

TENAKEE SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE

TITLE 07

PLANNING, PLATTING AND LAND USE

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B. Subdivisions shall contain platted dedications for:

1. utility right-of-way easements extending out for a width of five (5) feet from both sides, along the entire length of each lot line; and
2. street access, with a minimum width of thirty (30) feet to each lot.

07.01.020 Beach Frontal Subdivisions. Beach frontal subdivisions shall also contain alleyway access, with a minimum width of twenty (20) feet, from the beach to the upland boundary of the subdivision between every second lot.

07.01.030 Penalty. Violation of any provision of this chapter is a civil violation for which a notice may be issued under the provisions set forth in Chapter 01.05 and subject to a civil penalty in the amount set forth in Section 01.05.030 not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

CHAPTER 07.02

RIGHTS-OF-WAY

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07.02.010 Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect public roads, Streets and trails by regulating the type and location public and private encroachments on existing and future platted rights-of-way within the municipality of Tenakee Springs. This ordinance repeals Ordinance 81-02 and Ordinance 78-08

07.02.020 Rights-of-Way Established. A. Pursuant to AS 29.48.035, the City Council of the City of Tenakee Springs establishes the following public rights-of-way:

1. those streets and alleyways described in the Plat and Supplemental Plat of the Tenakee Town site (U.S.S. 1418);
2. a twenty-foot (20') wide right-of-way using as its center line the trail running from the eastern boundary of U.S.S. 1418 to the eastern boundary of the city, except:
 - a.) a four-foot (4') wide right-of-way along said trail where it crosses patented property, when the Letters of Patent reserve a transportation easement, or when the Field Notes of Survey describe a trail in existence before the patent was issued;

3. a twenty-foot (20') wide right-of-way using as its center line the trail running from the western boundary of U.S.S. 1418 to the western boundary of the city, except:
 - a.) a four-foot (4') wide right-of-way along said trail where it crosses patented property, when the Letters of Patent reserve a transportation easement, or when Field Notes of Survey describe a trail in existence before patent was issued;
4. the rights-of-way as located on the recorded plats of Subdivisions within the city limits exclusive of U.S.S. 1418.

07.02.030 Use of Right-of-Way for Public Utilities. Public utilities such as electric transmission lines, telephone lines, pole lines, ditches, sewers, water mains and flumes may be constructed, place, or maintained across or along a street or trail upon review and recommendation by the Planning Commission and/or approval by the City Council.

07.02.040 Private Property Encroachments in the Right-of-Way. A. Certain improvements associated with private property abutting the right-of-way are permitted but are limited to improvements which provide access to property, such as walks and stairways, domestic utility hookups and/or systems, and gardening and landscaping, upon review and approval of the Planning Commission.

B. A specific temporary and limited storage use, including a temporary structure with no foundation, which is associated with construction activities on private property abutting the right-of-way, may be permitted for a period of one (1) year, renewable annually upon review and approval of the Planning Commission and under the following conditions:

1. the use(s) shall not impede public access in the rights-of-way nor interfere with the public safety; and
2. the use(s) are subject to relocation or removal at any time at the directive of the mayor or fire chief by either the private property owner, the City of Tenakee Springs or a contractor of the City of Tenakee Springs; such removal or relocation shall be at the expense of the private property owner; and
3. the use(s), when a temporary enclosed structure with no foundation, shall not exceed eight by ten feet (8' X 10') [including roof] in size; and
4. the use(s), shall not be within five feet (5') of a utility pole; and
5. the uses(s), will not demonstrate nor cede any rights to the same or similar future use of the right-of-way, particularly as to dimension, size, shape, construction type and/or location.

C. Improved area abutting applicants' private property to be used for ATV parking upon approval of the Planning Commission in meeting these conditions:

1. it shall not impede public access in right-of-way and does not interfere with public safety, snow plowing or drainage; and
2. it shall not be within five feet of utility poles; and
3. it is subject to relocation or removal at any time by the City of Tenakee Springs; and
4. it must be below grade of Tenakee Avenue; and
5. it will not have sides or a roof.

07.02.050 Encroachment in Right-of-Way. A. No encroachment may be constructed, placed, or maintained until it is duly authorized by written permit issued by the Planning Commission.

B. Encroachments constructed, placed or maintained before January 1, 1978, are approved by the City Council by this section; however, in so approving, the City Council does not thereby grant or cede a property right, nor does it establish a precedent for encroachments not authorized by this ordinance.

C. Encroachments in the right-of-way must be constructed in accordance with established acceptable methods, with suitable materials and so placed so as not to threaten the health, safety, welfare and convenience of contiguous and nearby property owners and the general public.

D. Encroachment Permit Process. All Right-of-Way Encroachment Permit requests shall be submitted to the city clerk.

1. A drawing at a scale of one (1) inch equals eight (8) feet shall be submitted with the permit. The drawing shall illustrate the proposed encroachment and its location within the right-of-way, as well as list electrical requirements and a materials list.
2. Notice of public hearing will be posted in three public places in the community two (2) weeks in advance of the date of the public hearing and notice to adjacent property owners will be mailed prior to two (2) weeks before the date of the public hearing.
3. Encroachment permits will be approved or denied within a period of no more than (90) days from the date of introduction at a Planning Commission regular meeting. Approval by default requires that a permit be issued by the Planning Commission.
4. A permit fee to be determined by the City Council may be charged. Said fee may be established or changed by resolution of the City Council.

07.02.060 Disallowed Encroachments on Right-of-Way. A. Structures or other facilities that impede access and maintenance or drainage to the platted right-of-way and the air space above the right-of-way are disallowed including but not limited to:

1. walled and/or roofed additions or accessory structures to the residence;
2. barricades, fences and garden support and ornamental devices that would impede trail traffic, maintenance and drainage;
3. covered walkways, covered stairs, or shelter for vehicles or animals;
4. roof line slopes which may shed snow on the right-of-way are disallowed, unless adequate measures are taken to prevent the roof from shedding on the right-of-way.

07.02.070 Relocation or Removal of Encroachment. A. If incidental to the construction, maintenance, or other project on a street, road or trail, or it is determined that an existing encroachment has become hazardous, the Planning Commission determines and orders that an encroachment must be changed, relocated or removed, the owner of the encroachment shall change, relocate, or remove it at no expense to the City within a reasonable time set by the Planning Commission. If the owner does not change, relocate, or remove an encroachment within the time set by the Planning Commission, the encroachment shall be considered an unauthorized encroachment, subject to the provision of Section 07.02.080 of this Ordinance.

07.02.080 Unauthorized Encroachments. If an unauthorized encroachment exists in, on, under or over a public right-of-way, the City of Tenakee Springs may require the removal of the encroachment in the manner provided in Sections 07.02.070 – 07.02.110 of this Ordinance.

07.02.090 Notice of Removal. Except as otherwise provided, notice shall be given the owner, occupant or person in possession of the encroachment, or to any other person causing or permitting the encroachment to exist, by serving upon them a notice demanding the removal of the encroachment. The notice shall describe the encroachment complained of with reasonable certainty as to its character and location. Service of the notice shall be made by certified mail.

07.02.100 Summary Removal. The City of Tenakee Springs may at any time remove from a public right-of-way an encroachment which obstructs or prevents the use of a street, road, or trail (described in Section 07.02.020 of this Ordinance) by the public.

07.02.110 Removal after Noncompliance; Removal Expense. A. After a failure of the owner of an encroachment to comply with a notice or demand of the Planning Commission under the provisions of this Ordinance, the City of Tenakee Springs may remove, or cause to be removed, the encroachment, and the owner of the encroachment shall pay to the City of Tenakee Springs:

1. the expenses of the removal of the encroachment;
2. all costs and expenses paid by the City as result of a claim or claims due to delays because the encroachment was not changed, removed, or relocated according to the order of the Planning Commission; and
3. costs and expenses of suit.

07.02.120 Establishing, Altering and Extinguishing Rights-of-Way A. The City Council shall by Ordinance establish public rights-of-way, alter existing rights-of-way or extinguish rights-of-way.

B. Existing rights-of-way may be altered so as not to traverse patented property:

1. when rerouting is approved by the Planning Commission; and
2. when the party requesting the change pays all costs for the construction of a new route (public right-of-way).

07.02.130 City Held Harmless. The holder of a permit issued under this section, his successor, heirs, and assigns, shall forever hold harmless and defend the city against all claims and suits of any nature arising in any manner out of the issuance or existence of authorized encroachment, the existence of the structure in the public way, the failure of the city to cause the structure to be removed from the public way or to take preventative or protective measures or for any other reason related to the existence of the encroachment.

07.02.140 Appeals. A. Powers and Duties: The City Council shall sit as a Board of Adjustment, to hear appeals from the denial of an application for an encroachment permit under

07.02.060 or a notice for the removal of an encroachment under 07.02.090. The Board meets at the call of the mayor, and shall hear and decide:

1. appeals regarding alleged errors in the enforcement of this ordinance;
2. appeals from the decision of the Planning Commission denying an application for an encroachment permit; and
3. appeals from the decisions of the Planning Commission requiring the removal of an encroachment.

B. Procedure:

1. Any interested party may file an appeal with the Board of Adjustment through the City Clerk.
2. An appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days of the action on which the appeal is based.
3. The appeal must be in writing and must specifically state the alleged error and the interpretation that the appellant believes should have been given.
4. The Board of Adjustment shall make its decision on the record and electronically record any testimony taken. It shall render its decision of the matter in writing that explains the basis for its decision, that it is the final decision on the matter, and that an aggrieved party may appeal to the superior court.
5. An aggrieved party denied by the Board of Adjustment may appeal the Board's decision to the Superior Court of the State of Alaska, First Judicial District at Juneau under Alaska Appellate Rule 601; however, such appeal must be made within 30 days of the clerk mailing the written decision to the aggrieved party.

07.02.150 Encroachments Defined. For the purposes of this Ordinance, authorized encroachments shall include only those used and described in Sections 07.02.030 and 07.02.040 of this Ordinance.

07.02.160 Penalties Violation of any provision of this chapter is a civil violation for which a notice may be issued under the provisions set forth in Chapter 01.05 and subject to a civil penalty in the amount set forth in Section 01.05.030 not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

CHAPTER 07.03

PLATTING AUTHORITY

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07.03.010 Platting Authority Established. A. The Planning Commission shall be the Platting Authority and administer subdivision regulations and perform other duties as required by this code or by the City Council. The Platting Authority has jurisdiction over platting requirements including, but not limited to, the control of:

1. form, size, and other aspects of subdivisions, dedications and vacations of land;
2. dimensions and designs of lots or tracts;
3. street width, arrangement and right-of-way, including allowances for public access to lots and utility facilities and improvements;
4. dedication of streets, right-of-way, public utility easements and areas considered necessary by the Platting Authority for other public uses.

07.03.020 Plat Procedure. A. The Platting Authority shall approve or disapprove a plat within sixty (60) days after it is filed or shall return the plat to the applicant for modification or correction. Unless the applicant for plat approval consents to an extension of time, the plat is considered approved and a certificate of approval shall be issued by the Platting Authority on demand if the Platting Authority fails to act within sixty (60) days.

B. The Platting Authority shall state in writing its reasons for disapproval of a plat.

C. If the Platting Authority approves a plat, the plat shall be acknowledged, filed, and recorded in accordance with Alaska Statutes 40.15.010 – 40.15.020.

