

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:** MAJOR FINAL PLAT FOR SOUTH FORK SUBDIVISION THIRD ADDITION

**BACKGROUND:**

On July 10, 2012, the City Council approved a revised Preliminary Plat for South Fork Subdivision. The revised plat included the extension of Beedle Drive and Cochrane Parkway with the anticipated development of ten additional lots. A location map is attached.

This proposed final plat of the Third Addition (attached) includes 10 residential lots and an outlot intended to be developed later. Overall, the plat comprises approximately 11.35 acres. All required subdivision improvements have been completed except as noted by the Public Works Director. The City Council is asked to accept those improvements that are completed. The City Council is also asked to accept the letters of credit for those remaining improvements and for the future installation of street trees.

The following documents have been submitted with the Final Plat:

- Resolution Accepting the Plat of South Fork Subdivision Third Addition;
- Consent and Dedication;
- Lender's Consent to Platting;
- Attorney's Title Opinion;
- Certificate of the Treasurer of Story County, Iowa;
- Easements (public utility, public walkway, storm sewer and surface flowage easement, greenbelt/open space);
- Agreement for Sidewalks; and
- Letter of Credit for installation of street trees.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

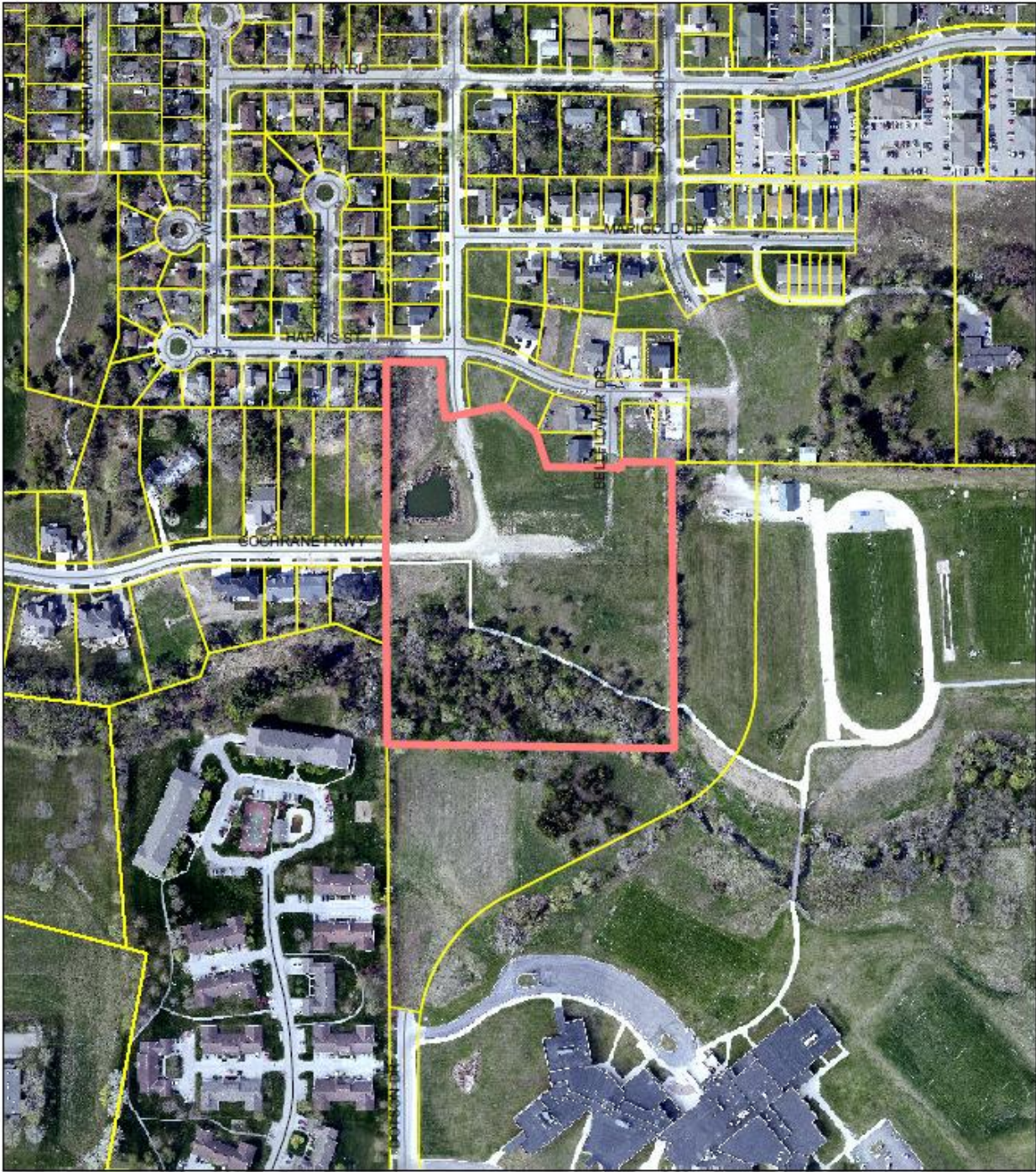
1. The City Council can approve the Final Plat for South Fork Subdivision Third Addition by finding that all requirements of *Municipal Code* §23.302(10)(b) are met.
2. The City Council can deny the Final Plat for South Fork Subdivision Third Addition.
3. The City Council can refer this request back to staff or the applicant for additional information and or documents to be submitted to City Council by a date certain, but no later than its January 22, 2012 meeting.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

City staff has evaluated the proposed final subdivision plat and determined that the proposal is consistent with the Preliminary Plat approved by the City Council and that the plat conforms to the adopted ordinances and policies of the City of Ames as required by Code.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1, approving the Final Plat for South Fork Subdivision Third Addition.

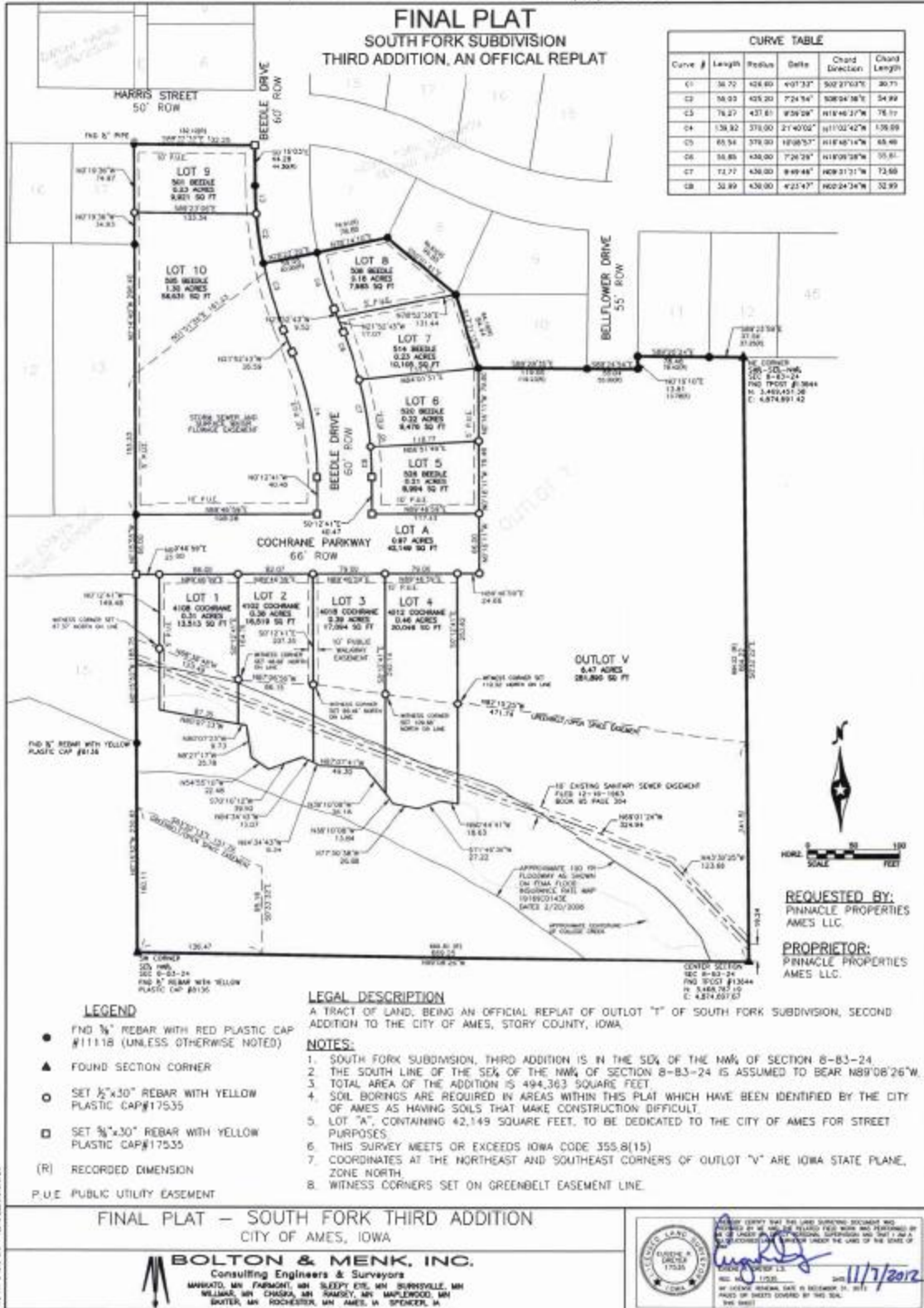
Location Map





# South Fork Subdivision Third Addition

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## **Applicable Laws and Policies Pertaining to Final Plat Approval**

Adopted laws and policies applicable to this case file include, but are not limited to, the following:

### *Ames Municipal Code Section 23.302*

(10) City Council Action on Final Plat for Major Subdivision:

(a) All proposed subdivision plats shall be submitted to the City Council for review and approval. Upon receipt of any Final Plat forwarded to it for review and approval, the City Council shall examine the Application Form, the Final Plat, any comments, recommendations or reports examined or made by the Department of Planning and Housing, and such other information as it deems necessary or reasonable to consider.

(b) Based upon such examination, the City Council shall ascertain whether the Final Plat conforms to relevant and applicable design and improvement standards in these Regulations, to other City ordinances and standards, to the City's Land Use Policy Plan and to the City's other duly adopted plans.

(c) The City Council may:

(i) deny any subdivision where the reasonably anticipated impact of such subdivision will create such a burden on existing public improvements or such a need for new public improvements that the area of the City affected by such impact will be unable to conform to level of service standards set forth in the Land Use Policy Plan or other capital project or growth management plan of the City until such time that the City upgrades such public improvements in accordance with schedules set forth in such plans; or,

(ii) approve any subdivision subject to the condition that the Applicant contribute to so much of such upgrade of public improvements as the need for such upgrade is directly and proportionately attributable to such impact as determined at the sole discretion of the City. The terms, conditions and amortization schedule for such contribution may be incorporated within an Improvement Agreement as set forth in Section 23.304 of the Regulations.

(d) Prior to granting approval of a major subdivision Final Plat, the City Council may permit the plat to be divided into two or more sections and may impose such conditions upon approval of each section as it deems necessary to assure orderly development of the subdivision.

(e) Following such examination, and within 60 days of the Applicant's filing of the complete Application for Final Plat Approval of a Major Subdivision with the Department of Planning and Housing, the City Council shall approve, approve subject to conditions, or disapprove the Application for Final Plat Approval of a Major Subdivision. The City Council shall set forth its reasons for disapproving any Application or for conditioning its approval of any Application in its official records and shall provide a written copy of such reasons to the developer. The City Council shall pass a resolution accepting the Final Plat for any Application that it approves.

*(Ord. No. 3524, 5-25-99)*