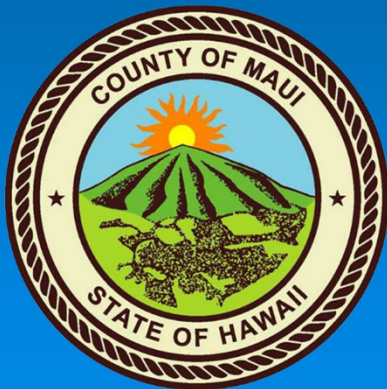


# EXPEDITED PERMITTING PROCESS FOR WILDFIRE AFFECTED AREAS IN LAHAINA AND UPCOUNTRY (WAI-1(14))

Maui County Council  
Water and Infrastructure Committee



Department of Public Works  
May 16, 2024

Received at WAI committee meeting on 5/16/2024


# OVERVIEW

- Recognitions
- Review of Recovery Permitting Activities
- Recovery Permitting Ongoing Efforts
- How are permits being “expedited”?

# RECOGNITIONS

- Development Services Administration
- Zoning Enforcement Administration Division
- Permitting review agencies:
  - Department of Water Supply Engineering Division
  - Department of Environmental Management Wastewater Reclamation Division
  - Maui Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau
  - State Department of Health Wastewater Branch
  - Planning Department

# REVIEW OF RECOVERY PERMIT ACTIVITIES

- Maui Wildfires Debris Removal Ordinance
  - Safety Assessment Program
  - Emergency Building Permit Ordinance
  - Post-Fire Recovery and Rebuilding Assistance Procurement
  - MAPPS Disaster Recovery Permit Development
  - Recovery Permit Center
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# Maui Wildfires Debris Removal Ordinance

Ordinance 5562 took effect on October 12, 2023.

Prohibits the issuance of building permits until removal of fire debris is completed through the government program or the alternative program.

ORDINANCE NO. 5562

BILL NO. 86, CD1, FD1 (2023)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO  
MAUI WILDFIRES DEBRIS REMOVAL

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

## SECTION 1. Findings and declarations.

A. Under section 46-1.5(13), Hawaii Revised Statutes, each county has “the power to enact ordinances deemed necessary to protect health, life, and property, and to preserve the order and security of the county and its inhabitants”; in addition, section 46-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, says that “the council of any county may adopt and provide for the enforcement of ordinances regulating or prohibiting noise, smoke, dust, vibration, or odors which constitute a public nuisance.”

B. Beginning on and after August 8, 2023, several large wildfires have burned thousands of acres on Maui island in Lahaina, Kula, and Olinda, resulting in the death of an unconfirmed number of people and the destruction of over two thousand two hundred structures.

C. Acting Governor Sylvia Luke’s proclamation relating to wildfires declared a state of emergency in the counties of Maui and Hawai’i on August 8, 2023. Governor Josh Green, M.D. issued the seventh proclamation relating to wildfires on September 8, 2023. Among other actions, the governor declared in the seventh proclamation that disaster-generated debris on private property in

