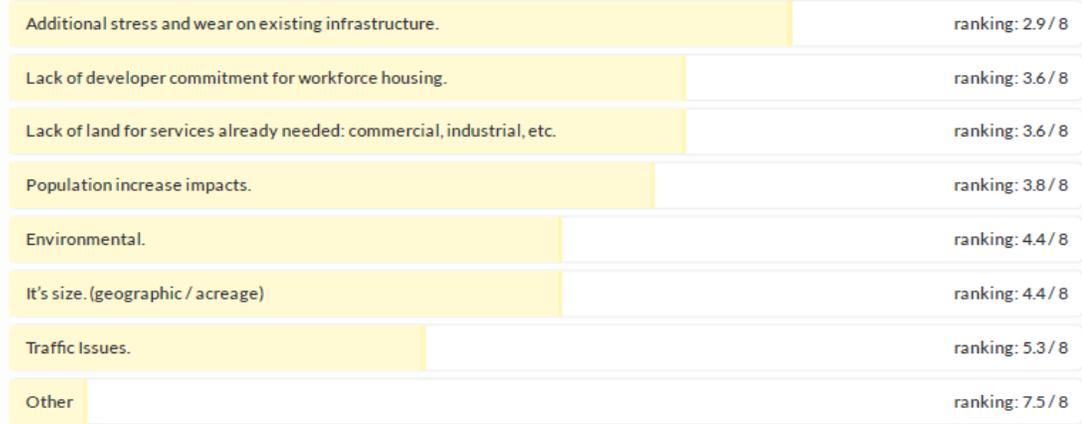


Please rank the following concerns you have about the Holtan Hills Development:

66 answers



If the development plan can meet community needs, I would support new development.

65 answers



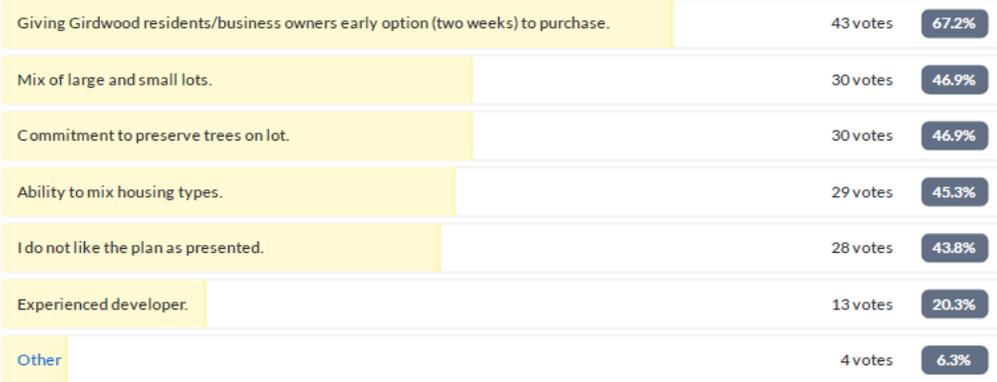
HLB land should NOT be opened up/sold for any reason:

66 answers



What do you like about the Holtan Hills plan as presented on Dec 22, 2021:

64 answers - 177 votes



Girdwood Trails Committee: Minutes are available here: www.muni.org/gtc

Cemetery Committee: No report. Minutes are available here: www.muni.org/gc

Housing Working Group (HWG): Next meeting is slated for Feb 15. Minutes available here: www.muni.org/gluc

Imagine! Girdwood Imagine! Girdwood is focused on technical analysis and next steps. Funds are needed to continue the effort. Visit imaginegirdwood.org

Girdwood Board of Supervisors: Minutes are available on GBOS website: www.muni.org/gbos

HLBAC Report: Next meeting is scheduled for THU Feb 24 at 11:30AM

Join on your computer or mobile app [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only) [+1 907-519-0237,,842257751#](tel:+19075190237842257751) Phone Conference ID: 842 257 751#

Application for Dimensional Variance

Municipality of Anchorage
 Planning Department
 PO Box 196650
 Anchorage, AK 99519-6650



PETITIONER*		PETITIONER REPRESENTATIVE (if any)	
Name (last name first) Ausman, Michael		Name (last name first)	
Mailing Address PO Box 1351		Mailing Address	
Girdwood, AK 99587			
Contact Phone – Day 907-382-0961	Evening	Contact Phone – Day	Evening
E-mail Michael. Ausman@gmail.com		E-mail	

*Report additional petitioners or disclose other co-owners on supplemental form. Failure to divulge other beneficial interest owners may delay processing of this application.

PROPERTY INFORMATION		
Property Tax # (000-000-00-000): 075-181-38-000		
Site Street Address: 515 Vail Drive		
Current legal description: (use additional sheet if necessary) Alyeska Basin #6 Block 22 Lot 22		
Zoning: GR-2	Acreage: 15,291 ft ²	Grid #: SE4915

PETITIONING FOR
Variance for development of addition to existing non-conforming house and accessory structures in stream setback zones.

I hereby certify that (I am)(I have been authorized to act for) owner of the property described above and that I am petitioning for variance in conformance with Title 21 of the Anchorage Municipal Code of Ordinances. I understand that payment of the application fee is nonrefundable and is to cover the costs associated with processing this application, and that it does not assure approval of the variance. I understand that the burden of evidence to show compliance with the variance standards rests with me, the applicant. I also understand that assigned hearing dates are tentative and may have to be postponed by Planning Department staff or the Zoning Board of Examiners and Appeals for administrative reasons.


 Signature Owner Representative Date: 12/29/2021
 (Representatives must provide written proof of authorization)

Michael Ausman
 Print Name

Accepted by: E. Appleby	Poster & Affidavit: 1+1	Fee: \$710	Case Number: 20220014	Meeting Date: 3/10/22
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CODE CITATIONS

AMC 21. 07.020.8.9

AMC 21.

RECENT REGULATORY INFORMATION (Events that have occurred in last 5 years for all or portion of site)

Rezoning - Case Number:

Preliminary Plat Final Plat - Case Number(s): 512579

Conditional Use - Case Number(s):

Zoning variance - Case Number(s):

Land Use Enforcement Action for

Building or Land Use Permit for

Wetland permit: Army Corps of Engineers Municipality of Anchorage

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

(One of each applicable item is required for initial submittal, additional copies are required after initial submittal)

1 copy required: Signed application (original)

16 copies required: Signed application (copies)

Variance narrative, addressing:

- The need for the variance, including when the need for the variance was discovered
- The effect of granting the variance
- An analysis of how the proposal meets the variance standards below

As-built survey showing existing conditions, to scale (no more than 2 years old)

Proposed plot plan or site plan, to scale (new construction)

Topographic map of site

Photographs

(Additional information may be required.)

VARIANCE STANDARDS

The Zoning Board of Examiners and Appeals may only grant a variance if the Board finds that **all** of the following 8 standards are substantially met. Each standard must have a response in as much detail as it takes to explain how your property's condition satisfies the standard. The burden of proof rests with you.

