



A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO PARKS.

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

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to facilitate the administration of the Community Recreational Gardening program.

The Council finds that:

- (a) The DPR administers 10 community garden sites under the Community Recreational Gardening program, which is governed by rules established by the City and County of Honolulu ("City") contained in the *1984 Amended Rules and Regulations for Community Recreational Gardening Program*; and
- (b) Since the COVID-19 outbreak was declared an international and national public health emergency in January 2020, many businesses have been forced to close, with hundreds of thousands of employees being laid off or furloughed and forced into unemployment due to loss of income; and
- (c) As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact the economy, fears of a global food crisis in the foreseeable future are also likely to become reality, as the United Nations has warned that an estimated 265 million people worldwide could face food insecurity by the end of 2020; and
- (d) Through private sector partnerships, the Hawaii Foodbank and its local food distribution partners have held several food distribution events to feed thousands of Hawaii's struggling families, strongly underscoring the community's reliance on these events and the need for food security and sustainability in the City and in the State; and
- (e) The City's Community Recreational Gardening program can serve a growing need for food security and sustainability in the community; increasing public awareness of and access to the program may lead to future expansion of the program, increased yield for the local food supply, and more opportunities for community food donations.



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SECTION 2. Chapter 10, Article 1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("Department of Parks and Recreation"), is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated by the Revisor of Ordinances and to read as follows:

"Sec. 10-1. Community Recreational Gardening program.

- (a) The director shall seek out locations in underserved areas for the siting of new recreational gardens at developed parks or undeveloped lands under the jurisdiction of the department for the benefit of the community which is served by the property. The planning and installation of new recreational gardens must be conducted in a timely manner in consultation with the benefitting community.
- (b) The implementation of this section is subject to the director's discretion and must not jeopardize the financial stability of the city."

SECTION 3. In SECTION 2 of this ordinance, 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 underscoring.



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SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

Kymberly Pine

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

August 5, 2020
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

KIRK CALDWELL, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu