

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

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2024)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.07.090, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO ALLOW THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLY TO ADMINISTRATIVELY EXTEND WATER METER RESERVATIONS IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES BASED ON SPECIFIC FINDINGS

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

SECTION 1. This Ordinance's purpose is to allow the Department of Water Supply to administratively extend water meter reservations in limited circumstance based on specific findings warranting an extension.

SECTION 2. Section 14.07.090, Maui County Code, is amended to read as follows:

**"14.07.090 Payment of water system development fee. A.** Applicant ready for water service. The director [shall] must approve applications only upon payment of the water system development fee or application of credit for water service or additional water service, provided water source capacity is available at that time. Total payment for water service [shall] must be the water system development fee in effect at the time the meter is installed.

B. Applicant not ready for water service. Upon payment of a deposit equal to the water system development fee set forth in the annual budget ordinance by an applicant who, to the director's satisfaction, is unable to accept water service immediately, the department may reserve an allocation of water service source capacity available at that time. Total payment for water service will be the water system development fee in effect at the time the meter is installed. For reservations issued before January 1, 2025, the duration of any such reservation [shall] may not exceed five years, provided water service source capacity is available[.], subject to subsection C. For reservations issued after January 1, 2025, the duration of any such reservation may not exceed three years, provided water service source capacity is available, subject to subsection C. The department and the applicant [shall] must agree in writing on the amount of any reserved allocation.

[If within five years, the applicant is not able to accept installation of water service, the application and the reservation of the allocation shall expire, the deposit paid by the applicant shall be

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forfeited, and said deposit shall be applied to the water system development fee fund with no credit of any kind toward any future application.]

C. Waiver or modification. If an applicant with a reservation is unable to accept installation of water service within the duration of the reservation, the reservation may be extended one time for a period of two years by the director, if requested by the applicant, if the director finds at least three of the following:

1. Strict application of the five-year reservation limitation would cause an absurd, unfair, or unreasonably harsh result to the applicants.

2. The applicant's circumstance or condition is exceptional, and the director would grant the same request if made by every similarly situated applicant.

3. Extension of the reservation expiration will be without detriment to existing users.

4. The applicant's construction plans for required water system improvements have been approved by the department and the applicant has completed significant construction on the water system improvements.

Such findings must be reduced to writing in a memorandum which will be maintained in the applicant's file.

Should the director be unable to make at least three of the four findings, and deny the request for an extension, the applicant may appeal the decision to the Board pursuant to Chapter 14.11. The Board may reverse the decision of the Director pursuant to 14.11.040 upon finding three of the four findings set forth above.

D. Should the reservation and allocation expire, the deposit paid by the applicant must be forfeited, and said deposit will be applied to the water system development fee fund with no credit of any kind toward a future application."

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, upon its approval, takes effect retroactive to July 1, 2019.