07.03.030 Abbreviated Plats and Waiver. A. The Platting Authority shall, in individual cases, waive the preparation, submission for approval, filing, and recording of a plat upon satisfactory evidence that each lot created by the subdivision is five acres or larger and that the subdivision will:

1. subdivide a single lot into not more than four lots;
2. provide legal and physical access to a public highway or street for each lot created by the subdivision;
3. not contain or require a dedication of a street, right-of-way, or other area;
4. not require a vacation of a public dedication of land or a variance from a subdivision regulation; and
5. not be for the purpose of, or in connection with, a present or projected subdivision development.

07.03.040 Information Required. A. A plat shall show:

1. initial point of survey;
2. original or re-established corners and their descriptions;
3. actual traverse showing area of closure and all distances, angles, and calculations required to determine initial point, corners, and distances of the plat; and
4. other information that may be required by this code.

07.03.050 Alteration or Replat Petition. A recorded plat may not be altered or replatted except by the Platting Authority on petition of the state, the city, a public utility, or the owners of a majority of the land affected by the alteration or replat. A platted street may not be vacated, except on petition of the state, the city, a public utility, or owners of a majority of the land fronting the part of the street sought to be vacated. The petition shall be filed with the Platting Authority and shall be accompanied by a copy of the existing plat showing the proposed alteration or replat.

07.03.060 Notice of Hearing. The Platting Authority shall fix a time for a hearing on an alteration or replat petition that may not be more than sixty (60) days after the petition is filed. The Platting Authority shall give notice by publishing once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation or by posting in three (3) public places for two (2) weeks prior to the hearing. The notice shall state when and by whom the petition was filed, its purpose, and the time and place of the hearing. The notice shall generally describe the alteration or replat sought. The Platting Authority shall also mail a copy of the notice to each affected property owner who did not sign the petition.

07.03.070 Hearing and Determination. A. The Platting Authority shall consider the alteration or replat petition at a hearing and make its decision on the merits of the proposal.
B. Vacation of a city street may not be made without the consent of the City Council. The City Council shall have thirty (30) days from the decision of the Platting Authority in which to veto a vacation of a street. If no veto is received by the Platting Authority within the thirty (30) day period, consent is considered to have been given to the vacation.

07.03.080 Recording. If the alteration or replat is approved, the revised plat shall be acknowledged, filed and recorded in accordance with AS 40.15.010 – 40.15.020.

07.03.090 Title to Vacated Area. A. The title to the street or other public area vacated on a plat attaches to the lot or lands bordering the area in equal proportions, except that if the area was originally dedicated by different persons, original boundary lines shall be adhered to so that the street area that lies on one side of the boundary line shall attach to the abutting property on that side, and the street area that lies on the other side of the boundary line shall attach to the property on that side. The portion of a vacated street that lies inside the limits of a platted addition attaches to the lots of the platted addition bordering on the area. If a public square is vacated, the title to it vests in the city if it lies inside the city. If the property vacated is a lot, title vests in the rightful owner.

B. If the municipality acquired the street or other public area vacated for legal consideration or by express dedication to the municipality other than as a subdivision platting requirement, before the final act of vacation the fair market value of the street or public area shall be deposited with the Platting Authority to be paid to the municipality on final vacation.

C. The City Council may vacate streets, alleys, crossings, sidewalks, or other public ways that may have been previously dedicated or established when the City Council finds that the streets, alleys, crossings, sidewalks, or other public ways are no longer necessary for the public welfare, or when the public welfare will be enhanced by the vacation. If the City Council determines that all or a portion of the area vacated under this subsection should be devoted to

another public purpose, title to the area vacated and held for another public purpose does not vest as provided in (A) of this section but remains in the city.

07.03.100 Violations. A. The owner of land located in a subdivision may not transfer, sell, offer to sell, or enter into a contract to sell land in a subdivision before a plat of the subdivision has been prepared, approved, filed, and recorded in accordance with this chapter. A person may not file or record a plat or other document depicting subdivided land in a public recorder's office unless the plat or document has been approved by the Platting Authority.

B. Violation of any provision of this chapter is a civil violation for which a notice may be issued under the provisions set forth in Chapter 01.05 and subject to a civil penalty in the amount set forth in Section 01.05.030 not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

07.03.110 Remedies. A. The municipality or an aggrieved person may institute a civil action against a person who violates a provision of this chapter, a subdivision regulation adopted under this code, or a term, condition, or limitation imposed by the Platting Authority. In addition to other relief, a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand (\$1,000) dollars may be imposed for each violation. An action to enjoin a violation may be brought notwithstanding the availability of any other remedy. Upon application for injunctive relief and a finding of a violation or threatened violation, the superior court shall grant the injunction.

B. Each day that an unlawful act or condition continues constitutes a separate violation.

07.03.120 Subdivision of State Land. A. The subdivision requirements adopted under this chapter and this code apply to a subdivision plat of undeveloped state land for disposal under Alaska Statute 38.05 or Alaska Statute 38.08 filed with the Platting Authority. Subdivision ordinances and regulations adopted after the Platting Authority is notified by the commissioner of Natural Resources of a proposed sale of subdivided state land under Alaska Statute 38.05 or Alaska Statute 38.08 do not apply to the state land in the proposed sale.

B. The Platting Authority shall approve and sign a subdivision plat of state land within sixty (60) days after its receipt from the commissioner of Natural Resources unless the Platting Authority:

1. determines that the plat does not comply with subdivision requirements; and
2. notifies the commissioner of each determination of noncompliance within the sixty (60) day period established in this sub-section.

C. The commissioner of Natural Resources may withdraw the subdivision plat and amend it in response to the determination of noncompliance by the Platting Authority under (B) of this section. The Platting Authority shall respond within thirty (30) days to the amendment or response from the commissioner of Natural Resources.

D. Nothing in this section relieves the Department of Natural Resources of its obligation to provide legal access to a subdivision.

