

**HONOLULU HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT  
SURVEYED PROPERTY CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR NATIONAL REGISTER**

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Historic Status: **Evaluated Eligible**

Portion of Alignment: **Koko Head portion**

Resource Name/Historic Name: **Wood Tenement Buildings behind Tong Fat Co.**

Sector: **22 Iwilei Station Sector**

Location: **425 N. King St.**

Owner: **Cupboard LLC**

Station Block: **Iwilei Station Block**

Date-Original: **1914**

Source: **Tax Office**

Present Use/Historic Use: **Residential**

Architectural Description:

Three of the four buildings are two-story four-plexes and one is a single-story (duplex). These are built of vertical tongue and groove boards on post and beam foundations. The two-story buildings have gable-on-hip roofs and concrete stairs with lava-rock cheekwalls at the entries to the first-floor apartments. The single-story building has a gable roof and concrete stairs with wood railings at the entries. Wooden stairs provide access to the second floors. Jalousie windows have replaced the original double-hung ones. The single-story building was apparently altered by removing the second floor.

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Integrity:

The buildings retain sufficient integrity for National Register listing, despite numerous changes over the decades. The windows have been replaced with jalousies. One of the four tenements (#6 on Tax Office sketch) was changed from 2-story to 1-story (second-floor removed) before November 1964.

Significance:

Criterion "A" - associated with the development of the A'ala neighborhood. Criterion "C" - an example of typical grouping and construction of early twentieth century tenement buildings in Honolulu. The tenement buildings are a very rare example of an early-20<sup>th</sup>-century, high-density, wood-framed, residential cluster, typical in the A'ala area and Chinatown before massive urban renewal of the 1960s replaced the wooden buildings and narrow lanes with public housing.

