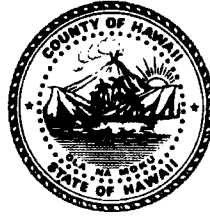


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SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION AND EMERGENCY RULE NO. 2 RELATING TO NOVEMBER 2024 RED FLAG WARNING

WHEREAS, Chapter 127A, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, as amended, provides for the establishment of County organizations for disaster relief with a director in charge of each political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 127A, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes and Chapter 7, Articles 1 and 2 of the Hawai‘i County Code, establishes a Civil Defense Agency within the County of Hawai‘i and prescribes its powers, duties, and responsibilities, and Section 13-23 of the Hawai‘i County Charter empowers the Mayor of the County to declare emergencies; and

WHEREAS, § 127A-25, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, authorizes the Mayor to adopt rules to carry out the provisions of Hawai‘i Revised Statutes Chapter 127A that carry the full force and effect of law; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2024, the National Weather Service issued a fire weather watch for all islands for Friday, November 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2024, at 2:53 p.m. the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for all Leeward areas for the State of Hawai‘i for Friday, November 15, 2024, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. The Red Flag Warning further indicated that winds from the East are expected between 20 to 30 mph with gusts up to 45 mph, and with relative humidity as low as 40 to 45 percent; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2024, at 3:08 a.m. the National Weather Service, in its Red Flag Warning update specifically identified North Kohala, South Kohala, North Kona, Kau, and Big Island Interior areas of Hawai‘i Island, are covered by this Red Flag Warning, which states “a combination of strong winds, low relative humidity, and dry fuels can contribute to extreme fire behavior. Any fires that develop will likely spread rapidly” and describes precautionary/preparedness actions as follows: “Outdoor burning is not recommended. Heat from vehicle exhaust systems can ignite dry grass. Park cars on areas that are paved or where vegetation is trimmed and cleared. High winds contribute to wildfire hazard. Delay activities that could throw off sparks until the wind dies down. A Red Flag Warning means that critical fire weather conditions are either occurring now or will shortly. A combination of strong winds, low relative humidity, and warm temperatures can contribute to extreme fire behavior.”; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2024, at 3:09 p.m. the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning update extending the Red Flag Warning period through Saturday, November 16, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i County's preparedness for a quickly spreading fire, or fires, requires that everyone take precautions and exercise caution to avoid inadvertent fires; and

WHEREAS, current weather conditions pose an imminent threat which may likely result in substantial injury or harm to the population or substantial damage to or loss of property or substantial damage to or loss of the environment; and

WHEREAS, due to the possibility of imminent disaster due to property damage and/or bodily injury to residents of Hawai'i Island, and the need for government agencies and representatives from the private sector to mobilize and provide immediate services to our island residents, a Civil Defense state of emergency is authorized pursuant to Chapter 127A, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as amended, and Chapter 7, Hawai'i County Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MITCHELL D. ROTH, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim and declare that a state of emergency exists due to the threat of imminent disaster on Hawai'i Island, effective November 15, 2024, 4:21 p.m., Hawai'i standard time and I hereby ORDER;

This Supplemental Emergency Proclamation shall be effective November 15, 2024, and shall terminate in sixty (60) days unless terminated earlier or extended by a separate proclamation, whichever shall occur first.

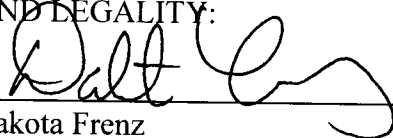
NOW, THEREFORE, I further adopt and promulgate the following RULES which shall have the full force and effect of law. Violations shall be punishable as a petty misdemeanor except as otherwise prescribed by law.

1. For the period between 10 a.m. on Friday, November 15, 2024, through 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 16, 2024, all outdoor burning is banned in the Districts of North Kohala, South Kohala, North Kona, Kau, and Big Island Interior areas.
2. For the period between 10 a.m. on Friday, November 15, 2024, through 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 16, 2024, all outdoor open flames are banned in the Districts of North Kohala, South Kohala, North Kona, Kau, and Big Island Interior areas.
3. For the period between 10 a.m. on Friday, November 15, 2024, through 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 16, 2024, all "hot work" is banned, "hot work" includes but not limited to grinding, welding, flame cutting, or other fire or spark-producing operations.
4. The Director of Parks and Recreation is authorized to extend Rules 1 and 2 in County parks and facilities for a period up to the duration of this proclamation.


This ORDER is effective at 4:29 p.m., this 15th day of November 2024.

These RULES are continued through 4 p.m. this 16th day of November 2024.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGALITY:



Dakota Frenz



Mitchell. D. Roth
Mayor
County of Hawai'i