- a. There exist exceptional or extraordinary physical circumstances of the subject property including, but not limited to, streams, wetlands, or slope, and those circumstances are not applicable to other land in the same zoning district;
- b. Because of these physical circumstances, the strict application of the code creates an exceptional or undue hardship upon the property owner, and would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district under the terms of the zoning ordinance;
- c. The hardship is not self-imposed, special conditions and circumstances do not result from the actions of the applicant, and such conditions and circumstances do not merely constitute inconvenience;
- d. The variance, if granted, will not adversely affect the use of adjacent property as permitted under this code;
- e. The variance, if granted, does not change the character of the zoning district where the property is located, is in keeping with the intent of the code, and does not permit a use not otherwise permitted in the district in which the property lies;
- f. The variance, if granted, does not adversely affect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the municipality;
- g. Persons with disabilities are provided with access as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and reasonable accommodation; and
- h. The variance granted is the minimum variance that will make possible a reasonable use of the land.

I attest that I am a co-owner of the property at 515 Vail Drive in Girdwood, AK, and hereby approve this Application for Dimensional Variance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexandra Robinson', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name.

Alexandra Robinson

This request for variance is to allow for the construction of a 367 sq. ft. addition to our house and several accessory structures on our property. The modest portion of the addition requiring a variance will allow for the construction of a mudroom entryway to our house. We are also requesting to include variance for future development on the second story, above the planned addition as described. Our building plans currently show a large deck being constructed in this area as a means of finishing off the first story roof until we complete plans for further development. Any future development to that space would not exceed the proposed footprint depicted on the attached Site Plan. External stairs leading from the east side of this mudroom will allow continued access to the rear half of our property. An attached garage will also be constructed on the property, with only a tiny portion (< 1ft²) falling in the streambank setback zone.

Additionally, we are requesting variance for the placement of a storage shed, a sauna, a hot tub, and the establishment of a permeable-surfaced pad. It is our intent to locate these structures on our lot such that encumbrance on the streambank setback areas will be as little as practicable while minimizing impacts to the natural character of our lot. Specific considerations for structure placement include the retention of trees and large shrubs, viewshed impacts to adjacent parcels, and minimizing disturbance to poorly-drained areas. The attached site plan illustrates one possible iteration of development of these accessory structures.

As part of our site development plan, we intend to remove an existing deck on the north side of the house and restore the streambank area to a naturally vegetated condition. This will create a reduction of intrusion into the streambank setback zone on the north side of our parcel and thus provide for better stream protection than currently exists on the property.

Several photos are included for reference in the Attachments section of this document.

The Zoning Board of Examiners and Appeals may only grant a variance if the Board finds that all of the following 8 standards are substantially met. Each standard must have a response in as much detail as it takes to explain how your property's condition satisfies the standard. The burden of proof rests with you.

- a. **There exist exceptional or extraordinary physical circumstances of the subject property including, but not limited to, streams, wetlands, or slope, and those circumstances are not applicable to other land in the same zoning district.**

Our property is severely encumbered by two creeks which flow through and adjacent to the parcel, as evident on the attached As-Built Survey. The primary creek (*Creek #1*) bisects our lot and flows along the eastern and northern sides of our existing house, prohibiting any possible development to those areas. The setback associated with the secondary creek (*Creek #2*), which flows almost entirely outside of our property's eastern boundary beneath the adjacent powerline corridor, overlaps with the setback provided for Creek #1. These overlapping setbacks leave us with almost no developable land on the eastern half of our lot. No other parcels in our zoning district are nearly as encumbered by the presence of commingling streams as ours, as shown in Attachment #1, below.

- b. Because of these physical circumstances, the strict application of the code creates an exceptional or undue hardship upon the property owner, and would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district under the terms of the zoning ordinance.**

As described above, the location of Creek #1 limits our ability to add to our existing house. Currently, the only portion of our house that is not affected by streambank setbacks is a small section of the southwest corner. Construction of an addition on this portion is impractical due to the existing rooflines on the structure. The development shown on the attached Site Plan is the most practical use of our space while maintaining considerations to land use regulations.

The proximity of Creeks #1 and #2 and their associated setbacks to each other render the eastern half of our property nearly unalterable. Strict application of the code would prevent us from enjoying a very significant portion of our lot.

In total, only about 20% of our property is unencumbered by setbacks, including front, rear, side, and streambank protection setbacks. Front, rear, and side setbacks typically affect about 38% of a lot our size, in our area. Thus, our neighbors in the GR-2 zoning district with no streams present are able to enjoy roughly 62% of their parcel for development.

- c. The hardship is not self-imposed, special conditions and circumstances do not result from the actions of the applicant, and such conditions and circumstances do not merely constitute inconvenience.**

The creeks in question are free-flowing and natural in their respective channels. The existing, legally non-conforming structure was constructed in 1983, prior to current streambank protection regulations.

- d. The variance, if granted, will not adversely affect the use of adjacent property as permitted under this code.**

The proposed addition to our existing house is modest in size and character and would not impact adjacent properties in any way. Development on the eastern portion of the lot would be constructed with considerations to the viewshed of neighboring parcels and retention of the character of the natural environment.

- e. The variance, if granted, does not change the character of the zoning district where the property is located, is in keeping with the intent of the code, and does not permit a use not otherwise permitted in the district in which the property lies.**

All proposed development within the requested variance will conform to all laws and regulations governing the Municipality of Anchorage and the Girdwood community and consistent with uses enjoyed by other land owners in our zoning district. We strongly value the vegetated character of

the Girdwood community and our parcel, in particular, and intend to maintain and improve understory and overstory plant structure and composition as we implement our proposed site development. The establishment of a permeable-surfaced pad off the western side of our house will provide us with another small useable area while providing better protection for our house and improving drainage issues.

Furthermore, we intend to remove an existing deck on the northern portion of our house which currently protrudes 6.5' into the streambank setback zone for a length of 25.2'. This area will be revegetated with native vegetation and returned to its natural character. This reduction in streambank setback intrusion on our parcel will provide better protection for the stream than currently exists along the northern edge of our house.

- f. The variance, if granted, does not adversely affect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the municipality.**

No safety concerns are identified with this proposed development. We are active members of the Girdwood community who care for our neighbors and respect the land.

- g. Persons with disabilities are provided with access as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and reasonable accommodation.**

No persons with disabilities reside at this address. Proposed development would not create any unnecessary or undue situations pertaining to ADA reasonable accommodation stipulations.

- h. The variance granted is the minimum variance that will make possible a reasonable use of the land.**

This proposal seeks to expand our house primarily on the least restrictive portion of the existing house. The addition will be attached to the house for purposes of practicality and with consideration to the extent and location of our footprint on our parcel, maintaining contiguous natural areas as much as possible.

The proposed accessory structures are the minimum areas that we feel will provide us the same opportunity for development of our lot that is afforded to other residents in our zoning district. These locations were selected with considerations to existing drainage and impact to adjacent parcels and their existing structures. As stated above, all development on our property will be completed in such a way as to minimize encroachment into the streambank setbacks while also addressing concerns for preservation of the natural environment.

Attachments



Photo 1: Front view of house. The proposed addition will attach to the right side of the house. The permeable-surfaced pad will extend from the porch on the left side of the house in this view.



Photo 2: Porch on the north side of the house which will be removed. This area will be revegetated and provide better streambank protection than currently exists.

