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Linda Kunimitsu 82-5952 Napoopoo Road Captain Cook, HI 96704

Dear Ms. Kunimitsu:

Additional Farm Dwelling Agreement (FDA-17-000425)

Applicant(s):

Linda Kunimitsu

Owner(s):

Linda Asae Kunimitsu, Trustee of the Linda Asae

Kunimitsu Revocable Trust dated April 9, 1990 Lisa T. Okada, Trustee of the Lisa T. Okada Living

Trust dated July 15, 2009

Terry T. Maruyama, Trustee for the Terry T. Maruyama Revocable Trust Agreement dated

August 30, 2001

State Land Use:

Agricultural

County Zoning:

Agricultural (A-5a)

Land Area:

10.04 acres

TMK:

(3) 8-2-009:009 (COR-17-110824)

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: maintain and harvest 4 acres of coffee

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trees and 4 acres of macadamia nut trees.

- b. The ongoing labor man-hours are approximately 35 to 40 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 prior to June 4, 1976. The subject lot was created after June and 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 (W05300622-01) for Kuni-Maru Farms, 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 identified below:
 - a. Department of Water Supply (DWS) has provided comments. (See attached copy of DWS memo dated April 27, 2017).
 - b. Real Property Tax Office (RPT):No comments were received.
 - b. Department of Health (DOH):No comments were received.

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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 \$41.00 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 primarily on proposed agricultural activity as summarized previously in this letter. It is recognized that the First Party (owners and lessees) to the Agreement shall have implemented at least 75% of the proposed farm plan within three (3) year 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 the 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 May 25, 2019 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:

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- 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.
- 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 Rosalind Newlon of our West Hawaii Office at 323-4770.

Sincerely,

Planning Director

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xc: Chief Sanitarian, DOH

Manager, DWS Administrator, RPT

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