
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO INCREASE FINES AND LIENS FOR MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS OF COUNTY PROPERTY AND PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCES.

1 WHEREAS, Hawai'i is the most beautiful state in America and
2 Honolulu is the loveliest capital city, and tourists and
3 residents alike enjoy the beautiful scenery and charming
4 neighborhoods; and

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6 WHEREAS, most residents take pains to maintain their
7 properties, but there are those who neglect their homes and
8 allow them to become run-down; and

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10 WHEREAS, there may be cases where a person/corporation may
11 own three or more separate properties within a one-mile radius
12 that has been allowed to remain vacant, to be broken into and
13 used by vagrants, to become overgrown, and cause neighboring
14 homes to lose value; and

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16 WHEREAS, as an example, the City has issued 53 citations to
17 a property owner in one neighborhood who had failed to obtain
18 demolition permits, and allowed the properties to become
19 overgrown and blighted, and when other county ordinances were
20 violated; and

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22 WHEREAS, the State Department of Health has also been
23 called in to investigate potential health violations on the
24 properties of this property owner; and

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26 WHEREAS, a few violations may not seriously impact one
27 neighborhood, but when an owner allows several properties to
28 amass multiple uncorrected violations in a relatively short
29 period of time, then the sheer number becomes an egregious
30 insult to other owners and reduces the value of nearby homes;
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WHEREAS, a reduction in the property value of homes in an area also provides grounds for the reduction of real property taxes, creating a perfect storm of events in a time of global recession when the City and County of Honolulu, like other counties and the State, are facing budget problems; and

WHEREAS, if a person owns at least three properties within a one-mile radius, then it is incumbent on the City to assess a sufficiently significant fines or liens to encourage that person to maintain his/her property in accordance with community standards or subdivision covenants; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, that the City and County of Honolulu is requested to increase fines and issue liens within a specified period of time when an owner is cited for multiple violations for property violations within a certain area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mufi Hannemann, Mayor of the City & County of Honolulu, Honolulu City Council members, the Kahala Community Association, the Kahala Business Association, and the Waiialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3.

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