

Resolution

No. 17-74

REFERRING TO THE MOLOKAI PLANNING
COMMISSION A PROPOSED BILL TO AMEND
THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE
RELATING TO SHORT-TERM RENTAL HOMES
ON MOLOKAI

WHEREAS, the Council is considering a proposed bill to set a limit on short-term rental home permits on Molokai; and

WHEREAS, during the review of short-term rental homes bills in 2011 and 2012 by the County Council and the Maui, Lanai and Molokai Planning Commissions, the Molokai Planning Commission recommended that Molokai be exempted from proposed limits on the number of short-term rental home permits;

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning has identified over 25 short-term rental homes operating on Molokai without permits;

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning currently has 15 short-term rental home permit applications pending its review and consideration;

WHEREAS, in an effort to maintain the character, sense of community, and quality of life on Molokai, it is now the community's desire to set a cap for the maximum number of short-term rental homes that may be permitted on the island; and

WHEREAS, Sections 8-8.4 and 8-8.6 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, requires that the appropriate planning commission reviews proposed land use ordinances and amendments thereto, and provides findings and recommendations to the Council; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

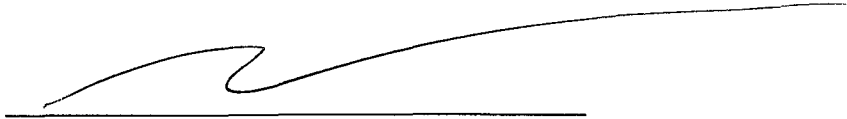
1. That it hereby refers the proposed bill, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19.65.030, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO SHORT-TERM RENTAL HOME PERMITS ON MOLOKAI," a copy of which is attached

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hereto as Exhibit "1" and made a part hereof, to the Molokai Planning Commission for appropriate action, pursuant to Sections 8-8.4 and 8-8.6 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended;

2. That it respectfully requests that the Molokai Planning Commission transmit its findings and recommendations to the Council as expeditiously as possible; and
3. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Planning Director, and the Molokai Planning Commission.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a long horizontal line with a wavy, stylized flourish above it.

Deputy Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

BILL NO. _____ (2017)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19.65.030, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO SHORT-TERM RENTAL HOME PERMITS ON MOLOKAI

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI:

SECTION 1. Section 19.65.030, Maui County Code, is amended to read as follows:

“19.65.030 Restrictions and standards. Short-term rental homes are subject to the following restrictions and standards:

A. The short-term rental home use is permitted in no more than two single-family dwelling units, or one single-family dwelling unit and one accessory dwelling unit, per lot. No more than one short-term rental home permit shall be approved for any lot, except when lots are subject to a condominium property regime pursuant to chapter 514A or 514B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the following shall apply:

1. If the applicant owns all condominium units on the lot, only one permit may be granted for that lot.

2. If the applicant does not own all condominium units on the lot, each condominium unit will be considered a lot for purposes of this chapter and each unit owner will be eligible to apply for a short-term rental home permit, except that no owner may hold more than one short-term rental home permit.

3. Irrespective of ownership, each condominium unit shall be considered a separate lot for purposes of notification and planning commission review thresholds pursuant to subsection 19.65.060(A)(2).

4. For the purposes of this chapter, any reference to a short-term rental home property shall mean a property, lot, or condominium unit.

B. Each permitted dwelling unit on a short-term rental home property shall be rented to one group with a single rental agreement, except:

1. On the island of Lanai; or

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2. Any short-term rental home where the owner resides on an adjacent lot.

C. The permit holder shall have a current transient accommodations tax license and general excise tax license for the short-term rental home.

D. The permit holder shall:

1. Hold a minimum of a fifty percent interest in the legal title to the lot on which the short-term rental home is located, except as provided in subsection G of this section.

