

City of Palmer Planning and Zoning Commission Packet

June 15, 2023



PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
6 PM, THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
231 W. EVERGREEN AVENUE, PALMER
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To ska at its Res

CHAIR CASEY PETERSON
VICE CHAIR PENNY MOSHER
COMMISSIONER LINDA COMBS
COMMISSIONER LISBETH JACKSON
COMMISSIONER JOHN MURPHY
COMMISSIONER KRISTY THOM BERNIER
VACANT

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Approval of Agenda
- E. Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - 1. Regular Meeting of October 20, 2022
 - 2. Regular Meeting of January 19, 2023
 - 3. Regular Meeting of March 16, 2023
 - 4. Regular Meeting of April 20, 2023
- F. Reports
- G. Audience Participation
- H. Public Hearings
 - 1. Resolution No. 23-004: A Resolution of the Palmer Planning and Zoning Commission Recommending City Council Approve a Zoning Map Amendment to expand the Public Use (P) Zoning of Tract 5, Cedar Hills subdivision, Unit 2, Phase 1 for establishment of an Emergency Medical Facility building to include Fire and Telecommunication services, Located in Section 29, Township 18 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian
 - 2. Resolution No. 23-005: A Resolution of the Palmer Planning and Zoning Commission Granting a Conditional Use Permit to Construct an Electrical Substation in an R-1, Single-family Residential District at 1424 South Margaret Drive, Palmer, Located on Lot 2, Lucas Acres Subdivision
- I. Unfinished Business
- J. New Business
 - 1. Committee of the Whole: Discuss IM 23-007, Review PMC Title 17 Zoning code language regarding Residential Care Facilities in residential districts (Note: Action may be taken by the Commission following the committee of the whole)
- K. Plat Reviews

IM 23-009: Abbreviated Plat Review – To create two lots from Parcel 1, Waiver 99-36-PWm (Tax Parcel A39) in Section 32, Township 18 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian, to be known as Breezy Meadows, located outside Palmer city limits.

- L. Public Comments
- M. Commissioner Comments

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N. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the October 20, 2022, January 19, March 16 & April 20, 2023 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting were not ready in time to be included with your packet.

When the minutes are received, a copy will be emailed to each Commissioner and will be available at the meeting.



Public Hearings



CITY OF PALMER **PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION INFORMATION MEMORANDUM 23-010**

SUBJECT:

Request to expand the Public Use (P) to include EMS, Fire and telecommunications on Tract 5, Cedar Hills Unit No. 2 Phase 1

AGENDA OF:

June 15, 2023

ACTION:

Review request for a Zoning Map Amendment to expand the Public Use (P) of the property for an establishment of an Emergency Medical Facility building to include Fire and telecommunication services, and if approved, send a recommendation to the City Council for adoption

Attachment(s):

- 1) Staff report to the Commission with Findings of Fact
- 2) Comment from City of Palmer Public Works Director
- 3) Resolution No. 23-004
- 4) Application with attachments, site plan and parking calculation
- 5) Public Hearing Notice and Vicinity Map
- 6) Plat No. 2017-60
- 7) Copy of mailing address labels
- 8) Responses to Notice (if any)

Summary:

Tract 5, Cedar Hills Unit No. 2 Phase 1 is owned by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. The parcel was rezoned on June 23, 2020, from CL-Commercial Limited to P-Public with the Public Use limited to the establishment of an emergency medical facility building. The Borough is requesting to expand the Public Use (P) for the establishment of an Emergency Medical Facility building to include Fire and telecommunication services.

Per Palmer Municipal Code (PMC 17.40.050), prior to the approval of the building or structure, the Commission shall receive, review and approve plot plans, architectural design, yards/setbacks, off-street parking and conformance to the city and borough comprehensive plans. A site plan containing all pertinent information has been included as part of the rezone request packet for Commission review and approval, if appropriate.

Recommendation: Community Development recommends approval of the request to expand the Public Use (P) for the establishment of an Emergency Medical Facility building to include Fire and telecommunication services and the forwarding of a recommendation supporting the requested change to City Council.

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Community Development Zone Change Application

Staff Report to Commission

PART I. GENERAL INFORMATION

ART II GENERAL INI ORMATION				
Location:	Tract	Tract 5, Cedar Hills Unit No. 2 Phase 1		
Site Address:	13069 E. Marsh Road			
Request:	To ex	To expand the Public use to include EMS, Fire and telecommunications		
Applicant(s) & Owner:				
Public Hearing Date: June		June	15, 2023	
Notification Requirements:		ents:	In accordance with 17.80.030	
On May 30, 2023, 205 public hearing notices were mailed to property owners within 1,200' of the site. Notification of the public hearing was published in the Frontiersman on June 9, 2023. A total of 6 written comments were received in response, with 4 in favor of, 2 opposed, and 0 no objection.				

PART II. BACKGROUND

Site Information:

This parcel was annexed into the City in 1976 as a part of 160 acres tract. In 1979, a master plan was proposed creating Tracts A, B and C, Northgate Subdivision. Current Tract 5 was at that time Tract C. A rezone of those Tracts was passed on August 26, 1980 with Ordinance No. 238-Z-2, changing Tract A from Single-family Residential (R-1) to Low Density Residential (R-2) and Tracts B and C to Commercial Limited (CL). That master plan however, lapsed. The Zoning of Tract 5 remained Commercial Limited (CL).

In 1999, a new master plan was platted, creating Tract A, Cedar Hills Subdivision Unit No. 2, Phase 1, Plat No. 2000-66, for the entire acreage of Northgate Subdivision and the name was subsequently changed to Cedar Hills. Tract A zoning designation was Low Density Residential (R-2). In 2017, Tract A was re-platted into Tracts 4 and Tract 5, Cedar Hills Subdivision Unit No. 2, Phase 1, Plat No. 2017-60. Tract 4 zoning designation is Low Density Residential (R-2); and Tract 5 zoning designation was Commercial Limited (CL). On June 23, 2020, City Council approved the rezone of Tract 5 to P-Public with the following considerations:

- The public use of the property is limited to the establishment of an emergency medical facility building with necessary buffers, open space and setbacks for mitigation of noise and light. Emergency medical facility building must be oriented in such a way that provides safe access to the Glenn Highway, as outlined in applicant's response.
- No use of the property authorized by subparagraph A (above) shall commence or continue except in conformance with a conditional use permit approved by the Palmer Planning Commission, consistent with the above findings (as stated in Ordinance No. 20-006).

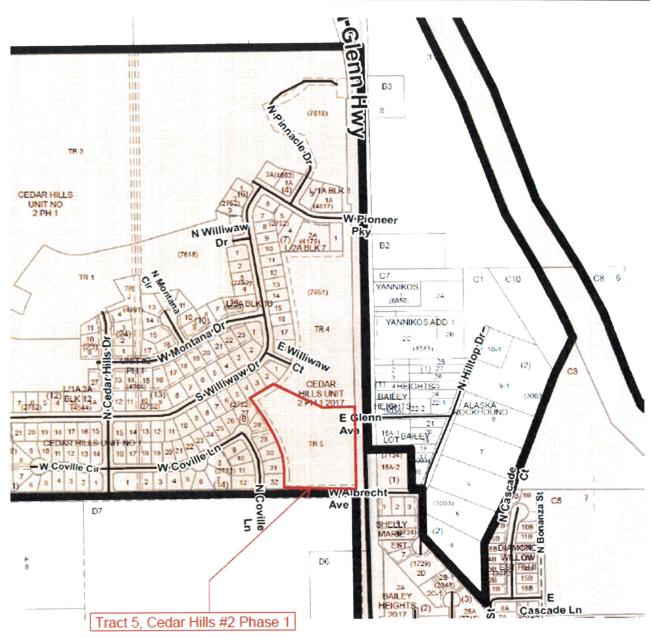
The plat of Cedar Hills subdivision Unit No. 2, Phase 1, (Plat No. 2017-60) notes that Tract 5 has a 30-foot greenbelt buffer strip located on the west and north section of the tract which lies adjacent to the residential lots in the Cedar Hills subdivision.

Parcel Size: Tract 5 is 5.72 acres.

Existing Zoning: P-Public with limitations

Surrounding Land Uses:

ourrounding Eur	<u>Zoning</u>	Land use for surrounding areas	
North	R-2	Low Density Residential	
East	Commercial	Commercial use partially outside City limits (church)	
South	Agricultural	Agricultural use outside City limits	
West	R-1	Single-family Residential	



Considerations:

The **intent of the P - Public Use district** is established as a district in which the use of land is for public buildings and that certain lands be reserved and protected for compatible public uses. This parcel is surrounded by R-2, R-1, Commercial and Agricultural properties.

• The parcel appears to have immediate and adequate access to the Glenn Highway and Marsh Road.

• The parcel contains a 30' greenbelt buffer strip listed on Cedar Hills Subdivision Unit No. 2, Phase 1, Plat No. 2017-60 that would be compatible with the R-1, Single-Family Residential zoned district along the West portion.

Code Requirements:

In the P - Public Use District, the required minimum lot width is 60 feet and the required minimum lot area is 7,200 square feet.

- Tract 5 has a lot area of 249,326 square feet, which exceeds the minimum requirements.
- Tract 5 is a uniquely shaped piece of property; it is approximately 508' in width and 550' in depth.
- Development of an Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Fire and telecommunications facility
 will require Planning and Zoning approval of a building or structure, Palmer Municipal Code
 (PMC 17.40.050). The approval includes a plot plan, architectural design, setbacks, off-street
 parking and conformance to the city and borough comprehensive plans.
 - o **STAFF NOTES** the review by the Planning and Zoning Commission prior to the approval of a building or structure has been included as part of this zoning map amendment request to expand the Public use to include EMS, Fire and telecommunications.

PART III. FINDINGS OF FACT

(PMC 17.80.036.C) The report of the Commission shall give consideration as to what effect the proposed change would have on public health, safety, welfare and convenience, and for a map amendment show whether:

Fact 1) The proposed change is in accordance with the borough and city comprehensive plans;

Applicant's response:

Yes. The city comp plan Goal 1 is to provide and improve essential city services, respond to current need and plan for future demand (Sept 2006 pg 4-1); and MSB PF-1 goal (Public Facilities) is to develop efficient and effective public facilities to meet community/economy/growing needs (2005 Update Pq 6).

Staff finds the following support in the Comprehensive Plan:

- Chapter 5, Transportation, Goal 1, states, "Shape the character and use of the Glenn Highway."
- Chapter 6, Land Use, Goal 3, Objective A states, "Provide for the continuation and expansion of Palmer's traditional role as a center for institutional and governmental users for the Mat-Su Borough and State."
- Chapter 4, Public Services, Facilities & Infrastructure, Goal 1, Objective B states, "Fire & Emergency Services Provide adequate fire protection measures and services in Palmer to respond to current and future anticipated emergency service needs."
- Chapter 7, Economic Vitality, Goal 1, states "Strengthen Palmer's competitiveness as the region's institutional center."

Staff finds the following facts in support:

a) Tract 5 is large enough to support the development of an EMS, Fire and telecommunications building and achieve sufficient setbacks from the residential development to the west and future medium density residential development to the north.

- b) Accomplish objective of monitoring the needs of existing institutional uses and working with these organizations to meet their needs.
- c) Mat-Su Borough provides emergency medical services for the City of Palmer, and the City of Palmer provides fire and rescue. Locating the facility on the Glenn Highway will provide for faster and more efficient response times for medical emergencies. Fire response times will be improved if Dan Contini Fire Station (Palmer Fire and Rescue station 3-1) continues to operate.

Fact 2) The proposed change is compatible with surrounding zoning districts and the established land use pattern;

Applicant's response:

City zoning includes CL-Commercial Light, R-1 Residential, R-2 Low Density. Property is on edge of city with surrounding land use to include a varied mix of commercial, agriculture, and residential. Emergency service public facilities have blended well with this type of mixed use throughout the MSB.

Staff finds:

- a) Tract 5's original use was a nursery. Nurseries are a permitted use within the agriculture district, which can have a higher intensity of use than low density residential. The property has had limited use since 1966. Tract 5's previous zoning of Commercial Limited (CL) indicated the property was to be developed to a higher intensity than low density residential. Tract 5 has been rezoned from CL-Commercial Limited to P-Public with the use limited to an emergency medical facility building (EMS) since June 2020. Expanding the use to include Fire and telecommunications is compatible with the current zoning designation and will continue to be compatible with surrounding zoning districts.
- b) The land is surrounded on the south by a working farm and to the east by commercial and a church. The expansion of the public use of an EMS building to include Fire and telecommunications would be an acceptable use of property considering land use patterns around the property are as high of an intensity as a public use zone.
- c) Public use (P) zones are compatible with surrounding zoning districts because of the safeguards established in Palmer Municipal Code 17.40.050 requiring commission approval to ensure compatibility. The petitioner has provided a site plan, by Architects Alaska, showing orientation of the building, setbacks, snow storage, access and a parking plan for review and approval, if appropriate, by the Commission as required by PMC 17.40.050.
- d) Tract 5 contains a 30' wide greenbelt buffer along the west and north side of the property along with appropriately orienting the placement of the building to minimize the impacts to the low density residential to the west as shown on the submitted site plan.

Fact 3) Public facilities such as schools, utilities and streets are adequate to support the proposed change;

Applicant's response:

Yes, the ability to hook into city services and utilize existing utility lines is a significant plus. Primary access is anticipated from Marsh Road.

Staff finds:

- a) Public facilities such as schools and utilities are established in Cedar Hills. A facility will have access to city sewer and water. Gas and electric are accessible to the property.
- b) The current approved zoning of Public for this property limits the use to an emergency medical facility. The expansion of use to include Fire services is conditional on plan review from all city Departments and any required necessary upgrades to water or sewer services to be provided by the applicant as required by City of Palmer Public Works Director.
- c) Facility vehicular access points will need approval from the Alaska Department of transportation Public

- Facilities (AK DOT/PF). The City of Palmer recommends acceptance of access as described in the rezone application.
- d) On June 7, 2023, State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (SOA DOT&PF) requested agency comments for the Glenn Highway, Arctic Avenue to Palmer-Fishhook Road Safety and Capacity Improvements project upgrades. The project includes acquisition of the Glenn Highway of up to 300'. Currently, there is 70' from the centerline of the Glenn Highway to Tract according to Plat No. 2017-60. Additional site plan review will be warranted if SOA DOT&PF has any taking of Tract 5.

Fact 4) Changed conditions affecting the subject parcel or the surrounding neighborhood support the proposed change;

Applicant's response:

Currently the property is zoned for Public Use (P) for the purpose of an emergency medical facility. There may be concerns with regards to sirens and lights when responding to an emergency. See attached memorandum which addresses these concerns. Staff notes additional information provided by applicant on June 2, 2023, "We are already permitted to run EMS out of this station, we are adding fire /rescue to the building which will add little to no additional emergency response that would require lights and sirens. We are respectful to our community that we serve, we will not activate our lights and sirens until we are on the highway as we do with other emergency services facilities we respond out of. DES has 36 facilities that we respond out of all are surrounded by homes. We have had NO complaints regarding noise, we operate under a response codes alpha through echo, delta and echoes are the only responses that we activate lights and sirens, counts for about 15% of our responses."

Staff finds:

- a) Improvements to the Glenn Highway have spurred development in the area around Marsh Road. A proposed development of an emergency medical facility with fire and telecommunication services that is well conceptualized and appropriately placed will serve the greater Palmer community.
- b) Residential growth on Fishhook Roads and Farm Loop roads has necessitated the evaluation of how emergency services can better serve the public and the placement of facilities.
- c) Recent improvements to the Glenn Highway have increased safety for ingress and egress onto the highway.

Fact 5) The proposed change is consistent with the public welfare and does not grant a special privilege to the owner(s).

Applicant's response:

Public welfare will be served through this location due to its access ability to a major highway, a better facility design to accommodate equipment and personnel, and more efficient response time to Palmer, Sutton and Butte communities. No special privilege is granted to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

Staff finds:

- a) The proposed map amendment is consistent with the public welfare as an appropriately placed facility will improve efficiency and response times for EMS and fire services.
- b) The map amendment request to expand the current public use for an emergency medical facility building to include Fire and telecommunications services does not grant a special privilege to the owners as this 5.72-acre parcel is large enough to sufficiently minimize impacts on noncompatible uses.

PART IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information provided by the applicant, public comments received before publication of this report and staff analysis, staff recommends approval of the request to expand the Public Use (P) of the property for an establishment of an Emergency Medical facility building to include Fire and telecommunication services to be located on Tract 5, Cedar Hills #2 Phase 1, is consistent with, and in conformance with the Palmer Comprehensive Plan. Pursuant to PMC 17.40.050, site plans have been

provided showing side, front and rear yard setbacks, landscaping, off-street parking, snow storage and access for review and approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

If following the Public Hearing, Commission finds that the applicant's proposal conforms to the Palmer Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code provisions, then staff recommends that the Commission approve this request for zoning map amendment to expand the Public Use (P) of the property for an establishment of an Emergency Medical facility building to include Fire and telecommunications services for Tract 5, Cedar Hills #2 Phase 1 with the following considerations and forward a recommendation for approval to the City Council:

- A. The Public Use (P) of the property is limited to the establishment of an emergency medical facility, Fire and telecommunications building that is oriented in such a way that provides access to the Glenn Highway, as outlined in applicant's response.
- B. Development is limited to site plan provided that has been reviewed and approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission; any changes in setbacks, access, parking, building footprint or landscaping requires reevaluation by the City of Palmer Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to PMC 17.40.050.
- C. The expansion of use to include Fire services is conditional on plan review from all city Departments and any required necessary upgrades to water or sewer services to be provided by the applicant.
- D. On June 7, 2023, State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (SOA DOT&PF) requested agency comments for the Glenn Highway, Arctic Avenue to Palmer-Fishhook Road Safety and Capacity Improvements project upgrades. The project includes acquisition of the Glenn Highway of up to 300'. Currently, there is 70' from the centerline of the Glenn Highway to Tract according to Plat No. 2017-60. Additional site plan review will be warranted if SOA DOT&PF has any taking of Tract 5.

From:

Jude P. Bilafer

To: Cc: Kimberly McClure

Subject: Date:

Greg Wickham; Matthew Midgett RE: Zoning Map application Friday, June 2, 2023 2:02:13 PM

Hi Kimberly,

Is this the avenue to place conditions on the petitioner? For example, the petitioner must pay for the construction of a new above ground pump house and all the associated motor/pump upgrades that must accompany their desired EMS/Fire station.

Jude

From: Kimberly McClure < kmcclure@palmerak.org>

Sent: Friday, June 2, 2023 1:52 PM

To: Jude P. Bilafer < jbilafer@palmerak.org>; Greg Wickham < gwickham@palmerak.org>

Subject: FW: Zoning Map application

Good afternoon,

I am working on the staff report, please let me know as soon as possible if you have any comments or conditions that need to be included in the report.

Thank you,

Kimberly McClure Community Development Specialist City of Palmer – Community Development 645 E. Cope Industrial Way Palmer, AK 99645-6748 Phone (907) 761-1306 mailto:kmcclure@palmerak.org

From: Kimberly McClure

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2023 12:12 PM

To: Jude P. Bilafer < jbilafer@palmerak.org >; Greg Wickham < gwickham@palmerak.org >; Chad

Cameron < ccameron @palmerak.org>

Cc: Brad Hanson < bahanson@palmerak.org >

Subject: Zoning Map application

Good afternoon,

We have received the attached zoning map amendment application from the Borough to expand the public use to include EMS, Fire and telecommunications on Tract 5, Cedar Hills #2 Ph 1 subdivision. I

will be working on the staff report next week for the public hearing scheduled on June 15. If you have any comments or conditions that need to be included in the report, please email your comments to me by Friday, June 2 so I can be sure to include them in the report or conditions of approval, if applicable.

Thank you,

Kimberly McClure
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PALMER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 23-004

A RESOLUTION OF THE PALMER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING CITY COUNCIL APPROVE A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO EXPAND THE PUBLIC USE (P) ZONING OF TRACT 5, CEDAR HILLS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, PHASE 1 FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL FACILITY BUILDING TO INCLUDE FIRE AND TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES LOCATED IN SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, SEWARD MERIDIAN

WHEREAS, the Matanuska Susitna Borough has initiated a Zoning Map Amendment application to expand the P-Public (P) use of the property for an establishment of an Emergency Medical Facility building to include Fire and telecommunication services to be located on Tract 5, Cedar Hills Subdivision, Unit 2, Phase 1;

WHEREAS, a request for a zoning map amendment must be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission and a recommendation reflecting the findings of the Commission must be forwarded to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2023, 205 public hearing notices were mailed to property owners within 1,200' of the site in accordance with 17.80.030. Notification of the public hearing was published in the Frontiersman on June 9, 2023. A total of 6 comments was received in response, with 4 in favor of, 2 opposed, and 0 no objection; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 5, Transportation, Goal 1 from the 2006 Palmer Comprehensive Plan states, "Shape the character and use of the Glenn Highway."; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 6, Land Use, Goal 3, Objective A states, "Provide for the continuation and expansion of Palmer's traditional role as a center for institutional and governmental users for the Mat-Su Borough and State."; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 4, Public Services, Facilities & Infrastructure, Goal 1, Objective B states, "Fire & Emergency Services – Provide adequate fire protection measures and services in Palmer to respond to current and future anticipated emergency service needs"; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 7, Economic Vitality, Goal 1, states "Strengthen Palmer's competitiveness as the region's institutional center"; and

The following facts support a finding that this zone change is in accordance with the Zoning Code, Title 17, and the Comprehensive Plan:

Fact 1:

- a) Tract 5 is large enough to support the development of an EMS, Fire and telecommunications building and achieve sufficient setbacks from the residential development to the west and future medium density residential development to the north.
- b) Accomplish objective of monitoring the needs of existing institutional uses and working with these organizations to meet their needs.

c) Mat-Su Borough provides emergency medical services for the City of Palmer, and the City of Palmer provides fire and rescue. Locating the facility on the Glenn Highway will provide for faster and more efficient response times for medical emergencies. Fire response times will be improved if Dan Contini Fire Station (Palmer Fire and Rescue station 3-1) continues to operate.

Fact 2:

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- d) Tract 5 contains a 30' wide greenbelt buffer along the west and north side of the property along with appropriately orienting the placement of the building to minimize the impacts to the low density residential to the west as shown on the submitted site plan.

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- c) Facility vehicular access points will need approval from the Alaska Department of transportation Public Facilities (AK DOT/PF). The City of Palmer recommends acceptance of access as described in the rezone application.
- d) On June 7, 2023, State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (SOA DOT&PF) requested agency comments for the Glenn Highway, Arctic Avenue to Palmer-Fishhook Road Safety and Capacity Improvements project upgrades. The project includes acquisition of the Glenn Highway of up to 300'. Currently, there is 70' from the centerline of the Glenn Highway to Tract according to Plat No. 2017-60. Additional site plan review will be warranted if SOA DOT&PF has any taking of Tract 5.

Fact 4:

a) Improvements to the Glenn Highway have spurred development in the area around Marsh Road. A proposed development of an emergency medical facility with fire and telecommunication services that is well conceptualized and appropriately placed will serve the greater Palmer community.

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- b) Residential growth on Fishhook Roads and Farm Loop roads has necessitated the evaluation of how emergency services can better serve the public and the placement of facilities.
- c) Recent improvements to the Glenn Highway have increased safety for ingress and egress onto the highway.

Fact 5:

- a) The proposed map amendment is consistent with the public welfare as an appropriately placed facility will improve efficiency and response times for EMS and fire services.
- b) The map amendment request to expand the current public use for an emergency medical facility building to include Fire and telecommunications services does not grant a special privilege to the owners as this 5.72-acre parcel is large enough to sufficiently minimize impacts on non-compatible uses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Palmer Planning and Zoning Commission does hereby recommend the City Council approve the Zoning Map Amendment for Tract 5, Cedar Hills Subdivision, Unit 2, Phase 1 to expand the Public Use (P) of the property for an establishment of an Emergency Medical facility building to include Fire and telecommunication services with the following Considerations:

- A. The Public Use (P) of the property is limited to the establishment of an emergency medical facility, Fire and telecommunications building that is oriented in such a way that provides access to the Glenn Highway, as outlined in applicant's response.
- B. Development is limited to site plan provided that has been reviewed and approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission; any changes in setbacks, access, parking, building footprint or landscaping requires reevaluation by the City of Palmer Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to PMC 17.40.050.
- C. The expansion of use to include Fire services is conditional on plan review from all city Departments and any required necessary upgrades to water or sewer services to be provided by the applicant.
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Passed by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Palmer, Alaska, this $15^{\rm th}$ day of June 2023.

	Casey Peterson	
	Chairman	
Kimberly McClure Community Development Specialist	_	





City of Palmer Community Development Department

645 E. Cope Industrial Way, Palmer, AK 99645 Phone: 907-745-3709 www.palmerak.org

Zoning Map Amendment Application Form

Applicant: Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Legal Description of properties covered by this application (use additional sheets if necessary):

Tract 5, Cedar Hills Subdivision, Unit No. 2, Phase 1, 2017, according to plat number 2017-60,

Palmer Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska. (Tax Parcel #7651000T005)

Requested District Change (i.e., from - to): Public Use to Public Use

Reason for request: City Ordinance No. 20-006 was approved for an emergency medical facility for the relocation of Palmer Ambulance Station 3-9. The Borough wishes to change the zoning to an all inclusive public use for all functions represented in the station to include EMS, Fire and telecommunications.

Please provide a written narrative explaining the following:

- 1. Is the proposed change in accordance with the borough and city comprehensive plans? Yes. The city comp plan Goal 1 is to provide and improve essential city services, respond to current need and plan for future demand (Sept 2006 pg 4-1); and MSB PF-1 goal (Public Facilities) is to develop efficient and effective public facilities to meet community/economy/growing needs (2005 Update Pg 6).
- 2. How is the proposed change compatible with surrounding zoning districts and the established land use pattern?

 City zoning includes CL-Commercial Light, R-1 Residential, R-2 Low Density. Property is on edge of city with surrounding land use to include a varied mix of commercial, agriculture, and residential. Emergency service public facilities have blended well with this type of mixed use throughout the MSB.
- Are public facilities such as schools, utilities and streets adequate to support the proposed change? Yes, the ability to hook into city services and utilize existing utility lines is a significant plus. Primary access is anticipated from Marsh Road.

- 4. Do changed conditions affecting the subject parcel or the surrounding neighborhood support the proposed change? Currently the property is zoned for Public Use (P) for the purpose of an emergency medical facility. There may be concerns with regards to sirens and lights when responding to an emergency. See attached memorandum which addresses these concerns.
- 5. Is the proposed change consistent with public welfare and will it grant a special privilege to the owners? Public welfare will be served through this location due to its access ability to a major highway, a better facility design to accommodate equipment and personnel, and more efficient response time to Palmer, Sutton and Butte communities. No special privilege is granted to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

Date of application: $\underline{5-15-23}$	
\$500.00 filing fee paid:	
E Phill	
Signature of owner or owner's authorized representative	
350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, AK 99645	
Address	

907-861-7848, lisa.gray@matsugov.us, Lisa Gray, Land Management Agent, MSB Contact/phone/email



Lisa Gray Land Management Agent

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH 350 E. Dahlia Avenue Palmer, Alaska 99645-6488 PH: (907) 861-7848 Fax: (907) 861-8635 lisa.gray@matsugov.us



MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

680 N. Seward Meridian Pkwy • Wasilla, AK 99654 Phone (907) 861-8000 • Fax (907) 861-8014



MEMORANDUM

Date:

April 19, 2023

To:

Ken Barkley, Director - DES

CC:

Brian Davis, Deputy Director - Fire

From:

Tracey Loscar, Deputy Director - EMS

RE:

Seasonal Modified Operational Schedule

Station 3-9 is being designed as a multi-purpose facility that will enhance the public safety needs of the residents and visitors to the eastern region of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB). This includes the City of Palmer, the Greater Palmer area, Butte and Knik River Road, Sutton, Glacierview and the surrounding areas. To that end, it will house three services: MSB EMS (Emergency Medical Services), Palmer Fire and Telecommunications (Telecom).

EMS: The station will serve a dual purpose as a station for 24/7 emergency response and a Training Facility for emergency responders. The capacity for the ongoing training of EMS responders is limited and currently operates out of outdated and inadequate spaces. This increased capability not only improves service delivery to the residents and visitors of Mat-Su Borough, but it also benefits the community by expanding the ability to provide local and regional outreach programs.

- MSB EMS responds to approximately 2,200 calls/year, or 6 calls/day, in this area of the Borough.
- Approximately 34%, or around 750 calls/year (2 calls/day), are considered "Alpha" or low-priority responses. This means that they do not require lights & sirens in their response.
- Per standard operating procedures, the use of lights and sirens are only for emergency response and are supported by Alaska Administrative Code (13 Alaska Admin. Code § 04.210)¹, meaning:
 - Emergency lights shall always be used when vehicles are operating in an emergency response mode.
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 - Responders are cognizant of residential areas and limit the use of audible devices when
 it will not impact safe driving conditions. Multiple stations operate in residential areas
 and to date have not generated public complaint.

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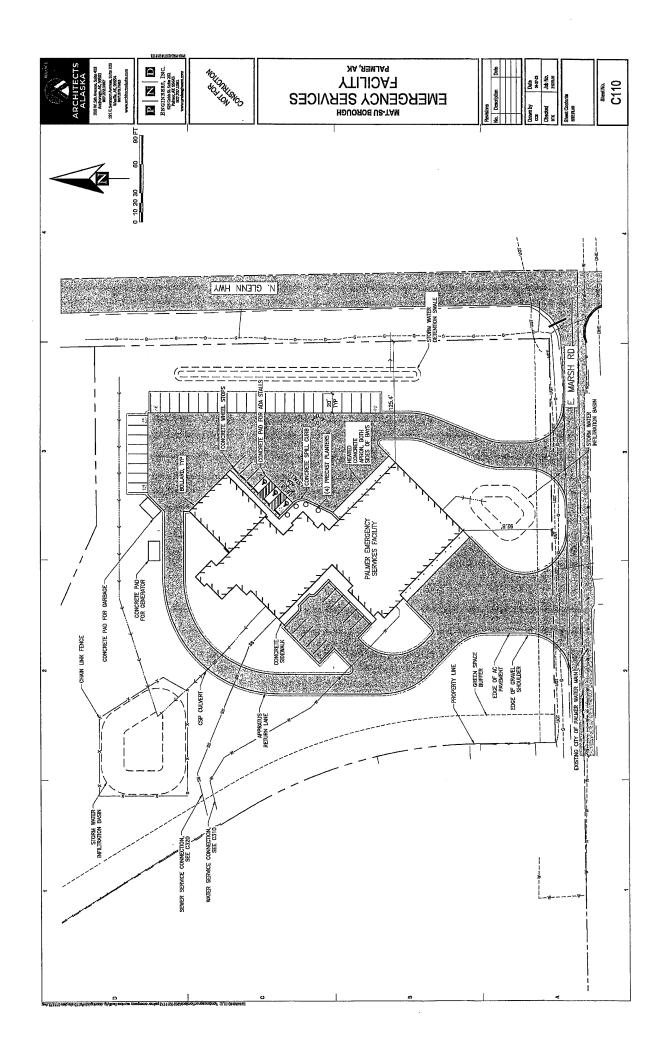
Fire: The station will increase capacity for Palmer Fire to provide fire and rescue services to the City of Palmer and Greater Palmer area. It will also improve their ability to support the surrounding areas (i.e., Butte & Sutton) with fire and rescue resources.

- Palmer Fire responds to approximately 900 calls/year or 2.5 calls/day. This includes supporting
 the surrounding areas. Not all calls are responded to out of each station, so this number (per
 station) varies depending on the location of the call or nature of the request.
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 are also considered "Alpha" or low priority response, therefore reducing the number of times
 that lights and sirens would be required for use.

Telecom: The station will house the Telecommunications division, supporting the communications needs of emergency services throughout the Borough. They will be able to manage a percentage of repairs, maintenance and fabrication needs on-site.

 While some assembly and installation occur outside, most of the physical work occurs within the building. The station will give Telecom the capability to work on intricate systems with sensitive components in a climate-controlled environment, reducing the chances of breakage or loss.

Access: Utilizing the intersection of Marsh Road, versus directly accessing the Glenn, will improve safety. It will increase the field of vision and response time for drivers both approaching the Glenn and those already traveling on it.





PALMER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ATTN: Joan E. Patterson 645 E. Cope Industrial Way Palmer, AK 99645-6748

Phone: 907-745-3709 • Fax: 907-745-5443

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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

350 E. DAHLIA AVE. PALMER, AK 99645

Qty	Description	Price
	ZONING MAP AMENDMENT REQUEST CEDAR HILLS SUBD., UNIT NO. 2, PH. 1, TRACT 5	\$500.00

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TOTAL

\$500.00



Palmer Emergency Services Facility

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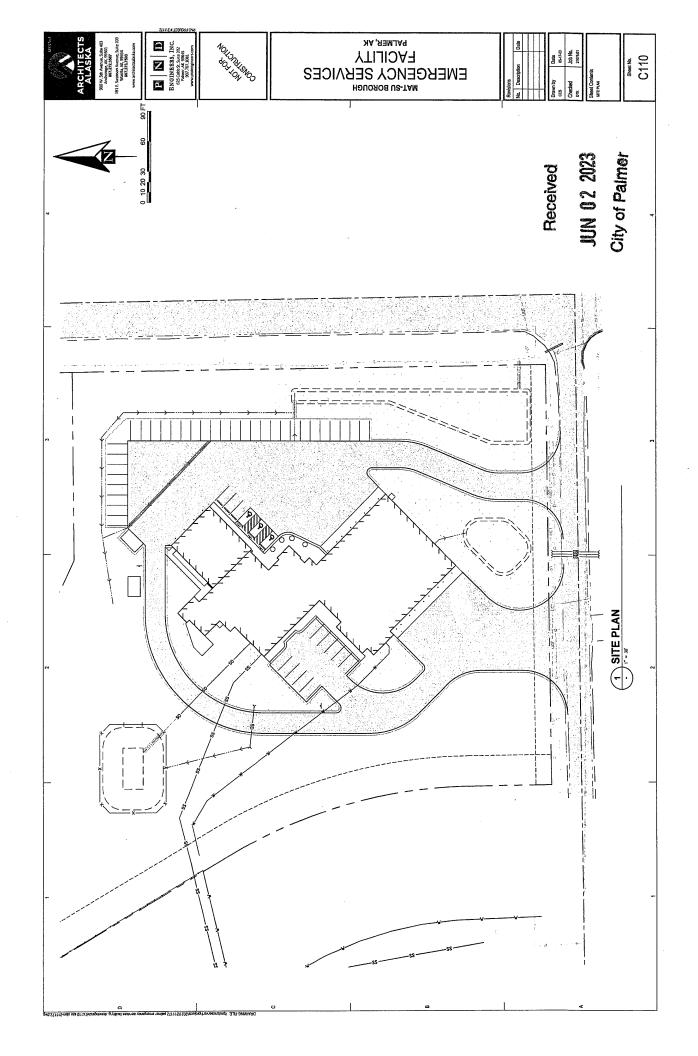
Parking Calculation

	n	per	Actual	Stalls Req'd	Stalls Provided
Warehouse	1	2,000	16,000	8	
Boarding	1	2	10	5	
Office	1	300	9,900	33	
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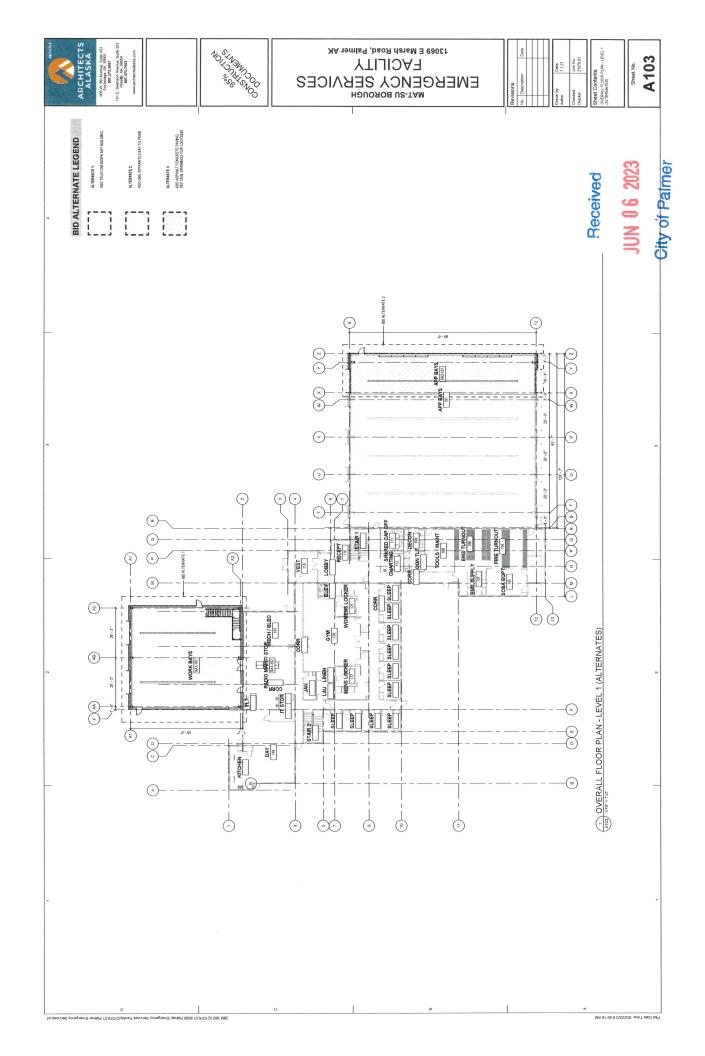
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May 30, 2023

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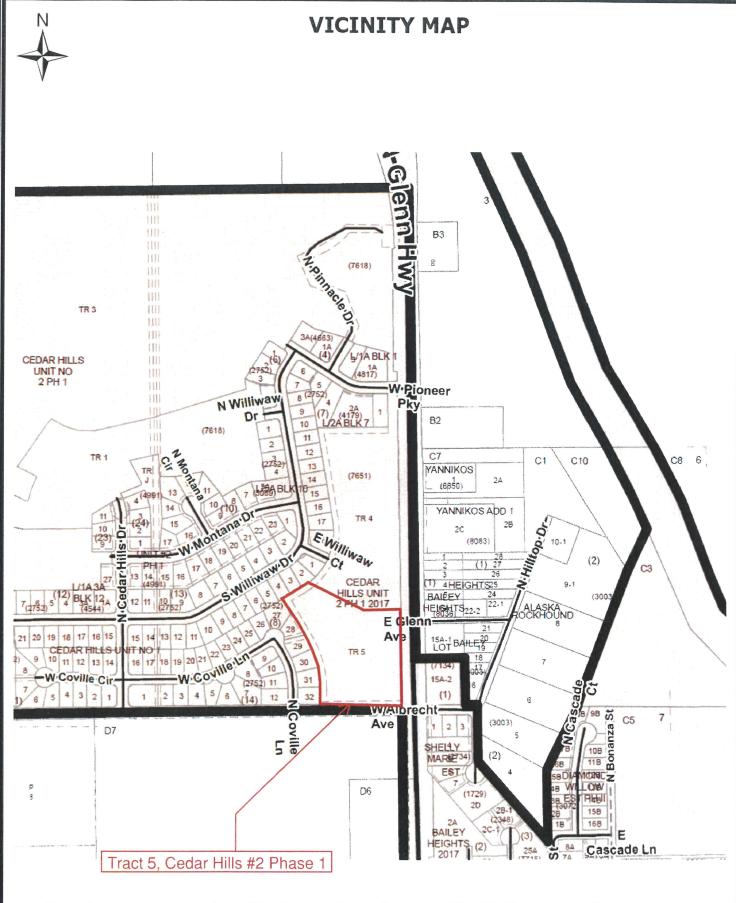
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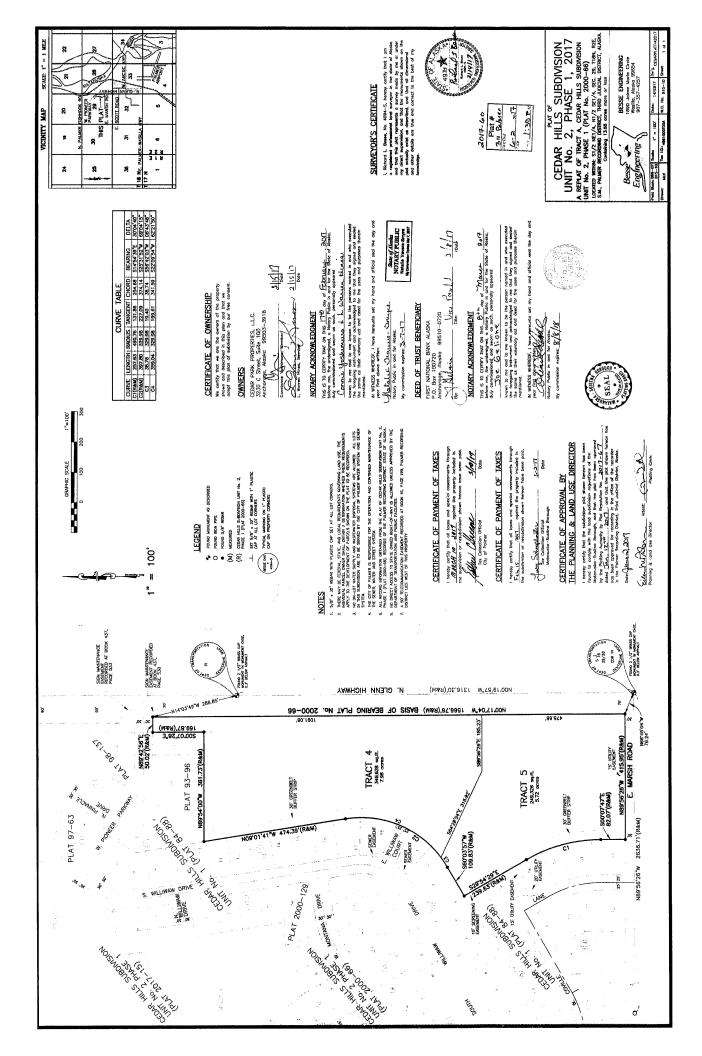
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Kimberly McClure, Community Development Specialist
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For the following reason, I am (please circle one): <u>in favor of</u> , <u>NOT in favor of</u> , or <u>have no</u> <u>objection to</u> expand the Public use to include EMS, Fire and telecommunications.
Name:
Address:



Location of proposed expansion of Public use; Tract 5, Cedar Hills #2 Phase 1 subdivision located in Section 29, Township 18 North, Range 2 East, in Palmer, Alaska.



CEDAR PARK PROP LLC STE 200 561 E 36TH AVE ANCHORAGE, AK 99503	ALLEN RICHARD K & STEPHANIE L 1245 S WILLIWAW DR PALMER, AK 99645	SCHUMACHER FRED 1075 N COVILLE LN PALMER, AK 99645
STANTON DAVID P EST & ROSWITHA 3430 N HILLTOP DR PALMER, AK 99645-6012	PLANT DAVID L 740 W COVILLE CIR PALMER, AK 99645-7003	WANZAK LYNN K & SUSAN L 515 W MONTANA DR PALMER, AK 99645-7030
JOHNSON JOHN E & LISA M	DALUZ EMILY E	RAMICH KATHLEEN E
PO BOX 2678	661 S WILLIWAW DR	810 N HILLTOP DR
PALMER, AK 99645-2678	PALMER, AK 99645	PALMER, AK 99645
PETROVICH GEO A& SHARON L 600 W MONTANA DR PALMER, AK 99645-7031	WHITE CHRISTINA GOODMAN ADA 760 N CASCADE CT PALMER, AK 99645	GILBERT WILLIAM III & MARY ANN 535 S WILLIWAW DR PALMER, AK 99645
FOX ARLENE J PO BOX 65 PALMER, AK 99645-0065	MEARS JOHN R MEARS CHARLES IRREV ASSET TR PO BOX 863 PALMER, AK 99645-0863	WATANABE KATHERINE K 365 W PIONEER PKY PALMER, AK 99645
DEWEY MELINDA M	WYCKOFF ROLLOWAYNE D II&H	BORTZ CHARLENE J
2407 MCKENZIE DR	345 W PIONEER PKY	1340 S WILLIWAW DR
ANCHORAGE, AK 99517-1138	PALMER, AK 99645	PALMER, AK 99645-7023
KALANDER CAROL ANN	TURNER ROBERT L SR	FIELDS ALDAN M & JESSICA L
1225 S WILLIWAW DR	550 S WILLIWAW DR	360 W PIONEER PKY
PALMER, AK 99645-7019	PALMER, AK 99645	PALMER, AK 99645-7002
STOCKSTILL CYNTHIA	ZALSMAN JOSHUAR R & AMANDA	SCHAUB JOSEPH
550 W COVILLE LN	1050 TEMPLE AVE PMB 436	693 N 3RD ST
PALMER, AK 99645-7025	COLONIAL HGTS, VA 23834-2981	PALMER, AK 99645-6007
PROVO MICHAEL J & SUZANNE	SPELLECACY DUANE H & CYNTHIA	ESTELLE WILLIAM LEE
1305 N CEDAR HILLS DR	620 W COVILLE LN	PO BOX 2553
PALMER, AK 99645-7034	PALMER, AK 99645-7026	PALMER, AK 99645-2553
CARRINGTON STEVEN J	FULFORD TINA L	NAUMOFF ALFRED F& ROBERTA
PO BOX 3333	540 S WILLIWAW DR	1315 N MONTANA CIR
PALMER, AK 99645-3333	PALMER, AK 99645-7008	PALMER, AK 99645

YANNIKOS PETE & LINDA MAE	PALMER PENTECOSTAL CHURCH	MEIER PHILIP W
PO BOX 654	PO BOX 3176	740 2ND ST
PALMER, AK 99645-0654	PALMER, AK 99645-3176	PALMER, AK 99645
TOMCO ZACHARY & ANNETTE	SCHAEFER SCOTT A	MCKECHNIE LONNIE R
545 S WILLIWAW DR	PO BOX 485	PO BOX 21
PALMER, AK 99645	PALMER, AK 99645-0485	PALMER, AK 99645
ANDERSON CHRISTOPHER & EMILY PO BOX 1367 PALMER, AK 99645-1367	WUESTENBERG RACHEL A HOUSTON COLLEEN D 755 N CASCADE CT PALMER, AK 99645-6000	AMERI GREEN INVESTMENTS LLC 519 W 75TH ANCHORAGE, AK 99518
PETRIE LANCE A & TAUSHA E	VASKA THERESA N & ARTHUR J	MACK HENRY L & MARILYN J
1335 N MONTANA CIR	140 E CASCADE LN	PO BOX 224
PALMER, AK 99645	PALMER, AK 99645	KING COVE, AK 99612-0224
BASKETT CHAD L	MOFFITT TRACY A & KATHRYN A	STUDIE FOTULA
660 S WILLIWAW DR	PO BOX 3337	PO BOX 2524
PALMER, AK 99645	PALMER, AK 99645-3337	PALMER, AK 99645
NAWIESNIAK IRIS S	HALL KATHRYN T	MCINTOSH SHAWN D
652 N 2ND ST	1020 N COVILLE LN	1430 S WILLIWAW DR
PALMER, AK 99645	PALMER, AK 99645	PALMER, AK 99645-7022
HOPE COMM RESOURCES INC	AHUMADA EDWARD K & TAMARA M	BUSHIKA DONNA M
540 W INTL AIRPORT RD	370 W PIONEER PKY	1005 N COVILLE LN
ANCHORAGE, AK 99518-1110	PALMER, AK 99645	PALMER, AK 99645
KAVANAUGH MATTHEW & KAYLEE	HUMPHREY HAROLD R & SANDRA K	BRADY SUSAN E
735 N CASCADE CT	3330 N HILLTOP DR	645 W COVILLE LN
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JONES ISRAEL MICAH 500 S WILLIWAW DR PALMER, AK 99645	ROBERTS KASEY C & RICHARD R 681 S WILLIWAW DR PALMER, AK 99645	KELILA ALBERT KELILA JULIA 540 W MONTANA DR PALMER, AK 99645-7030

BROWNING JANET EST 668 N 3RD ST PALMER, AK 99645	GRIFFIN JOEY S SR WILSON DIANNE L 1320 S WILLIWAW DR PALMER, AK 99645-7023	BAILEY HILL HOMES LLC PO BOX 571 PALMER, AK 99645
ALBRECHT LLC STE 3 PMB 105 1150 S COLONY WAY PALMER, AK 99645-6967	MCCLELLAN CURT 405 W PIONEER PKY PALMER, AK 99645	RAMIREZ RAYMOND F 216 GREYSTONE CT LEMOORE, CA 93245-4354
SHUMAKER ZACHARI B SHELL SAMANTHA A 3431 N GLENN HIGHWAY PALMER, AK 99645	HUBBARD RETA A 740 CASCADE CT PALMER, AK 99645-6000	WALLING BRUCE & DENISE M 693 2ND ST PALMER, AK 99645
GORDON MARISSA A 760 W COVILLE CIR PALMER, AK 99645-7003	CLARK TONY GEAN 10150 E STRAND DR UNIT B PALMER, AK 99645-8975	BOYER TERENCE & CHARA 445 W PIONEER PKY PALMER, AK 99645
ANDERSON ERIK O 1330 N CEDAR HILLS DR PALMER, AK 99645	MCMAHAN JOHNNY W & JOHANA L 1380 S WILLIWAW DR PALMER, AK 99645	WILLIAMS EDWARD J III HOTALING AMY C 641 S WILLIWAW DR PALMER, AK 99645
PLATT GEORGE S & SHIRLEY CHUGIAK SENIOR CENTER 22424 BIRCHWOOD LOOP RD CHUGIAK, AK 99567-6486	SNODGRASS GLORIA J 571 S WILLIWAW DR PALMER, AK 99645	EDGAR TOMASINA S PO BOX 2448 PALMER, AK 99645
MOFFITT MATTHEW STEVEN MOFFITT REBECCA LEE 695 W COVILLE LN PALMER, AK 99645	DAVENPORT EMILY B PO BOX 726 PALMER, AK 99645-0726	BARREY MARY KAREEN LEONA 1330 N MONTANA CIR PALMER, AK 99645-7033
YAGLE GRAYDON J 700 S WILLIWAW DR PALMER, AK 99645-7012	GUFFEY MILDRED J EST % GEORGINNA L NIELSON 5355 N GINA DR PALMER, AK 99645	DUSSMAN DENNIS P REV TR PO BOX 81456 FAIRBANKS, AK 99708
BROWN ROBERT M & LISA R PO BOX 876497 WASILLA, AK 99687	TWO WET DOGS LLC PO BOX 1386 PALMER, AK 99645	CONTRERAS RENE & REBECCA 3201 N HILLTOP DR PALMER, AK 99645
BELDEN FLOYD T&ROSEMARY A 700 W COVILLE CIR PALMER, AK 99645	KERSTEIN WILLIAM 665 N 3RD ST PALMER, AK 99645	SPAULDING MARY C 600 S WILLIWAW DR PALMER, AK 99645

OYSTER CHAD	GROVES ERIK R & JENNIFER D	ALLISON BILLY D
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LARSON RODNEY H 1340 N MONTANA CIR PALMER, AK 99645	PORCH KIMBERLY A MOSQUETE LARAMI 745 N CASCADE CT PALMER, AK 99645	ZENOR LARRY A PO BOX 1044 PALMER, AK 99645-1044
DAVENPORT EMILY B	HEATH JOEL M	HARMAN ADAIR M
PO BOX 726	720 W COVILLE CIR	PO BOX 3386
PALMER, AK 99645-0726	PALMER, AK 99645	PALMER, AK 99645
DAVIS ROBT L JR & KIM	GRANATH WILLIAM D & ASHLEY	MONTGOMERY MARIA B
1355 WILLIWAW DR	PO BOX 2683	1325 N CEDAR HILLS DR
PALMER, AK 99645	PALMER, AK 99645-2683	PALMER, AK 99645
DUPRE JESSE & ABIGAIL	ALFARO DAISY F	BROCK JOSEPH & SARA
1310 N CEDAR HILLS DR	3041 E 42ND AVE APT 507	1320 N CEDAR HILLS DR
PALMER, AK 99645-7034	ANCHORAGE, AK 99508-5382	PALMER, AK 99645
LOGAN MICHAEL A & DARCY G	HOBBS MICHAEL A	COX DAVID L & MARSHA M
PO BOX 3034	685 W COVILLE LN	760 S WILLIWAW DR
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HEAD LARRY	GIFFEN DEBORAH S	CHADBOURNE PETER I & KIRSTEN
683 N 3RD ST	PO BOX 213	1325 N MONTANA CIR
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PETRISKO MICHELLE RENEE	THOMAS HILLARY	JONES JEREMY C
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KING MARY R	TREJO JAIME & SHAUNNIQUA L	EMRICK FRANK P JR & BARBARA J
750 N CASCADE CT	1440 S WILLIWAW DR	515 W COVILLE LN
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CHASTAGNER ALEXANDRA 640 S WILLIWAW DR PALMER, AK 99645	BENNETT PENELOPE 200 W ALBRECHT AVE PALMER, AK 99645-6043	HEATH GREGORY L HEATH PHYLLIS M 745 S WILLIWAW DR PALMER, AK 99645