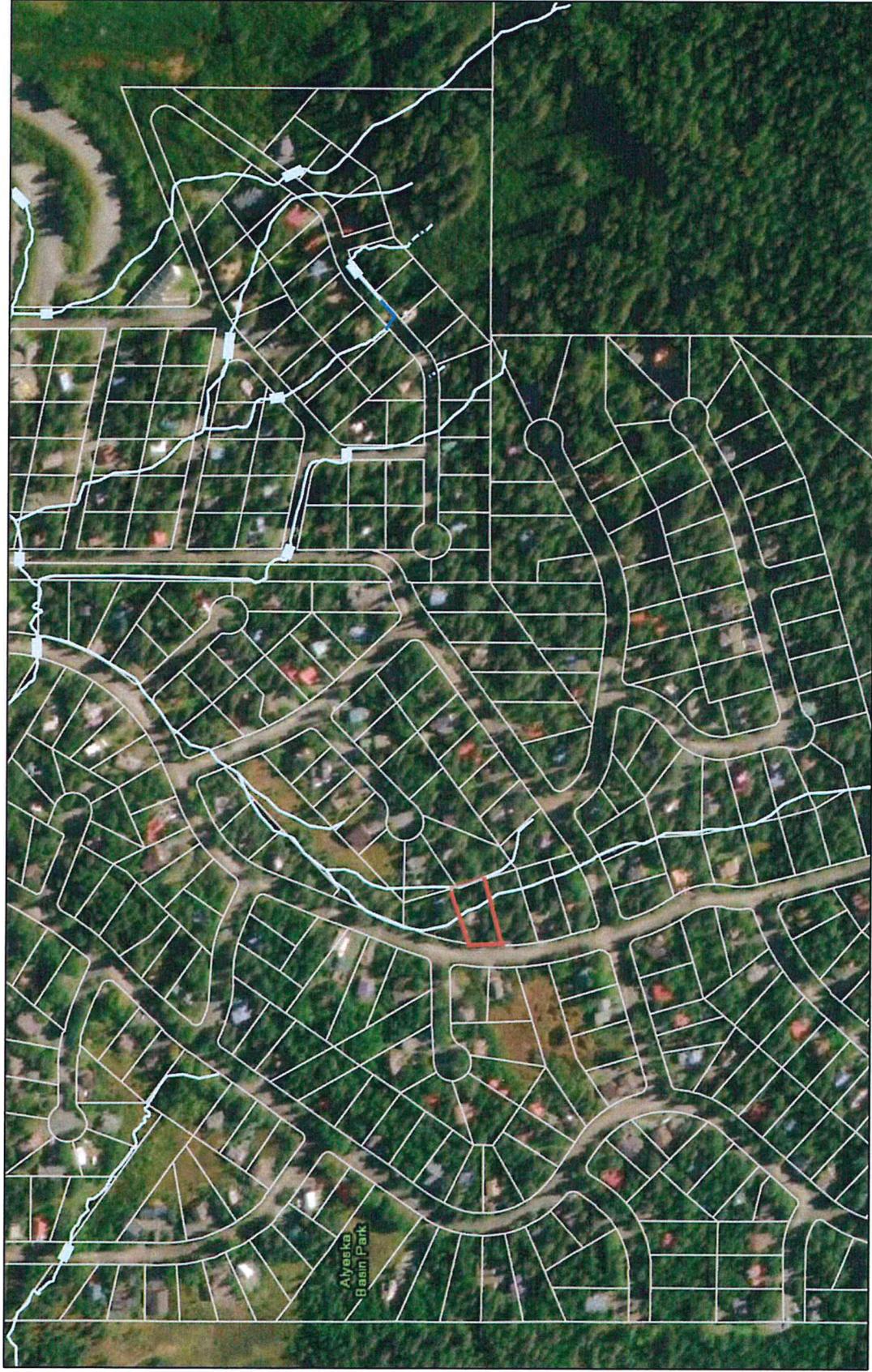


Photo 3: Northeast portion of property with stream in foreground



Photo 4: Southeast portion of property with stream in foreground

Attachment 1: Parcel map showing stream locations in our residential area. Our lot is outlined in red.



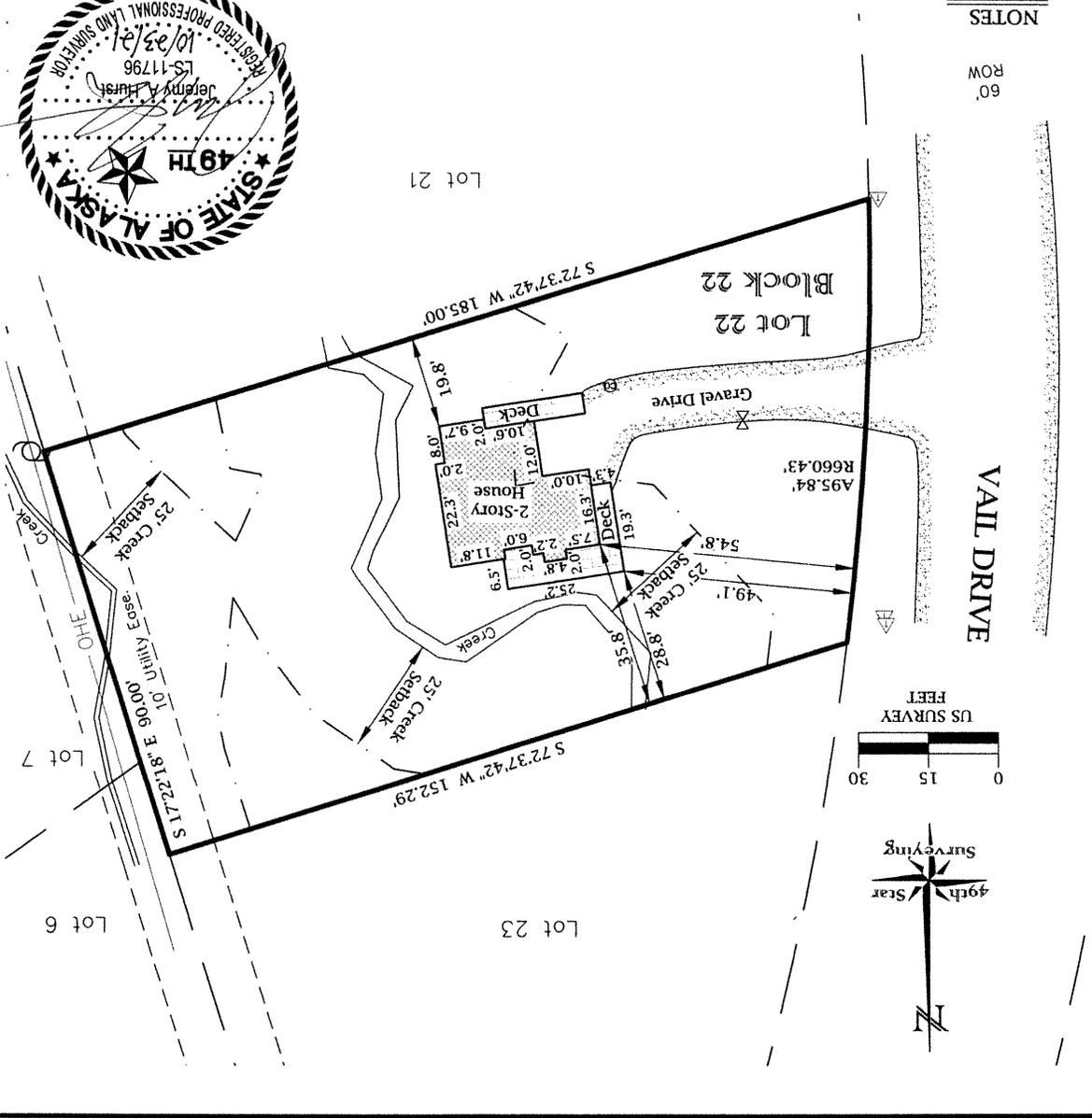
AS BUILT SURVEY
Lot 22, Block 22,
Alyeska Basin
Subdivision, Unit VI,
Girdwood, AK

- LEGEND**
- ⊗ Water Valve
 - ▽ Pedestal
 - ⊕ Power Pole
 - ⊙ Clean Out

49th Star Surveying LLC
 PO Box 738
 Girdwood, AK 99587
 (907)891-6111
 jeremy@49thStarSurveying.com
 W.O. 2029
 DATE: 10/23/21
 SCALE: 1"=30'

NOTES

All dimensions shown are grid bearings and ground distances, record boundaries are per Plat No. 74-41. 49th Star has conducted a physical survey of the property and all details shown on this Asbuilt Survey are correct. Under no circumstances should any data hereon be used for establishment of property lines. It is the owners responsibility to determine the existence of any easements, covenants, or restrictions; no title research performed. The Ordinary High Water line of both water bodies were marked in the field by the MOA Watershed Management Environmental Specialist on 10/20/2021. Those marks were located in this survey. MOA Platting Board Summary of Action S12579 was relied upon for the removal of the creek easement from Plat 74-41.





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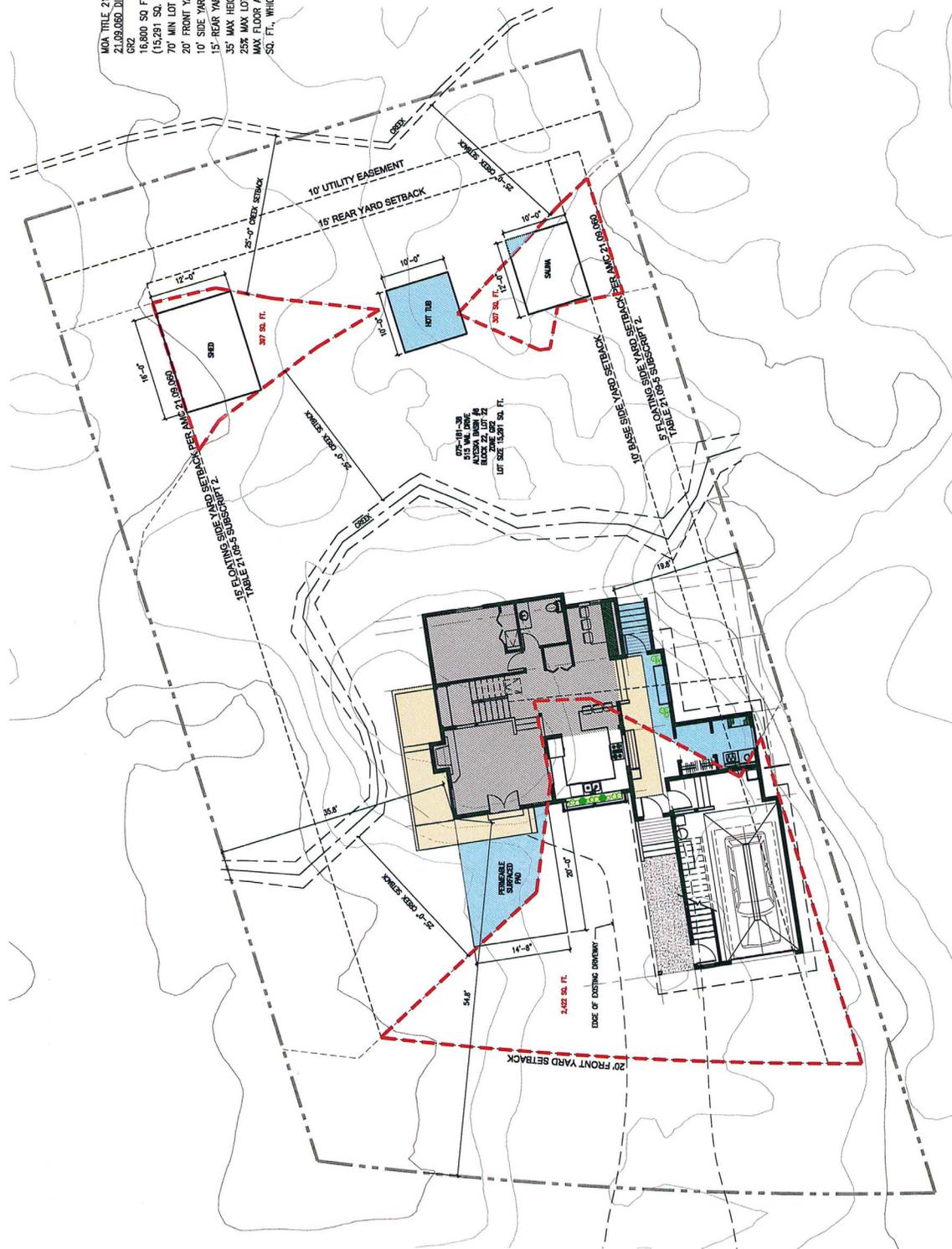
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UNL TITLE 21
21.03.080 DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS
 16,800 SQ. FT. MINIMUM LOT SIZE FOR TWO FAMILY, SEWER REQUIRED,
 (15,981 SQ. FT. ACTUAL)
 70' MIN LOT WIDTH
 20' FRONT YARD SETBACK
 10' SIDE YARD (FLOATING)
 15'- REAR YARD
 35' MAX HEIGHT
 25% MAX LOT COVERAGE FOR LOTS > 15,000 SQ. FT.
 MAX FLOOR AREA RATIO: 0.45 FOR LOTS > 12,500 SQ. FT., OR 6,250
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 - TOTAL LOT SIZE 15,291 SQ. FT.
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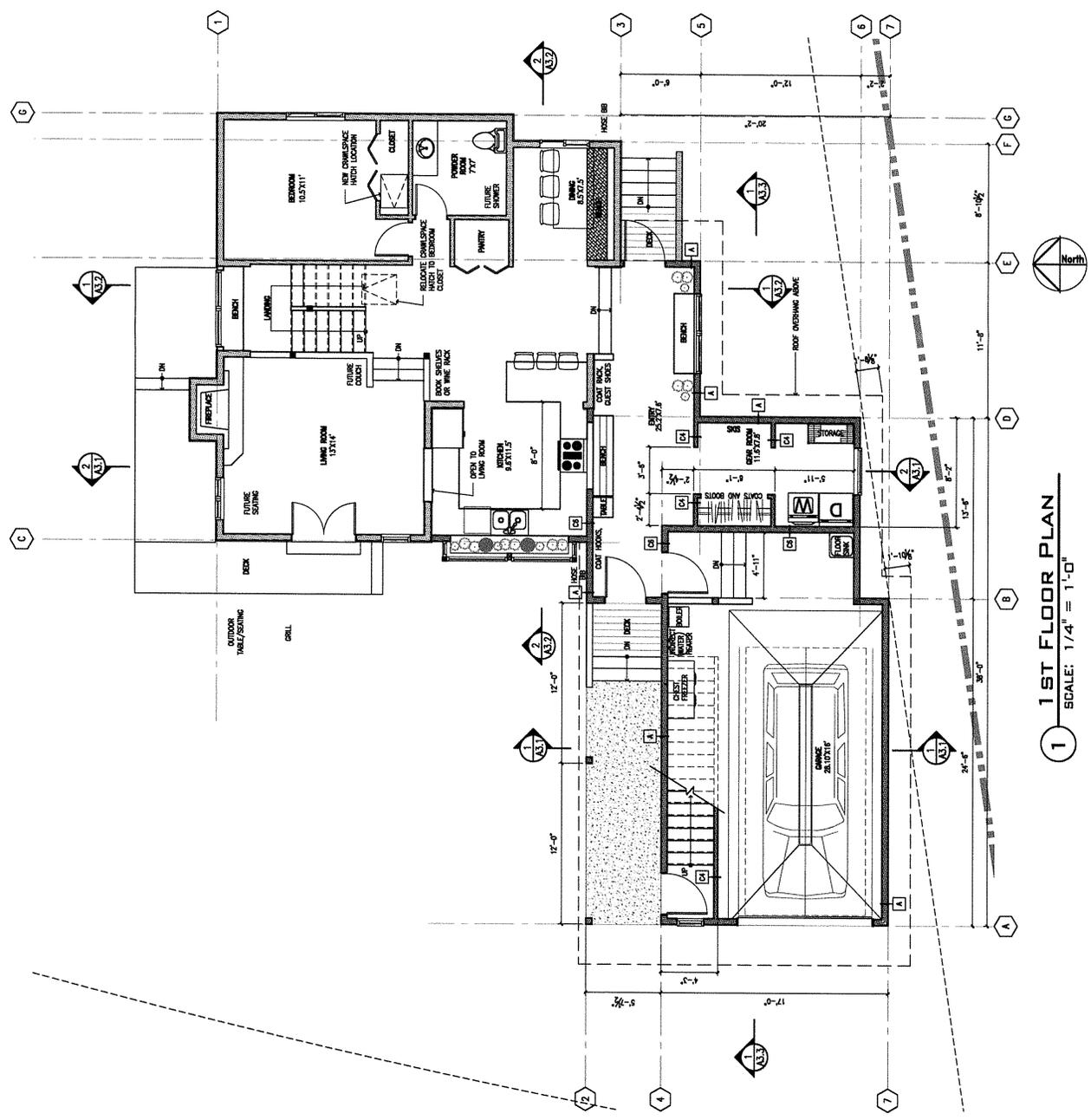
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EXISTING BUILDING AREA		LIVING SPACE	GARAGE	TOTAL
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SECOND FLOOR	594 SF	594 SF		594 SF
FIRST FLOOR	781 SF	781 SF	N/A	781 SF
TOTAL GROSS BUILDING AREA	1,628 SF	1,628 SF	N/A	1,628 SF

