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December 11, 2017

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Dear Ms. Mikkelson:

SUBJECT: VARIANCE DECISION - VARIANCE - VAR-17-000450
Applicant: LORI MIKKELSON, ALL AINA SERVICES
Owners: MICHAEL KALOA & KRISTA CUMMISFORD ANDERSON
Request: Variance from Chapter 23, Subdivisions, Article 6,
Division 2, Improvements Required, Section 23-84,
Water Supply
Tax Map Key: 6-4-017:049 (SUB-16-001659)

Upon review of your variance application, the Planning Director certifies the **partial approval** of Variance VAR-17-000450, subject to variance conditions. The variance grants relief for SUB-16-001659 from constructing minimum County dedicable water supply system improvements related to fire flow at a new fire hydrant for the two (2) lot subdivision as required by Hawai'i County Code (HCC), Chapter 23 (Subdivisions). **The variance does not allow for rain water catchment systems for domestic and potable water use, only relief from improvements to provide adequate fire flow at a new fire hydrant.**

The variance is from the proposed subdivision's minimum requirements pursuant to HCC, Chapter 23 (Subdivisions), Article 6, Division 2, Improvements Required, Section 23-84, Water Supply, (1)(2).

BACKGROUND

1. **Location.** The referenced property, Lot 4, being a portion of Lot 111-B, Pu'u kapu Homesteads, 2nd Series, being also a portion of Grant 8124, containing approximately 2.386 acres, is situated in Pu'u kapu, South Kohala, Hawai'i.
2. **County Zoning.** Agricultural, 1 acres (A-1a).

3. **State Land Use.** Agricultural (A).
4. **General Plan.** Land Use Pattern Allocation Guide (LUPAG) map designates the property as Extensive Agricultural (ea).
5. **Subdivision Code Requirements.** The subdivision code requires that subdivisions be served by a water system meeting the minimum requirements of the County Department of Water Supply (DWS) and be provided with water mains and fire hydrants installed to and within the subdivision in accordance with the rules and regulations of the DWS.
6. **Subdivision Request/PPM.** Subdivision application SUB-16-001659 was submitted to subdivide the subject TMK property into 2 lots. Further action on the subdivision application has been deferred pursuant to this variance application in response to water system requirements outlined in our letter of Tentative Subdivision Approval dated May 5, 2017.
7. **Variance Application.** The variance request from water supply improvements for the two (2) lots was acknowledged by Planning Department letter dated October 23, 2017. This variance application includes background history and circumstances and information regarding the pending subdivision application. There is a 5/8" meter serving the subject property. There is an additional service available for the proposed second lot. However, the existing fire hydrant within Nani Waimea Street is inadequate to provide the required water flow needed for fire protection and would require extensive water system facilities improvements to achieve adequacy.
8. **Agency Comments and Requirements.**
 - a. State of Hawai'i-Department of Health (DOH): See attached memorandum dated October 26, 2017 **(Exhibit A)**.
 - b. County of Hawai'i Fire Department (HFD):See attached memoranda dated November 2, 2017. **(Exhibit B)**.
 - c. Department of Water Supply (DWS): See attached memoranda dated November 9, 2017. **(Exhibit C)** We have also attached their comments in response to the subdivision application. **(Exhibit D)**
 - d. No other agency comments were solicited and none were received.

9. **Notice to Surrounding Owners/Posted Sign.** The applicant submitted evidence, dated October 12, 2016 regarding the posting of a public notification sign on the subject property pursuant to Section 23-17(c) of the Hawai'i County Code (HCC). A picture of the posted sign was also submitted. The evidence also indicates that a notice of the application was sent to the surrounding property owners as required by Section 23-17(a).
10. **Comments from Surrounding Property Owners or Public.** There were no written comments on this application received from the surrounding property owners or the public.

ANALYSIS OF GROUNDS FOR VARIANCE

No variance will be granted unless it is found that:

- (a) *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.*

The Variance application meets criterion (a) for the following reasons(s):

The subdivision request is for two (2) lots in keeping with the existing A-1a zoning. Although a dedicable water system is a requirement of the code, it would be unreasonable for the subdividers alone to shoulder the costs associated with upgrading the DWS system to provide adequate fire flow at the existing fire hydrant per DWS standards. At an estimated cost in excess of \$50,000.00, it would be unreasonable to expect the owners to construct the approximately 1,500 linear feet of 6-inch water main upgrade to achieve the necessary fire flow at the fire hydrant. Therefore, in lieu of constructing water system improvements to either extend/upgrade the DWS facilities or provide a private water system to DWS standards for the pending 2-lot subdivision, a more reasonable alternative can be allowed through providing on-site emergency water storage with HFD apparatus-compatible fittings.

