Public Hearing on amendments to Home and Related Exemptions set for Feb. 8

LĪHU’E – The County of Kaua‘i Department of Finance will hold a Public Hearing on Feb. 8, on the proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations relating to Home and Related Exemptions.

The Public Hearing will take place at 5 p.m., on Monday, Feb. 8, via the Microsoft Teams audio and video teleconferencing platform.

The Department of Finance proposes to amend its existing Rules and Regulations to reflect newly adopted law which requires those applying for a home exemption to adhere to the following:

1. Occupy the applicable property as their primary residence for more than 270 days of the tax year;

2. Submit an N-11 Hawai‘i State Residential tax return as a resident of the State of Hawai‘i with a reported address in the county the year prior the effective date of the exemption; and

3. Provide a copy of their Hawai‘i state driver’s license, Hawai‘i state identification, or resident aliens possessing a valid resident alien card (green card). These are new requirements to obtain the homeowner’s exemption for property tax purposes.

The proposed rules and a full copy of the Public Hearing notice are available at the Department of Finance Real Property Assessment Division in the Līhu‘e Civic Center, Moikeha Building, 4444 Rice Street, Suite A 454, Līhu‘e, during normal business hours. It is also available on the Department of
Finance’s website, [www.kauai.gov/realproperty](http://www.kauai.gov/realproperty). Copies of the proposed amendments may also be mailed to any interested person who calls the Department of Finance at 241-4224.

All interested persons who wish to present their testimony on Feb. 8 may do so via the Microsoft Teams audio conferencing platform by calling 1-469-848-0234, Conference ID 692 876 534#.

If you wish to participate via video teleconference, you may do so via the Microsoft Teams video teleconferencing platform and it shall be the responsibility of the testifier to ensure the Microsoft Teams software is downloaded prior to the hearing. Anyone interested in providing oral testimony by video teleconference must register with the Real Property Assessment Division at least two hours prior to the hearing by sending an email to rpassessment@kauai.gov or by calling (808) 241-4224, and provide your name, phone number, and email address. A link to the video teleconference will be emailed to you following your registration.

Advance registration is not required if you wish to participate by audio conference only.

Testimony may be submitted any time up to and including the date of the public hearing, or at the public hearing itself. Written testimony may be submitted to the Real Property Assessment division by email to rpassessment@kauai.gov, by facsimile to (808) 241-6252; or by mail to the Real Property Assessment Division, 4444 Rice Street, Suite A-454, Līhu’e, HI 96766.

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, contact the Department of Finance at (808) 241-4224 or rpassessment@kauai.gov as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to fulfill your request. Upon request, this notice is available in alternate formats such as large print, Braille, or electronic copy.

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