

Planning Commission Staff Report & Finding of Fact

Meeting Date: 11/12/2024

APPLICANT/AGENT:

Sam Marifern

OWNER(S), IF DIFFERENT:

Fin & Fjord Adventures

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

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LOT AREA:

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LOCATION:

Common Grounds– 110 N Nordic Dr.
Tides Inn – 307 N 1st Street

SURROUNDING ZONING:

North : Commercial 1

South: Commercial 1 --

East: Commercial 1 --

West: Commercial 1 --

ZONING:

Commercial-1 (C-1)

PID:

01-007-348

01-007-212

EXISTING STRUCTURES:

Commercial buildings

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE:

9/11/2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve with Conditions

I. APPLICANT REQUEST:

Applicant is requesting approval to place remote signs on the sidewalk at 307 N 1ST ST and 110 N NORDIC DR and approval of a sign in excess of 36” in height.

II. APPLICABLE CODES:

19.32 COMMERCIAL-1 DISTRICT

19.56.050. SIGNS IN C-1, C-2 AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS.

III. FINDING:

- a. The municipal code limits sidewalk signs to one per business and the sign must be located directly in front of the premises during store hours when the business is open.
- b. The Planning Commission may approve additional sidewalk signs if it is deemed necessary for the purpose of directing traffic to a remote business.
- c. The Planning Commission has previously approved remote signs at:
 - a. Corner of Haugen & Nordic Dr (Farragut Farms sign)
 - b. 110 N. Nordic Dr (SEAK Alaska sign at Scandia House).
- d. The Planning Commission has previously denied approval for remote signs at:
 - a. 311 N. Nordic (SEAK Alaska sign at Glacier Laundry)
 - b. 400 N. Nordic (SEAK Alaska sign at Common Grounds).
- e. Municipal code states that a sidewalk sign shall not exceed thirty inches in width and thirty-six inches in height. However, the planning commission may allow a larger sign or signs if it is determined the size of the sign or signs is proportional to the building and the character of the sign does not detract from the neighborhood.
- f. The applicant is a commercial guiding business located in the South Harbor.

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- g. Applicant is proposing to place two remote signs in front of commercial businesses on N Nordic and N 1st St.
- h. Both established businesses often have their own sidewalk signs out and SEAK AK has an approved sign at Scandia House. Approving remote signs for Fin & Fjord would not prohibit the existing businesses from continuing to use a sidewalk signs to advertise their own business.
- i. The surrounding area is commercial in nature with hotels and coffee shops adjacent to the proposed sign location.

IV. PUBLIC NOTICE

While 19.56 does not require public notice, notice of the proposed action and hearing was mailed by first class mail to the owner of record of the property within a distance of six hundred feet of the exterior boundary of the properties that are the subject of the application.

V. APPLICATION REVIEW

The application is classified as a request for a remote sign and approval of a sidewalk sign exceeding 36” in height.

Standard	Proposed	Comment
The sidewalk sign must allow a minimum of thirty-six inches of clear space on the sidewalk to not interfere with the movement of pedestrians.	Applicant stated they will comply with code.	Conforms
Sidewalk sign shall not exceed thirty inches in width and thirty-six inches in height.	Proposed sign is 27” wide x 46” in height	Applicant is seeking approval for 46”h sign.
Sign may only be displayed during store hours and when the store is open for business.	Applicant stated they will comply with code.	Conforms
sidewalk sign shall not require electrical power in any form and shall not display lights or contain any moving parts.	Applicant stated they will comply with code.	Conforms

VI. ACTION

Proposed motion: I move to approve the application from Fin & Fjord for remote signs of 46” in height at 307 N 1st ST and at 110 N Nordic Dr.

Based on the preceding findings of fact, the Petersburg Planning Commission makes the following determination:

- a. The applicant meets the standard of remote business.

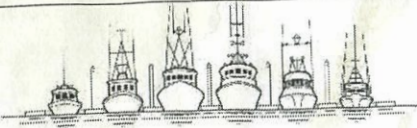
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- b. The variance approved by the planning commission shall expire unless the privilege granted is utilized within one year after the granting of the conditional use permit. The applicant may request an extension in writing prior to expiration of their permit.
- c. The planning commission may, in writing, suspend or revoke approval whenever it is issued in error or based on incorrect information supplied, or in violation of any ordinance or regulation or any provisions of this code.
- d. As a condition of approval, the Applicant/Owner shall:
 - a. Signs should be brought inside when the storefront is closed.
 - b. Signs should not be displayed when business is not operating (i.e. fall, winter)

EXHIBITS

- A. Applicant materials
- B. Vicinity & Detail Maps
- C. Public Hearing Mailout

 <p>PETERSBURG BOROUGH REMOTE BUSINESS SIDEWALK SIGN</p>		CODE TO: 110.000.404110
		PUBLIC NOTICE FEE: \$70.00
		TOTAL: \$70.00
		CHECK NO. or CC: CC
DATE RECEIVED: 9/11/24	RECEIVED BY: <i>[Signature]</i>	
APPLICANT BUSINESS INFORMATION		
APPLICANT NAME Sam Marifern	BUSINESS NAME Fin + Fjord Adventures	
MAILING ADDRESS Box 178	PHYSICAL LOCATION OF BUSINESS 609 Unimak Street	
CITY/STATE/ZIP Petersburg, AK, 99833		
PHONE 509.389.3021		
EMAIL finandfjordadventures@gmail.com	SALES TAX REGISTRATION #: 002728	
PHYSICAL ADDRESS FOR EACH PROPOSED SIGN		
Sign 1: Common grounds Downtown		
Sign 2: tidcs inn		
Sign 3:		
Sign 4:		
SIGN DIMENSIONS (w x h): 27^{inch} x 46 ^{inch} 46	ZONING DISTRICT: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial-1 <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial-2 <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	
PLEASE CHECK EACH BOX TO INDICATE YOUR SIGN(S) COMPLY WITH BOROUGH CODE (PMC 19.56.050)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sign is necessary for the purpose of directing traffic to a remote business.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sign is moveable and will not be attached or affixed to a support structure, walls, or posts.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sign does not exceed thirty inches in width and thirty-six inches in height.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sign does not require electrical power in any form and does not display lights or contain any moving parts.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sign allows a minimum of thirty-six inches of clear space on the sidewalk to not interfere with the movement of pedestrians.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sign will be located directly in front of the approved premises.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sign will only be displayed during store hours and when the store is open for business.		
SUBMITTALS:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Signed Notice of Intent to Occupy Sidewalk for each proposed sign location.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Photo or proposed design of sign.		
SIGNATURE:		
I hereby affirm all the information submitted with this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.		
Applicant: Samantha Marifern	Date: 9/9/24	
Applicant: _____	Date: _____	

NOTICE OF INTENT TO OCCUPY SIDEWALK

I, Holly Childs hereby give permission to Sam Marifern
(Property Owner/Manager) (Applicant)

to place a remote business sidewalk sign in front of my property at
307 North 1st
(Physical Address)

I understand the sign must meet the following requirements:

- The sidewalk sign may only be displayed during store hours and when the store is open for business.
- The sidewalk sign must allow a minimum of thirty-six inches of clear space on the sidewalk to not interfere with the movement of pedestrians.
- The sign must be located directly in front of the premises.
- The sidewalk sign shall not exceed thirty inches in width and thirty-six inches in height.
- The movable sidewalk sign shall not require electrical power in any form and shall not display lights or contain any moving parts.

Holly Childs
Signature of Owner/Manager Date

Contact phone number of Owner/Manager:

Contact email of Owner/Manager:

(Note: Giving permission for a remote business sign to be placed in front of your business does not prohibit you from having a sidewalk sign to advertise your own business, as allowed by borough code.)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO OCCUPY SIDEWALK

I, Britni Birchell hereby give permission to Sam Marifern
(Property Owner/Manager) (Applicant)

to place a remote business sidewalk sign in front of my property at
110 North Nordic
(Physical Address)

I understand the sign must meet the following requirements:

- The sidewalk sign may only be displayed during store hours and when the store is open for business.
- The sidewalk sign must allow a minimum of thirty-six inches of clear space on the sidewalk to not interfere with the movement of pedestrians.
- The sign must be located directly in front of the premises.
- The sidewalk sign shall not exceed thirty inches in width and thirty-six inches in height.
- The movable sidewalk sign shall not require electrical power in any form and shall not display lights or contain any moving parts.

Britni Birchell

Signature of Owner/Manager

Date

Contact phone number of Owner/Manager:

Contact email of Owner/Manager:

(Note: Giving permission for a remote business sign to be placed in front of your business does not prohibit you from having a sidewalk sign to advertise your own business, as allowed by borough code.)



Remote Business Sidewalk Sign

Fin & Fjord Adventures

Locations of signs:

307 N. 1st St.

110 N. Nordic Dr.

Vicinity Map





October 21, 2024

**BOSWORTH DALE BOSWORTH LESLEY
PO BOX 45
PETERSBURG, AK 99833-0045**

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Petersburg Borough Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing to consider:

An application from Fin & Fjord Adventures to place remote signs on the sidewalk at 307 N 1ST ST and 110 N NORDIC DR.

The public hearing and consideration of the application will be held:	Tuesday, November 12th, 2024, at 12:00 PM Assembly Chambers, Municipal Building 12 South Nordic Drive, Petersburg, Alaska.
The meeting is open to the public. To attend via ZOOM , please contact Anna Caulum at 907-772-5409.	

Interested persons desiring to present their views on the applications, either in writing or verbally, will be given the opportunity to be heard during the above-mentioned hearing. Said hearing may be continued from time to time as necessary. If the Planning Commission is unable to meet at the date and time stated above, this application will be considered at a future meeting with no further notice provided except for the general notice provided to the public.

TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION	
By Mail:	PO Box 329, Petersburg, Alaska 99833
By Email:	acaulum@petersburgak.gov
Hand-Deliver:	Petersburg Municipal Building, 12 S. Nordic Dr.

The Petersburg Municipal Code (PMC) provides for an appeal of a Planning Commission decision to the Borough Assembly by the property owner or a governmental agency, or any property owner within 600' of the applicant property and requires that such an appeal be filed within 10 consecutive calendar days of the date the decision is made. For more information regarding appeal requirements, please see PMC Chapter 19.92.

Sincerely,

Liz Cabrera
Community & Economic Development Department

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MARIETTA DAVIS		PO BOX 673	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-0673
Sam Marifern Fin & Fjord Adventures		PO BOX 178	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-0178
15 SINGLEE ALLEY LLC		806 CARY RD	EDMONDS	WA	98020
4 & 4 RENTALS LLC		PO BOX 1952	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-1952
ABBOTT THOMAS	HART ELIZABETH	PO BOX 1517	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-1517
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ALASKA POWER & TELEPHONE		PO BOX 647	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-0647
ALASKA STATE OF		550 W 7TH AVE STE 1050A	ANCHORAGE	AK	99501-3579
ALCOCK TARALEE		PO BOX 494	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-0494
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BLUE GLACIER LLC		PO BOX 876702	WASILLA	AK	99687
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COIL JODE		PO BOX 1112	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-1112
COMMON GROUNDS		PO BOX 308	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-0308
COWLING GREGORY A		PO BOX 1295	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-1295
DAVIS MARCIA		PO BOX 1578	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-1578
DIAMANTE GIFT SHOPPE INC		PO BOX 1029	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-1029
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IGLOO LLC		PO BOX 307	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-0307
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OHMER NICHOLAS E		PO BOX 2013	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-2013
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OTNESS JOHN J		PO BOX 2077	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-2077
PETERSBURG BOROUGH SCHOOLS		PO BOX 289	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-0289
PETERSBURG ELKS LODGE		PO BOX 609	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-0609
PETERSBURG FISHERIES DIV OF ICICLE SEAFOODS		PO BOX 1147	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-1147
PETERSBURG INDIAN ASSOCIATION		PO BOX 1410	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-1410
PETERSBURG MEDICAL CENTER		PO BOX 589	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-0589
PETERSBURG MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES		PO BOX 1309	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-1309
PETERSBURG MOOSE LODGE		PO BOX 222	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-0222
PETERSBURG MOTORS INC		PO BOX 767	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-0767
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		PO BOX 712	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-0712
PRIEST POINT LLC	C/O SUSAN ERICKSON	PO BOX 53	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-0053
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ROCKWELL DEVELOPMENT LLC		9831 MAIN TREE DR	ANCHORAGE	AK	99507
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TIDES INN of PETERSBURG LLC		PO BOX 556	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-0556
TORA INC		PO BOX 458	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-0458
TRADING UNION INC		PO BOX 489	PETERSBURG	AK	99833-0489
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