# COZENS SUBDIVISION SECOND PLAT AMENDMENT

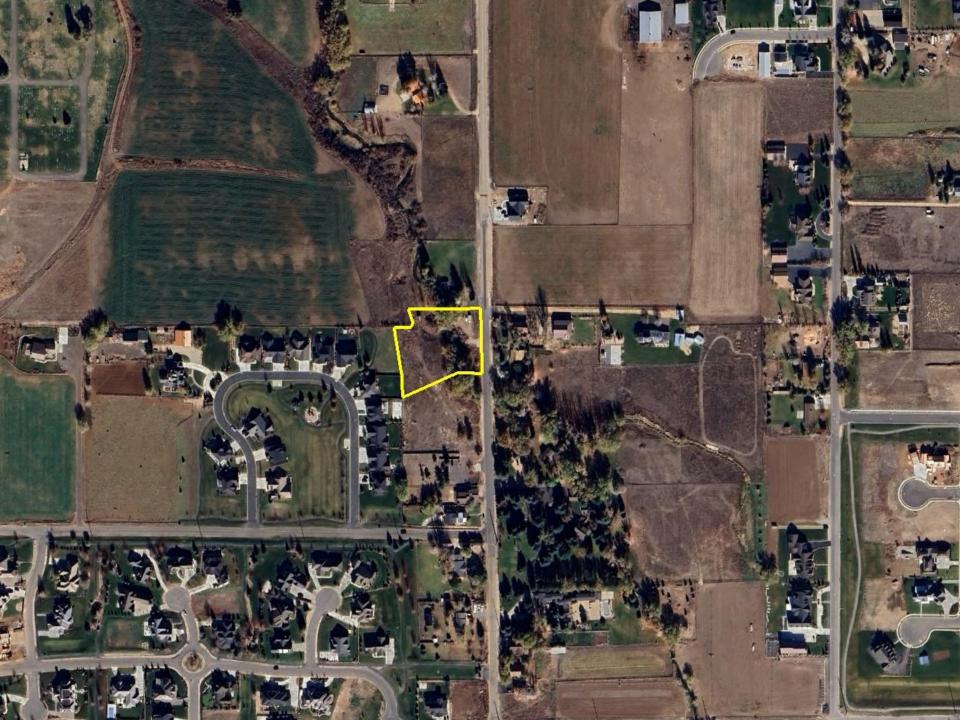
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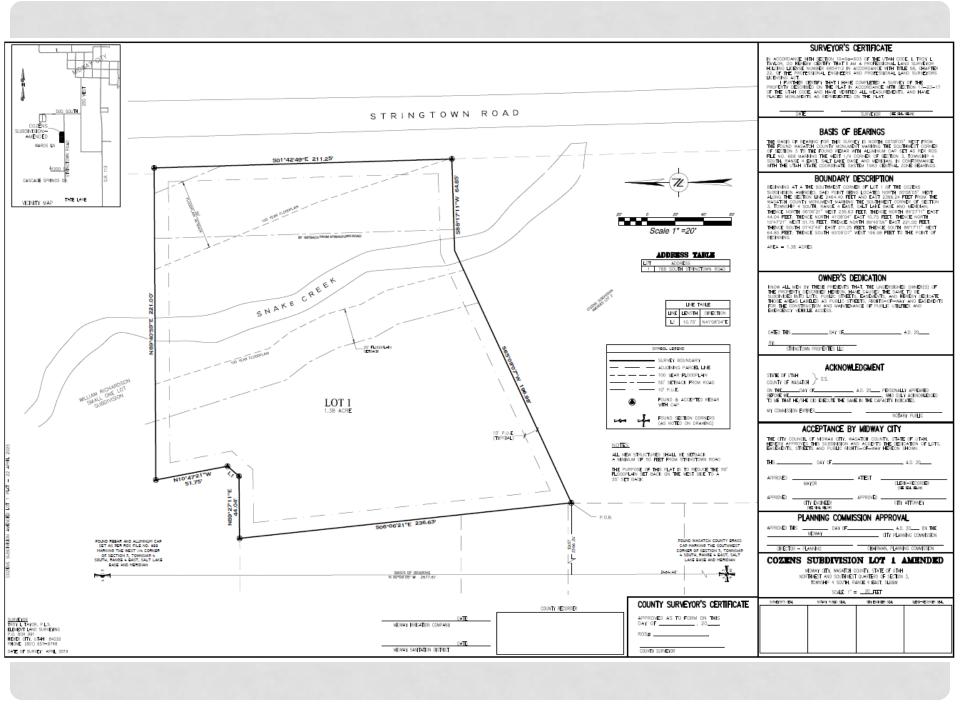
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### DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 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' to accommodate a future dwelling on the lot.
- 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' where a future dwelling will be located 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