

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

October 25, 2024

**Committee
Report No.** _____

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee, having met on January 9, 2024, and October 8, 2024, makes reference to Bill 132 (2023), entitled “A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS AND DELETE INOPERATIVE PROVISIONS IN THE CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI (1983), AS AMENDED.”

Bill 132’s purpose is to implement an amendment to the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended (“Charter”), designated as Charter Commission Proposal 8, and approved by the electorate at the 2022 General Election, which authorizes the County Clerk, subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel and the Council, to make certain amendments to the Charter, including correcting errors and omissions and deleting provisions that have become inoperative.

Your Committee notes Charter Section 5-3(6) authorizes the County Clerk, with approval from the Corporation Counsel and a majority of the Council, to rearrange, renumber, re-letter, capitalize, punctuate, and divide provisions of the Charter; correct clerical errors and omissions and insert captions in accordance with the meaning and intent of the provisions of the Charter; and delete provisions that have become inoperative, including any transitional provisions that no longer have any legal effect or any provision ruled invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction. The County Clerk is also authorized to substitute any current title of an official or department in lieu of the title originally appearing in the Charter, in accordance with the changes of title or duties subsequently made by law.

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Your Committee reviewed the revisions to the Charter as proposed by the County Clerk.

The Deputy County Clerk explained that the changes incorporate Hawaiian diacritical marks and eliminate transitional provisions that are no longer operative.

Your Committee expressed support for Bill 132, but requested continued improvements in the County's use of 'ōlelo Hawai'i in public documents, including the Charter.

By correspondence dated January 8, 2024, the Department of the Corporation Counsel transmitted recommended revisions to Exhibit "1," attached to Bill 132, which was supported by the Deputy County Clerk.

Your Committee discussed the proposed Charter revisions with a Deputy Corporation Counsel and the Deputy County Clerk and agreed that the recommended revisions provided clarity.

By correspondence dated September 30, 2024, the Deputy County Clerk transmitted a further revised Exhibit "1," incorporating the revisions recommended by the Department of the Corporation Counsel in its January 8, 2024, correspondence to ensure consistency in the usage of 'ōlelo Hawai'i in the Charter.

The Deputy County Clerk noted Hawaiian Language expert Kumu Cody Pueo Pata assisted with the translation of the Charter into 'ōlelo Hawai'i, with the 'ōlelo Hawai'i revisions reflected in the September 30, 2024, correspondence.

Your Committee expressed support for the further revised Exhibit "1," and amended Bill 132, accordingly.

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Your Committee noted Bill 132, as amended, would further Countywide Policy Plan objectives, to: 1) Preserve Local Cultures and Traditions; and 2) Strive for Good Governance.

Your Committee voted 8-0 to recommend passage of Bill 132, CD1 (2023), on first reading. Committee Chair U‘u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair Paltin, and members Cook, Johnson, Kama, Lee, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted “aye.” Committee member Rawlins-Fernandez was excused.

Your Committee is in receipt of Bill 132, CD1 (2023), approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating your Committee’s nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee RECOMMENDS that Bill 132, CD1 (2023), as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled “A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS AND DELETE INOPERATIVE PROVISIONS IN THE CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI (1983), AS AMENDED,” be PASSED ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



NOHELANI U‘U-HODGINS, Chair

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BILL NO. 132, CD1 (2023)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS AND DELETE INOPERATIVE PROVISIONS IN THE CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI (1983), AS AMENDED

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

SECTION 1. This Ordinance's purpose is to implement an amendment to the Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter"), designated as Charter Commission Proposal 8 and approved by the electorate at the 2022 General Election, which now under Section 5-3(6) of the Charter authorizes the county clerk, subject to the approval of the corporation counsel and the council, to make certain amendments to the Charter, including correcting errors and omissions and deleting provisions that have become inoperative.

SECTION 2. Various sections of the Charter are amended as shown in the proposed amended Charter, attached as Exhibit 1.

SECTION 3. Material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing the amendments to the Charter, the County Clerk need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance takes effect upon approval.

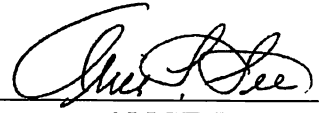
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGALITY:

/s/ Cody Minatodani

Department of the Corporation
Counsel
County of Maui

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INTRODUCED BY:

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ALICE L. LEE

Exhibit "1"

CHARTER
COUNTY OF MAUI

JULY 1, 2024 EDITION

FOREWORD

This edition sets forth the Charter of the County of Maui, effective as of January 1, 1983, as it was revised by the Charter Commission in 1982 and approved by a majority of the voters at the General Election held on November 2, 1982. This edition also incorporates amendments to the Charter proposed by the County Council and approved by a majority of the voters at the General Elections of 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2022, as well as an amendment proposed by a Special Charter Commission and approved by a majority of the voters at the General Election of 1988. Also incorporated in this edition are: amendments proposed by the Charter Commission in 1992 and approved by a majority of the voters at the General Election of 1992, which amendments became effective on November 24, 1992; amendments proposed by the Charter Commission in 2002 and approved by a majority of the voters at the General Election of 2002, which amendments became effective on December 5, 2002; amendments proposed by the Charter Commission in 2012 and approved by a majority of the voters at the General Election of 2012, which amendments became effective on December 6, 2012; and amendments proposed by the Charter Commission in 2022 and approved by a majority of the voters at the General Election of 2022, which amendments became effective on December 8, 2022. This July 1, 2024, edition of the Charter replaces all previous editions and contains all those Charter provisions in effect as of July 1, 2023, as amended by Ordinance [REDACTED].

This Charter, as revised, establishes the structure and organization of the government of the County of Maui. It is a constitutional document, drafted in accordance with the will of the people, which defines the responsibilities of our local government.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS COUNTY OF MAUI
STATE OF HAWAI'I**

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JULY 1, 2024

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PREAMBLE

WE, THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI, mindful of our Hawaiian history, heritage, and culture and our uniqueness as a four island county, dedicate our efforts to fulfill the Hawai'i State motto, "Ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono," ("The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness.")

In order to secure the benefits of the best possible form of county government and to exercise the powers and assume the responsibilities of county government to the fullest extent possible, we do hereby adopt this charter of the County of Maui, State of Hawai'i. (Amended July 1, 2024; 2012)

ARTICLE I INCORPORATION AND GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITS

Section 1-1. Incorporation. The people of the County of Maui, as a basis for this incorporation, confirm the equal worth and dignity of every individual, and by this charter shall be and continue as a body politic and incorporate by the name of "County of Maui", hereinafter in this charter called "County." By that name it shall have perpetual succession. (Amended 2002)

Section 1-2. Geographical Limits. The islands of Maui, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaho'olawe and all other islands lying within three nautical miles off the shores thereof and the waters adjacent thereto constitute the County except that portion of the island of Moloka'i excluded from the County's jurisdiction by State law. (Amended 2022)

ARTICLE 2 POWERS OF THE COUNTY

Section 2-1. Powers of the County. The County shall have all powers possible for a county to have under the constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i. These powers shall include, but shall not be restricted to, or by, the following: all powers now or hereafter given by the constitution or other laws, and all other powers not prohibited by such constitution or by this charter, to the County or its agencies, or to counties or county agencies, and all powers necessary and proper to carry into execution other powers of the County. The County shall have all such powers as fully and completely as though they were

specifically enumerated in this charter; and no enumeration of powers in this charter shall be deemed exclusive or restrictive.

Section 2-2. Exercise of Powers. All powers of the County shall be carried into execution as provided by this charter, or, if the charter makes no provisions, as provided by ordinance or resolution of the county council.

ARTICLE 3 COUNTY COUNCIL

Section 3-1. Composition. The council is composed of nine members elected-at large. Of the nine members elected to the council, one shall be a resident of the Island of Lānaʻi, one a resident of the Island of Molokaʻi, one a resident of the residency area of East Maui, one a resident of the residency area of West Maui, one a resident of the residency area of Makawao-Haʻikū-Pāʻia, one a resident of the residency area of “Upcountry” comprising Pukalani-Kula-ʻUlupalakua, one a resident of the residency area of South Maui, one a resident of the residency area of Kahului, and one a resident of the residency area of Wailuku-Waiheʻe-Waikapū. The county clerk shall prepare the nomination papers in such a manner that candidates desiring to file for the office of councilmember shall specify the residency area from which they are seeking a seat. The ballots shall, nevertheless, be prepared to give every voter in the County the right to vote for each and every council seat.

1. The East Maui (Hāna-Keʻanae-Kailua) residency area shall be described as follows:

Beginning at shoreline and Kākipi Gulch

Proceed to Kepuni Gulch

North along Kepuni Gulch to Kahikinui Forest Reserve boundary

Easterly along Kahikinui Forest Reserve boundary to Haleakalā National Park boundary

Northwest, west, northerly, then southeast along Haleakalā National Park boundary to Waikamoi Stream

North along Waikamoi Stream and continuing due west to Kaʻiliʻili Road

West on Kaʻiliʻili Road to ʻŌpana Gulch

North along ʻŌpana Gulch to jeep trail

Easterly on jeep trail to Pālama Gulch then northeasterly to Halehaku Gulch

North along Halehaku Gulch to Kākipi Gulch

North along Kākipi Gulch to point of beginning

2. The West Maui residency area shall be described as follows:

Beginning at shoreline and Lahaina-Wailuku District boundary at Pō'elua Bay

Proceed south along boundary to shoreline (Manawainui Gulch) Northwest, north, then northeast along shoreline to point of beginning

(includes the islands of Molokini and Kaho'olawe)

3. The Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapū residency area shall be described as follows:

Beginning at shoreline and Lahaina-Wailuku District boundary
Proceed southeast along shoreline to Kanaloa Avenue extension
Southwest on Kanaloa Avenue extension to Kahului Beach Road
Southeast on Kahului Beach Road to Ka'ahumanu Avenue
West on Ka'ahumanu Avenue to Mahalani Street
Southwest on Mahalani Street to Pu'umele Street
Southwest on Pu'umele Street to Waiinu Road
West on Waiinu Road to Wai'ale Road
South on Wai'ale Road to East Waikō Road
East on East Waikō Road to Kūihelani Highway
Southwest on Kūihelani Highway to Honoapi'ilani Highway
South on Honoapi'ilani Highway to Pōhākea Gulch

4. The Kahului residency district area shall be described as follows:
Beginning at shoreline and Kanaloa Avenue extension
Proceed east along shoreline to Kanahā Beach Park boundary
Southeast along Kanahā Beach Park boundary to Kali'alinui Gulch
Southeast along Kali'alinui Gulch to Haleakalā Highway
Southeast on Haleakalā Highway to Lowrie Ditch
Southwest along Lowrie Ditch to Spanish Road
West, then northwest on Spanish Road to East Waikō Road
West on East Waikō Road to Wai'ale Road
North on Wai'ale Road to Waiinu Road
East on Waiinu Road to Pu'umele Street
North on Pu'umele Street to Mahalani Street
East, then north on Mahalani Street to Ka'ahumanu Avenue
East on Ka'ahumanu Avenue to Kahului Beach Road
Northwest on Kahului Beach Road to Kanaloa Avenue extension
Northeast on Kanaloa Avenue extension to point of beginning
5. The South Maui residency area shall be described as follows:
Beginning at Lahaina-Wailuku District boundary and Pōhākea Gulch

Proceed southeast, then east along Pōhākea Gulch to
 Honoapiʻilani Highway
 North on Honoapiʻilani Highway to Kūihelani Highway
 Northeast on Kūihelani Highway to East Waikō Road
 East on East Waikō Road to Spanish Road
 Southeast, then east on Spanish Road to Lowrie Ditch
 South along Lowrie Ditch to Pūlehu Gulch
 Southeast along Pūlehu Gulch to Waiakoa Road
 South on Waiakoa Road to Kīhei CDP boundary
 South along Kīhei CDP boundary to unnamed road
 Southwest, then south on unnamed road to unnamed stream (west
 of Keonekai Road)
 East on unnamed stream to Kula Highway
 Southwest on Kula Highway to jeep trail (abutting Tiger 2000 line
 85098642)
 West, then south on jeep trail to Kanaio-Kalama Park Road
 (ʻUlupalakua Road)
 Southeast along Kanaio-Kalama Park Road to Piʻilani Highway
 Southeast, then east on Piʻilani Highway to Kepuni Gulch
 Southeast along Kepuni Gulch to shoreline
 Southwest, west, north, northwest, southwest then northwest
 along shoreline to Lahaina-Wailuku District boundary
 (Manawainui Gulch)
 North along boundary to point of beginning

6. The Makawao-Haʻikū-Pāʻia residency area shall be described as follows:

Beginning at shoreline and Kanahā Beach Park boundary
 Proceed east along shoreline to Kākipi Gulch
 South along Kākipi Gulch to Halehaku Gulch
 South along Halehaku Gulch to Pālama Gulch
 Southeast along Pālama Gulch to unnamed jeep trail
 Northwest, then southwest along jeep trail to ʻŌpana Gulch
 South along ʻŌpana Gulch to Kaʻiliʻili Road
 East on Kaʻiliʻili Road to Waikamoi Stream
 South along Waikamoi Stream to Haleakalā National Park
 boundary
 Northwest, then southwest along Haleakalā National Park
 boundary to Kailua Gulch
 Northwest along Kailua Gulch to Lowrie Ditch
 Southwest along Lowrie Ditch to Haleakalā Highway
 Northwest along Haleakalā Highway to Kaliʻalinui Gulch

Northwest along Kali‘alinui Gulch to ‘Āmala Place
Northwest along Kanahā Beach Park boundary to point of beginning

7. The Upcountry (Pukalani-Kula-‘Ulupalakua) residency area shall be described as follows:

Beginning at Lowrie Ditch and Kailua Gulch
Proceed southeast along Kailua Gulch to Haleakalā National Park boundary

Southwest, southeast, east, then southwest along Haleakalā National Park boundary to Kahikinui Forest Reserve boundary

Southwest along Kahikinui Forest Reserve boundary to Kepuni Gulch

South along Kepuni Gulch to Pi‘ilani Highway

West on Pi‘ilani Highway to Kanaio-Kalama Park Road (‘Ulupalakua Road)

Northwest along Kanaio-Kalama Park Road to jeep trail

Northeast on jeep trail to Kula Highway (abutting Tiger 2000 line 85098642)

Northeast along Kula Highway to unnamed stream

Northwest, then west along unnamed stream to unnamed jeep trail

North on unnamed jeep trail to unnamed road

North on unnamed road to Kīhei CDP boundary

North on Kīhei CDP boundary to Waiakoa Road

North on Waiakoa Road to Pūlehu Gulch

Northwest along Pūlehu Gulch to Lowrie Ditch

North, then northeast along Lowrie Ditch to point of beginning (Amended 2002, 1998, 1992, 1990)

Section 3-2. Election of Council and Term of Office.

1. Councilmembers shall be elected by nonpartisan special elections held in conjunction with the primary and general elections every two years. The special election held in conjunction with the primary election every two years shall be known as the first special election. The special election held in conjunction with the general election every two years shall be known as the second special election.

2. The names of all candidates for each council seat shall be placed on the ballot for the first special election; provided, that for any council seat with two or fewer candidates, the names of the candidates shall appear only on the ballot for the second special election.

3. For any council seat with three or more candidates, the names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for each council seat in the first special election shall be placed on the ballot for the second special election; provided, that if two or more candidates tie for the highest number of votes received in the first special election, the names of the candidates tied for the highest number of votes shall be placed on the ballot for the second special election; and further provided, that if a single candidate receives the highest number of votes in the first special election and two or more candidates tie for the second-highest number of votes received, the names of the candidate receiving the highest number of votes and the candidates tied for the second-highest number of votes shall be placed on the ballot for the second special election.

4. At the second special election, the candidates receiving the highest number of votes for each council seat shall be deemed elected. If there is no more than one candidate for a council seat, such person shall be deemed elected regardless of the number of votes received.

5. The term of office of councilmembers shall be for two years, beginning at twelve o'clock meridian on the second day of January following their election. No councilmember shall serve more than five full terms of office. (Amended 2021, 1998, 1992)

Section 3-3. Qualifications. To be eligible for election or appointment to the council, a person must be a citizen of the United States, a voter in the County, and be a resident in the area of the County from which the person seeks to be elected for a period of one year before the filing of nomination papers. If a councilmember ceases to be a resident of the County, or ceases to be a resident of the councilmember's residency area during the councilmember's term of office, or if a councilmember is adjudicated guilty of a felony, the councilmember shall immediately forfeit office and the seat shall become vacant. (Amended 2012, 1992)

Section 3-4. Vacancy in Office. A vacancy in the office of any councilmember shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in accordance with State law. The remainder of the unexpired term served by a councilmember filling such a vacancy shall not be counted toward the maximum number of terms the councilmember may serve. The vacancy shall be filled in the following manner:

1. If the unexpired term is less than fifteen months, the remaining members of the council shall appoint a person by resolution adopted by a majority of its remaining members to fill the vacancy for the current unexpired term. Should the council fail to fill any vacancy within thirty days after its

occurrence, the mayor shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. The person appointed by the council or mayor shall have the same qualifications required of a candidate elected by the voters.

2. If the unexpired term is fifteen months or more, the vacancy shall be filled by a special election to be called by the council within thirty days and to be held within ninety days after the occurrence of the vacancy. The electors of the county shall then elect a successor with requisite qualifications to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. At the special election, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be deemed elected. (Amended 2012, 1998)

Section 3-5. Procedure; Meetings; Rules and Journal; Voting.

1. The council shall meet for its organization on the second day of January following its election, or may meet on the following Monday if the second day is a Saturday or Sunday, at which time it shall elect one of its members as chair and presiding officer of the council. Until such time as the chair is elected, the mayor shall preside at such meeting, provided that the mayor shall not have a vote. The council shall also elect a vice-chair who shall act as the presiding officer in the event of the chair's absence or disability. The council shall appoint a presiding officer pro tempore from its own members in the event of the absence or disability of both the chair and vice-chair.

2. The council shall meet at least twice in every month at such times and places as the council may prescribe by rule. Special meetings may be held on the call of the mayor, chair, or of five or more members and, whenever practical, upon no less than seventy-two hours effective notice to each member.

3. The council shall determine its own rules and order of business and shall provide for keeping a public journal of its proceedings.

4. Voting and all motions shall be in accordance with the rules of the council and shall be recorded in the journal of the council, provided, however, a roll call vote must be taken if requested by any one councilmember. Five members of the council constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may convene from time to time and compel the attendance of absent members in the manner and subject to the penalties prescribed by the rules of the council. Unless otherwise provided for herein, no action of the council shall be valid or binding unless adopted by a vote of five or more members of the council.

5. The council shall provide interactive remote communications access for the residents of Hāna, Lānaʻi, Molokaʻi, and other geographic areas as the council deems appropriate and reasonable to all council meetings and council committee meetings. Said access shall include the ability of the public to testify, of council members to ask questions, and of the public to respond to

questions between the council or its committees and the public in accordance with state law. (Amended 2022, 2012, 1992)

Section 3-6. Powers of Council. The council is the legislative body of the County. Without limitation of the foregoing grant or of other powers given it by this charter, the council has the power:

1. To legislate taxes, rates, fees, assessments and special assessments, and to borrow money, subject to the limitations provided by law and this charter.

2. To legislate appropriations for County purposes subject to the limitations provided by this charter.

3. To conduct investigations of (a) the operation of any department or function of the County and (b) any subject upon which the council may legislate.

4. To fix the salaries of such employees and officers as may be necessary.

5. To require periodic and special reports from all County departments concerning their functions and operations. Such reports shall be requested and submitted by and through the mayor.

6. To retain, employ, or designate, by a vote of two-thirds of its entire membership, special counsel as legal representative for any special matter presenting a real necessity for such employment. Any such employment shall specify the compensation, if any, to be paid for said services.

7. To designate attorneys within the office of council services to serve as legal advisors. (Amended 2016)

Section 3-7. Office of Council Services.

1. There is an office of council services. The council may create such positions in the office of council services as it deems necessary to assist it in the exercise of its legislative power. The salaries of such positions shall be fixed by ordinance. Persons appointed to such positions by the council are exempt from civil service.

2. The attorneys within the office of council services, in addition to the attorneys within the department of the corporation counsel, may serve as legal advisors to the council and its members. (Amended 2016)

Section 3-8. Restrictions on Council and Councilmembers.

1. Unless otherwise provided in this charter, neither the council nor any of its members shall, in any manner, dictate the appointment or removal of any officer or employee appointed by the mayor or by the mayor's subordinates.

2. Neither the council nor its members shall give orders to any County employees or County officers other than those appointed pursuant to section 3-7

or article 5, either publicly or privately. Any willful violation of the provisions of this subsection by a member of the council shall be sufficient grounds for the councilmember's removal from office by impeachment. (Amended 2016, 2002)

Section 3-9. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the County to promote economy, climate change adaptation, efficiency, and improved service in the transaction of the public business in the legislative and executive branches of the County by:

1. Limiting expenditures to the lowest amount consistent with the efficient performance of essential services, activities, and functions.
2. Eliminating duplication and overlapping of services, activities, and functions.
3. Consolidating services, activities, and functions of a similar nature.
4. Abolishing services, activities, and functions not necessary to the efficient conduct of government.
5. Implementing guidelines to allow certain County employees to telework and have alternative work schedules. The guidelines and definitions of "telework" and "alternative work schedules" may be established by ordinance. (Amended 2022, 2012)

Section 3-9.1. Office of the County Auditor and County Auditor.

1. The office of the county auditor is headed by a county auditor who is appointed by the council from a list of nominees presented to the council by the independent nomination board. The auditor shall serve for a term of six years. The county auditor may be reappointed by the council for subsequent terms of six years. The county auditor may hold over until a successor is appointed. The salary of the county auditor shall be determined by the salary commission. The council may remove the county auditor from office at any time for cause. The county auditor is exempt from civil service.

2. The county auditor shall possess adequate professional proficiency for the office, demonstrated by relevant certification as a certified internal auditor or certified public accountant, and have at least five years of experience in the field of auditing, evaluation, or analysis. The county auditor shall have a bachelor's degree in accounting, business administration, public administration, or a related field.

3. Except for exercising the right to vote, neither the county auditor nor any staff member of the office of the county auditor shall support, advocate, or aid in the election or defeat of any candidate for county public office.

4. The county auditor shall appoint the necessary staff as shall be authorized by law. Persons appointed to such positions shall be exempt from

civil service and shall serve at the pleasure of the County auditor. (Amended 7/01/2023, 2012)

Section 3-9.2. Powers, Duties, and Functions.

1. The county auditor has the duty and power to conduct or cause to be conducted:

a. The independent annual financial audit of the County, as authorized by section 9-13.

b. Other program, financial, or performance audits or evaluations regarding County organizations, operations, and regulations.

c. Performance or financial audits of the funds, programs, or activities of any agency or function of the County, as the county auditor deems warranted; provided that, before each fiscal year, the auditor shall transmit a plan of the audits proposed to be conducted during the fiscal year to the mayor and the council, for review and comment, but not approval.

2. Audit findings and recommendations shall be set forth in written reports of the county auditor, a copy of which shall be transmitted to the mayor and to the council, which shall be public records, except as provided by law.

3. For the purposes of carrying out any audit, the county auditor shall have full, free, and unrestricted access to any County officer or employee and shall be authorized to examine and inspect any record of any agency or operation of the County, to administer oaths and subpoena witnesses, and compel the production of pertinent records. If any person subpoenaed as a witness or compelled to produce records fails or refuses to respond, the proper court, upon request of the county auditor, shall have the power to compel obedience to any process of the county auditor and to punish, as a contempt of the court, any refusal to comply without good cause. Notwithstanding section 3-6.6, the county auditor may, without council approval, retain special counsel to represent the county auditor in implementing these powers.

4. The county auditor shall submit its budget to the county council and its budget shall include the cost of government commission's budget subject to article 9, section 9-2.1.

5. The county auditor shall assess the fiscal impact of any proposed amendment to the charter within sixty days prior to the general election and make such assessment available to the public. (Amended 2022, 2012)

Section 3-9.3. Cost of Government Commission. For the purpose of carrying out the policy set forth in section 3-9, in accordance with section 13-2, the mayor with the approval of the council shall appoint a cost of government commission consisting of nine members. The commission is advisory to the county auditor.

The commission has the power and duty to:

1. Study and investigate the organizations and methods of operations of all departments, commissions, boards, offices, and other instrumentality of all branches of the county government and determine what changes, if any, may be desirable to accomplish the policy set forth in section 3-9.

2. Secure directly from any department, commission, board, office, or any other instrumentalities of all branches of the County government or from any individual officer or employee of the County, information, suggestions, estimates, and statistics necessary to carry out its duties.

3. Submit an annual report of its findings and recommendations to the mayor, council, and county auditor.

4. For the purpose of this section, the following definitions apply:

“Agency or operation of the County” includes any executive agency, semi-autonomous agency, council office, and other establishment of County government supported, in whole or in part, by County or public funds.

“Council office” includes the council itself, the office of a councilmember and the councilmember’s immediate staff, the office of the county clerk, and the office of council services. This definition shall not be construed as excluding the office of the county auditor from the legislative branch.

“Record” includes any account, book, paper, and document, and any financial affair, notwithstanding whether any of the preceding is stored on paper or electronically. (Amended 2012)

ARTICLE 4 ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Section 4-1. Actions of the Council. Every legislative act of the council shall be by ordinance, unless otherwise provided for herein. Other acts of the council may be by resolution.

Section 4-2. Introduction, Consideration, and Passage of Ordinances and Resolutions.

1. Every proposed ordinance shall be initiated as a bill and shall be passed after two readings on separate days.

2. Except as otherwise provided by law, resolutions may be adopted on one reading.

3. Upon the request of three members of the council, a public hearing shall be held on any proposed ordinance or resolution.

4. Digests of all bills that pass first reading and the votes thereon shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the County at least three days before final reading.

5. After passage all bills shall be promptly advertised once by title only in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, with the ayes and noes.

6. Should the council find by a two-thirds vote of its entire membership the existence of an emergency threatening life, health, or property due to a public calamity, the council may waive all of the requirements of this section pertaining to procedure, except all votes shall be recorded. Every emergency ordinance, including any amendments made therein after its adoption, shall automatically stand repealed on the ninety-first day following the date on which it became effective. The council may prescribe by rule procedures for emergency meetings of its membership to be held by conference telephone or similar communication equipment in the event of public calamity.

7. Resolutions authorizing proceedings in eminent domain shall be adopted as provided by law.

8. Bills and resolutions may be passed on first reading by councilmembers and passed on second reading by their successors.

Section 4-3. Submission of Bills to the Mayor.

1. Every bill that has passed the council shall be presented to the mayor for the mayor's approval. If the mayor approves it, the mayor shall sign it and the bill shall become effective as an ordinance as provided herein. If the mayor disapproves it, the mayor shall specify the mayor's objections to the bill in writing and return it to the county clerk with the mayor's objections within ten days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays) after receiving it. If the mayor does not return the bill with a disapproval within that time, it shall take effect as an ordinance as if the mayor had signed it. The council may, after five and within thirty days after the bill has been so returned, reconsider the vote upon the bill. If the bill, upon reconsideration, is again passed by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the council, the presiding officer shall verify that fact on the bill and, when so verified, the bill shall take effect as an ordinance as if it had been signed by the mayor. If the bill fails to receive the two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the council, it shall be deemed lost.

2. If any bill is presented to the mayor appropriating money, the mayor may veto any items or portions thereof by striking out or reducing the same. Such veto power shall extend to conditions, limitations, or restrictions imposed with respect to the disbursement of any appropriation. In the case of such a veto, the mayor shall append to the bill at the time of signing it a statement of the items or portions thereof to which the mayor objects and the reasons therefor, and the items or portions thereof, so vetoed, shall not take effect unless passed notwithstanding the mayor's veto. Each item so vetoed may be reconsidered by the council in the same manner as bills that have been disapproved by the mayor.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 4-3.1, if the mayor disapproves of any bill passed by the council pursuant to sections 9-5 and 9-6, or any items or portions thereof, the mayor shall return the bill and the statement to the county clerk within ten days after receiving it. If the mayor does not return it with a disapproval within that time, it shall take effect as an ordinance as if the mayor had signed it. The council may, within ten days after the bill has been so returned, reconsider the vote upon the bill and override the mayor's veto as provided in subsection 4-3.1. (Amended 2010)

Section 4-4. Form of Bills, Ordinances, and Resolutions. The council may by its rules provide for the form and content of bills, ordinances, and resolutions.

Section 4-5. Codification of Ordinances.

1. The council shall cause any codification of all of the ordinances of the County to be revised and updated at least biennially.

2. Prior to passage of a bill providing for the adoption of a uniform code, not less than three copies of the uniform code shall be filed for use and examination by the public in the office of the county clerk at least sixty days prior to passage.

ARTICLE 5 COUNTY CLERK

Section 5-1. Organization. The office of the county clerk consists of the county clerk and the necessary staff.

Section 5-2. County Clerk. The county clerk is appointed by the council from a list of nominees presented to the council by the independent nomination board. The county clerk shall serve for a term of six years. The county clerk may be reappointed by the council for subsequent terms of six years. The county clerk may hold over until a successor is appointed. The salary of the county clerk and deputy county clerk shall be set by the salary commission. The council may remove the county clerk from office at any time for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance. (Amended 07/01/2023)

Section 5-3. Powers, Duties, and Functions. The county clerk shall:

1. Be the clerk of the council.
2. Take charge of, safely keep, and dispose of all books, papers, and records which may properly be filed in the clerk's office and keep in separate

files all bills, ordinances, resolutions, and rules and cumulative indices of the same or exact copies.

3. Have custody of the County seal, which must be used to authenticate all official papers and instruments requiring execution of certification by the county clerk in the exercise of the county clerk's office.

4. Conduct all elections held within the County as provided by law.

5. Certify ordinances.

6. Subject to approval by the corporation counsel and the council, the clerk is authorized to rearrange, renumber, reletter, capitalize, punctuate, and divide provisions of this charter and to correct clerical errors and omissions and insert captions in accordance with the meaning and intent of the provisions of this charter, from time to time, and may delete provisions that have become inoperative, including any transitional provisions that no longer have any legal effect or any provision ruled invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction. The clerk may substitute any current title of an official or department in lieu of the title originally appearing in the charter, in accordance with the changes of title or duties subsequently made by law.

7. The county clerk and deputy county clerk must not take an active part in political management or in political campaigns, including contributions to political campaigns for any federal, state, or county elective office.

