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April 4, 2005

Mr. Harry Akee Correa and Mrs. Marie A. Dohue-Correa 50 Reeser Hill Road York Haven, Pennsylvania 17370

Dear Mr. Correa and Mrs. Dohue-Correa:

SUBJECT:

Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement (2005-0040)

Applicants:

Harry Akee Correa and Marie A. Dohue-Correa

Land Owners:

Harry Akee Correa Trust

State Land Use:

Agricultural

**County Zoning:** 

A-5a

Land Area:

50.00 Acres

Tax Map Key:

(3) 1-8-006:094

Pursuant to authority conferred to the Planning Director by 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 submittals included the following information:

- 1. Names, address and the signatures of the landowners.
- 2. A farm plan or evidence of the applicants' continual agricultural productivity or farming operation within the County, including an explanation of why this AFD is needed in connection with the agricultural productivity or farming operation.

Your farm plan included the following ongoing income producing agricultural activities:

a. Ongoing agricultural activities include the following:

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The property presently has been test planted with apple-banana (35 young trees and 70 starts), 40 coffee trees and 200 taro plants.

- b. Proposed agricultural activities include the following:
  - i. After consultation with the NRCS, the present plantings will be propagated in the most advantageous areas of the lot. Other crops will be added depending on the recommendations of the NRCS.
  - ii. Maile will be grown from seed and planted among the Ohia forest.
  - iii. The overall farming area of the property is anticipated to be 15 to 17 acres of the 50 acre parcel.
  - iv. It is anticipated that the agricultural operation, once up and running, will entail about 40 to 50 man-hours per week.
- 3. In support, a copy of a State of Hawaii Department of Taxation's General Excise (GE) Tax License has been presented.
- 4. Applicant's commitment to the farm plan will be shown in the form of the enclosed Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement affidavit, to be notarized and submitted for recordation with the Bureau of Conveyances, which states that the additional dwelling shall be used for farm-related purposes.

## Findings:

- 1. In Chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), 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 subject lot was created by subdivision (Land Court Application 777 Map 2) approved on October 15, 1937, which, pursuant to HRS §205-4.5(b), allows the first dwelling on the lot to be a single-family dwelling.
- 3. The Farm Plan, copy of GE Tax License (#30134533) and the agreement to use the dwelling for agricultural or farm-related activity on the building site demonstrate that there will be income producing agricultural activity and the income will be taxed.

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- 4. In addition, the following agencies have submitted their comments as stated below:
  - a. Department of Water Supply (DWS) (Letter dated March 10, 2005):

"We have reviewed the subject application and have the following comments.

For your information, an existing 5/8-inch meter services this property and is adequate for only one dwelling at a maximum of 600 gallons per day.

Inasmuch as this application is proposing an additional detached dwelling, the installation of a separate 5/8-inch meter by the applicant would normally be required in accordance with the Department's regulations. However, the Department's existing water system facilities cannot support an additional meter for the proposed additional farm dwelling at this time. Extensive improvements and additions, including source, storage, transmission, and distribution facilities, must be constructed. Currently, sufficient funding is not available and no time schedule is set.

Therefore, the Department has no objections to the proposed application subject to the applicant understanding and accepting that the Department cannot provide water service to the proposed additional farm dwelling. Further, should the application be approved, both dwellings must not share the existing meter.

Should there be any questions, please call Ms. Shari Komata of our Water Resources and Planning Branch at 961-8070, extension 252."

b. Real Property Tax Office (RPT): (Response form dated February 17, 2005):

"There are no comments at this time. Real Property taxes are paid through June 30, 2005."

c. Department of Health (DOH) (Memorandum dated March 17, 2005):

"The use of individual wastewater systems is allowed. The type and number of individual wastewater systems will be determined by the wastewater rules in effect at the time of building permit application."

## Decision:

In view of the above, your request to construct a **second (first AFD) farm dwelling** on the property is approved subject to the following conditions:

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- 1. The AFD shall only be used to provide shelter for persons involved in the agricultural or farm-related activity on the building site. Family members who are not engaged in agricultural or farm-related activities are allowed to reside in the farm dwelling.
- 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. The enclosed AFD Agreement must be returned to the Planning Department with the appropriate notarized signatures along with a check made out to the Bureau of Conveyances in the amount of \$25.00 in accordance with the enclosed AFDA Instructions. The Planning Department will not approve a building permit application for the additional dwelling until the AFDA document and all required attachments have been accepted for recordation.
- 3. In reference to the DWS comment, 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 gallons 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.
  - b. Any dwelling on a water catchment system should be provided with and maintain an additional 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 facility on the property, should meet with the approval of the Hawaii County Fire Department.
- 4. Additionally, in regards to water catchment systems:

The Department of Health's authority on drinking water quality is based on the definition of a "public water system." A "public water system" means a system which provides water for human consumption through pipe or other conveyance if such system has fifteen (15) service connections or regularly serves an average of at least twenty-five (25) individuals daily at least sixty (60) days out of the year. All public water systems are regulated by the Department of Health and shall be in compliance with the Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 20.

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Past episodes of water quality concerns for lead, copper, algae and microbiological and chemical contamination in private rain catchment systems have identified the need for self-monitoring. The Department of Health does not support the use of these private rain catchment systems for drinking purposes since the quality may not meet potable water standards."

- 5. All other applicable rules, regulations, and requirements of the Planning Department (including but not limited to the Zoning Code, Chapter 25), Department of Public Works, Department of Water Supply, Fire Department and State Department of Health and any other reviewing agencies/divisions listed on the Building Permit (BP) Application shall be adhered to.
- 6. Your AFDA has been approved based on proposed agricultural activity as summarized previously in this letter. It is required that the First Party (property owners) to the Agreement shall have implemented at least 75% of the proposed farm plan within three (3) years of approval of the building permit for the additional farm dwelling. The Second Party (County of Hawaii Planning Department) of the Agreement may allow time extensions and modifications for good cause shown by the First Party.
- 7. The First Party shall allow the Second Party or its representative to inspect the farm upon reasonable prior notice.
- 8. This AFDA shall be valid for a period of two (2) years from the date of this approval letter to secure a BP for the additional farm dwelling. Failure to secure a BP for this additional farm dwelling on or before April 5, 2007 may cause the Director to initiate proceedings to invalidate the AFDA.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jonathan Holmes of this office at 961-8288.

Sincerely,

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Planning Director

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Enclosures: AFDA document

AFDA document instruction sheet

xc: Mr. Milton Pavao, DWS

Mr. Mike McCall, RPT

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Scale 1/2" = 100'

