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April 14, 2005

Paul D. & Stephanie Armitage P.O. Box 605 Kealakekua, Hawaii 96750

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Armitage:

Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement Application (2005-0041)	
Applicant:	Paul D. & Stephanie Armitage
Owner:	Paul D. & Stephanie Armitage
State Land Use:	Agricultural
County Zoning:	Agricultural (A-20a/A-5a)
Land Area:	5.765 acres
<u>TMK:</u>	(3) 8-1-023:023

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. Name and address of the landowner(s) or lessee(s), if the latter has a lease on the building site with a term exceeding one year from the date of the farm dwelling agreement.
 - 2. Written authorization of the landowner(s) if the lessee filed the request.
 - 3. A farm plan or evidence of the applicant's continual agricultural productivity or farming operation within the County, including an explanation of why this additional farm dwelling is needed in connection with the agricultural productivity or farming operation. Your farm plan included the following ongoing and proposed income producing agricultural activities:
 - a. Ongoing agricultural activities include the following:
 - i. Approximately 3.5 acres with 2,000 coffee trees, 35 avocado trees, 30 assorted citrus trees and ¹/₄ acre of white pineapples.

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- b. Proposed agricultural activities include the following:
 - i. Plant additional 2,000 coffee
 - ii. Construct a pulping mill and drying platform.
- c. The on-going labor man-hours are approximately 18-23 hours per week to maintain and harvest. The proposed labor man-hours are approximately 40 hours per week to maintain and harvest. The total labor man-hours are approximately 58 -63 hours per week.
- 4. In additional support, a State of Hawaii Department of Taxation's General Excise (GE) Tax License has also been presented.
- 5. 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:

- 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 (SUB 4555) approved on November 25, 1980, which, pursuant to HRS §205-4.5(b), requires the first dwelling on the lot to be a farm dwelling.
- 3. The Farm Plan, GE Tax License (ID number W05247558-01), 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.
- 4. In addition, the following agencies have submitted their comments as stated below:
 - a. Department of Water Supply (DWS) (Letter dated March 18, 2005):

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

The property does not have an existing water service with the

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> Department as the parcel is beyond the service limits of the Department's existing water system. Also, as the applicant indicates that the additional farm dwelling will be on a water catchment system, the Department has no objections to the application.

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

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b. Real Property Tax Office (RPT):

There were no comments received.

c. Department of Health (DOH)

There were no comments received.

Decision:

In view of the above, your request to construct a **second farm dwelling** is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The additional farm dwelling 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 Additional Farm Dwelling 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 Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement 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. The First Party shall adhere to 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 other reviewing agencies/divisions listed on the Building Permit Application.
- 4. Your Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement has been approved based entirely on existing agricultural activity as summarized previously in this letter.
- 5. The First Party shall allow the Second Party or its representative to inspect the farm upon reasonable prior notice.

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6. This Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement shall be valid for a period of two (2) years from the date of this approval letter to secure a building permit for the additional farm dwelling. Failure to secure a building permit for this additional farm dwelling on or before April 15, 2007 may cause the Director to initiate proceedings to invalidate the AFDA.

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If you have any questions please call Deanne Bugado of our West Hawaii Office at 327-3510.

Sincerely,

CHRÍSTOPHER J. YUEN

Planning Director

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Enclosure: AFDA document / AFDA document instruction sheet

xc: Mr. Milton Pavao, DWS Mr. Mike McCall, RPT Planning Department – Kona

