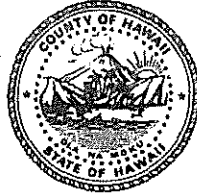


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September 20, 2006

Mr. Delfin and Mrs. Crisanta Ventura
P.O. Box 1278
Keaau, Hawaii 96749

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ventura:

SUBJECT: Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement (fda-06-000123)
Applicants: Delfin and Crisanta Ventura
Land Owner: Delfin Ventura
State Land Use: Agricultural
County Zoning: A-1a
Land Area: 1.0 Acre
Tax Map Key: (3) 1-5-035:125

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 signatures of the applicants and the landowner.
2. A farm plan or evidence of the applicants' 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:

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- i. Growing of Heliconia and ginger for the cut flower industry.
- ii. In addition to the flowers there are Manila palms, 20 rambutan trees and vegetables.
- iii. The ongoing activity (cut flowers) requires about 16 hours of labor per week for fertilizing, weeding and harvesting the cut flowers. An additional 24+ hours per week are spent cleaning, grading and preparing the cut flowers for pick-up or delivery. Cut flowers are supplied to various retail outlets on the island.

(b) Proposed agricultural activities include:

- i. Expansion of Heliconia and ginger.
 - ii. Expansion to supplying cut flowers off of the island.
3. Applicants' 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 prior to June 4, 1976, 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, evidence of a State of Hawaii General Excise Tax license (#W05396706-01) and the agreement to use the dwelling for agricultural or farm-related activity on the building site demonstrate that there is income producing agricultural activity and that the income is taxed.
4. In addition, the following agencies have submitted their comments as stated below:
 - (a) Department of Water Supply (DWS) (Letter dated September 6, 2006):

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

The subject parcel does not have an existing water service with the Department, as the parcel is not within the service limits of the Department’s existing water system. The closest point of adequacy is an existing 12-inch waterline within the Keaau-Paho Highway approximately 1,600 feet from the subject property.

Therefore, the Department has no objections to the proposed application, subject to the applicant understanding and accepting that the Department cannot provide service to the proposed additional farm dwelling.

Should there be any questions, please call Mr. Finn McCall of our Water Resources and Planning Branch at 961-8070, extension 255.”

(b) Real Property Tax Office (RPT):

The RPT did not comment on the subject application as of this date.

(c) Department of Health (DOH) (Memorandum dated September 6, 2006):

“The use of individual wastewater systems is allowed. The type and number of individual wastewater systems to be used will be determined at the time of building permit application.”

In view of the above, your request to construct a **second (first AFD) dwelling** is approved 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.

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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 comply with 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 AFDA has been approved based on ongoing and expanded 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.
6. This Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement shall be valid for a period of two (2) years from the date of this approval letter. The applicant must secure a building permit for the additional farm dwelling within that time. Failure to secure a building permit for this additional farm dwelling on or before September 21, 2008 may cause the Director to initiate proceedings to invalidate the AFDA.
7. 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.
8. Additionally, in regards to water catchment systems:

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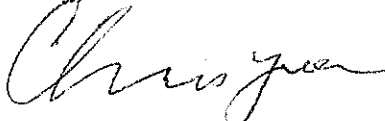
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The Department of Health's authority on drinking water quality is based on the definition of a "public water system." A "public water system" means a system which provides water for human consumption through pipe or other conveyance if such system 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.

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.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Holmes of this office.

Sincerely,



CHRISTOPHER J. YUEN

Planning Director

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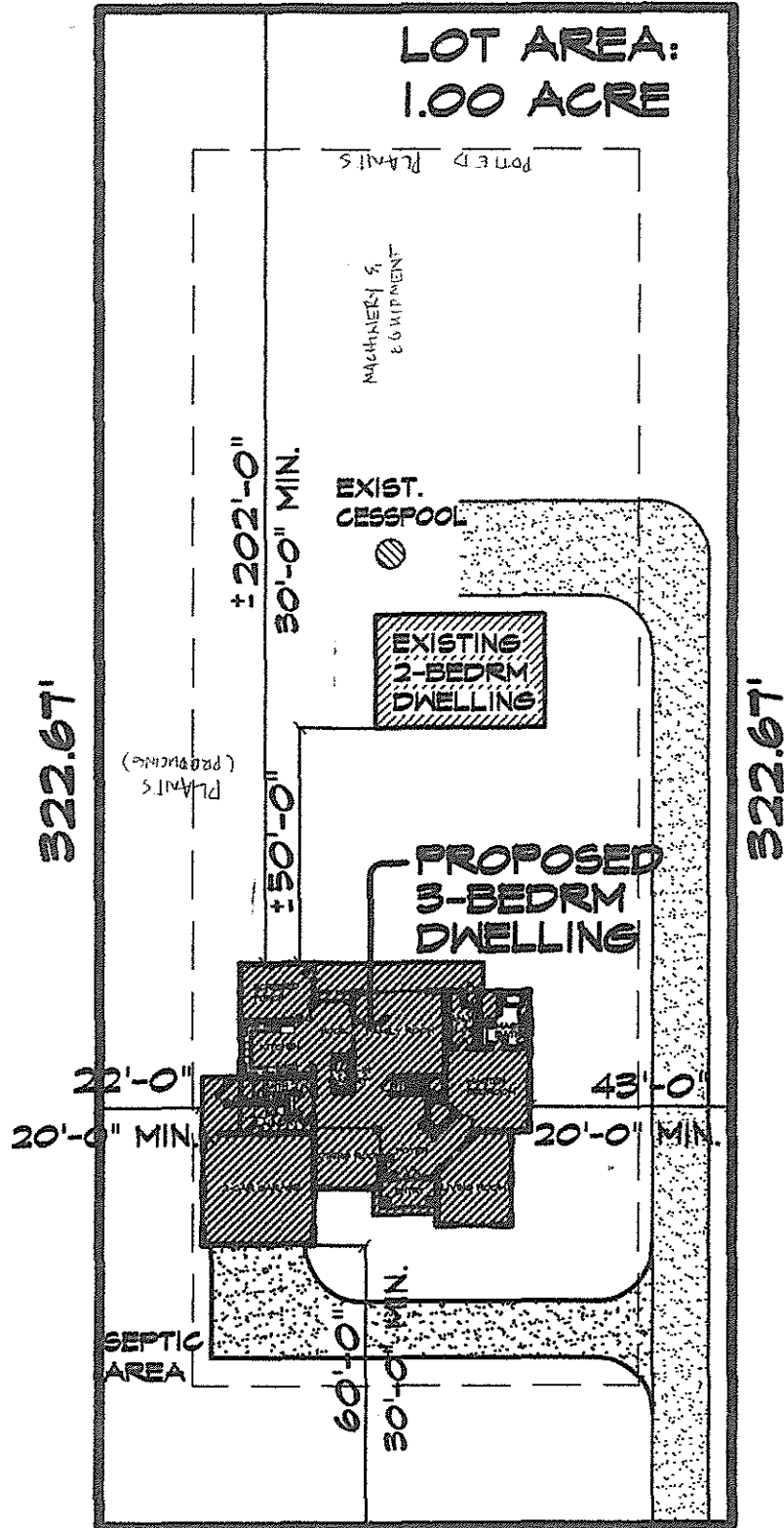
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Enclosures: AFDA document
AFDA document instruction sheet

xc: Mr. Milton Pavao, DWS
Mr. Mike McCall, RPT

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1.00 ACRE



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SITE PLAN
SCALE: 1"=40'-0"