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August 15, 2006

Mr. Frederick Guy Lam P. O. Box 9007 Kailua-Kona, HI 96745

Dear Mr. Lam:

WATER VAR	IANCE APPLICATION-VAR 06-061
Applicant:	FREDERICK GUY LAM
Owner:	FREDERICK GUY LAM, ET AL.
Request:	Variance from Chapter 23, Subdivisions,
-	Water Supply
Tax Map Key:	8-8-002:005

Your variance application and submittals received on or about August 9, 2006 were considered by the Hilo-Ministerial Division. This office will not process any variance request from Chapter 23, Subdivisions, until comments (DWS) and other agency comments, including the DPW, DOH, etc., to a subdivision application are received. The variance request is premature and we are returning the original and copy(s) of the variance application form, attachments, and refunding the \$250 filing fee submitted.

In addition to the enclosures, we have the following comments:

 You submitted an Application For Variance From Zoning Code (Chapter 25) and \$250 filing fee. The enclosed (blank) <u>Application For Variance From Subdivision</u> <u>Code (Chapter 23)</u> should be utilized and completed and attached to any variance request or application from Chapter 23, Subdivisions. In addition, please note the variance filing fee is \$100, and variance procedures, e.g. posting a sign on the property, notification, etc. from Chapter 23, Subdivisions are different from variance procedures associated with applying for a variance from Chapter 25, Zoning. Mr. Frederick Guy Lam Page 2 August 15, 2006

> According to your original background report, in lieu of providing a water supply to a proposed 8-lot subdivision of the subject TMK property in accordance with <u>Chapter 23, Subdivisions</u>, "the Applicant is proposing to utilize a water catchment system for domestic consumption, agricultural pursuits and fire fighting purposes". This report purports that the annual precipitation within the property or surrounding areas (measured over a course of 3-years) is between 13.5 inches 49.63 inches. Other calculations or "variables" were based on a "5" of rainfall/year" or "Rainfall average" (60 inches/year), etc.

2. A cursory graphic or map study of the subject TMK property indicates the subject TMK property is below the 60 inch isohyet line; and, other published rainfall data maintained for the South Kona district indicates that this property and surrounding areas receive <u>less</u> than 60 inches of rainfall annually. A proposed subdivision of the subject 43 + acre TMK property is subject to Rule No. 22 (Water Variance). In view of the foregoing, we are enclosing copy of Rule No. 22 attached to a staff memorandum dated March 13, 2006. In view of the rainfall information cited in your background report, other data indicating the subject TMK property receives less than 60 inches of rainfall annually, and Rule No. 22, a proposed subdivision of your TMK property zoned A-5a utilizing private rainwater catchment systems would be limited to two (2) 40 + acre lots only.

3. In addition to water supply, minimum road improvements pursuant to Chapter 23, Subdivisions and DPW will be required; and, other requirements, e.g. minimum lot size, minimum average lot width, etc. must be addressed and met

Please note the mere submittal of a completed and signed variance application from Chapter 23, Subdivisions, and processing of a variance application from Chapter 23 or Chapter 25 by the Planning Department does not imply tacit approval of the variance request.

Your original \$250.00 variance filing fee will be refunded to you under separate cover.

Mr. Frederick Guy Lam Page 3 August 15, 2006

<u>Please attach a copy of this letter to any revised application, including appropriate filing</u> <u>fee: and, contact staff to review the revised application and other submittals before</u> submitting a variance application to our Kona or Hilo offices.

Any questions regarding the enclosures should be directed to our Hilo office at telephone (808)

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER J. YUEN Planning Director

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Enclosures

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VARIANCE

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OWNER: FREDERICK GUY LAM, a married m	man, as Tenant in Severalty,
ρ / $c_{\rm r}$ /	(see description Attachment #1) DATE: 2/7/06
ADDRESS: _ c/o P.O. Box 9007, Kailua-Ko	ona, HI 96745
TELEPHONE: (Bus.) 808-325-0199	(Home) <u>808-885-7249</u>
REQUEST: <u>Water Variance as parcel is</u>	s located in the <u>60" per year</u>
rainfall_zone	
TAX MAP KEY: <u>8-8-02:05</u>	SUBDIVISION #:
AREA OF PROPERTY: _43.56 acres	ZONING OF PARCEL: AG-5
REPRESENTATIVE/APPLICANT:Frederick	Guy Lam
ADDRESS: <u>c/o P.O. Box 9007</u> Kailua-Kona, HI 96745 FELEPHONE: <u>808-325-0199 x-102</u>	DATE:

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APPLICANT'S REASONS(S) FOR REQUESTING A VARIANCE: (Please attach a detailed written explanation of the Purpose or Nature of the request. Photos and maps may be included.)

No variance may be granted unless it is found that:

- 1. There are special or unusual circumstances applying to the subject real property which exist either to a degree which deprives the owner or applicant of substantial property rights that would otherwise be available or to a degree which obviously interferes with the best use or manner of development of that property;
- 2. There are no other reasonable alternatives that would resolve the difficulty; and
- 3. The variance shall be consistent with the general purpose of the zoning district, the intent and purpose of the Zoning and Subdivision Codes, and the County General Plan and will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or cause substantial, adverse impact to an area's character or to adjoining properties.

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A FILING FEE OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250) payable to the County Director of Finance.

AND:

- 1. The Original and four (4) copies of the completed application form with attachments;
- 2. Five (5) copies of description of the property in sufficient detail for the public to precisely locate the property;
- 3. Five (5) copies of a scale-drawn plot plan of the property showing all existing and proposed structures and improvements including any intrusions into setbacks; and
- 4. A list of the names, address and tax map keys of all owners of property within boundaries established by Section 25-2-4 of the Zoning Code.
- 5. A certification of clearance (from the Director of Finance that the real property taxes and all other fees relating to the subject parcel(s) have been paid and that there are no outstanding delinquencies) shall accompany this Application.