2. Serve as manager of the short-term rental home; provided that, the permit holder may designate:

a. An immediate adult family member of the permit holder to serve as manager. Immediate family includes a person's parents, spouse or partner through a civil union, children and their spouses, siblings, stepparents, stepchildren, adopted children and their spouses, and hanai children;

b. An individual with an active State of Hawaii real estate license to serve as manager, except for properties located in the Hana or Lanai community plan areas, where an individual may act as a manager as allowed by State law; or

c. An adult to serve as a temporary manager for up to forty-five days in a twelve-month period.

3. The permit holder shall notify the department and the immediate adjacent neighbors of:

a. Any designation of an individual as manager pursuant to this section, including a statement of the designated manager's tenure, residential and business addresses, and telephone numbers.

b. Any change in the manager's addresses or telephone numbers.

E. The manager of the short-term rental home shall:

1. Be accessible to guests, neighbors, and County agencies. For purposes of this section, "accessible" means being able to answer the telephone at all times, being able to be physically present at the short-term rental home within one hour following a request by a guest, a neighbor, or a County agency, and having an office or residence within thirty driving miles.

2. Ensure compliance with state department of health regulations, this chapter, permit conditions, and other applicable laws and regulations.

3. Enforce the house policies.

4. Collect all rental fees.

F. The short-term rental home shall only be rented when the manager is accessible.

G. The short-term rental home permit is issued in the name of the applicant, who shall be a natural person or persons holding a minimum of a fifty percent interest in the legal title in the lot; except that, a permit may be issued for a lot owned by a family trust, a corporation, a limited liability partnership, or a limited liability company if the following criteria are met:

1. The applicant is a natural person or persons who is a trustee or who are trustees of the family trust, or who represents fifty percent or more of the partner(s) of a limited liability partnership, fifty percent or more of the corporate shareholder(s) of a corporation, or fifty percent or more of the member(s) of a limited liability company.

2. The limited liability partnership, corporation, or limited liability company is not publicly traded.

3. All of the trustees, partners, corporation's shareholders, or limited liability company's members are natural persons, and if there is more than one trustee, partner, shareholder, or member, they shall be related by blood, adoption, marriage, or civil union.

H. An applicant may hold no more than one short-term rental home permit, except when:

1. Additional permits are for short-term rental homes that each have a County assessed market value of \$3,200,000 or higher at the time of each application.

2. The permit holder filed complete applications for the short-term rental home permits within one year of this chapter's original effective date of May 23, 2012.

I. A permit is not transferable; provided that, a permit may be transferred upon the death of a permit holder to an immediate family member as defined in subsection 19.65.030(D)(2)(a).

J. The applicant shall provide with the application, copies of any applicable homeowner or condominium association bylaws or rules and any other applicable private conditions, covenants, or restrictions. The documents, if any, shall assist the department in determining the character of the neighborhood.

K. The number of bedrooms used for short-term rental home use on a short-term rental home lot shall be no greater than six on Lanai and Maui, and no greater than three on Molokai. The total number of guests staying in the short-term rental home at any one time shall be no greater than two times the number of bedrooms.

L. Single-station smoke detectors shall be installed in all guest bedrooms.

M. Single-family dwellings used as short-term rental homes shall not qualify for real property tax exemptions permitted pursuant to chapter 3.48 of this code.

N. Short-term rental homes shall conform to the character of the existing neighborhood in which they are situated. Prior to issuing a permit, the department or applicable planning commission shall consider the following:

1. If a proposed short-term rental property is subject to any homeowner, condominium association, or other private conditions, covenants, or restrictions, then correspondence from the association or other entity responsible for the enforcement of the conditions, covenants, or restrictions is required. The correspondence shall include specific conditions that determine whether or not the proposed short-term rental home use is allowed. The correspondence shall be used to assist the department in determining the character of the neighborhood. If no such association or entity exists, this requirement shall not apply. The director and the planning commissions shall not be bound by any private conditions, covenants, or restrictions upon the subject parcel. Any such limitations may be enforced against the property owner through appropriate civil action.

