

# REQUEST FOR LEGAL SERVICES

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**Date:** March 19, 2021  
**From:** Michael J. Molina, Chair  
Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee

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

**Subject:** AMENDING CHAPTERS 2.28 AND 2.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION (GREAT-30)

**Background Data:** Please see the attached revised bill. Please submit response to [great.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:great.committee@mauicounty.us) with a reference to GREAT-30.

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

Requestor's signature  Michael J. Molina	Contact Person Shelly Espeleta (Telephone Extension: 7134)
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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): March 24, 2021  
REASON: To meet posting deadline for Council meeting on April 6, 2021.

## FOR CORPORATION COUNSEL'S RESPONSE

ASSIGNED TO: MJH	ASSIGNMENT NO. 2021-0013	BY: maa
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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 3/24/21

By MJH

(Rev. 7/03)

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Attachment

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

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2021)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 2.28 AND 2.40,  
MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES  
TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 2.28, Maui County Code, is amended by adding a  
new section to read as follows:

**“2.28.050 Advisory committees to the Maui planning  
commission.** A. The following are established:

1. The Hana advisory committee to the Maui  
planning commission.

2. The South Maui advisory committee to the Maui  
planning commission.

3. The Paia-Haiku advisory committee to the Maui  
planning commission.

B. To be eligible for appointment as a member of an  
advisory committee, a person must be a resident of the relevant  
community plan area for a period of at least twelve consecutive  
months immediately preceding the person's appointment.

C. The advisory committees must consist of seven  
members; five members of each advisory committee will be  
appointed by the council by resolution and two members appointed  
by the mayor.

D. If an advisory committee member ceases to be a resident  
of the relevant community plan area, the committee member  
immediately forfeits the office, and the office becomes vacant.

E. Except for the Hana advisory committee, vacancies will  
be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

F. Vacancies for the Hana advisory committee will be filled  
as follows:

1. Each vacancy will be filled with the council  
making an appointment, until there are five members who  
have been appointed by the council.

2. The next two vacancies will then be filled with  
appointment by the mayor.

3. Any subsequent vacancy will be filled in the same manner as the previous appointment.

G. The process to fill a vacancy may be initiated once the mayor, the council, or advisory committee chair becomes aware of a vacancy, but the vacancy may not be filled until:

1. The member has moved out of the community plan area;

2. The member has provided the mayor, council, or advisory committee chair a resignation letter;

3. The member's term has expired;

4. The member is deceased; or

5. The member is removed for failure to attend 50 percent or more of meetings, or is absent from at least 25 percent of meetings within thirty days of the member's last excused or unexcused absence, in accordance with section 2.41.090.

H. The following subsections of section 13-2 of the revised charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, apply to each advisory committee: subsections 2, 4, and 6-15.

I. The terms of committee members are five years, except initial terms must be staggered, with four members receiving five-year terms and three members receiving three-year terms, as selected by lot. A member receiving an initial three-year term may seek reappointment to a five-year term.

J. Each advisory committees is authorized to:

1. Provide recommendations to the Maui planning commission on matters within its community plan area.

2. Upon request by the Maui planning commission, hold public hearings, on behalf of the commission, on matters that pertain to its community plan area.

3. Carry out such duties as provided by law or as may be delegated to it by the Maui planning commission.

4. Adopt administrative rules.

K. When requested to review a matter by the Maui planning commission, an advisory committee must provide recommendations to the planning commission within ninety days from the first meeting held to review the matter. If additional time is required because of extenuating circumstances, the advisory committee must notify the Maui planning commission. Each recommendation must be read aloud during the Maui planning commission's review of the matter.

L. Each advisory committee must meet as needed, with meetings scheduled when appropriate to maximize community participation.

M. Each advisory committee must elect a chair and a vice-chair from its members. The vice-chair will act as the presiding officer in the event of the chair's absence or disability. Until the

chair is elected, the planning director will preside at the meeting, except that the planning director will not have a vote.

N. The council must review the operations of the advisory committee within thirty-six months of its first meeting, but no sooner than twelve months after that first meeting.”

SECTION 2. Section 2.28.080, Maui County Code, is amended to read as follows:

**“2.28.080 Planning commission and advisory committee training requirements.** In addition to any other training offered to members, each planning commission member[,] and [Hana] advisory committee member [shall] must participate in the Native Hawaiian Law Training Course for Boards, Commissions, Councils and Lawmakers, given by the Ka Huli Ao Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law, provided funding for the training is available through the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Participation [shall] must occur within one year of the member’s term of appointment, unless the planning director approves an appointee’s request for a [six-month] twelve-month extension for extenuating circumstances. Remote participation in training, through video and audio connection, [shall] will satisfy this section’s requirements.”

SECTION 3. Chapter 2.40, Maui County Code, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately inserted and to read as follows:

**“2.40.131 South Maui advisory committee.** There is established a South Maui advisory committee as provided by law.”

SECTION 4. Chapter 2.40, Maui County Code, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately inserted and to read as follows:

**“2.40.132 Paia-Haiku advisory committee.** There is established a Paia-Haiku advisory committee as provided by law.”

SECTION 5. Section 2.28.060, Maui County Code, is repealed:

**“[Section 2.28.060 Hana advisory committee.** A. Establishment—members. There is established a Hana advisory committee to the Maui planning commission which shall consist of seven members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council. Each member shall be a resident of the Hana district.

B. Member—residency requirement. To be eligible for appointment as a member of the Hana advisory committee, a person