GRIFFIN JANE P 1335 S WILLIWAW DR PALMER, AK 99645	RIKOVSKI ALEX TEREMI ELENA V 660 W COVILLE LN PALMER, AK 99645	HUDDLESTON MARK A TR HUDDLESTON MARK A TRE 585 S WILLIWAW DR PALMER, AK 99645
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HEAL LAWRENCE E & KAREN 1321 S WILLIWAW DR PALMER, AK 99645	SISSEL MARIE LOUISE SISSEL DANIEL D 652 N 3RD ST PALMER, AK 99645	VASANOJA LAWRENCE R COREY CINDY S 3451 N HILLTOP DR PALMER, AK 99645
WHITTERN PERSENIA	POWELL CHRISTINA L	RABB DONALD F & MARILYN K
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SMITHERS JOHN T	ORMAN CHRISTOPHER F	ROUNDY RONALD C & BEVERLY F
570 S WILLIWAW DR	7670 N DOUGLAS HWY #B	725 CASCADE CT
PALMER, AK 99645-7008	JUNEAU, AK 99801-7601	PÄLMER, AK 99645-6000
MCILROY CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL	KODIDINE SANJAY	CHEADLE RODGER D & CATHERINE
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REEVES KINZEY & KATHERINE	SMITH OLNEY & MALYN	CARTER BOBBY J II& JEAN N
580 W MONTANA DR	645 W MONTANA DR	1435 S WILLIWAW DR
PALMER, AK 99645-7030	PALMER, AK 99645-7031	PALMER, AK 99645
FAIRBANKS VANESSA	BUHK GABRIELLE M	MORINO MICHAEL C & R A
785 N CASCADE CT	640 W COVILLE LN	801 HILLTOP DR
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SQUIRES CORY & ARIELLE	TUOMI JESSICA N	GROSHONG SHAUN A
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NISBETT EVERETT E & ROSE	HANSON BRADLEY & CAROLYN	CURRY SARA D
620 W MONTANA DR	325 E DOLPHIN AVE	770 N CASCADE CT
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805 W COVILLE CIR	PO BOX 78075	680 S WILLIWAW DR
PALMER, AK 99645	CORONA, CA 92877	PALMER, AK 99645
CAMPBELL GILBERT E & K L 525 S WILLIWAW DR PALMER, AK 99645	LAFRANCE PETER P SCHROEDER ROBYN L 3340 159TH AVE NW ANDOVER, MN 55304-2421	CONOVER HOLDEN A & VALERIE 700 W MONTANA DR PALMER, AK 99645
JONES PERCY G& VERONICA E	CARVER KERI	CRAVENS RHONDA C
505 S WILLIWAW DR	830 N HILLTOP DR	1040 N COVILLE LN
PALMER, AK 99645	PALMER, AK 99645	PALMER, AK 99645
AK ASSN CONSERVATION DIST % PALMER SWCD # 1 1508 BOGARD RD WASILLA, AK 99654	ZENDLE LARRY CRAIG & JULIE ANN 660 N 2ND ST PALMER, AK 99645-6003	SECRETARY OF VETERAN AFFAIRS STE 760W 3401 W END AVE NASHVILLE, TN 37203

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Kimberly McClure, Community Development Specialist

For the following reason, I am (please circle one): in favor of, NOT in favor of, or have no **objection to** expand the Public use to include EMS, Fire and telecommunications.

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Brad Hanson Director

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Vacant Building Inspector

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City of Palmer

Bret Chisholm Acting Parks & Facilities Manager

Mail: 231 W. Evergreen Ave. Location: 645 E. Cope Industrial Way Palmer, AK 99645-6748 Phone: 907-745-3709 www.palmerak.org

May 30, 2023

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Name: Mary Ann Gilbert
Address: 535 S. Williwaw Dr. Palmer

535 South Williwaw Dr. Palmer, AK 99645 June 2, 2023

Kimberly McClure, Community Development Specialist Palmer Community Development 645 E. Cope Industrial Way Palmer, AK 99645

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Dear Ms. McClure,

ं of Palmer

Thank you for your notice regarding the proposed additional purpose of Tract 5, Cedar Hills #2 Phase 1 subdivision. I attended the meeting long ago regarding the purchase and proposed use of this tract in order to express my strong disagreements with it's intended purpose. My disagreements have not changed; in fact, they have become stronger.

- 1) This area, as dramatically shown by the map enclosed with your announcement is closely settled, meaning there are many people who will be negatively affected by the noise unavoidably created by the vehicles leaving the area on their emergency activities. This will occur day and night. This addition of fire engines will increase the noise!
- 2) Secondly, apparently no one has come out here in person to consider the great hazards each emergency vehicle will face leaving the facility. The intersection of Marsh Road with the Glenn Highway is very dangerous. The sight line in either direction is short, due to the sharp and steep hills both to the north and the south on the Glenn. Also, there are 3 lanes of traffic which are very often very busy in both directions. A rapid entrance onto the Glenn will often be very risky!

On this aspect, I have approached Edna DeVries, mayor of the MatSu Borough, to obtain information and was told that the Glenn highway is a Federal highway and the placement of a stoplight must be arranged through that agency. In other words, Palmer City Council can't put one up there without finding out if you can get the Federal government to allow one!

Please do not go forward with this project for the sake of your workers and the many hearby neighbors:

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Gilbert

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Kim McClure, Comm. Dev. Specialist Palmer Commun. Development 645 E. Cope Industrial Way Palmer, AK 99645 JUN 05 2023

Pity of Palmer

William (Bill) Gilbert 535 S. Williwaw Dr. PALMER, ak 99645 4 June 2023

My opposition to this proposed Zoning Change was expressed in person at a meeting of the City Council 2-3 years ago. The zoning change at that time was to allow an ambulence depot at that "Tract 5, Cedar Huills #2 phase" proposal. Unfortunately, that passed. AND NOW this proposal appears to request yet another re-zoning to allow a whole fleet of EMS, Fire, and telecommun. vehicles. That intersection of Marsh Rd.and the Glen Highway is NOT A SAFE place for such an additional traffic burden!! I obviously SUSPECT that the previous proposal was requested & passed because it only asked for an ambulance depot... so that a much larger depot could be requested as a mere 'add-on' a couple of years later.-

Moreover, the present vehicle depot near south end of Palmer is, and has been adequate: I have visited that site and urge the Council to do so also. This proposal is for a VERY expensive and unnecessary construction of a large facility at an intersection that is TOO DANGEROUS for such a traffic increase. I drive up Bailey's Hill on the Glenn Hwy regularly and turn onto Marsh Rd. I am occasionally surprised by an approaching vehicle. partially hidden by the 'dip' in the on-coming lane. Because of my frequent use, I anticipate that "surprise', but most drivers there do not. It is a BIG MISTAKE to try and make that area into a much busier corner, which I fear will result in bad accidents there!

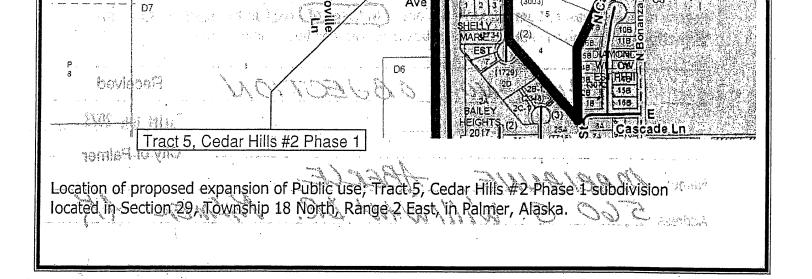
I urge the City Council to PLEASE vote this expensive and unnecessary proposal DOWN!!

Thank you for your consideration of my PROTEST about this matter.

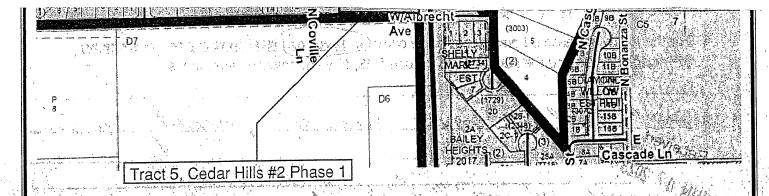
cc: Steve Carrington, Mayor of Palmer

Brad Hanson, Director: Dept. of Communi. Development

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HAVE NO OBJECTION	Received
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Location of proposed expansion of Public use; Tract 5, Cedar Hills #2 Phase 1 subdivision of located in Section 29, Township 18 North, Range 2 East, in Palmer, Alaska.

For the following reason, I am (please circle one): (in favor of, NOT in favor of, or have no objection to expand the Public use to include EMS, Fire and telecommunications.

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Kimberly McClure

From:

Jerilyn Burtch <jburtchak@me.com>

Sent:

Thursday, June 8, 2023 6:37 AM

To:

Kimberly McClure

Subject:

Attachments:

in favor of expansion of public use

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CITY OF PALMER PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION Information Memorandum 23-011

SUBJECT:

A Conditional Use Permit Application to construct an electrical substation

in an R-1, Single-family Residential District at 1424 S. Margaret Drive

located on Lot 2, Lucas Acres Subdivision.

AGENDA OF:

June 15, 2023

ACTION:

After consideration, either grant or deny the requested conditional use

permit.

Attachment(s):

1) Staff report to the Commission

2) Resolution No. 23-005

3) Application with supplemental information from applicant

4) Public Hearing Notice and Vicinity Map

5) Copy of mailing address labels

6) Responses to Notice (if any)

Summary:

The subject parcel is zoned R-1, Single-family Residential. The applicant

has applied for a conditional use permit to construct an electrical substation. A utility substation is a permitted use in the R-1, Singlefamily Residential District by obtaining a conditional use permit.

Recommendation: Community Development recommends approval of a Conditional Use Permit to construct an electrical substation in an R-1, Single-family

Residential District on Lot 2, Lucas Acres subdivision with certain

conditions listed in Resolution No. 23-005.



Community Development Conditional Use Permit Application Staff Report to Commission

PART I. GENERAL INFORMATION

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Location:	Lot 2, Lucas Acres subdivision	
Site Address:	1424 South Margaret Drive	
Request:	To construct an electrical substation	
Applicant &	R&M Consultants, Inc. applicant on behalf of Matanuska Electric Association,	
Owner:	Inc., owner	
Public Hearing	aring June 15, 2023	
Date:		
Notification	otification In accordance with PMC 17.80.030	
Requirements:		

On May 30, 2023, 158 public hearing notices were mailed to property owners within 1200' of the site. Notification of the public hearing was published in the Frontiersman on June 9, 2023. A total of 1 written comment was received in response, with 1 in favor of, 0 opposed and 0 no objection.

PART II. BACKGROUND

Site Information:

Lot 2, Lucas Acres subdivision is zoned R-1, Single-family Residential District. The property's access is from South Margaret Drive located on the east side of the lot. Lot 2 is a utility lot with no on-lot water or septic systems as noted on Plat No. 2021-161 recorded on December 17, 2021. A 60-foot electric ROW easement runs along the southern edge of the subject property. Two adjacent, parallel, 20-foot Electric line ROW easements are indicated within the 60-foot electric ROW easement as shown on the plat.

Parcel Size:

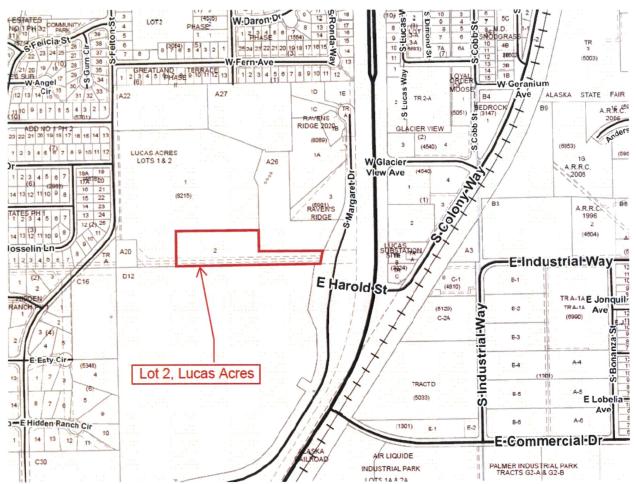
Lot 2, Lucas Acres subdivision is 4.463 acres.

Existing Zoning:

R-1, Single-family Residential District

Surrounding Land Uses:

	Zoning	Land Use for surrounding areas
North	R-1 & R-1E	Single-family Residential & Single-family Res Estate
South	CG	General Commercial
East	Street & CG	S. Margaret Drive & CG-General Commercial
West	R-1	Single-family Residential



Background Information:

Prior to the creation of Lot 2 by Plat No. 2021-161 on December 17, 2021, it was part of a larger Tax Parcel A28 located in Section 5, Township 17 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian. Tax Parcel A28 was in Area K that was annexed into the City as part of a large annexation of approximately 921.34 acres of land in 2003. The property had previously been used as a gravel quarry at the time of annexation and was "grandfathered in" as a non-conforming use.

Considerations:

A Conditional Use Permit allows for flexibility within zoning districts by permitting certain specified uses in zoning districts after additional controls and safeguards are applied by the commission to ensure their compatibility with permitted principal uses. In recommending the granting of a conditional use, the commission may stipulate in writing additional requirements which it finds necessary to carry out the intent of this title. The commission may also impose other conditions and safeguards designed to ensure the compatibility of the conditional use with other uses in the district.

PART III. FINDINGS OF FACT

PMC 17.72.050 In granting a conditional use permit, the Commission must make the following findings:

Fact 1) The conditional use will preserve the value, spirit, character and integrity of the surrounding area;

Applicant's response:

An active gravel extraction operation is located to the adjacent north and west of the subject property. Any existing residential development is located beyond the gravel extraction area and is unlikely to be affected by the relocation and upgrade of LUSS, given the distance and existing buffering.

The adjacent south property is largely undeveloped except for a parking lot and constructed access further south.

necessary to replace aging infrastructure and expand electric service to the area.

To the northeast of the proposed LUSS, there is a large-lot, single-family dwelling. This dwelling is currently adjacent to the gravel extraction operation and is unlikely to be significantly affected by the utility substation. That property also contains four cellular tower lease areas. The utility substation will preserve the value, spirit, character and integrity of the surrounding area. As described above, the lot was subdivided as a "utility lot". The site will be screened from view with vegetated buffers. The site will be developed to minimize impacts to surrounding properties and generate minimal traffic and noise. The new electrical substation is

Staff finds the following support in the Comprehensive Plan:

- Chapter 6, Goal 1 speaks of guiding growth to make Palmer an increasingly attractive place to live, invest, work and visit; and
- Chapter 6, Land Use, of the Comprehensive Plan Goal 2 of the Comprehensive Plan encourages maintaining high quality residential neighborhoods; promote development of a range of desirable new places to live in Palmer; and
- Chapter 6, Goal 2 under Objective A recommends promoting a diverse range of quality housing, from attractive higher density housing in or near downtown, to outlying housing in more rural settings.

