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Resolution 26-8 on page 6 has been cancelled.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
17TH SESSION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026
10 A.M.

Remote and in-person oral testimony will be permitted on all items on the agenda when each agenda item is taken up. Each speaker may not have anyone else read their statement and is limited to:

- A three-minute presentation on Public Hearing and New Business items; and
- A one-minute presentation on all other items.

As both English and Hawaiian are official languages of the State of Hawai'i, pursuant to Article XV, Section 4 of the Hawai'i State Constitution and Section 1-13 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), members of the public may testify in either language. For oral testimonies offered in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, additional time as may be necessary will be allowed for the testifier to provide an English translation of their testimony.

Remote testimony

1. For direct access to submit oral testimony call: +1-253-215-8782, enter ID **82998206080** and Passcode **514135**.
2. To testify by videoconference visit the Honolulu Records Collection website, type the following into the address bar of the browser: <https://hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlldoc/testimony>. Videoconference access information will be provided upon registration. Testifiers are encouraged to register/submit testimony at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Although remote oral testimony is being permitted, this is a regular meeting and not a remote meeting by interactive conference technology under HRS Section 92-3.7. Therefore, the meeting will continue notwithstanding loss of audiovisual communication with remote testifiers or loss of the public broadcast of the meeting.

Persons wishing to testify in the Council Chamber are requested to register by 10 a.m. by filling out the registration form in person. Persons who have not registered will be given an opportunity to speak following the oral testimonies of the registered speakers.

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Written testimony may be uploaded through the Honolulu Records Collection website, type the following into the address bar of the browser: <https://hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlldoc/testimony>, or mailed to Office of the City Clerk, Attention: Information Section, 530 South King Street, Room 100, Honolulu, HI 96813. If submitted, written testimonies, including the testifier's address, e-mail address, and phone number, will be available to the public on the Honolulu Records Collection website, type the following into the address bar of the browser: <https://hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov>.

Should you have any questions, please call (808) 768-3119 or send an email to doris.lam@honolulu.gov.

Honorary Certificates will be presented at 9 a.m.

The Council may recess from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Meeting materials are accessible on the Honolulu Records Collection website, type the following into the address bar of the browser: <https://hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlldoc/browse/agendas> by clicking on the appropriate Council meeting.

The meeting will be viewable: (1) by internet live streaming on the Honolulu City Council YouTube Channel, type the following into the address bar of the browser: <https://www.youtube.com/@HonoluluCityCouncil>; (2) by televised live broadcast on 'Ōlelo TV Channel 54; and (3) on the monitor situated outside the Council Chamber. Viewers who experience a loss of viewing signal should try switching to another viewing option.

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If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability or an interpreter for a language other than English, contact the Office of the City Clerk Information Section at (808) 768-5822, Monday through Friday, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., excluding State holidays, or send an email to doris.lam@honolulu.gov as soon as possible or at least three (3) business days before the scheduled meeting. Requests made as early as possible have a greater likelihood of being fulfilled.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MESSAGE OF ALOHA

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Introduction of Guests

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[Session Minutes from the November 5, 2025 Council Meeting](#)

[Session Minutes from the December 3, 2025 Council Meeting](#)

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ORDER OF THE DAY

APPOINTMENTS – RESOLUTIONS

ZONING & PLANNING

CR-16(26)

Resolution 25-320, CD1

Confirming the reappointment of Geena Thielen to serve on the Building Board of Appeals of the City and County of Honolulu.

FOR ADOPTION, AS AMENDED

PUBLIC SAFETY & ECONOMY

CR-18(26)

Resolution 25-321

Confirming the appointment of Gaison Ontai to serve on the Fire Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

FOR ADOPTION

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PUBLIC SAFETY & ECONOMY (Cont'd.)

CR-19(26)

Resolution 25-322

Confirming the appointment of Gary Yabuta to serve on the Police Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

FOR ADOPTION

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PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 26-8 has been cancelled.

Resolution 26-8

Confirming the appointment of Sterling Higa to serve on the Economic Revitalization Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

PUBLIC HEARING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

Resolution 26-9

Confirming the appointment of Perry White to serve on the Ethics Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

PUBLIC HEARING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

Resolution 26-10

Confirming the appointment of Julie Piotrowski to serve on the Grants in Aid Advisory Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

PUBLIC HEARING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

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Resolution 26-11

Confirming the reappointment of Debbi Eleneki to serve on the Fire Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

PUBLIC HEARING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

Resolution 26-12

Confirming the reappointment of Deborah Lui-Anderson to serve on the Economic Revitalization Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

PUBLIC HEARING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

Resolution 26-13

Confirming the reappointment of Ryan Kamo to serve on the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

PUBLIC HEARING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

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FIRST READING

[Bill 78 \(2025\)](#)

Relating to parking. (Amending the traffic code established by Chapter 15, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021.)