8. Perform other functions as prescribed by the council or law.
(Amended 2022)

ARTICLE 6 EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Section 6-1. Executive Power. The executive power of the County is vested in and exercised by the executive branch headed by the mayor, except as otherwise provided by this charter.

Section 6-2. Appointment and Removal of Officers and Employees.

1. The administrative head of a department may not appoint more than the staff for which appropriations have been made by the council.

2. No appointing authority shall appoint any person to any office or position exempted from civil service until satisfied by proper investigation that the person to be appointed is fully qualified by experience and ability to perform the duties of the office or position.

3. The term of office of any administrative head of a department who is appointed by the mayor shall end with the term of office of the mayor, except that any such administrative head may be earlier removed as provided for in this

charter. Such officers shall not hold over more than sixty days after their respective terms of office, and shall immediately vacate their respective offices at the end of the sixty-day period or upon the appointment of a successor in accordance with this charter, whichever occurs first.

4. The mayor may appoint, on a temporary basis, an administrative head of any department, provided that such department is one where the administrative head is appointed by the mayor, unless the appointee was nominated for and denied the office by the council under subsection 5.

5. Unless otherwise provided in this charter, within sixty days of taking office, or within sixty days after a vacancy is created, the mayor shall appoint the managing director, corporation counsel, prosecuting attorney, director of finance, director of public works, director of parks and recreation, planning director, director of housing and human concerns, director of water supply, director of transportation, director of environmental management, and director of agriculture, with written notice of the appointment to the council. The council shall confirm or deny the appointment within sixty days after receiving notice of the appointment by the mayor. If the council does not act within the sixty-day period, the appointment shall be deemed to be confirmed. The appointee shall take office upon appointment by the mayor but shall not continue in office if the council denies the appointment. If the appointment is denied by the council, the mayor shall make a new appointment within sixty days of the council's denial, and the council shall confirm or deny within sixty days after receiving notice of the new appointment by the mayor. If the council does not act within the sixty-day period, the appointment shall be deemed to be confirmed.

6. Requiring a letter of resignation by an appointee for an administrative head as a condition of appointment is prohibited.
(Amended 2022, 2016, 1992, 1984)

Section 6-3. Powers and Duties of Administrative Heads of Departments.

1. Pursuant to law, the administrative heads of departments have the power to take all personnel actions.

2. The administrative head of a department shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as provided for herein or as may be assigned by the mayor.

3. The powers, duties, and functions of the administrative head of any department may be assigned to any staff member or members of that department by the administrative head.

Section 6-4. Specific Qualifications of Administrative Heads of Departments. In addition to any qualifications set forth in this charter, specific

qualifications for administrative heads appointed by the mayor may be established by the council by ordinance. (Amended 2016)

ARTICLE 7 OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Section 7-1. Organization. The office of the mayor consists of a mayor and necessary staff.

Section 7-2. Election of Mayor and Term of Office.

1. The mayor shall be elected by nonpartisan special elections held in conjunction with the primary and general elections every four years. The special election held in conjunction with the primary election every four years shall be known as the first special election. The special election held in conjunction with the general election every four years shall be known as the second special election.

2. The names of all candidates for mayor shall be placed on the ballot for the first special election; except that if there are two or fewer candidates, the names of the candidates shall appear only on the ballot for the second special election.

3. If there are three or more candidates, the names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the first special election shall be placed on the ballot for the second special election; except that if two or more candidates tie for the highest number of votes received in the first special election, the names of the candidates tied for the highest number of votes shall be placed on the ballot for the second special election; and further if a single candidate receives the highest number of votes in the first special election and two or more candidates tie for the second-highest number of votes received, the names of the candidate receiving the highest number of votes and the candidates tied for the second-highest number of votes shall be placed on the ballot for the second special election.

4. At the second special election, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be deemed elected. If there is only one candidate for mayor, such person shall be deemed elected regardless of the number of votes received.

5. The voters of the County shall elect a mayor whose term of office shall be four years beginning at twelve o'clock meridian on the second day of January following the mayor's election. A mayor shall not serve more than two full terms of office. (Amended 2021, 1998)

Section 7-3. Qualifications. Any citizen of the United States who is a voter of the County and a resident of the County for a period of at least one year next preceding the filing of nomination papers shall be eligible to be mayor. Upon removal of the mayor's residence from the County, the mayor shall by that fact be deemed to have vacated the office of mayor. If the mayor ceases to be a voter of the County, or is adjudicated guilty of a felony, the mayor shall immediately forfeit the office of mayor. (Amended 2012)

Section 7-4. The Salary of the Mayor. The salary of the mayor is determined by the salary commission. (Amended 1986)

Section 7-5. Powers, Duties, and Functions. The mayor is the chief executive officer of the County. The mayor shall:

1. Supervise, directly or through the managing director, all departments enumerated in article 8 and other agencies as provided by law.
2. Appoint the necessary staff for which appropriations have been made by the council.
3. Create positions for which appropriations have been made, or abolish positions, but a report of such actions shall be made to the council within fifteen days of such actions.
4. Make temporary transfers of positions between departments or between subdivisions of departments.
5. Recommend to the council a pay plan for all County employees and officers whose pay is not otherwise provided for by law.
6. Prepare and submit an operating budget and a capital program annually to the council for its consideration pursuant to article 9.
7. Control, manage, and execute the annual operating budget and capital program.
8. Conduct a systematic and continual review of the finances, organizations, and methods of each department of the County to assist each department in achieving the most effective expenditure of public funds and to determine that such expenditures are in accordance with the budget laws and controls in force.
9. Prepare and process applications for state, federal, or other governmental funds on behalf of the County.
10. Assign powers, duties, and functions that are not already assigned or enumerated in article 8, to and between the departments.
11. Sign instruments requiring execution by the County, including deeds and other conveyances, except those that the director of finance or other officer is authorized by this charter, ordinance, or resolution to sign.

12. Present messages or information to the council that, in the mayor's opinion, are necessary or expedient.

13. In addition to the annual report, make periodic reports informing the public as to County policies, programs, and operations.

14. Approve or veto bills passed by the council.

15. Have a voice but no vote in the proceedings of all boards and commissions.

16. Enter into bilateral and multilateral contracts with other counties, the State, or the United States for the performance of any function or activity that the County is authorized to perform.

17. Enforce the provisions of this charter, the ordinances of the County, and all applicable laws.

18. Exercise other powers and perform other duties as prescribed by this charter or by law. (Amended 1984)

Section 7-6. Vacancy in Office.

1. A vacancy in the office of mayor shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the following manner:

a. If the unexpired term is less than one year, the managing director shall act as mayor. If the office of managing director is vacant or during such periods that the managing director is unable to so act, the director of finance shall act as mayor.

b. If the unexpired term is one year or more, the vacancy shall be filled by a special election to be called by the council within thirty days and to be held within ninety days after the occurrence of the vacancy. The electors of the County shall then elect a successor with requisite qualifications to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. In the event no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast to fill the vacancy then within fifteen days after said election the council shall call for a runoff election to be held within forty-five days of the first election. The candidates in the runoff election shall be the two candidates receiving the most number of votes in the first election. If any special or general election is to be held in the County after thirty days and within one hundred eighty days after the occurrence of the vacancy, then the election shall be held in conjunction with such other election.

2. Pending the election of a mayor in the case of a vacancy or in the temporary absence of the mayor from the State, or a temporary disability of the mayor, the managing director shall act as mayor. If there is no managing director or if the managing director is unable to act, the finance director shall act as mayor. In the event of the temporary absence of the mayor from the County, or temporary leave, the mayor may designate the managing director or, in the

managing director's absence or unavailability, the finance director to act as mayor. (Amended 1988)

ARTICLE 8 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

The County departments hereinafter described are hereby recognized and continued.

CHAPTER 1 DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT

Section 8-1.1. Organization. The department of management consists of a managing director and the necessary staff.

Section 8-1.2. Managing Director. The managing director is appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor. The managing director shall have a minimum of five years of experience in an administrative capacity in public or private business, or both. (Amended 2016)

Section 8-1.3. Powers, Duties, and Functions. The managing director shall:

1. Act as the principal management aid to the mayor.
2. Supervise the administrative functions of those agencies, departments, boards, and commissions assigned by the mayor.
3. Evaluate the management and performance of each agency.
4. Prescribe standards of administrative practice to be followed by all agencies under the managing director's supervision.
5. Supervise and coordinate those functions described in subsections 7-5.6, 7-5.7, and 7-5.8.
6. Perform all other duties and functions required by this charter or assigned by the mayor.

CHAPTER 2 DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

Section 8-2.1. Organization. The department of the corporation counsel consists of the corporation counsel and the necessary staff.

Section 8-2.2. Corporation Counsel. The corporation counsel is appointed by the mayor from a list of nominees presented to the mayor by the independent nomination board, and as further provided for in section 13-2 with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor with the approval of council. The corporation counsel shall be an attorney licensed to practice and in good standing before the Supreme Court of the State and shall have engaged in the practice of law for at least five years. (Amended 07/01/2023, 2016, 1992)

Section 8-2.3. Powers, Duties, and Functions. The corporation counsel shall:

1. Appoint such deputies corporation counsel and necessary staff as shall be authorized by the council. Deputies corporation counsel are exempt from civil service and shall serve at the pleasure of the corporation counsel.
2. Be the chief legal advisor and legal representative of the County of Maui; of the council, the mayor, all departments, and all boards and commissions; and of all officers and employees in matters relating to their official duties, except as otherwise provided in this charter.
3. Represent the County in all legal proceedings.
4. Perform other duties and functions as may be incident to the department or required by law. (Amended 2016, 2002)

Section 8-2.4. Service of Legal Process. Legal process against the County shall be served upon the corporation counsel or any of the deputies.

CHAPTER 3 DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Section 8-3.1. Organization. The department of the prosecuting attorney consists of a prosecuting attorney and the necessary staff.

Section 8-3.2. Prosecuting Attorney. The prosecuting attorney is appointed by the mayor from a list of nominees presented to the mayor by the independent nomination board, and as further provided for in section 13-2 with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor with the approval of council. The prosecuting attorney shall be an attorney licensed to practice and in good standing before the Supreme Court of the State and shall have engaged in the practice of law for at least five years. (Amended 07/01/2023, 2016, 1992)

Section 8-3.3. Powers, Duties, and Functions. The prosecuting attorney shall:

1. Appoint such deputies prosecuting attorney and necessary staff as shall be authorized by the council. Deputies prosecuting attorney are exempt from civil service and serve at the pleasure of the prosecuting attorney.
2. Attend all courts in the County and conduct, on behalf of the people, all prosecutions therein for offenses against the laws of the State and the ordinances and rules of the County.
3. Appear in every criminal case where there is a change of venue from the courts in the County and prosecute the same in any jurisdiction to which the case is changed or removed.
4. Institute proceedings, or direct the chief of police to do so, before a judge of a court of competent jurisdiction for the arrest of persons charged with or reasonably suspected of public offenses when the prosecuting attorney has information that any such offenses have been committed, and for that purpose take charge of criminal cases before a judge of a court of competent jurisdiction, either in person or by a deputy or by such other prosecuting officer as the prosecuting attorney shall designate.
5. Draw all indictments and appear before the grand jury whenever cases are presented to it for its consideration. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the conduct of proceedings by private counsel before a judge or courts of record under the direction of the prosecuting attorney.
6. Prosecute administrative violations of the liquor laws before the liquor control adjudication board.
7. Perform other duties and functions assigned by the mayor.

CHAPTER 4 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Section 8-4.1. Organization. The department of finance consists of the director of finance and the necessary staff.

Section 8-4.2. Director of Finance. The director of finance is appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor. The director of finance shall have a minimum of five years of experience in a public or private financial position, at least three of which shall have been in an administrative capacity. (Amended 2016)

Section 8-4.3. Powers, Duties, and Functions. The director of finance shall:

1. Prepare bills for the collection of money due the County, or authorize the preparation thereof by other departments of the County, under the director's general supervision.

2. Collect and receive moneys due to or receivable by the County and issue receipts, or authorize other departments to do so under conditions prescribed by the finance director.

3. Keep accurate and complete account of receipts and disbursements.

4. Maintain and manage the treasury and deposit money belonging to the County in depositories and instruments authorized by law that fulfill all conditions prescribed for them by law.

5. Contract for services of independent contractors, including contractors for public works and County physicians, and permit disbursements to be made pursuant to policies established by the council.

6. Be responsible for issuing and selling, paying interest on and redeeming bonds of the County.

7. Prepare and issue warrants and checks.

8. Prepare payrolls and pension rolls.

9. Sell real property upon which improvement assessments or real property taxes are not paid within the period prescribed and dispose of real property or personal property not needed by any department of the County pursuant to policies established by ordinance, provided that all deeds and other conveyances shall be executed by the mayor.

10. Rent or lease County property and award concessions pursuant to policies established by the council.

11. Prepare and maintain a perpetual inventory of all lands and equipment or other personalty owned, leased, rented, or controlled by the County.

12. Review assessment rolls for assessable public improvements prior to approval by the council and issue bills after such approval has been given.

13. Have custody of all officials' surety bonds, except the surety bond of the director of finance, which shall be in the custody of the county clerk.

14. Each quarter submit through the mayor to the council a statement of the revenues and expenditures for the preceding quarter and for the fiscal year up to and including the preceding quarter. Such statement shall be sufficiently detailed as to appropriations, allotments, and funds to show the exact financial condition of the County and of each of its agencies and executive departments. A copy of the statement shall be filed with the county clerk and shall be a public record.

15. Administer the real property taxation function of the County.

16. Perform other duties and functions assigned by the mayor.
(Amended 1992)

CHAPTER 5 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Section 8-5.1. Organization. The department of public works consists of a director and the necessary staff. (Amended 2006, 2002, 1996, 1992)

Section 8-5.2. Director of Public Works. The director of public works is appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor. The director of public works shall have a minimum of five years of experience in an administrative capacity in public service or private business, or both. (Amended 2016, 2006, 2002, 1992)

Section 8-5.3. Powers, Duties, and Functions. The director of public works shall:

1. Administer the building, housing, and subdivision ordinances and rules adopted thereunder.
 2. Approve proposed subdivision plans that are in conformity with the subdivision ordinance.
 3. Plan, design, build, and maintain the County's highways and drainage and flood control systems.
 4. Perform other duties and functions assigned by the mayor.
- (Amended 2006, 2002, 1996, 1992)

CHAPTER 6 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Section 8-6.1. Organization. The department of parks and recreation consists of a director of parks and recreation and the necessary staff.

Section 8-6.2. Director of Parks and Recreation. The director of parks and recreation is appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor. The director of parks and recreation shall have a minimum of five years of experience in an administrative capacity in public service or private business, or both. (Amended 2016)

Section 8-6.3. Powers, Duties, and Functions. The director of parks and recreation shall:

1. Plan, design, construct, maintain, and operate all parks and recreational facilities administered by the County.
2. Develop and implement programs for cultural, recreational, and other leisure activities for the people of the County.
3. Perform other duties and functions assigned by the mayor.

CHAPTER 7 DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Section 8-7.1. Organization. The department of fire and public safety consists of a fire and public safety commission, a fire chief, and the necessary staff. (Amended 2002, 1986)

Section 8-7.2. Fire and Public Safety Commission. The fire and public safety commission consists of nine members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council.