Zoning Map

CHAPTER 07.04

ZONING

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07.04.010 Introduction. This text and the accompanying map comprise the zoning ordinance for the City of Tenakee Springs. The text and map are based on the Tenakee Community Plan, and provide the legal basis for land-use decision making. Three important factors guided the preparation of the ordinance: relative ease of administration and enforcement; freedom from burdensome, unnecessary requirements; and logical extension from the policies and other expressions of the Community Plan. The document which has resulted provides reasonable land-use regulations and will be useful to the city should it undergo additional growth. No less important, the ordinance will allow the city to collect data on land-use activities and maintain a record of land development activity.

07.04.020 Purpose. A. Local government regulations, particularly those which govern an individual's right to use private property, must not only be of practical use to the community, they must also fulfill a valid, recognized public purpose. This ordinance does so by:

1. providing for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Tenakee Springs;
2. providing rational guidelines for development and land-use decision making;
3. providing sufficient land to accommodate industrial growth;
4. providing a basis for the continued mixed-use of the Town-site Core;
5. providing for settlement while maintaining large lots and public open space outside the Town-site Core.

07.04.030 Districts. The City of Tenakee Springs is divided into six (6) zoning districts: Residential; Town-site Core; Industrial; Watershed Reserve; Commercial/Recreational; and Public Use. These districts are delineated by color on the Zoning Map on the page preceding this Chapter.

07.04.040 Residential District. A. Purpose: The purpose of this district is to provide land for low density settlement in locations outside of the Town-site Core. Large lots will help assure the maintenance of environmental health standards, as well as preserve community character and rural living opportunities.

B. General Provisions:

1. No animals shall be allowed to pasture or graze within twenty-five (25) feet of a stream or other body of water used as a domestic water source, unless such pasturing and grazing occurs down stream from all domestic users.
2. In no event shall there be:
 - a. more than two single family dwellings permitted on a single conforming lot or record.
 - b. more than one single family dwelling and one guest house permitted on a single non-conforming lot of record.
3. Maximum building height permitted within the Residential zone shall be thirty-five (35) feet measured from grade.
4. Roof line slopes which may shed snow on the right-of-way are disallowed, unless adequate measures are taken to prevent the roof from shedding snow on the right-of-way.

C. Permitted Uses: Permitted uses are those uses which are allowed outright within a particular zone. In the Residential Zone those uses are:

1. single-family dwellings
2. guest houses
3. agricultural crops, pasture and grazing, including commercial agriculture
4. home occupations
5. domestic log milling
6. bed & breakfast as an accessory use to a principal residence meeting all of the following conditions:
 - a. Business will be conducted in an owner-occupied residence;
 - b. Three or fewer rental rooms.

D. Accessory Uses: Accessory uses are those uses which are incidental to the permitted use. In the residential zone, accessory uses include but are not limited to:

1. barns, woodsheds, greenhouses, smokehouses, tool sheds, steam-baths, saunas and workshops, provided they are within the required setbacks;
chicken coops, rabbit hutches and other structures and enclosures housing animals and fowl, provided they are within the required setbacks.

E. Dimensional Requirements: Dimensional requirements establish the minimum lot size and setback standards within the zoning district:

1. minimum lot size: two (2.0) acres;
2. minimum lot width: two hundred (200) feet;
3. minimum side-yard setbacks: ten (10) feet;

4. minimum front and rear-yard setbacks: ten (10) feet;
5. rear-yard setbacks shall not apply on property lines which extend below the mean high tide line;
6. there is no setback for lot lines abutting rights-of-way with a minimum width of 30 feet.

F. Permitted uses within a setback:

1. Permitted uses that require a building permit:
 - a. Access to property including walkways, stairs and tramways;
 - b. retaining walls;
 - c. fences over 6 feet in height.
2. Permitted uses that do not require a building permit:
 - a. Vegetation;
 - b. fences under 6 feet in height;
 - c. lawn and garden accessories under 100 lbs. in total weight (i.e. planters);
 - d. gutters no more than 6 inches into setback.
3. Restrictions for structures within setbacks:
 - a. Property access walkways, stairs, and tramways shall be no more than 5 feet into the setback (shall not be within 5 feet of a property line).
 - b. Structures shall be constructed of approved fire-resistant materials including:
 - 1.) Wood timbers at least 2.5 inches x 5.5 inches in height and width;
 - 2.) earth, sand, or gravel;
 - 3.) steel or aluminum;
 - 4.) concrete, mortar, stone, brick.

G. Prohibited uses within a setback:

1. Flammable materials not in an approved container;
2. firewood;
3. any non-permitted structure.

07.04.050 Town-site Core. A. Purpose: to maintain the existing mixed-use character in the original town site, and assure that new development does not substantially detract from the town's historic character.

B. General Provisions:

1. The exterior siding on structures must be non-glare, except for window surfaces. Roofing is excluded from this requirement.
2. Structures on the shoreline side of Tenakee Avenue may not exceed twenty-eight (28) feet in height, measured from the centerline of Tenakee Avenue.
3. Structures uphill from Tenakee Avenue shall not exceed twenty-eight (28) feet in height measured from grade.
4. Commercial and industrial activities may not produce dust, glare, noise, smoke, odor or other disturbances which would constitute a nuisance, and which would be objectionable at a fifty (50) foot distance from the site after regular business hours. Milling activities shall occur only during regular hours (8 A.M. to 6 P.M.).

5. Gravel extraction may occur only on the beach, and after the appropriate state and federal permits have been obtained.
6. Rear-yard setbacks from property lines shall not apply on property lines which extend or are below the mean high tide line.
7. Roof line slopes which may shed snow on the right-of-way are disallowed, unless adequate measures are taken to prevent the roof from shedding snow on the right-of-way.
8. There is no setback for lot lines abutting rights-of-way with a minimum width of 30 feet.