PASS FIRST READING

[Bill 1 \(2026\)](#)

Relating to the establishment of fees and charges for services of the Department of the Medical Examiner. (Establishing fees and charges for the performance of services by the department that it is not otherwise required by law to perform, that are reasonably related to the cost of the service being provided, and that are not among the fees that the department is currently authorized to charge.)

PASS FIRST READING

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[Bill 4 \(2026\)](#)

Relating to incentives for the construction of affordable rental housing. (Addressing incentives for the construction of affordable rental housing in the City and County of Honolulu.)

PASS FIRST READING

[Bill 5 \(2026\)](#)

Relating to development standards in the apartment and apartment mixed-use districts. (Amending the development standards for the apartment and apartment mixed-use districts.)

PASS FIRST READING

[Bill 6 \(2026\)](#)

Relating to development standards in the apartment and apartment mixed-use districts. (Amending the development standards for the apartment and apartment mixed-use districts.)

PASS FIRST READING

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[Bill 7 \(2026\)](#)

Relating to sign standards for apartment and apartment mixed-use districts. (Amending the Land Use Ordinance relating to the regulation of signs for apartment and apartment mixed-use zoning districts.)

PASS FIRST READING

[Bill 8 \(2026\)](#)

Relating to funds. (Creating a fund to receive and expend moneys to support fire prevention activities.)

PASS FIRST READING

[Bill 9 \(2026\)](#)

Relating to funds. (Abolishing the Pauahi Project Expenditures, Hawaii R-15 Fund and repealing or amending any laws in conflict or inconsistent with the abolishment.)

PASS FIRST READING

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[Bill 10 \(2026\)](#)

Relating to lease and rental of City real property.
(Addressing the lease and rental of City and County of
Honolulu real property.)

PASS FIRST READING

[Bill 11 \(2026\)](#)

Relating to affordable housing incentives. (Requiring the
reporting of affordable housing incentives to the City
Council.)

PASS FIRST READING

[Bill 12 \(2026\)](#)

Relating to sewers, drainage, and cesspools. (Requiring
certain information relating to sewers, drainage, and
cesspools to be publicly accessible.)

PASS FIRST READING

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[Bill 13 \(2026\)](#)

Relating to the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund.
(Addressing the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund,
including the process and procedures for reviewing and
evaluating proposals for expenditures from the Clean
Water and Natural Lands Fund.)

PASS FIRST READING

[Bill 14 \(2026\)](#)

Relating to the real property tax exemption for
low-income rental housing. (Addressing the real property
tax exemption for low-income rental housing.)

PASS FIRST READING

[Bill 15 \(2026\)](#)

Relating to affordable housing requirements. (Amending
the affordable housing requirements in Chapter 29,
Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021.)

PASS FIRST READING

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[Bill 16 \(2026\)](#)

Relating to the regulation of dogs. (Amending provisions related to the regulation of dogs.)

PASS FIRST READING

[Bill 17 \(2026\)](#)

Relating to affordable rental housing. (Addressing affordable rental housing as regulated under Chapter 32, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021.)

PASS FIRST READING

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PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING

BUDGET

CR-4(26)

Bill 76 (2025)

Relating to government transparency. (Enhancing governmental transparency in the City and County of Honolulu.)

PASS SECOND READING

CR-5(26)

Bill 77 (2025)

Relating to budget execution. (Amending provisions related to budget execution.)

PASS SECOND READING

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GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY & CUSTOMER SERVICES

CR-21(26)

Bill 8 (2025), CD1

Relating to animal nuisances. (Amending and modifying provisions related to animal nuisances.)

PASS SECOND READING, AS AMENDED

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THIRD READING

BUDGET

CR-1(26)

Bill 54 (2025), CD2

Relating to public transit. (Simplifying, updating, and amending certain sections of Chapter 15B, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, as they pertain to the fare structure for the Multimodal Municipal Transportation System.)

PASS THIRD READING, AS AMENDED

CR-2(26)

Bill 55 (2025), CD2

Relating to Multi-Family Rental Housing Program fees. (Establishing fees for the City and County of Honolulu's Multi-Family Rental Housing Program.)

PASS THIRD READING, AS AMENDED

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BUDGET (Cont'd.)

CR-3(26)

Bill 63 (2025), CD1

Relating to real property taxation. (Addressing the dedication of certain property for affordable long-term residential rental use.)

