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## A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

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RELATING TO THE BUILDING CODE.

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Building Code of the City and County of Honolulu to further address fences.

SECTION 2. Section 16-1.1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Hawaii State Building Code"), is amended by amending paragraph (33) to read as follows:

"(33) Adding Section 425. Section 425 is added to read:

### **SECTION 425 - FENCES**

**425.1 General.** Fences must be constructed in accordance with this code, the *Land Use Ordinance*, and ROH §15-24.6. In areas where fence height is not regulated under the *Land Use Ordinance*, fences over 6 feet (1,829 mm) in height are subject to the approval of the fire department as to access.

**425.2 Barbed or razor wire fences.** Barbed or razor wire must not be used for construction of any fence.

#### **Exceptions:**

1. Barbed or razor wire may be used in fences enclosing the following premises, provided that barbed or razor wire must be placed along or above the height of 6 feet from the ground, subject to the approval of the fire department:
  - 1.1 Any "public utility" as defined in HRS § 269-1;
  - 1.2 Premises in industrial zoned districts that are used for storage or handling of hazardous materials, and premises zoned I-2 or I-3, intensive or waterfront industrial districts that are used for industrial purposes and are not adjacent to premises used for other purposes;
  - 1.3 Zoos for keeping animals and birds for public view or exhibition; ~~[and]~~
  - 1.4 Jails, prisons, reformatories, and other institutions involved in law enforcement or military activities, where security against unauthorized entry is an important factor~~[-]; and~~



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- 1.5 State of Hawaii operated airports, harbors, and maintenance yards, where security against unauthorized entry is an important factor.
2. Barbed wire may be used in fences enclosing premises used for pasturing cattle or raising swine."

SECTION 3. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New ordinance material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the Revisor of Ordinances need not include the brackets, the material that has been bracketed and stricken, or the underscoring.



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SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**MAR 17 2023**

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Honolulu, Hawai'i

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Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

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RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor  
City and County of Honolulu