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Aloha Charter Commission,

Open and transparent government includes the “right to know” what is on an agenda in a timely manner for the public and for council members; therefore, I submit this amendment to Article III, Legislative Branch, County Council, Section 3-7, Meetings; Rules and Journal; Voting and Quorum.



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AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAI‘I COUNTY CHARTER

AMENDING MEETINGS; RULES AND JOURNAL; VOTING AND QUORUM

Section 3-7. Meetings; Rules and Journal; Voting and Quorum; Public Notice.

(a) The county council shall meet regularly at least twice in every month at such times and places as shall be established by rule of the council, and meet at least quarterly in the judicial district of North Kona or South Kona.

(b) The council shall determine its rules and order of business and shall provide for keeping a journal of its proceedings, which shall be a public record, in which the ayes and noes shall be entered as required by this charter or at any other time upon the demand of any member.

(c) The affirmative vote of a majority of the entire membership shall be necessary for council action.

(d) A majority of the entire membership of the council shall constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time and may compel the attendance of absent members.

(e) Whenever the term “entire membership” appears in this charter pertaining to council voting, it means the entire membership of nine members, even if there are vacancies.

(f) All referrals forwarded to the council shall be placed on the council agenda with a minimum of six calendar days notice to the public.

(g) Filing and posting of public notice of the council agendas for public access shall be prior to 4:30 p.m. on the sixth calendar day prior to the council meeting and shall be accomplished by physically posting the agenda outside of the building that houses the office of the county clerk to allow public access and posting the agenda on the county website under the county council section prior to the 4:30 p.m. deadline.