WHEREAS, the City of Cordova’s City Manager and City Planner are directed by Cordova Municipal Code Section 5.22.040(B) – The city manager shall refer a letter of interest from a qualified interested party to the city planner. If the city planner finds that the real property is available for lease or purchase, the city planner shall schedule the letter of interest for review by the planning commission; and City of Cordova’s Planning Commission is directed by Cordova Municipal Code Section 5.22.040(C) – The planning commission shall review the letter of interest and recommend to the city council whether to offer the real property interest for disposal by one of the methods as described in Section 5.22.060(B); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and City Council have determined that annually reviewing and recommending the Land Disposal Maps for City Council’s approval will enable the City Manager and City Planner to efficiently determine if land is available for purchase, lease, or lease to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and City Council have identified these Land Disposal Maps as the most current and updated version to be used in the land disposal process; and

WHEREAS, having annually updated maps will benefit the citizens of Cordova by providing maps for public review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska hereby adopts the 2020 Land Disposal Maps.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF JUNE 2020.
2020 Land Disposal Maps

Adopted by City Council: ???

Map Designations

Available – Available to purchase, lease, or lease with an option to purchase. Any of these lots may have conditions or special criteria that must be met.

Available - Requires Subdivision – These parcels are considered ‘Available.’ These are large parcels of land which would most likely be developed as a subdivision. The disposal process for these parcels is complex and could take a significant amount of time. Many require some or all of the following: city acquiring title to the land from the state, an extensive amount of surveying, or subdivision development agreements. Many of these parcels include city improvements that would not be disposed, such as access roads, water infrastructure, trails, cemeteries, etc.

Not Available – These parcels include substandard lots, snow dumps, property with improvements/buildings on them, or other lots used or occupied by the city. The city manager will accept letters of interest from an interested party who requests the property designation be changed to ‘Available,’ however the existing city use of the property will be examined and carefully weighed against the letter of interest.

Tidelands – All requests to purchase tidelands will be reviewed by the Planning Commission as they are received. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation on disposing of the tidelands to City Council.

Leased – These are parcels currently leased to a business or government entity by the city and are not available during the lease term. There are leases that are short term and renew every two years and others are long term leases with substantial improvements on the property. Some leased property has an option to purchase. When a lease term ends, the property immediately becomes ‘Available.’

Update Policy

Maps will be updated on an annual basis by the Planning Department staff, reviewed by the Planning Commission, and adopted by City Council. This update process begins each year with updated maps being presented to the Planning Commission in January, but the maps may be modified throughout the year on a case-by-case basis.

For more information on the land disposal process, refer to Chapter 5.22 of the Cordova Municipal Code, or direct your questions to the Planning Department staff.
Area inside red lines is in the Red Avalanche Zone. Property is subject to City Code and FEMA requirements, which include:
1. City can only lease property.
2. No permanent structures allowed.