

# REQUEST FOR LEGAL SERVICES

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**From:** Tamara Paltin, Chair

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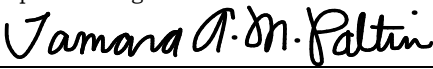
**Memo to:** DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL  
Attention: Michael J. Hopper, Esq.

**Subject:** BILL 104 (2024), AMENDING CHAPTERS 19.04, 19.08, AND 19.29, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO KITCHENS, KITCHENETTES, AND WET BARS; AND SECTION 19.36B.020, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO ADD PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR DWELLING UNITS WITH KITCHENETTES (DRIP-3)

**Background Data:** Please see proposed FD1 version of bill. Please submit your response to drip.committee@mauicounty.us with a reference to DRIP-3.

**Work Requested:** ☒ FOR APPROVAL AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

☐ OTHER:

Requestor's signature  Tamara Paltin, Chair	Contact Person <u>Jarret Pascual or Carla Nakata</u> (Telephone Extension: <u>7141 or 5519, respectively</u> )
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☐ ROUTINE (WITHIN 15 WORKING DAYS)

☐ RUSH (WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS)

☐ PRIORITY (WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS)

☐ URGENT (WITHIN 3 WORKING DAYS)

☒ SPECIFY DUE DATE (IF IMPOSED BY SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES): May 29, 2025

REASON: For posting on the June 6, 2025, Council meeting agenda.

## FOR CORPORATION COUNSEL'S RESPONSE

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TO REQUESTOR: ☒ APPROVED ☐ DISAPPROVED ☐ OTHER (SEE COMMENTS BELOW)

☐ RETURNING--PLEASE EXPAND AND PROVIDE DETAILS REGARDING ITEMS AS NOTED

COMMENTS (NOTE - THIS SECTION NOT TO BE USED FOR LEGAL ADVICE): \_\_\_\_\_

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DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

Date 6/12/25

By /s/ Michael J. Hopper

(Rev. 7/03)

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BILL NO. **104, CD1, FD1** (2024)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 19.04, 19.08,  
19.29, AND 19.36B, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO KITCHENS,  
KITCHENETTES, AND WET BARS

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

SECTION 1. This Ordinance’s purpose is to provide lower-cost opportunities for more autonomous living areas in a dwelling unit by amending the Comprehensive Zoning Code to: 1) allow for a kitchenette in dwelling units in the Residential and Rural Districts on Maui and Lāna‘i; and 2) require a dwelling unit with a kitchenette to be occupied on a long-term residential basis, with one additional off-street parking space to accommodate the higher intensity use for the kitchenette.

This Ordinance also reduces the number of wet bars allowed as a principal use in dwelling units in the Residential and Rural Districts on Maui and Lāna‘i and makes conforming amendments to the definitions of “kitchen” and “wet bar.”

SECTION 2. Section 19.04.040, Maui County Code, is amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted and to read as follows:

“‘Kitchenette’ means an area that is internally accessible via an enclosed living area within a dwelling unit, in addition to the kitchen, used for the small-scale preparation and serving of food and beverages that may contain a sink; a refrigerator, 17.6 cubic feet or smaller; and small appliances for the preparation of hot food or beverages, such as countertop appliances and a two-burner range. A kitchenette may not contain a 220-volt electrical outlet or gas

appliances.”

SECTION 3. Chapter 19.08, Maui County Code, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately inserted and to read as follows:

**“19.08.055 Kitchenettes; requirements; prohibitions. A.**  
**Dwelling units with a kitchenette must be occupied on a long-term residential basis only. One additional off-street parking space must be provided for the kitchenette.**

**B. Kitchenettes are not permitted in accessory dwelling units.”**

SECTION 4. Chapter 19.29, Maui County Code, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately inserted and to read as follows:

**“19.29.046 Kitchenettes; requirements; prohibitions. A.**  
**Dwelling units with a kitchenette must be occupied on a long-term residential basis only. One additional off-street parking space must be provided for the kitchenette.**

**B. Kitchenettes are not permitted in accessory dwelling units.”**

SECTION 5. Section 19.04.040, Maui County Code, is amended as follows:

1. By amending the definition of “kitchen” to read:

**““Kitchen” means a room, or portion [thereof] of a room, designed, arranged, intended, or used for cooking or otherwise making food ready for consumption, and within which there may be appliances for the heating, [or] cooking, and storage of food. This definition excludes “kitchenettes.”**

2. By amending the definition of “wet bar” to read:

**““Wet bar” means an area within a dwelling unit[, other than a kitchen,] used for the preparation and serving of beverages, other than a kitchen or kitchenette, that contains a sink that is one-and-one-half cubic feet or smaller and at least one of the following: refrigeration seven-and-one-half cubic feet or smaller; an ice maker; a small mixing or blending appliance; or a small appliance for the preparation of hot beverages, such as a coffee maker or microwave.**

**The area [is not] cannot qualify as a wet bar if any of the following is also present: a sink larger than one-and-one-half cubic feet; refrigeration larger than seven-and-one-half cubic feet; a 220-**

volt electrical outlet; a gas or propane service line; a dishwashing machine; a garbage disposal; a range hood, exhaust vent, or similar equipment; a stove, range, or oven; or any other appliance for the heating or cooking of food.

[No] Except as otherwise provided in this title, no more than two wet bars [shall be] are permitted in a dwelling unit that is less than [five thousand] 5,000 square feet in total floor area. No more than three wet bars [shall be] are permitted in a dwelling unit that is [five thousand] 5,000 square feet or more in total floor area. [No] A wet bar [shall be permitted] is prohibited in a bedroom or bathroom.”

SECTION 6. Section 19.08.020, Maui County Code, is amended to read as follows:

**“19.08.020 Permitted uses.** Within residential districts, the following principal uses and structures are permitted:

- A. Single-family dwellings.
- B. Greenhouses, plant nurseries, and the raising of plants, flowers, fruits, or vegetables for subsistence or commercial purposes; except for retailing or transacting of business on the premises, unless allowed by chapter 19.67.
- C. Parks and playgrounds, noncommercial; certain commercial amusement and refreshment sale activities may be permitted when under supervision of the government agency in charge of the park or playground.
- D. Publicly or privately owned and operated elementary[.] schools, intermediate[.] schools, high schools, and colleges, which may include on-campus dormitories.
- E. Buildings or premises used by the federal, state, or county governments for public purposes.
- F. Accessory uses and structures located on the same lot, the use of which is customary, incidental, usual, and subordinate to that of the main building or to the use of the land. The initiation of accessory uses and the erection of accessory structures are not contingent on the existence, and may be in advance of the main building or use of the land.
- G. Accessory dwellings under chapter 19.35.
- H. Day care nurseries, kindergartens, nursery schools, child care homes, day care homes, day care centers, nurseries, preschool kindergartens, babysitting services, and other like facilities located in private homes used for child care services. These facilities may serve six or fewer children at any one time on lot sizes of less than [seven thousand five hundred] 7,500 square feet, eight or fewer children at any one time on lot sizes of [seven thousand five

hundred] 7,500 or more [square feet] but less than [ten thousand] 10,000 square feet, or [twelve] 12 or fewer children at any one time on lot sizes of [ten thousand] 10,000 or more square feet, or as otherwise required under chapter 46, [Hawaii] Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

I. Bed and breakfast homes subject to [the provisions of] chapter 19.64.

J. Home businesses that meet the requirements of sections 19.67.030 and 19.67.040.

K. Short-term rental homes subject to [the provisions of] chapter 19.65.

L. Family child care homes, hospice homes, adult residential care homes, and adult family care homes, as required under chapter 46, [Hawaii] Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

M. On Maui and Lānaʻi, all dwelling units permitted under this section may also contain one kitchenette and one wet bar, regardless of the dwelling unit's square footage. On Molokai, dwelling units may not contain a kitchenette, but may contain wet bars in accordance with the definition in section 19.04.040."

SECTION 7. Section 19.29.030, Maui County Code, is amended to read as follows:

**"19.29.030 Permitted uses.** The following uses and structures [shall be] are permitted in the RU-0.5, RU-1, RU-2, RU-5, RU-10, and County rural districts if they also conform with all other applicable laws:

A. Principal uses.

1. One single-family dwelling per one-half acre in the RU-0.5 and County rural districts; one single-family dwelling per one acre in the RU-1 district; one single-family dwelling per two acres in the RU-2 district; one single-family dwelling per five acres in the RU-5 district; and one single-family dwelling per [ten] 10 acres in the RU-10 district.

2. Growing and harvesting of any agricultural or agricultural crop or product, subject to restrictions [set forth] in this chapter.

3. Minor utility facilities as defined in section 19.04.040 [of this title].

4. Parks for public use, but not including commercial camping, campgrounds, campsites, overnight camps, and other similar uses.