There is an additional meter available for the proposed second lot. However, the existing fire hydrant served by the 4-inch waterline, in lieu of a 6-inch waterline, within Nani Waimea Street is inadequate to provide the required fire flow needed for fire protection and would require extensive water system facilities improvements to achieve adequacy.

The above special and unusual circumstances would deprive the applicant from developing this property and interferes with the best use of this property.

Therefore, for this two-lot subdivision, the best use and manner of the development allows for individual emergency water storage for lots with HFD apparatus-compatible fittings.

(b) *There are no other reasonable alternatives that would resolve the difficulty.*

The Variance application meets criterion (b) for the following reasons(s):

The DWS has indicated that the property is served by one water meter and has a second service available. However, the present water system facilities cannot provide adequate fire flow at the nearest fire hydrant, approximately 140 feet away, in Nani Waimea Street. Constructing water system improvements to extend some 1,500 feet of 6-inch waterline and installation of a new fire hydrant to obtain adequate fire flow would be placing excessive demands upon only the applicant as the improvement would benefit many others. To place the cost of the DWS required improvements upon only the applicant is overly burdensome for only one additional lot.

(c) *The variance will be consistent with the general purpose of the district, the intent and purpose of this chapter, 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.*

The Variance application meets criterion (c) for the following reasons(s):

Given that a reasonable alternative to installing the 1,500 feet of 6-inch waterline and a fire hydrant by providing a private emergency water storage system with compatible fittings for firefighting purposes will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare as it serves only this two (2) lot subdivision. There will be no effect to the surrounding lots as this is an existing situation at least since 1972 when the original two water commitments were granted to the subject property.

Subject to conditions, granting of the variance will not cause substantial, adverse impact to the area's character or to adjoining properties. The use of the private emergency water storage will serve only the present subdivision but might be an asset to the area should the need arise.

DETERMINATION-VARIANCE CONDITIONS

The variance to permit the proposed 2-lot subdivision of the subject TMK property without providing dedicable water system improvements meeting DWS standards for fire flow at a fire hydrant, is hereby **approved** subject to the following variance conditions:

1. The applicant, owners, their assigns, or successors shall be responsible for complying with all stated conditions of approval.
2. Should the Council adopt a Unified Impact Fees Ordinance setting forth criteria for the imposition of exactions or the assessment of impact fees, conditions included herein shall be credited towards the requirements of the Unified Impact Fees Ordinance.
3. The owners, their assigns, or successors shall file a written agreement document with the Planning Department within one (1) year from this variance approval. This written agreement shall contain deed language, being covenants, conditions, and restrictions affecting the two (2) lots created by the proposed subdivision which are not serviced by a County dedicable public water system capable of providing adequate fire flow.

The agreement shall be duly recorded at the State of Hawai'i Bureau of Conveyances by and at the cost and expense of the owners. A copy of the recorded document shall be supplied to the Planning Department for our files.

In the event that there are any amendments or changes to the subdivision after the agreement is signed, the applicant shall be responsible for informing the County Planning Department of such amendments or changes so that the agreement can be amended concomitantly. Further, the recorded agreement shall be binding upon the owner(s), their successors or assigns and shall be incorporated as an exhibit and made part of each agreement of sale, deed, lease, or similar documents affecting the title of the existing property or approved subdivided lots.

4. The subdivider and all grantees, successors, and assigns acknowledge that the parcels were created by a variance, from the normal subdivision requirements of Hawai'i County, and that there are no longer any special or unusual circumstances applying to the property, and hence, no grounds exist or will exist for another variance, from the Subdivision Code to permit further subdivision of the properties, unless County dedicable public water system requirements and other requirements of HCC Chapter 23, Subdivisions, are met.
5. The owners, grantees, successors, and assigns agree and accept the fact that a County dedicable public water system, will not be extended, to serve the fire flow requirements of lots within proposed subdivision SUB-16-001659.

