Commercial 1 District, Commercial 2 District, Waterfront District, General Island District, and/or Recreational District.

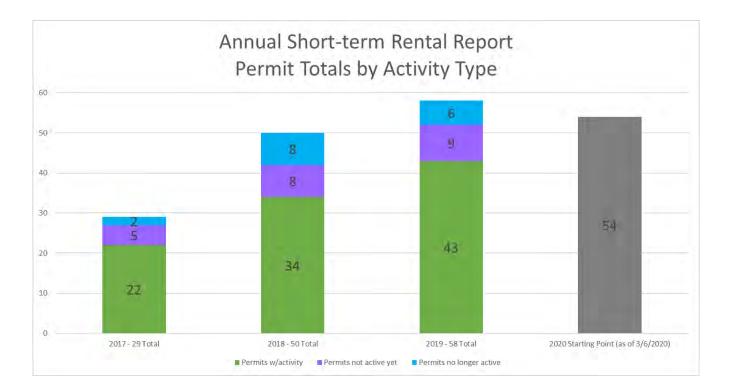
The term "short-term rental" or STR, will also be used to describe bed and breakfast establishments permitted through the conditional use permit (CUP) process.

I. Permit Holder Data

A. Financial Data

Permit Data	2017	2018	2019
Total Permits	29	50	58
Active permits in use	22	34	43
Active permits not yet used	5	8	9
No longer active permits	2	8	6
Rental Data			
Total nights rented	1155	2928	3190
Average nights rented per CUP	53	86	74
Minimum nights rented	2	2	2
Maximum nights rented	146	446	259
Financial Data			
Total bed tax remitted	\$ 14,979.78	\$ 27,950.30	\$ 39,137.55
Total implied revenue	\$ 249,663.00	\$ 465,838.33	\$ 652,292.50
Average bed tax remitted per CUP	\$ 680.90	\$ 822.07	\$ 910.18
Average implied revenue per CUP	\$ 11,348.32	\$ 13,701.13	\$ 15,169.59
Minimum bed tax remitted	\$ 12.50	\$ -	\$ 14.40
Maximum bed tax remitted	\$ 2,434.29	\$ 3,107.72	\$ 3,776.19

Summary: The Commission approved 14 new CUPs for STRs in 2019, while 6 became inactive in that time. This means that new approvals outpaced "natural decline" of permit holders at an approximate 2:1 ratio. Of the permits approved in 2019, 7 became active within the calendar year. The remaining have not yet begun operation, but are still within the activation period wherein the permit can be utilized.



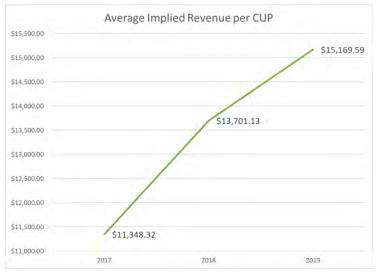
These permits, as well as the 4 permits approved in 2020 to date were included in the "2020 Starting Point as of 3/6/2020" in the graph above.

As Sitka's bed tax on short-term rentals is 6%, and the average bed tax remitted was \$910.18; this means that the average revenue for permit holders was approximately \$15,169.59. For the 43 active users that reported in 2019, this is a significant revenue source that could substantially offset housing expenses. If the total bed tax remitted from these permits was \$39,137.55, this means that the total revenue from short-term rentals was approximately \$652,292.50; a sizable revenue stream that was not otherwise captured at hotels, lodges, or short-term rentals/bed and breakfast establishments in other zoning districts.

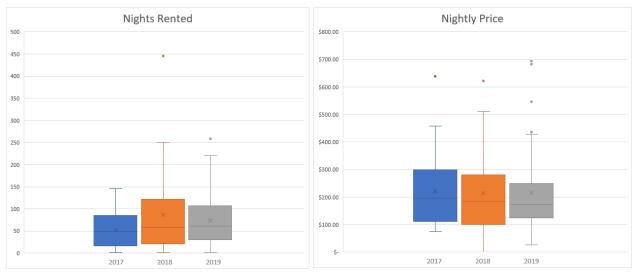
The average implied revenue per CUP has increased year-on-year since the data was aggregated in 2017.

In the case of short-term rentals, revenue is a fairly simple equation – the nightly price of a rental multiplied by the nights rented. Therefore, understanding the trend of why average revenue is rising should be a function of understanding trends in rental price and nights rented.

Nightly price was derived from the bed tax remitted. The below box and whisker plots depict the distributions of bed tax remitted and rental nights. The shaded



boxes indicate the middle two quartiles of each data set, with the average indicated with an "x". The "whiskers" denote the range in the bottom and upper quartiles. Dots outside the box and whiskers show statistical outliers, which skew the average.



The presence of four outliers in the nightly price for 2019 are indicative that outliers are more likely the cause of the substantial increase in revenue per CUP in 2019; the middle quartiles are actually in a narrower band of distribution than previous years, which would imply a tightening of prices in the

middle ranges. It appears that more high-price or "luxury" type short-term rentals are present in the 2019 responses, resulting in an increase in average revenue per CUP. The maximum reported bed tax amount for 2019 was \$3,776.19 which would imply total revenue of \$62,936.50. While there is a broad range of revenues being made per CUP, it is still evident that permit issuance has the potential to be very valuable to current and potential permit holders.

B. Property Data

In an attempt to answer the question, "to what extent are short-term rentals decreasing the available pool of long-term rentals?" staff included some questions about the property and owner presence during rental periods in this year's report.



70% of active permit holders responded that the rental was on the same property as their primary residence, and there was about a 50/50 split between permit holders being onsite during rental periods. 80% of the rental units were reported as independent dwelling units.

Of the 13 respondents who stated that the rental was not on the same property as their primary residence, 12 of those rentals were described as independent dwelling units. It would stand to reason that if the property is not a primary residence and is an independent dwelling unit, it would have limited use outside of long-term rental were it not for the short-term rental option.

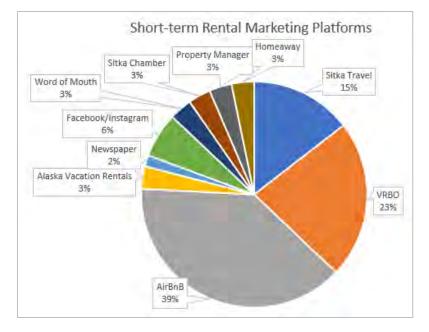
It is more challenging to make this determination within the pool of those who claim the rental is part of their primary residence; among this group, 23 are reported as independent dwelling units. The choices to utilize a dwelling unit within one's primary resident include guest space, hobby space, or just additional living area; we cannot definitively say these short-term rentals detract from the long-term rental pool.

C. Marketing Platforms

Another new addition to the 2019 report was a question to permit holders the marketing platforms used. Staff felt this was helpful information to assist in monitoring short-term rental activity as well as understanding how many shortterm rentals are professionally managed.

Most respondents listed multiple marketing platforms, such as using multiple websites, or a manager as well as a private listing site (such as Airbnb, VRBO, or HomeAway).

Airbnb was far and away the most popular marketing platform, followed by VRBO.



30% of those with active permits stated that they were using professional services such as Sitka Travel and Alaska Vacation Rentals, or unnamed property managers.

II. Known Feedback, Comments, and Concerns

A. Permit Holder Feedback and Comments

Permit holders reported some of the feedback that is to be expected in running a lodging business; difficulty in communicating to renters, managing reservations, cleaning, etc. Three permits that were active or eligible for activity in 2019 have indicated that they plan to discontinue use in 2020. Some requested more modernized methods of communication and payment such as a desire to make bed tax payments online. Two permit holders expressed gratitude for the ability to run short-term rentals, as they felt it made a significant contribution to their income.

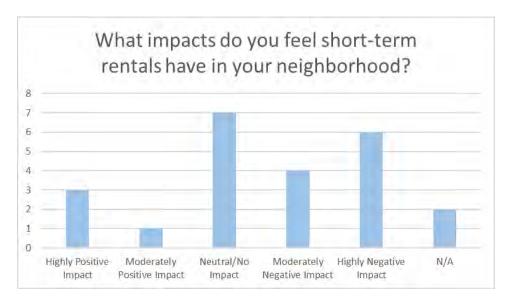
B. Community Survey Results

This year, staff also wanted to survey the larger community to gauge attitudes towards short-term rentals. 23 individuals responded to the survey. Of those, approximately 74% were aware of short-term rental activity in their neighborhood, and approximately 70% felt there should be limitations on short-term rentals.

Common themes in the open comment/feedback/suggestion section:

- Short-term rentals take the place of long-term housing
- Short-term rentals increase housing costs
- Short-term rentals should be better managed to minimize impact to the neighborhoods they are in
- Spacing/distribution of short-term rentals matters
- CBS/Planning Commission should study short-term rentals and limit their growth
- Short-term rentals provide less expensive lodging alternatives and revenue to the city
- Short-term rentals provide income to property owners to offset cost of living
- The market should be able to regulate itself

For those who felt there should be limitations on short-term rentals, 30% were in favor of limitations based on housing type, 40% were in favor of limitations based on location, 60% were in favor of limitations based on neighborhood concentration or density, and 60% were in favor of limitations based on a total, city-wide cap. It's notable that 15% of respondents answered that no limitations were needed.



III. Direction of Staff

Given the reported information, Staff would like to hear feedback from the Commissioners about their thoughts and feedback on the status of short-term rentals operating through the conditional use permit process.

A report done by 2nd Address notes highlights short-term rental laws in major cities, this report is attached for your reference. A popular provision being utilized is that the host must be the primary residence of the rental unit. This is the case in New York City, LA, Washington D.C., Boston, and Denver. Many have instituted city permitting, registration, and bed tax regulations that are already in effect for Sitka.

Staff would like direction from the Commission on two questions:

- 1. Is the Commission interested in pursuing code changes to further regulate and/or limit the issuance of new conditional use permits for short-term rentals?
- 2. If yes, what particular changes is the Commission interested in pursuing:
 - a. Owner vs. non-owner occupied units
 - b. Densities within neighborhoods
 - c. Overall city-wide cap
 - d. Transferability of the permit
 - e. Other

IV. Attachments

2nd Address Report

Short-Term Rental Distribution Maps

Rental Statistics from the Department of Labor

COMPARED:

	Short-Term Rental La	aws Ac	ross the	Cour	ntry
City	Apartments For Rent / Company Summary Trends / Host Guides / Industry	An make cen Ins igffect	nents / Data & Fine	STR License Fee	Additional Cost
New York	 Can't rent out entire apartment (hosts must be present) Can't advertise an apartment Up to 2 paying guests 	May 2011	\$1,000 - \$7,500 (illegal advertising of apartments)	N/A	 Sales and use tax Hotel room occupancy tax
San Francisco	 Must register as a business and as a short-term rental Hosts must be permanent residents Up to 90 nights a year without hosts No income-restricted affordable housing 	Feb. 2015	≥ \$484 (per day)	\$250	 Transient occupancy tax Business personal property tax
Los Angeles	 Must obtain licenses Must be primary residence Up to 120 days a year 	July 2019	≥ \$500 (per day)	\$89	Transient occupancy tax
Washington DC	 Must obtain license, additional "vacation rental" endorsement for renting out an entire unit Must be primary residence Up to 90 nights a year without hosts 	Oct 2019	\$500 - \$6,000 (per violation)	TBD	Transient lodging tax
Chicago	 Short-term rental platforms must obtain license Hosts with 1 home-share unit register through the rental platform Hosts with ≥ 1 home-share unit must obtain license from city of Chicago Vacation rental must obtain license 	March 2017 (host registration)	\$1,500 - \$3,000 (per day)	\$0 - \$250	Hotel accommodation tax
Boston	 Must obtain license Must be primary residence or an secondary unit at their primary residence No income-restricted units 	Jan. 2019	\$100 - \$300 (per day)	\$25 - \$200	Same tax as hotel
Seattle	 Short-term rental platforms must obtain license Hosts must register as a business and as a short-term rental Up to 2 units If operate 2 units, one must be primary residence 	Sep. 2019	\$500 - \$1,000 (per violation)	\$75	 Retail sales tax Lodging tax Business and occupation tax



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Data source: Municipal Codes

Quick links to short-term rental laws in each city:



Citywide view of short-term rental distribution

Includes "active" and "not yet active" permits included in 2019₁₈ Annual Short-term Rental Report Downtown: West of Swan Lake & Katlian/Kaagwaantaan Downtown: Sawmill Creek to Lincoln Street





Edgecumbe Drive & Connectors: Charteris, Davidoff, Dodge Circle



Nicole/Kincroft Neighborhood



Alaska's Rental Market

2019 survey finds increased vacancy, some slightly lower rents

By ROB KREIGER

Rents fell slightly in 2019 and vacancies rose, according to our annual survey of Alaska landlords. The increase in vacancies continues a three-year trend that has pushed the overall vacancy rate to a 10-year high of 8.6 percent.

Rental costs and the broader housing market remained mostly stable throughout Alaska's recession (see the August 2018 issue of *Trends*), but the continued rise in vacancy suggests the state's weak economy is hurting the rental market.

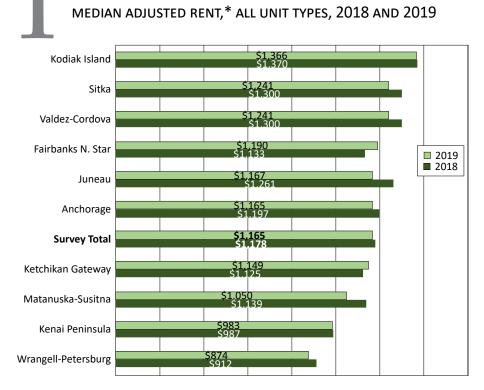
Recession still leaving its mark

The state's recent recession began in late 2015, but the steady increase in vacancy rates didn't begin until after 2016, when Alaska's job losses accelerated. Over the next couple of years, vacancies rose in most areas, and in some cases sharply.

Despite modest job growth in recent months, the continued rise in vacancy and Alaska's ongoing net migration losses suggest workers have continued to leave the state for opportunities elsewhere. (For an in-depth look at how the strength or weakness of the American economy can affect Alaska's migration patterns, see the article on page 10.)

Rents up and down by area, but remain close to 2018 overall

Overall, median adjusted rent fell \$13 from 2018, or



Most Rents Down, Kodiak's Still Highest

*Adjusted rent includes the cost of all utilities. See the sidebar on the next page for more details.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section and Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

1.1 percent, with a variety of ups and downs by area. Adjusted rent is the rent paid to the landlord plus the cost of all typical utilities. (See Exhibit 1 and the sidebar on the next page.)

Kodiak's rents were highest in 2019, as they were in 2018, while Wrangell and Petersburg rents remained lowest. Only Wrangell, Petersburg, and Kenai rents were below \$1,000 a month.

Rent dropped the most in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and Juneau, by 7.8 percent and 7.5 percent, respectively. Rent rose by 5 percent in Fairbanks and 2.1 percent in Ketchikan. Fairbanks' survey results were unusual this year in that rents went up, making the area more expensive than Juneau and Anchorage, but its vacancy rate increased significantly at the same time. Higher rents are typically driven by low vacancy rates.

It isn't clear what's driving Fairbanks' rise in rent, especially given the higher vacancy rate, but new or different types of housing entering the market at higher rents as well as higher utility costs are likely factors.

Kodiak's two-bedroom apartment rent is highest

Two-bedroom apartments are the most common rental units in all areas. Kodiak's adjusted two-bedroom apartment rent remained highest in 2019 at \$1,371 per month, followed by Juneau at \$1,352. Wrangell and Petersburg were lowest at \$861, followed by Kenai at \$1,015. (See Exhibit 2.)

Renting a house costs the most in Anchorage

Three-bedroom homes are the most common size for house rentals, and they were the most expensive in Anchorage at \$2,011 per month. Kodiak was second at \$1,961. (See Exhibit 3.)

About the data

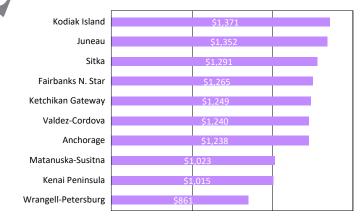
For more than 25 years, the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Research and Analysis Section has partnered with the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to conduct a survey every March of rental housing costs and vacancies in selected parts of Alaska.

Unless otherwise specified, rents quoted here are "adjusted rent," meaning rent if all utilities were included. Because the types and costs of utilities included in contract rent — the amount paid to the landlord each month — can vary considerably by area, using adjusted rent makes units comparable.

This survey doesn't include income-restricted units or other rentals not available to the public.

Kodiak Apartments Cost the Most

MEDIAN ADJUSTED RENTS, 2-BEDROOM, MAR 2019



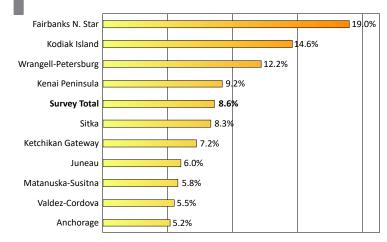
House Rent Highest in Anchorage

median adjusted rents, 3-bedroom, mar 2019

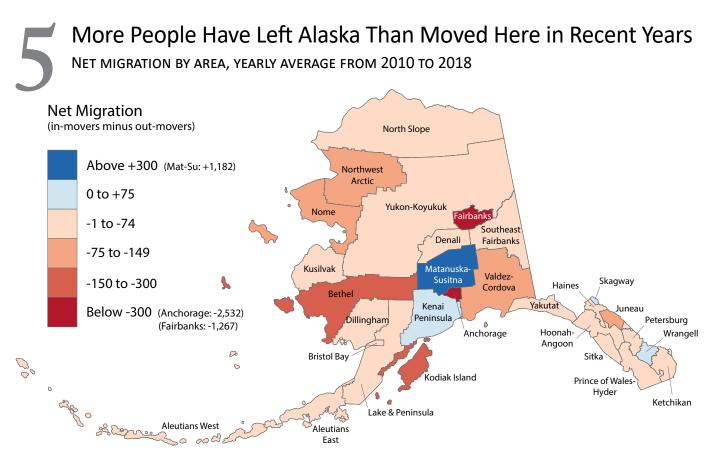


High Vacancy in Fairbanks, Kodiak

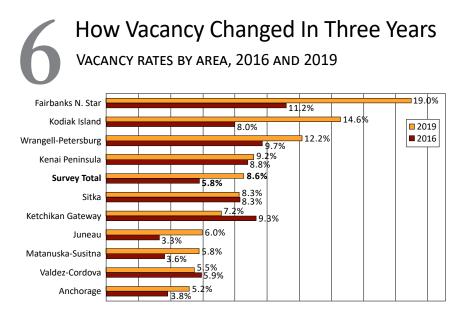
VACANCY RATES BY AREA, ALL UNIT TYPES, MAR 2019



Source for exhibits 2-4: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section and Alaska Housing Finance Corporation



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Wrangell and Petersburg were lowest in this category as well, at \$1,085, followed by Ketchikan at \$1,456.

A few areas remain tight, but vacancy up in most

While vacancy rates rose overall in 2019, results varied considerably by area. Sitka, Ketchikan, and the Valdez-Cordova Census Area were the only areas whose vacancy rates dropped.

Anchorage's rental market remained relatively tight at 5.2 percent vacancy, followed by Valdez-Cordova at 5.5 percent. (See Exhibit 4.) It's important to note, though, that 5.2 percent vacancy is high for Anchorage, which is typically down in the 3 to 4 percent range.

Juneau followed a similar pattern. While Juneau's vacancy rate was still

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Apartment Rents, Utilities, and Vacancies By Area

By number of bedrooms, march 2019

							Percent of Units That Include Utility					
Surveyed Area	Number of Bedrooms	Avg Con- tract Rent	Average Adj Rent	Median Con- tract Rent	Median Adj Rent	Vacancy Rate	Heat	Light	Hot Wtr	Water	Garbage	Sewer
	0	\$787	\$873	\$755	\$842	5.3%	87.4%	47.1%	89.0%	45.7%	99.5%	45.7%
Anchorage,	1	\$978	\$1,087	\$905	\$1,024	4.6%	86.0%	36.2%	87.8%	39.6%	99.7%	39.5%
Municipality	2	\$1,175	\$1,313	\$1,100	\$1,238	4.9%	72.7%	7.7%	75.6%	51.9%	98.3%	51.8%
	3	\$1,427	\$1,566	\$1,393	\$1,523	8.0%	59.3%	8.1%	62.2%	75.9%	88.3%	73.9%
	0	\$645	\$672	\$618	\$669	17.7%	98.8%	68.3%	97.6%	97.6%	95.1%	97.6%
Fairbanks	1	\$889	\$972	\$900	\$993	19.6%	98.3%	22.2%	93.1%	98.4%	92.8%	97.0%
North Star	2	\$1,111	\$1,247	\$1,140	\$1,265	23.9%	97.8%	6.5%	83.0%	96.5%	92.3%	95.2%
Borough	3	\$1,313	\$1,554	\$1,265	\$1,543	11.0%	89.9%	5.1%	46.8%	89.0%	75.1%	93.2%
	0	\$910	\$945	\$955	\$988	3.1%	78.7%	14.2%	82.7%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Juneau, City	1	\$1,006	\$1,043	\$1,000	\$1,037	5.9%	72.9%	38.3%	72.1%	99.5%	98.9%	99.5%
and Borough	2	\$1,253	\$1,338	\$1,250	\$1,352	6.1%	42.5%	13.5%	36.4%	99.3%	93.9%	99.3%
and Borough	3	\$1,670	\$1,795	\$1,700	\$1,840	5.8%	51.0%	8.7%	30.8%	97.1%	71.2%	99.0%
	0	\$626	\$652	\$650	\$665	7.1%	92.9%	71.4%	90.0%	100.0%	98.6%	100.0%
Kenai Penin-	1	\$755	\$861	\$765	\$831	6.9%	79.3%	26.7%	79.3%	94.4%	92.2%	94.4%
sula Borough	2	\$905	\$1,043	\$880	\$1,015	12.5%	80.7%	17.2%	76.9%	94.6%	92.2%	94.1%
	3	\$1,152	\$1,320	\$1,100	\$1,237	2.5%	63.3%	16.5%	63.3%	88.6%	82.3%	91.1%
	0	\$889	\$903	\$800	\$800	17.0%	95.7%	91.5%	95.7%	93.6%	91.5%	93.6%
Ketchikan	1	\$908	\$1,001	\$875	\$1,000	6.3%	83.3%	39.7%	71.4%	57.9%	57.1%	58.7%
Gateway Borough	2	\$1,130	\$1,254	\$1,065	\$1,249	3.2%	90.3%	35.1%	59.7%	48.1%	47.4%	48.1%
Dorougn	3	\$1,370	\$1,538	\$1,300	\$1,460	7.9%	85.7%	22.2%	61.9%	28.6%	25.4%	28.6%
	0	\$811	\$867	\$750	\$830	16.3%	98.0%	8.2%	55.1%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Kodiak Island	1	\$1,019	\$1,060	\$975	\$1,031	8.4%	95.8%	33.7%	93.7%	98.9%	98.9%	98.9%
Borough	2	\$1,277	\$1,359	\$1,300	\$1,371	17.1%	88.0%	11.4%	85.1%	94.3%	93.1%	94.3%
Ŭ	3	\$1,447	\$1,567	\$1,500	\$1,584	15.7%	75.9%	4.8%	75.9%	92.8%	92.8%	92.8%
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	0	\$726	\$895	\$750	\$920	0%	68.4%	5.3%	78.9%	10.5%	68.4%	68.4%
Sitka, City	1	\$852	\$1,050	\$875	\$1,073	6.5%	58.1%	11.8%	65.6%	19.4%	33.3%	39.8%
and Borough	2	\$1,011	\$1,298	\$1,000	\$1,291	7.7%	25.3%	4.4%	26.4%	11.0%	6.6%	11.0%
	3	\$1,299	\$1,568	\$1,200	\$1,373	12.2%	14.6%	2.4%	9.8%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%
	0	\$907	\$907	\$900	\$900	28.6%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Valdez-	1	\$998	\$1,028	\$900	\$900	3.8%	88.5%	71.2%	84.6%	90.4%	90.4%	90.4%
Cordova	2	\$1,200	\$1,289	\$1,100	\$1,240	4.9%	80.5%	30.9%	62.6%	96.7%	95.1%	96.7%
Census Area	3	\$1,349	\$1,460	\$1,275	\$1,378	3.1%	84.4%	28.1%	78.1%	87.5%	90.6%	90.6%
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Notes: Contract rent is the amount paid to the landlord each month, which may or may not include some utilities. Adjusted rent is the contract rent plus all utilities, which allows for comparisons among areas.

ND = Not disclosable for confidentiality reasons

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section and Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, 2019 Rental Survey

Single-Family House Rents, Utilities, and Vacancies by Area

By number of bedrooms, march 2019

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Notes: Contract rent is the amount paid to the landlord each month, which may or may not include some utilities. Adjusted rent is the contract rent plus all utilities, which allows for comparisons among areas.

ND = Not disclosable for confidentiality reasons

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section and Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, 2019 Rental Survey

among the lowest in the state in 2019 at 6.0 percent, it too is usually closer to 3 percent and has nearly doubled in three years.

Atypical patterns in Kodiak and Fairbanks this year

As mentioned earlier, Fairbanks and Kodiak had the highest vacancy rates early this year at 19.0 percent and 14.6 percent, respectively, and both had risen considerably since 2016. (See Exhibit 6.)

While Kodiak's rent has remained close to what it was last year, Kodiak had the highest rents in the state in 2019 as well as one of the highest vacancy rates, which is unusual because it tends to have high rent with low vacancy.

High vacancy rates in Kodiak and Fairbanks are partly explained by population loss through net migration, or more people moving out than moving in. Both areas have had significant net migration losses since 2010. (See Exhibit 5.)

Kodiak's vacancy rate is also tied to the Coast Guard, and the recent trend of more personnel living on base has opened up rentals in the area. Finally, Kodiak has a number of new multiplex apartments, which likely increased vacancy over the last few years.

Fairbanks' high vacancy rate is also due to a number of other factors, including military movements, a slower economy, new units on the market, and a transient population (mostly due to its large military population and the University of Alaska Fairbanks).

In March, the U.S. Army announced it would deploy half of its largest unit stationed in Fairbanks to Iraq later this year (the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, which has 4,500 soldiers). Although the announcement came while this survey was in progress, families were likely already making preparatory moves.

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AGENDA ITEM

Case No:	CUP 19-16
Proposal:	Request for short-term rental at 3311 Halibut Point Road
Applicant:	Mike and Eileen Chambers
Owner:	Mike and Eileen Chambers
Location:	3311 Halibut Point Road
Legal:	Lot 6, Rodgers Subdivision
Zone:	R-2 MHP multifamily and mobile home district
Size:	13,700 SF
Parcel ID:	2-5497-000
Existing Use:	Residential
Adjacent Use:	Single-family housing
Utilities:	Existing
Access:	Halibut Point Road

KEY POINTS AND CONCERNS

- Neighborhood appears to be primarily residential uses including single-family and duplex dwellings.
- The short-term rental is in a structure with one dwelling unit, 3 bed/3 bath
- The home is currently the primary dwelling for the applicants. Applicants wish to rent out their home as they are travelling frequently for care of extended family out of town.
- The renter information handout shall comply with conditions of approval, specifically regarding access, parking, quiet hours, trash management, transportation, and respect for the neighborhood.
- Short-term rentals have impacts to long-term rentals and home values. This is important to note regarding this specific proposal and STRs at large.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve the short-term rental at 3311 Halibut Point Road subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

BACKGROUND/PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The following request is for a conditional use permit for short-term rental (STR) for a single-family home structure. The home to be rented is 1,664 square feet with 3 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. The home is equipped as a functioning, full-time residence with adequate space and facilities for eating, cooking, sleeping, and bathing as well as a garage. The rental is to be managed by a property manager, Ellen Leuders. The home is adjacent to single-family dwellings and duplex dwellings.

ANALYSIS

1. CRITERIA TO BE USED IN DETERMINING THE IMPACT OF CONDITIONAL USES. $^{\rm 1}$

a. Amount of vehicular traffic to be generated and impacts of the traffic on nearby land uses: Applicant does not anticipate significant increase in vehicular traffic nor impact from proposed use as there is parking on-site, meeting the Sitka General Code requirement to afford space for two vehicles per dwelling unit. The applicant plans to also provide parking space within the two-car garage.

b. Amount of noise to be generated and its impacts on surrounding land use: Short term rentals have the potential to create noise from transient guests, however a property manager will be available to address noise issues. Owners also plan to maintain a dwelling unit on the property and should be able to monitor noise.

c. Odors to be generated by the use and their impacts: Potential odor impacts are minimal and in line with similar residential uses. Garbage shall be disposed of in a municipal container and in accordance with Sitka General Code requirements.

d. Hours of operation: Available year-round.

e. Location along a major or collector street: Accessed from state highway, Halibut Point Road.

f. Potential for users or clients to access the site through residential areas or substandard street creating a cut-through traffic scenario: There is only one way to access the property, potential for cut-through traffic does not exist.

g. Effects on vehicular and pedestrian safety: No significant changes expected, minimal traffic with one or two cars utilized for the rental.

¹ § 22.24.010.E

h. Ability of the police, fire, and EMS personnel to respond to emergency calls on the site: Residence has reasonable access from Halibut Point Road. Applicant does not anticipate a change from the current ability of emergency services personnel to access the site.

i. Logic of the internal traffic layout: The rental unit is a single dwelling unit with a two stories. The first story has a kitchen, living room, dining room, and bathroom. The second story has 3 bedrooms and two bathrooms. There is also a two-car garage.

j. Effects of signage on nearby uses: No signage proposed. All signs shall comply with Sitka General Code.

k. Presence of existing or proposed buffers on the site or immediately adjacent the site: There is some vegetation between neighboring properties, property is adjacent to waterfront on one side.

I. Relationship if the proposed conditional use is in a specific location to the goals, policies, and objectives of the comprehensive plan: An STR can help support the existing and growing tourism industry by providing transient guests with short-term housing options that allow the potential for more visitors to visit Sitka, bringing in money and creating opportunities for job creation and economic development. STRs also increase the affordability of housing for owners by offsetting housing costs with rental income. However, STRs correlate with negative impacts to available housing stock for residents, long-term rental rates, and increased purchase prices for housing.

m. Other criteria that surface through public comments or planning commission review: The applicants plan to build an ADU on the property in order to enable the short-term rental of this main home – meaning that the use of this permit is contingent on the approval of another conditional use permit to come before the Commission at a later date. Further, ADU's are intended to provide more affordable, long-term housing. The building of an ADU to enable a short-term rental could be viewed as an outcome contrary to the intent of ADU's.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Department recommends that the Planning Commission approve the conditional use permit application for a short-term rental at 3311 Halibut Point Road subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Aerial Attachment B: STR Density Attachment C: Floor Plan Attachment D: Photos Attachment E: Plat Attachment F: Renter Handout Attachment G: Application

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. Contingent upon a completed satisfactory life safety inspection.

2. The facility shall be operated consistent with the application, narrative, and plans that were submitted with the request.

3. The applicant shall submit an annual report beginning in 2021, covering the information on the form prepared by the Municipality, summarizing the number of nights the facility has been rented over the twelve month period starting with the date the facility began operation, bed tax remitted, any violations, concerns, and solutions implemented. The report is due within thirty days following the end of the reporting period.

4. The Planning Commission, at its discretion, may schedule a public hearing at any time for the purpose of resolving issues with the request and mitigating adverse impacts on nearby properties upon receipt of meritorious complaint or evidence of violation of conditions of approval.