The fire and public safety commission shall:

1. Adopt such rules as it may consider necessary for the conduct of its business and regulation of the matters committed to its charge by law.
2. Review and submit to the mayor the department of fire and public safety's request for an annual appropriation for the operation of the department.
3. Review the operations of the department of fire and public safety and the Maui County emergency management agency and make recommendations for changes that may be desirable to improve the performance of emergency functions and the provision of public safety services.
4. Receive, review, and investigate any charges brought forth by the public against the conduct of the department of fire and public safety or any of its members and submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the fire chief for disposition.
5. Annually review and evaluate the performance of the fire chief and submit a report to the mayor and the council.
6. Submit an annual report to the mayor and the council on its activities.
7. Have other powers and duties as provided by law.

Except for purposes of inquiry or as otherwise provided in this charter, neither the commission nor its members shall interfere in any way with the administrative affairs of the department. (Amended 2016, 2012, 2002)

Section 8-7.3. Fire Chief. The fire chief is appointed and may be removed by the fire and public safety commission. The fire chief may be removed by the fire and public safety commission only after being informed in

writing of the charges that are resulting in the fire chief's dismissal, and after being given a hearing before the commission. The fire chief shall have [had] a minimum of five years of experience in fire control, at least three years of which shall have been in an administrative capacity. (Amended 2002)

Section 8-7.4. Powers, Duties, and Functions. The fire chief shall:

1. Be the administrative head of the department.
2. Provide and perform firefighting, rescue, shoreline and ocean rescue and safety, and first-responder emergency services to save lives and property from fires and other emergencies arising on land, sea, and hazardous terrain, including the mitigation and stabilization of hazardous materials and incidents relating to the same.
3. Provide public education programs related to fire prevention, shoreline and ocean rescue and safety, and public safety.
4. Train, equip, maintain, and supervise the force of firefighting, shoreline and ocean rescue and safety, and emergency rescue personnel.
5. Investigate the cause, origin, and circumstances of fires.
6. Adopt rules relating to the protection of persons and property against fires.
7. Monitor the standards for construction and occupancy of buildings for the purposes of fire prevention and life safety and approve building plans as provided by law.
8. Exercise other powers and duties assigned by the commission or as provided by law. (Amended 2012, 2002, 1992, 1984)

CHAPTER 8 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

Section 8-8.1. Organization. The department of planning consists of the Maui planning commission, the Moloka'i planning commission, and the Lāna'i planning commission; a planning director; a board of variances and appeals; and the necessary staff. (Amended 1996, 1992, 1988)

Section 8-8.2. Planning Director. The planning director is appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor. The planning director shall have a minimum of five years of experience in the field of planning, at least three of which shall have been in an administrative capacity in public service or private business, or both. (Amended 2016)

Section 8-8.3. Powers, Duties, and Functions. The planning director shall:

1. Be the administrative head of the department of planning.
2. Serve as the chief planning officer of the County and as the technical advisor to the mayor, council, and planning commissions on all planning and related matters.
3. Recommend revisions of the general plan at least every ten years to guide the development of the County.
4. Prepare, administer, and enforce long-range planning programs.
5. Prepare, administer, and enforce a cultural resource management program.
6. Prepare, administer, and enforce zoning ordinances, zoning maps and regulations, and any amendments or modifications thereto.
7. Review the lists of proposed capital improvements projects contemplated by the County and recommend the order of their priority to the mayor.
8. Perform other duties and functions required by law or assigned by the mayor. (Amended 2002, 1996)

Section 8-8.4. Planning Commissions. Each planning commission consists of nine members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council. The members of each planning commission shall be residents of the island of the planning commission on which the member serves. The directors of the departments of 'Ōiwi resources, public works, environmental management, and water supply shall be non-voting ex-officio members of each commission.

Each planning commission shall exercise its powers, duties, and functions as follows:

1. The Maui planning commission shall be concerned with the area encompassing the islands of Maui and Kaho'olawe and all other islands lying within three nautical miles of the shores thereof, and the waters adjacent thereto. The nine members must include at least one and no more than two members who reside in each council residency area on the island of Maui.
2. The Moloka'i planning commission shall be concerned with the area encompassing the island of Moloka'i and all other islands lying within three nautical miles of the shores thereof, and the waters adjacent thereto, except that portion of the island of Moloka'i excluded from the County's jurisdiction by state law.
3. The Lāna'i planning commission shall be concerned with the area encompassing the island of Lāna'i and all other islands lying within three nautical miles of the shores thereof, and the waters adjacent thereto.

The appropriate planning commission shall:

1. Advise the mayor, the council, and the planning director in matters concerning planning programs.
2. Review the general plan and revisions thereof prepared by the planning director or at the request of the council. The commission shall hold public hearings on such plans and revisions thereof and shall transmit them, with its findings and recommendations to the council for consideration no later than one hundred eighty days after the final public hearing.
3. Review proposed land use ordinances and amendments prepared by the director or the council and, after public hearings, transmit such ordinances with findings and recommendations to the council for consideration and action no later than one hundred twenty days after the final public hearing.
4. Act as the authority in all matters relating to the Coastal Zone Management law.
5. Adopt rules pursuant to land use ordinances or law.
6. Have other powers and duties as provided by law. (Amended July 1, 2024; 2022; 2002; 1992; 1988)

Section 8-8.5. General Plan and Community Plans.

1. The general plan shall be developed after input from State and County agencies and the general public, and shall be based on sound policy and information.
2. The general plan shall: indicate desired population and physical development patterns for each island and region within the County; address the unique problems and needs of each island and region; explain the opportunities and the social, economic, and environmental consequences related to potential developments; and set forth the desired sequence, patterns, and characteristics of future developments. The general plan shall identify objectives to be achieved, and priorities, policies, and implementing actions to be pursued with respect to population density, land use maps, land use regulations, transportation systems, public and community facility locations, water and sewage systems, visitor destinations, urban design, and other matters related to development.
3. The planning director shall issue a report annually providing a detailed explanation of the implementation and enforcement of the general plan and the community plans to the mayor and the council.
4. There shall be a community plan advisory committee for each community plan area. Each community plan advisory committee shall consist of thirteen members, with nine appointed by the council and four appointed by the mayor. Each community plan advisory committee is charged with reviewing and recommending revisions to the community plan for its community plan area. Each community plan advisory committee shall remain in existence until its

revisions are adopted, modified, or rejected by the council and until such action is approved, modified, or rejected by the mayor.

5. The community plans shall set forth, in detail, land uses within the community plan regions of the County. The objectives of each community plan shall be to implement the policies of the general plan. Each community plan shall include implementing actions that clearly identify priorities, timelines, estimated costs, and the County department accountable for the completion of the implementing actions.

6. The community plans are part of the general plan and shall be reviewed and updated as set by ordinance. (Amended July 1, 2024; 2022; 2002)

Section 8-8.6. Adoption of General Plan and Other Land Use Ordinances.

1. The County shall adopt revisions to the general plan by ordinance.

2. Any revisions of the general plan, zoning ordinance, or other land use ordinance may be proposed by the council and shall be reviewed by the appropriate planning commission as if prepared by the planning director. Any such revision shall be referred to the appropriate planning commission by resolution. If the planning commission disapproves the proposed revision or recommends a modification thereof, not accepted by the council, or fails to make its report within a period of the hundred twenty days after receipt of the referral, the council may nevertheless pass such revision, but only by the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the council's entire membership.

3. Revisions to the general plan proposed by the planning director shall be reviewed and acted upon by the council no later than one year after receipt of the transmittal from the planning director.

4. Revisions to zoning and land use ordinances proposed by the planning director shall be reviewed and acted upon by the council no later than one hundred eighty days after receipt of the transmittal from the planning director. (Amended 2002)

Section 8-8.7. Board of Variances and Appeals. The board of variances and appeals consists of nine members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council.

In accordance with such principles, conditions, and procedures prescribed by the council, the board of variances and appeals shall:

1. Hear and determine applications for variances from the strict application of any zoning, subdivision, or building ordinance. The board shall hold a public hearing prior to ruling on a variance application and shall issue findings of fact and conclusions of law on decisions granting or denying variance applications.

2. Hear and determine appeals alleging error from any person aggrieved by a decision or order of any department charged with the enforcement of zoning, subdivision, and building ordinances; provided, that the council may by ordinance confer to another County agency the authority to hear and determine appeals from the decisions of the building official in the administration of the County of Maui building code, plumbing code, electrical code, and housing code, and from any order made by the County fire chief in the administration of applicable State law and the County of Maui fire code, and the director of water supply in the administration of the rules and regulations of the department of water supply relating to matters involving any denial of the use of new or alternate materials, types of construction, equipment, devices, or appliances.

3. Hear and determine all other matters that the board may be required to by ordinance.

4. Adopt rules of procedure for the conduct of the board's business.
(Amended 1996)

CHAPTER 9 DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL SERVICES

Section 8-9.1. Organization. The department of personnel services consists of a civil service commission, a director of personnel services, and the necessary staff.

Section 8-9.2. Director of Personnel Services. The director of personnel services is appointed and may be removed by the civil service commission. The director may be removed by the civil service commission only after being informed in writing of the charges resulting in the director's dismissal, and after being given a hearing before the commission. The director of personnel services shall be thoroughly familiar with the principles and methods of personnel administration and shall believe in applying merit principles and scientific administrative methods to public personnel administration.
(Amended 2002)

Section 8-9.3. Powers, Duties, and Functions. The director of personnel services shall:

1. Be the administrative head of the department of personnel services.
2. Be responsible for the personnel management program of the County.
3. Perform duties established under the civil service laws of the State.

Section 8-9.4. Civil Service Commission. The civil service commission consists of five members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council.

The civil service commission shall:

1. Adopt rules having the force and effect of law to carry out the provisions of the civil service laws of the State.
2. Request an annual appropriation for the operation of the department.
3. Hear appeals, in accordance with law, by any officer or employee aggrieved by any action by the director of personnel services or by an appointing authority.
4. Advise the mayor and director of personnel services on problems concerning personnel administration.
5. Annually review and evaluate the performance of the director of personnel services and submit a report to the mayor and the council.
6. Have other powers and duties as provided by law. (Amended 2012)

CHAPTER 10 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN CONCERNS

Section 8-10.1. Organization. The department of human concerns consists of a director, deputy director, and the necessary staff.

Section 8-10.2. Director of Human Concerns. The director of human concerns is appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor. The director of human concerns shall have a minimum of five years of experience in an administrative capacity. Qualifications for director and deputy director may be prescribed by ordinance.

Section 8-10.3. Powers, Duties, and Functions. The director of human concerns shall:

1. Develop a comprehensive approach to the effective administration and coordination of programs and plans of action designed to meet human needs in the County.
2. Strive to effectively address the health, safety, and basic social needs of all segments of the County community and to enhance the quality of life of all residents.
3. Implement programs and services for senior citizens, youth, the economically challenged, and homeless.
4. Develop, supervise, and coordinate such programs and projects assigned by the mayor.

5. Perform other duties and functions assigned by the mayor or as prescribed by ordinance. (Amended July 1, 2024; 2016, 1992)

CHAPTER 11 DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY

Section 8-11.1. Organization. The department of water supply consists of a board of water supply, a director, a deputy director, and the necessary staff. (Amended 1988)

Section 8-11.2. Functions of the Department.

1. Except as set forth in chapter 19, the department of water supply shall manage and operate all water systems owned by the County, and may acquire or develop water sources or systems.

2. In order to protect and manage the water resources in the County, the department of water supply shall make studies, surveys, and investigations relating to the locations and sources of water supply within the County, the amounts available for current and prospective uses, the water resources that may be available for such uses and the maximum sustainable yield of such sources.

3. The department of water supply shall implement the County's general plan and community plans in the administration of its affairs. The department of water supply shall prepare and annually update a long-range capital improvement plan and an updated water use and development plan, subject to the approval of the council, as provided by law. (Amended 2022, 2002, 1988)

Section 8-11.3. Board of Water Supply. The board of water supply consists of nine members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council. The directors of the departments of planning, public works, and environmental management are non-voting ex-officio members of the board of water supply. The board of water supply advises the director of the department of water supply, the mayor, and the council on all matters concerning the County's water system. (Amended 2002, 1988)

Section 8-11.4. Powers, Duties, and Functions. The board of water supply shall:

1. Review and submit to the mayor the department of water supply's request for an annual appropriation for operations and capital improvements.

2. Recommend the establishment and adjustment of rates and charges for furnishing water; such rates and charges shall be submitted to the

mayor for review and approval. If approved by the mayor, proposed rates and charges shall be submitted to the council for enactment by ordinance.

3. Perform other duties and functions as prescribed by law.
(Amended 2002, 1992, 1988)

Section 8-11.5. Director and Deputy Director of Water Supply. The director of water supply is appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council, and may be removed by the mayor with the approval of the council. The director of water supply shall have a minimum of five years of experience in a management capacity in public service or private business, or both. The deputy director of water supply is appointed and may be removed by the mayor. The director or deputy director of water supply shall be a registered engineer.
(Amended 2016, 2002, 1988)

Section 8-11.6. Powers, Duties, and Functions. The director of the department of water supply shall:

1. Administer the affairs of the department of water supply, and be responsible for the day-to-day management and control of all water systems of the County.

2. Prepare long-range capital improvement plans and up-to-date water use and development plans for review by the board of water supply and enactment by the council by ordinance.

3. Implement enacted long-range capital improvement plans and water use and development plans.

4. Prepare an annual operating and capital budget for the board of water supply's review and submit the department of water supply's request for an annual appropriation to the mayor.

5. Perform other duties and functions as prescribed by law.
(Amended 2002, 1988)

Section 8-11.7. Revenues. The revenues of the department of water supply shall be kept in a separate fund and shall be such as to make the department of water supply self-supporting, provided that the council may issue general obligation bonds on behalf of the department of water supply and may provide capital improvement appropriations for the department of water supply.
(Amended 2002, 1988)

CHAPTER 12 DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

Section 8-12.1. Organization. The department of police consists of a police commission, a chief of police, and the necessary staff.

Section 8-12.2. Police Commission. The police commission consists of nine members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council.

The police commission shall:

1. Adopt such rules as it may consider necessary for the conduct of its business and regulation of the matters committed to its charge by law.
2. Review the department's request for an annual appropriation for the operation of the department before submission to the mayor.
3. Receive, consider, and investigate charges brought by the public against the conduct of the department or any of its members and submit a written report of its findings to the chief of police. If the chief of police disagrees with the findings of the police commission, the chief shall submit the reasons in writing to the police commission. A summary of the charges filed and their disposition shall be included in an annual report of the commission.
4. Annually review and evaluate the performance of the chief of police and submit a public report to the mayor and the council.
5. Have other powers and duties as provided by law. (Amended 2022, 2012, 1992)

Section 8-12.3. Chief of Police. The chief of police is appointed and may be removed by the police commission. The chief may be removed by the police commission only after being informed in writing of the charges resulting in the chief's dismissal, and after being given a hearing before the commission. The chief of police shall have a minimum of five years of experience in law enforcement, at least three of which shall have been in an administrative capacity.

Section 8-12.4. Duties and Functions of the Chief of Police. The chief of police shall:

1. Be the administrative head of the department of police.
2. Be responsible for the preservation of the public peace, prevention of crime, detection and arrest of offenders against the law, protection of rights of persons and property, and enforcement and prevention of violations of all laws of the State and ordinances of the County and all rules made in accordance therewith.
3. Be responsible for traffic safety and traffic safety education.

4. Train, equip, maintain, and supervise the force of police officers and employees of the department.
5. Have other powers and duties assigned by the mayor or as provided by law.

CHAPTER 13 DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL

Section 8-13.1. Organization. The department of liquor control consists of a liquor control commission, a liquor control adjudication board, a director of liquor control, and the necessary staff.

Section 8-13.2. Liquor Control Commission. The liquor control commission consists of nine members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council.

The liquor control commission shall:

1. Prepare and submit a request for an annual appropriation for the operation of the department.
2. Adopt rules having the force and effect of law for the administration of liquor control in the County and to carry out provisions of the liquor control laws of the State, including the fixing of liquor license fees.
3. Grant, renew, or refuse applications for licenses for the manufacture, importation, and sale of liquor in the County under applicable laws and regulations.
4. Annually review and evaluate the performance of the director of liquor control and submit a report to the mayor and the council.
5. Have other powers and duties as provided by law not in conflict with the provisions of this section. (Amended 2012)

Section 8-13.3. Liquor Control Adjudication Board. The liquor control adjudication board consists of nine members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council. The liquor control adjudication board hears and determines administrative complaints of the director regarding violations of the liquor control laws of the State or of rules of the liquor control commission, and imposes penalties for violations thereof as provided by law.

Section 8-13.4. Director of the Department of Liquor Control. The director of the department of liquor control is appointed and may be removed by the liquor control commission. The director may be removed by the liquor control commission only after being informed in writing of the charges resulting in the director's dismissal, and after being given a hearing before the commission. The

director of the department of liquor control shall have a minimum of five years of experience in law enforcement, at least three of which shall have been in an administrative capacity. (Amended 2012)

Section 8.13.5. Powers, Duties, and Functions. The director of liquor control shall:

1. Be the administrative head of the department of liquor control.
2. Investigate violations of the liquor control laws of the State and of rules established by the liquor control commission.
3. Investigate applications for liquor licenses.
4. Have other powers and duties assigned by the mayor or as provided by law.

**CHAPTER 14
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Section 8-14.1. Organization. The department of transportation consists of a director and necessary staff. (Amended 2002)

Section 8-14.2. Director of Transportation. The director of transportation is appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor. The director of transportation shall have a minimum of five years of experience in an administrative capacity in public service or private business, or both. (Amended 2016, 2002)

Section 8-14.3. Powers, Duties, and Functions. The director of transportation shall:

1. Be the administrative head of the department of transportation.
 2. Be responsible for the planning and implementation of all modes of transportation in the County, including those in the air and those on water and land.
 3. Be responsible for planning and developing an efficient program to facilitate the rapid, safe, and economical movement of people and goods in the County.
 4. Coordinate the County's transportation programs with other County departments and with agencies of the State and federal government.
 5. Perform other duties and functions assigned by the mayor.
- (Amended 2002)

CHAPTER 15 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Section 8-15.1. Organization. The department of environmental management consists of a director and the necessary staff.

Section 8-15.2. Director of Environmental Management. The director of environmental management is appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor. The director of environmental management shall have a minimum of five years of experience in an administrative capacity in public service or private business, or both. (Amended 2016)

Section 8-15.3. Powers, Duties, and Functions. The director of environmental management shall:

1. Supervise waste management and control of pollution, including recycling, litter control, and protection of the unique beauty of the County.
 2. Plan, design, build, operate, and maintain solid waste collection, processing, and disposal systems, including recycling programs.
 3. Plan, design, build, operate, and maintain the County's wastewater reclamation facilities, pump stations, sewer lines, reclaimed water distribution systems, and related programs.
 4. Guide efforts to optimize opportunities for environmental, natural resource protection, sustainability, conservation, and restoration.
 5. Perform other duties and functions assigned by the mayor.
- (Amended 2012, 2006)

CHAPTER 16 MAUI COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Section 8-16.1. Organization and Functions. The Maui County emergency management agency's powers, duties, functions, and organization are provided by law. The fire and public safety commission, as established in section 8-7.2, shall review the operations of the agency and make recommendations for changes that may be desirable to improve the performance of emergency functions and the provision of public safety services. The commission shall receive and investigate complaints brought by the public against the agency or any of its members and submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the Maui County emergency management administrator for the administrator's disposition. (Section Renumbered 2012, 2006; Amended 2016, 2002, 1986)

CHAPTER 17 SALARY COMMISSION

Section 8-17.1. Organization and Functions. The salary commission consists of nine members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council. The members of this commission shall have five-year terms and can be reappointed once to a second five-year term. Two members shall be appointed or reappointed each year, except that only one member shall be appointed or reappointed every fifth year. The commission determines the compensation of elected officials and appointed directors and deputy directors of all departments of the County, provided, however, in establishing the compensation of appointed department heads and their deputies, the salary commission shall consult with those boards and commissions with appointing authority for department heads. (Section Renumbered 2012, 2006; Amended 2002, 1992, 1984)

CHAPTER 18 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Section 8-18.1. Organization. The department of agriculture consists of a director, deputy director, and necessary staff, including advocates, ombudspersons, inspectors, and grant writers; organized to fulfill the department's powers, duties, and functions through the establishment of necessary and appropriate divisions and other means.

Section 8-18.2. Director and Deputy Director of Agriculture. The director of the department of agriculture is appointed and may be removed by the mayor with the approval of the council. The deputy director of the department of agriculture is appointed and may be removed by the mayor. The director and deputy director of agriculture must have five years of experience in the field of agriculture and in an administrative capacity in public service, private business, or both.

Section 8-18.3. Powers, Duties, and Functions. The primary purpose and intent of the creation of the department of agriculture is to provide advocacy, and not create additional regulatory barriers, on all matters related to agriculture. The director of agriculture must:

1. Develop a sustainable regional agricultural system for the County.
2. Build the economic resiliency of the County's communities by increasing opportunities in the agricultural sector.

3. Boost resident health and food security through ensuring access to locally grown agricultural products.
4. Promote healthy ecosystems through natural-resource regeneration and protection, including through advising other agencies and the council on all programs and projects that affect the agricultural section.
5. Develop and implement programs to diversity and expand sustainable forms of agriculture.
6. Report to the mayor and council annually on the County's overall performance in meeting agriculture objectives and any barriers that could be addressed by ordinance.
7. Perform other duties and functions assigned by the mayor or managing director. (2022)

CHAPTER 19

MAUI COUNTY COMMUNITY WATER AUTHORITIES

Section 8-19.1 Organization. The Maui County community water authorities, also referred to as “water authorities,” consist of one or more regional community boards, regional directors, grant writers, community liaisons, water system technical analysts, and necessary staff to manage water collection and delivery systems acquired or operated by the water authorities.

Section 8-19.2 Regional Community Boards. There is an East Maui regional community board. In conjunction with the investigation, acquisition, or control of water collection and delivery systems by the water authorities, the council may establish additional regional community boards by ordinance.

1. The East Maui regional community board is concerned with the Nāhiku, Ke'anae, Honomanū, and Huelo license areas, and consists of eleven members with a minimum of two members from each license area. Eight members must have experience in water resource management and watershed restoration in the applicable watershed and reside in the applicable community plan area. Of these eight members, four are appointed by the council, and four are appointed by the mayor. The three remaining members are appointed by the council based on the following requirements: one member with experience in water resource management who is actively engaged in ranching, farming, aquaculture, or loko i'a in the area where water service is provided; one member with experience in water resource management who resides full-time in the area where water service is provided; and one member who is a representative of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and is recommended by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. If the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands fails to

recommend a member within thirty days after receiving notice of a vacancy, the council will appoint a Hawaiian Home Lands representative as member.

2. Of the eleven members initially appointed, three are appointed for a term of five years, three are appointed to a term of four years, three will serve a term of three years, and two will serve a term of two years. Board vacancy appointments are conducted in the same manner as the initial seat appointment. The director of finance, the director of water supply, the councilmember holding the residency area seat for the applicable watershed area, and the chair of the council committee with jurisdiction over water issues are non-voting, ex-officio members of the board.

3. The department of personnel services will provide assistance with the director hiring process if requested.

4. Other regional boards may be established by ordinance with residents in the watershed area comprising two-thirds of board membership and with one member who is a representative of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and is recommended by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. If the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands fails to recommend a member within thirty days after receiving notice of a vacancy, the council will appoint a Hawaiian Home Lands representative as member.

Section 8-19.3 Regional Community Board Powers, Duties, and Functions. As to the applicable watershed area, each regional community board will:

1. Appoint the director.
2. Review preliminary assessments, studies, and environmental reports prepared by or for the water authorities.
3. Review and approve a long-range watershed management plan, review the plan annually, and provide a written evaluation of each plan goal and implementation status to the director, mayor, and council.
4. Review and approve watershed related programs and priorities.
5. Review and approve the request to the mayor for an annual appropriation for the regional operations and capital improvements.
6. Provide an annual evaluation of the regional director to the mayor and the council.
7. Provide written comments on the regional long-term capital improvement plan, annual maintenance plan, annual report, and annual operating budget, including recommendations on water rates and the federal, State, and private funding plan.
8. Hold at least two public community meetings a year in the region, which may be conducted as virtual meetings if necessary.

Section 8.19.4 Regional Directors. There is an East Maui regional director. Additional regional directors may be appointed by a regional community board in conjunction with the acquisition of water systems under the control of the water authorities. Regional directors are appointed by the applicable regional community board with the approval of the council, and may be removed by the applicable regional community board with approval of the council, or directly by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the council. The salary of a director is set by the salary commission after a review of the salaries of water authority directors in other jurisdictions.

Section 8-19.5 Regional Director Powers, Duties, and Functions.
Regional directors will:

1. Acquire water systems and leases to be managed by the water authorities, including East Maui water licenses.
2. Notwithstanding section 9-18(1), sign intergovernmental agreements and other legal instruments directly related to the acquisition or management of water collection or delivery systems subject to approval by corporation counsel as to form and legality and certification by the director of finance as to the availability of funds.
3. Oversee State water lease agreements or other operating agreements in the region.
4. Negotiate purchase agreements and, if needed, recommend eminent domain proceedings directly related to the acquisition of land, easements, or interests in land related to water collection or delivery systems.
5. Seek funding for water authority operation, maintenance, and capital improvements.
6. Manage the distribution of water under the control of the water authorities, including providing water to the department of water supply.
7. Develop and implement a long-term capital improvement and annual maintenance plan for the regional water collection and delivery systems.
8. Develop and implement a watershed management plan for each watershed providing water to a regional water system.
9. Prepare an annual operating and capital budget for regional community board review and approval.
10. Submit to the mayor water authority requests for annual appropriations for operations and capital improvements.
11. Submit an annual report to the mayor and the council providing a general assessment of each water collection and delivery system under the

control of the water authorities; a proposed operation, maintenance, and capital improvement plan for each system; an overview of State, federal, or other funding available for each system's operation, maintenance, and capital improvements; a business model, including power generation options; an overview of State license status; and specific public trust and nonpublic trust water usage amounts for each water system, including required uses based upon State regulations and judicial requirements.

12. Prepare a public annual report, including operation, maintenance, and long-term capital improvement plans and budgets for each system, summary and status of funding sources applied for or received, regional community board comments and recommendations, public testimony from community meetings, and other relevant information.

13. Prepare an annual operating and capital budget for regional community board review and approval.

14. Provide administrative support to the regional community board.

15. Have other powers and duties as provided by law.

16. The East Maui director will oversee water lease agreements and purchase agreements, which may include the Nāhiku, Ke'anae, Honomanū, and Huelo license areas and other water systems in the East Maui region.

Section 8-19.6 Maui County Community Water Authorities Funds. All or a portion of the revenues of the water authorities may be transferred to a regional water system fund, which may be used for the regional water system. The funds may be used to fulfill the powers, duties, and functions of the water authorities, including operation, maintenance, and capital improvements of water collection and delivery systems under control of the County. Any unencumbered balance in this fund at the end of each fiscal year will not lapse, but remain in the fund, accumulating from year to year. The council will establish procedures for the administration and expenditure of the revenues in this fund by ordinance. In any fiscal year, the council may make appropriations to this fund. (2022)

CHAPTER 20 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

Section 8-20.1. Organization. The department of housing consists of a director, a deputy director, a housing advisory board, a liaison to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and the necessary staff.

Section 8-20.2. Director of Housing. The director of housing is appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor. Qualifications for director and deputy director may be prescribed by ordinance.

Section 8-20.3. Powers, Duties, and Functions. The director of housing shall:

1. Support comprehensive efforts to create housing that residents can afford and attain.
2. Seek opportunities to develop financing that will underwrite the cost of housing.
3. Focus the resources of the County and the community to promote all viable, reasonable alternative forms of housing, including community land trusts.
4. Promote, lead, and coordinate the County's programs to provide its residents with housing they can afford and attain.
5. Perform other duties and functions as assigned by the mayor or prescribed by ordinance.

Section 8-20.4. Housing Advisory Board. The housing advisory board consists of five members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council. The directors of human concerns, public works, planning, and environmental management shall be non-voting, ex-officio members of the housing advisory board. The voting members of the housing advisory board shall be appointed based on their experience in housing finance, housing development, or other fields related to the creation of housing County residents can afford. The geographic residency requirement set in section 13-2 shall not apply. This board is tasked with advising, aiding, and supporting the director's efforts to create affordable housing.

Section 8-20.5. Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Liaison. There shall be a liaison within the department to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands on all matters involving housing development in the County. (July 1, 2024)

CHAPTER 21 DEPARTMENT OF 'ŌIWI RESOURCES

Section 8-21.1. Organization. The department of 'Ōiwi resources consists of a director of 'Ōiwi resources and the necessary staff.

Section 8-21.2. Director of ‘Ōiwi Resources. The director of ‘Ōiwi resources is appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor. The director shall be experienced in Native Hawaiian cultural resource management, Native Hawaiian cultural practices in the County, and proficient in the Hawaiian language. The director must have five years of experience in a leadership capacity.

Section 8-21.3. Powers, Duties, and Functions. The director of ‘Ōiwi resources shall:

1. Be the administrative head of the department of ‘Ōiwi resources.
2. Collaborate with the mayor, the executive branch, and the council to ensure proper management of ‘Ōiwi resources throughout the County.
3. Design and implement programs to care for and develop ‘Ōiwi resources.
4. Guide the County in the correct usage of the Hawaiian language, including place names, and the integration of Hawaiian language within County functions.
5. Promote healthy ecosystems through natural-cultural resource regeneration, protection, and sustainable utilization.
6. Advise State and federal agencies on all programs and projects that affect ‘Ōiwi resources in the county.
7. Report to the mayor and council annually on the County’s overall performance in meeting ‘Ōiwi resources objectives and any issues that could be addressed by ordinance.
8. Perform other duties and functions assigned by the mayor or managing director. (July 1, 2024)

Section 8-21.3. Powers, Duties, and Functions. The planning director shall:

1. Be the administrative head of the department of planning.
2. Serve as the chief planning officer of the County and as the technical advisor to the mayor, council, and planning commissions on all planning and related matters.
3. Recommend revisions of the general plan at least every ten years to guide the development of the County, in collaboration with the director of ‘Ōiwi resources.
4. Prepare, administer, and enforce long-range planning programs, in collaboration with the director of ‘Ōiwi resources.
5. Prepare, administer, and enforce a cultural resource management plan, in collaboration with the director of ‘Ōiwi resources.