6. The owners, grantees, successors, and assigns agree and accept the fact that the County will not bear the responsibility of supplying public water of sufficient fire flow capability for the subdivided lots and surrounding area. No further subdivision of the lots, will be permitted unless County dedicable public water system requirements and other requirements of HCC Chapter 23, Subdivisions, are met.
7. No condominium property regime will be allowed, nor will an Ohana Dwelling Unit be permitted or allowed on the subdivided lots.
8. Any dwelling or accessory structure constructed on any created lot not served by adequate fire flow capability by the DWS, shall be provided with and maintain a private emergency water storage system, which is compliant with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 1) Uniform Fire Code, 2006 Edition (as amended by the County of Hawai'i), Chapter 18 (especially Section 18.3.8, Minimum water supply for buildings that do not meet the minimum County water standards).
9. In the event that the County notifies the owner(s) of the lot(s) created that the County water system has been upgraded or an improvement district initiated to enable adequate fire flow service to the lots and surrounding area, the owner(s) of the subdivided lots shall participate in such improvement district or shall pay their pro-rata share of the upgrade and installation of water system facilities, as determined by the DWS.
10. The pending subdivision application's (SUB-16-001659) final plat map shall meet all the requirements of the Hawai'i County Zoning Code and the Subdivision Code that are not covered by this variance.
11. The subdivider, owner(s), their assigns or successors shall pay any outstanding real property taxes and comply with all other applicable State statutes and County ordinances pertaining to building improvements, land use and the public's health, safety and welfare.

Should any of the foregoing conditions not be complied with, the Planning Director may proceed to declare this Variance Permit null and void.

In accordance with Section 23-5, 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.
- (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.
- (e) 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 AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR form.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL YEE
Planning Director

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Encls: Agency Comments, Exhibits A-D
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cc: DWS-Engineering Branch
HFD
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cc w/encls: Michael K. & Krista C. Anderson
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G. Bailado, GIS Section (via email)



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PLANNING DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF HAWAII

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 26, 2017

TO: Mr. Michael Yee
Planning Director, County of Hawaii

FROM: Eric Honda *EH*
District Environmental Health Program Chief

SUBJECT: Application: Variance VAR-17-000450
Applicant: LORI MIKKELSON, ALL AINA SERVICES
Owners: MICHAEL KALOA & KRISTA CUMMISFORD ANDERSON
Request: Variance from Chapter 23, Subdivisions, Article 6,
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TMK: 6-4-017:049 (SUB-16-001659)

Public Water Systems: The Department of Health's Safe Drinking Water Branch authority on drinking water quality is based on the definition of a "public water system." Federal and state regulations define a public water system as a system that serves 25 or more individuals at least 60 days per year or has at least 15 service connections. All public water system owners and operators are required to comply with Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter 11-20 (HAR 11-20), and titled "Rules Relating to Public Water Systems". All public water systems are regulated by the Department of Health and shall be in compliance with the Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 20. Recommend the subdivision lots be connected to an existing public water system.

Concerns on water quality for lead, copper, algae and microbiological and chemical contaminations in private water systems have identified the need for self monitoring. The Department of Health does not support the use of these private rain catchment systems for drinking purposes since the quality may not meet potable water standards.

All new public water systems are required to demonstrate and meet minimum capacity requirements prior to their establishment, per HAR 11-20-29.5, titled "Capacity Demonstration and Evaluation." This requirement involves demonstration that the system will have satisfactory technical, managerial and financial capacity to enable the system to comply with safe drinking water standards and requirements.

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Projects that propose development of new sources of potable water serving or proposed to serve a public water system must comply with the terms of HAR 11-20-29. This section requires that all new public water system sources be approved by the Director of Health (Director) prior to its use. Such approval is based primarily upon the submission of a satisfactory engineering report which addresses the requirements specified in HAR 11-20-29.

The engineering report must identify all potential sources of contamination and evaluate alternative control measures which could be implemented to reduce or eliminate the potential for contamination, including treatment of the water source. In addition, water quality analyses for all regulated contaminants, performed by a laboratory certified by the State Laboratories Division of the State of Hawaii, must be submitted as part of the report to demonstrate compliance with all drinking water standards. Additional parameters may be required by the Director for this submittal or additional tests required upon his or her review of the information submitted.