5. Failure to comply with all applicable tax laws, including but not limited to remittance of all sales and bed tax, shall be grounds for revocation of the conditional use permit.

6. The property owner shall register for a sales account prior to the Conditional Use Permit becoming valid.

7. To mitigate the impact of odor from the short term rental and comply with bear attraction nuisance requirements, the property owner shall assure all trash is deposited in trash receptacles and only placed on street for collection after 4:00 a.m. on trash collection day.

8. To mitigate parking and traffic impacts, property owner shall provide detailed parking and traffic rules, and shall ensure all parking for all uses (residential or short-term rental) shall occur off-street, on-site, and further that should off-site parking occur at any time, the conditional use permit shall be revoked.

9. Any signs must comply with Sitka General Code 22.20.090.

10. A detailed rental overview shall be provided to renters detailing directions to the unit, transportation options, appropriate access, parking, trash management, noise control/quiet hours, and a general condition to respect the surrounding residential neighborhood. The renter handout shall include an advisory note to tenants to be mindful of vehicle and especially pedestrian traffic in the area, and to exercise caution coming and going from the property in motor vehicles.

12. The property owner shall communicate to renters that a violation of these conditions of approval will be grounds for eviction of the short-term renters.

13. Failure to comply with any of the above conditions may result in revocation of the conditional use permit.

Motions in favor of approval

- "I move to approve the conditional use permit for a short-term rental at 3311 Halibut Point Road in the R-2 MHP single-family, duplex, and manufactured home district subject to the attached conditions of approval. The property is also known as Lot 6, Rodgers Subdivision. The request is filed by Mike and Eileen Chambers. The owners of record are Mike and Eileen Chambers."
- 2) "I move to adopt the required findings for conditional use permits."

The Planning Commission shall not approve a proposed development unless it first makes the following findings and conclusions:²

1. ... The granting of the proposed conditional use permit will not:

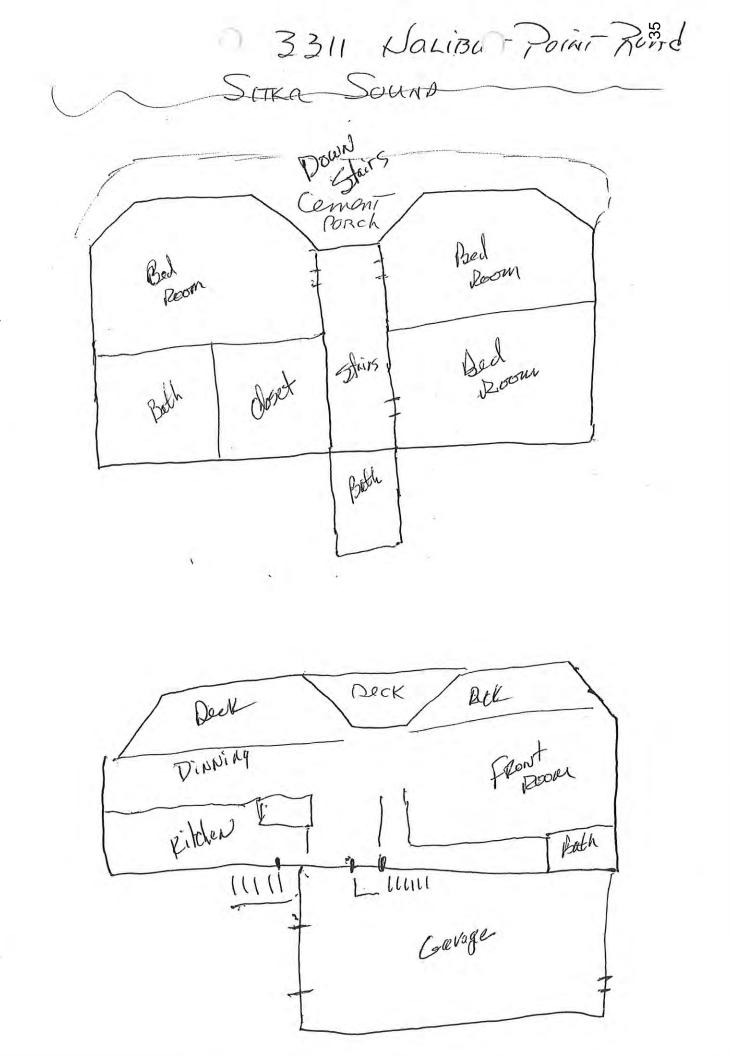
- **a.** Be detrimental to the public health, safety, and general welfare; *specifically, conditions of approval require responsible management of garbage, noise, traffic, and parking, which will be monitored and enforced by the applicant.*
- **b.** Adversely affect the established character of the surrounding vicinity; *specifically, the rental makes use of an already developed single-family home with owner/manager monitoring the property.*
- c. Be injurious to the uses, property, or improvements adjacent to, and in the vicinity of, the site in which the proposed use is to be located; *specifically, by the enforcement of mitigation for potential impacts including traffic, odor, noise, and parking.*
- 2. The granting of the proposed conditional use permit is consistent and compatible with the intent of the goals, objectives, and policies of the comprehensive plan and any implementing regulation; specifically, to help sustain the existing and growing tourism industry in support of economic development goals and objectives to increase employment and attract new business.
- **3.** All conditions necessary to lessen any impacts of the proposed use are conditions that can be monitored and enforced; specifically, the applicant will monitor the property to enforce conditions 24/7. Violation of the rules provided in the rental overview may be grounds for eviction.

² §22.30.160(C)—Required Findings for Conditional Use Permits

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REQUIRED 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
Copy of Deed (find in purchase documents or at Alaska Recorder's Office website)
Copy of current plat (find in purchase documents or at Alaska Recorder's Office website)
Site photos showing all angles of structures, property lines, street access, and parking – emailed to <u>planning@cityofsitka.org</u> or printed in color on 8.5" x 11" paper
Proof of filing fee payment \$1007 + Tark
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.)

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 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. 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. Owner MIS

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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)

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REQUIRED FINDINGS (SGC 22.30.160(C):

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Planning and Community Development Department

AGENDA ITEM

Case No:	CUP 20-03
Proposal:	Request for short-term rental at 1818 Edgecumbe Drive
Applicant:	Sondra Lundvick
Owner:	James & Sondra Lundvick
Location:	1818 Edgecumbe Drive
Legal:	Lot 12B, Standerwick Subdivision, USS 3806
Zone:	R-1 single-family and duplex residential district
Size:	12,284 square feet
Parcel ID:	24555002
Existing Use:	Residential
Adjacent Use:	Single-family housing
Utilities:	Existing
Access:	Edgecumbe Drive

KEY POINTS AND CONCERNS

- Neighborhood is residential, including single-family and multi-family dwellings.
- The short-term rental is in a standalone structure housing one dwelling unit.
- The renter information handout shall comply with conditions of approval, specifically regarding access, parking, quiet hours, trash management, transportation, and respect for the neighborhood.
- Short-term rentals have impacts to long-term rentals and home values. This is important to note regarding this specific proposal and STRs at large.
- Short-term rental approved next door at 1820 Edgecumbe was rented for 58 nights in 2019. Proposed 1818 rental is for June/July only, neither is a year-round, high frequency occupation. No other short-term rentals are in the vicinity.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve the short-term rental at 1818 Edgecumbe Drive subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

BACKGROUND/PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This request is for a conditional use permit for short-term rental (STR) for a 3 bedroom, 2 ½ bath single dwelling unit building. The owner intends to have the unit available for short term rental during the months of June and July while they travel.

ANALYSIS

1. CRITERIA TO BE USED IN DETERMINING THE IMPACT OF CONDITIONAL USES. $^{\rm 1}$

a. Amount of vehicular traffic to be generated and impacts of the traffic on nearby land uses: Applicant does not anticipate significant increase in vehicular traffic nor impact from proposed use as there is parking on-site, namely space for at least two cars. This meets the Sitka General Code requirement to afford space for two vehicles per dwelling unit.

b. Amount of noise to be generated and its impacts on surrounding land use: Short term rentals have the potential to create noise from transient guests. Professional management will be a point of contact for issues/complaints.

c. Odors to be generated by the use and their impacts: Potential odor impacts are minimal and in line with similar residential uses. Garbage shall be disposed of in municipal container and in accordance with Sitka General Code requirements.

d. Hours of operation: The proposal is to book rentals during June and July.

e. Location along a major or collector street: Easement to Edgecumbe Drive.

f. Potential for users or clients to access the site through residential areas or substandard street creating a cut-through traffic scenario: Property is adjacent to Edgecumbe Drive and is accessed via easement. There is no access to other streets from the property.

g. Effects on vehicular and pedestrian safety: No significant changes expected, minimal increase in traffic.

h. Ability of the police, fire, and EMS personnel to respond to emergency calls on the site: Residence has reasonable access off Edgecumbe Drive. Applicant does not anticipate a change from the current ability of emergency services personnel to access the site.

i. Logic of the internal traffic layout: The rental unit is a two-story single-family residence without shared common spaces.

¹ § 22.24.010.E

j. Effects of signage on nearby uses: No signage proposed. All signs shall comply with Sitka General Code.

k. Presence of existing or proposed buffers on the site or immediately adjacent the site: Natural buffers of bushes and trees on the site, as well as buffering due to elevation, a rock wall, and a fence.

I. Relationship if the proposed conditional use is in a specific location to the goals, policies, and objectives of the comprehensive plan: An STR can help support the existing and growing tourism industry by providing transient guests with short-term housing options that allow the potential for more visitors to visit Sitka, bringing in money and creating opportunities for job creation and economic development. STRs also increase the affordability of housing for owners by offsetting housing costs with rental income. However, STRs correlate with negative impacts to available housing stock for residents, long-term rental rates, and increased purchase prices for housing.

m. Other criteria that surface through public comments or planning commission review: Not applicable at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Department recommends that the Planning Commission approve the conditional use permit application for a short-term rental at 1818 Edgecumbe Drive subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Aerial Attachment B: STR Density Attachment C: Floor Plan Attachment D: Photos Attachment E: Renter Handout Attachment F: Applicant Materials

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. Contingent upon a completed satisfactory life safety inspection.

2. The facility shall be operated consistent with the application, narrative, and plans that were submitted with the request.

3. The applicant shall submit an annual report beginning in 2021, covering the information on the form prepared by the Municipality, summarizing the number of nights the facility has been rented over the twelve month period starting with the date the facility began operation, bed tax remitted, any violations, concerns, and solutions implemented. The report is due within thirty days following the end of the reporting period.

4. The Planning Commission, at its discretion, may schedule a public hearing at any time for the purpose of resolving issues with the request and mitigating adverse impacts on nearby properties upon receipt of meritorious complaint or evidence of violation of conditions of approval.

5. Failure to comply with all applicable tax laws, including but not limited to remittance of all sales and bed tax, shall be grounds for revocation of the conditional use permit.

6. The property owner shall register for a sales account prior to the Conditional Use Permit becoming valid.

7. To mitigate the impact of odor from the short-term rental and comply with bear attraction nuisance requirements, the property owner shall assure all trash is deposited in trash receptacles and only placed on street for collection after 4:00 a.m. on trash collection day.

8. To mitigate parking and traffic impacts, property owner shall provide detailed parking and traffic rules, and shall ensure all parking for all uses (residential or short-term rental) shall occur off-street, on-site, and further that should off-site parking occur at any time, the conditional use permit shall be revoked.

9. Any signs must comply with Sitka General Code 22.20.090.

10. A detailed rental overview shall be provided to renters detailing directions to the unit, transportation options, appropriate access, parking, trash management, noise control/quiet hours, and a general condition to respect the surrounding residential neighborhood. The renter handout shall include an advisory note to tenants to be mindful of vehicle and especially pedestrian traffic in the area, and to exercise caution coming and going from the property in motor vehicles.

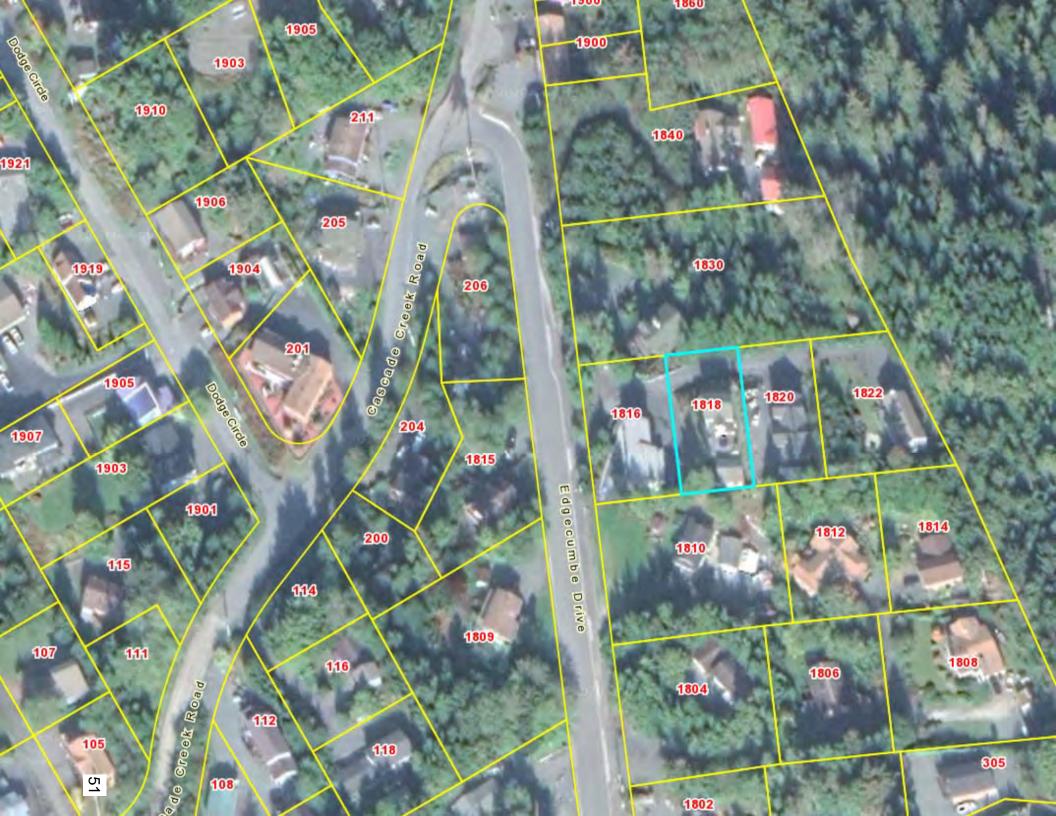
12. The property owner shall communicate to renters that a violation of these conditions of approval will be grounds for eviction of the short-term renters.

13. Failure to comply with any of the above conditions may result in revocation of the conditional use permit.

Motions in favor of approval

- 1) I move to approve the conditional use permit for a short-term rental at 1818 Edgecumbe Drive in the R-1 single family and duplex residential zoning district, subject to the attached conditions of approval. The property is also known as Lot 12B, Standerwick Subdivision. The request is filed by Sondra Lundvick. The owners of record are James and Sondra Lundvick.
- 2) I move to adopt and approve the required findings for conditional use permits. The Planning Commission shall not approve a proposed development unless it first makes the following findings and conclusions:²
 - 1. ... The granting of the proposed conditional use permit will not:
 - **a.** Be detrimental to the public health, safety, and general welfare; *specifically, conditions of approval require responsible management of garbage, noise, traffic, and parking, which will be monitored and enforced by the applicant.*
 - **b.** Adversely affect the established character of the surrounding vicinity; *specifically, the rental makes use of an already developed single-family home.*
 - c. Be injurious to the uses, property, or improvements adjacent to, and in the vicinity of, the site in which the proposed use is to be located; *specifically, by the enforcement of mitigation for potential impacts including traffic, odor, noise, and parking.*
 - 2. The granting of the proposed conditional use permit is consistent and compatible with the intent of the goals, objectives, and policies of the comprehensive plan and any implementing regulation; specifically, to help sustain the existing and growing tourism industry in support of economic development goals and objectives to increase employment and attract new business.
 - **3.** All conditions necessary to lessen any impacts of the proposed use are conditions that can be monitored and enforced; specifically, the applicant will monitor the property to enforce conditions 24/7. Violation of the rules provided in the rental overview may be grounds for eviction.

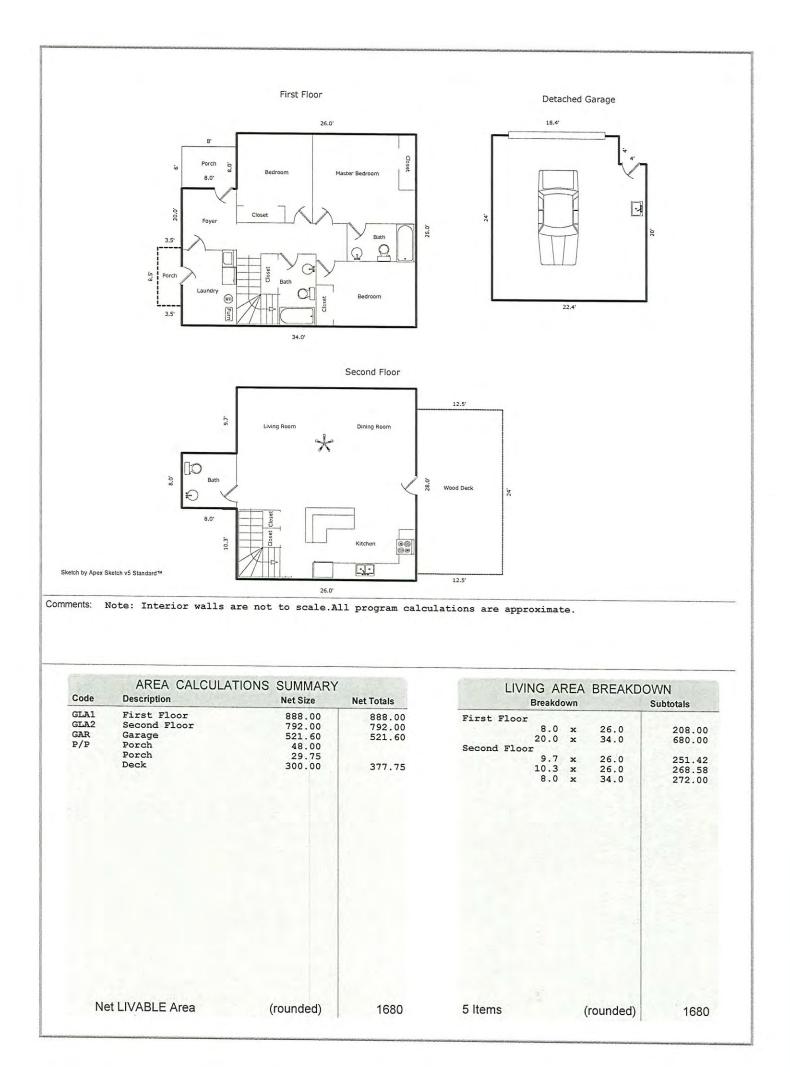
² §22.30.160(C)—Required Findings for Conditional Use Permits





Building Sketch

Borrower	Lundvick, James			
Property Address	1818 Edgecumbe Dr			
City	Sitka	County Sitka	State AK	Zip Code 99835
Lender/Client	Homestreet Bank/VA		740	



1818 Edgecumbe Dr

Subject Photos

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Lender/Client	Homestreet Bank/VA			
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Property Address	1818 Edgecumbe Dr		and the second of the	
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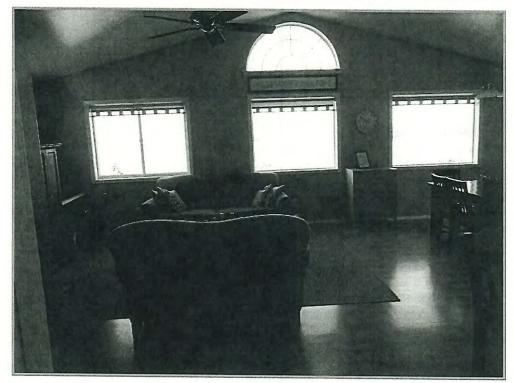
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Photograph Addendum

Borrower	Lundvick, James			
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Main Living Area