5. Day care nurseries, kindergartens, nursery schools, child care homes, day care homes, adult day care homes, day care centers, nurseries, preschool kindergartens,

babysitting services, and other like facilities located in dwelling units used for child care services. These facilities ~~[shall]~~ must serve six or fewer clients at any one time on lot sizes of less than ~~[seven thousand five hundred]~~ 7,500 square feet, eight or fewer clients at any one time on lot sizes of ~~[seven thousand five hundred]~~ 7,500 or more ~~[square feet,]~~ but less than ~~[ten thousand]~~ 10,000 square feet, or ~~[twelve]~~ 12 or fewer clients at any one time on lot sizes of ~~[ten thousand]~~ 10,000 or more square feet.

6. Home businesses, subject to ~~[the provisions of]~~ chapter 19.67 ~~[of this title]~~.

7. On Maui and Lānaʻi, all principal dwelling units permitted under this section may also contain one kitchenette and one wet bar, regardless of the dwelling unit's square footage. On Molokai, dwelling units may not contain a kitchenette, but may contain wet bars in accordance with the definition provided in section 19.04.040.

B. Accessory uses.

1. Accessory uses such as garages, carports, barns, greenhouses, gardening sheds, and similar structures that are customarily used in conjunction with, and incidental and subordinate to, a principal use or structure.

2. The keeping of livestock, hogs, poultry, and fowl and game birds.

3. Accessory dwellings ~~[pursuant to]~~ under chapter 19.35 ~~[of this title]~~ and chapter 205, ~~[Hawaii]~~ Hawaiʻi Revised Statutes.

4. Small-scale energy systems that are incidental and subordinate to principal uses.

5. Stands for the purpose of displaying and selling agricultural, floriculture, or farming products, if ~~[such]~~ those products have been produced or grown on the premises, subject to standards in section 19.29.020. Goods produced off-premises are expressly prohibited.

6. Bed and breakfast homes, subject to ~~[the provisions of]~~ chapter 19.64 ~~[of this title]~~.

7. Short-term rental homes, subject to ~~[the provisions of]~~ chapter 19.65 ~~[of this title]~~.”

SECTION 8. Section 19.36B.020, Maui County Code, is amended to read as follows:

**“19.36B.020 Designated number of off-street parking spaces.** Unless otherwise provided in this chapter, the following minimum numbers of accessible, onsite, off-street facilities for the

parking of self-propelled motor vehicles [shall] must be provided in connection with the use of any land or the construction, alteration, or improvement of any building or structure. When reviewing a building permit application or proposed change of use, the department [shall] must determine whether the applicant must submit a parking and landscaping plan to [establish compliance] comply with this chapter. If the department requires a plan, the department will not recommend approval of a building permit application or proposed change of use until it approves the plan and will not approve a certificate of occupancy or final inspection until the applicant has implemented the approved plan. The number of required parking spaces [shall] must be based on the floor area of each use or component use except where otherwise specified. When calculating the total number of required parking spaces, a fraction less than one-half [shall] must be disregarded, and a fraction of one-half or more [shall require] requires one parking space. The following chart establishes the general requirements for accessible, onsite, off-street parking. Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, administered through the State department of health, disability and communications access board, and with State requirements for electric-vehicle parking is also required.

USE	MINIMUM NUMBER OF OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES	
<b>1) HOUSING</b>		
Dwelling units: apartment, duplex dwelling, farm dwelling, farm labor dwelling, multi-family dwelling, single-family dwelling. Note: A dwelling unit's parking spaces may be in tandem.	Floor area of dwelling unit in square feet:  Under 3,000 3,000-3,999 4,000-4,999 5,000-5,999 6,000-6,999 7,000-7,999 8,000 and above	Minimum number of parking spaces:  [2] <u>Two</u> [3] <u>Three</u> [4] <u>Four</u> [5] <u>Five</u> [6] <u>Six</u> [7] <u>Seven</u> [8] <u>Eight</u>
Dwelling units: accessory dwelling.	[1] <u>One</u> for each accessory dwelling.	
<u>Dwelling units: with a kitchenette.</u>	<u>One additional for the kitchenette.</u>	
Home business.	[1] <u>One</u> for each home business that is allowed to have clients, patrons, or customers on the premises, in addition to	

