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Richard T. Bissen 7-25-24
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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Tom Cook, Chair
Water and Infrastructure Committee
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

SUBJECT: COUNTY PERMIT PROCESSING EFFICIENCIES
(WAI 1-1(16))

Dear Chair Cook:

The Department of Housing is in receipt of your letter dated July 18, 2024, requesting information on improving the County's building permit review process. The Department's response is provided below.

1. Please provide a summary of your Department's discussions, proposed plans and modifications, and a potential timeline for expediting the permitting process.

The Department operates with a two-business day turnaround time on both standard and fast-track permit applications, and generally completes its review in less than one business day. Given this turnaround time, the Department does not have additional recommendations on how to expedite its permit review process.

2. Section 2.96.160, Maui County Code, establishes fast-track permitting for qualified residential workforce housing projects.

a. How many projects have qualified under this fast-track permitting process?

Following former Mayor Arakawa's directive on fast track permitting for workforce housing projects, dated April 29, 2018, which was transmitted to all County departments on June 21, 2018, there have been 18 qualified projects as follows:

Kahului Lani I Senior Housing I	82 units	7/16/2018
Kaiwahine Village	120 units	7/24/2018
Kahului Lani Senior Housing II	83 units	2/26/2019
100% Affordable Hana Workforce Lots	25 lots	10/4/2019
The Heritage at Maui Lani	25 single family	11/14/2019
Kaiaulu O Kupuohi	88 units	5/29/2020
Kaiaulu O Kuku'ia	200 units	7/16/2020
Hale Kaiola	40 units	3/22/2021
Kaiaulu O Halelea Phase I	64 units	4/7/2021
Kaiaulu O Halelea Phase II	56 units	4/7/2021
Waikapu Development Venture	80 units	11/23/2021
Hokuao Housing Project (150 total)	76 workforce	3/11/2022
Hale O Piikea Phase I	90 units	8/30/2022
Kilohana Makai	28 units	8/31/2022
Hale Pilina Family Affordable I & II	178 units	11/21/2022
Hale O Piikea Phase II	96 units	3/3/2023
Liloa Hale Senior Rental Housing	117 units	9/13/2023
Hale O Piikea Phase III	36 units	4/1/2024

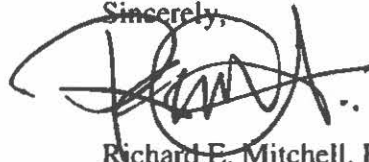
- b. How could this section be amended to improve efficiencies in processing permits?

As required by Section 2.96.160, Maui County Code, the Department reviews permit applications within two-business days. Given the Department's turnaround time, it does not have additional recommendations on how to expedite its permit review process.

However, the Department notes that under Section 2.96.030(A)(1), Maui County Code, residential developments of "Ten or more lots," are subject to Chapter 2.96. Under the Building Permit Application Routing Schedule, all residential building permit applications are routed to the Department for review regardless of whether the associated subdivision includes ten or more lots. Residential subdivisions with nine or fewer lots do not trigger the requirements of Chapter 2.96, and therefore do not need to be forwarded to the Department for review.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information. Should you have any questions feel free to contact the Department at ext. 7351.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Mitchell", written over a circular stamp or seal.

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WAI Committee

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