All sources of public water system sources must undergo a source water assessment which will delineate a source water protection area. This process is preliminary to the creation of a source water protection plan for that source and activities which will take place to protect the source of drinking water.

Projects proposing to develop new public water systems or proposing substantial modifications to existing public water systems must receive construction plans approval by the Director prior to construction of the proposed system or modification in accordance with HAR 11-20-30, titled "New and Modified Public Water Systems". These projects include treatment, storage and distribution systems of public water systems. The approval authority for projects owned and operated by a County Board or Department of Water or Water Supply has been delegated to them.

All public water systems must be operated by certified distribution system and water treatment plant operators as defined by HAR 11-25 titled, "Rules Pertaining to Certification of Public Water System Operators".

All projects which propose the use of dual water systems or the use of a non-potable water system in proximity to an existing potable water system to meet irrigation or other needs must be carefully design and operate these systems to prevent the cross-connection of these systems and prevent the possibility of backflow of water from the non-potable system to the potable system. The two (2) systems must be clearly labeled and physically separated by air gaps or reduced pressure principle backflow prevention devices to avoid contaminating the potable water supply. In addition backflow devices must be tested periodically to assure their proper operation. Further, all non-potable spigots and irrigated areas should be clearly labeled with warning signs to prevent the inadvertent consumption on non-potable water. Compliance with HAR Chapter 11-21, titled Cross-Connection and Backflow Control is also required.

All projects which propose the establishment of a potentially contaminating activity (as identified in the Hawai'i Source Water Assessment Plan) within the source water protection area of an existing source of water for a public water supply should address this potential and activities that will be implemented to prevent or reduce the potential for contamination of the drinking water source.

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For further information concerning the application of capacity, new source approval, operator certification, source water assessment, backflow/cross-connection prevention or other public water system programs, please contact the SDWB at 586-4258.

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COUNTY OF HAWAII

November 2, 2017

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SUBJECT: Application: Variance – VAR-17-000450
Applicant: Lori Mikkelson, All Aina Services
Owners: Michael Kaloa & Krista Cummisford Anderson
Request: Variance from Chapter 23, Subdivisions, Article 6, Division 2, improvements required, Section 23-84, Water Supply; and Article 6 Division 2 improvements required, Section 23-84, Water Supply
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In regards to the above-mentioned Variance application, the following shall be in accordance:

NFPA 1, UNIFORM FIRE CODE, 2006 EDITION

Note: Hawai'i State Fire Code, National Fire Protection Association 2006 version, with County of Hawai'i amendments. County amendments are identified with a preceding "C~" of the reference code.

Chapter 18 Fire Department Access and Water Supply

18.1 General. Fire department access and water supplies shall comply with this chapter.

For occupancies of an especially hazardous nature, or where special hazards exist in addition to the normal hazard of the occupancy, or where access for fire apparatus is unduly difficult, or areas where there is an inadequate fire flow, or inadequate fire hydrant spacing, and the AHJ may require additional safeguards including, but not limited to, additional fire appliance units, more than one type of appliance, or special systems suitable for the protection of the hazard involved.

18.1.1 Plans.

18.1.1.1 Fire Apparatus Access. Plans for fire apparatus access roads shall be submitted to the fire department for review and approval prior to construction.

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18.1.1.2 Fire Hydrant Systems. Plans and specifications for fire hydrant systems shall be submitted to the fire department for review and approval prior to construction.

C~ 18.1.1.2.1 Fire Hydrant use and Restrictions. No unauthorized person shall use or operate any Fire hydrant unless such person first secures permission or a permit from the owner or representative of the department, or company that owns or governs that water supply or system. Exception: Fire Department personnel conducting firefighting operations, hydrant testing, and/or maintenance, and the flushing and acceptance of hydrants witnessed by Fire Prevention Bureau personnel.

18.2 Fire Department Access.

18.2.1 Fire department access and fire department access roads shall be provided and maintained in accordance with Section 18.2.

18.2.2* Access to Structures or Areas.

18.2.2.1 Access Box(es). The AHJ shall have the authority to require an access box(es) to be installed in an accessible location where access to or within a structure or area is difficult because of security.

18.2.2.2 Access to Gated Subdivisions or Developments. The AHJ shall have the authority to require fire department access be provided to gated subdivisions or developments through the use of an approved device or system.