	any other parking requirements under this chapter.	
<p>Transient accommodations.</p> <p>Note: A dwelling unit's parking spaces may be in tandem.</p>	Type:	Minimum number of parking spaces:
	Bed and breakfast home	[1] <u>One</u> parking space for each bedroom [used] for bed and breakfast home use, plus [2] <u>two</u> parking spaces for the operator of the bed and breakfast home or as required for a single-family dwelling, whichever is greater.
	Short-term rental home	[2] <u>Two</u> , if the short-term rental home has [4] <u>four</u> or fewer bedrooms or as required for the dwelling, whichever is greater; [3] <u>three</u> , if the short-term rental home has [5] <u>five</u> or more bedrooms, or as required for the dwelling, whichever is greater.
	Hotel, motel, other transient vacation rental, with or without kitchen facilities	[1] <u>One</u> per rental unit, except that a transient vacation rental in a single-family dwelling [shall] <u>must</u> provide the



		same number of parking spaces as a single-family dwelling. Units capable of being utilized as [2] <u>two</u> or more units are counted as separate rental units.
<b>2) COMMERCIAL, BUSINESS, OR INDUSTRIAL</b>		
Agriculture retail structure, agriculture product stand, bakery and catering (with no onsite eating or drinking), farmer's market, general merchandising, general office, personal and business services, personal services establishment, animal hospital.	[1] <u>One</u> per 500 square feet, [provided] <u>except</u> that the minimum [shall be] <u>is</u> [3.] <u>three</u> .	
General merchandising of only large items such as furniture, flooring, mattresses, and appliances.	[1] <u>One</u> per 1,000 square feet for all areas, including office, storage, and showroom.	
Animal boarding facility.	[3] <u>Three</u> plus [1] <u>one</u> per 20 boarding units above 60 boarding units. The parking spaces may be shared with animal hospital parking space requirements.	
Bank.	[1] <u>One</u> per 300 square feet, [provided] <u>except</u> that the minimum [shall be] <u>is</u> [3.] <u>three</u> .	
Eating and drinking establishment or agricultural food establishment as	[1] <u>One</u> per 100 square feet of amusement, serving, and dining areas (not counting drive-through uses), [provided] <u>except</u> that the minimum [shall be] <u>is</u> [4;] <u>four</u> ; [2] <u>two</u> or more [such] establishments in a "food	

defined in section 19.30A.015 with dining areas.	court” configuration may share amusement and dining areas.
Eating and drinking establishment or agricultural food establishment as defined in section 19.30A.015 without dining areas (such as take-out counters or “food retail”).	[1] <u>One</u> per 500 square feet of serving area, [provided] <u>except</u> that the minimum [shall be] is [3] <u>three</u> for each establishment.
Mobile food truck.	[0] <u>No</u> mobile food trucks [shall not] <u>will be allowed to</u> occupy any parking space required by this title.
Industrial or storage uses, warehouse.	[1] <u>One</u> per 1,500 square feet, [provided] <u>except</u> that the minimum [shall be] is [3.] <u>three.</u>
SBR mixed-use establishment.	[2] <u>Two</u> for each dwelling unit, plus [1] <u>one</u> per 300 square feet of non-residential floor area.
SBR service establishment.	[1] <u>One</u> per 300 square feet.
Self-storage.	[1] <u>One</u> per 5,000 square feet.
Service station, repair shop, public garage, automobile services.	[1] <u>One</u> per 200 square feet, excluding drive-through fueling areas, which [shall] <u>must</u> not be used for required parking, or [1] <u>one</u> per 40 percent of lot area, whichever is greater. The storing and keeping of damaged vehicles or vehicle parts [shall] <u>must</u> be within an enclosure bounded completely by a wall at least [6] <u>six</u> feet in height.
Shopping center.	[1] <u>One</u> per 300 square feet of leasable or commercial area (not subject to component use requirements).
Swap meet.	[1] <u>One</u> per 500 square feet.
Vehicle and equipment rental or sales.	[1] <u>One</u> per 500 square feet for sales, showrooms, services, offices, and parts facilities, [provided] <u>except</u> that the minimum [shall be] is [3;] <u>three</u> ; [0] <u>none</u> for outdoor storage of vehicles and equipment.

<b>3) RECREATION OR ENTERTAINMENT (PUBLIC OR COMMERCIAL)</b>		
Amusement center, entertainment establishment.	[1] <u>One</u> per 100 square feet.	
Auditorium, theater, stadium, assembly area, arena, gymnasium.	[1] <u>One</u> per 300 square feet, [1] <u>one</u> per [4] <u>four</u> seats, or [1] <u>one</u> per [8] <u>eight</u> feet of bleacher length, whichever is [greater.] <u>greatest.</u>	
Bowling alley.	[3] <u>Three</u> per lane.	
Clubhouse, private club, fitness center, health club.	[1] <u>One</u> per 200 square feet.	
Golf course.	[3] <u>Three</u> per hole. Parking spaces may be located on any lot occupied by the golf course if the golf course occupies multiple lots.	
Golf driving range.	[1] <u>One</u> per tee.	
Miniature golf course.	[1] <u>One</u> per hole.	
Swimming pool.	[1] <u>One</u> per 600 square feet of pool and associated buildings.	
Tennis court.	[4] <u>Four</u> for each court.	
Passive recreation.	[0] <u>None</u> for up to [2] <u>two</u> acres; [4] <u>four</u> for above [2] <u>two</u> acres (paving not required).	
Active recreation.	Type:	Minimum number of parking spaces:
	Athletic field for baseball, football, soccer, other team sports (non-stadium).	50 per athletic field; [0] <u>no</u> additional for adjacent practice field; 10 for practice field without a full-sized field.
	Outdoor basketball court.	[6] <u>Six</u> per court.
	Children's playground.	[0] <u>None.</u>
	Skate park.	[1] <u>One</u> per 500 square feet.
	Site for motor sports, paintball, zip lines, fitness course.	[1] <u>One</u> per [2] <u>two</u> participants

		at regular capacity.
Arboretum, botanical garden.	[3] <u>Three</u> plus [1] <u>one</u> per acre, except that the maximum number of required parking spaces <del>[shall]</del> <u>must</u> be no more than 20.	
<b>4) SOCIAL OR CIVIC SERVICE</b>		
Airport, heliport, other public transportation.	Parking for terminal, hangars, and inter-terminal operations to be determined by the government agency that operates the airport, heliport, or other public facility. Private support services, such as automobile rental and cargo, to be determined separately as component uses.	
Cemetery, mausoleum.	[0:] <u>None</u> ; any offices or other accessory uses to be determined separately.	
Church, including place of worship.	[1] <u>One</u> per 300 square feet, [1] <u>one</u> per [5] <u>five</u> seats, or [1] <u>one</u> per [8] <u>eight</u> feet of bench length, whichever is [greater.] <u>greatest.</u>	
Community center.	[1] <u>One</u> per 100 square feet.	
Day care facility, nursing home, assisted living facility.	[1] <u>One</u> per [6] <u>six</u> clients, plus [1] <u>one</u> per employee onsite at one time.	
Fire station, police station.	To be determined by the fire chief, police chief.	
Library, museum.	[1] <u>One</u> per 500 square feet, [provided] <u>except</u> that the minimum [shall be] <u>is</u> [3.] <u>three.</u>	
Minor medical center, medical or dental clinic.	[1] <u>One</u> per 300 square feet, [provided] <u>except</u> that the minimum [shall be] <u>is</u> [3.] <u>three.</u>	
Major medical center.	[1] <u>One</u> per [2] <u>two</u> beds.	
Mortuary, funeral home.	[1] <u>One</u> per 100 square feet.	
Public utility substation.	[1] <u>One.</u>	
Recycling, redemption facility.	[3] <u>Three.</u>	
School, educational institution, general education,	[1] <u>One</u> per classroom if all students are under 16 years of age; [8] <u>eight</u> per classroom if any student is 16 years of age or older.	

specialized education.	
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SECTION 9. 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 10. This Ordinance takes effect on approval, except that for property on Maui or Lānaʻi in a Residential or Rural District, a permit for a dwelling unit containing more than one wet bar may be processed if the permit application was submitted before this Ordinance’s effective date.

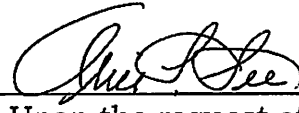
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/s/ Michael J. Hopper

Department of the Corporation Counsel  
County of Maui

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Upon the request of the Mayor.

## DRIP Committee

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**From:** Melody A. Andrion <Melody.Andrion@co.maui.hi.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 13, 2025 8:30 AM  
**To:** DRIP Committee  
**Cc:** Jarret P. Pascual; Carla M. Nakata; michael.hopper@co.maui.hi.us  
**Subject:** DRIP-3 Bill 104, CD1, FD1 (2024) Chapters 19.04, 19.08 & 19.29 Re Kitchens  
**Attachments:** DRIP-3 2025-06-12 RAFL Closing Bill 104 CD1 FD1 (2024) Ord Amd Ch 19.04.pdf  
  
**Importance:** High

See attached closing of RFLS received on 05/27/2025 regarding the subject matter (A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Chapters 19.04, 19.08, 19.29, and 19.36B, Maui County Code, Relating to Kitchens, Kitchenettes, and Wet Bars) **BILL NO. 104, CD1, FD1 (2024)** e-signed by Michael Hopper. Thanks!

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