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**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING**

September 26, 2018

Honorable Alan M. Arakawa  
Mayor, County of Maui  
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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Mike White, Chair  
and Members of the Maui County Council  
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*Alan Arakawa* 9/27/18  
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Dear Chair White and Councilmembers:

**SUBJECT: DEFINITION OF "LOT WIDTH"**

"Minimum lot width" is included in the development standards table for many zoning districts. Through experience and research, the Planning Department has determined the current definition of "lot width" produces anomalies and inaccuracies in its application to provisions of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and is unduly confusing.

Pursuant to Sections 8-8.3(6) and 8-8.4 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, I therefore respectfully propose the Council's consideration and passage of the attached proposed bill, "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 19, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF 'LOT WIDTH.'"

The current definition states:

*"Lot width" means the least horizontal distance between lot lines measured through the midpoint of the lot. The midpoint shall be construed to be the midpoint between the opposite lot lines, except for flag lots where the stem shall not be considered.*

The bill's new definition states:

*"Lot width" means the diameter of the largest circle that can be inscribed within the lot lines.*

The new definition is based on research of other municipal codes and consultation with Department staff and members of the public. The Maui Planning Commission, Lanai Planning Commission, and Molokai Planning Commission have recommended that the Council pass the bill.

**COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 18-353**

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Here is a summary of the planning commissions' recommendations:

<u>Planning Commission</u>	<u>Date of Vote</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>	<u>Vote Count</u>
Maui	June 12, 2018	Pass the bill as presented.	5-0
Lanai	June 20, 2018	Pass the bill as presented.	7-0
Molokai	July 11, 2018	Pass the bill as presented.	9-0

Please see the referenced minutes of the following meetings on the bill:

- Maui Planning Commission, June 12, 2018:  
<https://www.mauicounty.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/25009>
- Lanai Planning Commission, June 20, 2018:  
<https://www.mauicounty.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/25039>
- Molokai Planning Commission, July 11, 2018:  
<https://www.mauicounty.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/25154>

Thank you for your attention and consideration. Should further clarification be necessary, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



MICHELE CHOUTEAU MCLEAN  
Planning Director

Attachment

xc: John Rapacz, Planning Program Administrator (PDF)  
David Raatz, Administrative Planning Officer (PDF)

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

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2018)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 19.04.040, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "LOT WIDTH"

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

SECTION 1. Section 19.04.040, Maui County Code, is amended by amending the definition of "lot width" to read as follows:

"Lot width" means the [least horizontal distance between lot lines measured through the midpoint of the lot. The midpoint shall be construed to be the midpoint between the opposite lot lines, except for flag lots where the stem shall not be considered.] diameter of the largest circle that can be inscribed within the lot lines."

SECTION 2. Material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this ordinance, the County Clerk need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



MICHAEL J. HOPPER  
Deputy Corporation Counsel  
County of Maui

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