DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE COUNTY OF KAUAI STATE OF HAWAII

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Pursuant to Chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the County Charter, the following rules and regulations are adopted by the Director of Finance of the County of Kauai relating to staggering of motor vehicle registrations to read as follows:

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

SECTION I. AUTHORIZATION

HRS Section 286-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes provides that the County may elect to renew motor vehicle registrations on a staggered basis and authorizes the Director of Finance to promulgate applicable rules and regulations.

It is the purpose of these rules to implement the Director of Finance's election to adopt a staggered system of motor vehicle registration.

SECTION II. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PERIODS

All motor vehicles and trailers will have their registration periods staggered to expire on the last day of the month from January through December.

Upon the expiration of the current motor vehicle registration, the owner shall re-register the vehicle for a twelve month period. That vehicle will be registered each year in its currently assigned month until it is withdrawn from use or the Treasurer changes the registration month.

- 1. Vehicles owned by the State of Hawaii, County of Kauai, Board of Water Supply and official representatives of any foreign government will be issued registrations which need be renewed only in a new plate issue year.
- 2. All vehicles registered for the first time in the County of Kauai will have a twelve-month registration period beginning with the first day of the month in which the application is first filed.

SECTION III. REALLOCATION OF REGISTRATION PERIODS

Because of monthly fluctuations in vehicle sales and out-of-state transfers, an imbalance in monthly workload could develop. To compensate for this possible imbalance, the Director of Finance has the authority to reallocate vehicle registration to other months. In the event of such reallocation, fees will be prorated as appropriate.

SECTION IV. VEHICLE TRANSFERS

- 1. With the exception of special plates, and as provided in Section 249-7, HRS, the plates will remain with the vehicle when ownership is transferred. The vehicle will keep the same registration month previously assigned and the new owner will pay only a filing fee unless the vehicle registration has expired.
- 2. When plates are transferred to another vehicle as provided in Sections 249-7 and Section 249-9.1, HRS, the vehicles shall maintain their original registration month. The following specific rules shall apply:
- A. When plates are transferred to a vehicle not currently registered in Hawaii, the owner must pay all applicable fees for a twelve-month period. The registration

period shall begin with the first day of the month in which the application is first filed.

- B. The vehicle from which the plates were removed shall maintain its originally assigned registration period. The owner shall be issued new plates with the appropriate registration tag or emblem. The owner will be subject to transfer, plate and tag or emblem charges.
- C. When plates are transferred to a vehicle already registered in Kauai County, that vehicle shall maintain its originally assigned registration month. The owner will be issued an appropriate tag or emblem and pay transfer and tag or emblem fees.
- 3. Vehicles must be re-registered at the time of transfer of ownership if such transfer occurs within 45 days prior to the expiration date of the registration.

SECTION V. REGISTRATION TAGS OR EMBLEMS

When a vehicle is first registered in the County of Kauai it will be issued a numbered tag or emblem on which is printed the registration month. Identification of the registration year will be accomplished utilizing a different colored tag or emblem.

SECTION VI. DEADLINE

- 1. No motor vehicle will be considered as not registered until the first day of the month following the month in which the vehicle was due to be registered. However, registration must take place by the last working day of the designated registration month.
- 2. All mailed renewal registration forms shall be postmarked no later than ten working days before the last working day of the designated expiration month.
- 3. New owners must register vehicles within twenty days after transfer.

4. Failure on the part of the owner to receive vehicle registration forms does not relieve the owner from the responsibility to register the vehicle prior to the deadline. Any owner not receiving a registration form within 45 days prior to the registration deadline should contact the Department of Finance, Treasury Division.

SECTION VII. PENALTIES

Penalties for late registration, renewal and transfer shall be imposed in accordance with Chapter 5 relating to Delinquent Penalties for Vehicle Weight Tax, Kauai County Code 1987, and Section 286-61, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

These Rules were adopted by the Department of Finance and shall take effect ten days after filing with the County Clerk, County of Kauai.

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CECILIA N. RAMONES

Director of Finance

Approved this ______, 1988

CERTIFICATION

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- 1. That the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Rules of the Department of Finance on matters relating to Motor Vehicle Registration as authorized under Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 286-51.
- 2. That notice of public hearing on the foregoing Rules, which notice included a statement of the substance of the proposed Rules, was published in The Garden Island on December 8, 1987, and in the Kauai Times on December 9, 1987.
- of Finance on effective ten County Clerk, County of Kauai, State of Hawaii.

ELMER MURAOKA

Deputy Director of Finance

APPROVED AS TO FORM ON THIS 1st DAY OF July 1988:

MTCHART BEILES

County Attorney, County of Kauai

APPROVED ON THIS 1st DAY OF February 1988

CECILIA N. RAMONES

Director of Finance, County of Kauai

APPROVED ON THIS /St DAY OF February 1988

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CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY CLERK:

I hereby certify that on , 1988, I have accepted for filing from the Department of Finance the Rules on Motor Vehicle Registration adopted on July 1, 1988.

JEROME Y. K. HEW

County Clerk, County of Kauai