



Valdez City Council

Budget Committee

Greetings,

Thank you for reading this proposal . We are respectfully requesting your consideration of a grant of \$160,000 to purchase a building that costs \$299,000. That is 48% of what we will need including closing costs. We have received donations of \$174,000 to our building fund and feel a purchase of both land and a building would put our fund to better use than increasing the size of a building that is not centrally located.

Presently, most of our clients walk and have to cross a state highway in year-round inclement weather situation. Purchasing a building that is large enough for our storage needs and that is situated in a safer location will make better use of the Building Fund. Our current building can be sold allowing that money to be used in remodels in the new facility.

We have been meeting the needs of the community from our current location but not without some discomfort for the clients who stand outside in all weather, sometimes up to two plus hours. The volunteers are sometimes working shoulder to shoulder during peak times. We can only allow 5 clients in the facility at a time due to the lack of space and fire regulations. Storage has been a problem for years leading to creative ways of storing large amounts of Food Bank food in private garages and commercial freezers around town. This adds excess transportation time and uncertainty on deliveries. Better storage will not only allow our food supply to be in one central location, but will allow us to take advantage of bulk quantities, thus lowering food and shipping costs.

If you have any questions or would like to receive a full proposal, please feel free to contact us at emergencyfoodvaldez@hotmail.com We sincerely appreciate your consideration of our request and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Debbie Needles

President Food Bank of Valdez

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Doreen Hodges".

Doreen Hodges

Secretary Food Bank of Valdez

P.S. I enclose our latest annual report and a real estate flyer of the proposed property purchase.

The Valdez Food Bank serves the people of Valdez with food distribution and emergency assistance. We are a totally volunteer run Food Bank (with a very part-time paid bookkeeper). Many of our services are offered to anyone who needs them without regard to income. Programs include food distribution, emergency monetary assistance, TEFAP, backpack buddies, senior bags, and holiday distributions.



Food Donations: The Valdez community is incredibly supportive of the Food Bank. Businesses and community members donate food throughout the year. Major contributors include the City of Valdez, United Way, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Alyeska, Providence Hospital, and our local grocery stores. We also find food in our food box almost every week, from anonymous donors!

Volunteer Board Members: Our Board is a working Board, meaning we manage and staff the day-to-day operation of the Food Bank. Most of our Board members have worked more than one 3-year term. We recorded 853 volunteer hours in 2016, with many unrecorded hours!

Community Volunteers: Our Community volunteers are incredible. They help repackage food, staff the check-out line, help with stocking the shelves, and clean the Food Bank. We couldn't do it without them! We recorded 884 hours of community volunteer hours during 2016, however, again, we know many hours go unrecorded!

Clients: We encourage people to use the Food Bank and our other services. We tell them to come get food and save their money for housing, fuel, electric and bills. We serve long-term clients as well as getting people on their feet and "graduating" them from the Food Bank. We include one client on our Board.

Income property downtown

Listed for: **\$299,000.00**

Location: Lot 1C, Block 25
of Mineral Creek Subd.
208 Meals Ave.

Lot Size: 14,000 sq. ft.

Building: 2,400 sq. ft.

Carport: 14 x 29

Built: 1975

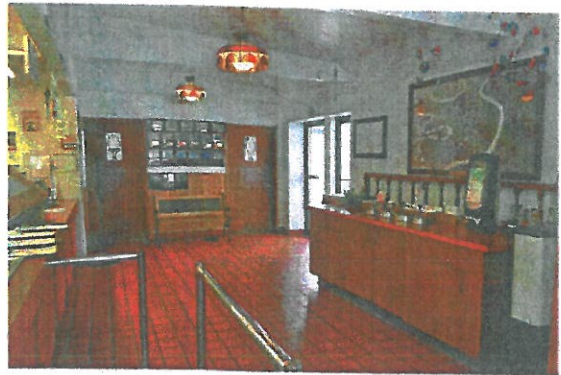
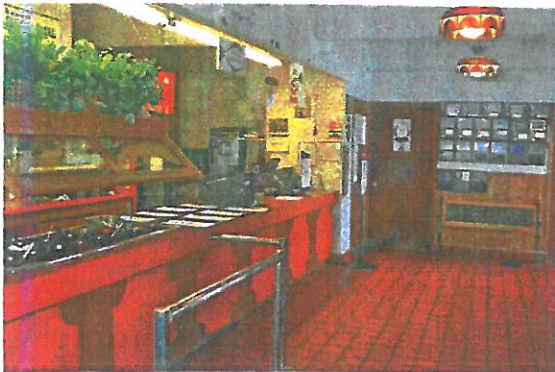
Zoned: CBD /Commercial Business

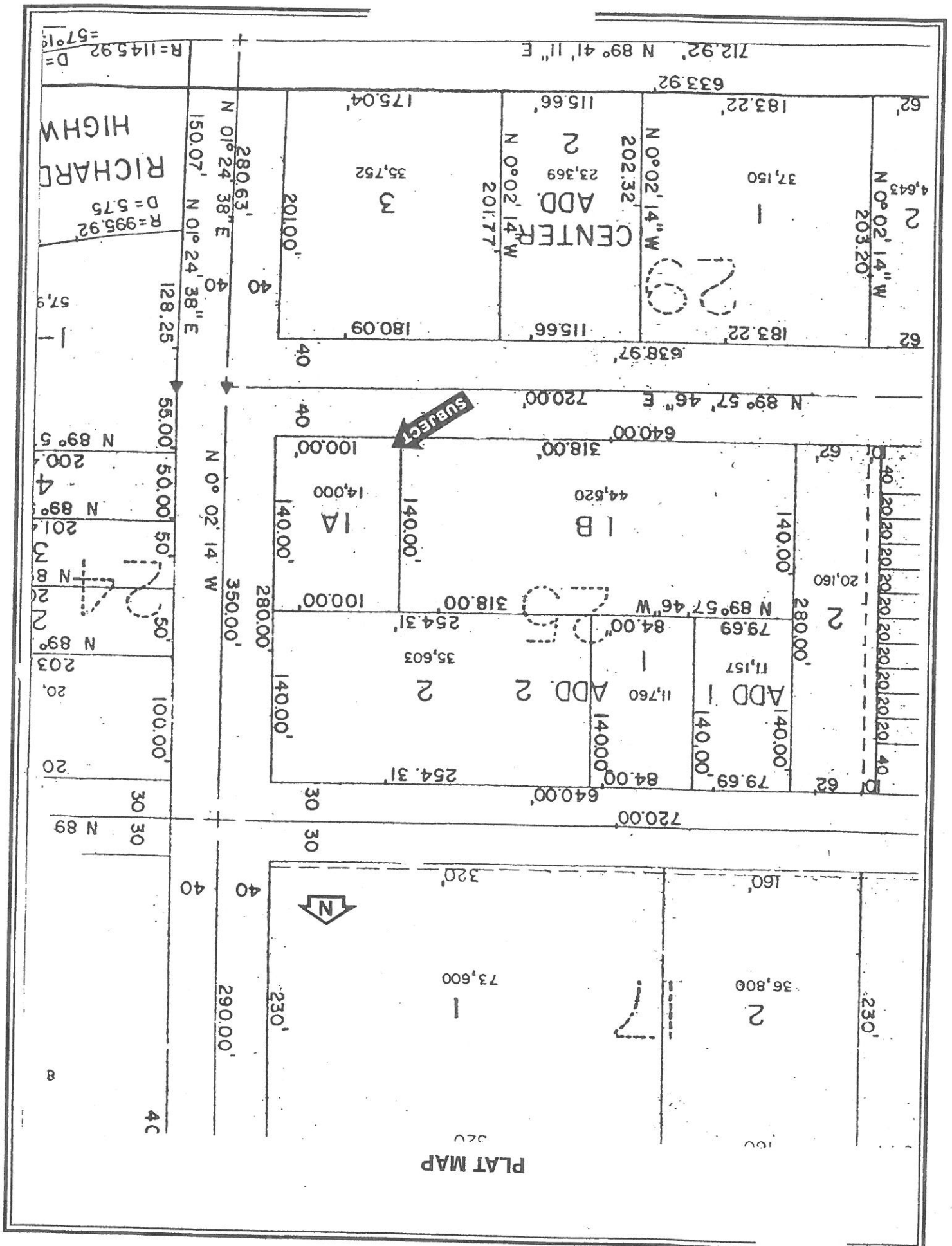
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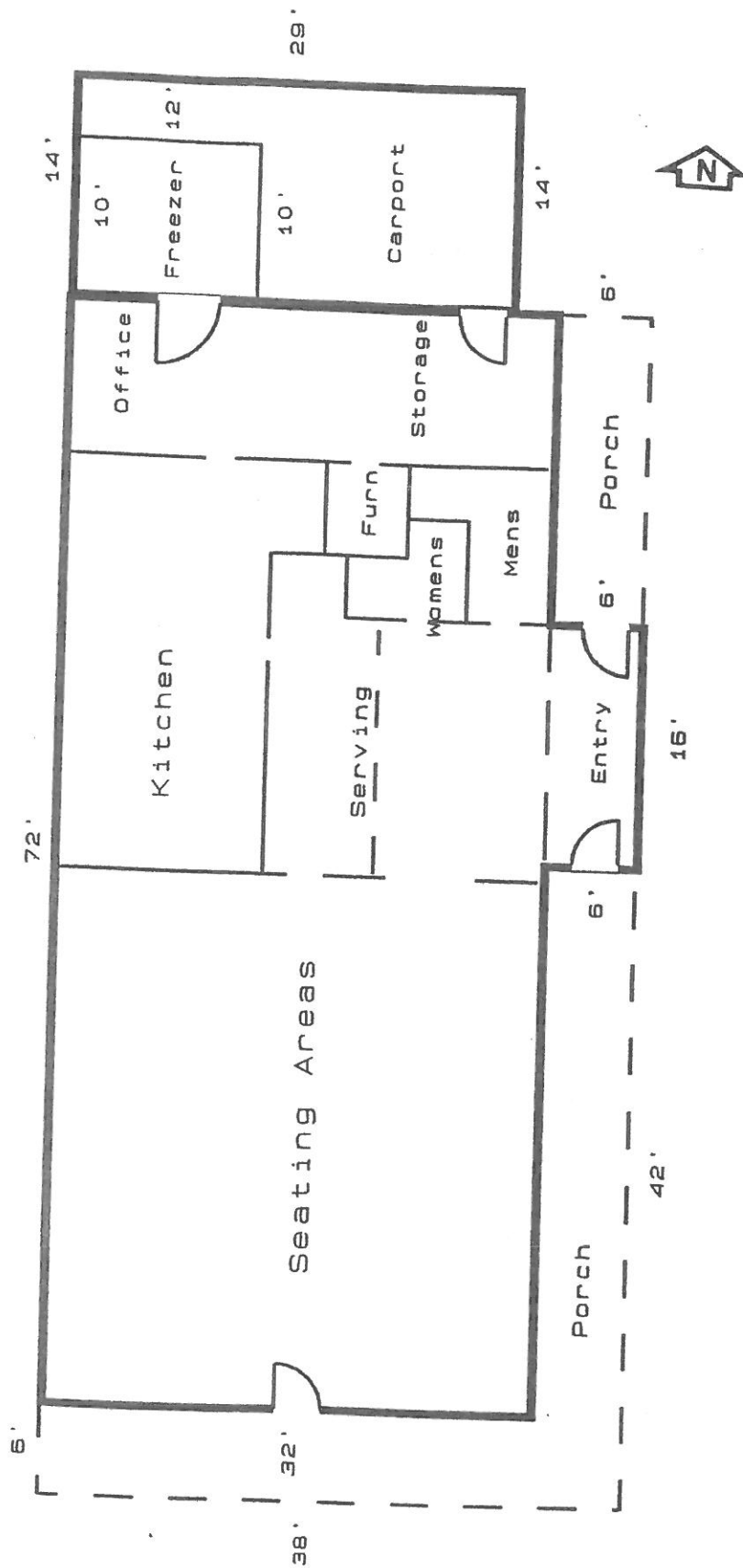
This commercial building and land is for sale.
It does not include the business or fixtures.
(but they can be negotiated).

Updated concrete board siding and newer windows.
There is a 10 x 12 exterior freezer with inside access.

Located on a corner lot in the downtown area.







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