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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Alice Lee, Chair and Members
of the Maui County Council
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Lee and Members:

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 16, MAUI COUNTY CODE RELATING TO
THE BUILDING CODE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI**

I am transmitting the following proposed bills provided on the attached flash drive as Exhibit "1" and Exhibit "2":

1. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 16.25, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS OF THE BUILDING CODE." The purpose of the proposed bill is to establish a new chapter pertaining to the administrative and supplemental provisions of the Building Code of the County of Maui.
2. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 16.26B, MAUI COUNTY CODE, AND ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 16.26C, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE BUILDING CODE." The purpose of the proposed bill is to adopt the International Building Code, 2018 Edition, with amendments as the Building Code of the County of Maui.

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Pursuant to Chapter 107-28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the County is required to amend and adopt the State Building Code (SBC) for its county building code no later than two years after the adoption of the SBC. If the County does not amend the SBC within the two-year time frame, then the SBC becomes the interim county building code.

On April 20, 2021, the State Building Code Council (SBCC) adopted the 2018 International Building Code (IBC) with amendment as the SBC. In accordance with Section 107-28(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, each county must amend and adopt the SBC no later than April 20, 2023. A copy of the current SBC is can be found on the State Department of Accounting and General Services' website at <https://ags.hawaii.gov/bcc/building-code-rules/>. For your convenience, we are providing electronic copies of the current SBC and the 2018 IBC on the attached flash drive.

New Chapter 16.25 Relating to the Administrative and Supplemental Provisions of the Building Code

The Department is proposing to extract the administrative and supplemental provisions of the building code with the intent of making the adoption of subsequent editions of the International Building Code more efficient and manageable. The proposed bills noted above comprise nearly 200 pages. Extracting the administrative and supplemental provisions will eliminate nearly 100 pages from having to be included in the proposed bill for subsequent code updates.

The proposed bill also seeks to amend certain provisions with the intent to clarify the applicability and limitations of such provisions. Additionally, there are also proposed amendments that seek to ease the administrative burdens that currently exist within the code. However, the Department strived to keep these provisions as consistent with past policy as possible to minimize impacts to both applicants and staff and more importantly to minimize impacts to MAPPS workflows and procedures, which can be complicated to develop and implement.

Chapter 16.26C Relating to Adoption of the 2018 International Building Code

As noted previously, the 2018 IBC was adopted into the SBC on April 20, 2021. The County does participate in the adoption of the SBC as each county's building official is a member of the SBCC by State law. The proposed bill seeks to adopt the same amendments to the 2018 IBC as was adopted by the SBCC in adopting the SBC.

The most noteworthy change in the 2018 IBC is the change to the wind maps. The wind maps dictate the wind speeds for a given location to which structure must be

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designed to meet. The wind maps are regularly revised with each IBC edition whereby the wind speed contours are changes based as new climate data is incorporated. Every IBC update we see more property being placed into regions with higher wind speeds.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact me at extension 7845.

Sincerely,



JORDAN MOLINA
Acting Director of Public Works

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Attachments
cc: Development Services Administration
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