6. Prepare, administer, and enforce zoning ordinances, zoning maps and regulations and any amendments or modifications thereto.
7. Review the lists of proposed capital improvements projects contemplated by the County and recommend the order of their priority to the mayor, in collaboration with the director of Ōiwi resources.
8. Perform other duties and functions required by law or assigned by the mayor. (Amended July 1, 2024)

ARTICLE 9 FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

Section 9-1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year begins on the first day of July and ends on the thirtieth day of June of the succeeding year. All fiscal affairs of the County during any fiscal year are controlled by a budget ordinance and a capital program ordinance for that fiscal year.

Section 9-2. Preparation and Submission of Budget and Capital Program.

1. On or before the twenty-fifth day of March before the ensuing fiscal year begins, the mayor shall submit to the council (a) an operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year, including an executive operating budget and a legislative operating budget, (b) a capital program, and (c) an accompanying message.
2. Upon submission, the budget, the capital program, and the message are open to public inspection in the office of the county clerk. The mayor shall at the same time make available copies of the budget, the capital program, and the message for distribution to interested persons. (Amended 2010, 1992)

Section 9-3. Scope of Budget and Message.

1. The budget shall present a complete financial plan for the operations of the County and its departments for the ensuing fiscal year, showing all County funds on hand whether encumbered or unencumbered and estimated reserves and revenues. It shall be set up as provided by the council after consultation with the mayor.
2. The estimated revenues, proposed expenditures, and total appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year shall be equal in amount.
3. The mayor's message shall explain the budget both in fiscal terms and in terms of work to be done. It shall outline the proposed financial policies of the County for the ensuing fiscal year and describe the most important features of the budget plan. It shall indicate any major changes in financial policies and in expenditures, appropriations, and revenues as compared with the

fiscal year currently ending, and shall set forth the reasons for the changes. The message shall include a list of pending and proposed capital improvements together with the mayor's comments on such list. The message shall also include such other supporting or explanatory material as the mayor deems desirable.

Section 9-4. Budget and Capital Program: Notice and Hearing. A public hearing shall be held by the council on the proposed budget and capital program no sooner than the first day of April and no later than the thirtieth day of April of the year of submission. At this hearing, all persons interested shall have an opportunity to be heard. At least two weeks before the hearing, the council shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the County general summaries of the budget and capital program and a notice setting out the time and place for public hearing. (Amended 1986)

Section 9-5. Budget: Council Action.

1. After the public hearing, the council may pass the budget with or without amendment. In amending, it may add new items or increase items in the budget. It may decrease or delete items, except appropriations required by law and appropriations to pay any indebtedness. In all cases, the estimated revenues, proposed expenditures, and total appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year shall be equal in amount.

2. The council shall pass the budget on or before the tenth day of June of the fiscal year currently ending. If it fails to do so, the budget submitted by the mayor shall be deemed enacted as the budget for the ensuing fiscal year.

3. The enacted budget shall be in effect on and after the first day of the fiscal year to which it applies. By virtue of the adoption of the budget, the several amounts listed in the budget column entitled "Appropriations" shall be appropriated to the specified departments and programs. (Amended 2010, 1986)

Section 9-6. Capital Program: Scope; Council Action.

1. The capital program shall contain at least the following:
a. A simple, clear general summary of the detailed contents of the program.

b. The capital improvements pending or proposed to be undertaken within the ensuing fiscal year, together with the estimated cost of each improvement and the pending or proposed method of financing it.

c. The capital improvements proposed for the five years next succeeding the ensuing fiscal year, together with the estimated cost of each improvement and the proposed method of financing it.

2. Capital expenditures to be financed from current revenues in the ensuing fiscal year shall be included in the budget as well as in the capital program. Appropriations for such expenditures shall be included in the budget.

3. After the public hearing on the capital program, the council may pass the program with or without amendment.

4. The council shall pass the capital program on or before the tenth day of June of the fiscal year currently ending. If it fails to do so, the program submitted by the mayor shall be deemed enacted as the program for the ensuing fiscal year. The enacted program shall be in effect on and after the first day of that fiscal year.

5. At any time during a fiscal year, the capital program may be amended by ordinance. (Amended 2010, 1986)

Sections 9-7. Restrictions on Budget and Capital Program; Revenue Rates.

1. Any condition, limitation, or restriction to be controlled by the council with respect to the disbursement of any appropriation shall be set forth in the budget or in the capital program, as the case may be.

2. With the exception of bond retirement, capital programs and provisions of subsection 9-9.2, all appropriations and expenditures of the County shall be made from revenues derived from sources other than borrowing, the issuance of bonds or interest paid on bond revenues.

3. Unless otherwise specifically provided for in this charter, all fees, rates, assessments, and taxes imposed by the County shall be set in the annual budget.

Section 9-8. Budget and Capital Program: Public Record. Three copies of the budget and capital program as enacted shall be certified by the mayor and the county clerk. One of these copies shall be filed in the office of the mayor, and one each in the offices of the director of finance and the director of planning. A summary of the budget and capital program as so certified shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the County within three weeks after enactment and copies shall be made available to the County departments and to interested persons.

Section 9-9. Appropriations and Changes.

1. If during any fiscal year the mayor certifies that there are available for appropriation (a) revenues received from sources not anticipated in the budget for that year, or (b) revenues received from anticipated sources but in excess of the budget estimates therefor, or (c) estimated revenues to be reimbursed by federal or State agencies to the County, the County may by

ordinance make supplemental appropriations for that year up to the amount of the additional revenues so certified.

2. To meet a public emergency threatening life, health, or property, the council, upon written request by the mayor, may pass emergency appropriations. Such appropriations shall be made by ordinance, which takes immediate effect and must be approved by not less than seven members of the council. To the extent that there are no available unappropriated revenues to meet such appropriations, the County may, by ordinance, authorize the issuance of emergency notes. These notes shall be paid not later than the last day of the fiscal year next succeeding that in which the emergency appropriation was made. The total of emergency appropriations in any fiscal year shall not exceed one percent of the total operating appropriations (excluding those for debt service) made in the operating budget for that year. (Amended 1988)

Section 9-10. Appropriations: Reduction and Transfer.

1. If at any time during the fiscal year it appears probable to the mayor that the revenues available will be insufficient to meet the amount appropriated, the mayor shall report to the council without delay, indicating the estimated amount of the deficit, any remedial action taken by the mayor, and recommendations as to any further action. The council shall then take such further action as it deems necessary to prevent or minimize any deficit. For that purpose, the council may pass a bill reducing one or more appropriations; but no appropriation to pay any indebtedness may be reduced, and no appropriation may be reduced by more than the amount of the unencumbered balance thereof or below any amount required by law to be appropriated.

2. Upon written request of the mayor part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance may be transferred within a department by resolution or from one department to another by ordinance. No transfer, however, shall be made from an appropriation to pay any indebtedness, and no appropriation may be reduced below any amount required by law to be appropriated.

3. The mayor or the council may initiate changes to their respective operating budgets. (Amended 1992)

Section 9-11. Lapse of Appropriations. Every appropriation, except an appropriation for a capital improvement, shall lapse at the close of the fiscal year to the extent that it has not been expended or encumbered by as written contract. An appropriation for a capital improvement shall continue in force until the purpose for which it was made has been accomplished or abandoned. The purpose of any such appropriation for a capital improvement shall be deemed abandoned six months after the close of the fiscal year to the extent that it has not been expended or encumbered by a written contract. (Amended 2002, 1984)

Section 9-12. Payments and Obligations.

1. With the exception of debt service charges, no payment shall be authorized or made and no obligation incurred against the County, except in accordance with appropriations duly made and under such procedures and policies as may be established by ordinance. Every obligation incurred and every authorization of payment in violation of this charter is void. Every payment made in violation of this charter is illegal, and all County officers who knowingly authorize or make such payment or any part thereof are jointly and severally liable to the County for the full amount so paid or received. If any County officer or employee knowingly authorizes or makes any payments or incurs any obligation in violation of this charter, or in violation of the procedures and policies established by ordinance, or takes part therein, that action shall be cause for removal from office.

2. Nothing contained in this charter shall be construed to prevent the making or authorizing of payments or making of contracts for capital improvements to be financed wholly or partly by the issuance of bonds.

3. Nothing contained in this charter shall prevent the County from entering into service contracts, equipment purchase contracts, or leases that extend beyond the fiscal year in which they are signed; provided, however, such service contracts or leases shall provide for the payment for services during the fiscal year in which such services are provided to the County and any equipment purchase contract shall provide for equal payments not to extend beyond the anticipated service life of the equipment. Any such contract or lease requiring the payment of funds from the appropriations of more than one fiscal year shall be approved by ordinance.

Section 9-13. Audit of Accounts. Within six months after the beginning of each fiscal year, the county auditor shall conduct or cause to be conducted an independent financial audit of the funds, accounts, and other evidence of financial transactions of the County and of all operations for which the County is responsible for the audited fiscal year. The audit shall be conducted by a certified public accountant or firm of certified public accountants who have no personal interest, direct or indirect, in the fiscal affairs of the County or any of its operations. The audit shall include both financial accountability and adequacy of the financial and accounting system. If the State makes such an audit, the county auditor may accept it as satisfying the requirements of this section. The scope of the audit shall be in accordance with the terms of a written contract recommended by the county auditor and signed by the council chair as the contracting officer for the legislative branch, which contract shall encourage recommendations for better financial controls and procedures and shall provide

for the completion of the audit within a reasonable time after the close of the previous fiscal year. A copy of the audit reports shall be filed with the county clerk and shall be a public record, unless otherwise provided by law.

In case of the death, resignation, or removal of the director of finance, the council shall cause an independent audit to be made of the finance director's accounts. (Amended 2012, 1988)

Section 9-14. Surplus and Reserves. Any unappropriated surplus and any unencumbered balances of any appropriations in any fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be available for appropriation for the succeeding fiscal year or years. All or a portion of the surplus may be transferred to any emergency fund or to a capital improvement reserve fund by ordinance. The funds in an emergency reserve fund may be used to meet any emergency. Funds transferred to a capital improvement reserve fund shall be expended only for the specific improvements designated, provided that the purposes for which such capital improvement reserve fund may be expended may be amended by ordinance passed upon a vote of not less than seven members of the council. No amounts transferred into an emergency reserve fund or a capital improvement reserve fund shall be deducted from amounts to be raised by taxes for ensuing years.

Section 9-15. Centralized Purchasing. The mayor may establish procedures for the purchase of all materials, supplies, equipment, and services required by any department of the County through the department of finance or such other department as the mayor may designate.

Section 9-16. Insurance. The director of finance may procure insurance from companies licensed to do business in the State for the protection of all properties and all activities of the County in such amounts and under such conditions as the County shall, by ordinance, prescribe.

Section 9-17. Surety Bonds. Except as otherwise provided, the council shall determine which officers and employees shall be required to furnish surety bonds and shall determine the kind and amount of each individual or blanket bond. All officers concerned with the receipt, collection, custody, or disbursement of public funds shall be bonded. The director of finance shall procure all such surety bonds from companies licensed to do business in the State. All such bonds shall be in favor of and the premiums thereon shall be borne by the County.

Section 9-18. Contracts.

1. Before execution, all written contracts to which the County is a party shall be approved by the corporation counsel as to form and legality. All such contracts shall be signed by the mayor, except that contracts for purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, personal services, and public works contracts shall be signed by the director of finance.

2. Before execution, contracts involving financial obligations of the County shall also be certified by the director of finance as to the availability of funds in the amounts and for the purposes set forth herein.

3. Notwithstanding any other provision in this charter, all contracts involving the council, the office of council services, and the office of the county clerk shall be signed on behalf of the County by the chair of the council only, subject to approval by the corporation counsel as to form and legality, and certification by the director of finance as provided herein. (Amended 1984)

Section 9-19. Open Space, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Scenic Views Preservation Fund.

1. In adopting each fiscal year's budget and capital program, the council shall appropriate a minimum of one percent of the certified real property gtax 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 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 on lands acquired through this fund.

2. Any balance remaining in this fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse, but shall remain in the fund, accumulating from year to year. The revenues in this fund shall not be used for any purpose except those listed in paragraph one of this section.

3. The council shall by ordinance establish procedures for the administration and expenditure of the revenues in this fund. The appropriations to this fund shall not substitute, but shall be in addition to, those appropriations historically made. (Amended 2018, 2002)

Section 9-20. Affordable Housing Fund.

1. In adopting annual operating budgets and capital programs, the council shall appropriate a minimum of three percent of the certified real property tax revenues to a fund known as the affordable housing fund. In any fiscal year, the council may make appropriations to the fund in addition to the minimum required appropriations. The revenues and unencumbered balance in this fund shall be utilized for the provision, protection, and expansion of affordable housing and suitable living environments for persons of very low to gap income, as defined by ordinance, including the rehabilitation of existing structures, land purchase or other acquisition of land or property entitlements, planning, design, and construction.

2. On an annual basis, no more than three percent of this fund shall be used for administrative expenses.

3. Any unencumbered balance in this fund at the end of each fiscal year shall not lapse, but shall remain in the fund, accumulating from year to year. Any unencumbered balance in this fund shall not be used for any purpose except those listed in subsection 9-20(1) or as provided by ordinance.

4. The council shall by ordinance establish procedures for the administration and expenditure of the revenues in this fund. Any appropriations to this fund shall not substitute, but shall be in addition to, those appropriations historically made for the purposes stated in this section. (Amended 2021, 2014, 2010, 2006)

ARTICLE 10 CODE OF ETHICS

Section 10-1. Declaration of Policy. Elected and appointed officers and employees shall demonstrate by their example the highest standards of ethical conduct to the end that the public may justifiably have trust and confidence in the integrity of government.

Section 10-2. Board of Ethics. There shall be a board of ethics.

1. The board consists of nine members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council.

2. The board shall:

a. Initiate, receive, hear, and investigate complaints of violations of this article.

b. Initiate impeachment proceedings against elected officers and officers appointed to elective office who are found by the board after investigation to have violated this article. Such proceeding shall be brought in the name of

the board, which shall be represented by special counsel of the board's choosing.

c. Render advisory opinions with respect to application of this article on request. All requests for advisory opinions shall be answered within forty-five days of filing; failure by the board to answer a request for an advisory opinion within the forty-five days shall be deemed a finding of no breach of this article.

d. Prescribe forms for the disclosures provided in this article and to implement the requirements of the disclosure provisions.

e. Examine all disclosure statements filed and comment on or advise corrective action as to any matters that may indicate a conflict of interest.

f. Adopt such rules, having the force and effect of law, as will be necessary to provide for the enforcement of the provisions of this article.

3. In the course of its investigations, the board shall have the power to administer oaths and subpoena witness and to compel the production of books and papers pertinent thereto.

4. The board, after due deliberation on issues before it, shall make findings of facts and conclusions of law regarding such issues and shall transmit the same to the appropriate appointing authority and the prosecuting attorney for appropriate disposition.

5. If any officer or employee, or former officer or employee, obtains an advisory opinion from the board and acts accordingly, or acts in accordance with the opinions of the board, the officer or employee shall not be held liable for violating this article.

6. The council and mayor shall cooperate and provide financing and personnel reasonably required by the board in the performance of its duties. (Amended 1992)

Section 10-3. Financial Disclosure.

1. All elected County officers, all candidates for elective County office, and such appointed officers or other employees as the council shall designate by ordinance shall file with the board of ethics and the county clerk financial disclosure statements in a form or forms to be prescribed by the board of ethics. Such financial disclosure statements are open to public inspection.