FINAL BUILDING AREA		LIVING SPACE	GARAGE	TOTAL
ATYC	253 SF	253 SF		253 SF
SECOND FLOOR	530 SF	530 SF		530 SF
FIRST FLOOR	1,203 SF	1,203 SF	495 SF	1,698 SF
TOTAL GROSS BUILDING AREA	1,995 SF	1,995 SF	495 SF	2,490 SF

NEW BUILDING AREA		LIVING SPACE	GARAGE	TOTAL
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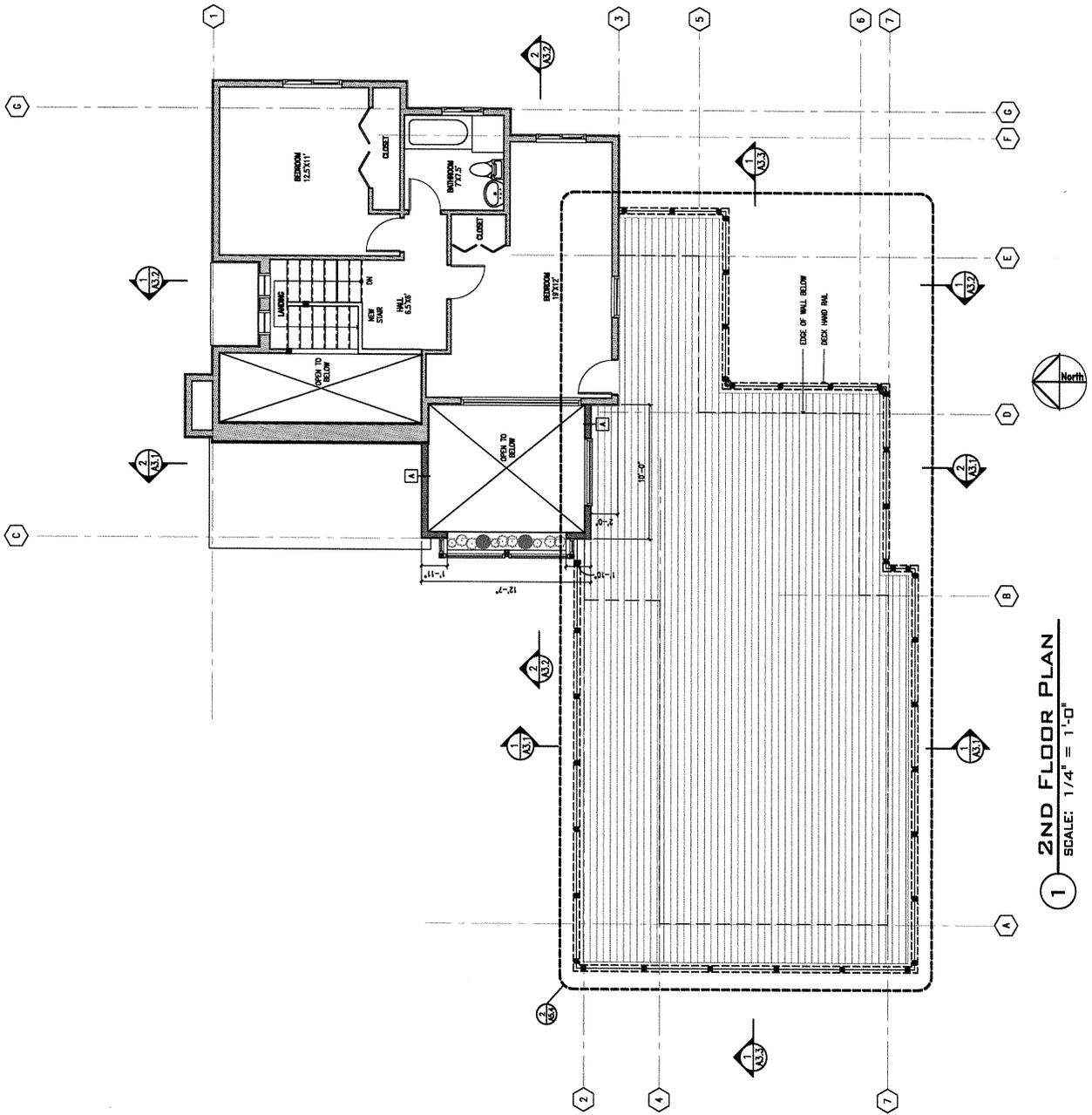
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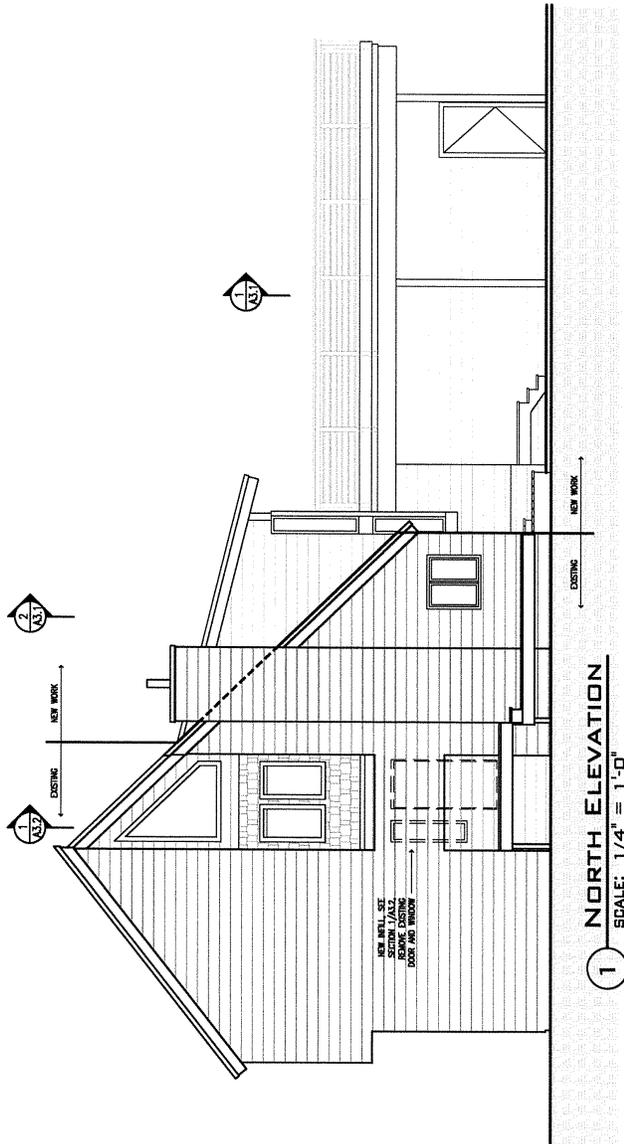
