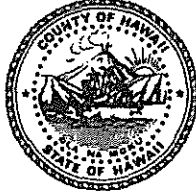


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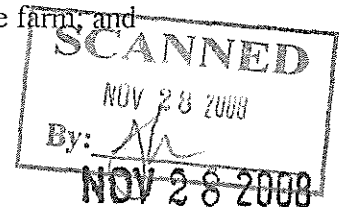
Ms. Laurel Prudholm
P.O. Box 4924
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

Dear Ms. Prudholm:

SUBJECT: Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement (FDA-08-000228)
Applicant: Laurel Prudholm
Land Owner: Laurel Prudholm
State Land Use: Agricultural
County Zoning: A-5a
Land Area: 10.6864 Acres
Tax Map Key: (3) 1-8-005:102

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 applicants/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:
 - i. The activity involves three (3) acres of anthurium propagation for harvesting and sale;
 - ii. Approximately 120 hours per week are required for running the farm, and



3. 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, Hawai'i 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 5471) approved on October 23, 1985, which, pursuant to HRS §205-4.5(b), requires the first dwelling on the lot to be a farm dwelling.
3. The Farm Plan 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.
4. In addition, the following agencies have submitted their comments as stated below:
 - a. Department of Water Supply (DWS):

No comment as of this date.
 - b. Department of Health (DOH): (memorandum dated September 26, 2008)

"Lands formerly used for sugarcane production are now being developed into communities where residential homes, schools and commercial businesses are being constructed. Chemicals associated with the sugarcane industry persist in soil today and may be a threat to public health and the environment. Elevated arsenic levels are discovered in soil at former sugarcane production areas on the island. The HEER Office has identified former sugarcane

production areas for assessment throughout the state and plans to work with property owners to conduct environmental assessments to identify and address elevated soil arsenic levels prior to finalizing development plans for the properties.

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

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 **first Additional Farm Dwelling** on the property is approved subject to the following conditions:

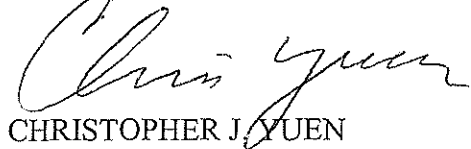
1. The AFD shall only be used to provide shelter for persons involved in the agricultural or farm-related activity on the building site. Family members who are not engaged in agricultural or farm-related activities are allowed to reside in the farm dwelling.
2. The agreement shall run with the land and 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. 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.

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4. The applicant is responsible for any State and Federal tax consequences due to the income produced from the farm activity.
5. Your AFDA has been approved based on ongoing agricultural activity as summarized previously in this letter.
6. The First Party shall allow the Second Party or its representative to inspect the farm upon reasonable prior notice.
7. This AFDA 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 BP for this additional farm dwelling on or before November 20, 2010 may cause the Director to initiate proceedings to invalidate the AFDA.

Please feel free to contact Larry Nakayama of this office at 961-8288 should you have any further questions and/or concerns.

Sincerely,



CHRISTOPHER J. YUEN
Planning Director

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Enclosures: AFDA document
AFDA document instruction sheet

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

