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May 5, 2011

Mr. Yasuo Higa  
750 Ainaola Drive  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Dear Mr. Higa:

**Subject: Ohana Dwelling Unit Permit Application (OHD-11-000137)**  
**Applicant(s): Yasuo Higa**  
**Land Owner(s): Yasuo Higa, Lori Chun, Darryl Goya, Donna Goya, Larry Goya, Sherrilea Katasako, Sheila Maedo, Shigeo Maedo Trust, and Lorna Takahashi**  
**Proposal: Construct a Detached Ohana Dwelling Unit**  
**Tax Map Key: (3) 2-4-039:001**

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The subject Application for an Ohana Dwelling Unit Permit was reviewed by the required agencies and their respective comments are as follows:

1. The Department of Public Works (DPW) (Review dated April 18, 2011):

"No comments."

2. The Department of Water Supply (DWS) (letter dated April 28, 2011):

"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 separate 5/8-inch meter will be required. Water can be

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made available from the Department's existing 8-inch waterline within Ainaola Drive, 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 second 1-inch service lateral to service a 5/8-inch meter, which shall be restricted to a maximum daily flow of 400 gallons.
2. Remittance of the following charges, which are subject to change, to our Customer Service Section:

**FACILITIES CHARGE (FC):**

2 <sup>nd</sup> service to the parcel	\$5,500.00
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**SERVICE LATERAL INSTALLATION CHARGE:**

<u>Install one meter on Ainaola Drive, a County road</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
<b>Total (Subject to Change)</b>	<b>\$8,500.00</b>

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

3. The State of Hawaii Department of Health (DOH-HILO) (memorandum dated April 8, 2011):

"The use of individual wastewater systems is allowed. The type and number of individual wastewater systems to be used will be determined by the wastewater rules in effect at the time of building permit application.

We recommend that you review all of the Standard Comments on our website: <http://hawaii.gov/health/environmental/env-planning/landuse/landuse.html>. Any comments specifically applicable to this project should be adhered to.

The same website also features a Healthy Community Design Smart Growth Checklist (Checklist) created by Built Environment Working Group (BEWG) of the Hawaii State Department of Health. The BEWG recommends that state



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and county planning departments, developers, planners, engineers and other interested parties apply the healthy built environment principles in the Checklist whenever they plan or review new developments or redevelopments projects. We also ask you to share this list with others to increase community awareness on healthy community design.”

4. The Hawaii County Fire Department (HFD) (Letter dated March 30, 2011):

“In regards to the above-mentioned Ohana Dwelling Unit Permit application, we offer the following response:

We have reviewed and approved your request for the allowance of an 18’ wide pavement contingent upon meeting all other parameters of the fire apparatus access road as listed below, with the exception of subsection item C.

Fire apparatus access roads shall be in accordance with UFC Section 10.207:

**“Fire Apparatus Access Roads**

**“Sec. 10.207. (a) General.** Fire apparatus access roads shall be provided and maintained in accordance with the provisions of this section.

**“(b) Where Required.** Fire apparatus access roads shall be required for every building hereafter constructed when any portion of an exterior wall of the first story is located more than 150 feet from fire department vehicle access as measured by an unobstructed route around the exterior of the building.

**“EXCEPTIONS:** 1. When buildings are completely protected with an approved automatic fire sprinkler system, the provisions of this section may be modified.

“2. When access roadways cannot be installed due to topography, waterways, nonnegotiable grades or other similar conditions, the chief may require additional fire protection as specified in Section 10.301 (b).

“3. When there are not more than two Group R, Division 3 or Group M Occupancies, the requirements of this section may be modified, provided,

in the opinion of the chief, fire-fighting or rescue operations would not be impaired.

“More than one fire apparatus road may be required when it is determined by the chief that access by a single road may be impaired by vehicle congestion, condition of terrain, climatic conditions or other factors that could limit access.

“For high-piled combustible storage, see Section 81.109.

“(c) **Width.** The unobstructed width of a fire apparatus access road shall meet the requirements of the appropriate county jurisdiction.

“(d) **Vertical Clearance.** Fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 13 feet 6 inches.

“**EXCEPTION:** Upon approval vertical clearance may be reduced, provided such reduction does not impair access by fire apparatus and approved signs are installed and maintained indicating the established vertical clearance.

“(e) **Permissible Modifications.** Vertical clearances or widths required by this section may be increased when, in the opinion of the chief, vertical clearances or widths are not adequate to provide fire apparatus access.

“(f) **Surface.** Fire apparatus access roads shall be designed and maintained to support the imposed loads of fire apparatus and shall be provided with a surface so as to provide all-weather driving capabilities.” (20 tons)

“(g) **Turning Radius.** The turning radius of a fire apparatus access road shall be as approved by the chief.” (45 feet)

“(h) **Turnarounds.** All dead-end fire apparatus access roads in excess of 150 feet in length shall be provided with approved provisions for the turning around of fire apparatus.

“(i) **Bridges.** When a bridge is required to be used as access under this section, it shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the



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applicable sections of the Building Code and using designed live loading sufficient to carry the imposed loads of fire apparatus.

“(j) **Grade.** The gradient for a fire apparatus access road shall not exceed the maximum approved by the chief.” (15%)

“(k) **Obstruction.** The required width of any fire apparatus access road shall not be obstructed in any manner, including parking of vehicles. Minimum required widths and clearances established under this section shall be maintained at all times.

