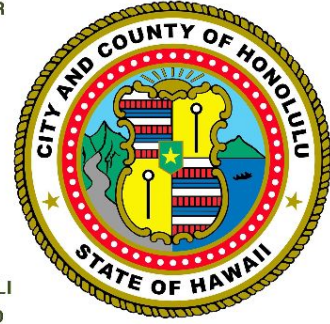




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DISTRICT 3

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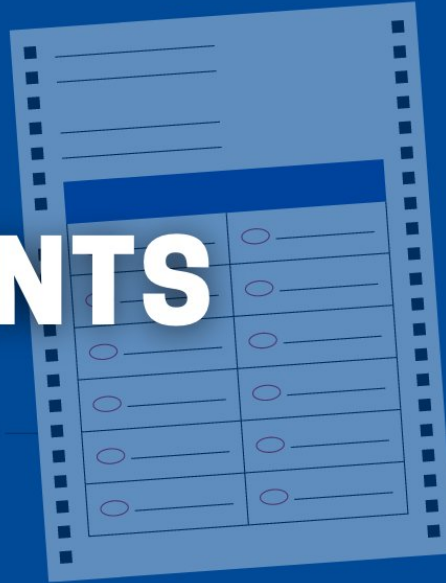


**October 28, 2022**

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**City and County of Honolulu Charter  
Amendments on the  
2022 General Election Ballot**

# CHARTER AMENDMENTS 2022



Have questions regarding  
the proposed Charter Amendments  
on your 2022 General ballot?

Visit our resource:  
[honolulucitycouncil.org/charter-amendments](https://honolulucitycouncil.org/charter-amendments)



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The City Council passed four resolutions this year that proposes to amend the City's Charter related to the City's Affordable Housing Fund, the Planning Commission, the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund, and the Office of Council Services.

- **Question No. 1** asks whether the mandatory percentage of the City's estimated real property tax revenue that is deposited into the City's Affordable Housing Fund (AHF), should be increased from one-half to one percent. The AHF can be used to acquire, construct, or rehabilitate properties in order to provide rental housing for households earning 60 percent or less of the area median income (e.g. a maximum income of \$54,900 for a household of one or \$78,360 for a household of four).
- **Question No. 2** asks whether or not the City and County of Honolulu Planning Commission should adopt criteria for four of the nine members, which would require at least one member of the commission to have substantial experience or expertise in the following disciplines: Native

change, sea level rise, or environmental protection or preservation.

- **Question No. 3** asks whether the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund should be permitted to be used for costs related to operation, maintenance, and management of lands acquired with the funds.
- **Question No. 4** asks whether the functions of the City Council’s Office of Council Services, which researches and drafts legislation for the Honolulu City Council, should be formally recognized in the charter.

I supported each of these proposed charter amendments when the relevant resolutions came before the City Council. You can find the full details of the resolutions at the City elections website [here](#).

[The Star Advertiser](#) and [Hawai'i Public Radio](#) have also published stories on the amendments that may help you understand the implications if the amendments pass.

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## City Funds Awarded to Preserve Maunawili Agricultural Lands and Promote Food Security in Palawai and Makali‘i



*Dean Wilhelm, co-founder and director of Ho'okua'aina, showing Councilmember Esther Kia'aina the Palawai parcels in Maunawili, which are in the process of being acquired by Ho'okua'aina with the help of the City's Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund.*

Congratulations to Ho'okua'aina and Kaulukalana, two non-profit organizations located in Kailua, on their award of over \$9 million of the City's Clean Water and Natural Lands (CWNL) fund to acquire a total of five parcels, known as the Palawai and Makali'i parcels! I was excited to advocate for final passage of [Resolution 22-221, FD1](#) by the City Council on October 5 that approved the expenditure of funds from the CWNL fund. Securing City funding to acquire these parcels is part of a broader community effort to preserve the Maunawili Forest and lo'i in its entirety. This funding will provide Ho'okua'aina and Kaulukalana with the opportunity to expand their existing community-based programs, and engage community members in the restoration and revitalization of these lands. The preservation of these lands will provide important ecosystem protections, reduce erosion, and support bio-cultural restoration in the area, encouraging food production within the region. Mahalo to the Trust for Public Lands, the Hawai'i Land Trust, and the Clean Water and Natural Lands Advisory Commission for their due diligence and efforts to help these organizations in their journey to preserve these lands.

# Spotlight on City Grants for Community and Affordable Housing Projects



**Grants in Aid (GIA):** The City and County's Grants in Aid program for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 is now open for proposals! The GIA fund is administered by the Department of Community Services (DCS) and funds are used to help economically or socially disadvantaged groups, or for the public benefit of arts, culture, economic development, or the environment. In FY 2023, over \$9 million in GIA funds were awarded to 61 organizations, with nearly \$1 million in GIA funds awarded to District 3 projects. Applicants can visit the DCS [GIA webpage](#), which provides key registration dates, and has grant proposal videos explaining mandatory requirements to receive grant funding. The grant proposal application can be accessed [here](#). The **deadline for grant proposals is November 22, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)** – ESG funding, a program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, is now open for applications for Fiscal Year 2024 to address the needs of households experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness to regain housing stability. ESG funding may be used for five program components: street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing, and Homeless Management Information System programs. The City coordinates with Honolulu's Continuum of Care Coordinator, Partners in Care, on how to prioritize funds within the above components. Interested applicants may access the ESG Notice of

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“ESG” in the search box. Sealed Proposals by interested applicants are **due by 10:00 a.m. on November 14, 2022.**

**Affordable Housing Fund (AHF):** After awarding \$28.17 million in AHF funding for six projects this summer, the Department of Community Services (DCS) is hard at work on completing the contracts for those awards and preparing to make more AHF funding available through another solicitation, which is anticipated to be published this fall. Each year one-half of one percent of the City’s estimated real property tax revenues is appropriated to the Affordable Housing Fund, which provides funding for affordable rental housing for households earning 60% or less of the median household income. To be notified when the applications become available please subscribe to the DCS’s funding opportunities email list by clicking [here](#).

**Non-Profit Grants:** The City’s \$30 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding for awards to O’ahu non-profit organizations adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic should start accepting applications soon. Organizations will be able to apply for as much as \$100,000 and will be awarded on a first come first serve basis. To be notified when the applications become available please subscribe to DCS’s funding opportunities email list by clicking [here](#).

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**Community Profile – Kawailoa:  
A Transformative Indigenous Model to End  
Youth Incarceration in Hawai‘i**



It is a great honor and pleasure to congratulate the Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i (OYAH) collaborative for being selected by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's as one of five international awardees for its Racial Equity 2030 challenge, for its transformative project at the foot of the Olomana ridge in Maunawili in the ahupua'a of Kailua. OYAH is a collaborative between the Partners in Development Foundation, Kupa 'Āina Farm, Kinai 'Eha, Hale Lanipolua, Residential Youth Services and Empowerment (RYSE), the Hawai'i Youth and Correctional Facility (HYCF) and Olomana School, at the Kawaiiloa Youth and Family Wellness Center. The W. K. Kellogg Foundation's Racial Equity 2030 challenge seeks to find bold solutions to drive an equitable future for children, families and communities around the world, and the Kellogg Foundation has pledged to contribute \$80 million toward this goal. OYAH's project is entitled "Kawaiiloa: A Transformative Indigenous Model to End Youth Incarceration," and was chosen out of 1,453 applicants. The collaborative was awarded \$20 million, which it will receive over the next eight years.

Since the Kawaiiloa Youth and Family Wellness Center's establishment in 2018 at the site of the Hawai'i Youth Correctional Facility, it has made great strides in providing a nonpunitive rehabilitation alternative for incarcerated youth, who are disproportionately Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders. Embracing the Native Hawaiian concept of the pu'uuhonua, or a refuge, the Center, a 500 acre campus that houses many youth service providers, provides a variety of resources for incarcerated youth, that address the impacts of homelessness, sex trafficking and exploitation, and other external forces that impact their lives when they arrive. Center programming includes community service projects, such as helping with food distributions, building wheelchair ramps for kūpuna in Hawaiian Homesteads, as well as producing agriculture and caring for cattle.

knowledge and healing practices, youth leadership, and community driven programs. These efforts have already had huge impacts on the youth population in these facilities, and helped HYCF achieve a significant milestone - in June 2022, administrator Mark Kawika Patterson announced that there were [no incarcerated girls](#) in the State's only youth correctional facility, a first in state history, and significantly less kids overall.

Mahalo and congratulations to all the organizations that are a part of the OYAH collaborative and to the Hawai'i Youth Correctional Facility for its successful diversion of our youth into culturally informed community programs that promote healing, rehabilitation, and leadership. I look forward to continuing to support all of your hard work and efforts in the future!

## Traffic Advisory: Kailua Roundabout Construction Improvements to start mid-November



The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and Department of



Kailua Road fronting Kalapawai Market. This pilot roundabout, which was installed in 2018 to address community concerns, has improved overall pedestrian and traffic safety, while also improving traffic flow.

This federally funded project will include upgrading the roundabout with higher-quality materials, constructing sidewalks, adding raised crosswalks and installing drainage infrastructure to address frequent storm water ponding. The project will be broken up into nine phases with working hours from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Phase one of the project is estimated to start on mid-November 2022 (pending utility pole work) and last through December 2022, and will include an eastbound closure at the roundabout on South Kalaheo Avenue towards Lanikai. Traffic will be contra-flowed during work hours to alleviate traffic congestion.

Construction of all nine phases is expected to be completed by November 2024, and residents traversing through this area should allow for extra travel time.

Additional information on the project, construction schedules, and remaining phases can be found here: <https://www.kalapawaiproject.com/>. Residents can also contact the City's Department of Transportation Services at (808) 768-8320.

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## **Traffic Advisory: He'eia Stream Bridge Partial Closure**



A City and County improvement project along the He'eia Stream Bridge on Kamehameha Highway started on October 24, 2022. The scope of the improvement project will be to modify the bridge and install new street lights. Lane closures will continue for 10 weeks, and work will be conducted between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays. Residents traversing this area should allow for extra travel time. If there are any questions, please contact the City Department of Design and Construction at (808)768-8429.

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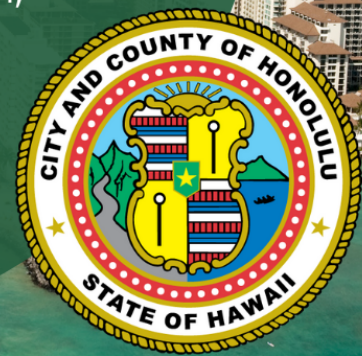
## **City Begins Enforcing Short Term Rental Ordinance and Opens Registration Portal**

# City Administration Update: Short-Term Rentals Enforcement

**UPDATE:** Mayor Rick Blangiardi announced short term rental portal to open on **Monday, Oct. 24, 2022.**

**Illegal short-term rentals can be fined \$10,000 per day.** For more information, please visit [honolulu.gov/dppstr](https://honolulu.gov/dppstr).

City Complaint Hotline and Resources:  
808-768-STVR (7887)  
[honolulu.gov/dppstr](https://honolulu.gov/dppstr)



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Honolulu's [Ordinance 22-7](#), signed into law on April 26, 2022, officially went into effect on October 23, 2022. Although a District Court has enjoined the City from implementing Ordinance 22-7 insofar as it prohibits 30-89 day home rentals or advertisement of such rentals, the City will proceed with implementation of the ordinance as it applies to less than 30 day rentals, including enforcement of

- The clarification and slight modification of where short term rentals are allowed, which concentrates short term rentals in resort areas and apartment districts near resort areas
- Registration requirements for all short term rentals - the City's online portal for registration became available on October 24, 2022. Current NUC holders do not need to register under the new registration system, but must continue to renew their NUCs which will now be annually (instead of biannually)

- Past Issues
- Advertising requirements, including requirement to list registration information and TMKs of the property
  - Insurance requirements
  - The updated use and development standards for short term rentals, including parking requirements, occupancy limits, quiet hours, and gathering restrictions
  - NUC renewal requirements

Please find additional information about how to register, as well as more details about the registration requirements, insurance requirements, and other requirements at the Department of Permitting and Planning's updated short-term rental website [here](#).

