

**NOTICE OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE,
COUNTY OF HAWAI'I
DECISION ON RULEMAKING
FROM JULY 18, 2024 PUBLIC HEARING**

AUGUST 15, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY provided of the Director of Finance's decision on rulemaking following the July 18, 2024 Public Hearing. The Director of Finance held a duly noticed public hearing and received written and oral testimony on proposed rulemaking relating to the Purchasing Division and the Real Property Tax Division; specifically, the following rules were considered at the July 18, 2024 Public Hearing:

- Adopt Amendments to Rule 4, relating to the County's purchase of materials, supplies, equipment and services;
- Repeal, in its entirety, Rule 31, relating to commercial agricultural use dedication under chapter 19, article 8, section 19-60, of the Hawai'i County Code 1983 (2016 edition, as amended);
- Adopt a new Rule 31A, relating to long-term commercial agricultural use dedication under chapter 19, article 8, section 19-60, of the Hawai'i County Code 1983 (2016 edition, as amended);
- Adopt a new Rule 31B, relating to short-term commercial agricultural use dedication under chapter 19, article 8, section 19-61, of the Hawai'i County Code 1983 (2016 edition, as amended);
- Adopt amendments to Rule 32, relating to dedication of lands in urban districts for landscaping, open spaces, public recreation and other similar uses under chapter 19, article 10, section 19-80, of the Hawai'i County Code 1983 (2016 edition, as amended);
- Repeal, in its entirety, Rule 33, relating to dedication of residential properties to nonspeculative residential use under article 7, chapter 19, section 19-58.1, of the Hawai'i County Code 1983 (2016 edition, as amended);
- Adopt amendments to Rule 34, including a sunset date of June 30, 2028, relating to nondedicated agricultural use assessment under chapter 19, article 7, section 19-57, of the Hawai'i County Code 1983 (2016 edition, as amended); and
- Adopt a new Rule 34A, relating to community food sustainability use assessment under chapter 19, article 7, section 19-57.1, of the Hawai'i County Code 1983 (2016 edition, as amended).

At the completion of the July 18, 2024 public hearing, the Director of Finance orally adopted the proposed changes to Rule 4. A copy of the final Rule 4 may be found on the Department of Finance website at <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/departments/finance/finance-director-rules>, and may be found below this Notice.

As to the remaining rules, the Director of Finance's designee announced that the Director of Finance intended to make her decision on August 15, 2024.

Pursuant to HRS Section 91-3(a)(2), the Director of Finance hereby **adopts** the amendments to Rule 32, as proposed in the draft rules. The Director of Finance also hereby **repeals**, in its entirety, Rule 33, as proposed in the draft rules. Rules 32 and 33, as finalized, are posted on the Department of Finance website at <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/departments/finance/finance-director-rules>, and the Real Property Tax Division website at www.hawaiipropertytax.com, and may be found below this Notice.

As to Rules 31, 31A, 31B, 34, and 34A, the Director of Finance needs additional time to consider the numerous oral and written testimony submitted and intends to make her decision on October 15, 2024. The Director of Finance’s announcement of her decision on the remaining rules will be provided on the Department of Finance website at <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/departments/finance/finance-director-rules>, and the Real Property Tax Division website at www.hawaiipropertytax.com.

Duly Submitted:



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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