

Resolution

No. 24-100

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 9 OF THE
REVISED CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI (1983), AS
AMENDED, RELATING TO USES OF THE OPEN SPACE,
NATURAL RESOURCES, CULTURAL RESOURCES, AND
SCENIC VIEWS PRESERVATION FUND

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That, in accordance with Charter Section 14-1(1), it proposes that Subsection 1 of Section 9-19 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, be amended to read as follows, with new material underscored:

“1. In adopting each fiscal year's budget and capital program, the council shall appropriate a minimum of one percent (1%) of the certified real property tax revenues to a fund known as the open space, natural resources, cultural resources, and scenic views preservation fund. The revenues in this fund shall be utilized for:

a. Purchasing or otherwise acquiring lands or property entitlements for land conservation purposes in the county of Maui for the following purposes: public outdoor recreation and education; preservation of historic or culturally important land areas; protection of significant habitat or ecosystems, including buffer zones; preserving forests, beaches, coastal areas, and agricultural lands; protecting watershed lands to preserve water quality; conserving land for the purpose of reducing erosion, floods, landslides, and runoff; and improving disabled and public access to, and enjoyment of, public land, open space, and recreational facilities; or

b. Performing safety and security improvements, including the regular removal and disposal of fuel hazards, on lands acquired through this fund.”

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2. That, in accordance with Charter Section 14-2(1), this Resolution be submitted to the voters of the County of Maui at the next General Election;

3. That, the County Clerk prepare the necessary ballot for presentation to the voters at the next General Election;

4. That, in accordance with Charter Section 14-1(1), it proposes that the following question be placed on the next General Election ballot:

“Shall the Charter be amended, effective July 1, 2025, to minimize wildfire risk by authorizing the use of the Open Space, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Scenic Views Preservation Fund for the regular removal and disposal of fuel hazards?”

5. That, in accordance with Charter Section 14-2(2), the County Clerk must publish the proposed amendment in this Resolution in its entirety in a newspaper of general circulation;

6. That, on approval by a majority of the voters voting on the proposed amendment and on official certification of the result, the amendment proposed in this Resolution takes effect on July 1, 2025;

7. That, as authorized by Charter Section 14-4, the County Clerk must revise and publish in its entirety a revised Charter including amendments adopted in this Resolution and renumber provisions and cross-references as may be necessary by the approval of the revisions or amendments; and

8. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and the County Clerk.

INTRODUCED BY:



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