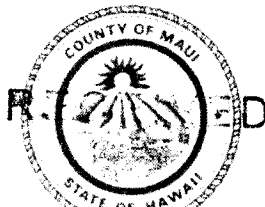


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For Transmittal to:

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Michael P. Victorino 8/27/19
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Dear Chair Kama:

SUBJECT: EXPEDITED BUILDING PERMITS (AH-17(10))

Thank you for your letter dated August 13, 2019 with questions about expediting building permits for affordable housing projects.

The policy for fast-track permit processing for affordable housing projects began in early to mid 2018 under the Arakawa administration. This applied to Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 201H projects as well as other affordable projects identified by the Department of Housing and Human Concerns (DHHC) as warranting prioritization. With the adoption of Maui County Code Chapter 2.96.160 on December 24, 2018, this policy was codified.

The process includes using a pink cover sheet for the routing of permits that have been identified for prioritization so that reviewing agencies know to expedite their review. We do not believe that we have received any permits with pink cover sheets under the policy or the ordinance, but DHHC or the Department of Public Works Development Services Administration (DSA) should be able to better provide this information since we are only a reviewing agency for some building permits (we only review for compliance with zoning and other special designations, such as flood zones). DSA administers building permits, and DHHC identifies projects or permits to

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be prioritized. However, we do prioritize our review of building permits for projects approved through the 201H process, even if they do not have a cover sheet. We do not track these differently than other permits so cannot provide you with the number that are in process; again, perhaps DHHC or DSA has a system to track these.

We are not aware of any particular problems with prioritizing permits for affordable housing projects, though the clear identification of priority permits could probably easily be improved; it would also be beneficial for DHHC or DSA to have a tracking system if they do not already. Again, DSA and DHHC would be better equipped to answer your questions about this process.

We appreciate the opportunity to respond to your questions. Feel free to contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michele McLean', with a stylized, wavy flourish at the end.

MICHELE MCLEAN, AICP
Planning Director

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