Kitchen

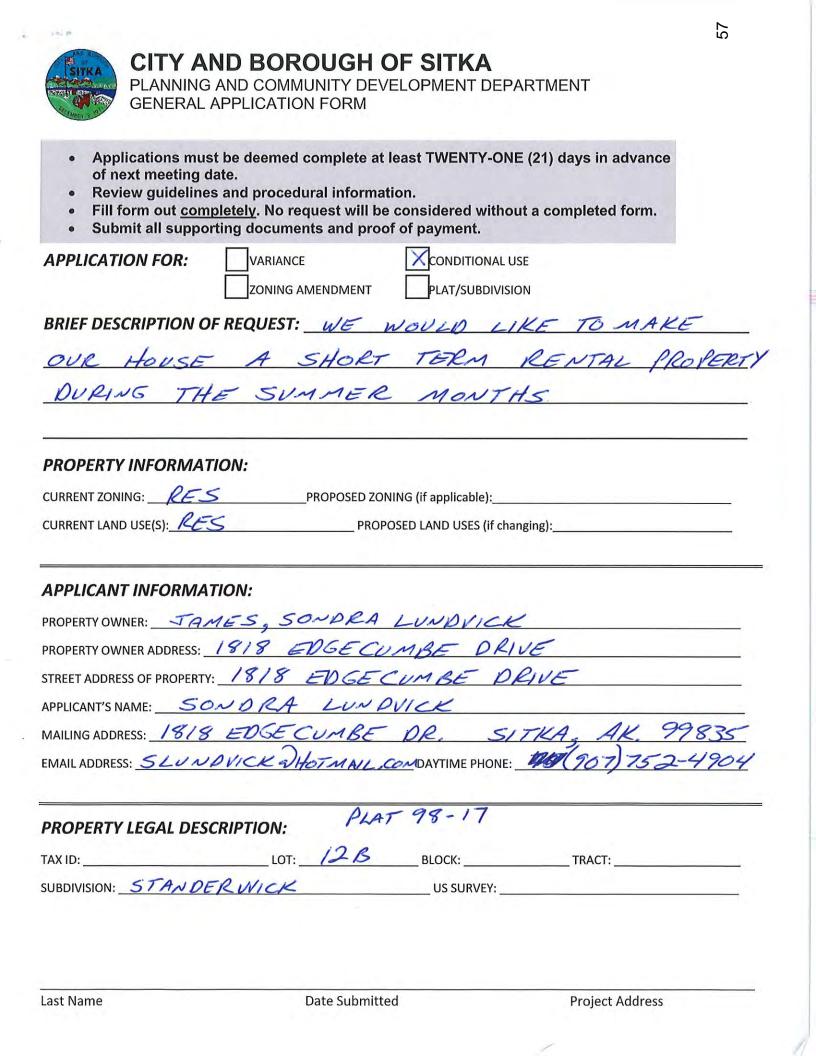
James and Sondra Lundvick 1818 Edgecumbe Drive Sitka, Ak. 99835

Directions-From the airport: Cross the bridge into town. Go straight through the stop light and proceed to the roundabout. Take the third right onto Halibut Point road. Turn right onto Cascade Creek road. Turn right onto Edgecumbe Drive. Turn left onto gravel drive (1818 Edgecumbe Drive) and take the second drive to the right next to rock wall.

Parking-After pulling up the driveway next to the rock wall, park straight in at the end of the driveway (2 spaces)

Garbage-There is a garbage can located outside on the second story deck, store garbage in the can with the cover on. Do not put trash any where else on the property as there are bears in the area. Garbage day is Thursday, and the can next to the garage should be loaded and left on Edgecumbe Drive on the right side of the driveway

Problems or Questions- Contact Christine Mcgraw at (907)-738-0176



REQUIRED INFORMATION:

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For All Applicati	<u>ions:</u>
Complet	ed General Application form
Supplem	nental Application (Variance, CUP, Plat, Zoning Amendment)
Site Plan	showing all existing and proposed structures with dimensions and location of utilities
Floor Pla	an for all structures and showing use of those structures
Copy of I	Deed (find in purchase documents or at Alaska Recorder's Office website)
Copy of a	current plat (find in purchase documents or at Alaska Recorder's Office website)
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Proof of	filing fee payment
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For Short-Term	Rentals and B&Bs:
Renter Ir	nformational Handout (directions to rental, garbage instructions, etc.)

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 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. 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 herealf

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Applicant (If different than owner)

Date



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AGENDA ITEM

Case No:	CUP 20-04
Proposal:	Request for an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)
Applicant:	Chris Balovich
Owner:	Robert and Debbie Petrie of Jack 2199, Inc.
Location:	2202 Sawmill Creek Road
Legal:	Lot 1, Keith Bartow Subdivision
Zone:	R-1 LDMH single family, duplex, and manufactured home low density district
Size:	284,447 square feet
Parcel ID:	3-123-5004
Existing Use:	Residential
Adjacent Use:	Single-family and multi-family housing
Utilities:	Existing
Access:	Sawmill Creek and access easement

KEY POINTS AND CONCERNS

- Neighborhood is residential, including single-family and multi-family dwellings.
- ADUs are a conditional use in the R-1MH, R-1 LDMH, and R-2 MHP zones
- The ADU would be built where an existing carport is placed. Carport is in disrepair and encroaches into easement.
- Building of ADU is consistent with Comprehensive Plan goals H1.1a and H1.1e

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve the accessory dwelling unit at 2202 Sawmill Creek Road subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

BACKGROUND

Existing lot is a very large lot, approximately 6.5 acres in a low density, low development level subdivision. The lot also has waterfront access. The property currently contains a single-family home.

The property also provides access to Bart Island, a small island in the adjacent cove. Bart Island, zoned General Island, operates commercial activity (short-term rentals and a commercial dock), both of which are allowed per the zoning. 2202 SMC provides parking to the island and land access, which has created conflict in the area in terms of easement use, parking, and garbage disposal.

These issue are intertwined given the shared reliance on the access easement and parking areas on the property.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The current structure in place is a carport; the condition of the carport necessitates demolition. The property owners would like to use this opportunity to build an enclosed garage, with the addition a dwelling unit above the garage in the process.

Unlike the R-1 and R-2 zones, the R-1 LDMH zone requires a conditional use permit regardless of whether or not the request can meet the ADU requirements listed in 22.20.160(C). Below is an analysis of the requirements met, or not met by the proposal.

1. An ADU is a permitted use, on lots served by a publicly maintained right-of-way in the following residential zoning districts: R-1 and R-2 and related districts exclusive of MH and MHP. An ADU shall not be constructed on lots accessed by access easements. They are also not allowed on lots served by rights-of-way that have not been accepted by the municipality or state of Alaska for maintenance. Property is served via access easement, ADU traffic would utilize this easement. The grantor of the easement is the property in question (i.e. the ADU does not users on to an easement granted by a third party). However, there are concerns about overuse of the easement due to commercial activity on Bart Island.

2. ADUs are intended for long-term rental use only. Rental of an ADU for a period of less than ninety consecutive days is prohibited. ADUs shall not be used for short-term vacation rentals and/or bed and breakfast purposes. Staff is unaware at this time of any plans to use the ADU for short-term rentals. Such use would require a separate action (conditional use permit) through this commission.

3. ADUs shall meet all development, design, zoning and building requirements at the time of construction (e.g., setback requirements and lot coverage standards) applicable to the primary dwelling unit, except as otherwise noted. Site plan indicates the structure will be built within the

setbacks and eliminate an existing encroachment into the access easement. Structure is two stores which should be built within 25' height limit. Given large size of lot, exceeding 35% lot coverage (approximately 99,500 square feet) is highly unlikely.

4. *The ADU must be located on the same parcel as the primary dwelling unit.* Proposed ADU is on the same parcel.

5. Only one ADU is allowed per parcel. Only one ADU proposed.

6. *Mobile homes, travel trailers and recreational vehicles shall not be used as an ADU.* ADU is to be a conventionally built (stick-built) structure.

7. ADUs shall only be located on a parcel in conjunction with a single-family dwelling unit. ADUs shall not be located on parcels that contain a duplex and shall not be located on parcels that contain two or more dwelling units. Staff is aware of only one dwelling unit on the property.

8. *ADUs shall be designed so that the appearance of the structure maintains, to the greatest extent possible, the appearance of a single-family property.* Will be reviewed during building permit process, plan is to build an attractive structure that blends in with the appearance of existing structures.

9. If a separate external entrance for the ADU is necessary, where possible, it shall be located on the side or rear of the structure. On a corner lot, where there are two entrances visible from either street, where possible, solid screening is required to screen at least one of the entrances from the street. Entrance is planned for front of structure to provide internal staircase to access dwelling space above the garage. However, front of house is angled towards the rear of the property

10. Exterior stairs shall be located in the side or rear yard wherever possible and must comply with setback and building code requirements. N/A, stairs are internal.

11. *The maximum size of an ADU shall be eight hundred square feet.* Unit is slightly larger at approximately 848 square feet to accommodate garage space for two vehicles and interior stairs.

12. The following parking requirements are applicable for ADUs:

a. As part of the application submittal process, the applicant shall submit a parking plan delineating parking space(s) for the ADU and the primary dwelling unit. Parking identified across easement or in garage. Some additional space proximate to ADU. While parking is provided for the main residence and a potential ADU, there is some concern that there is not enough parking available given commercial uses on Bart Island.

b. Where parking is located in any portion of the interior side and/or rear setbacks solid screening is required from adjoining properties. Parking does not take place within setbacks.

c. On-street parking is prohibited. N/A – on street parking not available. Parking to take place on the property.

d. *If additional parking is necessary, new parking space(s) shall utilize existing curb cuts.* N/A, not accessed from paved ROW.

13. All subdivisions of lots containing ADUs are prohibited unless all minimum lot sizes (exclusive of access easements), setbacks, lot coverage, and other requirements in the zoning and subdivision codes are met. N/A – subdivision not proposed at this time.

14. Variances are prohibited on any lot containing an ADU including, but not limited to, variances for setbacks, lot coverage, building height, and off-street parking requirements. N/A – no variances are requested at this time.

ANALYSIS

1. CRITERIA TO BE USED IN DETERMINING THE IMPACT OF CONDITIONAL USES. $^{\rm 1}$

a. Amount of vehicular traffic to be generated and impacts of the traffic on nearby land uses: Traffic is expected to increase – likely by one car, although two is possible and planned for. Access easement is gravel and steep in some places. Renters will need to be informed of how to properly access the unit without creating cut-through traffic.

b. Amount of noise to be generated and its impacts on surrounding land use: Noise generated should be in-line with normal residential use.

c. Odors to be generated by the use and their impacts: Odor generated should be in-line with normal residential use. Garbage shall be disposed of in municipal container and in accordance with Sitka General Code requirements.

d. Hours of operation: Available year round

e. Location along a major or collector street: Easement to Sawmill Creek Road

f. Potential for users or clients to access the site through residential areas or substandard street creating a cut-through traffic scenario: Cut through traffic is possible given the connection of the easements through 2202 Sawmill Creek Road and 2110 Sawmill Creek Road as shown on an aerial map. Renters would need to be informed on how to properly utilize the access easements.

