
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING EACH COUNTY TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING, AS A
CONDITION OF ITS APPROVAL OF A SUBDIVISION OR ISSUANCE OF A
BUILDING PERMIT FOR ANY NEW STRUCTURE OR UNIT WITHIN A
STRUCTURE, THE SUBDIVIDER OR DEVELOPER TO OBTAIN ASSURANCE
OF MAIL DELIVERY TO EACH PARCEL.

1 WHEREAS, residents of some property development projects in
2 the United States experience difficulty in receiving their mail
3 due to various reasons, including the lack of a street address
4 for their lot, parcel, structure, or unit recorded in the United
5 States Postal Service's database; and

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7 WHEREAS, in many rural areas, the United States Postal
8 Service does not deliver mail to the doorstep of each lot,
9 parcel, structure, or unit even with a street address, and
10 instead makes deliveries to a specific location from which
11 residents in the area can retrieve their mail, including
12 individual post office boxes at local post offices and cluster
13 box units that serve multiple addresses within the area; and

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15 WHEREAS, in such rural areas, residents rely on mail-order
16 deliveries, but the rural post offices cannot handle the influx
17 of parcels as shown by lines of residents awaiting hours for
18 parcel delivery; and

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20 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, certain property development projects,
21 including subdivisions in rural areas, lack the sufficient
22 number of post office boxes and cluster box units to serve all
23 residents in the area, thereby requiring some to drive over an
24 hour to retrieve their mail from a friend or family member
25 residing within the United States Postal Service's service area
26 to whom they had their mail sent in care of; and

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28 WHEREAS, people in Hawaii should be able to receive their
29 mail and parcel deliveries at a location that is within a
30 reasonable distance from their residence; and

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1 WHEREAS, the power to enact and formulate ordinances
2 regulating the approval of subdivisions and issuance of building
3 permits in the State rests with the legislative bodies of each
4 county; and

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6 WHEREAS, existing county ordinances do not require
7 subdividers or developers to ensure that each lot, parcel,
8 structure, or unit of a structure located within a subdivision
9 or development project has a street address and mailbox for use
10 by the United States Postal Service to deliver mail; now,
11 therefore,

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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,
15 that each county is requested to adopt an ordinance requiring,
16 as a condition of its approval of a subdivision or issuance of a
17 building permit for any new structure or unit within a
18 structure, the subdivider or developer to:

19 (1) Obtain the county's approval of:

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21 (A) The street name for the street on which the lot,
22 parcel, or structure is located, if one has not
23 been assigned already; and
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25 (B) The street address for the lot, parcel,
26 structure, or unit of the structure, as
27 applicable; and
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30 (2) Erect and install within a reasonable distance from
31 the lot, parcel, structure, or unit, as applicable, a
32 mailbox assigned thereto for use by the United States
33 Postal Service to deliver mail, should it decide to
34 extend its delivery service to the location;

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36 before the sale or lease of any lot, parcel, structure, or unit
37 of a structure located within the subdivision or development
38 project; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the mailbox for each lot,
41 parcel, structure, or unit of a structure, as applicable, is
42 requested to be erected and installed in conformance with the



1 standards set by the United States Postmaster General and
2 approved by the local postmaster; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Honolulu
6 City Council; Chairperson of the Maui County Council;
7 Chairperson of the Kauai County Council; Chairperson of the
8 Hawaii County Council; Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu;
9 Mayor of the County of Maui; Mayor of the County of Kauai; and
10 Mayor of the County of Hawaii.