<u>Staff finds the following facts support a finding that this conditional use will preserve the value, spirit, character and integrity of the surrounding area:</u>

- a) The property is surrounded by the remaining 19 acres of a gravel operation to the north and west, and 47 acres of undeveloped commercial land to the south. Within the nearby vicinity are the residential neighborhoods of Brittany Estates Phase 1, Greatland Terrace and Hidden Ranch. The proposed electrical substation will provide a more reliable service and increase capacity for the surrounding areas and for future growth to promote continued development of new places to live, work and invest in Palmer.
- b) The proposed electrical substation will be screened with appropriate landscaping to provide stabilization and minimize any visual impact thereby preserving the value, spirit, character and integrity of the surrounding area.
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an electric right of way easement. Permitting the lot to be used for the construction of an electrical substation through the conditional use permit process will allow the Commission to incorporate any safeguards that are necessary to preserve the value, spirit, character and integrity of the surrounding area.

Fact 2) The conditional use fulfills all other requirements of this title pertaining to the conditional use in question;

<u>Applicant's response:</u>

All requirements of PMC, Chapter 17, Zoning, for a utility substation in the R-1 district will be met or exceeded, based on the proposed design.

PMC 17.20.010(B)(4) states one of the intents of the R-1 zoning district is to discourage any use which because of character or size would create requirements and cost for public services, such as police and fire protection, water supply and sewage, substantially in excess of such requirements and cost if the district were developed solely for single-family dwellings. The requested conditional use for the electric substation, when approved, will not increase any of these requirements and will increase the electrical capacity of the area, facilitating additional development.

Staff finds the following facts support a finding that this conditional use fulfills all other requirements of this title pertaining to the conditional use in question:

- a) The proposed electrical substation fulfills all other requirements of this title pertaining to the conditional use in question as there is ample space on the property to meet setback requirements.
- b) In accordance with PMC 17.72.030, a detailed site plan was provided showing the proposed location of all buildings and structures on the site, access points, drainage, vehicular and pedestrian circulation patterns, parking areas and the specific location of the use. Landscaping requirements will be met with the screening vegetation being provided around the substation.
- c) Per PMC 17.20.050, the maximum building height in the R-1 district is 25 feet, excluding chimneys, steeples, antenna, and similar appurtenances which have no floor area. Appurtenances may not exceed 35 feet in height. This project does not include any enclosure that would exceed 25 feet in height. There are steel pole and multi-pole structures with a designed height of 51 feet above grade within the substation fence and transmission structures with a design height of 84 feet above grade located outside the substation fenced area. The pole and multi-pole structures are required as part of the utility substation, necessary to transmit/distribute electricity.

Fact 3) Granting the conditional use permit will not be harmful to the public health, safety, convenience and comfort of the neighborhood;

Applicant's response:

Providing reliable access to electrical services to the surrounding area promotes the public health, safety, convenience, and comfort. Measures like the proposed fencing around the substation maintain public safety. The safety of electrical workers will be improved with the installation of the new substation.

Staff finds the following facts support a finding that this conditional use permit will not be harmful to the public health, safety, convenience and comfort of the neighborhood:

- a) The lighting plan and fencing around the proposed substation are safeguards to ensure the public health and safety of the neighborhood.
- b) The proposed electrical substation will not be harmful to the public health, safety, convenience, and comfort of the neighborhood because it will not increase the demand on public services, such as sewer, water, traffic and public schools.
- c) The proposed electrical substation will be operated in compliance with the standards and conditions outlined in this conditional use permit and any applicable codes, laws and regulations.
- d) As commented by City of Palmer Fire Chief, the roadway to the location will need to meet the requirements to be a "Fire Apparatus Access Road" as described in the International Fire Code, Appendix D.

Fact 4) Sufficient setbacks, lot area, buffers, or other safeguards are being provided to meet the conditions;

Applicant's response:

Setbacks

The minimum required 25-foot front- and rear-yard setbacks and 10-foot side yard setbacks are exceeded for this project, see attached Figure A6 – Snow Storage and Setbacks.

Lot Area

The 4.463-acre parcel exceeds the 8,000 square-foot minimum lot area for the R-1 zoning district for lots platted after June 30, 2005. The lot also exceeds the 60-foot minimum lot width for the R-1 zoning district.

Buffers

Existing vegetation, berms, and additional landscaping previously described will be provided to create buffer zones surrounding the substation site. Drainage will be provided to mitigate and control water runoff. A fence will be erected around the site to limit entry for safety and security.

Other Safeguards

The proposed fencing to be erected around LUSS is a key safeguard to limit physical entry and provide public safety and site security.

Administrative controls shall be provided to prevent unauthorized entry.

The ground grid shall be designed and constructed to mitigate electrical touch potential hazards to the public and to workers.

Equipment safety, clearances, and controls will be improved as compared to the existing substation.

Staff finds the following facts support a finding that sufficient setbacks, lot area, buffers, or other safeguards are being provided to meet the conditions:

- a) The proposed electrical substation will exceed the required minimum setbacks of 25' front and rear yard and 10' side yard for the R-1, Single-family Residential District.
- b) Lot 2 exceeds the required minimum lot width of 60 feet and the required minimum lot area of 8,400 square feet for the R-1, Single-family Residential District.
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- d) The view of the utility substation will be obscured by the natural topography of the property and adjacent properties.

Fact 5) If the permit is for a public use or structure, is the proposed use or structure located in a manner which will maximize public benefits.

Applicant's response:

While the project carries significant public benefits, this permit is not for a public use or structure. This standard does not apply.

Staff finds the following facts;

a) The requested conditional use permit is not for a public use or structure as the proposed property is under the private ownership of Matanuska Electric Association.

PMC 17.72.070 COMMISSION ACTION

- a) The commission shall render a decision on the application for conditional use permit within 45 calendar days from the date of public hearing.
- b) The zoning administrator shall incorporate any conditions and requirements stipulated by the commission in the conditional use permit.

PART IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

A utility substation is a Conditional Use allowed in an R-1, Single-family Residential District. Based on our review of the request, Community Development recommends approval of the Conditional Use Permit to allow for the construction of an electrical substation in an R-1, Single-family Residential District, with the following conditions:

- 1) All development must comply with all federal, state and local regulations.
- 2) Obtain all necessary building permits from the City of Palmer.
- 3) Remain in compliance with the quiet hours established in Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 8.36.025.
- 4) The roadway to the location will need to meet the requirements to be a "Fire Apparatus Access Road" as described in the International Fire Code, Appendix D.

It is recommended that the Planning Commission adopt the Staff's analysis and findings and grant the requested Conditional Use Permit. The permit would allow the construction of an electrical substation in an R-1, Single-family Residential District.

PMC 17.72.080 APPEAL

The commission's action may be appealed pursuant to Chapter 17.98 PMC by any party, including a city official. The right of appeal is forfeited unless a written appeal is delivered to the clerk within 20 calendar days of the commission's decision.

PALMER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 23-005

A RESOLUTION OF THE PALMER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AN ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION IN AN R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AT 1424 SOUTH MARGARET DRIVE, PALMER, LOCATED ON LOT 2, LUCAS ACRES SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, a utility substation is listed under 17.20.030(B) as uses that may be permitted in the R-1, Single-family Residential District by obtaining a conditional use permit; and

WHEREAS, R&M Consultants, Inc, applicant on behalf of Matanuska Electric Association, Inc, owner of record, submitted a Conditional Use Permit application on March 22, 2023, for a Conditional Use Permit to construct an electrical substation in an R-1, Single-family Residential District; and

WHEREAS, Conditional Use Permits are authorized by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Palmer in accordance with PMC 17.72; and

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WHEREAS, the Commission has made the following findings that do support the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to construct an electrical substation in an R-1, Single-family Residential District:

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Finding 2: The request is able to meet all other requirements of this title because:

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Finding 5: The requested conditional use permit is not for a public use or structure as the proposed property is under the private ownership of Matanuska Electric Association.

Per PMC 17.89.080, Standards for a conditional use permit, the additional standards have been sufficiently addressed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Palmer Planning and Zoning Commission does hereby approve the requested Conditional Use Permit to construct an electrical substation in an R-1, Single-family Residential District located on Lot 2, Lucas Acres subdivision with the following conditions:

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Passed by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Palmer, Alaska, this $15^{\rm th}$ day of June 2023.

	Casey Peterson, Chairman
Kimberly A. McClure	
Community Development Specialist	



City of Palmer Community Development Department

645 E. Cope Industrial Way, Palmer, Alaska 99645 Received Phone: 907-745-3709

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City of Palmer

Conditional Use Permit Application

Please provide a written narrative explaining how your project will meet the following requirements. Use additional sheets if necessary.

1.	. The conditional use will preserve the value, spirit, character and integrity of the surrounding area. Please see attached narrative.		
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2.	The conditional use fulfills all other requirements of Palmer Municipal Code 17.72 pertaining to the conditional use in question. Please see attached narrative.		
3.	Granting the conditional use permit will not be harmful to the public health,		
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May 11, 2023

Subject: MEA Lucas Substation

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter authorized R&M Consultants, Inc. to represent Matanuska Electric Association, Inc. in all City of Palmer matters related to the Lucas Substation Planning and Permitting. This authorization expires December 31, 2023.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at 907-761-9464 or via email at Timothy.McCullough@mea.coop.

Sincerely,

Tim McCullough

Site Engineer

Matanuska Electric Association. Inc.

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INTRODUCTION

The Matanuska Electric Association (MEA) is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to construct an electrical substation in the Lucas Subdivision on Lot 2, Lucas Acres Subdivision. This project, known as the Lucas Substation (LUSS) Upgrade, would relocate and upgrade the existing substation. LUSS is currently located at 1308 S Colony Way and, if approved, would be relocated approximately a quarter mile west, across the Glenn Highway.

The upgraded LUSS would be a 115kV, five-position breaker and a half switch yard with an eleven-breaker low-side enclosed in metal-clad Switchgear. The upgrade would support three 115kV transmission lines connecting LUSS to multiple substations in MEA's system. The low side will be energized at 12.47kV and will be fed by two 22.4 MVA transformers. The transformers will include secondary containment.

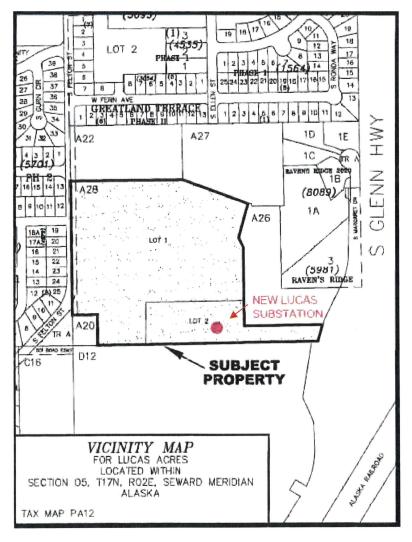


FIGURE 1: PROPOSED PROJECT LOCATION

Public Benefits

The upgraded LUSS is necessary to meet current and future electricity needs for the area. The upgrade will replace aging infrastructure, improving both grounding safety and overall system reliability.

MEA is requesting:

Conditional Use Permit for a utility (electrical) substation in the R-1 district.

SITE BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

The subject property was created as part of a replat creating Lucas Acres Subdivision, Lots 1 and 2. This plat was recorded on December 3, 2021. Prior to subdividing, the subject property was part of a larger parcel used for gravel extraction.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

ZONING

The proposed electrical substation site is located in the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district. Utility substations are conditionally permitted in the R-1 district [PMC 17.20.030(B)]. See Figure 2.

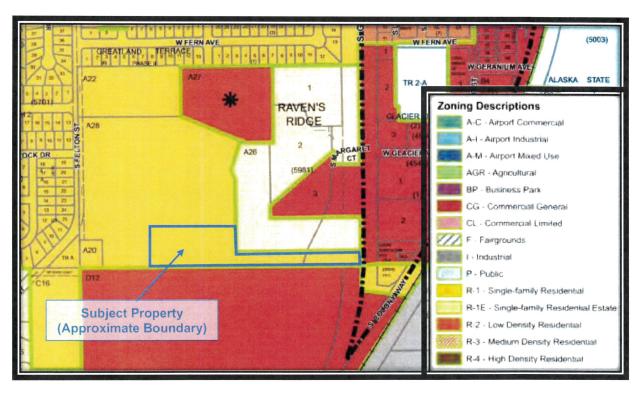


FIGURE 2: CITY OF PALMER ZONING

LAND USE

There are currently no structures on the subject property. The site is largely undeveloped, apart from general clearing and grubbing and unpaved access constructed along the southern edge and central area of the parcel. This is associated with the gravel operation on the property to the adjacent north and west of the subject property, from before the subdivision and sale of Lot 2 to MEA occurred.

DRAINAGE & TOPOGRAPHY

Pre-development site assessment included review of the proposed site drainage to assure that no areas of ponding or glaciation would exist inside the MEA fence. Lot 2 is elevated above the Glenn Highway but is generally at the same elevation as lots to the north and east. Berms of gravel are present on the site where gravel was being extracted but will be leveled to meet the drainage functions of the grading plan. See the Topography map below of existing conditions and the attachment Figure A3 – Drainage & Grading drawing provided at the end of the Narrative.

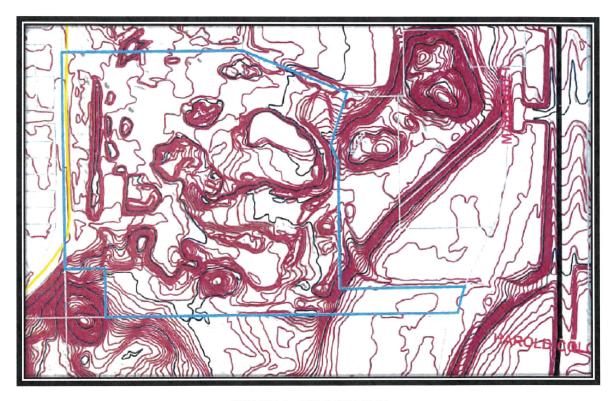


FIGURE 3. TOPOGRAPHY

WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES

No mapped wetlands or watercourses are on or adjacent to the subject property (Source: MSB Wetlands Viewer).