# Maui Wildfires Debris Removal Ordinance

<https://www.mauirecovers.org/consolidateddebrisremoval>

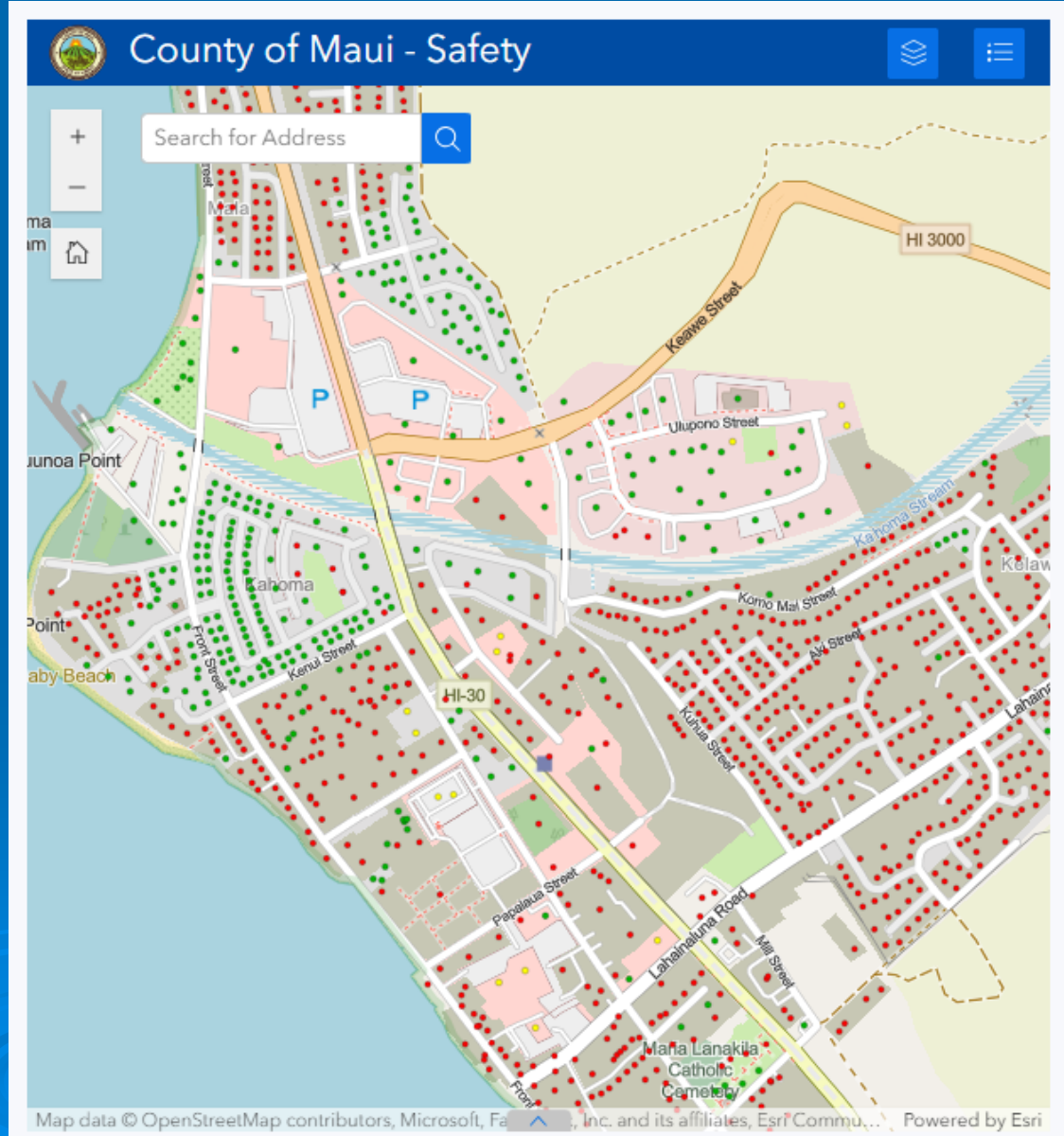
The screenshot displays the Maui Recovers website's 'Debris Clean-up Viewer' interface. At the top, the Maui Recovers logo is on the left, and the title 'Debris Clean-up Viewer' is on the right. Below the logo, there are two tabs: 'Application' and 'Certificate', with 'Certificate' being the active tab. A search bar with the placeholder text 'Find address or place' is positioned above the map. The map itself shows an aerial view of Lahaina, with numerous orange markers indicating debris removal sites. Key landmarks like 'Crater Reservoir' and 'Lahaina Center' are labeled. On the left side of the map, there are navigation controls: a '+' and '-' button for zooming, a home button, and a help icon. Below the map, there is a sidebar with a help section titled 'How do I download my Debris Clean-up Certificate?' with a 'Go to Help' button, and a 'Permitting Frequently Asked Questions' section with a 'Go to FAQ' button. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with attribution: 'Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS, FEMA | Esri Community Maps Contributors, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGrap... Powered by Esri'.

