

BILL NO. 162

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING TAX MAP KEY 2-1-003:013 AS "HAPPINESS GARDENS" AND AMENDING CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE 8, SECTION 15-68.1 OF THE HAWAI'I COUNTY CODE 1983 (2016 EDITION, AS AMENDED), RELATING TO THE PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITY SCHEDULE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to officially name the County park situated at Tax Map Key: 2-1-003:013, located on Waiākea Peninsula at the mouth of Wailoa River where it empties into Hilo Bay, pursuant to chapter 15, article 8, section 15-68, Hawai'i County Code 1983 (2016 Edition, as amended), which provides that all County parks and recreational facilities shall be named by ordinance and included in the parks and recreational facilities schedule, codified as section 15-68.1.

Chapter 15, article 8, section 15-67(a)(1)(A) of the Hawai'i County Code 1983 (2016 Edition, as amended) states that the naming of any aesthetic area shall "retain any existing name which has been historically accepted through common usage." In 1976, Kazuo Nakamura, a landscape designer from Kyoto, Japan, conceived of Happiness Gardens while overseeing construction of the nearby two-acre rock garden, a bicentennial gift to the people of Hilo, at Lili'uokalani Gardens. Mr. Nakamura built Happiness Gardens at no cost to the public, with local construction companies, firms, and senior citizens donating materials and labor for the project. Happiness Gardens was dedicated on May 11, 1979. A stone plaque installed at the site dedicates the park to all senior citizens of the island of Hawai'i.

Therefore, the park located on the subject parcel shall be named in the parks and recreational facility schedule as "Happiness Gardens."

SECTION 2. Chapter 15, article 8, section 15-68.1 of the Hawai'i County Code 1983 (2016 Edition, as amended), the parks and recreational facility schedule, is amended by adding a new park listing to the "Hilo/Hāmākua" section to be appropriately inserted and to read as follows:

"Happiness Gardens"

SECTION 3. New material is underscored. In printing this ordinance, the underscoring need not be included.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect upon approval.

INTRODUCED BY:



COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAII

_____, Hawai'i
Date of Introduction:
Date of 1st Reading:
Date of 2nd Reading:
Effective Date:

REFERENCE Comm. 979