EASEMENTS

A 60-foot electric ROW easement runs along the southern edge of the subject property (Per Book 10, page 15, Palmer Recording District, AK) Two adjacent, parallel, 20-foot Electric Line ROW easements are indicated within the 60-foot electric ROW easement. See Figure 4. The site also includes a telephone and a public use easement.

Relevant plat notes (Plat 2021-161) include:

- "3. A blanket electric line right of way easement exists recorded in Book 279, Page 429, Palmer Recording District, Alaska."
- "4. A blanket telephone line right of way easement exists recorded in Book 556, Page 795, Palmer Recording District, Alaska."
- "5. A Public Use Easement recorded as Document No. 2007-018902-0 in the Palmer Recording District, Alaska, exists covering the entirety of Lots 1 and 2."
- "6. Lot 2 is a utility lot with no on-lot water or septic systems."

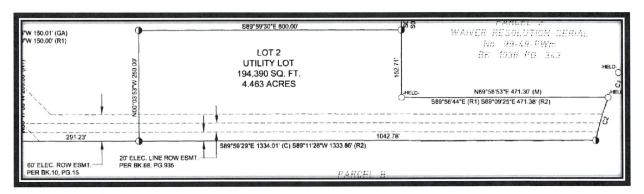


FIGURE 4: UTILITY EASEMENTS; PLAT #2021-161

PROPOSED PROJECT OVERVIEW

PURPOSE & NEED

LUSS needs to be rebuilt due to aging infrastructure, which is affecting grounding and reliability, and to increase capacity for the growing load in Palmer and the surrounding area. The project will allow the upgrades necessary to meet current and future electricity service needs.

LOCATION OF ALL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

The project will be constructed on Lot 2, Lucas Acres Subdivision, located within Section 05, T17N, R02E, Seward Meridian, Alaska. The parcel is approximately 4.463 acres.

ACCESS, ROAD OWNERSHIP, & RIGHT-OF-WAY

LUSS will be accessed from the east via a shared driveway off S. Margaret Dr, a frontage road for the Glenn Highway. The shared access agreement area has a 60-foot wide. A 30-foot portion comes from Parcel 2, S1/2 NE1/4, Sec 5, T17N R2E, S.M. The adjacent south 30-foot portion comes from Lot 2, Lucas Acres 2021-161. See Figures 5 and 6.



FIGURE 5: SHARED ACCESS AGREEMENT AREA



FIGURE 6: ACCESS (GENERAL)

BUILDING HEIGHT

Per PMC 17.20.050, the maximum building height in the R-1 district is 25 feet, excluding chimneys, steeples, antenna, and similar appurtenances which have no floor area. Appurtenances may not exceed 35 feet in height.

This project does not include any enclosure that would exceed 25 feet in height. There are steel pole and multi-pole structures with a designed height of 51 feet above grade within the substation fence and transmission structures with a design height of 84 feet above grade located outside the substation fenced area. See Figure A1 – General Arrangement and Figure A4 – Plan & Profile attachments. The pole and multi-pole structures are required as part of the utility substation, necessary to transmit/distribute electricity.

VEHICULAR CIRCULATION AND PARKING

Maintenance vehicles can access the substation via a 20-foot vehicle gate southeast of the proposed transformers and switchgear enclosure, refer to Figure A1 – General Arrangement. Engineered crushed stone will be installed throughout the substation site to facilitate access for personnel. Maintenance vehicles will almost always be parked inside the substation fence when personnel are doing work. Parking may occasionally occur on the driveway or in the utility easement, particularly during construction. Traffic impacts are expected to be minimal, as only authorized personnel may access the substation, and this would only occur during routine or as-needed maintenance once construction is complete.

Per PMC 17.64.031 *Parking spaces required*, utility substations are not listed as a use requiring parking spaces to be constructed.

SNOW STORAGE

Onsite snow storage is shown by the dashed outlines within the MEA fence. See Figure A6 – Snow Storage & Setbacks attachment.

LIGHTING

Fence-line perimeter and station lighting, meeting National Electric Safety Code Rule 111, will be provided for safe maintenance and operations. Station lighting will be reduced to the amount needed for security when the station is not occupied to minimize lighting impacts to neighbors. The lighting plan is attached as Figure A5.

LANDSCAPING & VEGETATION

Existing vegetation, depicted in green on Figure A2.3 – Existing Vegetation, was mapped from aerial photography. Disturbed areas devoid of current vegetation, (pink on Figure A2.3), and locations where existing vegetation would be removed, (blue on Figure A2.3), were identified and overlaid with expected grading, to identify where stabilization will be needed.

Stabilization recommendations include use of existing materials (topsoil, subsoil, gravel, stone, boulders, etc.) to support areas of replanting, control runoff, or to stabilize ground surfaces. Hydroseeding with a no-mow seed mix is intended to stabilize drainage and revegetation areas, depicted as grass hatch on

Figure A2.4 – Stabilization Area. Areas devoid of vegetation prior to disturbance, are intended to be stabilized with compacted existing materials, pink hatch on Figure A2.4.

To support plantings and stabilization, topsoil depths for specific areas are noted by zones for the site. No topsoil areas, depicted in pink on Figure A2.5 – Soil Stabilization, are to be stabilized with compacted existing site material. Hydroseeded areas, yellow on Figure A2.5, require 2-4" of topsoil. The screen planting on the east side requires a 24" depth, brown on Figure A2.5, to accommodate trees and 18" depth, tan on Figure A2.5, for the other proposed plantings. Behind the screen planting, the drainage area is stabilized by hydroseeding as is any disturbed area within the utility easement to the south.

The proposed tree planting plan identifies recommended trees for the site, identified in Figure A2.1 – Tree Planting & Screening. These trees should have a higher-than-average success rate, and the maintenance requirement, once they are established, should be minimal. Within the planting areas, site boulders may be placed to enhance the aesthetics. A cross-section illustrates the screening impact by the proposed plantings. See Figure 7.

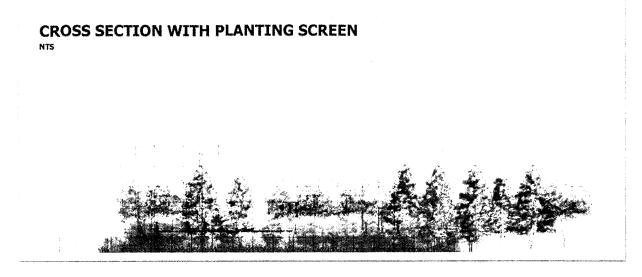


FIGURE 7. SCREENING

SCREENING

The visual screen planting and stabilization on the east side, zigzag hatch on Figure A2.4, will minimize views into the site and control erosion. Ground plantings, as shown in Figure A2.2 – Shrub and Perennial Planting, additionally limit visibility into the site while creating interest. The plants recommended for this area are a mix of natives along with hardy, low maintenance shrubs and perennials. Once established, these plantings will require little maintenance and create seasonal interest. The no-mow seed mix recommended for hydroseeding contains native grasses and perennials adapted to a variety of conditions that are found on this site.

Lucas Substation Relocation: Conditional Use Application Narrative

SCHEDULE

Project Step	Proposed Dates
Architectural and Engineering Design Complete	June 2023
Permitting	August 2023 to December 2023
Procurement & Fabrication	December 2022 to July 2024
Construction	August 2023 to December 2024

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

STANDARDS FOR A CONDITIONAL USE Permit (17.72.050)

A. That the conditional use will preserve the value, spirit, character and integrity of the surrounding area;

An active gravel extraction operation is located to the adjacent north and west of the subject property. Any existing residential development is located beyond the gravel extraction area and is unlikely to be affected by the relocation and upgrade of LUSS, given the distance and existing buffering.

The adjacent south property is largely undeveloped except for a parking lot and constructed access further south.

To the northeast of the proposed LUSS, there is a large-lot, single-family dwelling. This dwelling is currently adjacent to the gravel extraction operation and is unlikely to be significantly affected by the utility substation. That property also contains four cellular tower lease areas.

The utility substation will preserve the value, spirit, character and integrity of the surrounding area. As described above, the lot was subdivided as a "utility lot". The site will be screened from view with vegetated buffers. The site will be developed to minimize impacts to surrounding properties and generate minimal traffic and noise. The new electrical substation is necessary to replace aging infrastructure and expand electric service to the area.

B. That the conditional use fulfills all other requirements of this title pertaining to the conditional use in question;

All requirements of PMC, Chapter 17, Zoning, for a utility substation in the R-1 district will be met or exceeded, based on the proposed design.

PMC 17.20.010(B)(4) states one of the intents of the R-1 zoning district is to discourage any use which because of character or size would create requirements and cost for public services, such as police and fire protection, water supply and sewage, substantially in excess of such requirements and cost if the district were developed solely for single-family dwellings. The requested conditional use for the electric substation, when approved, will not increase any of these requirements and will increase the electrical capacity of the area, facilitating additional development.

C. That granting the permit will not be harmful to the public health, safety, convenience and comfort;

Providing reliable access to electrical services to the surrounding area promotes the public health, safety, convenience, and comfort. Measures like the proposed fencing around the

substation maintain public safety. The safety of electrical workers will be improved with the installation of the new substation.

D. That sufficient setbacks, lot area, buffers, or other safeguards are being provided to meet the conditions;

Setbacks

The minimum required 25-foot front- and rear-yard setbacks and 10-foot side yard setbacks are exceeded for this project, see attached Figure A6 – Snow Storage and Setbacks.

Lot Area

The 4.463-acre parcel exceeds the 8,000 square-foot minimum lot area for the R-1 zoning district for lots platted after June 30, 2005. The lot also exceeds the 60-foot minimum lot width for the R-1 zoning district.

Buffers

Existing vegetation, berms, and additional landscaping previously described will be provided to create buffer zones surrounding the substation site. Drainage will be provided to mitigate and control water runoff. A fence will be erected around the site to limit entry for safety and security.

Other Safeguards

The proposed fencing to be erected around LUSS is a key safeguard to limit physical entry and provide public safety and site security.

Administrative controls shall be provided to prevent unauthorized entry.

The ground grid shall be designed and constructed to mitigate electrical touch potential hazards to the public and to workers.

Equipment safety, clearances, and controls will be improved as compared to the existing substation.

E. If the permit is for a public use or structure, the commission must find that the proposed use or structure is located in a manner which will maximize public benefits;

While the project carries significant public benefits, this permit is not for a public use or structure. This standard does not apply.

ATTACHMENTS

Figures:

- A1 General Arrangement
- A2.1 Tree Planting & Screening
- A2.2 Shrub & Perennial Planting
- A2.3 Existing Vegetation
- A2.4 Stabilization Area
- A2.5 Soil Stabilization
- A3 Drainage and Grading
- A4 Plan & Profile
- A5 Lighting Plan
- A6 Snow Storage & Setbacks

Supporting Documents:

- 1. Location & Vicinity Map
- 2. Plat 2021-161

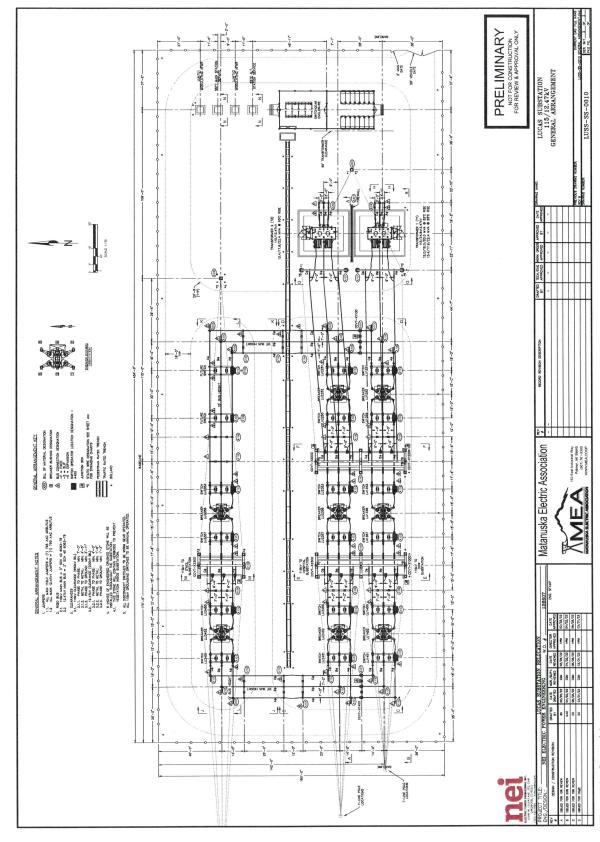


Figure A1 - General Arrangement

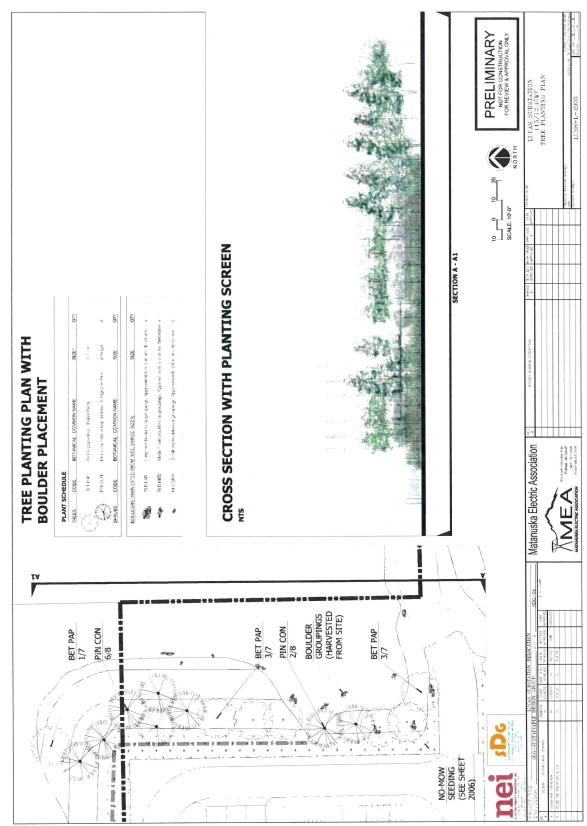


Figure A2.1 - Tree Planting & Screening

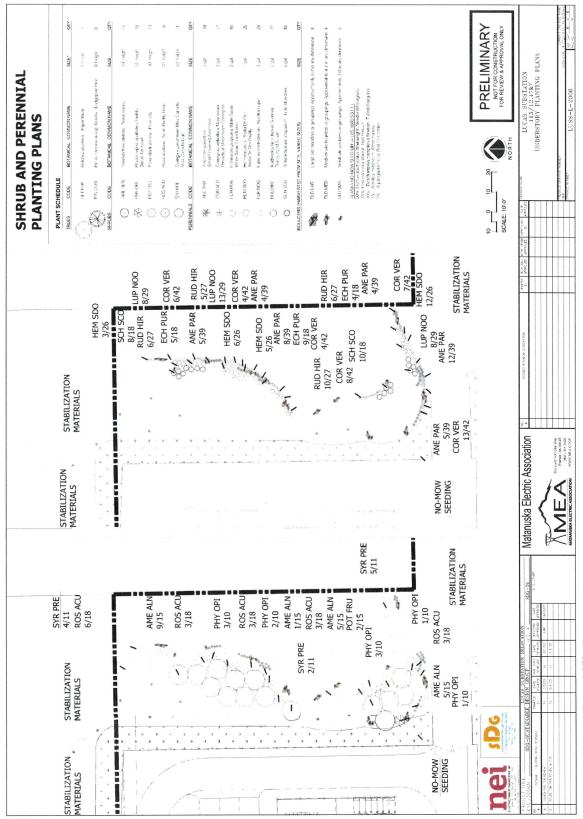


Figure A2.2 - Shrub & Perennial Planting

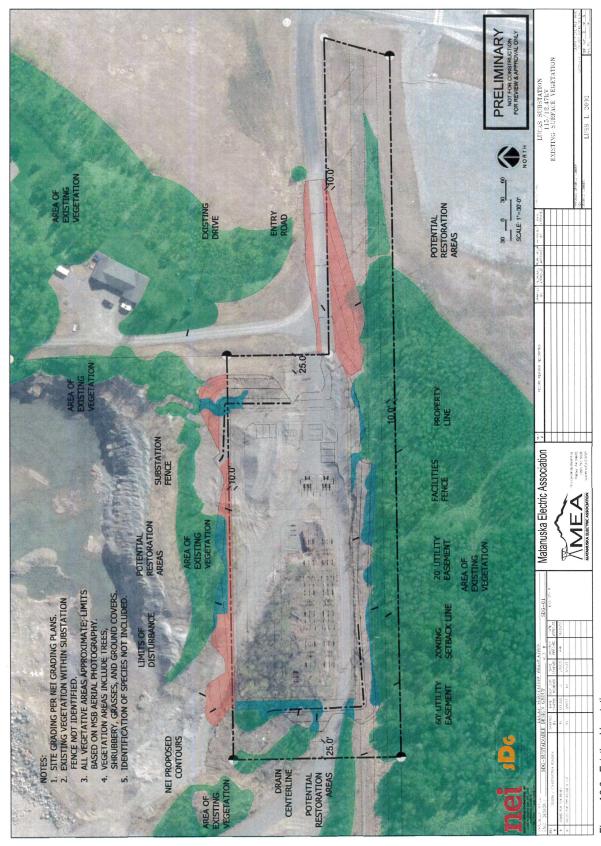


Figure A2.3 - Existing Vegetation

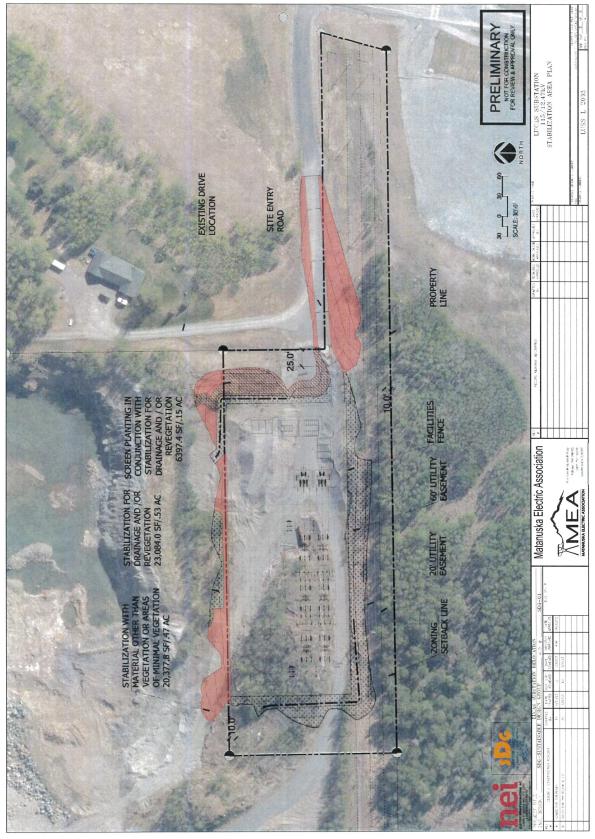


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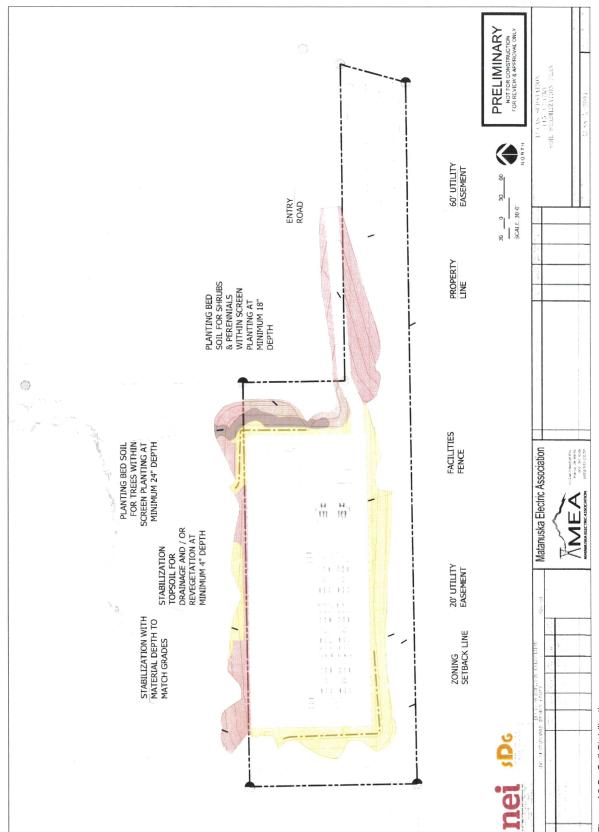


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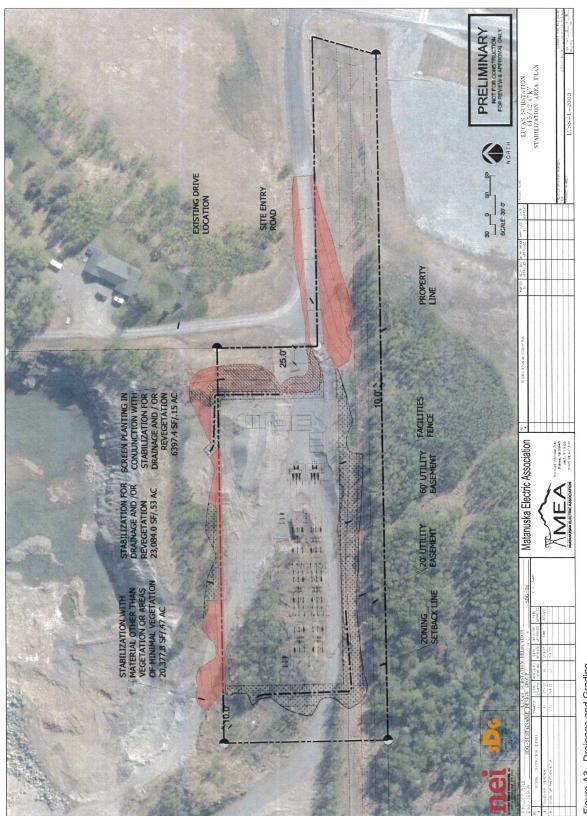


Figure A3 - Drainage and Grading

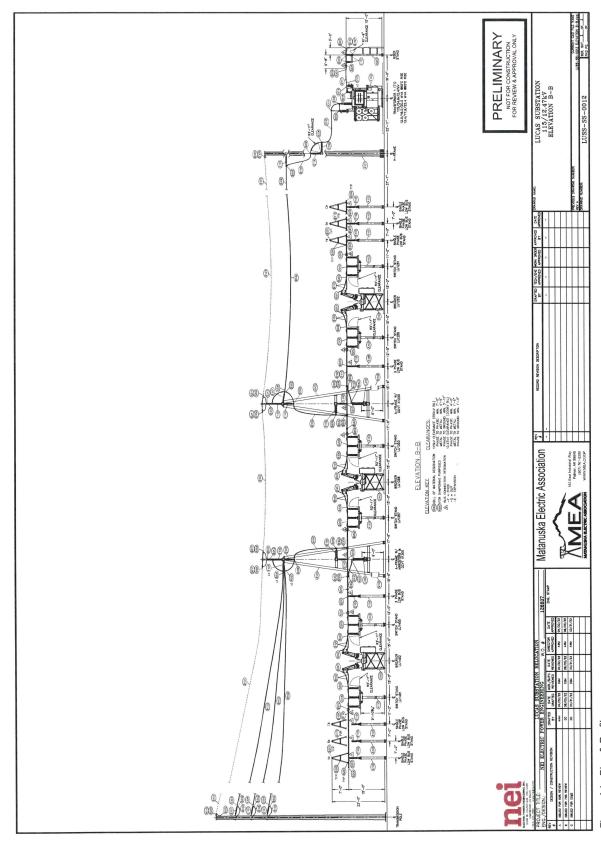


Figure A4 - Plan & Profile

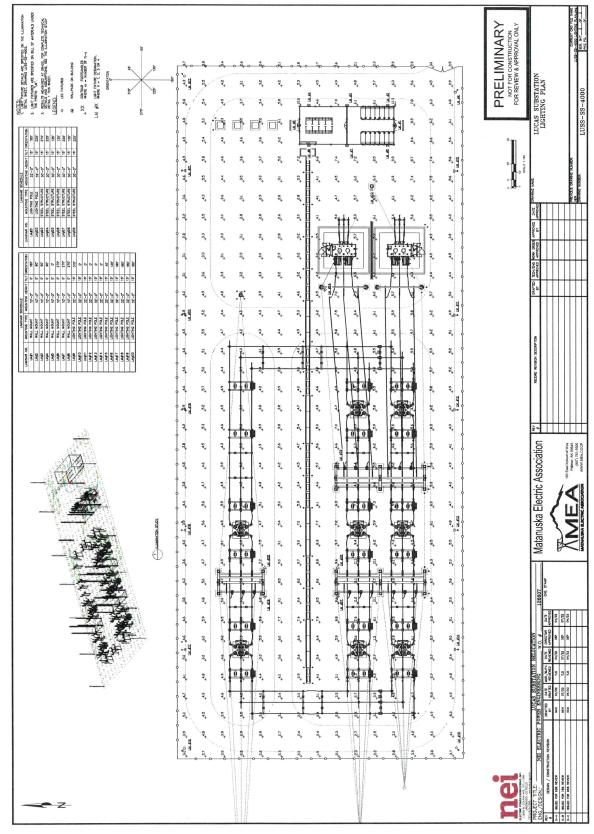


Figure A5 - Lighting Plan

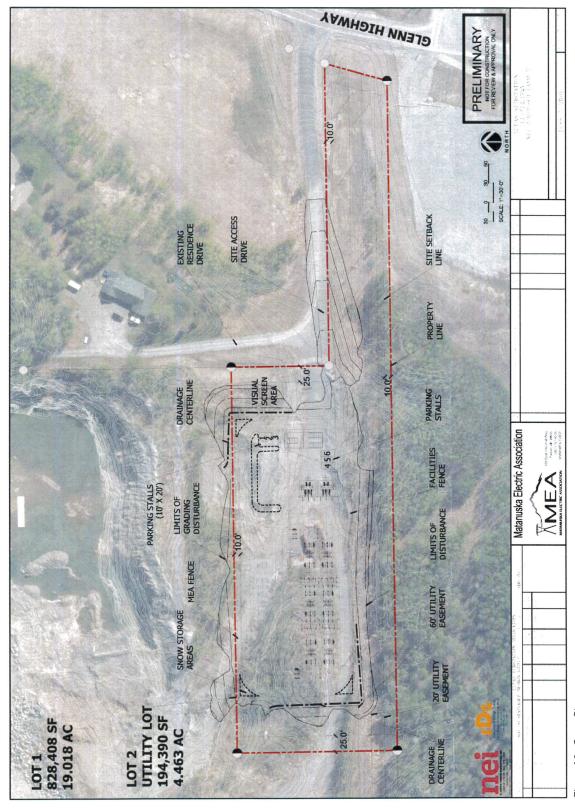


Figure A6 - Snow Storage

Lucas Substation Location Map





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