If you suspect a violation of existing short term rental laws, you can use this [form](#). Please have the address or Tax Map Key information readily available.

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## Good news: Ka'elepulu Stream Monthly Maintenance to Resume



Ka'elepulu Watershed continues to be important to the Kailua community. One of my priorities this year was to work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to ensure that the City's Department of Facilities Maintenance (DFM) was allowed to provide monthly maintenance and opening of the beach sand berm where the Ka'elepulu Stream would otherwise flow into Kailua Bay at Kailua Beach Park. I believe that the regular maintenance will help with overall water quality improvement of Ka'elepulu Pond, stabilize and lower stream levels, allow for regular movement of the stream water to prevent stagnation, and mitigate flooding and erosion particularly in the areas near the mouth of the stream. Working with the Kailua Neighborhood Board, the Enchanted Lake Residents Association, DFM, and the U.S. Army Corps, I am pleased that on October 19th the U.S. Army Corps approved inclusion of Ka'elepulu Stream into the City's existing Army Core permit to allow the City to resume regular maintenance activities and open the berm at the stream mouth without emergency authorization.

In a related matter, on October 20th, the City's Managing Director approved the release of \$1.67 million, which I requested and was successful in securing in the City's FY 2022 CIP budget, for DFM to move forward with the planning and design services to implement structural storm drainage best management practices measures at City properties within the Ka'elepulu Watershed and specifically in the vicinity of Ka'elepulu Pond. DFM will be working diligently to encumber the funds for a planning and design contract before the end of FY 2023. I intend to continue to advocate for additional funding in the FY 2024 CIP budget for any remaining designing and planning needs as well as for constructions. I believe it is important that the City work with community stakeholders as the planning process moves forward, including the Kailua Neighborhood Board's Subcommittee on Pollution of Kailua's Waterways and Beaches and Enchanted Lakes Residents Association. DFM Director Dawn Szewczyk and Randall Wakumoto, Program Administrator for DFM's Water Quality Division, will be presenting an update to the Subcommittee at its December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting at 5:30 p.m. Please attend if you are interested!

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**Serve on a City and County of Honolulu  
Board or Commission**



## CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Boards and Commissions at the City and County of Honolulu play a critical role in setting policies, enacting regulations, advising the City Administration and the City Council, and otherwise implementing City and County laws that impact Honolulu residents. The City and County has many boards and commissions that cover a wide range of subject matters—from managing our public water systems to matters related to emergency planning and operations to recreational activities and facilities. I am highlighting two of the City's commissions that have current vacancies that may be of interest to our community—the Neighborhood Commission and the Grants in Aid Commission, and I encourage you to spread the word to those that may be well suited to serve on these commissions.

The [Neighborhood Commission](#) aims to increase and assure effective citizen participation in the decisions of government, provide oversight and evaluation of policy, and facilitate the efficient organization and operation of the Honolulu Neighborhood Board system. Currently, there are two vacancies on the Neighborhood Commission, and appointees serve for five year terms.

The [Grants in Aid \(GIA\) Advisory Commission](#) is responsible for reviewing GIA proposals and provide recommendations for grant funding for the Honolulu City Council's approval. Currently, there are two vacancies on the commission, and appointees to the GIA commission are appointed for five-year terms.

For more information on the other boards and commissions within the City and County of Honolulu, please visit this [link](#). If you are interested in applying for a vacant position on a board, commission, or committee, please submit a cover letter and resume to [mdoffice@honolulu.gov](mailto:mdoffice@honolulu.gov).