C. Permitted Uses. Permitted uses are those uses which are allowed outright within a particular district. Within the Town-site Core those uses are:

1. residences,
2. commercial activities,
3. industrial activities,
4. public facilities and public open space.
5. single family rentals

D. Density Provisions:

1. Residential structures consisting of one (1) or two (2) dwelling units per structure are a permitted use. Residential structures of three (3) or more dwelling units per structure are allowed only as a conditional use. Multi-unit residential structures of three (3) or more units, whether used for permanent or transient residences, not to exceed a total of ten units per structure, shall be permitted within the Town-site Core if the following conditions are met:
 - a.) approval of sewage and waste water disposal methods by the Department of Environmental Conservation;
 - b.) the addition of two hundred (200) square feet of lot size for every unit excess of two (2) units;
 - c.) piped water into the structure(s).
2. Permitted uses. A minimum lot of record is allowed two residential dwellings on it; an additional 3,750square feet per single-family residence required on larger lots.
3. Accessory uses are uses which are incidental to the permitted use. For residences within the Town-site Core, accessory uses include:
 - a.) smokehouses, saunas and steam-baths must be inspected by the public safety officer to assure that they do not pose a fire hazard;
 - b.) boathouses and boat ramps for personal use and storage;
 - c.) outdoor sheds for the storage of tools and other implements; woodsheds, smokehouses, saunas, steam-baths and workshops.
4. Dimensional Requirements: establish minimum standards for lot size and property line setbacks.
 - a.) minimum lot size: 3750 square feet up to two (2) single family dwellings or a duplex
 - b.) minimum lot width: sixty (60) feet
 - c.) minimum front and rear-yard setback: five (5) feet
 - d.) minimum side-yard setback: five (5) feet

- e.) minimum lot size for new subdivision will be 4500 square feet, with minimum lot width sixty (60) feet

E. Commercial Provisions:

1. Commercial Uses are considered those which sell a service, or a product not manufactured on the site. Exceptions to this latter provision are given under Home Occupations, below. Rental accommodations containing more than three (3) units are permitted as a conditional use. Multi-unit residential structures of three (3) or more units, whether used for permanent or transient residences, not to exceed a total of ten units per structure, shall be permitted within the Town-site Core if the following conditions are met:
 - a.) approval of sewage and waste water disposal methods by the Department of Environmental Conservation;
 - b.) the addition of two hundred (200) square feet of lot size for every unit in excess of two units;
 - d.) piped water into the structure(s).
2. Permitted Uses are:
 - a.) retail businesses;
 - b.) cafes and taverns;
 - c.) home occupations;
 - d.) government and civic buildings;
 - e.) business and professional offices.

Dimensional Requirements establish minimum standards for lot size and setbacks from property lines

 - f.) minimum lot size: 0 square feet
 - g.) minimum lot width: sixty (60) feet
 - h.) minimum front and rear-yard setback: five (5) feet
 - i.) minimum side-yard setbacks: five (5).
4. Home Occupations: Hand-crafted items may be made and sold from a residence. Such items would include but not be limited to jewelry, woodcarvings, baskets, sculpture, dolls and the like. The manufacture of handcrafted items may not result in conditions which exceed the limitations expressed elsewhere in this ordinance.

F. Permitted uses within a setback:

1. Permitted uses that require a building permit:
 - a.) Access to property including walkways, stairs, and tramways;
 - b.) retaining walls;
 - c.) fences over 6 feet in height.
2. Permitted uses that do not require a building permit:
 - a.) Vegetation
 - b.) fences under 6 feet in height;
 - c.) lawn and garden accessories under 100lbs. in total weight (i.e. planters)
 - d.) gutters no more than 6 inches into setback.
 - e.) water and sewer lines, but this requires submission to the city of a drawing showing the location of lines. [amended by Ord 2019-04]
3. Restrictions for structures within setbacks:
 - a.) Property access walkways, stairs, and tramways shall be no more than 3 feet into the setback (shall not be within 2 feet of a property line).

- b.) Structures shall be constructed of approved fire-resistant materials including:
 - 1.) Wood timbers at least 2.5 inches x 5.5 inches in height and width;
 - 2.) earth, sand, or gravel;
 - 3.) steel or aluminum;
 - 4.) concrete, mortar, stone, brick.
- G. Prohibited uses within a setback:
 - 1. Flammable materials not in an approved container;
 - 2. firewood;
 - 3. any non-permitted structure.
- H. Industrial Provisions:
 - 1. Industrial activities such as those described under Permitted Uses have occurred traditionally within the Tenakee town site, and have been accepted historically as elements of the town's daily life. The potential exists for nuisances created by noise and glare, however, particularly from activities such as a seafood processing plant or sawmill. The following standards shall therefore apply to industrial activities within the Town-site Core:
 - a.) Any dust, gas, smoke, glare vibration, odor or other nuisance generated by an industrial activity shall not be objectionable at a fifty (50) foot distance from the perimeter of the site after regular business hours.
 - b.) Any open storage visible from a public right-of-way shall be enclosed by a sight-obscuring fence of good appearance acceptable to the Planning Commission.
 - c.) All petroleum and chemical products, and any other hazardous or toxic materials, shall be safely stored in approved containers, so as not to endanger the health or safety of the residents of Tenakee Springs.
 - 2. Permitted Uses are:
 - a.) sawmills;
 - b.) on-shore seafood processing and freezing;
 - c.) boat haul-out, repair and building; transportation and freight trans-shipment facilities such as docks, wharves, seaplane floats and boat harbors;
 - d.) heavy equipment storage and maintenance facilities.
 - 3. Dimensional requirements establish minimum standards for lot size and setbacks from property lines:
 - a.) minimum lot size: 6000 square feet
 - b.) minimum lot width: seventy-five (75) feet
 - c.) minimum front-yard setback: fifteen (15) feet
 - d.) minimum side and rear-yard setbacks: eight (8) feet

07.04.060 Industrial District. A. General Provisions. The city requires industrially zoned land in addition to land within the Town-site Core which may be used for industrial uses to occur which would be unsuitable or unacceptable within the Town-site Core. The following standards shall also be applied within the industrial zone:

- 1. any dust, gas, smoke, glare, vibration, odor or other nuisance generated by an industrial activity shall not be objectionable at a fifty (50) foot distance from the perimeter of the site after regular business hours.

