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April 15, 2004

Mr. Sidney Fuke, Planning Consultant 100 Pauahi Street, Suite 212 Hilo, HI 96720

Dear Mr. Fuke:

SUBJECT: Non-Significant Zoning Change Application (NZC 04-001)

Applicant: Mauna Lani Resort (Operation), Inc.

Kalahuipuaa, South Kohala

TMK: 6-8-22:15

This is to acknowledge receipt on March 18, 2004 of your request, on behalf of Mauna Lani Resort (Operation), Inc., for a determination of a non-significant zoning change in accordance with Section 25-2-45 of Chapter 25, Hawaii County Code and Planning Department Rule No. 8.

Your request is to adjust the zoning boundaries on the mauka side of the 31.019 acre parcel by exchanging .889 acre of Open (O) zoned land for a .332 acre and a .557 acre (total of .889 acre) of Resort (V-1.25) zoned land. It affects a portion of the existing tennis courts, as well as the landscaped area leading into the parking lot. All are contiguous to each other.

The Mauna Lani Resort area was initially zoned for resort and related urban-type uses in 1976. This adjustment is required to allow for the construction of a 10,800 square foot open pavilion in the area of the existing tennis courts. The tennis facility would be relocated to the resort's sports and fitness center.

While the zoning adjustment involves different areas that are contiguous to each other, there will be no increase or decrease in the land area for each of the affected zoning district.

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According to Section 25-2-45 of the Zoning Code regarding Non-Significant Zoning Changes, the Planning Director may administratively grant non-significant zoning changes that must comply with the designations for the property set forth in the general plan and any development plan adopted by ordinance, and must either:

- (1) Not result in a net increase in the density allowed in the zoning district(s) containing the affected area; *or*
- (2) Be the lesser of a five percent or one acre increase or decrease in the area of any zoning district(s).

Upon review of the request, we have determined that it complies with the criteria set forth in Section 25-2-45(a)(2) of Chapter 25, Hawaii County Code, for determining non-significant zoning changes.

- 1) The adjustment of zoning boundaries will not result in any increase in the zoning densities. The total area of the adjustment is an equal .889 acre each.
- 2) The area under review is in compliance with the General Plan. The project site is situated within an area designated as a "Resort" by the General Plan Land Use Pattern Allocation Guide (LUPAG) map.
- 3) The changes will not result in a net increase in the density allowed in the zoning districts containing the affected area. There is no increase or decrease in the land area for each of the affected zoning district.

Based on the above, we hereby administratively grant the requested non-significant zoning changes.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Esther Imamura or Susan Gagorik of this office at 961-8288.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER JAYUEN

Planning Director

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