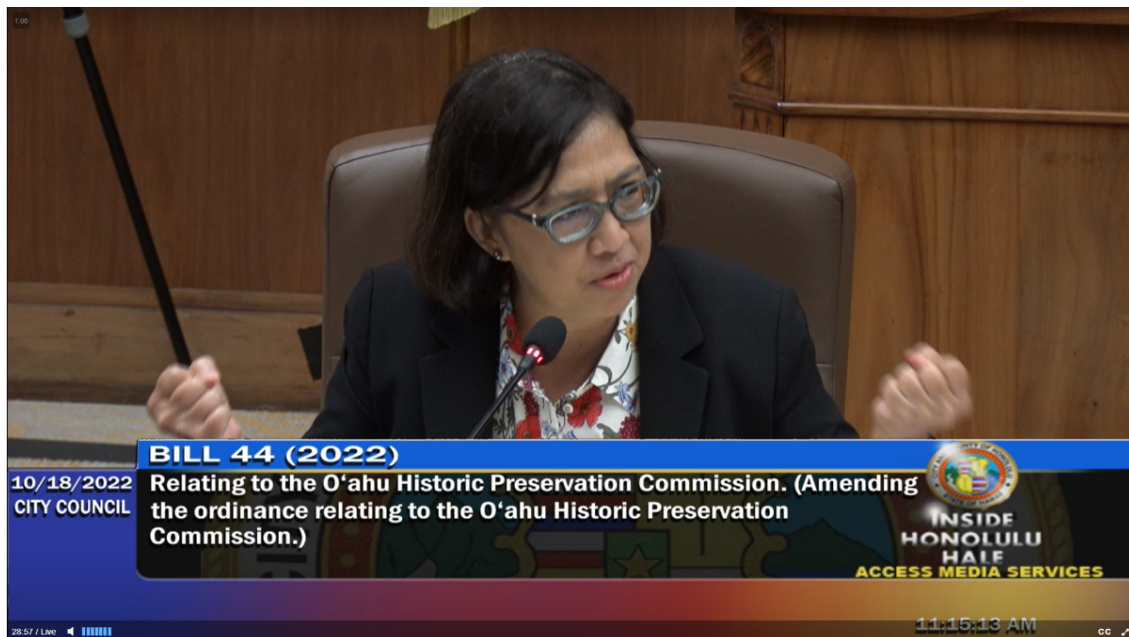
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**Honolulu Little League Brings Home the 2022  
Little League World Series Championship**



Councilmember Esther Kia'āina and members of the Honolulu City Council participated in a parade and festivities to celebrate and honor the Honolulu Little League Team for their inspiring performance in capturing the 2022 Little League World Series Championship!

## Legislative Updates



October 18, 2022. In recognition of the practical concerns of delayed processing times with the Department of Planning permitting, the CD1 approved by the Committee on Housing and the Economy, which I chair, eliminated the mandatory project review and recommendation requirement in subsection (g) of the original bill, while permitting the commission to review projects upon DPP's request. With overwhelming community support for Bill 44, the bill is anticipated to be heard for third and final reading at the full City Council meeting on November 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. I look forward to working with the administration to resolve any remaining concerns, and after nearly three decades have the City and County of Honolulu, the only county in Hawai'i without a Commission, stand it up to mitigate negative impacts to our counties' historic properties. Mahalo to all who submitted testimony in support of the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission.

[Resolution 22-207, CD1](#) which seeks to provide checks and balances to the Honolulu Liquor Commission, was adopted by the full City Council on October 5, 2022. I believe that the Administration and committed members of the commission are going to work hard on addressing concerns that have been raised. The Mayor has taken an important step towards addressing concerns by appointing a new member to the Commission, which is also an important step towards the Commission's hiring of a new administrator. The City Council is anticipated to confirm the appointment of Jeffrey Hong, via [Resolution 22-229](#) at the full City Council meeting on November 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Hong is the founder and Chief Technology Officer of TechMana LLC, a cybersecurity and software development firm that was recognized for their support of the LGBTQ community by Pacific Business News in 2018. Mr. Hong also serves on boards of directors for both the national and Hawai'i chapters of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). I am grateful to Mr. Hong for his commitment to serve on the Honolulu Liquor Commission.