# SAFETY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

- DSA with support from Cal OES, conducted safety assessments of each structure within the disaster areas of Lahaina and Kula.
- Inspections began on 9/8 and were completed on 10/03
- Assessments completed:
  - Red: 1,799 (1,218 Red placards)
  - Yellow: 20
  - Green: 816
  - Grand total: 2,635

# SAFETY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

[Mauirecovers.org](http://Mauirecovers.org)  
[Structure Safety](#)  
[Assessments](#)





# EMERGENCY BUILDING PERMIT ORDINANCE

Ordinance 5629 took effect on March 11, 2024.

Updated existing building code provisions related to emergency alterations and repairs of structures in disaster affected areas.

ORDINANCE NO. 5629

BILL NO. 21, CD1 (2024)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16.25, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO EMERGENCY BUILDING PERMITS

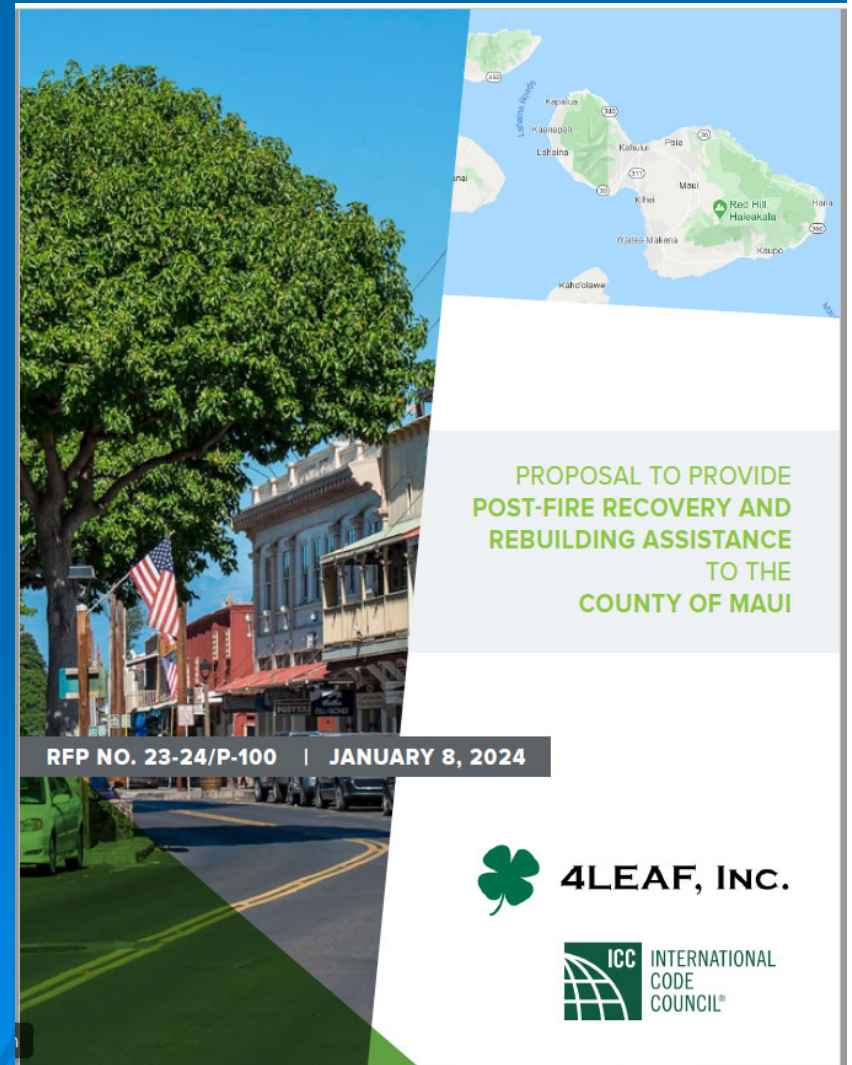
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI:

SECTION 1. Section 16.25.105, Maui County Code, is amended by amending subsection 16.25.105.2.2 to read as follows:

**“105.2.2 Emergency [alteration and repairs of one-and-two family dwellings and accessory structures.] alterations, repairs, reconstruction, and new construction of structures in disaster affected areas.** A. Applicability. Any existing [dwelling and its accessory structures that were legally erected and that have been damaged in] parcel affected by a disaster or civil defense emergency, recognized by the governor [pursuant to chapters 127 or 128,] under chapter 127A, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, [can be repaired pursuant to this section.] may construct, alter, repair, or reconstruct new and existing structures under this section. The provisions of this section [shall] remain in effect for a [two-year period] four-year period, beginning from the day the governor proclaims the state of disaster or emergency, and [shall] apply to those areas of the county covered by the governor's proclamation[.] and as declared by the mayor. This four-year period may be modified or extended by the mayor with an emergency proclamation. For the purposes of this section:

# POST-FIRE RECOVERY AND REBUILDING ASSISTANCE PROCUREMENT

- RFP drafting initiated in Oct 2023
- RFP posted on Dec 4, 2023
- Contract with 4Leaf, Inc. executed on Apr 1, 2024



# MAPPS DISASTER RECOVERY PERMIT DEVELOPMENT

Permitting Working Group led by ZAED organized county and state review agencies to streamline the review process for the disaster areas.

MAPPS configurations led by DSA.

<https://hi-maui-county-mapps.civicplus.com/320/DSA-Disaster-Recovery-Building-Permit>

## DSA Disaster Recovery Building Permit

### Overview

A Disaster Recovery Building Permit is for alterations, repairs, reconstruction, and new construction of structures on parcels affected by a disaster of civil defense emergency, recognized by the governor under Chapter 127A of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Separate disaster recovery permit applications have been prepared for:

- [Single-Family Dwellings, Accessory Dwellings and Accessory Structures](#)
- [Multi-Family, Business, Commercial, Industrial and Other Non-Residential Structures](#)

### How to Apply

You must have a MAPPS [Customer Self Service account](#) in order to apply online. Navigate online to the [MAPPS CSS](#) page and login to your account. Apply for the applicable disaster recovery building permit. To avoid delays in processing your application, please follow these guidelines when applying:

- **LOCATION** Tab: Enter the correct parcel

### Contact Us

### Recovery Permit Center

[Email RPC](#)

### Physical Address

110 Alaihi  
Street  
Suite 207  
Kahului, HI  
96732

Phone: (808)  
[270-5724](#)


**Mike  
Renner**

# RECOVERY PERMIT CENTER

- DSA led coordination with 4Leaf to select office locations, configure work spaces, and arrange IT support.
- Recovery Permit Center opened Apr 29, 2024 at the Maui County Service Center.
- Recovery Permit Center at Lahaina Gateway anticipated in July.
- Issuance of the first Disaster Recovery Permit is anticipated today May 16, 2024



# RECOVERY PERMITTING ONGOING EFFORTS

- Recovery Permit map (GIS)
  - Temporary Structures Permit requirements
  - Record of Survey requirements
  - Commercial Property Road Improvements
  - Lahaina Town Drainage Master Plan
  - Factory-Built Homes permit and inspection procedures
  - SMA and Shoreline review process
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# HOW ARE PERMITS BEING “EXPEDITED”?

- Consolidated application
  - Electrical, plumbing, grading, driveway, and building permits are consolidated into a single application and permit.
- Fast track applications
  - Disaster recovery permits are processed separately from non-emergency permits.
- Third-party permitting services
  - Permits won't be stuck in the existing review backlog

# HOW ARE PERMITS BEING “EXPEDITED”?

- Previously existing utility services
  - Verifying the adequacy of water and sewer service is already complete for the disaster area.
- Re-issuance of permits for recently built structures
  - Any structure built under a permit issued within five years prior to the date of the disaster.
- Maintaining existing building standards.
  - Avoids delays that would result from the development, adoption, staff training, MAPPS configurations, and implementation of new standards

# Mahalo

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Aloha WAI Committee Chair Cook,

Please see the attached presentation for today's WAI Committee meeting.

Mahalo.

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