

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

September 2, 2005

**Committee  
Report No.**

05-131

Honorable Chair and Members  
of the County Council  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Public Works Committee, having met on August 15, 2005, makes reference to County Communication No. 05-194, from the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management, transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.20.070, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO SIDEWALKS".

The purpose of the proposed bill is to require sidewalks five feet wide on both sides of the street in all areas zoned residential, duplex, or in the County's interim zones.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony.

The Director stated that the County currently requires sidewalks four feet wide on one side of the street. The Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) recommend that sidewalks be five feet wide at specified distances, to allow for the clear passage of wheelchairs. The ADAAG, along with the existing Maui County Code Section 18.20.070, creates sidewalks of satisfactory but irregular width. The proposed bill would result in uniform and wider sidewalks, guaranteeing greater accessibility while contributing to aesthetics and general walkability.

Your Committee discussed the effect the proposed bill would have on current sidewalks on nonconforming roadways, as well as its impact on parking.

The Director restated that the legislation is meant to apply primarily to new developments.

Your Committee voted to recommend passage of the proposed bill and filing of the communication.

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Your Public Works Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1.     That Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ (2005), attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.20.070, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO SIDEWALKS", be PASSED ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT; and
  
2.     That County Communication No. 05-194 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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