18.2.2.3 Access Maintenance. The owner or occupant of a structure or area, with required fire department access as specified in 18.2.2.1 or 18.2.2.2, shall notify the AHJ when the access is modified in a manner that could prevent fire department access.

18.2.3 Fire Department Access Roads. (*may be referred as FDAR)

18.2.3.1 Required Access.

18.2.3.1.1 Approved fire department access roads shall be provided for every facility, building, or portion of a building hereafter constructed or relocated.

18.2.3.1.2 Fire Department access roads shall consist of roadways, fire lanes, parking lots lanes, or a combination thereof.

18.2.3.1.3* When not more than two one- and two-family dwellings or private garages, carports, sheds, agricultural buildings, and detached buildings or structures 400ft² (37 m²) or less are present, the requirements of 18.2.3.1 through 18.2.3.2.1 shall be permitted to be modified by the AHJ.

18.2.3.1.4 When fire department access roads cannot be installed due to location on property, topography, waterways, nonnegotiable grades, or other similar conditions, the AHJ shall be authorized to require additional fire protection features.

18.2.3.2 Access to Building.

18.2.3.2.1 A fire department access road shall extend to within in 50 ft (15 m) of at least one exterior door that can be opened from the outside that provides access to the interior of the building. Exception: 1 and 2 single-family dwellings.

18.2.3.2.1.1 When buildings are protected throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system that is installed in accordance with NFPA 13, NFPA 13D, or NFPA 13R, the distance in 18.2.3.2.1 shall be permitted to be increased to 300 feet.

18.2.3.2.2 Fire department access roads shall be provided such that any portion of the facility or any portion of an exterior wall of the first story of the building is located not more than 150 ft (46 m) from fire department access roads as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the building or facility.

18.2.3.2.2.1 When buildings are protected throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system that is installed in accordance with NFPA 13, NFPA 13D, or NFPA 13R, the distance in 18.2.3.2.2 shall be permitted to be increased to 450 ft (137 m).

18.2.3.3 Multiple Access Roads. More than one fire department access road shall be provided when it is determined by the AHJ that access by a single road could be impaired by vehicle congestion, condition of terrain, climatic conditions, or other factors that could limit access.

18.2.3.4 Specifications.

18.2.3.4.1 Dimensions.

C~ 18.2.3.4.1.1 FDAR shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 20ft with an approved turn around area if the FDAR exceeds 150 feet. **Exception:** FDAR for one and two family dwellings shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 15 feet, with an area of not less than 20 feet wide within 150 feet of the structure being protected. An approved turn around area shall be provided if the FDAR exceeds 250 feet.

C~ 18.2.3.4.1.2 FDAR shall have an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less then 13ft 6 in.

C~ 18.2.3.4.1.2.1 Vertical clearances may be increased or reduced by the AHJ, provided such increase or reduction does not impair access by the fire apparatus, and approved signs are installed and maintained indicating such approved changes.

18.2.3.4.1.2.2 Vertical clearances shall be increased when vertical clearances or widths are not adequate to accommodate fire apparatus.

C~ 18.2.3.4.2 Surface. Fire department access roads and bridges shall be designed and maintained to support the imposed loads (25 Tons) of the fire apparatus. Such FDAR and shall be comprised of an all-weather driving surface.

18.2.3.4.3 Turning Radius.

C~ 18.2.3.4.3.1 Fire department access roads shall have a minimum inside turning radius of 30 feet, and a minimum outside turning radius of 60 feet.

18.2.3.4.3.2 Turns in fire department access road shall maintain the minimum road width.

18.2.3.4.4 Dead Ends. Dead-end fire department access roads in excess of 150 ft (46 m) in length shall be provided with approved provisions for the fire apparatus to turn around.

18.2.3.4.5 Bridges.

18.2.3.4.5.1 When a bridge is required to be used as part of a fire department access road, it shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with county requirements.

18.2.3.4.5.2 The bridge shall be designed for a live load sufficient to carry the imposed loads of fire apparatus.

18.2.3.4.5.3 Vehicle load limits shall be posted at both entrances to bridges where required by the AHJ.

18.2.3.4.6 Grade.

C~ 18.2.3.4.6.1 The maximum gradient of a Fire department access road shall not exceed 12 percent for unpaved surfaces and 15 percent for paved surfaces. In areas of the FDAR where a Fire apparatus would connect to a Fire hydrant or Fire Department Connection, the maximum gradient of such area(s) shall not exceed 10 percent.

18.2.3.4.6.2* The angle of approach and departure for any means of fire department access road shall not exceed 1 ft drop in 20 ft (0.3 m drop in 6 m) or the design limitations of the fire apparatus of the fire department, and shall be subject to approval by the AHJ.

18.2.3.4.6.3 Fire department access roads connecting to roadways shall be provided with curb cuts extending at least 2 ft (0.61 m) beyond each edge of the fire lane.

18.2.3.4.7 Traffic Calming Devices. The design and use of traffic calming devices shall be approved the AHJ.

18.2.3.5 Marking of Fire Apparatus Access Road.

18.2.3.5.1 Where required by the AHJ, approved signs or other approved notices shall be provided and maintained to identify fire department access roads or to prohibit the obstruction thereof of both.

18.2.3.5.2 A marked fire apparatus access road shall also be known as a fire lane.

18.2.4* Obstruction and Control of Fire Department Access Road.

18.2.4.1 General.

18.2.4.1.1 The required width of a fire department access road shall not be obstructed in any manner, including by the parking of vehicles.

18.2.4.1.2 Minimum required widths and clearances established under 18.2.3.4 shall be maintained at all times.

18.2.4.1.3* Facilities and structures shall be maintained in a manner that does not impair or impede accessibility for fire department operations.

18.2.4.1.4 Entrances to fire departments access roads that have been closed with gates and barriers in accordance with 18.2.4.2.1 shall not be obstructed by parked vehicles.

18.2.4.2 Closure of Accessways.

18.2.4.2.1 The AHJ shall be authorized to require the installation and maintenance of gates or other approved barricades across roads, trails, or other accessways not including public streets, alleys, or highways.

18.2.4.2.2 Where required, gates and barricades shall be secured in an approved manner.

18.2.4.2.3 Roads, trails, and other access ways that have been closed and obstructed in the manner prescribed by 18.2.4.2.1 shall not be trespassed upon or used unless authorized by the owner and the AHJ.

18.2.4.2.4 Public officers acting within their scope of duty shall be permitted to access restricted property identified in 18.2.4.2.1.

18.2.4.2.5 Locks, gates, doors, barricades, chains, enclosures, signs, tags, or seals that have been installed by the fire department or by its order or under its control shall not be removed, unlocked, destroyed, tampered with, or otherwise vandalized in any manner.

18.3 Water Supplies and Fire Hydrants

18.3.1* A water supply approved by the county, capable of supplying the required fire flow for fire protection shall be provided to all premises upon which facilities or buildings, or portions thereof, are hereafter constructed, or moved into or within the county. When any portion of the facility or building is in excess of 150 feet (45 720 mm) from a water supply on a fire apparatus access road, as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the facility or building, on-site fire hydrants and mains capable of supplying the required fire flow shall be provided when required by the AHJ. For on-site fire hydrant requirements see section 18.3.3.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. When facilities or buildings, or portions thereof, are completely protected with an approved automatic fire sprinkler system the provisions of section 18.3.1 may be modified by the AHJ.
2. When water supply requirements cannot be installed due to topography or other conditions, the AHJ may require additional fire protection as specified in section 18.3.2 as amended in the code.
3. When there are not more than two dwellings, or two private garage, carports, sheds and agricultural. Occupancies, the requirements of section 18.3.1 may be modified by AHJ.

18.3.2* Where no adequate or reliable water distribution system exists, approved reservoirs, pressure tanks, elevated tanks, fire department tanker shuttles, or other approved systems capable of providing the required fire flow shall be permitted.

18.3.3* The location, number and type of fire hydrants connected to a water supply capable of delivering the required fire flow shall be provided on a fire apparatus access road on the site of the premises or both, in accordance with the appropriate county water requirements.

18.3.4 Fire Hydrants and connections to other approved water supplies shall be accessible to the fire department.

18.3.5 Private water supply systems shall be tested and maintained in accordance with NFPA 25 or county requirements as determined by the AHJ.

18.3.6 Where required by the AHJ, fire hydrants subject to vehicular damage shall be protected unless located within a public right of way.

18.3.7 The AHJ shall be notified whenever any fire hydrant is placed out of service or returned to service. Owners of private property required to have hydrants shall maintain hydrant records of approval, testing, and maintenance, in accordance with the respective county water requirements. Records shall be made available for review by the AHJ upon request.

C~ 18.3.8 Minimum water supply for buildings that do not meet the minimum County water standards:

Buildings up to 2000 square feet, shall have a minimum of 3,000 gallons of water available for Firefighting.

Buildings 2001- 3000 square feet, shall have a minimum of 6,000 gallons of water available for Firefighting.

Buildings, 3001- 6000 square feet, shall have a minimum of 12,000 gallons of water available for Firefighting.

Buildings, greater than 6000 square feet, shall meet the minimum County water and fire flow requirements.

Multiple story buildings shall multiply the square feet by the amount of stories when determining the minimum water supply.

Commercial buildings requiring a minimum fire flow of 2000gpm per the Department of Water standards shall double the minimum water supply reserved for firefighting.

Fire Department Connections (FDC) to alternative water supplies shall comply with 18.3.8 (1)-(6) of *this code*.

NOTE: In that water catchment systems are being used as a means of water supply for firefighting, such systems shall meet the following requirements:

- 1) In that a single water tank is used for both domestic and firefighting water, the water for domestic use shall not be capable of being drawn from the water reserved for firefighting;
- 2) Minimum pipe diameter sizes from the water supply to the Fire Department Connection (FDC) shall be as follows:
 - a) 4" for C900 PVC pipe;
 - b) 4" for C906 PE pipe;
 - c) 3" for ductile Iron;
 - d) 3' for galvanized steel.

- 3) The Fire Department Connection (FDC) shall:
 - a) be made of galvanized steel;
 - b) have a gated valve with 2-1/2 inch, National Standard Thread male fitting and cap;
 - c) be located between 8 ft and 16 ft from the Fire department access. The location shall be approved by the AHJ;
 - d) not be located less than 24 inches, and no higher than 36 inches from finish grade, as measured from the center of the FDC orifice;
 - e) be secure and capable of withstanding drafting operations. Engineered stamped plans may be required;
 - f) not be located more than 150 feet of the most remote part, but not less than 20 feet, of the structure being protected;
 - g) also comply with section 13.1.3 and 18.2.3.4.6.1 of *this code*.
- 4) Commercial buildings requiring a fire flow of 2000gpm shall be provided with a second FDC. Each FDC shall be independent of each other, with each FDC being capable of flowing 500gpm by engineered design standards. The second FDC shall be located in an area approved by the AHJ with the idea of multiple Fire apparatus'conducting drafting operations at once, in mind.
- 5) Inspection and maintenance shall be in accordance to NFPA 25.
- 6) The owner or lessee of the property shall be responsible for maintaining the water level, quality, and appurtenances of the system.

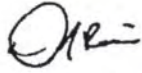
EXCEPTIONS TO SECTION 18.3.8:

- 1) Agricultural buildings, storage sheds, and shade houses with no combustible or equipment storage.
- 2) Buildings less than 800 square feet in size that meets the minimum Fire Department Access Road requirements.
- 3) For one and two family dwellings, agricultural buildings, storage sheds, and detached garages 800 to 2000 square feet in size, and meets the minimum Fire Department Access Road requirements, the distance to the Fire Department Connection may be increased to 1000 feet.
- 4) For one and two family dwellings, agricultural buildings, and storage sheds greater than 2000square feet, but less than 3000 square feet and meets the minimum Fire Department Access Road requirements, the distance to the Fire Department Connection may be increased to 500 feet.

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- 5) For buildings with an approved automatic sprinkler system, the minimum water supply required may be modified.

If there are any questions regarding these requirements, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at (808) 323-4760.



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November 9, 2017

TO: Mr. Michael Yee, Director
Planning Department

FROM: Keith K. Okamoto, Manager-Chief Engineer

SUBJECT: Variance Application (VAR 17-000450)
Subdivision Application No. SUB 16-001659
Subdivider – Anderson, Michael K. and Krista C.
Tax Map Key 6-4-017:049

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COUNTY OF HAWAII

We have reviewed the variance application and have the following comments.