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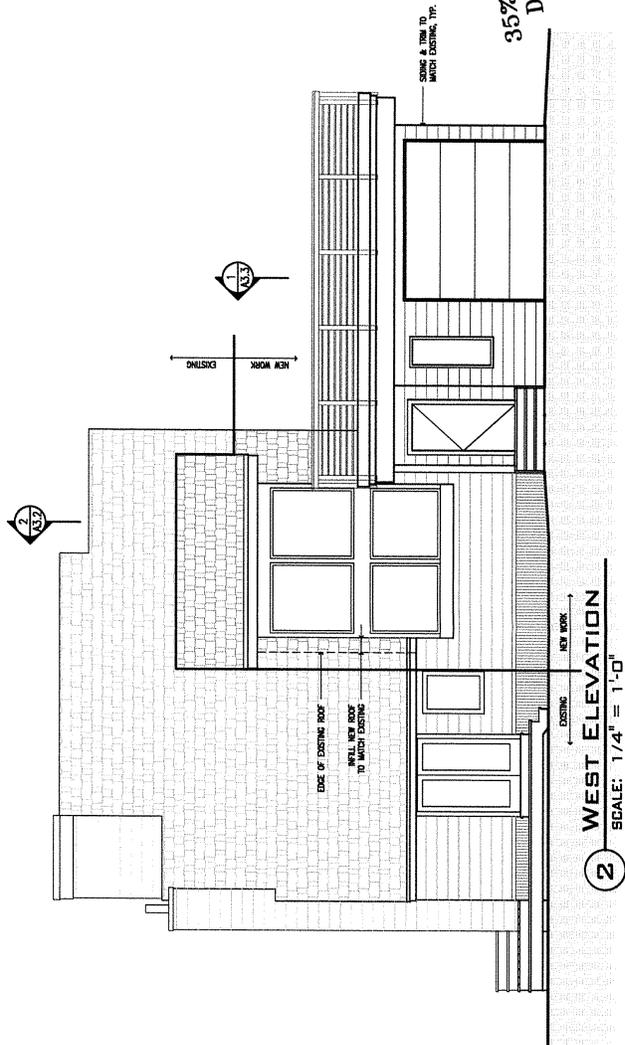
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2 WEST ELEVATION
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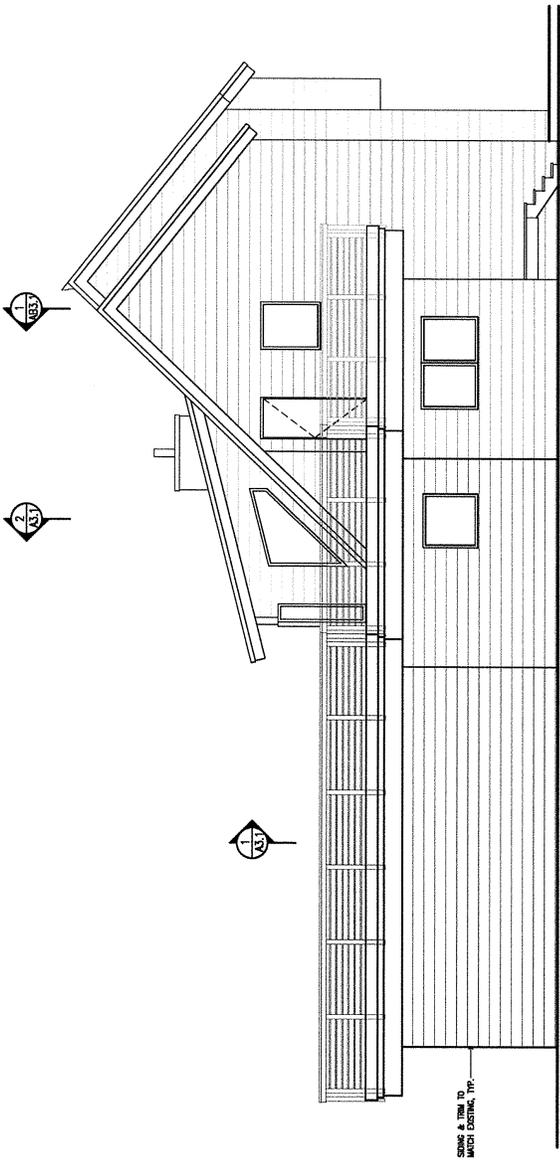
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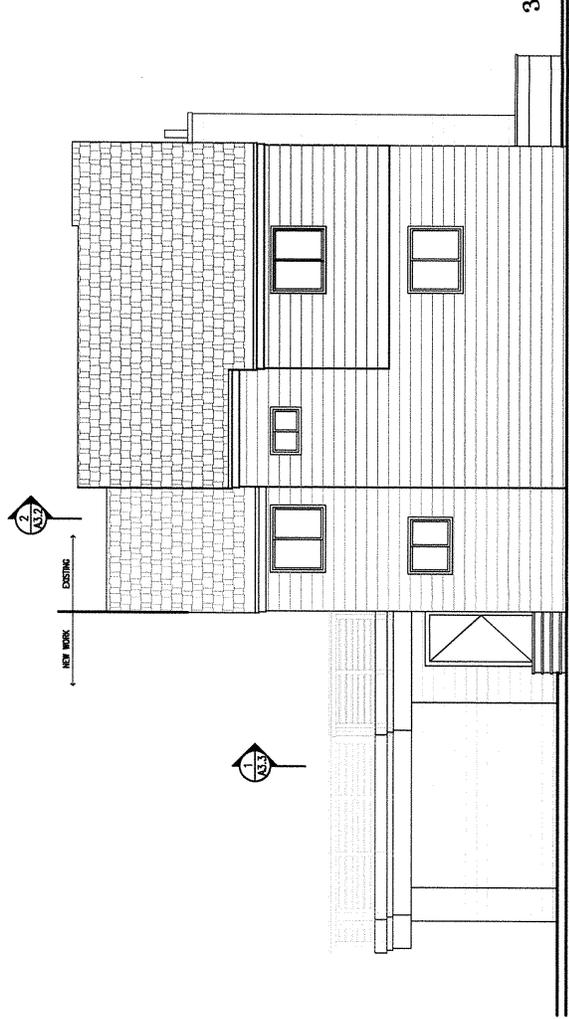
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2 EAST ELEVATION
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Clearing Plan and Updated Information

