

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

June 21, 2002

Committee
Report No.

02-72

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

Chair and Members:

Your Public Works and Transportation Committee, having met on June 5, 2002, makes reference to County Communication No. 02-87, from the Director of Public Works and Waste Management, transmitting a proposed bill entitled, "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 12.02.040, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO CLEANING AND MAINTAINING SIDEWALKS".

The purpose of the proposed bill is to require that notification for sidewalk maintenance to adjacent property owners be sent by certified mail instead of registered mail.

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

The Deputy Director provided your Committee with an overview of the matter. He stated that certified mail would achieve the same notification requirements while reducing mailing costs.

In response to an inquiry by your Committee, the Deputy Director stated that he does not have an estimate available for potential revenue savings which may result from the proposed revision. However, he noted that the Department mails a considerable number of notifications, and the difference in price between registered mail and certified mail will result in significant savings.

Your Committee noted concerns about the burden sidewalk maintenance places on certain small business operators. Your Committee further noted that the Department should review the impacts that street cleaning by County street sweeping machines may have on sidewalks. Your Committee felt that the street sweeping machines may actually contribute to the need for sidewalk maintenance.

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Your Committee requested that the Department of Public Works and Waste Management provide the following:

1. Identify the number of sidewalk maintenance notifications the Department has mailed during the last twelve months;
2. Outline the potential cost savings that will result in mailing the notifications by certified mail versus registered mail; and
3. Conduct an analysis of the effectiveness of street sweeping machines. Please review the impacts the machines may have by thrusting dust and debris onto the sidewalks and provide any recommendations to eliminate such inconveniences.

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

Your Public Works and Transportation Committee **RECOMMENDS** the following:

1. That Bill No. _____ (2002), attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 12.02.040, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO CLEANING AND MAINTAINING SIDEWALKS"; PASS FIRST READING and BE ORDERED TO PRINT; and
2. That County Communication No. 02-87 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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