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March 13, 2006

Russell R. Watanabe
Watanabe Floral Inc.
1607 Hart St.
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Dear Mr. Watanabe:

Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement Application (FDA-06-000100)

Applicant: Russell R. Watanabe
Owner: Watanabe Floral Inc.
State Land Use: Agriculture
County Zoning: Agricultural (A-5a)
Land Area: 15.950 acres
TMK: (3) 6-6-005: 002

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 income producing agricultural activities:
 - a. Ongoing agricultural activities include the following:
 - i. Maintain, harvest and distribute approximately 160,000 rose plants housed within approximately 322,760 square feet of greenhouses.

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- b. The current labor man-hours are approximately 30 full time staff who average of 1,200 hours per week to maintain, harvest and distribute.
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:

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 (SUB 1704) approved on September 6, 1961, 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, GE Tax License (ID number W20305934-01), 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 8, 2006):

“We have reviewed the subject application and have the following comments and conditions.

For your information, an existing 5/8-inch meter services this property and is adequate for only one dwelling at an average of 400 gallons per day or a maximum of 600 gallons per day. This application is proposing an additional detached dwelling, so the installation of a separate 5/8-inch meter by the applicant is required in accordance with the Department's regulations. Water is available from the 6-inch waterline in Lālāmilo Farm Road, which fronts the subject parcel.

Therefore, the Department has no objections to the proposed application subject to the applicant understanding and accepting the following conditions:

1. Installation, by the Department of Water Supply, of a second 1-inch service lateral to service a 5/8-inch meter, which shall be restricted to a maximum daily flow of 600 gallons.
2. Installation of a backflow preventer (reduced pressure type) by a licensed contractor on the applicant's property just after the meter. The installation and assembly of the backflow preventer must be inspected and approved by the Department before the water meter can be installed. The backflow preventer shall be operated and maintained by the customer. A copy of our backflow preventer handout is being forwarded to the applicant to help them understand this requirement.
3. Remittance of the following charges, which are subject to change, to our Customer Service Section prior to the Planning Department's approval for the building permit for this application:

Facilities Charge (One 2 nd service @ \$5,500.00 each)	\$5,500.00
Service Lateral Installation Charge	
<u>(Install one meter on a County road)</u>	<u>2,600.00</u>
Total (Subject to Change)	\$8,100.00

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

- b. Real Property Tax Office (RPT):
No comments were received.
- c. Department of Health (DOH) (Memorandum dated February 9, 2006):
"The use of individual wastewater systems is allowed. The type and number of individual wastewater systems to be used 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 (1st 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.

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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 ongoing agricultural activity as summarized previously in this letter. It is required that the First Party (owners and lessees) 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 First Party..
5. The First Party shall allow the Second Party or its representative to inspect the farm upon reasonable prior notice.
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 March 13, 2008 may cause the Director to initiate proceedings to invalidate the AFDA.
7. An initial extension of time for the performance of conditions within the permit may be granted by the Planning Director upon the following circumstances:
 - A. Non-performance is the result of conditions that could not have been foreseen or are beyond the control of the applicants, successors, or assigns and that are not the result of their fault or negligence.
 - B. Granting of the time extension would not be contrary to the General Plan or Zoning Code.
 - C. Granting of the time extension would not be contrary to the original reasons for the granting of the permit.

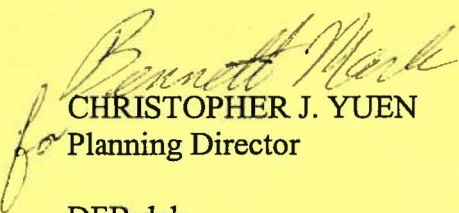
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D The time extension granted shall be for a period not to exceed the period originally granted for performance (i.e., a condition to be performed within one year may be extended for up to one additional year).

Should any of these conditions not be met or substantially complied with in a timely fashion, the Planning Director may initiate procedures to revoke this permit.

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

Sincerely,


CHRISTOPHER J. YUEN
for 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