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September 10, 2025

The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Draft Bill Relating to Exceptional Trees

The attached bill proposes amendments to Chapter 40, Article 8 relating to Exceptional Trees for your favorable consideration.

The proposed bill is to amend the existing ordinance to update the City's Register of Exceptional Trees by adding six trees to the Register of Exceptional Trees, and to update the scientific renaming of monkeypod trees to *Samanea saman*.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (808) 768-3001.

Sincerely,

for Laura H. Thielen
Director

Attachments

APPROVED:

Michael D. Formby, Managing Director
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HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

ORDINANCE _____

BILL _____

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO EXCEPTIONAL TREES

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the register of exceptional trees.

SECTION 2. Section 40-8.7, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Register of exceptional trees"), is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(b) The following trees begin with the letters "c" through "e":

Name of Tree and/or Scientific Name	**Description of Location (if available)**	**TMK (if available)**
Calophyllum inophyllum, Kamani Trees	2 trees - Kualoa Regional Park - corner near fishpond, makai of Kamehameha Highway	4-9-004:001
	25 trees - Wheeler Army Airfield, both sides of Haley Avenue between Elleman and Chanute Roads	N/A
	52 Robinson Lane	1-8-003:002
Canarium vulgare, Pili Nut Tree	Foster Botanical Garden, 1438 Nuuanu Avenue*	1-7-008:002
	Northwest corner of J.R. Judd property, Hakipuu, 49-074-C Kamehameha Highway	4-9-001:005
	Washington Place	2-1-018:001
Capparis mollicella	Schofield Barracks, located on the south side of Building 2105, Ulrich Street	N/A

Cassia roxburghii, Red Cassia Tree	45-647 Anoi Road	4-5-081:015
Cassia x nealiae, 'Wilhelmina Tenney'/ Rainbow Shower Tree	Foster Botanical Garden, 180 North Vineyard Boulevard	1-7-007:002
	2 trees - Kapiolani Regional Park; Kalakaua Avenue near Paki Avenue intersection	3-1-043:0001
Casuarina equisetifolia, Ironwood Trees	Along Kalakaua Avenue from Kapahulu Avenue to Poni Moi Road	3-1-043:001
	Grove of double row - parallel to the Kapiolani Park Bandstand, at Monsarrat Avenue's Tom Moffatt Waikiki Shell parking lot makai entrance	3-1-043:001
	52 Robinson Lane	1-8-003:002
Cavanillesia plantanifolia, Quipo Tree	Foster Botanical Garden, 1438 Nuuanu Avenue*	1-7-008:002
Ceiba pentandra, Kapok Tree	Grounds of State department of agriculture, 1428 South King Street	2-4-005:018
	2 trees - Foster Botanical Garden, 1438 Nuuanu Avenue	1-7-008:002
Couroupita guianensis, Cannonball Tree	Foster Botanical Garden, 1438 Nuuanu Avenue	1-7-008:002
	University of Hawaii/Manoa Campus, next to parking lot, makai side of Sinclair Library	2-8-023:003
Cyrtostachys renda, Sealing Wax Palm	Harold L. Lyon Arboretum	2-9-055:006

Elaeodendron orientale, False Olive Tree	Foster Botanical Garden, 1438 Nuuanu Avenue	1-7-008:002
Enterolobium cyclocarpum, Earpod Tree	Archie Baker Mini Park [~~Board of Water Supply - Makiki Pumping Station~~]	2-5-020:001
	Waialua Library, 67-068 Kealohanui Street	6-7-016:002
	2020 Kamehameha Avenue	2-9-007:015
	23 trees - Schofield Barracks, north side of Leilehua Avenue, from Baldwin Road to Morris Road	N/A
	Schofield Barracks, Bragg Street, 100 feet from Ayres Avenue intersection	N/A
	2 trees - 2823 Oahu Avenue	2-9-014:069
Erythrina sandwicensis, Wiliwili Trees	Grove of 57 trees - Koko Crater Botanical Garden	3-9-012:001
	Grove of 18 trees - Waimea Valley	6-1-001:002
Eucalyptus camaldulensis, River Red Gum Trees	56 trees - Schofield Barracks, south side of Kolekole Avenue, extending from Fournier Avenue to Hewitt Street	N/A
Eucalyptus deglupta, Mindanao Gum Tree	Wahiawa Botanical Garden, 1396 California Avenue*	7-4-017:001
Eucalyptus robusta, Swamp-Mahogany Trees	Schofield Barracks, row of 110 trees along Wilikina Drive	N/A

	in the Mendonca Park Family Housing area	
	2469 East Manoa Road	2-9-011:034
* "Champion Trees of Hawaii," in *American Forests*, May 1974		

SECTION 3. Section 40-8.7, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Register of exceptional trees"), is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

"(c) The following trees begin with the letter "f":

Name of Tree and/or Scientific Name	**Description of Location (if available)**	**TMK (if available)**
Ficus spp., Banyan Trees	45 trees that comprise 4 groves and 6 single trees at Ala Moana Regional Park; 1 Ficus religiosa near the McCoy Pavilion roundabout, 4 Ficus spp. within McCoy Pavilion Courtyard, and 1 large Ficus benghalensis near the Ewa lagoon	2-3-037:001
	Two rows of Ficus benjamina trees along the Ewa side of the Ala Wai Canal and a single row of Ficus microcarpa trees on the Waikiki side of the Ala Wai Canal, all three rows running between Kalakaua Avenue and Ala Moana Boulevard	N/A
	2616 Pali Highway	1-8-008:001
Ficus sp., Fig Tree	Washington Place, 320 South Beretania Street, front lawn Diamond Head side	2-1-018:001

Ficus benghalensis, Indian Banyan Tree	Honolulu Zoo, 151 Kapahulu Avenue	3-1-043:001
	Makai tree - in front of Honolulu Zoo entrance; corner of Kalakaua Avenue and Kapahulu Avenue	3-1-043:001
	Mauka tree - in front of Honolulu Zoo entrance; corner of Kalakaua Avenue and Kapahulu Avenue	3-1-043:001
	Directly across the street from the Zoo entrance, makai side of Kalakaua Avenue	3-1-043:001
	Ewa side of Queen's Surf Beach Center, makai of Kalakaua Avenue	3-1-030:003
	Ewa side of Waikiki Aquarium, makai of Kalakaua Avenue	3-1-030:003
	Makai tree - in front of the Waikiki War Memorial Natatorium, Diamond Head of the Waikiki Aquarium	3-1-031:003
	Mauka tree - in front of the Waikiki War Memorial Natatorium, Diamond Head of the Waikiki Aquarium	3-1-031:003
	Diamond Head tree - across the street from the Donald A. Andrews Diamond Head Tennis Center, along the makai side of Paki Avenue	3-1-043:001

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	Ewa tree - across the street from the Donald A. Andrews Diamond Head Tennis Center, along the makai side of Paki Avenue	3-1-043:001
	Diamond Head corner of archery range, along Poni Moi Road near entrance to La Pietra	3-1-043:007
	Makai tree - across the street from the Diamond Head side of the Honolulu Zoo, makai side of the Tom Moffatt Waikiki Shell parking lot entrance	3-1-043:001
	Mauka tree - across the street from the Diamond Head side of the Honolulu Zoo, makai side of Tom Moffatt Waikiki Shell parking lot entrance	3-1-043:001
	Grounds of Kaiulani School, 783 North King Street	1-5-005:016
	Iolani Palace grounds	2-1-025:002
	Moana Hotel Courtyard, 2365 Kalakaua Avenue	2-6-001:012
	2 trees - beside the Judiciary Building, Aliiolani Hale, 417 South King Street	2-1-025:003
	Parking lot, Walina Street, The Food Pantry Ltd., 2370 Kuhio Avenue	2-6-021:100
	Kuhio Beach Park	2-6-001:004

	Center of International Market Place, 2330 Kalakaua Avenue	2-6-022:038
	End of Magic Island	2-3-037:025
	1212 Punahou Street	2-4-007:002
	Thomas Square, 925 South Beretania Street, 4 trees surrounding fountain	2-4-001:001
Ficus benjamina, Benjamin Fig Tree	Entry circle to left of front lawn of Roosevelt High School	2-4-032:001
Ficus drupacea, Mysore Fig Tree	Schofield Barracks, tree located on the north side of Grant Hall, intersection of Waianae and McCornack Roads	N/A
Ficus elastica, Indian Rubber Tree	University of Hawaii/Manoa Campus, next to Campus Way, mauka side of Sinclair Library	2-8-023:003
Ficus macrophylla, Moreton Bay Fig Tree	Schofield Barracks, tree located at the southwest corner of Building 747, Quad I	N/A
	Kailua Road "Triangle Park," center of Kailua	4-2-018:014
	<u>91 Renton Road</u>	<u>9-1-101:074</u>
Ficus microcarpa, Chinese Banyan Tree	239 Kulamanu Place	3-1-040:061
	3 Trees - Kailua Road "Triangle Park," center of Kailua	4-2-018:014
	1699 Walea Street	7-5-001:001

Ficus petiolaris, Blue Mexican Fig Tree	1941 Ualakaa Street	2-5-001:033
Ficus religiosa, Bo Tree	Moanalua Gardens, 2850 Moanalua Road*	1-1-009:004
	2616 Pali Highway	1-8-008:001
	Foster Botanical Garden, 1438 Nuuanu Avenue	1-7-008:002
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SECTION 4. Section 40-8.7, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Register of exceptional trees"), is amended by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:

"(f) The following trees begin with the letter "s" through "w":

Name of Tree and/or Scientific Name	**Description of Location (if available)**	**TMK (if available)**
[Albizia] Samanea saman, Monkeypod Tree	2 trees - Waimea Valley, at the Visitor Center	6-1-002:002
	420 Wyllie Street	1-8-006:007
	Central Union Church - courtyard Atherton Chapel, 1660 South Beretania Street	2-8-011:028
	Both sides of Paki Avenue from Kapahulu Avenue to Monsarrat Avenue and 4 trees at Waikiki Fire Station	3-1-043:002
	2 trees - Moanalua Gardens, 2850 Moanalua Road	1-1-009:004
	1070 Aalapapa Drive, Lanikai	4-3-006:102

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	11 trees - along Koa Kahiku Street, Windward City Shopping Center	4-5-060:061
	Wheeler Army Airfield, 258 Haley Avenue, Apartment 102	N/A
	5 trees - along perimeter of Windward Shopping Center on Aumoku Street	4-5-060:061
	3 Trees - left and right of driveway entrance of Women's Community Corrections Center, Kailua	4-2-003:004
	16 Trees - 52 Robinson Lane	1-8-003:002; 1-8-003:003; 1-8-003:005
	"Hitachi Tree", Moanalua Gardens, 2850 Moanalua Road, Honolulu, Hawaii 96819	1-1-009:004
	3 trees - Cooke Estate, 2859 Manoa Road	2-9-019:035
	2 trees - Cooke Estate, 2829 Manoa Road	2-9-019:025
	Both sides of Kapiolani Boulevard from Atkinson Drive to South Street	NA
	1932 Awapuhi Street	2-9-016:013
	189 Niuiki Circle	3-7-002:060
	2 trees – 2417 Parker Place	2-9-012:028
	45-255 Kokokahi Place	4-5-031:020

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	Kaiaka Beach Park	6-6-007:007
Schotia brachypetala, Tree Fuchsia	203 Prospect Street	2-2-003:098
Spondias mombin, Hog Plum Tree	Foster Botanical Garden, 1438 Nuuanu Avenue*	1-7-008:002
Sterculia apetala, Panama Trees	4 trees - Ala Moana Regional Park	2-3-037:001
	Thomas Square, 925 South Beretania Street	2-4-001:001
Sterculia foetida, Skunk Tree	University of Hawaii/Manoa Campus, Ewa-makai corner of George Hall	2-8-023:003
	Schofield Barracks, 225 General Loop	N/A
	203 Prospect Street	2-2-003:098
Swietenia macrophylla, Mahogany Trees	2 trees - Schofield Barracks, Lewis Street, immediately north of the Foote Avenue intersection	N/A
	Schofield Barracks, Glennan Avenue, between Buildings 672 and 688, Health Clinic	N/A
Swietenia mahagoni, Mahogany Trees	Along Kalakaua Avenue between Beretania Street and Ena Road	N/A
	2616 Pali Highway	1-8-008:001
Syzygium malaccense, Mountain Apple Tree	Castle Ranch, 1385 Maunawili Road	4-2-009:001

Tamarindus indica, Tamarind Tree	Judiciary Building, Aliiolani Hale, Ewa Courtyard, 417 South King Street	2-1-025:003
	52 Robinson Lane	1-8-003:002
	Washington Place, 320 South Beretania Street, front lawn Ewa side	2-1-018:001
	Washington Place, 320 South Beretania Street, rear of property on Ewa side near driveway	2-1-018:001
Terminalia catappa, Tropical Almond Tree	Foster Botanical Garden, 1438 Nuuanu Avenue	1-7-008:002
Wallaceodendron celebicum, Banuyo Tree	University of Hawaii, along Campus Road near Sinclair Library, across from Gartley Hall, 2444 Dole Street	2-8-023:003
Washingtonia robusta, Mexican Fan Palms	19 palms - Schofield Barracks, located on the west side of Dickman Road	N/A
	14 palms - Schofield Barracks, both sides of Glennan Street between Foote Avenue and Sargent Road	N/A
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SECTION 5. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the Reviser of Ordinances need not include the brackets, the material that has been bracketed and stricken, or the underscoring.

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SECTION 6. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION: _____

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Honolulu, Hawai'i 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