# **REQUEST FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

Date:	March 19, 2021	
From:	Michael J. Molina, Chair	
	Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee	
transmittal Memo to:	DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL Attention: Michael J. Hopper, Esq.	

## Subject: AMENDING CHAPTERS 2.28 AND 2.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO **ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION** (GREAT-30)

Background Data: Please see the attached revised bill. Please submit response to great.committee@mauicounty.us with a reference to GREAT-30.

[X] FOR APPROVAL AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY Work Requested:

[] OTHER:

Requestor's signature	Contact Person <u>Shelly Espeleta</u> (Telephone Extension: <u>7134</u>	
Michael J. Molina		

[] ROUTINE (WITHIN 15 WORKING DAYS)[] RUSH (WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS)[] PRIORITY (WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS)[] URGENT (WITHIN 3 WORKING DAYS) [] URGENT (WITHIN 3 WORKING DAYS)

[X] SPECIFY DUE DATE (IF IMPOSED BY SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES): March 24, 2021 REASON: To meet posting deadline for Council meeting on April 6, 2021.

#### FOR CORPORATION COUNSEL'S RESPONSE

ASSIGNED TO:	ASSIGNMENT NO.	BY:

TO REQUESTOR: [ | APPROVED [ ] DISAPPROVED [ ] OTHER (SEE COMMENTS BELOW) [] RETURNING--PLEASE EXPAND AND PROVIDE DETAILS REGARDING ITEMS AS NOTED

COMMENTS (NOTE - THIS SECTION NOT TO BE USED FOR LEGAL ADVICE):

DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

Date

(Rev. 7/03)

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Attachment

ORDINANCE NO.

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2021)

## A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 2.28 AND 2.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 2.28, Maui County Code, is amended by adding a

new section to read as follows:

"2.28.050 Advisory committees to the Maui planning commission. A. The following are established:

<u>1. The Hana advisory committee to the Maui planning commission.</u>

2. The South Maui advisory committee to the Maui planning commission.

<u>3. The Paia-Haiku advisory committee to the Maui</u> planning commission.

B. To be eligible for appointment as a member of an advisory committee, a person must be a resident of the relevant community plan area for a period of at least twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the person's appointment.

<u>C.</u> The advisory committees must consist of seven members; five members of each advisory committee will be appointed by the council by resolution and two members appointed by the mayor.

D. If an advisory committee member ceases to be a resident of the relevant community plan area, the committee member immediately forfeits the office, and the office becomes vacant.

<u>E.</u> Except for the Hana advisory committee, vacancies will be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

<u>F.</u> Vacancies for the Hana advisory committee will be filled as follows:

<u>1. Each vacancy will be filled with the council</u> <u>making an appointment, until there are five members who</u> <u>have been appointed by the council.</u>

<u>2. The next two vacancies will then be filled with appointment by the mayor.</u>

3. Any subsequent vacancy will be filled in the same manner as the previous appointment.

<u>G.</u> The process to fill a vacancy may be initiated once the mayor, the council, or advisory committee chair becomes aware of a vacancy, but the vacancy may not be filled until:

<u>1.</u> The member has moved out of the community plan area;

<u>2.</u> The member has provided the mayor, council, or advisory committee chair a resignation letter;

3. The member's term has expired;

4. The member is deceased; or

5. The member is removed for failure to attend 50 percent or more of meetings, or is absent from at least 25 percent of meetings within thirty days of the member's last excused or unexcused absence, in accordance with section 2.41.090.

H. The following subsections of section 13-2 of the revised charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, apply to each advisory committee: subsections 2, 4, and 6-15.

I. The terms of committee members are five years, except initial terms must be staggered, with four members receiving fiveyear terms and three members receiving three-year terms, as selected by lot. A member receiving an initial three-year term may seek reappointment to a five-year term.

J. Each advisory committees is authorized to:

<u>1.</u> Provide recommendations to the Maui planning commission on matters within its community plan area.

2. Upon request by the Maui planning commission, hold public hearings, on behalf of the commission, on matters that pertain to its community plan area.

3. Carry out such duties as provided by law or as may be delegated to it by the Maui planning commission.

4. Adopt administrative rules.

K. When requested to review a matter by the Maui planning commission, an advisory committee must provide recommendations to the planning commission within ninety days from the first meeting held to review the matter. If additional time is required because of extenuating circumstances, the advisory committee must notify the Maui planning commission. Each recommendation must be read aloud during the Maui planning commission's review of the matter.

L. Each advisory committee must meet as needed, with meetings scheduled when appropriate to maximize community participation.

<u>M.</u> Each advisory committee must elect a chair and a vicechair from its members. The vice-chair will act as the presiding officer in the event of the chair's absence or disability. Until the chair is elected, the planning director will preside at the meeting, except that the planning director will not have a vote.

<u>N.</u> The council must review the operations of the advisory committee within thirty-six months of its first meeting, but no sooner than twelve months after that first meeting."

SECTION 2. Section 2.28.080, Maui County Code, is amended to read as

follows:

"2.28.080 Planning commission and advisory committee **training requirements.** In addition to any other training offered to members, each planning commission member[,] and [Hana] advisory committee member [shall] must participate in the Native Hawaiian Law Training Course for Boards, Commissions, Councils and Lawmakers, given by the Ka Huli Ao Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law, provided funding for the training is available through the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Participation [shall] must occur within one year of the member's term of appointment, unless the planning director approves an appointee's request for a [six-month] twelveextension for extenuating circumstances. month Remote participation in training, through video and audio connection, [shall] will satisfy this section's requirements."

SECTION 3. Chapter 2.40, Maui County Code, is amended by adding a

new section to be appropriately inserted and to read as follows:

"2.40.131 South Maui advisory committee. There is established a South Maui advisory committee as provided by law."

SECTION 4. Chapter 2.40, Maui County Code, is amended by adding a

new section to be appropriately inserted and to read as follows:

"2.40.132 Paia-Haiku advisory committee. There is established a Paia-Haiku advisory committee as provided by law."

SECTION 5. Section 2.28.060, Maui County Code, is repealed:

**"[Section 2.28.060 Hana advisory committee.** A. Establishment—members. There is established a Hana advisory committee to the Maui planning commission which shall consist of seven members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council. Each member shall be a resident of the Hana district.

B. Member—residency requirement. To be eligible for appointment as a member of the Hana advisory committee, a person

shall be a resident of the Hana district for a period of at least ninety consecutive days immediately preceding the person's appointment by the mayor. For the purposes of this section, the Hana district shall be delimited by section 4-1 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. If a committee member ceases to be a resident of the Hana district, the committee member shall immediately forfeit office and the office shall thereupon be deemed vacant.

C. Terms and operation. Section 13-2 of the revised charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, shall apply to the Hana advisory committee in the same manner as said provisions apply to boards and commissions recognized by the revised charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended.

D. Powers, duties, and functions. The Hana advisory committee shall advise the Maui planning commission on matters within its jurisdiction and shall carry out such duties as may be delegated to it by the Maui planning commission.]"

SECTION 6. New material is underscored, and bracketed material is

deleted. In printing this bill, the County Clerk need not include the brackets, the

bracketed material, or the underscoring.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance takes effect upon approval, except: (a.) it does not apply to applications that are complete or proposed ordinances that have been transmitted to the Maui Planning Commission prior to this Ordinance's effective date; and (b) its provisions related to the South Maui Advisory Committee and the Paia-Haiku Advisory Committee are not effective for each body until a quorum of members has been appointed.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Department of the Corporation Counsel County of Maui

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