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December 13, 1999

Mr. Joseph David LaRocco HCR 1 Box 4015 Keaau, Hawaii 96749

Dear Mr. LaRocco:

Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement Applicant: Joseph David LaRocco Land Owner: Joseph David LaRocco Tax Map Key: 1-6-7:83

Pursuant to authority conferred to the Planning Director in Ordinance 96-160, Chapter 25, Article 5, Division 7, Section 25-5-77 of the Zoning Code and Planning Department Rule 13, Farm Dwellings, we have reviewed your request for an additional farm dwelling on the subject property. Your submittal included the following information:

- (a) A notarized affidavit that the additional dwelling shall be used for farm-related purposes in the form of the proposed Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement.
- (b) Name and address of the landowner or lessee, if the latter has a lease on the building site with a term exceeding one year from the date of the farm dwelling agreement.
- (c) Written authorization of the landowner.
- (d) A farm plan of the applicant's continual agricultural productivity or farming operation within the County. The plan shows how the farm dwelling will be utilized for engagement in agricultural productivity or farming operation.
- (e) In support, evidence of a State of Hawaii Department of Taxation's Gross Income License (GE 30117999) has also been presented.

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Findings:

- In Chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the State Land Use Law does not authorize residential dwellings as a permitted use in the State Land Use Agricultural district unless the dwelling is related to an agricultural activity or is a farm dwelling. A farm dwelling as defined in Section 205-4.5, Chapter 205, HRS, means a single family dwelling located on and used in connection with a farm, including clusters of single family farm dwellings permitted within agricultural parks developed by the State, or where agricultural activity provides income to the family occupying the dwelling. (emphasis added)
- 2. The Farm Plan, GE Tax License, and the agreement to use the dwelling for agricultural or farm-related activity on the building site demonstrate that there is agricultural activity and that income will be taxed.
- 3. In addition, the following agencies have submitted their comments as stated below:
 - a. Department of Water Supply (Memorandum dated December 2, 1999):

We have reviewed the subject application and have the following information.

The property does not have an existing water service with the Department as the parcel is beyond the service limits of the Department's existing water system. The Department's nearest facility is a 12-inch waterline on the Keaau-Pahoa Road, approximately 2.3 miles from the front of the applicant's parcel.

Should there be any questions, please call our Water Resources and Planning Branch at 961-8665.

b. Real Property Tax Office (Memorandum dated November 29, 1999):

Comments from the Appraisal Section: There are no comments at this time.

Comments from the collection section: Current. Real Property taxes are paid through December 31, 1999.

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c. Department of Health (Memorandum dated November 30, 1999):

The subject lot is located in a Critical Wastewater Disposal Area. Under the current rules, a lot size of one (1) acre or more is required for the use of a cesspool to service 1,000 gallons per day or 5 bedrooms. Only one (1) cesspool would be allowed on the lot. A septic tank system would be needed if a second disposal system is needed on this lot.

Decision:

In view of the above, your request to construct an additional farm dwelling is approved subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The additional farm dwelling shall be used to provide shelter to only person(s) involved in the agricultural or farm-related activity on the building site.
- 2. The agreement shall run with the land and apply to all persons who may now or in the future use or occupy the additional farm dwelling.
- 3. This Farm Dwelling Unit Permit is subject to all other applicable rules, regulations, and requirements of the Planning Department (including but not limited to the Zoning Code, Chapter 25, Ordinance No. 96-160, Effective: December 7, 1996), Department of Public Works, Department of Water Supply, Fire Department and State Department of Health and other reviewing agencies/divisions listed on the Building Permit Application.
- 4. In reference to the Department of Water Supply's comments, may we suggest the following:
 - a. Any dwelling not serviced by a County water system should be provided with and maintain a private potable rain catchment system which includes a minimum 6,000 gallon for domestic consumption or potable uses. This catchment system should adhere to the Department of Public Works, Building Division's "Guidelines for Owners of Rain Catchment Water Systems" as well as the State Department of Health requirements related to water testing and water purifying devices.

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> b. Any farm dwelling should be provided with and maintain a private water supply system which includes an additional minimum 3,000 gallon water storage capacity for fire fighting and emergency purposes. The emergency water supply system, including the necessary compatible connector system and location of the water storage capacity on the property, should meet with the approval of the Hawaii County Fire Department.

The Planning Director has completed the appropriate portions of the enclosed Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement. You must record this approved Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement with the State Bureau of Conveyances and/or Land Court within thirty days of receipt of this approval. In sending this document out for recordation, please note the following:

- 1. The original and one copy of the document must be submitted for recordation.
- 2. A check in the amount of \$25.00 to cover the recordation fee should be made out to the State of Hawaii, Bureau of Conveyances and attached to the Agreement. Their address is as follows:

State of Hawaii Bureau of Conveyances P.O. Box 2867 Honolulu, HI 96803

3. Also required is a self-addressed stamped envelope to have the recorded document returned to you.

You must submit a copy of the recorded Farm Dwelling Agreement to the Planning Director prior to approval of the building permit for the farm dwelling.

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Should you have questions or require further information, please feel free to contact Esther Imamura at 961-8288.

Sincerely,

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VIRGINIA GOLDSTEIN Planning Director

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Enclosure

xc: Mr. Milton Pavao, Department of Water Supply Mr. Kalani Schutte, Finance Department