

RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS, STRICTLY ENFORCE CITY ORDINANCES, AND ADDRESS COMMUNITY CONCERNS AT LUALUALEI BEACH PARK.

WHEREAS, Lualualei Beach Park is a 17.75-acre City and County of Honolulu ("City") park with, among other features, comfort stations, campsites, and picnic facilities, in addition to undeveloped land, and is located at 86-221 Farrington Highway, Wai'anae, Hawai'i (TMK: 8-6-001:007); and

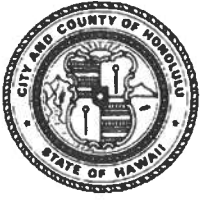
WHEREAS, Lualualei Beach Park is located on State of Hawai'i land that was set aside by an Executive Order by the Governor for the purpose of a public park under the control and management of the City Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR"); and

WHEREAS, Lualualei Beach Park is managed by the DPR in two portions, Lualualei Beach Park #1 and Lualualei Beach Park #2; and

WHEREAS, illegal activities at Lualualei Beach Park #2, such as unpermitted camping, dumping, littering, vehicular traffic through the park and beach areas, burnouts and street racing in the vicinity of the park and along those portions of Pōka'i Bay Street abutting the park, prostitution and vandalism in comfort stations, and use and distribution of illegal drugs throughout the vicinity of the park, create quality of life, noise nuisance, and health and safety issues for residents of the surrounding neighborhood, in addition to the general public; and

WHEREAS, during the hours of limited visibility, often during official park closure hours (between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.), disturbances such as loud music, unpermitted parties, underage drinking, and domestic disputes regularly occur at the park, and such disturbances have a persistent negative impact on nearby residents and community members; and

WHEREAS, community members report disturbances during park closure hours to the Honolulu Police Department ("HPD"), but police staff shortages, prioritization of emergencies, and operation of three 12-hour shifts result in longer response times, sometimes upwards of two to three hours, making it unsafe for kūpuna to physically meet with police officers; and



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WHEREAS, in recent years, numerous dangerous incidents in the area have been reported, including a shooting, a case of arson resulting in a destroyed home, a suspected drug dealer in possession of a deadly weapon breaking park closure rules, and a game room closure on Pōkaʻī Bay Street; and

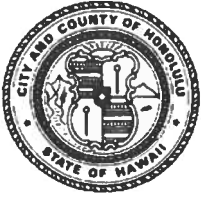
WHEREAS, in 2019, the Pōkaʻī Bay Neighborhood Security Watch initiated a petition supporting increased security at Lualualei Beach Park that gained the support and 74 signatures of neighborhood residents; and

WHEREAS, to bring Lualualei Beach Park to a standard worthy of a City park, the City Council believes that the DPR and the HPD must work with the community to enforce City ordinances and park rules; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Honolulu Police Department are urged to improve conditions, strictly enforce City ordinances, and address community concerns at Lualualei Beach Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Honolulu Police Department address the community concerns at Lualualei Beach Park #2 through the following actions, developed between 2019 and 2023 by members of the Pōkaʻī Bay Neighborhood Security Watch group:

- 1) Recognition of the undeveloped area of Lualualei Beach Park as a part of the more extensive City park;
- 2) Adoption of closure hours between 8:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. and enforcement of park rules by the Honolulu Police Department;
- 3) Installation of signage that clearly states park closure hours and park rules, including specific prohibitions on illegal camping, trespassing, illegal dumping, and use of fireworks;
- 4) Installation of gates at park entrances to be secured during closure hours;
- 5) Installation of street lights in the parking lot and improved comfort station lighting;



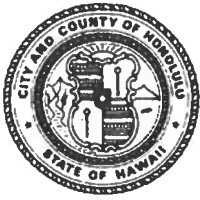
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- 6) Placement of barriers, such as chains connected to posts or bollards, around the developed portion of Lualualei Beach Park #2 and extending from Pōkaʻī Bay Street where it intersects with Farrington Highway, to inhibit the amassing of cars, trash, and campsites along the unimproved park area and to prevent vehicular traffic in the picnic and beach areas around the parking areas; and
- 7) Installation of barriers along the stretch of Pōkaʻī Bay Street abutting the undeveloped portions of Lualualei Beach Park to prevent vehicles from entering the park when gates are closed and deter illegal camping; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Facility Maintenance, and the Honolulu Police Department make a multi-agency effort, as is needed to clean and maintain the park and to enforce City ordinances and park rules; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of Parks and Recreation, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Facility Maintenance, and the Chief of Police.

INTRODUCED BY:

A. Spola

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

OCT 26 2023

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

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Introduced: 10/26/23 By: ANDRIA TUPOLA

Committee: PARKS, ENTERPRISE SERVICES AND
CULTURE AND THE ARTS (PESCA)

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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

10/26/23	INTRO	Introduced.
11/15/23	PESCA	Reported out for adoption. CR-350 4 AYES: CORDERO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA
01/24/24	CCL	Committee report and Resolution were adopted. 9 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.



GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK



TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER