

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I:

Section 1. Article XIII, section 13-20, Hawai'i County Charter, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows, with added language underscored and deleted language bracketed:

“Section 13-20. Records and Meetings Open to The Public.

(c) The time and place of all regular meetings of the council, board or commission shall be provided in the rules adopted for the conduct of its business. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, a special meeting may be called by the presiding officer of the council, board or commission when the date, time and place of such special meeting are announced prior to adjournment of a regular meeting; otherwise a special meeting can be called only upon the publication of a notice of such meeting in at least two daily newspapers of general circulation in this county at least twenty-four hours in advance of such meeting. If the requirement with respect to publication of notice cannot be met because of insufficient time, the meeting notice shall be made by broadcasting a minimum of three announcements in the English language over FCC licensed public radio stations in this county or television stations with local audience. Such announcements shall be broadcast at least twenty-four hours in advance of such meeting. To assure the widest possible coverage, the meeting notice shall be released to radio stations in this county and the announcements shall be programmed to be heard between the hours of 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. In addition to the above requirements, notice of such special meeting shall be conspicuously posted on the bulletin board of the Hawai'i County Building and, if possible, an electronic notice shall be linked on the appropriate council, board or commission webpage. A brief resume of the principal business to be taken up at such meeting shall be stated in the posted notice as well as in the notice released to the news media.”

Section 2. This amendment shall take effect upon approval by the electorate.