2. any open storage visible from a public right-of-way shall be enclosed by a sight-obscuring fence or buffer of good appearance acceptable to the Planning Commission.
3. all petroleum and chemical products, and any other hazardous or toxic materials, shall be safely stored in approved containers, so as not to endanger the health or safety of the residents of Tenakee Springs.
4. a green strip shall be required in the front, side, and rear-yard setbacks to screen the industrial property from adjacent properties.
5. roof line slopes which may shed snow on the right-of-way are disallowed, unless adequate measures are taken to prevent the roof from shedding snow on the right-of-way.

B. Permitted Uses. Permitted uses are those uses which are allowed outright within a particular district. Within the Industrial District those uses are:

1. log transfer facilities;
2. on-shore seafood processing and freezing facilities;
3. boat haul-out, repair and building.

C. Dimensional Requirements. Dimensional requirements establish minimum standards for lot size and property line setbacks:

1. minimum lot size: one (1) acre
2. minimum lot width: one hundred (100) feet
3. minimum front-yard setback: thirty (30) feet
4. minimum side and rear-yard setback: twenty (20) feet.

07.04.070 Watershed Reserve District. A. Purpose: The purpose of the watershed reserve zone is to protect the quantity and quality of drinking water available to Tenakee Springs residents, and to control activities likely to contaminate or pollute water supplies. The watershed reserve is not only contiguous with a river drainage or drainages, but also includes all of the upland areas above the platted and settled property along the shoreline.

B. General Provisions. Roof line slopes which may shed snow on the right-of-way are disallowed, unless adequate measures are taken to prevent the roof from shedding snow on the right-of-way.

C. Permitted Uses. Permitted uses are those which are permitted outright within a particular district. Within the Watershed Reserve District those uses are:

1. water reservoirs;
2. water treatment plants;
3. water pumping stations;
4. water transmission lines;
5. snow and water gauging stations;
6. water, sewer and utility lines;
7. public utility structures.

D. Dimensional Requirements. This section is not applicable.

07.04.080 Public Use District. A. Purpose. The city owns land which is to be retained in public ownership and used for public purposes. The intent of the zone is to identify and preserve such lands.

B. General Provisions. Roof line slopes which may shed snow on the right-of-way are disallowed, unless adequate measures are taken to prevent the roof from shedding snow on the right-of-way.

- C. Permitted Uses. Permitted uses are those which are permitted outright within a particular district. Within the Public Use District those uses are:
1. public schools;
 2. wildlife refuges and sanctuaries;
 3. public utility facilities;
 4. campgrounds, picnic areas and parks;
 5. boat ramps, docks, and floats.
- D. Disallowed Uses. Those uses which are not allowed without a permit.
1. Storage or placement of material, gear, vehicles, boats or sheds/shelters.
 - a.) not intended to include vehicles parked temporarily by harbor patrons.
- E. Dimensional Requirements. This section is not applicable, except: any structure which is constructed under the terms of this section shall meet the setbacks standards in the Industrial District.

07.04.090 Commercial/Recreational District. A. Purpose. This designation acknowledges the potential for development of hunting lodges, camps, destination resorts and other visitor and tourist oriented facilities.

B. General Provisions.

1. The exterior siding of all structures must be non-glare, except for windows. Roofing is excluded from this requirement.
2. rear property line setbacks shall not apply where property lines extend or are below the mean high tide line. Side-yard setbacks shall apply.
3. Roof line slopes which may shed snow on the right-of-way are disallowed, unless adequate measures are taken to prevent the roof from shedding snow on the right-of-way.

C. Permitted Uses. Permitted uses are those uses which are permitted outright within a particular district. Within the Commercial/Recreational District those uses are:

1. single-family residences;
2. hunting lodges, fishing lodges and resort camps containing rental accommodations;
3. food service facilities;
4. equipment rental;
5. docks and piers.

D. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses are uses which are incidental to permitted uses. Within the Commercial/Recreational District they include:

1. barns, woodsheds, greenhouses, smokehouses, tool sheds, boathouses, steam-baths, saunas and workshops, provided they are within the required setbacks;
2. chicken coops, rabbit hutches and other structures and enclosures for housing animals and fowl.

E. Dimensional Requirements. Dimensional requirements establish minimum standards for lot sizes and property line setbacks:

1. minimum lot size: two and a half (2.5) acres
2. minimum lot width: two hundred (200) feet
3. minimum lot line setbacks: fifty (50) feet

07.04.100 Variances. A. Intent. Variances allow the Planning Commission to waive the requirements of the zoning ordinance in certain instances where application of the requirements would cause an exceptional burden to the property owner. It is the purpose of a variance to grant relief from such an exceptional burden, provided that all of the following conditions are met:

1. that special conditions exist which are peculiar to the land, structure or building involved and which are not applicable to other lands, buildings or structures in the same district;
2. that strict interpretation of the provisions of this ordinance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district under the terms of this ordinance;
3. that the special conditions and circumstances do not result from the actions of the applicant and such conditions and circumstances do not merely constitute pecuniary hardship or inconvenience;
4. that granting the variance will be in harmony with the objectives of this ordinance, and not injurious to the neighborhood or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare;
5. that granting of the variance will not permit a land use in a zoning district that is normally a prohibited use.

07.04.110 Procedure. A. At least two weeks prior to the next regular Planning Commission meeting the applicant must submit an application to the Planning Commission, containing a written justification for the proposed variance which satisfies the five conditions shown above [07.04.100]. The Commission shall approve a variance only if it meets the above conditions. The Commission may also require the applicant to submit a drawing or set of drawings which graphically portray the variance and/or the reason for it.

