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November 29, 2024

The Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
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200 South High Street
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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

Richard T. Bissen, Jr. 12-4-24
Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

The Honorable Tasha Kama, Chair
Housing and Land Use Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Chair Kama,

SUBJECT: BILL 104 (2024), AMENDING CHAPTERS 19.04, 19.08, AND 19.29, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO KITCHENETTES, KITCHENS, DWELLING UNITS, AND WET BARS; AND SECTION 19.36B.020 TO ADD PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR DWELLING UNITS WITH KITCHENETTES (HLU-33)

The Department of Fire & Public Safety is in receipt of your letter dated November 22, 2024. Please see our responses below.

May I please request you provide appropriate square footage requirements for the following:

1. When there is only one kitchenette?

The fire department has no code or reference guidance relating to the number of kitchens per total square footage.

2. When there are two kitchenettes?

At 5,000 sq. ft., a dwelling is reviewed for fire flow ensuring adequate water supply is required or if needed, supplemented with fire sprinklers. Fire code currently has no requirements or enforcement for the interior of a residential home. A kitchen is typically purpose built with appliance placement and protection being

considered. It would be a sound recommendation that any open heat source be provided with an accessible fire extinguisher. An open flame like that of a gas burning stove top is far more dangerous than an electric appliance.

3. When there is one kitchenette and one wet bar?

Wet bars are not allowed in bedrooms. We recommend the same be for kitchenette.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Office of the Fire Chief at (808) 270-7561.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Ventura", written in a cursive style.

BRADFORD K. VENTURA
Fire Chief

HLU Committee

From: Michelle L. Santos <Michelle.Santos@co.maui.hi.us>
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 9:52 AM
To: HLU Committee
Cc: Cynthia E. Sasada; Josiah K. Nishita; Kelii P. Nahooikaika; Bradford K. Ventura; Chasserae K. Kaawa; Gavin L. Fujioka; Ryan Y. Otsubo
Subject: MT#10885 Bill 104
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