¹ § 22.24.010.E

g. Effects on vehicular and pedestrian safety: No significant changes expected, minimal increase in traffic.

h. Ability of the police, fire, and EMS personnel to respond to emergency calls on the site: Easement is used to access at least 4 properties, change from the current ability of emergency services personnel to access the site is not anticipated to change.

i. Logic of the internal traffic layout: First story of the unit would have a two car garage with internal staircase up to dwelling space, second story contains 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, and kitchen/living/dining facilities.

j. Effects of signage on nearby uses: No signage proposed. All signs shall comply with Sitka General Code.

k. Presence of existing or proposed buffers on the site or immediately adjacent the site: Natural buffers of bushes and trees are on the site, as well low density of development.

l. Relationship if the proposed conditional use is in a specific location to the goals, policies, and objectives of the comprehensive plan: Expansion of ADUs in Sitka directly supports two Comprehensive Plan Objectives, H1.1a "allow, encourage, and promote ADUs by right in more zones" and H1.1e "encourage higher density".

m. Other criteria that surface through public comments or planning commission review: There are interrelated issues regarding uses and traffic generation of Bart Island, however, to fully resolve those issues would take action outside of, or in addition to, the decision on this item.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Department recommends that the Planning Commission approve the conditional use permit application for a short-term rental at 2202 Sawmill Creek Road, however, there needs to be resolution of parking and traffic associated with commercial use on Bart Island which is accessed through 2202 Sawmill Creek Road.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Aerials Attachment B: Site Plan Attachment C: Floor Plan Attachment D: Plat Attachment E: Photos Attachment F: Applicant Materials

Motions in favor of approval

1) "I move to approve the conditional use permit for an accessory dwelling unit at 2202 Sawmill Creek Road in the R-1 LDMH single family, duplex, and manufactured home low density zoning district subject to the conditions of approval. The property is also known as Lot 1, Keith Bartow Subdivision. The request is filed by Chris Balovich. The owner of record is Jack 2199, Inc."

Conditions of Approval:

- 1. Approval of ADU is specific to the site plan included in this application. Any substantial/significant change to the plans would require a new site plan review and approval from the Planning Commission.
- 2. Submission of the foundation permit for this project shall include a parking plan to include spaces for at least 6 vehicles.

2) "I move to adopt and approve the required findings for conditional use permits."

The Planning Commission shall not approve a proposed development unless it first makes the following findings and conclusions:²

1. The city may use design standards and other elements in this code to modify the proposal. A conditional use permit may be approved only if all of the following findings can be made regarding the proposal and are supported by the record that the granting of the proposed conditional use permit will not:

- a. Be detrimental to the public health, safety, and general welfare;
- b. Adversely affect the established character of the surrounding vicinity; nor
- c. Be injurious to the uses, property, or improvements adjacent to, and in the vicinity of, the site upon which the proposed use is to be located.

2. The granting of the proposed conditional use permit is consistent and compatible with the intent of the goals, objectives and policies of the comprehensive plan and any implementing regulation.

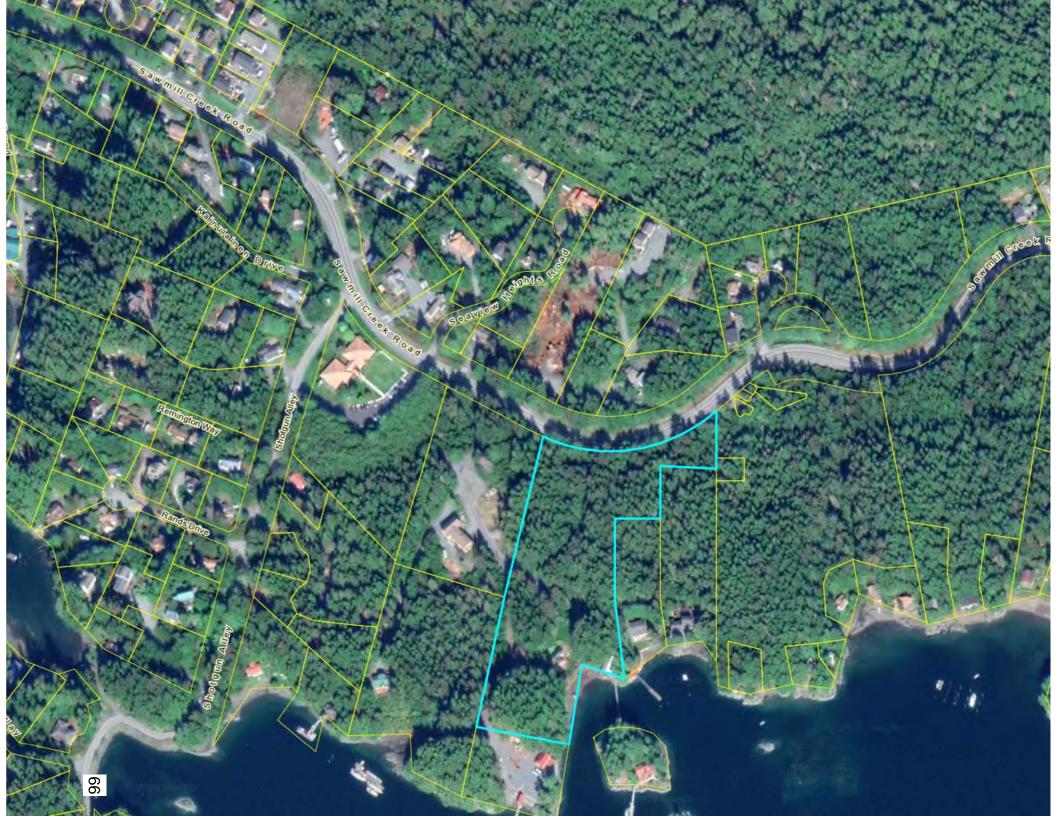
3. All conditions necessary to lessen any impacts of the proposed use are conditions that can be monitored and enforced.

4. The proposed use will not introduce hazardous conditions at the site that cannot be mitigated to protect adjacent properties, the vicinity, and the public health, safety and welfare of the community from such hazard.

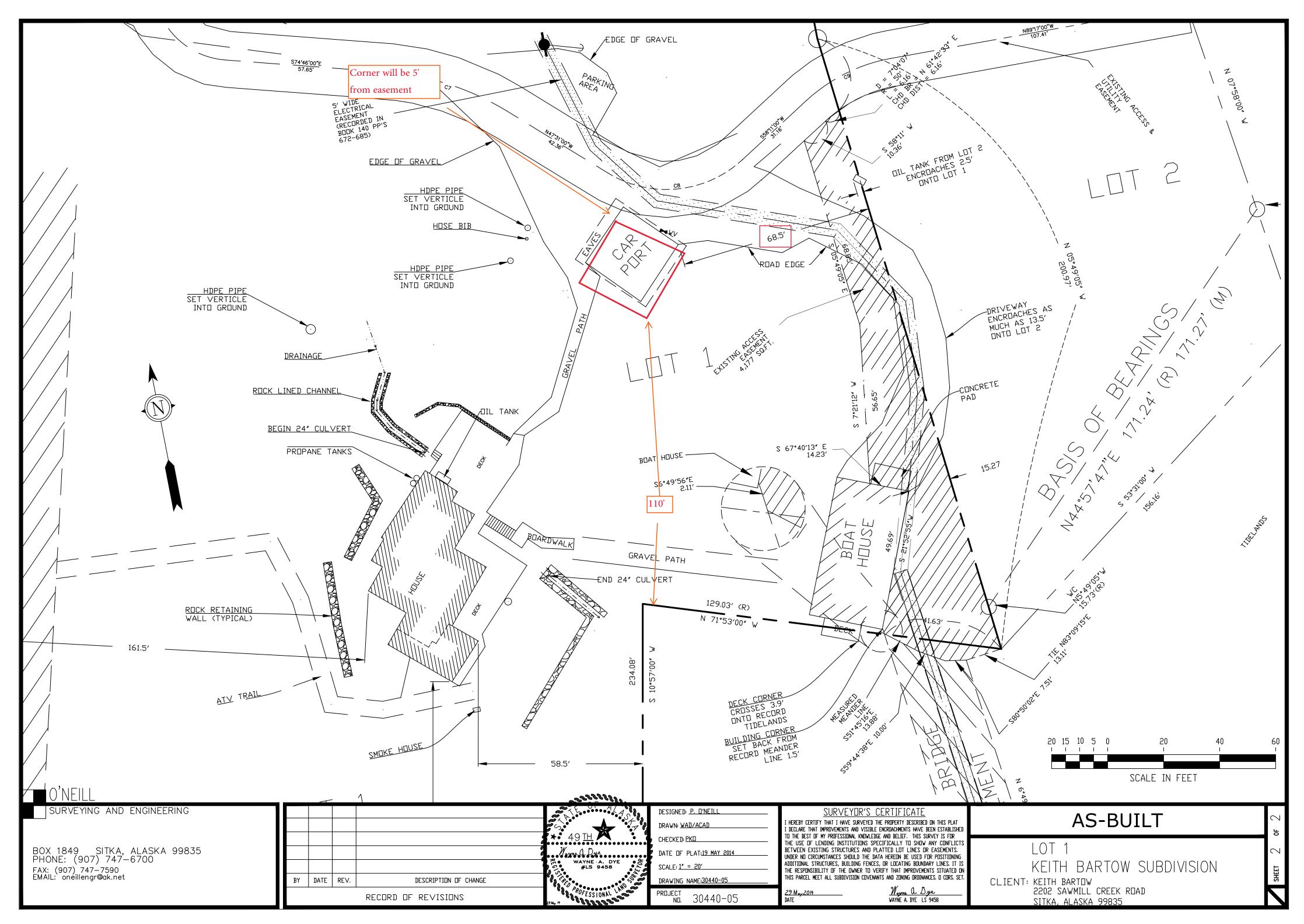
5. The conditional use will be supported by, and not adversely affect, adequate public facilities and services; or that conditions can be imposed to lessen any adverse impacts on such facilities and services.

6. Burden of Proof. The applicant has the burden of proving that the proposed conditional use meets all of the criteria in subsection B of this section.