2. All members of boards and commissions established under this charter, and such appointed officers or other employees as [shall be] designated by the council by ordinance as having significant discretionary or fiscal powers shall file with the board of ethics confidential financial disclosure statements in a form or forms prescribed by the board of ethics, and those financial disclosure statements shall not be open to public inspection, provided that the names of all persons required to file confidential financial disclosure statements, the dates by

which the financial disclosure statements are required to be filed, and the dates on which the financial disclosure statements are actually filed, are open to public inspection. No member of a board or commission who has failed to file a complete required financial disclosure statement may participate or vote in any official board or commission business until the statement is acknowledged as received by the board of ethics.

3. All persons required herein to make financial disclosure statements, other than candidates for elective County office, shall file such financial disclosure statements prior to taking office or the date of the resolution approving their appointment to the board or commission, whichever is earlier, and shall file annual updates of their financial disclosure statements by February 15 of each year that the person continues in office. A candidate for elective County office shall file a financial disclosure statement concurrently with the filing of nomination papers and shall file annual updates of their financial disclosure statements by February 15 of each year of their elected term. The financial disclosure statement shall be sworn to under oath and shall include sources and amount of income, business ownership, officer and director positions, ownership of or interest in real property, debts, creditor interests in insolvent businesses, the names of persons represented before government agencies, and other information as prescribed by the board of ethics. (Amended 2022, 2010, 1994, 1992)

Section 10-4. Prohibitions.

1. No officer or employee of the County shall:
 - a. Solicit, accept, or receive any gift; directly or indirectly, whether in the form of money, service, loan, travel, entertainment, hospitality, thing, or promise, or in any other form, under circumstances in which it can reasonably be inferred that the gift is intended to influence the officer or employee in the performance of the officer's or employee's official duties or is intended as a reward for any official action on the officer's or employee's part.
 - b. Disclose information that, by law or practice, is not available to the public and that the officer or employee acquires in the course of the officer's or employee's official duties or use such information for the officer's or employee's personal gain or for the benefit of anyone.
 - c. Engage in any business transaction or activity or have a financial interest, direct or indirect, that is incompatible with the proper discharge of the officer's or employee's official duties or that may tend to impair the officer's or employee's independence of judgment in the performance of the officer's or employee's official duties, or take any official action in which the officer or employee has a direct or indirect financial interest, including participating in deliberations.

d. Use County property or personnel for other than public activity or purpose.

e. Fail to disclose a financial interest in any matter that may be affected by an action of a County agency or vote on any matter affected by such interest.

f. Receive compensation for any service rendered in behalf of any private interest after termination of service to or employment with the County in relation to any case, proceeding, or application with respect to which the officer or employee was directly concerned, or which was under his or her active consideration, or with respect to which knowledge or information not generally available to the public was made available to him or her during the period of service to or employment with the County.

g. Use or attempt to use the officer's or employee's official position to secure or grant unwarranted consideration, privileges, exemptions, advantages, contracts, or treatment, for oneself or others.

2.a. No former mayor or councilmember shall appear for compensation before any agency of the County within a period of one year after leaving the county elective office.

b. No former non-elected salaried employee or officer of the County shall appear for compensation before any department or other agency of the County by which such employee or officer was last employed within a period of one year after termination of service to or employment with the County.

3. The County shall not enter into any contract of a value in excess of \$500.00 with an officer or employee or with a firm in which an officer or employee has a substantial interest involving services or property unless the contract is made after competitive bidding.

4. Officers and full-time employees of the County shall not appear on behalf of or represent private interests before any County agency, provided that no officer or employee shall be denied the right to appear before any agency to petition for redress of grievances caused by any official County action affecting such person's personal rights, privileges or property, including real property, provided that members of boards and commissions may appear on behalf of private interests before County agencies other than the one on which such person serves and other than those agencies that have the power to review the actions of the agency on which such person serves, or to act on the same subject matter as the agency on which such person serves; provided, further, that without changing the prohibitions and rights stated above, the council by ordinance may prescribe further standards, conditions, and guidelines concerning the representation of private interests before County agencies. (Amended 2022, 2002, 1992)

Section 10-5. Penalties. Any person who violates the provisions of this article shall be subject to a fine set by ordinance, and in addition to any such fine that may be imposed, non-elected officers or employees may be suspended or removed from office or employment by the appropriate appointing authority and elected officers may be removed through impeachment proceedings pursuant to section 13-13.

ARTICLE 11 INITIATIVE

Section 11-1. Powers.

1. The voters of the County shall have power to propose ordinances to the council. If the council fails to adopt an ordinance so proposed without any change in substance, the voters may adopt the same at the polls, such power being known as the initiative power.

2. The voters shall have power to propose the reconsideration by the County of an adopted ordinance or any portion thereof. If the County fails to repeal an ordinance so reconsidered, the voters shall have the power to reject the same at the polls, such power also being known as the initiative power.

3. The initiative power shall not extend:

- a. To any part or all of the capital program or annual budget.
- b. To any property tax levied.
- c. To any ordinance making or repealing any appropriation of money.
- d. To any ordinance authorizing the issuance of bonds.
- e. To any ordinance authorizing the appointment of employees.
- f. To any emergency ordinance. (Amended 2002)

Section 11-2. Affidavit. Any five qualified voters may commence initiative proceedings by filing with the county clerk an affidavit stating their names and addresses and specifying the address to which all notices to the committee are to be sent, and setting out in full the proposed ordinance, or citing the ordinance or portion thereof sought to be reconsidered. In addition, the affidavit shall state that they:

1. Will constitute the petitioners' committee.
2. Will be responsible for circulating the petition.
3. Will file it in proper form.

Promptly after such affidavit is filed, the clerk shall issue the appropriate petition blanks to the petitioners' committee.

Section 11-3. Petitions.

1. Petitions shall be filed as one instrument and shall contain or have attached thereto throughout their circulation the full text of the ordinance proposed or sought to be reconsidered.

2. Such petitions must be signed by not less than twenty percent of the total number of voters who cast ballots in the last mayoral general election.

3. Each signature shall be followed by the printed or typewritten identification of the name of the individual signing the petition and that individual's place of residence.

4. To each such petition paper there shall be attached an affidavit of the circulator stating:

a. That the circulator personally circulated the paper.

b. The number of signatures thereon.

c. That all the signatures were affixed in the circulator's presence and that the circulator believes them to be the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be.

d. That each signer had an opportunity before signing to read the full text of the ordinance proposed or sought to be reconsidered. (Amended 2002)

Section 11-4. Filing and Certification.

1. Within one hundred eighty days after the filing with the county clerk of the affidavit described in section 11-2, all papers forming an initiative petition shall be assembled and filed with the county clerk as one instrument. If an individual who has signed the petition wishes to withdraw the individual's signature from the petition, written notice of the withdrawal must be filed with the county clerk within fifteen days after the filing of the petition described in section 11-3.

2. Within forty-five days after the petition is filed, the county clerk shall determine the sufficiency thereof and attach thereto a certificate showing the result of the county clerk's examination. If the county clerk certifies that the petition is insufficient, the county clerk shall set forth in the certificate the particulars in which the petition is defective, and shall promptly send it to the petitioners' committee. (Amended 2016, 2002)

Section 11-5. Supplementary Petitions.

1. In the event the initial petition contains insufficient valid signatures, it may be supported by supplemental signatures of voters signed in the manner required in section 11-3. Such supplementary signatures shall be appended to the initial petition at any time within twenty days after receipt by the petitioners' committee of notification that the county clerk has certified the initial petition insufficient. If an individual who has signed the supplemental petition wishes to

withdraw the individual's signature from the supplemental petition, written notice of the withdrawal must be filed with the county clerk within three days of the receipt of the supplementary signatures by the county clerk.

2. The clerk shall within twenty days after such supplementary signatures are filed make a like examination of them and shall promptly issue a certificate as to their sufficiency. Such certificate shall be sent to the petitioners' committee.

3. If a petition or supplemented petition is certified insufficient, or if a petition or supplemented petition is certified insufficient and the petitioners' committee does not elect to amend or request council review as provided hereinafter, the clerk shall promptly present the clerk's certificate to the council. The certificate shall then be a final determination as to sufficiency. Such determination, however, shall be subject to judicial review by a court of competent jurisdiction. A final judicial determination of insufficiency shall not prejudice the filing of a new petition for the same purpose. (Amended 2016)

Section 11-6. Action on Petitions.

1. When an initiative petition has been finally determined sufficient, the council shall promptly consider the proposed ordinance or reconsider the ordinance or portion thereof sought to be reconsidered. If the council fails to enact a proposed ordinance without change in substance, or fails to repeal the referred ordinance or portion thereof within sixty days after the date the petition was finally determined sufficient, the county clerk shall submit the proposed or referred ordinance to the voters of the County at the next general election; provided that, if the next general election is scheduled to occur within ninety days, the county clerk shall submit the proposed or referred ordinance to the voters of the County at the succeeding general election. Copies of the proposed ordinance or referred ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County at least forty-five days prior to submission to the voters and shall be made available at the polls.

2. An initiative petition may be withdrawn at any time prior to the ninetieth day preceding the day scheduled for a vote of the County by filing with the county clerk a request for withdrawal signed by at least eighty percent of the petitioners' committee. Upon the filing of such request, the petition shall have no further force or effect and all proceedings thereon shall be terminated. (Amended 2002)

Section 11-7. Results of Election. If a majority of the qualified electors voting on a proposed ordinance vote in its favor, it shall be considered enacted upon certification of the election results. If conflicting ordinances are approved

at the same election, the one receiving the greatest number of affirmative votes shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.

If a majority of the qualified electors voting on a referred ordinance vote against it, it shall be considered repealed upon certification of the election results.

Section 11-8. Publication: Repeal and Amendment. Initiative ordinances enacted by the voters shall be published and shall take effect as prescribed for ordinances generally. Any ordinances enacted pursuant to this article may be amended or repealed by ordinance enacted after one year from the date of certification, but only by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the council membership. (Amended 2002)

ARTICLE 12 RECALL

Section 12-1. Recall Procedure. Any elective officer or member of a board or commission provided for in this charter may be removed from office by the voters of the County. The procedure to effect such removal shall be in accordance with this article.

Section 12-2. Affidavit. An affidavit shall be made by one or more voters and filed with the county clerk, stating the name and office of the officer sought to be removed.

Section 12-3. Petitions.

1. A petition demanding that the question of removing such officer be submitted to the voters shall be addressed to the council and filed with the county clerk. Such petition papers shall be obtained from the county clerk, who shall keep a sufficient number of blank petition papers on file for distribution.

2. Such petitions shall be signed by not less than twenty percent of the voters registered in the last general election.

3. Each signature shall be followed by the place of residence and voting precinct of the person signing.

4. To each such petition paper there shall be attached an affidavit of the circulator thereof stating:

a. The number of signers to such part of the petition.

b. That each signature appended to the paper was made in the circulator's presence and is believed to be the genuine signature of persons whose name it purports to be.

c. That each signer is believed to have understood the nature of the recall petition.

Section 12-4. Filing and Certification.

1. Within thirty days after the filing with the clerk of the affidavit stating the name and office of the officer sought to be removed, all papers comprising a recall petition shall be assembled and filed with the county clerk as one instrument.

2. Within twenty days from the date of the filing of such petition, the county clerk shall determine the sufficiency thereof and attach thereto a certificate showing the result of the clerk's examination. If the county clerk certifies that the petition is insufficient, the clerk shall set forth in the certificate the particulars in which the petition is defective, and shall return a copy of the certificate to the person designated in such petition to receive it.

Section 12-5. Supplemental Petitions.

1. In the event the initial petition contained insufficient signatures, such recall petition may be supported by supplemental signatures of voters signed in the manner required in section 12-3. Such supplementary signatures shall be appended to petitions issued, signed, and filed as required for the original petition at any time within twenty days after the date of the certificate of insufficiency issued by the county clerk.

2. The county clerk shall within ten days after such supplemental petitions are filed make a like examination of them. If the clerk's examination shall show the same to be still insufficient, the clerk shall return it in the manner described in section 12-4, and no new petition for the recall of the officer sought to be removed shall be filed within one year thereafter.

Section 12-6. Recall Election. If a recall petition or supplemental petition shall be certified by the county clerk to be sufficient, the county clerk shall at once submit the petition with the certificate to the council and shall notify the officer sought to be recalled of such action. If the officer whose removal is sought does not resign within five days after such notice, the council shall thereupon order and fix a day for holding a recall election. Any such election shall be held not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after the petition has been presented to the council, at the same time as any other election held within such period; but if no election is to be held within such period, the council shall call a special recall election to be held within the time aforesaid. If less than fifty percent of the voters registered in the last general election shall vote at such recall election, the officer sought to be recalled shall not be deemed recalled regardless of the outcome of the election.

Section 12-7. Ballots. The ballots at such recall election shall, with respect to each person whose removal is sought, submit the question: "Shall (name of person) be removed from the office (name of office) by recall?" Immediately following each such question, there shall be printed on the ballots the two propositions in the order set forth: "I favor the removal of (name of person)," "I am against the removal of (name of person)." Voters may vote for either of such propositions. A majority vote shall be sufficient to recall such officer, subject to the provisions of section 12-6.

Section 12-8. Succeeding Officer. The incumbent, if not recalled in such election, shall continue in office for the remainder of the unexpired term subject to the recall as before, except as provided in this charter. If recalled in the recall election, the officer shall be deemed removed from office upon the announcement of the official canvass of that election, and the office shall be filled as provided by this charter for the filling of vacancies of elected officials or members of boards and commissions as the case may be. The successor of any person so removed shall hold office during the unexpired term of that person's predecessor.

Section 12-9. Immunity to Recall. The question of the removal of any officer shall not be submitted to the voters until such person has served six months of the term during which the officer is sought to be recalled, nor, in case of an officer retained in a recall election, until one year after that election.

ARTICLE 13 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 13-1. Definitions.

1. The terms "board" or "commission" shall mean a board or commission established by this charter.

2. The term "employee" shall mean any person, except an officer, employed by the County; except that the term shall not include an independent contractor.

3. The term "law" shall mean any federal or state law or any ordinance of the county, or any rule having the force and effect of law.

4. The term "officer" shall include the following:

a. Mayor, managing director, and members of the council.

b. Any person appointed as administrative head of any department or as a member of any board or commission.

c. The first deputy appointed by the administrative head of any department.

- d. Deputies of the corporation counsel and prosecuting attorney.
5. The term "State" shall mean the State of Hawai'i.

Section 13-2. Boards and Commissions; Nomination of Certain Officers.

1. Unless otherwise provided, the members of all boards or commissions shall serve for staggered terms of five years beginning on April 1 and ending on March 31, five years thereafter. Each new board or commission established by this charter shall have nine members. Of the nine members initially appointed, five shall serve for a term of three years and four shall serve for a term of two years.

2. In making appointments to all boards and commissions, the mayor shall give due consideration to balanced geographic representation.

3. Any vacancy occurring on any board or commission shall be filled for the unexpired term.

4. The members of boards and commissions appointed by the mayor, with approval of the council, may be removed for cause upon recommendation of such removal by the mayor and the approval of two-thirds of the entire membership of the council.

5. No member of any board or commission shall be eligible for a second appointment to the same board or commission prior to the expiration of two years, provided that members of any board or commission initially appointed for a term not exceeding three years shall be eligible to succeed themselves for an additional term. No member of any board or commission shall serve beyond the time when the member's term expires unless the member is specifically reappointed. A vacancy shall be automatically created upon the expiration of a member's term which vacancy shall be filled as provided for herein.

6. Employees and officers of the State or County shall be eligible to serve on boards and commissions, provided that such service does not result in a conflict of interest.

7. A majority of the entire membership of a board or commission shall constitute a quorum to do business, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire membership of a board or commission shall be necessary to take any action.

8. Each board or commission shall select a chair from its membership annually.

9. All boards and commissions shall have the power to subpoena witnesses and administer oaths to witnesses as to all matters within the authority of such boards or commissions.

10. All boards and commissions shall hold public hearings whenever required or deemed necessary and shall provide due notice to the public by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the County.

11. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the deputies of the administrative head of any department shall be appointed by the administrative head without the necessity of confirmation by any commission or board.

12. The members of boards and commissions shall be entitled to be paid for necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties. Necessary expenses may be paid in advance as per diem allowances as may be established by ordinance.

13. Except for purposes of inquiry and as otherwise provided by this charter or by law, no board or commission nor its membership shall interfere in any way with the administrative affairs of the department.

14. Each board and commission shall have power to establish its own rules of procedures necessary for the conduct of its business, except as otherwise provided in this charter.

15. The independent nomination board consists of nine members, one from each of the council residency areas, appointed by the mayor and approved by the council. Upon establishment, the board shall determine the staggering of their terms. A regular term shall be five years. No member shall run for or hold any other elected office under the United States, the State, or its political subdivisions. No member shall take an active part in political management or in political campaigns. No member shall be eligible for appointment to any office for which the commission makes nominations so long as a member of the commission and for a period of three years after the end of the entire term so appointed except that a member may be eligible for appointment to an unpaid position on a board or commission after the expiration of their entire term.

16. The independent nomination board shall recruit, evaluate, and nominate individuals to serve on boards and commissions established by this charter and by ordinance, and such other offices as shall be specified in this charter. The procedures for submitting applications and the form of applications shall be established by the independent nomination board based on the requirements of each office, commission, or board. To the extent permitted by law, information related to the consideration of any applicant for nomination shall not be public.

17. A vacancy on a commission, board, or of such office requiring nominees to be presented to the appointing authority by the independent nomination board due to the expiration of a member's or officer's term shall be filled as follows: Not less than ninety days before a vacancy occurs, the independent nomination board shall submit a list of nominees to the mayor. Not more than seventy days nor less than sixty days before the vacancy is to occur,

the mayor shall submit to the council the name of the mayor's nominee to fill the vacancy. Within thirty days thereafter the council shall act to approve or disapprove the nominee. If the council disapproves the nominee, it shall immediately so notify the mayor and the independent nomination board of its action. The mayor shall then submit the name of a second nominee from the list to the council within ten days and the council shall act thereon within thirty days. The process shall continue until the vacancy is filled. If no nominee remains on the list submitted to the mayor, the independent nomination board shall have seventy-five days to submit a new list of nominees to the mayor, and the timelines shall be set in accordance with those applicable to the original list of nominees. In the event that the council fails to approve or disapprove a nominee within the time periods provided for herein, the nominee shall be deemed appointed to fill the vacancy upon its occurrence. If the mayor fails to submit the name of a nominee within the times provided for herein, the council may within thirty days nominate and approve the appointment of an individual to fill the vacancy from the list of nominees presented to the mayor.

18. A vacancy on a commission or board due to death, resignation, or removal shall be filled as follows: Within sixty days of the occurrence of a vacancy, the independent nomination board shall submit to the mayor a list of nominees to fill the vacancy. Within thirty days thereafter, the mayor shall submit to the council the name of the mayor's nominee to fill the vacancy. Within thirty days thereafter, the council shall act to approve or disapprove the nominee. If the council disapproves the nominee, it shall immediately so notify the mayor and the independent nomination board of its action. The mayor shall then submit the name of a second nominee from the list to the council within ten days, and the council shall act thereon within thirty days. This process shall continue until the vacancy is filled. If no nominee remains on the list submitted to the mayor, the independent nomination board shall have sixty days to submit a new list of nominees to the mayor, and the timelines shall be set in accordance with those applicable to the original list of nominees. In the event that the council fails to approve or disapprove a nominee within the time periods provided for herein, that nominee shall be deemed appointed to fill the vacancy upon its occurrence. If the mayor fails to submit the name of a nominee within the times provided for herein, the council may within thirty days nominate and approve the appointment of an individual to fill the vacancy from the list of nominees presented to the mayor.

19. If the independent nomination board fails to provide a list of nominees within the prescribed time limits, the appointing authority may make its own appointment within thirty days therefrom without consulting with the independent nomination board. The council shall approve or disapprove a mayoral nominee and shall immediately so notify the mayor of its action. The

mayor shall then submit the name of a second nominee to the council within ten days and the council shall act thereon within thirty days. This process shall continue until the vacancy is filled.

20. If the mayor, for mayoral appointments, or council, for council appointments, rejects all nominees presented by the independent nomination board, the appointing authority shall notify the independent nomination board of such rejection within thirty days of submission of the nominee list. The board shall present a new list of nominees within seventy-five days of such notice. The timelines shall be set in accordance with those applicable to the original list of nominees. (Amended 07/01/2023, 2002, 1988)

Section 13-3. Title to Property. Except as otherwise provided by law, title to all property acquired by any department of the County shall be vested in the County. Upon the retirement of all bonded indebtedness of the department of water supply, all right, title and interest in and to any real property held in the name of the board of water supply shall be promptly transferred and conveyed to the County.

Section 13-4. Facsimile or Electronic Signatures. Whenever any person is required to sign negotiable instruments, multiple bonds, or certification of payrolls, the signatures may be a facsimile or electronic in accordance with the law.

Section 13-5. Expenses. All officers and employees of the County shall be entitled to their traveling or other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the public duties as provided by ordinance.

Section 13-6. Claims. No action shall be maintained for the recovery of damages for any injury to person or property by reason of negligence of any officer or employee of the County unless a written statement stating fully when, where, and how the injuries occurred; the extent of the injuries; and the amount claimed, has been filed with the county clerk within the time period as provided by law. (Amended 2006)

Section 13-7. Annual Reports. Not later than ninety days after the close of the fiscal year, each department shall make an annual written report of its activities to the mayor in such form as the mayor may prescribe. Copies of such reports shall be filed in the office of the county clerk.

Section 13-8. Acceptance of Gifts or Donations. The council, on behalf of the County, may accept gifts or donations of money, securities, or other personal property or of real estate or any interest in real estate.

Section 13-9. Records and Meetings Open to Public.

1. All books and records of every department are open to the inspection of any person at any time during business hours, except as otherwise provided by law. Certified copies or extracts from such books and records shall be given by the officer having custody of the same to any person demanding the same and paying or tendering a reasonable fee to be fixed by ordinance for such copies or extracts.

2. All meetings of boards and commissions shall be held in the County building or other publicly owned place or be conducted by a videoconference platform that is accessible to the public by telephone or internet in accordance with State law. In the event that a publicly owned building is not available or appropriate for the meeting, the meeting can be held in another facility or forum that is accessible to the public.

3. When a person requests access to records, employees must, to the extent reasonable under the circumstances:

a. Assist the person to identify records that are responsive to the request or to the purpose of the request, if stated.

b. Describe the information technology and physical location in which the records exist.

c. Provide suggestions for overcoming any practical basis for denying access to the records sought.

d. Make every effort to ensure that any fees or other charges are minimized. (Amended 2022, 2002)

Section 13-10. Penalties. The council shall, by ordinance, provide for the punishment of violations of any provisions of this charter and may provide for punishment of violations of ordinances and rules having the force and effect of law. (Amended 2022, 2018)

Section 13-11. County Elections. County elections shall be conducted in accordance with the election laws of the State.

Section 13-12. Oaths of Office. Before entering upon the duties of office, each officer elected or appointed shall take and subscribe to such oath or affirmation as shall be provided by law.

Section 13-13. Impeachment of Officers. Appointed or elected officers may be impeached for malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office or violation of the provisions of article 10. Such impeachment proceedings shall be commenced in the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit, State of Hawai'i. The charge or charges shall be set forth in writing in a verified petition for

impeachment signed by not less than five percent of the voters registered in the last general election. A charge or charges alleging violation of article 10 may be set forth in writing in a verified petition for impeachment signed by a majority of the members of the board of ethics. If the court sustains the charge or charges, such officer shall be deemed removed from office. The officer sought to be impeached and the petitioners seeking the impeachment other than the board of ethics shall bear their own attorney's fees and other costs of such proceedings.

Section 13-14. Cooperation with Other Organizations. In the performance of its functions, each department shall cooperate with private organizations and with organizations of the governments of the United States, the State, and any other state, and with any of their political subdivisions having similar functions.

Section 13-15. Titles, Subtitles, Personal Pronouns; Construction. Titles and subtitles shall not be used for purposes of construing this charter.

Section 13-16. Severability. If any provision of this charter is held invalid, the other provisions of this charter shall not be affected thereby. If the application of the charter, or any of its provisions, to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the application of the charter and its provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 13-17. Bilingual Government. The County shall operate as a bilingual government and shall implement opportunities to promote inclusion of the Hawaiian language. Official writings of the County shall be prepared and made available in both official State languages, English and Hawaiian, as determined by ordinance. The County shall provide appropriate oral language services to any resident who orally communicates with its officers or employees in the Hawaiian language. (Amended July 1, 2024)

ARTICLE 14 CHARTER AMENDMENT

Section 14-1. Initiation of Amendments. Amendments to this charter may be initiated only in the following manner:

1. By resolution of the council adopted after two readings on separate days and passed by a vote of six or more members of the council.
2. By petition presented to the council, signed by not less than ten percent of the voters registered in the last general election, setting forth the

proposed amendments. Such petitions shall designate and authorize not less than three nor more than five of the signers thereto to approve any alteration or change in the form or language or any restatement of the text of the proposed amendments that may be made by the corporation counsel.

Upon filing of such petition with the council, the county clerk shall examine it to see whether it contains a sufficient number of apparently genuine signatures of voters. The clerk shall complete the examination of the petition within fifteen days.

The council shall then hold a public hearing and shall determine whether the amendments proposed shall be submitted to the voters for approval. The determination by the council to submit such proposed amendments to the voters shall be by resolution adopted by a vote of five or more members of the council within forty-five days after the receipt of the petition.

3. By petition presented to the county clerk, signed by not less than twenty percent of the voters registered in the last general election, setting forth the proposed amendments. Such a petition shall designate and authorize not less than three nor more than five of the signers thereto to approve any alteration or change in the form or language or any restatement of the text of the proposed amendments which may be made by the corporation counsel.

Upon filing such petition, the county clerk shall examine it to see whether it contains a sufficient number of apparently genuine signatures of voters. The clerk shall complete the examination of the petition within fifteen days.

When the petition has been determined sufficient by the county clerk, the county clerk shall submit the proposed amendments to the voters of the County at the next general election. (Amended 1992)

Section 14-2. Elections to be Called.

1. Any resolution of the council proposing amendments to the charter, whether initiated by the council or by petition, shall provide that the proposed amendments shall be submitted to the voters of the County at the next general election.

2. The county clerk shall have the proposed amendments published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County at least forty-five days prior to submission of the proposed amendments to the voters of the County at the next general election.

3. Should the majority of the voters voting thereon approve the proposed amendments to this charter, the amendments shall become effective at the time fixed in the amendment, or if no time is fixed therein, thirty days after its adoption by the voters of the County. Any charter amendment shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County within forty-five days of the effective date of such amendment.

Section 14-3. Mandatory Review.

The charter commission may propose amendments to the charter or draft a new charter, which must be submitted to the county clerk within sixteen months after the commission has been appointed, after earlier review by the council, if required by State law. Upon receipt of the amendments or new charter, the county clerk must provide for the submission of the amendments or new charter to the voters of the County at any general or special election as may be deemed by the commission. Any special election must be held not less than forty-five days and no more than seventy-five days after the receipt of the amendments or the new charter by the county clerk.

The commission must publish not less than forty-five days before any election at least once in the newspaper of general circulation within the County a brief digest of the amendments or new charter and notice to the voters that copies of the amendments or new charter are available at the office of the county clerk.

Following any special or general election on any proposed charter, or revision or amendment to the charter, at intervals of ten years, a charter commission composed of eleven members must be appointed, with two appointed by the mayor, and nine appointed by the council, with each councilmember nominating one of the nine members, to study and review the operation of the government of the County under the amendments or new charter and to propose amendments or to draft a new charter in the manner set forth in this article. (Amended 2021, 1992)

Section 14-4. Publication of Maui County Charter. The Maui County charter shall be revised and published in its entirety following any special or general election on any proposed charter, or revision or amendment thereto to include all new significant amendments adopted. (Amended 2012)

ARTICLE 15 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Section 15-1. Existing Laws and Conflicting Laws.

1. All laws, ordinances, resolutions, and rules in force at the time this charter takes full effect, and not in conflict or inconsistent with this charter, are continued in force until repealed, amended, or superseded by proper authority. All laws that are inconsistent with this charter are superseded by the provisions of this charter at its effective date. All laws relating to or affecting this County or its departments, officials, or employees, and all County ordinances, resolutions, orders, and regulations that are in force when this charter takes full effect are

repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent with or interfere with the effective operation of this charter or of ordinances or resolutions adopted by the council under the provisions of this charter.

2. a. When construing provisions of this charter, the foremost obligation is to ascertain and give effect to the intent of the drafters—either members of the council, members of the charter commission, or registered voters. Intent is to be obtained primarily from the language contained in this charter itself. This charter's language must be read in the context of the entire charter and construed in a manner consistent with the drafters' intent.

b. When there is doubt, doubleness of meaning, or indistinctiveness or uncertainty of an expression used in a statute, an ambiguity exists. In construing an ambiguous charter provision, the meaning of the ambiguous words may be sought by examining the context, with which the ambiguous words, phrases, and sentences may be compared, to ascertain their true meaning.

c. Extrinsic aids may be reviewed to determine intent. In the case of a charter provision drafted by the council, the relevant committee report may be reviewed. In the case of a charter provision drafted by the charter commission, the relevant charter commission report may be reviewed. Courts may also consider the reason and spirit of the law, and the cause that induced the council, the charter commission, or registered voters to propose the charter provision to discover its true meaning.

d. Charter provisions on the same subject matter must be construed with reference to each other. What is clear in one charter provision may be used to explain what is unclear in another.

e. Conflicting interpretations of the provisions of this charter must be resolved by complying with the intent of the most recent charter amendment pertaining to the conflict.

f. Elected and appointed officials, including the corporation counsel, must carefully interpret the provisions of this charter to ensure the officials do not violate the charter.

g. If a question in interpretation is the source of a conflict between the administration and the council, then the corporation counsel or special counsel, if any, must seek a declaratory judgment, a writ of quo warranto, or other appropriate judicial remedy on the County's behalf within thirty days of the conflict being identified to obtain clarity in the interpretation of this charter's provisions, unless another party has already brought a viable judicial action for the same purpose.

h. A willful violation of a charter provision by an elected or appointed County officer or employee constitutes use of County property or personnel for other than public activity or purpose under article 10 and, therefore, is grounds for the commencement of impeachment proceedings. A willful violation of a

charter provision by an employee is grounds for discipline including termination of employment. (Amended 2021)