

# REQUEST FOR LEGAL SERVICES

**D a t e:** October 22, 2025  
**F r o m:** Tom Cook, Chair  
Water and Infrastructure Committee

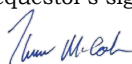
**TRANSMITTAL**

**Memo to:** DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL  
Attention: Caleb P. Rowe, Esq.

**Subject:** BILL 110 (2024), AMENDING SECTION 16.25.201, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC STREETS (WAI-27)

**Background Data:** Please see proposed CD1 version of Bill 110 (2024), which incorporates a nonsubstantive revision to delete the heading for subsection B.

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

Requestor's signature  Tom Cook, Chair	Contact Person <u>Keone J. Hurdle or Carla M. Nakata</u> (Telephone Extension: <u>7659 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): October 29, 2025, by 12:00 noon  
REASON: To submit for posting on the November 7, 2025, Council meeting agenda.

**FOR CORPORATION COUNSEL'S RESPONSE**

ASSIGNED TO:	ASSIGNMENT NO.	BY:
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rev. 7/03)

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Attachment

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

BILL NO. 110, CD1 (2024)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 16.25.201, MAUI COUNTY  
CODE, RELATING TO IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC STREETS

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

SECTION 1. The Maui County Council recognizes that it is impractical to redevelop public streets in a piecemeal fashion following the devastation caused by the August 8, 2023, Maui wildfires. Further, the discretion afforded the building official in considering which development standards to apply creates uncertainty for property owners trying to rebuild in these disaster-stricken areas. This Ordinance's purpose is to except certain properties impacted by the August 8, 2023, Maui wildfires from the requirement of improving public streets under Section 16.25.201, Maui County Code.

SECTION 2. Section 16.25.201, Maui County Code, is amended to read as follows:

**“16.25.201 - Applicability and [Scope.] scope.** A. Where public streets are adjacent to the property on which any new [structures(s)] structures will be situated, or remodeling, reconstruction, repairs, additions, and similar work on existing [structure(s)] structures are proposed, where the cost of the work over a period of [twelve] 12 consecutive months exceeds 50 percent of the replacement value of existing structures on the property before work is started, improvements as may be required by the building official [shall] must be constructed on those portions of the streets adjacent to the property. Improvements may include[, but shall not be limited to,] pavement widening, construction of sidewalks, curbs, gutters, swales, drainage improvements, driveways, curb ramps, striping, signage, relocation of utilities, and

placement of utilities underground. Placement of utilities underground can be deferred [provided that] if the owner, heirs, executors, and assigns agree to pay their pro rata share of the cost of utility and utility-related road improvements upon the adjacent [public right-of-way(s)] public rights-of-way based on the actual cost of the capital improvements, divided by the total number of linear feet of the capital improvement, the quotient of which [shall] must be multiplied by the number of lineal feet of the capital improvement adjacent to the property. An agreement [shall] must be prepared by the owner for filing with the state bureau of conveyances. The deferral under this section [shall] must include those developments which have previously entered into agreements deferring the placement of utilities underground. Road widening [lot(s)] lots [shall] must be provided when necessary. In determining appropriate improvement and road widening requirements, the building official may take into consideration the Maui County [General Plan, Community Plans,] general plan, community plans, standards of title 18 of the Maui County Code, future roadway improvement plans, or any other development standard on file with the department. If road widening [lot(s)] lots are required, a subdivision plat [shall] must be filed, and the director may approve the building permit should the preliminary subdivision plat generally conform to the requirements of the road widening [lot(s)] lots request. The final plat [shall] must be approved by the director prior to the occupancy of the structure.

**[Exception:] B.** The requirements of [this section shall] subsection A do not apply to [single family]:

1. Single-family dwellings when the total number of dwellings on a lot does not exceed three [, projects involving].
2. A project involving the use of county funds or county land[, structures].
3. A structure in the state agricultural district[, structures which do].
4. A structure that does not exceed [the value of] \$250,000[, and other] in value.
5. Other structures that do not include occupiable or habitable spaces.
6. Any property on Front Street between its intersections with Shaw Street and Baker Street that:
  - a. Is within Maui County Historic District No. 1 or 2; and
  - b. Contained a structure destroyed or damaged by an emergency or disaster proclaimed by the governor or mayor to constitute a state of emergency or local state of emergency, respectively, under section 127A-14, Hawai'i Revised Statutes."

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 retroactive to August 9, 2023.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Department of the Corporation Counsel  
County of Maui

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INTRODUCED BY:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Cook", is written over a horizontal line.

TOM COOK