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Testimony

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Meeting Date: Jan 29, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 2

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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January 28, 2025

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair
The Honorable Matt Weyer, Vice Chair
Members of the Honolulu City Council
City Council, City and County of Honolulu
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-3077

RE: **Resolution 24-220 – Subdivision Ordinance Amendment Relating to Parks and Playgrounds**
Hearing Date: January 29, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Weyer and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of D.R. Horton Hawaii, in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Resolution 24-220 – Subdivision Ordinance Amendment Relating to Parks and Playgrounds. D.R. Horton Hawaii is one of Hawaii's largest homebuilders and has been providing affordable housing and first-time buyer homes for Hawaii's families throughout Oahu and across the state for more than fifty years. D.R. Horton Hawaii is a leader in building quality and sustainable home designs and has adopted an overall sustainability plan for its Ho'opili master-planned community in East Kapolei.

As part of its master plan for Ho'opili, D.R. Horton is committed to providing parks and playgrounds for the community. In many instances, where parks and playgrounds already exist, community members have expressed a desire to include dog parks or other areas where dogs can exercise and play unleashed. Dog parks are important and can help provide recreational opportunities, physical activity and a common area for community involvement. Unfortunately, currently dog parks do not qualify for park dedication requirements under Revised Ordinances of Honolulu Chapter 22.

Resolution 24-220 is being introduced to amend the subdivision ordinance to allow dog parks to fulfill part of the requirement for park dedication in the subdivision ordinance. We strongly urge the council to support this effort and pass Resolution 24-220 so that the Department of Planning and Permitting can further consider this amendment. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 295-7329 or LSTokuhara@drhorton.com.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Lee Tokuhara, Vice President
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D.R. Horton Hawaii

Hawaiian Humane Society

People for animals. Animals for people.

Date: Jan. 28, 2025

To: Chair Tommy Waters
Vice Chair Matt Weyer
and Members of the City Council

Submitted By: Steph Kendrick, Director of Community Engagement
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RE: Support for Resolution 24-220
Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025, 10 a.m., City Council Chamber

The Hawaiian Humane Society is in strong support of Resolution 24-220 Proposing an Amendment to Chapter 22, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 (The Subdivision Ordinance), Relating to Parks and Playgrounds.

We agree with the resolution's request to amend ROH Chapter 22, Article 7, to clarify that the construction of a dog park in a subdivision is consistent with the purpose of offering developers credit for the dedication of land for park and playground purposes.

According to the Trust for Public Land's 2019 survey, there were 810 off-leash dog parks in the nation's 100 largest cities, an increase of 37 parks over 2018. Since 2009, the first year that the survey included dog parks for these cities, their number has increased by 74 percent, or 344 additional dog parks. Boise, Idaho, led the pack with 13 total dog parks, or 5.7 per 100,000 residents. Despite the progress made in recent years, Honolulu has just 3.2 dog parks per 100,000 residents.

Dog parks support the human-animal bond, integrate our pets into our daily lives, provide exercise for pets and their owners, and create a sense of community that benefits people and animals.

Please pass Resolution 24-220 to encourage developers to create resources that support all members of our local families. Mahalo for your consideration.