

February 10, 2022

The Honorable Brandon Elefante, Chair
and Members
Committee on Zoning and Planning
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Elefante and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Bill No. 8 Relating to Administrative Enforcement of Certain Codes

Bill No. 8 proposes to address the administrative enforcement of certain codes in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990.

We understand that the intent of the Bill is to prohibit anyone with an outstanding violation and/or civil lien from filing for a building permit application.

We also understand that this bill may have been initiated to address an existing situation with a landowner with outstanding violations having filed for a building permit application for other improvements on the property.

As a follow up to the specific violation mentioned above, the building permits being processes were revoked and the owner was informed that no new building permit applications would be accepted on the property until all outstanding violations on the property had been cleared.

We believe clarification is needed to address these situations on a go-forward basis. We recommend that Section 18-4.1 ROH be amended by inserting the following condition:

Every such application shall:

- (k) Contain a signed statement from the applicant stating that they have no outstanding fines, liens, or obligations to the City and County of Honolulu. No permit application will be accepted or processed if the applicant has any outstanding fines, liens or obligations to the City. An application maybe cancelled if there are any outstanding fines, liens or obligations on the applicant or parcel while the permit is being processed. An application will be processed if it is to correct a violation on the property.

We believe that our proposed amendment to Section 18-4.1 will address these situation should it occur in the future. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this matter.

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