“(l) **Signs.** When required by the fire chief, approved signs or other approved notices shall be provided and maintained for fire apparatus access roads to identify such roads and prohibit the obstruction thereof or both.”

We note the following two (2) documents that accompanied your Ohana Dwelling Application. The original notarized affidavits of February 21, 2011 state the following:

1. “I Yasuo Higa of 750 Ainaola Drive Hilo, Hawaii 96720 Tax Map Key # 2-4-039-0010000 do hereby state that provisions of any restriction, covenant or other land use restriction applicable to the lot by way of a deed or lease or other provision do not prohibit the construction or placement of an ohana dwelling unit or a second dwelling unit.”
2. “I Yasuo Higa grantor and personal representative of Tax Map Key # 2-4-039-001 do hereby say that I have an undivided 1/12 interest and an 1/48 undivided interest in Tax Map Key # 2-4-039-001.”

In view of the above, by this letter, you are hereby **granted** permission to construct a detached single-family Ohana Dwelling Unit subject to the following conditions:

1. The proposed Ohana Dwelling Unit shall comply with Ordinance No. 96-47 and Rule 12, the County of Hawaii Planning Department's Rules of Practice and Procedure relating to Ohana Dwelling Units.
2. Non-transferability: The permit for the Ohana Dwelling Unit shall be personal to the applicant until construction of the Ohana Dwelling Unit has been completed. The permit shall not be transferable or assignable to any other person prior to its completion to the satisfaction of the Chief Engineer, Department of Public Works.



3. Prohibition of Advertising, Sales, and Transfers: No person shall advertise or represent to the public that a permit to construct an Ohana Dwelling Unit is transferable with the sale of the property on which the permit has been granted.
4. Building Permit: **The applicant is required to secure a building permit from the Department of Public Works, Building Division, for the construction of the Ohana Dwelling Unit on or before May 5, 2012.**

Please bring or attach a copy of this Permit to assist the reviewing agencies in understanding and expediting the review and processing of the building construction plans and building permit application for the additional building improvements necessary to establish the Ohana Dwelling on the subject parcel.

- a) A one time 30-day time extension to obtain the building permit may be granted by the Planning Director. A written request for a time extension shall be filed with the Planning Director not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration date of the Ohana Dwelling Unit permit. The Planning Director shall render a decision on the request for a time extension prior to the expiration date of the permit.
  - b) The applicant shall not be able to obtain further extensions beyond the initial 30-day time extension. Further, such failure to conform to the time requirement shall not be cause to petition the Planning Director, Board of Appeals or any other governmental body for relief from the time requirement.
5. Requirements for Height, Site Area (Lot size), Yard (Setback) and Off-Street Parking (Parking spaces):
- a) Height limit: The height limit for the proposed Detached Ohana Dwelling Unit shall be twenty-five (25'-0") feet.
  - b) Zoning and Minimum Building Site Area (Lot Size): The subject TMK parcel containing 29.669 acres is zoned Agriculture (A-3a) by the County and is situated within the State Land Use Urban district.
  - c) Minimum Yards (Setbacks) and Open Space: The proposed Dwelling Unit is required to comply with the yards and open space requirements of the Hawaii County Zoning Code.

The respective minimum open space, front, rear, and side yard requirements for the proposed detached Ohana Dwelling Unit to be located on the subject TMK property shall be as follows:

- Front yard - minimum **thirty-five** (35) feet required;
- Rear yard – minimum **thirty-five** (35) feet required;
- Side yard(s) – minimum **twenty-five** (25) feet required;
- Open space from other main structure(s) – minimum **fifteen** (15) feet required.

d) Off-Street Parking: The Ohana Dwelling Unit shall be provided with a minimum of two (2) off-street parking spaces that comply with the requirements of Section 25-4-53 of the Zoning Code. All existing and additional parking spaces shall be arranged so as to be individually accessible.

6. The DWS requires that an additional meter be installed for the Ohana Dwelling Unit. Prior to, or at the time of, submitting an application for a building permit for this dwelling, present proof of conformance with that condition. The building permit application will not be approved by the Planning Department without said proof.
7. This Ohana Dwelling permit is subject to all other applicable rules, regulations and requirements of the Planning Department, Department of Public Works, Fire Department and State Department of Health and other reviewing agencies/divisions listed on the Building Permit.

Ohana Dwelling Units are prohibited on a building site that is the subject of an approved variance from the Subdivision Code (Chapter 23), the Zoning Code (Chapter 25), and property where a second Dwelling Unit is specifically prohibited by a change of zone ordinance.

- a) No variance from the requirements of Chapter 23 and Chapter 25, Hawaii County Code, as amended, shall be granted to permit the construction or placement of an Ohana Dwelling Unit.

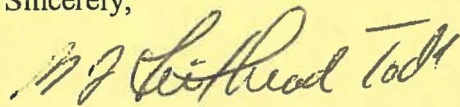


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- b) An Ohana Dwelling Unit shall not be permitted on a lot which has been the subject of a previously granted variance from any provision of Chapter 23 and Chapter 25, Hawaii County Code, as amended.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Jonathan Holmes of this office.

Sincerely,



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Planning Director

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