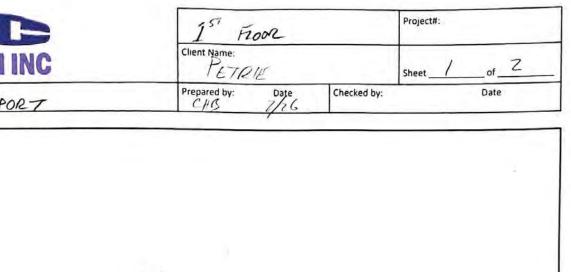
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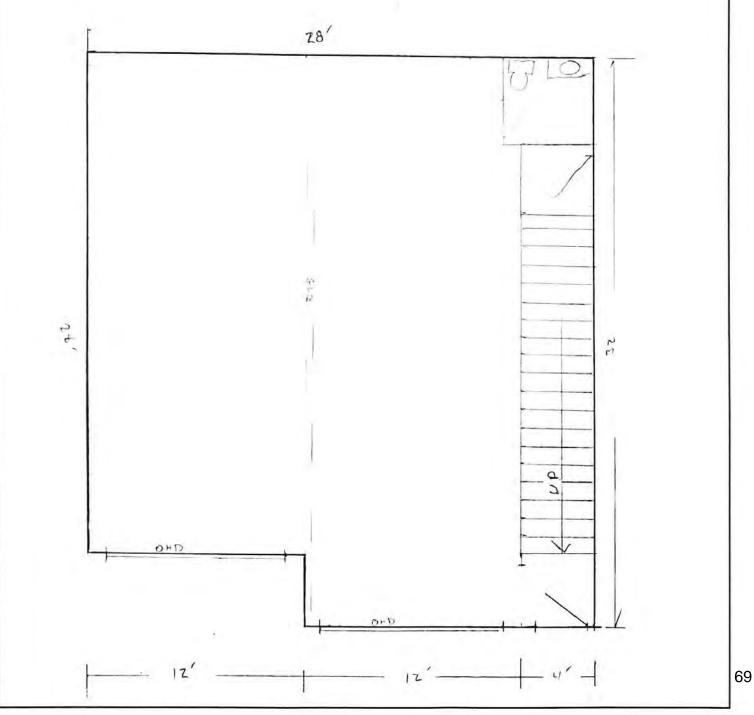


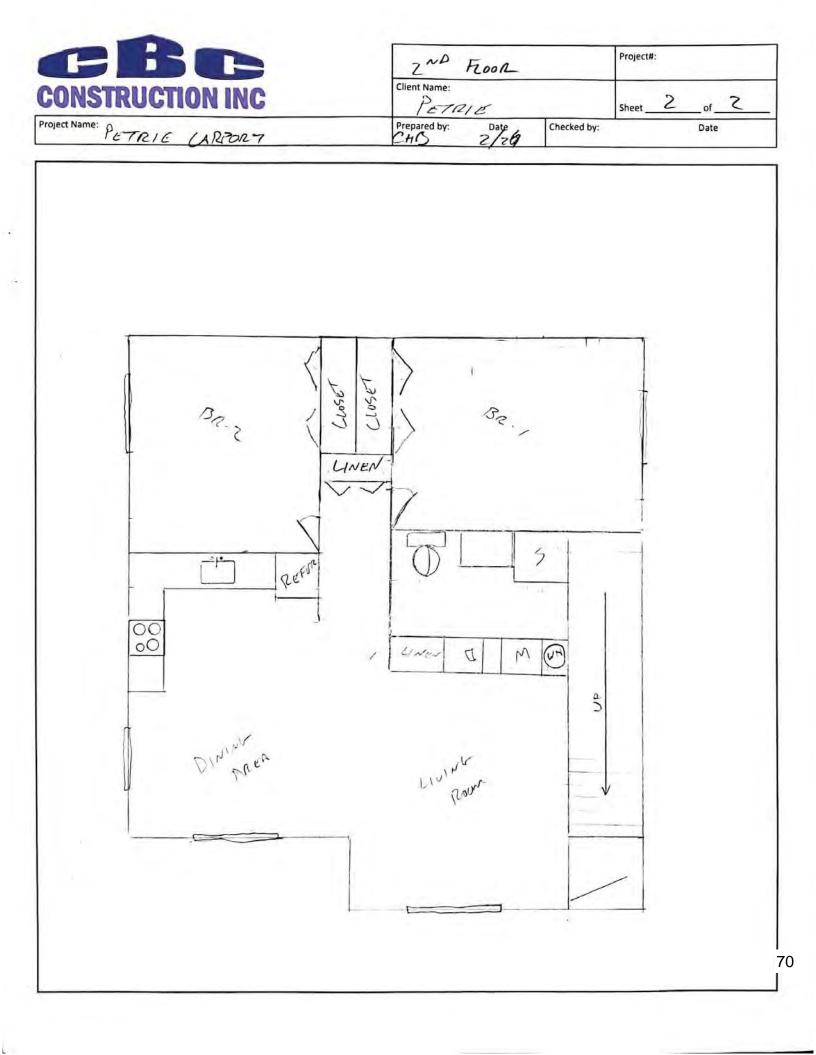


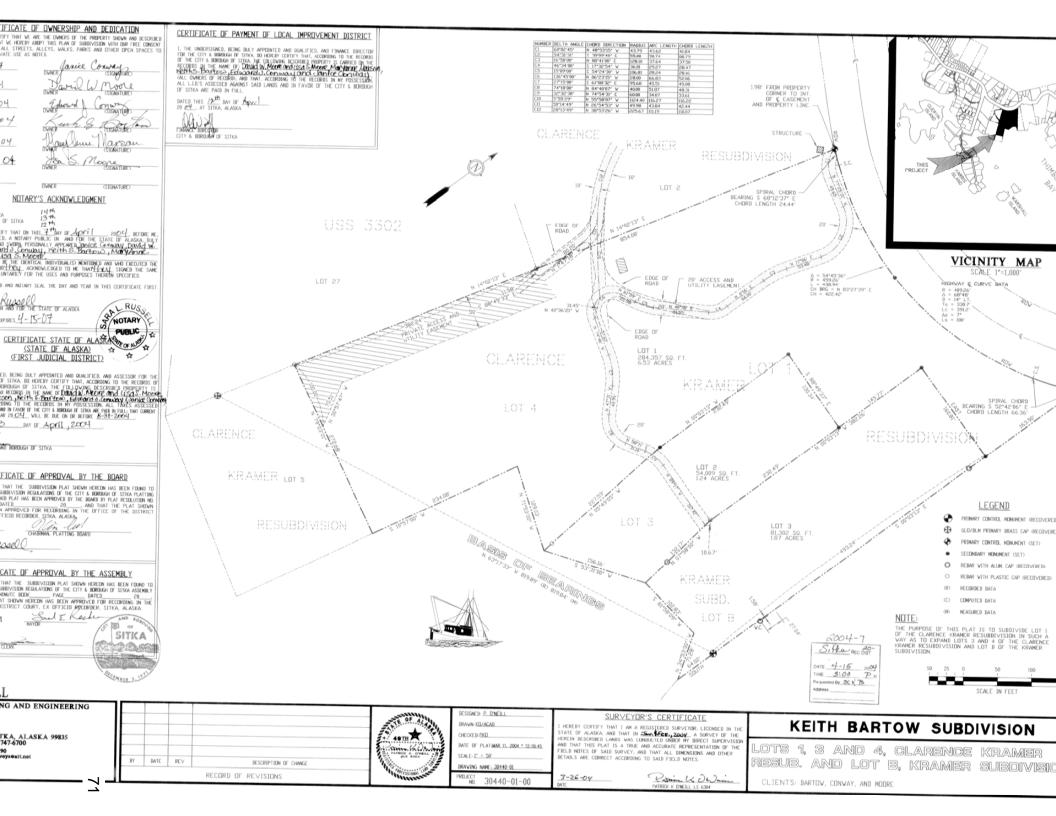


















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PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT GENERAL APPLICATION FORM

- 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:

VARIANCE ZONING AMENDMENT CONDITIONAL USE

PLAT/SUBDIVISION

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: We would like to demolish an existing carport and

construct a vehicle garage with an accessory dwelling for a caretaker above.

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

CURRENT ZONING: R1-LDMH

_PROPOSED ZONING (if applicable):____

CURRENT LAND USE(S): Carport

_ PROPOSED LAND USES (if changing): Garage with apartment

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

PROPERTY OWNER: Robert and Debbie Petrie

PROPERTY OWNER ADDRESS: 7217 Charlene Ct. Azle, TX. 76020

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: Sitka, AK. 99835

APPLICANT'S NAME: Chris Balovich

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 6133 Sitka, AK. 99835

EMAIL ADDRESS: chris@cbcalaska.com

DAYTIME PHONE: 907-738-0075

PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

TAX ID:	LOT: 1	BLOCK:	TRACT:	
SUBDIVISION: keith bartow	v subdivision	US SURVEY:		

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REQUIRED 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
Copy of Deed (find in purchase documents or at Alaska Recorder's Office website)
Copy of current plat (find in purchase documents or at Alaska Recorder's Office website)
Site photos showing all angles of structures, property lines, street access, and parking – emailed to <u>planning@cityofsitka.org</u> or printed in color on 8.5" x 11" paper
Proof of filing fee payment
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.)

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Owner	Date

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.

CHRIS BALOUICH

Applicant (If different than owner)

02/27/2020

Date

2202 SMC Rd.



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FORM CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

APPLICATION FOR

MARIJUANA ENTERPRISE SHORT-TERM RENTAL OR BED AND BREAKFAST OTHER: Accessory Dwelling Unit

CRITERIA TO DETERMINE IMPACT - SGC 22.24.010(E) (Please address each item in regard to your proposal)

- Amount of vehicular traffic to be generated and impacts of the traffic on nearby land uses: Unchanged from current use

- Hours of operation: _____

Same as the current usage

- Location along a major or collector street: ______
 Private Driveway

Unchanged from current use

Effects on vehicular and pedestrian safety: ______
None - Unchanged from current use



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- Logic of the internal traffic layout: ______
 Unchanged from current use
- Effects of signage on nearby uses: ______
 None
- Relationship if the proposed conditional use is in a specific location to the goals, policies, and objectives of the comprehensive plan (CITE SPECIFIC SECTION AND EXPLAIN): ______

H1.1 (encourage ADU's) H1.1e (encourage higher density development)

None that we can foresee

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REQUIRED FINDINGS (SGC 22.30.160(C):

...The granting of the proposed <u>conditional use</u> permit will not:

 a. Be detrimental to the public health, safety, and general welfare because______
 Will be constructed to current code and setback requirements

b. Adversely affect the established character of the surrounding vicinity, because _____

The new structure will be built to match the existing house

c. Be injurious to the uses, property, or improvements adjacent to, and in the vicinity of, the site upon

which the proposed use is to be located, because, ______ it is in the same footprint as ______ the existing structure and the use will be similar

2. The granting of the proposed <u>conditional use</u> permit is consistent and compatible with the intent of the

goals, objectives, and policies of the <u>comprehensive plan</u> and any implementing regulation, specifically,

conforms to Comprehensive Plan Section ______ which states ______ H1.1 (encourage ADU) H1.1e Encourage higher density development

because the proposal This project will create more affordable housing and increase the property tax base and utility income for the city of Sitka

3. All conditions necessary to lessen any impacts of the proposed use are conditions that can be monitored and enforced, because they will be adhered to in the design phase and will be sent in for a building permit application and can be verified prior to issuance of the permit.

ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS current structure infringes on the setback for the right of way. The current structure has substandard wiring. The current structure is

in poor shape and is a potential safety hazard.

2-29-20 Applicant Date 2202 SMC RD 2-29-20

Last Name

Date Submitted

Project Address