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FIRE BOARD OF APPEALS

Purpose:	Hear and issue rulings on appeals from final decisions of the fire chief relating to Chapter 26 of the Hawai'i County fire code, article 1, the County fire code and article 2, the fireworks code.
Authority:	Hawai'i County Code, Section 26, Hawai'i Revised Statutes 132
Appointment:	Mayor with Council approval. Five-year staggered terms. Review Hawai'i County Charter Section 13-4.
Full Membership:	Five (5) members.
Specific Representation:	None required.
Requirements:	Residents of the County of Hawai'i who possess education, experience, and knowledge in one or more of the following fields or professions: (1) Engineering or architectural design; (2) General contracting; (3) Fire protection contracting; (4) Fire department operations or fire code enforcement; (5) Building code enforcement; or (6) Legal. *Members shall not be employees, agents, or officers of the County.
Meetings:	The board shall select a chairperson and vice chairperson. Meetings of the board shall be held at the call of the chairperson, at other times the board determines necessary, and within thirty (30) calendar days of the filing of a notice of appeal.
Financial Disclosure:	Members must file Financial Disclosure within 20 working days of taking office. Thereafter, annual disclosures must be filed on or before January 31. The disclosures are confidential and will be kept on file by the Board of Ethics. County Code, Chapter 2, Section 2-91.1.
Reappointment:	Following the expiration of a term, no member may be reappointed for at least two years unless initial appointment was for a term of less than two years.
Qualities:	Respected by the community as being community-minded and oriented. Able to focus on the community needs without catering to special or self-interests.
Current Members:	Board currently being reformulated.
Secretary/Contact Person:	TBD
Attorney Assigned:	Diana M. Mellon-Lacey, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Section Chief

****The information on this sheet is condensed. For full information see appropriate Sections of the County Charter, County Code and/or Hawaii Revised Statutes.***