[Bill 10](#) which updates the City's Land Use Ordinance, was introduced by Zoning and Planning Committee Chair Brandon Elefante at the request of the Department of Permitting and Planning (DPP). The Zoning and Planning Committee approved two updated versions of Bill 10 at a Special meeting of the Zoning and Planning Committee on September 26, 2022 and at the regularly scheduled committee meeting on October 20, 2022. In response to the request of Committee members, including myself, the City Administration, and community stakeholders, for more time to more fully understand how proposed



approved versions of Bill 10 out of the Committee. Once the latest Bill approved by the Committee is available, some councilmembers will be hosting community meetings to facilitate additional conversations with community stakeholders. I anticipate the next Zoning and Planning Committee will not consider moving Bill 10 again for at least a couple months. For more questions please contact Councilmember Kia'aina directly at [ekiaaina@honolulu.gov](mailto:ekiaaina@honolulu.gov).

[Bill 41, CD1](#) & [Bill 42, CD1](#): which would make changes to the City's Special Management Area and Shoreline Setback laws, passed second reading by the full Council on September 7, 2022. I am recommending that the Planning and Zoning Committee hold an informational briefing on these measures, to include representatives from the State's Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation Commission and Office of Planning to share more about the impetus of [Act 16](#), which has informed many of the proposed changes found in Bill 41 and Bill 42. I am also hoping to learn more about how Maui and Kaua'i counties have implemented their updated shoreline setbacks, what the minimum buildable area is for properties affected by the updated setbacks, and what options property owners have to repair nonconforming structures.

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## Community Outreach



*As a result of a series of site visits and meetings between myself, Ka'elepulu residents, and the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS), "No Parking" signs have been installed on the unimproved sidewalk of Ka'elepulu Drive leading to Kaiwi Ridge (Lanikai Pillbox hike). The signs were requested by my office due to the hundreds of hikers and cars that park illegally and traverse this narrow street on a daily basis. The constant illegal parking created a significant traffic hazard for vehicles and pedestrians that put the safety and well-being of Ka'elepulu Drive residents at risk. This effort is a part of the overall Lanikai Transportation Management strategy, and my office is expecting to receive an official Lanikai Transportation Management Plan from DTS in the coming weeks.*

One of the most important jobs as your Councilmember is to make sure that you are able to reach me with your inquiries, identify issues, or to share your concerns. You can either email me at [ekiaaina@honolulu.gov](mailto:ekiaaina@honolulu.gov) or call me at (808) 768-5003. You may also want to follow me on my [Facebook page](#).

If you want to contact City agencies directly, you can also utilize the City's 311 mobile application, which provides a free, simple, and intuitive platform empowering people to report potholes, broken streetlights, cracked sidewalks, illegal dumping, vandalized/broken signs and more via your smartphone. Please note that this app serves as a tool for residents to request City services and report non-emergency issues, which will then be reviewed by the appropriate City department and assigned.

You can also access this service through the City's website [here](#), or call the City's information hotline at: (808) 768-CITY (2489).



# Honolulu 311 App

## The official citizen application for Honolulu, HI

Honolulu 311 is the official mobile application for the City & County of Honolulu, Hawai'i. Honolulu 311 provides a free, simple, and intuitive platform empowering people to report potholes, broken streetlights, cracked sidewalks, illegally dumping, vandalized/broken signs and more via your smartphone.

### Types of Issues to Report:

- Abandoned Property
- Broken/Vandalized Signs
- Broken Street Lights
- Clogged Catch Basin
- Construction Runoff
- Drug Activity
- Flooding
- Gamehouses/Gambling
- Gang Activity
- Graffiti
- Homeless Concerns
- Illegal Dump Site
- Noise
- Parking Issues
- Parking Meter
- Broken/Missing
- Stored Property Violation
- Storm Water Pollution
- Stream Maintenance
- Submit a Crime Tip
- Taxi Complaints
- Traffic Infractions
- Tree or Plant Maintenance
- Other

### How to File a Report

- 1) Download Honolulu 311 from Google Play or Apple App Store
- 2) Create an Account
- 3) Submit a Request and Attach a Photo

**\*You have the option to remain anonymous**



Submit your request.

### Request a Service, Report an Issue, and Help Improve your Community

Once submitted, your request is reviewed by the appropriate City Department and the work is assigned or scheduled.

Estimated times to complete vary by request

If you sign up for an account, the City will send you updates as work is completed on your request.

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