COZENS SUBDIVISION SECOND PLAT AMENDMENT

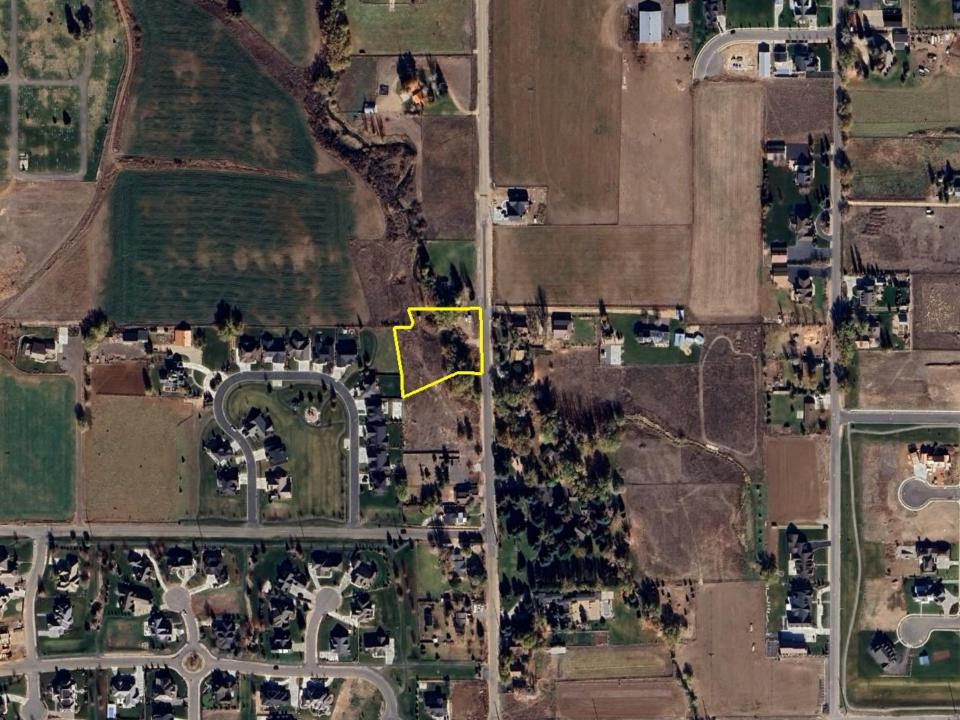
PLAT AMENDMENT

BACKGROUND

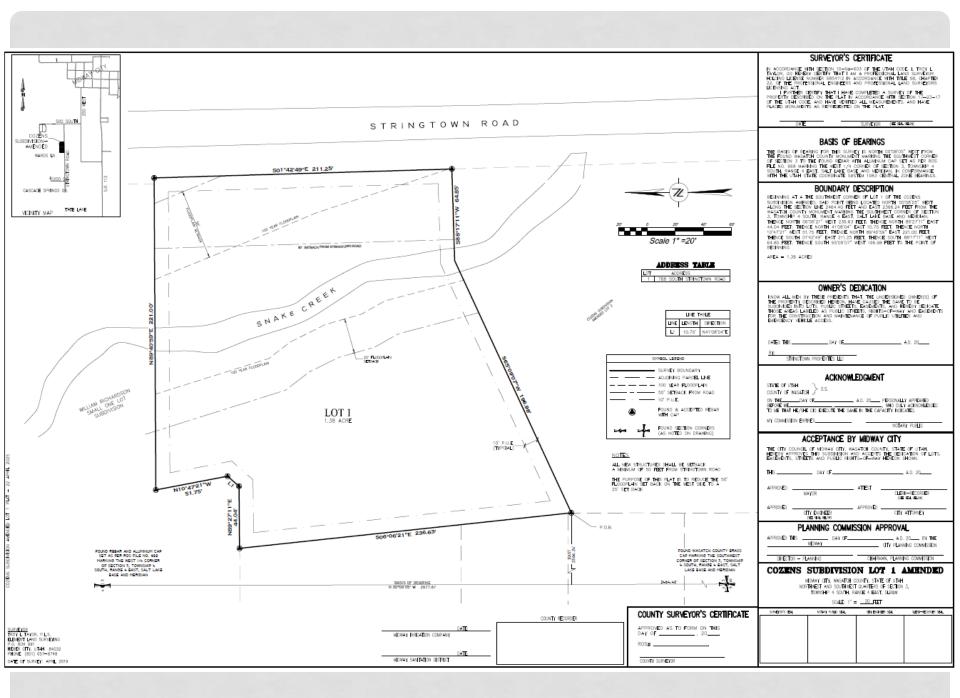
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Small-scale subdivisions have some flexibility regarding the floodplain setback
- Flexibility was included in the code because of potential regulatory taking
- Utah Property Rights Ombudsman has made an opinion that the 50' setback is not enforceable
- This type of a plat amendment is a legislative action

POSSIBLE FINDINGS

- The plat has a 50' setback from the delineated floodplain.
- A 50' setback from floodplain is a guideline but not a requirement in small-scale subdivisions.
- The applicant is proposing to reduce the 50' setback to 25' but not remove it completely.
- The 50' setback is a Midway ordinance and not required by FEMA.
- Federal standards would allow construction up to the edge of the delineated floodplain.
- The City can approve a lesser setback than 50' in a small-scale subdivision because of the usually limited area of this type of subdivision.
- A compromise of 25' would preserve openness along the stream corridor but would also allow the applicant more flexibility when designing his home and any other structure on the property.

PROPOSED CONDITIONS

None

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RE: Opposition to Amendment to Cozens Subdivision Lot 1 – Removal of 50' Setback from FEMA Floodplain

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

We are writing as residents and homeowners whose property directly backs up to the proposed amendment area for Lot 1 of the Cozens Subdivision. We are strongly opposed to the request to remove the required 50-foot setback from the FEMA-designated floodplain.

Although the applicant cites that Midway City Code may not *explicitly* mandate that small-scale subdivisions maintain the 50-foot setback, the spirit and purpose of such setbacks are clear: to protect public safety, property, and the environmental integrity of our community. Allowing development closer to the floodplain increases risks to adjacent properties, including ours, and sets a concerning precedent for future developments across Midway.

The 50-foot buffer provides critical protections by:

- Reducing the risk of flood damage to structures and neighboring properties.
- Preserving natural floodplain functions and minimizing disruption to natural drainage patterns.
- Maintaining the character and rural aesthetic valued by Midway residents.
- Ensuring long-term community resilience in the face of increasing weather variability.

Removing this requirement would expose nearby homeowners to greater risk, impact property values, and potentially lead to expensive mitigation costs for the city and affected residents in the future.

We respectfully urge the City Council to prioritize the safety and well-being of current residents by maintaining the 50-foot setback requirement for Lot 1 of the Cozens Subdivision. Upholding

strong floodplain protections is consistent with Midway's commitment to responsible, sustainable development and preservation of our community's unique character.

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Thank you for considering our concerns.

Sincerely,

Jennifer & Jason Whaley