B. A reasonable fee, to be set by City Council Resolution, shall be charged for a variance application.

C. The Commission shall make a good faith effort to act upon the variance within sixty (60) days of its submission. Failure by the Commission to act within sixty (60) days will cause the variance to be granted. Appeals may be obtained only through action of the Board of Adjustment.

D. For purposes of this section commission action may include commission discussion and consideration of an application as a regular or special agenda item, or tabling such request to allow time to obtain further information to clarify the request. Said action may occur at any regular meeting or special meeting held for consideration of that request or tabling such request to allow time to obtain further information to clarify the request.

E. Notice of public hearing will be posted in three public places in the community two (2) weeks in advance of the date of the hearing and notice to adjacent property owners will be mailed prior to two (2) weeks before the date of the public hearing.

07.04.120 Building Permit Administration. A. The building permit official or a member of the Planning Commission may administer these duties. The mayor may appoint a person to be the building permit official, or a member of the Planning Commission may serve as the designee.

B. Notwithstanding other limitations imposed by provisions of this code, building of structures and additions to the exterior dimensions of existing structures, in excess of 200

square feet combined floor space shall require a building permit. All structures of any size within 10 feet of a property line shall require a building permit.

C. Construction within any required setbacks in this chapter shall require a variance through action of the Planning Commission. Construction on municipal land or municipal rights-of-way require an encroachment permit, under Section 07.02.

D. A person wishing to obtain a building permit application may request an application packet from the city clerk. A completed application shall be returned to the city clerk who will send it to the city building official who will review building permit applications for completeness and need for further required permits. Applications for building permits will be available at the Tenakee Springs City Office.

E. The building permit application shall consist of a map drawn to scale and a written narrative to the city building permit official. The application must contain the following information:

1. Attach copies of required variance, encroachment, easement or other applicable land use permits.
2. Attach a written narrative describing the proposed building and materials, a map drawn to scale showing the legal property/boundary (at least two survey markers must be shown on the map and/or plans); the location of the structure as well as any associated accessory building or outbuildings and their location on the lot, including roof overhang, elevation drawing and exact footprint of structure.
3. Specify the location of rights-of-way and easements.
4. Identify adjacent and surrounding uses and activities.
5. Identify and explain proposed sewage and wastewater disposal methods.
6. Show the location and source of domestic water supplies.
7. Show the location of the mean high tide line and the mean low tide line, if applicable.
8. Show placement of electric meter. Meters should be placed where they are easily accessible for reading by the Electric Department. [Please complete the Application for electrical service if applicable].

F. The city building permit official shall not accept an application until the applicant has obtained all applicable permits including variance, encroachment and easement permits. The city building permit official shall approve or deny a completed application within 60 days of the date the completed application is accepted for review. Reasons for denial shall be in writing. If no action is taken on an accepted complete [D] application within sixty days, the application shall be considered approved. The city building permit official shall return the application to the city clerk who will send a copy of the accepted or denied application to the applicant and the Planning Commission. Substantial construction must be started within one year from date permit is approved. Permit may be extended by official after review to insure no substantial changes to the plans as issued.

1. Permits issued prior to 1-28-15 where construction has not substantially begun shall be reviewed for compliance with current regulation.
2. After 2 years and substantial construction has not begun permits expire and are revoked.

G. Inspections: All Building Permits shall be posted on/in site.

1. First Inspection: Once the foundation is laid out and before construction begins.
2. Second Inspection: Once the roof framing is constructed but before roofing is installed. All building permits shall be posted on/in site.

H. A reasonable fee, to be set by City Council Resolution, shall be charged for a building permit application.

I. A person failing to comply with the building permit application requirements in this section shall be notified of the permitting process by certified mail and given ten (10) days to comply.

J. Failure to obtain a building permit prior to undertaking an activity covered under the terms of this code shall be an infraction and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$300.00.

07.04.130 Appeals. A. Powers and Duties: The City Council shall sit as a Board of Adjustment, to hear appeals from any party wishing to challenge the legality of a Planning Commission or city building permit official decision made under the terms of this ordinance. The Board meets at the call of the mayor, and shall hear and decide:

1. appeals regarding alleged errors in the enforcement of this ordinance;
2. appeals from the decisions of the Planning Commission on requests for conditional use permits;
3. appeals from the decisions of the Planning Commission on requests for variances from the terms of the zoning ordinance.

B. Procedure:

1. Any interested party may file an appeal with the Board of Adjustment through the city clerk.
2. An appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days of the action on which the appeal is based.
3. The appeal must be in writing and must specifically state the alleged error and the interpretation which the appellant believes should have been given.
4. An appellant denied by the Board of Adjustment may appeal the Board's action to the Superior Court of Alaska, First Judicial District; however, such appeal must be made within fifteen (15) days.

07.04.140 Non-Conforming Lots, Uses, Structures. A. Definition. A lot, structure, or use which legally exists prior to the adoption of this ordinance but does not meet the requirements of the ordinance, shall be permitted to continue within the limits set forth in this section. There are three (3) types of non-conforming status.

1. Non-conforming lots. The lot width and /or lot area is smaller than the minimum permitted in the zone in which it is located.
2. Non-conforming structures. The structure fails to meet setback, lot coverage and/or height regulations for the zone in which it is located.
3. Non-conforming uses. The use occurring on a lot is not a principal, accessory or conditional use permitted in the zone in which it is located.

B. Non-conforming Lots of Record. Structures and accessory buildings may be erected on any single lot of record at the effective date of adoption or amendment of this ordinance, notwithstanding limitations imposed by other provisions of this ordinance. This provision shall apply even though such lot fails to meet the requirements for area or width, or both, that are generally applicable in the district, provided that yard dimensions and requirements other than those applying to area or width, or both, shall conform to the regulations of the district in which such lot is located. Variance of yard requirements shall be obtained only through action of the Planning Commission.

1. Structures and accessory buildings may be erected on any single lot of record as defined in section 07.04.140A, notwithstanding limitations imposed by other provisions of this code. This provision applies even though such lot fails to meet the requirements for area and/or width in the district where the lot is located, provided that setback and other applicable requirements of the district are met.

Variances from setback and other requirements shall be obtained only through action of the Planning Commission

2. Uses permitted in a district shall be allowed on non-conforming lots as defined in section 07.04.140A, notwithstanding limitations imposed by other provisions of this code and provided that other applicable requirements of the district are met. Variances from other applicable requirements in the district shall be obtained only through action of the Planning Commission

07.04.150 Signs. A. The following standards shall apply to signs:

1. No neon or flashing signs shall be allowed.
2. Signs attached to structures shall not exceed twenty (20%) of the surface of the side of the building on which the sign is located. Freestanding signs shall not exceed thirty-two square feet in size. Such signs shall be flush to the wall surface, unless the bottom of the sign is at least eight (8) feet above the ground, measured from the ground, measured from the centerline of the Tenakee Trail. Attached signs and freestanding signs shall not extend in a perpendicular direction into Tenakee Trail and shall not exceed the height limitations for structures in the zoning district where the sign is displayed.
3. Signs announcing public facilities or public services are exempt from these provisions.

07.04.155 Violation of any provision of this chapter is a civil violation for which a notice may be issued under the provisions set forth in Chapter 01.05 and subject to a civil penalty in the amount set forth in Section 01.05.030 not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

07.04.160 Definitions.

- A. "Accessory building" is a building whose use is incidental to the use of the main building on the same lot.
- B. "Agriculture" means the use of land for farming, dairying, apiculture, horticulture, floriculture, and animal and poultry raising.
- C. "Boathouse" means a structure used to house boats that are in or out of the water.
- D. "Building" means a structure that has a roof and/or is enclosed on at least fifty percent (50%) of the area of its sides.
- E. "Dwelling" means a structure, or portion thereof, which is used exclusively for human habitation.
- F. "Guest House" refers to a single-family dwelling which may or may not contain kitchen facilities, which is used for non-rental, transient occupancy.
- G. "Grade" means a point from which elevation is measured. On a horizontal lot, grade shall be measured from the area cleared for a foundation. On a sloping lot, grade shall be measured from a point midway between the front and back elevations of the proposed building structure.
- H. "Green strip" is a strip of vegetation not less than five (5) feet in width which screens a site from view.
- I. "Heavy equipment" is equipment of a type which includes, but is not limited to, dump trucks, front-end loaders, road graders, bulldozers, backhoes and cranes.
- J. "Home occupation" refers to any business or activity which meets the following standards:

1. may be conducted only by a member or members of a family residing in the residence;
 2. is clearly secondary and incidental to use of the property as a residence;
 3. maintains an exterior condition in keeping with surrounding residential uses;
 4. does not require the installation of heavy equipment or power sources not common to a residence;
 5. does not create a level of noise vibration, dust, smoke, odor, heat or glare which would be objectionable within thirty (30) feet of the residence.
- K. “Lot” means a contiguous parcel of land identified by deed, title or other legal instrument.
- L. “Lot of record” means a lot which has been recorded in the Office of the District Recorder, or a lot or parcel described by meets and bounds, the description of which has been so recorded.
- M. “Non-conforming building” means a structure which does not conform to the regulations of the zone in which it is located.
- N. “Non-conforming lot” is a lot smaller than the minimum lot size for the zone in which the lot is located.
- o. “Non-conforming use” is a use of land which does not conform to the regulations of the district in which the use is located.
- p. “Rear-yard”—on a waterfront lot, this is the lot line which fronts, and/or is within the water.
- Q. “Regular business hours” refers to the hours between 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday.
- R. “Residence” means a structure which contains accommodations for both sleeping and food preparation, whose primary or only use is to provide permanent housing.
- S. “Sawmill” refers to a plant that produces lumber and shakes from round logs.
- T. “Seafood processing plant” means a plant which cans, freezes or otherwise prepares for shipment or for sale seafood products such as salmon, crab and halibut.
- U. “Setback” is that part of a lot on which no structure, either permitted, or accessory may be located, unless a variance or building permit has been obtained.
- V. “Structure” means any object in or on the ground. Any manmade thing constructed or erected or moved onto a lot when the use requires a fixed location on the ground or attachment to something located on the ground or is not easily moved by one person without the aid of mechanized equipment. Exclusions: lawn/garden accessories, vegetation and fences under 6” tall.
- W. “Substantially alter” shall mean an improvement that is more than 200 square feet.
- X. “Transient residence” refers to a hotel or motel room or other accommodation intended for rental on a daily or weekly basis.
- Y. “Variance” refers to a relaxation of the terms of the zoning ordinance, where a literal enforcement of the ordinance would result in an unnecessary and undue hardship. A variance may not be used to permit a use or activity not otherwise permitted in a zoning district or permitted by this ordinance, but shall be granted only when the physical conditions or limitations of a parcel of property so warrant.

CHAPTER 07.05

MOBILE HOMES

Sections: 07.05.010 **MOBILE HOMES PROHIBITED**
 07.05.020 **PENALTY**

07.05.010 Mobile Homes Prohibited. The City of Tenakee Springs hereby prohibits mobile or trailer homes, offices or buildings, anywhere within its boundaries.

07.05.020 Penalty Any persons, person, firm, partnership or corporation willfully violating any of the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined not more than five hundred (\$500.) dollars or be imprisoned for a period of not more than thirty (30) days.

CHAPTER 07.06

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Sections: 07.06.010 **PUBLIC BUILDINGS – CODE**

07.06.010 Public Buildings – Code. A. The City of Tenakee Springs hereby adopts the Uniform Building Code, 1994 Edition, for all public buildings. Chapter 1, Volume 1, shall not apply.

B. In addition, the following design standards shall be used:

Snow	:40 pounds per square foot
Wind	:100 miles per hour
Earthquake	:Zone 3