PASS THIRD READING

HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS & PARKS

CR-9(26)

Bill 66 (2025), CD1

Relating to exceptional trees. (Amending the register of exceptional trees, including certain relevant provisions governing exceptional trees.)

PASS THIRD READING

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RESOLUTIONS

BUDGET

CR-6(26)

[Resolution 25-327](#)

Relating to the transfer of funds. (Department of
Emergency Management)

FOR ADOPTION

CR-7(26)

[Resolution 25-331](#)

Relating to the transfer of funds. (Department of Budget
and Fiscal Services)

FOR ADOPTION

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BUDGET (Cont'd.)

CR-8(26)

Resolution 26-5, CD1

Relating to the transfer of funds. (Department of Budget and Fiscal Services)

FOR ADOPTION, AS AMENDED

HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS & PARKS

CR-10(26)

Resolution 25-330

Accepting a gift of one hi-back traditional bench valued at \$3,274.51 to the City from Bradley Nakamura for preparations of the grounds and a bronze plaque with an inscription to read "Donated by the Family of BJ & Braede Nakamura" to be placed at Pu'uloa Beach Park.

FOR ADOPTION

ORDER OF BUSINESS
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INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORTATION & TECHNOLOGY

CR-11(26)

Resolution 25-332, CD1

Authorizing the Mayor or the Mayor's Designee to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and County of Honolulu and the Department of Land and Natural Resources State Historic Preservation Division for the review of permitted projects in the Chinatown Historic District and Merchant Street Commercial and Civic Historic District.

FOR ADOPTION, AS AMENDED

ZONING & PLANNING

CR-387(25)

Resolution 25-316, CD1

Requiring specific community benefits to be funded by the applicant of a planned development-resort project at 133 Ka'iulani Avenue, as required by Condition 9 of Resolution 16-52, CD1, FD1, as amended by Resolution 19-67, CD1.

FOR ADOPTION, AS AMENDED

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ZONING & PLANNING (Cont'd.)

CR-15(26)

Resolution 25-299, CD1

Granting a Special Management Area Major Permit to allow for the construction of a new two-story single-unit dwelling with attached eight-car garage and internal above-grade swimming pool in Kailua, O'ahu.

FOR ADOPTION, AS AMENDED

PUBLIC SAFETY & ECONOMY

CR-20(26)

Resolution 25-329

Accepting a gift of new fencing and installation, valued at \$125,000 to the City from The Honolulu Zoological Society for the giraffe exhibit at the Honolulu Zoo.

FOR ADOPTION

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GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY & CUSTOMER SERVICES

CR-22(26)

Resolution 26-1

Requesting the State of Hawai'i to evaluate and consider requiring a test of knowledge of the rules of the road for driver's license renewals.

FOR ADOPTION

CR-23(26)

Resolution 26-2

Requesting the State of Hawai'i to include pedestrian safety, bicyclist rights and interactions, and multimodal roadway use as part of the driver education requirements.

FOR ADOPTION

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BALANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

- [ITTCR-12\(26\)](#) Consideration of grant of sewer easements and covenants and restrictions easements S-1 and S-2; grant of sewer easements and covenants and restrictions easements S-3; and grant of sewer easement S-4 for public use in Honolulu. (Ward Block N-West) ([D-866\[25\]](#))
- [ILACR-13\(26\)](#) Request for authorization to settle a case against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Denise Saki v. City and County of Honolulu, et al., Civ. No. 1CCV-23-0001585 LWC (Cir. Ct.).
- [ILACR-14\(26\)](#) Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Wendy L. Shelton v. City and County of Honolulu, Civ. No. 1CCV-24-0000001 JJK (Cir. Ct.).
- [ZONCR-17\(26\)](#) Granting a 90-day extension of time for [Resolution 25-333](#) – Granting a Special Management Area Major Permit to allow for the construction of a new single-unit dwelling, pool, spa, garage, recreation room, and individual wastewater system in Waialua, O’ahu.
(Applicant: Robert Vavul) (Deadline: 2/17/26 + 90 days)

FOR ADOPTION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

[Resolution 26-14](#)

Accepting a gift of shipping services valued at \$8,500 to the City from The Honolulu Zoological Society for the transportation of two female warthogs from Los Angeles, California, to the Honolulu Zoo.

FOR ACTION

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/EXECUTIVE SESSION

If the need arises with respect to any item on this agenda, then pursuant to Council Rule 12.A and Hawai'i Revised Statutes Sections 92-4 and 92-5(a)(4), the Council may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consult with its attorneys in executive session on questions and issues pertaining to the City's and the Council's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and/or liabilities relating to that item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT