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November 19, 2018

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Dear Mr. Lim:

DETERMINATION OF PRE-EXISTING LOTS OF RECORD
Portions of Land Commission Award 4675
Waipunalei, North Hilo, Island of Hawai'i, Hawai'i
TMK: 3-7-001:005 & 007

We have received your correspondence dated September 19, 2018, requesting verification that the subject Tax Map Keys are pre-existing lots of record.

The County Council recently passed an amendment to the Hawai'i County Code (HCC), Chapter 23, Subdivision, Article 11, Section 23-118 to expand the criteria for the recognition of pre-existing lots of record to include provisions for how property has historically been recorded at the Bureau of Conveyances, Land Court and/or the Tax Maps Bureau. Specifically, Section 23-118 was amended with this additional criterion:

“(c) The lot was created through evidence of a properly prepared deed and/or subdivision plat for fee simple ownership of such lot to a grantee other than the grantor or a grantor’s trust which deed was recorded at the State of Hawai'i Bureau of Conveyances or with the Registrar of the Land Court prior to May 1, 1999, and was subsequently depicted on a County of Hawai'i Tax Map, was issued a tax map parcel number therefor, and was individually assessed for real property taxation purposes.”

We have reviewed the documents submitted, our department records and those of the Department of Finance–Real Property Tax Division (RPT) in accordance with Article 11 (Pre-existing Lots) of the Subdivision Code (Sections 23-117 through 23-120).

Our review of the records has found the following history:

1. Parcel 005 is depicted on the first Tax Map Bureau plat of January 29, 1935, containing an area of 213.3 acres;
2. Parcel 007 (201.30 acres) was created by Exchange Lease recorded at the Bureau of Conveyances on December 3, 1961 in libre 4285, at page 266;
3. Neither Parcel has been in continuous lease since Parcel 007's creation in 1961.

Therefore, since Parcel 007 was created by a lease and not in fee simple ownership, as required in Section 23-118 (c), we state that the combined Parcels 005 and 007, consisting of a total area of 213.3 acres, comprise just one (1) legal pre-existing lot of record. This re-confirms a previous determination dated September 25, 2000 recognizing one (1) parcel.

Should you disagree with this determination, the remedy is to bring the matter before the Board of Appeals.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 99-112, you may appeal the director's decision as follows:

- (a) Any person aggrieved by the decision of the director in the administration or application of this chapter, may, within thirty days after the date of the director's written decision, appeal the decision to the board of appeals.
- (b) A person is aggrieved by a decision of the director if:
 - (1) The person has an interest in the subject matter of the decision that is so directly and immediately affected, that the person's interest is clearly distinguishable from that of the general public; and
 - (2) The person is or will be adversely affected by the decision.
- (c) An appeal shall be in writing, in the form prescribed by the board of appeals and shall specify the person's interest in the subject matter of the appeal and the grounds of the appeal. A filing fee of \$250 shall accompany any such appeal. The person appealing a decision of the director shall provide a copy of the appeal to the director and to the owners of the affected property and shall provide the board of appeals with the proof of service.

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(d) The appellant, the owners of the affected property, and the director shall be parties to an appeal. Other persons may be admitted as parties to an appeal. Other persons may be admitted as parties to an appeal, as permitted by the board of appeals.

The board of appeals may affirm the decision of the director, or it may reverse or modify the decision, or it may remand the decision with appropriate instructions if based upon the preponderance of evidence the board finds that:

- (1) The director erred in its decision; or
- (2) The decision violated this chapter or other applicable law; or
- (3) The decision was arbitrary or capricious or characterized by an abuse of discretion or clearly unwarranted exercise of discretion.

In view of the above and for your reference, we have enclosed the GENERAL PETITION FOR APPEAL OF DECISIONS BY PLANNING DIRECTOR form.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Hans Santiago or Jonathan Holmes of this department.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL YEE
Planning Director

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GENERAL PETITION FOR APPEAL OF DECISIONS BY PLANNING DIRECTOR OR PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

(Type or legibly print the requested information. See instructions attached.)

TYPE OF PETITION:

- Appeal of Planning Director's Decision
 Appeal of Public Works Director's Decision

APPELLANT: _____

APPELLANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ (EMAIL): _____

APPELLANT'S INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY: _____

APPELLANT'S NATURE OF APPEAL AND REQUEST: _____

LAND OWNER: _____

TAX MAP KEY:(land in question) _____ AREA OF PROPERTY: _____

STATE LAND USE DESIGNATION: _____ COUNTY ZONING: _____

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: _____

APPELLANT'S REPRESENTATIVE: _____ TITLE: _____

REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

REPRESENTATIVE'S ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ (EMAIL): _____

■ See instructions attached.

INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL PETITION FOR APPEAL OF DECISIONS BY PLANNING DIRECTOR OR PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Board of Appeals Rules of Practice and Procedure (RPP) can be reviewed in the Planning Department or on the following website: <http://www.hiplanningdept.com/boards-and-committees/>

1. This petition must be accompanied by a filing fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) payable to the County Director of Finance [RPP Section 8-7], and:
2. The original and ten (10) copies of this completed petition with the following:
 - a. A description of the property involved in the appeal in sufficient detail for the public to precisely locate the property.
 - b. A statement explaining the nature of the appeal and the relief requested.
 - c. A statement explaining:
 - (i) How the decision appealed from violates the law; or
 - (ii) How the decision appealed from is clearly erroneous; or
 - (iii) How the decision appealed from was arbitrary or capricious, or characterized by an abuse of discretion or clearly unwarranted exercise of discretion.
 - d. A clear and concise statement of any other relevant facts.
3. Proof of Service by the Appellant to the Director and all landowners of the affected property, as reflected in County Real Property Tax Division records, if owners are not the Appellants [RPP Section 8-8].
4. A list of the names, address and tax map keys of all owners of property within three hundred feet (300') of the perimeter boundary of the affected property. [RPP Section 8-11(d)]
If the decision being appealed was made under the Hawai'i County Code (HCC) Zoning Chapter 25 and the affected property is within the state land use agricultural district, Appellant must provide a list of names, address and tax map keys for all owners of property within five hundred feet (500') of the perimeter boundary of the affected property. [HCC Section 25-2-4]

Completed petitions should be remitted to the Board of Appeals, 101 Pauahi Street, Suite 3, Hilo, HI 96720. For questions, please call 808-961-8288 or email planning@hawaiicounty.gov.