Clarification on the need for and purpose of variance for development in the stream setback zone

We have a clear and immediate need for a shed for storage of hazardous materials such as gasoline, paint, and other flammables, as well as tools and appliances used to maintain our home and property. The location depicted on the site plan was chosen because it is a relatively vegetation-sparse area and is tucked away enough so as to not interfere with other plans for development on our lot, but still readily accessible and convenient for everyday use.

Placement of the sauna and hot tub are chosen in the rear of the property to provide for privacy. Development in the front of the property is readily visible from the road. The current extent of streambank setbacks in the rear of our property is such that we are unable to readily enjoy opportunities for privacy afforded to other property owners in the Girdwood valley.

Construction of accessory structures (shed, sauna) would be completed in place. That is, raw materials will be brought in and the structure will be built at its final location, eliminating the need for any equipment to cross the creek or disturb vegetation. If it is not possible for us to install a hot tub in the desired location due to stream crossing concerns, we intend to use that area of variance for some other minimally invasive development (likely garden beds or other agricultural use).

A small footbridge will be constructed to facilitate crossing the creek and provide access to the rear of our property. This will be built in a "split-log" style, using untreated spruce logs. The bridge will be constructed with consideration to the volume of water contained in the creek during flood events, such as that seen in October 2021. Sills, or anchors, for the bridge will be placed far enough back from the streambank to ensure there is no disruption to the root systems and established bank which provide for flooding and erosion control. The approximate location of this bridge is depicted on the updated Site Plan, attached.

Clearing Plan

Vegetation found within the stream setback zone on our lot is comprised of tall alder, several species of low shrubs, devil's club, large ferns, and scattered trees generally in the 8-14" diameter range. One of the most appealing qualities of this lot is the feeling of being tucked in the forest due to the extent of large trees with a lush understory. It is our intent to develop our property in such a way as to retain the forested character of the parcel and minimize disturbance to the existing, healthy forested ecosystem.

Dimensions provided in the original site plan include area of pad/site alteration associated with each structure. For example, the Hot Tub is depicted as a 10' x 10' structure, but the dimensions of the tub itself would only be approximately 6' x 6'. The additional 4' buffer on each side includes the pad or deck needed to support the structure. Vegetation would be cleared within that area, but we have no intent to clear beyond what is minimally necessary for each structure. This may vary depending on vegetation type; large alders may need to be trimmed back farther than blueberry bushes, due to how they lay down under the weight of snow. Pruning of large alders will be limited to smaller diameter branches, not removal of the entire plant.

We are requesting some flexibility in exact placement of accessory structures so that we can avoid the removal of any large trees. This would also allow us to choose locations where we are least likely to disturb existing root systems, which provide valuable erosion protection.

The proposed permeable pad on the northwest portion of the property, in front of the house, is intended to address drainage concerns and provide more useable area on our lot. This area has poor drainage and as such is quite wet.

Clearing Plan and Updated Information

Construction of a permeable-surfaced pad would allow us to construct small garden beds, a greenhouse, and/or a raised deck/patio area; land uses commonly enjoyed by other Girdwood residents. The surface of the pad would be capped with clean fill/topsoil and all undeveloped areas would be planted with native vegetation to retain the forested character of our lot.

Any disruption to existing vegetation, beyond what is outlined in this document, due to development efforts will be rehabilitated via planting of native grasses, shrubs, or trees.

Sincerely,

Mike Ausman & Alexandra Robinson

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Picnic Shelter Location

Legend



Girdwood Skate Park

Tennis Courts

Forest Fairgrounds

Girdwood Fire Department Station 41

Girdwood Park, Playground & Skate

Google Earth

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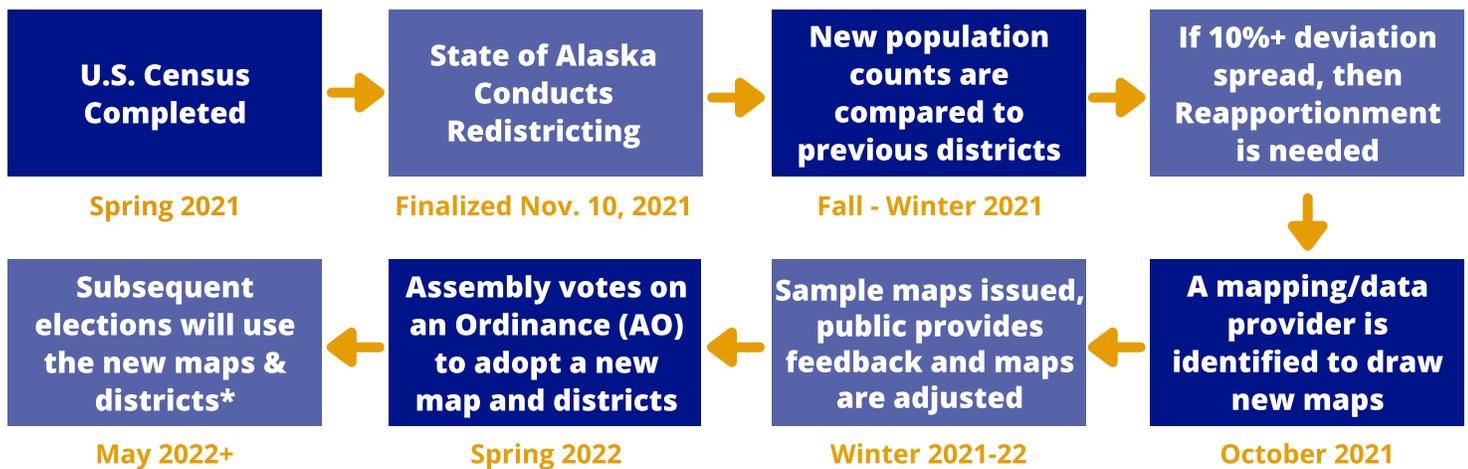
REAPPORTIONMENT

Every ten years after the U.S. Census is complete, governments across the country update their election districts to match the new population data. In Anchorage, the process is called Reapportionment and is led by a Reapportionment Committee, which is charged with reviewing the State final redistricting plan, taking public input, and developing proposed maps for the Anchorage Assembly to consider for adoption to realign the boundaries of the six Assembly Election Districts to ensure fair and equal representation.