The requirements from our November 25, 2016 memorandum to your department and copied to dlb & Associates, regarding the subject subdivision, still stand.

The applicant has indicated that they may utilize private rainwater catchment systems for each additional lot. We have no objection to the use of rainwater catchment systems; however, we cannot approve or comment as to the adequacy of those systems as they do not meet the requirements of the Department's Water System Standards.

We recommend that the owner(s) consult with the County of Hawai'i, Planning Department, the County of Hawai'i, Department of Public Works, and/or the State of Hawai'i, Department of Health, to determine any other guidelines, recommendations, or regulations regarding the use of rainwater catchment systems.

Should there be any questions, please contact Mr. Troy Samura of our Water Resources and Planning Branch at 961-8070, extension 255.

Sincerely yours,

Keith K. Okamoto, P.E.
Manager-Chief Engineer

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Mr. Michael K. and Ms. Krista C. Anderson

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November 25, 2016

TO: Mr. Duane Kanuha, Director
Planning Department

FROM: Keith K. Okamoto, Manager–Chief Engineer

SUBJECT: Preliminary Plat Map and Defer Action
Subdivision Application No. SUB 16-001659
Subdividers – Anderson, Michael K. and Krista C.
Tax Map Key 6-4-017:049

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF HAWAII

We have reviewed the subject application for the proposed subdivision.

Please be informed that there is an existing 1-inch service lateral capable of accommodating a 5/8-inch meter fronting the subject parcel within the 50-foot wide roadway lot along the northern boundary of the subject parcel (Tax Map Key 6-4-017:051). In addition, through Subdivision Application No. 78-161, the facilities charge was paid for a second service; however, the service lateral installation was not completed. Therefore, the applicant will not be required to pay the prevailing facilities charge for this subdivision application (SUB 16-001659).

Although there is an existing fire hydrant within Nani Waimea Street approximately 140 feet from the subject parcel, it is installed off of a 4-inch waterline, which is inadequate to provide the required flow needed for fire protection. The maximum theoretical flow capacity of the existing 4-inch waterline is approximately 390 gallons per minute (GPM) and the Department's Water System Standards require a minimum fire-flow of 500 GPM for all land uses on property zoned for 1-acre or smaller lots. The nearest waterline that is adequate to provide 500 GPM for fire protection is an existing 6-inch waterline within Nani Waimea Street approximately 1,000 feet from the southern boundary of the subject parcel.

Final subdivision approval will be subject to the following conditions:

1. Construct necessary water system improvements, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - a. extension of approximately 160 lineal feet of 4-inch waterline, within the 50-foot wide roadway along the northern boundary of the subject parcel, to front proposed Lot 4-B,
 - b. installation of a service lateral to accommodate a 5/8-inch meter fronting Lot 4-B,
 - c. extension of approximately 1,500 linear feet of 6-inch waterline from the existing 6-inch waterline within Nani Waimea Street to the 50-foot wide roadway at the northern boundary of the parcel and installation of a fire hydrant, and

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- d. subject to other agencies' requirements to construct improvements within the road right-of-way fronting the property affected by the proposed development, the applicant shall be responsible for the relocation and adjustment of the Department's affected water system facilities, should they be necessary.

Construction plans showing the above improvements prepared by a licensed professional engineer, registered in the State of Hawai'i, must be submitted for review and approval.

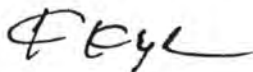
2. Submit the appropriate documents, properly prepared and executed, to convey the water system improvements and necessary easements to the Water Board of the County of Hawai'i prior to final subdivision approval being granted. A registered land surveyor shall stamp and certify the metes and bounds description within the conveyance documents. However, prior to water meter services being granted to the development, or any lots within, the conveyance documents shall be accepted by the Water Board.

The current lot configuration shown, Lot 4-B does not front upon a Department of Water Supply waterline and is, therefore, considered to be out-of-bounds.

Water System Standards for subdivisions require County waterlines and water meters to front each lot in the subdivision. Therefore, prior to recommending final subdivision approval, the applicant must comply with the Department's Rules and Regulations.

Should there be any questions, please contact Mr. Troy Samura of our Water Resources and Planning Branch at 961-8070, extension 255.

Sincerely yours,



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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
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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: _____

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See instructions attached.