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July 15, 2008

Rose S. Onaka 73-1253 Kukuna Street Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Dear Ms. Onaka:

SUBJECT:Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement Application (FDA-08-000217)Applicant:Rose S. OnakaOwner:Rose S. Onaka TrustState Land Use:AgricultureCounty Zoning:Agricultural (A-1a)Land Area:44,693 sq. ft.TMK:(3) 7-3-046:154

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) Proposed agricultural activities:
    - i. Harvest, plant, root and sell approximately 600 cuttings per month from existing and expanded croton, bougainvillea and hibiscus plantings within a half-acre portion of the subject property. The rooted cuttings will be sold to local plant nursery operators. Propagation activities will begin upon completion of the

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additional farm dwelling, and sales are projected to begin approximately three months thereafter. Projected annual income is approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000.

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- (b) The labor man-hours for the proposed propagation activities will average, on an annual basis, sixteen (16) or more hours per week.
- 4. Evidence of existing engagement in agricultural productivity in the form of a State of Hawaii Department of Taxation's General Excise (GE) Tax Return 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 4040) approved on January 10, 1978, 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 (No. W02522418-01), and the agreement to use the dwelling for agricultural or farm-related activity on the building site demonstrate that there is/will be income producing agricultural activity and the income is/will be taxed.
- 4. In addition, the following agencies have submitted their comments as stated below:
  - (a) The Department of Water Supply (DWS) (Memorandum dated June 16, 2008):

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

Please be informed that the subject parcel is currently served by a 5/8-inch meter, which is adequate for only one dwelling at an average daily usage of 400 gallons. Inasmuch as this application is proposing an additional dwelling, the installation of a

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separate 5/8-inch meter will be required. Water can be made available from the Department's existing 6-inch waterline within Kukuna Street, fronting 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 1-inch service lateral to service a 5/8-inch meter, which shall be restricted to a maximum daily flow of 600 gallons.
- 2. Remittance of the following charges, which are subject to change, to our Customer Service Section:

| FACILITIES CHARGE (FC):               |   |            |
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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> service to the parcel |   | \$5,500.00 |
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| SERVICE LATERAL INSTALLATION CHARGE:  |   |            |

| Install one meter on Kukuna Street, a County road | \$2,600.00 |
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| Total (Subject to Change)                         | \$8,100.00 |

Should there be any questions, please contact Mr. Ryan Quitoriano of our Water Resources and Planning Branch at 961-8070, extension 256."

### (b) Real Property Tax Office:

No comments were received.

(c) Department of Health (Memorandum dated July 8, 2008):

"We recommend that you review all of the Standard Comments on our website: <u>www.state.hi.us/health/environmental/env-planning/landuse/landuse.html</u>. Any comments specifically applicable to this project should be adhered to."

## Decision:

In view of the above, your request to construct a **second** farm 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.

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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 ("AFDA") 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 with all required attachments has been recorded at the Bureau of Conveyances.
- 3. 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 partially on your proposed 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 July 15, 2010 may cause the Director to initiate proceedings to invalidate the AFDA.

In reference to the Department of Water Supply's comment, we suggest the following:

1. Any dwelling not serviced by a County water system should be provided with and maintain a private potable rain-water catchment system with a minimum capacity of 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.

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2. Any farm dwelling should be provided with and maintain a private water supply system with an additional minimum storage capacity of 3,000 gallons for fire fighting and other emergency purposes. The emergency water supply system, including the necessary compatible connection devices and the location of the water storage unit on the property, should meet with the approval of the Hawaii County Fire Department.

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Should you have questions or require further information, please feel free to contact Keola Childs of our West Hawaii office at 327-3510.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER J. YU

Planning Director

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xc: Mr. Milton Pavao, DWSMr. Mike McCall, RPTPlanning Department – West Hawaii Office

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