

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

HOUSING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

November 20, 2023

**Committee
Report No.** _____

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

Chair and Members:

Your Housing and Land Use Committee, having met on November 1, 2023, makes reference to Resolution 23-195, entitled “REFERRING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSIONS A PROPOSED BILL AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO COMPOSTING IN THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.”

Resolution 23-195’s purpose is to refer to the planning commissions a bill to allow composting and co-composting operations in the Agricultural District under certain conditions.

Your Committee notes Chapter 205-4.5, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, allows composting and co-composting operations that process their own green waste and do not require permits from the State Department of Health to use the finished composting product on the operation’s own premises to minimize the potential spread of invasive species.

A representative from the Department of Planning noted that composting and co-composting use is not currently listed as a permitted or accessory use in any County zoning district.

The Director of Agriculture and representatives from the Departments of Environmental Management and Planning expressed support for the proposed legislation.

Your Committee agreed that Resolution 23-195 would further an objective in the Countywide Policy Plan to “develop strategies to promote public awareness to reduce pollution and litter, and encourage residents to reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost waste materials.”

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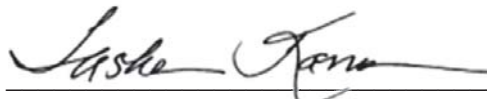
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Your Committee voted 8-0 to recommend adoption of Resolution 23-195. Committee Chair Kama, Vice-Chair Cook, and members Johnson, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, Sugimura, and U'u-Hodgins voted "aye." Committee member Paltin was excused.

Your Housing and Land Use Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution 23-195, attached hereto, entitled "REFERRING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSIONS A PROPOSED BILL AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO COMPOSTING IN THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT," be ADOPTED.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



TASHA KAMA, Chair

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Resolution

No. 23-195

REFERRING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSIONS A
PROPOSED BILL AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE
ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO COMPOSTING IN
THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Council is considering a proposed bill to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance relating to composting in the Agricultural District consistent with Act 131 (2022); and

WHEREAS, Sections 8-8.4 and 8-8.6 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, require the appropriate planning commissions to review proposed land use ordinances and amendments and provide findings and recommendations to the Council; now, therefore,

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

1. That it refers the proposed bill, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19.30A.050, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO COMPOSTING IN THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT," a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "1," to the Lānaʻi Planning Commission, Maui Planning Commission, and Molokai Planning Commission for findings and recommendations under 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 the Planning Commissions transmit their findings and recommendations as expeditiously as possible; and
3. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Planning Director, the Lānaʻi Planning Commission, the Maui Planning Commission, and the Molokai Planning Commission.

Resolution No. 23-195

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

/s/ Michael J. Hopper

Department of the Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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INTRODUCED BY:

Tamara M. Paltin

TAMARA PALTIN

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BILL NO. _____ (2023)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19.30A.050, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO COMPOSTING IN THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Maui County Code to reflect the amendment to Section 205-2(d), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, via Act 131 (2022). Composting and co-composting operations will be permitted uses in the Agricultural District on the condition that operations that process their own green waste and do not require permits from the State Department of Health must use the finished compost product only on the operation's own premises.

SECTION 2. Section 19.30A.050, Maui County Code, is amended to read as follows:

"19.30A.050. Permitted uses. A. The following principal uses and structures are permitted in the agricultural district, subject to compliance with all other applicable laws:

[A. Principal uses.]

1. Agriculture.
2. Agricultural land conservation.
3. Agricultural parks, in accordance with chapter 171, Hawai'i Revised Statutes.
4. Animal and livestock raising, including animal feed lots, and sales yards.
5. Private agricultural parks.
6. Minor utility facilitates as defined in section 19.04.040.

7. Retention, restoration, rehabilitation, or improvement of buildings, sites, or cultural landscapes of historical or archaeological significance; this does not include zipline, canopy, and bungee jumping commercial operations that may be incorporated into the restoration of a historic site, which require a conditional permit under chapter 19.40.

8. Solar energy facilities, as defined in section 19.04.040, and subject to the restrictions of chapter 205, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, that are less than fifteen acres, occupy no more than thirty-five percent of the lot, and are compatible with existing agricultural uses; except that land with soil classified by the land study bureau's detailed land classification as overall (master) productivity rating class D or E need not be compatible with existing agricultural uses.

9. Composting and co-composting operations, subject to the restrictions of chapter 205, Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

B. [Accessory uses. Uses that] The following accessory uses are incidental or subordinate to, or customarily used in conjunction with, a permitted principal use, as follows:

1. Two farm dwellings per lot, one of which must not exceed one thousand square feet of developable area.

2. One farm labor dwelling per five acres of lot area. On the island of Maui, the owner or lessee of the lot must meet at least two of the following three criteria:

a. Provide proof of at least \$35,000 of gross sales of agricultural products per year, for the preceding two consecutive years, for each farm labor dwelling on the lot, as shown by state general excise tax forms and federal form 1040 Schedule F filings.

b. Provide certification by the department of water supply that agricultural water rates are being paid if the subject lot is served by the County water system.

c. Provide a farm plan that demonstrates the feasibility of commercial agricultural production.

On the islands of Moloka'i and Lāna'i, the owner or lessee of the lot must meet both of the criteria provided by subsections 19.30A.050(B)(2)(a) and 19.30A.050(B)(2)(b).

3. A maximum of two commercial agricultural structures per lot, subject to parking requirements of chapter 19.36B.

4. Storage, wholesale and distribution, including barns; greenhouses; storage facilities for agricultural supplies, products, and irrigation water; farmer's cooperatives; and similar structures customarily associated

with one or more of the permitted principal uses or, for the purpose of this section, are associated with agriculture in the County.

5. Processing of agricultural products, the majority of which are grown in the County.

6. Energy systems, small-scale.

7. Small-scale animal-keeping.

8. Animal hospitals and animal board facilities; if conducted on the island of Moloka'i, such uses must have been approved by the Moloka'i planning commission as conforming to the intent of this chapter.

9. Riding academies; if conducted on the island of Moloka'i, such uses must have been approved by the Moloka'i planning commission as conforming to the intent of this chapter.

10. Open land recreation as follows: hiking; noncommercial camping; fishing; hunting; equestrian activities; rodeo arenas; arboretums; greenways; botanical gardens; guided tours that are accessory to principal uses, such as farm or plantation tours, petting zoos, and garden tours, excluding zipline, canopy, and bungee jumping conducted for commercial purposes; hang gliding; paragliding; mountain biking; and accessory restroom facilities. If hiking, fishing, hunting, equestrian activities, rodeo arenas, hang gliding, paragliding, or mountain biking are conducted for commercial purposes on the island of Moloka'i, such uses must have been approved by the Moloka'i planning commission as conforming to the intent of this chapter. Open land recreation uses or structures not specifically permitted by this subsection, subsection 19.30A.060(A)(7), or chapter 19.40, are prohibited; certain open land recreation uses or structures may also be required to obtain a special permit in accordance with chapter 205, Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

11. Except on Moloka'i, bed and breakfast homes permitted under chapter 19.64 that are:

a. Operated in conjunction with a bona fide agricultural operation that produced \$35,000 of gross sales of agricultural products for each of the preceding two years, as shown by state general excise tax forms and federal form 1040 Schedule F filings; or

b. In compliance with all of the following criteria, except that the bed and breakfast home is not subject to a condominium property regime pursuant to chapter 514A or chapter 514B, Hawai'i Revised Statutes:

i. The lot was created prior to November 1, 2008.

ii. The lot is comprised of five acres or less.

iii. An approved farm plan has been fully implemented and is consistent with chapter 205, Hawai'i Revised Statutes; or

c. Located in sites listed on the State of Hawai'i register of historic places or the national register of historic places.

12. Short-term rental homes permitted under chapter 19.65, except that an approved farm plan has been fully implemented and is consistent with chapter 205, Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

13. Parks for public use, not including golf courses, and not including commercial uses, except when under the supervision of a government agency in charge of parks and playgrounds.

14. Family child care homes as defined in section 46-15.35(b), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, that are registered in accordance with chapter 346, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, and located in a legally permitted farm dwelling.

15. Other uses that primarily support a permitted principal use; however, the uses must be approved by the appropriate planning commission as conforming to the intent of this chapter."

SECTION 3. 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 4. This Ordinance takes effect on approval.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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