When is Assembly Reapportionment needed?

According to the Anchorage Charter § 4.01, the Assembly must conduct Reapportionment whenever it becomes malapportioned. The Charter mandates Assembly review for malapportionment after the state adopts its redistricting plan, which happens every ten years with the completion of the U.S. Census (art. VI, sec. 10, Constitution of the State of Alaska). Within two months of the final state redistricting plan, the Assembly must declare by resolution (AR) whether or not it is malapportioned. If it is malapportioned, it has six months to reapportion itself. In addition to the requirement to conduct an analysis following the state redistricting plan, this Reapportionment is unusual in that it will also take into account the addition of a new 12th Assembly seat that was approved by Municipality of Anchorage voters in 2020.

What does the process look like?



*Some possible, but unusual, consequences of new boundaries:

- If a new district excludes a substantial number of constituents previously represented, or includes numerous new voters, the Assembly may put the seat in the following election, even if that seat is not yet up for re-election.
- Some Assembly Members may no longer live in the district they were elected to represent (and now two existing Members with the same term may live in the same district). If this happens, the Assembly may decide to put that Member's seat up for election, or may let them serve out the remainder of the term.
- If some seats are put up for election before the three-year term for reasons above, the newly elected person only serves the remainder of the term in order to maintain the staggered terms of the Assembly seats.

What determines Assembly Malapportionment?

The size of each Assembly district is determined by a population calculation:

- Total MOA population/# of districts = Target population per district
- From there, population within each district compared to the Target population -- the difference is the district's % deviation from the Target population
- If the deviation spread between the highest and lowest is more than 10%, the Assembly is malapportioned

MOA	2002 boundaries	2010 Census data		
Section	tapersons	target	Dev	Diff
1	25861	26530	-2.5%	-669
2	54974	53059	3.6%	1915
3	51066	53059	-3.8%	-1993
4	53676	53059	1.2%	617
5	50303	53059	-5.2%	-2756
6	55946	53059	5.4%	2887
	-291791	291826	-0.01	0

For example, in the 2012 Reapportionment table above, when the population from the previous (2002) boundaries was compared to the 2010 census data, there was a 10.6% deviation spread (District 5 was 5.2% *under* target and District 6 was 5.4% *over* target), which triggered reapportionment.

How is the new Assembly election district map determined?

The Municipality's Reapportionment contractor designs sample maps using GIS software to meet the requirements of federal, state and local laws. Perfectly equal districts are not always possible, so multiple maps that are close to the ideals are drawn to present different options for the public and Assembly to review. After considering community feedback, the Assembly votes to adopt a final plan and map.

Here are some factors that are considered:

- Districts must be compact, contiguous and a relatively integrated socioeconomic area (Anchorage Charter 4.01).
- The principle of equal protection and "one person, one vote" must be maintained.
- The total deviation in actual population to target population must be less than 10% (federal law).
- A single district with an over 5% deviation must have a compelling reason.
- The new boundaries can't be racially discriminatory (federal law).

How does the federal Voting Rights Act affect the process?

The federal Voting Rights Act (VRA) of 1965, although modified over the years, still prohibits discriminatory voting practices. Although the preclearance requirement of Section 4 of the VRA, which applied to Alaska, was ruled unconstitutional in 2013, the rules for ensuring newly drawn election district boundaries do not impermissibly discriminate against minority groups remain in place. Assembly reapportionment cannot have the effect, in a totality of the circumstances analysis, of causing an inequality in the opportunities for minority voters to elect their preferred representatives.

Additional Resources

Learn more and get involved! Democracy works best when everyone is informed and participates.

- Anchorage Assembly Reapportionment Committee: www.reapportionanc.org
- State of Alaska Redistricting Board: www.akredistrict.org

Review of two meeting requirement:

From GBOS RULES AND PROCEDURES:

Issues Needing A Vote – Issues needing a vote (action items) require a minimum of two presentations at two different meetings at least a month apart. At the first meeting the issue will be introduced as new business with as much information as possible and requested. This provides the community with enough time to digest the information and come to the next meeting with an informed opinion prepared for a vote. The second meeting presentation will provide all information necessary to visualize and comprehend the entire nature and scope of the project and any other special requirements. **An exception may be an issue of extreme importance of a timely nature beyond the control of the principals and/or representatives, in which case only one meeting is necessary and the rules for second presentation apply.**

From Land Use Committee Operating Principles:

Issues Needing A Vote – Issues needing a vote (action items) require a minimum of two presentations at two different meetings at least a month apart. At the first meeting the issue will be introduced as new business with as much information as possible and requested. This provides the community with enough time to digest the information and come to the next meeting with an informed opinion prepared for a vote. The second meeting presentation will provide all information necessary to visualize and comprehend the entire nature and scope of the project and any other special requirements. **An exception may be an issue of extreme importance of a timely nature beyond the control of the principals and/or representatives, in which case only one meeting is necessary and the rules for second presentation apply.**

From Girdwood Trails Committee:

Issues requiring a vote require a minimum of two presentations at two different meetings at least one month apart. **An exception may be an issue of extreme importance of a timely nature beyond the control of the principals and/or representatives, in which case only one meeting is necessary. Such an exception shall be granted by a 2/3 vote of the Members present.**

From Public Safety Advisory Committee:

2 meeting requirement is not addressed in the PSAC Rules but has been observed in determining action on requests and using funding from PSAC account.

A factor not included in committee rules is:

GTC and LUC recommend action by GBOS, so although the rules are 2 meetings over 2 months, in practice this is 4 meetings over 45 days.

History of Recent requests for relief from 2 meeting requirement:

Recent requests for relief from the two meeting requirement have been:

- Date for hearing of item is closer in than two meeting requirement allows
- Deadline for grants is closer than two meeting requirement allows
- Petitioner requested to address group as presentation and not technically making a request originally, but decided after that to request action from the community

Causes of need for relief from 2 meeting requirement:

- Lack of clarity of the requirement for community input (not all MOA actions require LONO, Resolution, etc)
- Items may have due date that does not leave adequate lead time for concept generation and 30+ day review. (grants, specifically)
- Petitioner unaware of essentially 4 meeting requirement to request action.

Solutions:

GBOS has found flexibility also by voting to write Resolution or LONO that is contingent on the LUC or GTC vote in favor of such action.

Committees could set up standard questions to test the petitioner about why they are requesting relief from the 2/4 meeting requirement:

- What is the due date for this action?
- When did you become aware of the need for this action and the due date?
- Why do you need relief from the GVSA 2 meeting requirement for action on your item?

Another option might be to adopt the language from GTC and require 2/3 majority to override the meeting requirement.