2. Existing land-use entitlements and uses.

3. The applicable community plan.

4. Community input.

5. Potential adverse impacts, including excessive noise, traffic, and garbage.

6. The number of permitted short-term rental homes surrounding the proposed short-term rental home property and their distance to the property.

7. The number and substance of protests to the short-term rental home application and protests related to the cumulative short-term rental homes in the neighborhood or area.

8. Existing or past complaints about rental operations on the property.

9. Existing or past noncompliance with government requirements and the degree of cooperation by the applicant to become compliant.

O. Short-term rental homes shall be limited to single-family dwelling units and accessory dwelling units existing and constructed at least five years prior to the date of application for the short-term rental home permit.

P. A two-square-foot sign shall be displayed along the main access road of the short-term rental home identifying the valid short-term rental home permit, a twenty-four hour telephone

number for the owner or the manager, and a telephone number for the department. The signs shall not be subject to the provisions of chapter 16.13 of this code.

Q. The permit holder or manager shall prominently display "house policies" within the dwelling. The house policies shall be included in the rental agreement, which shall be signed by each registered adult guest. At a minimum, the house policies shall include:

1. Quiet hours from 9:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., during which time the noise from the short-term rental home shall not unreasonably disturb adjacent neighbors. Sound that is audible beyond the property boundaries during non-quiet hours shall not be more excessive than would be otherwise associated with a residential area.

2. Amplified sound that is audible beyond the property boundaries of the short-term rental home is prohibited.

3. Vehicles shall be parked in the designated onsite parking area and shall not be parked on the street.

4. No parties or group gatherings other than registered guests shall occur.

R. The County shall be restricted in approving the number of permits for short-term rental homes as distributed per the following community plan areas and as further restricted by the applicable community plan:

1. Hana: 30.

2. Kihei-Makena: 100; provided that, there are no more than five permitted short-term rental homes in the subdivision commonly known as Maui Meadows.

3. Makawao-Pukalani-Kula: 40.

4. Paia-Haiku: 88.

5. Wailuku-Kahului: 36.

6. West Maui: 88.

7. Molokai: 40; provided the following limits will be set for short-term rental home permits in each region:

a. East Molokai 15;

b. Central Molokai 10; and

c. West Molokai 15.

d. Boundaries of each region are as follows:

i. East Molokai, consisting of the ahupua`a from Makolelau to Halawa on the south shore, and from Pelekunu to Halawa on the north shore;

ii. Central Molokai, consisting of the ahupua`a from Kawela to Pala`au on the south shore, and from Kahanui to Pala`au on the north shore; and

iii. West Molokai, consisting of the ahupua`a of Kaluako`i, including coastal portions of Ho`olehua and `Iloli on the south shore.

The council shall review the community plan short-term rental home restrictions when the number of approved short-term rental homes exceeds ninety percent of the restriction number. Short-term rental homes operating with a conditional permit pursuant to chapter 19.40 of this title that meet the criteria of this section shall be included in the number of short-term rental homes permitted pursuant to this subsection.

S. Prior to issuing a permit, the director or planning commission may impose conditions for a short-term rental home if the conditions are reasonably designed to mitigate adverse impacts to the neighborhood.

T. Any dwelling unit developed pursuant to chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or chapter 2.96 of this code, shall not be used as a short-term rental home.”

SECTION 2. Material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this bill, the County Clerk need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Department of the Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

It is HEREBY CERTIFIED that RESOLUTION NO. 17-74 was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 21st day of April, 2017, by the following vote:

MEMBERS	Michael B. WHITE Chair	Robert CARROLL Vice-Chair	Alika ATAY	Eleanora COCHRAN	S. Stacy CRIVELLO	Donald S. GUZMAN	G. Riki HOKAMA	Kelly T. KING	Yuki Lei K. SUGIMURA
ROLL CALL	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye



COUNTY CLERK