



RESOLUTION

URGING THE CREATION OF A STAKEHOLDER GROUP TO DISCUSS RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON BUSINESSES, EMPLOYERS, AND ACTIVITIES UNDER THE HONOLULU REOPENING STRATEGY IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of Hawaii ("State") issued a proclamation declaring the existence of a state of emergency in the State due to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, also on March 4, 2020, then Mayor Kirk Caldwell ("Mayor") issued a proclamation declaring the existence of a state of emergency in the City and County of Honolulu ("City") due to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2020, the Mayor issued Emergency Order No. 2020-27, which implemented a reopening strategy with certain criteria set for loosening and tightening restrictions on businesses and activities along a four tier system, with Tier 1 being the most restrictive and Tier 4 being the most relaxed; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor provided a set of metrics to govern the movement of the City between the various Tiers, including metrics relating to the rolling average daily number of new COVID-19 cases and the percentage of COVID-19 positive test results in relation to the total number of tests conducted; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Emergency Order No. 2020-27 placed the City into Tier 1 and provided the following list of business and activity categories that are permitted to operate under Tier 1, subject to certain operational restrictions and permissions designed to protect the health of employees and customers/clients/patrons:

- Outdoor sports, for which a permit is not required;
- Public and private commercial pools;
- Shooting and archery ranges;
- Public and private golf courses;
- Real estate services;
- New and used car and truck dealerships;
- Automated service providers;
- Mobile service providers;
- Retail and service businesses;
- Shopping malls;
- Restaurants;



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- Zoos, sea life attractions, aquariums, museums, botanical gardens;
- Bowling alleys;
- Tours and skydiving;
- Hair salons, barber shops, and nail salons;
- Personal care services;
- Pet services;
- Business offices;
- Movie theaters; and
- Personal and commercial recreational boating; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2020, based on the established metrics, the Mayor issued Emergency Order 2020-29, which moved the City into the less restrictive Tier 2, under which the following additional business and activity categories are permitted, subject to operational restrictions and permissions designed to protect the health of employees and customers/clients/patrons:

- Group physical activities;
- Gym and fitness facility operations and activities;
- Helicopter tours;
- Arcades;
- Legal short-term rentals;
- Drive-in services; and
- Other commercial activities; and

WHEREAS, despite loosening of restrictions under Tier 2, the activity category of outdoor organized team sports remains closed and several other activity categories are severely limited; and

WHEREAS, these restrictions have continued through the Mayor's Emergency Order 2020-31, issued on December 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that for the sake of business owners, their employees, Hawaii's major industries, and the public, further review of the Honolulu Reopening Strategy, to ensure a clear and equitable process for Honolulu to safely and successfully reopen (subject to appropriate restrictions and permissions) and thrive under the City's tiered reopening strategy, is critical; now, therefore,



CITY COUNCIL
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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the creation of a stakeholder group to meet and discuss appropriate adjustments to the restrictions imposed on businesses, employers, and activities under the Honolulu Reopening Strategy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the stakeholder group is further urged to submit its recommendations to the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the City Administration, and the City Council, as it deems appropriate; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawaii, Mayor Rick Blangiardi, and Managing Director-designate Michael Formby.

INTRODUCED BY:



DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JAN - 6 2021

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers