

PUBLIC HEARING

OCTOBER 9, 2024

(Note: Due to the extended power outage that occurred on October 7, 2024, a portion of the October 9, 2024 Kaua'i County Council Meeting experienced technical difficulties relating to connection with Granicus, rendering the meeting's courtesy livestream unavailable. The meeting proceeded, as stated in the official meeting agenda, which reads in pertinent part: "If the courtesy livestream is unavailable for any reason, the meeting will proceed.")

A public hearing of the Council of the County of Kaua'i was called to order by Mel Rapozo, Council Chair, on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 9:20 a.m., at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Suite 201, Historic County Building, Līhu'e, and the presence of the following was noted:

Honorable Addison Bulosan
Honorable Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
Honorable Felicia Cowden
Honorable Bill DeCosta
Honorable Ross Kagawa
Honorable KipuKai Kuali'i
Honorable Mel Rapozo

The Clerk read the notice of the public hearing on the following:

"Bill No. 2933 – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE, INCLUDING MATTERS PERTAINING TO GUEST HOUSES (*Kaua'i County Council, Applicant*) (ZA-2024-3 – Planning Commission Recommendation)

which were passed on first reading and ordered to print by the Council of the County of Kaua'i on September 11, 2024, and published in The Garden Island newspaper on September 19, 2024.

The following communications were received for the record:

1. Haight, Courtney, dated October 8, 2024
2. Haight, Dylan, dated October 8, 2024
3. Kamen, Terry, dated October 8, 2024

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. I assume that there is no testimony via Zoom. Are there any written testimonies?

JADE K. FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA, County Clerk: We have three (3) pieces of written testimony.

Council Chair Rapozo: All of the Council should have a copy at your desk. Is there anyone registered to speak?

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: There are no registered speakers.
Council Chair Rapozo: Is there anyone in the audience wishing to testify? Mr. Hart.

Councilmember Cowden: Those two (2) people also want to testify.

Council Chair Rapozo: If they want to testify, they can testify. Go ahead, Mr. Hart.

BRUCE HART: For the record, Bruce Hart. When this first came out, I was tentatively in support. You are all aware that this Bill will progress and there will be a lot of discussion, and I am hoping to hear from every Councilmember, your thoughts and concerns. I would also like to express, because I know that the Administration is watching, I would like to hear what the Administration has to say. I would like to hear what the Planning Department has to say, and I am looking forward to that. I have had a long-standing position in regard to any increase in density. As you increase density, you increase noise. The other position is in regards to one (1) off-street parking. I believe that there should be two (2). I find it difficult to believe that there will be only one (1) person living in that guest house. Even if there is only one (1) person, there still should be two (2) parking spaces. I am reiterating my long-standing position. I would also like to ask...I went over to the Planning Department this morning, and I picked these up. I would like to understand the changes that this Bill, if it passes as it is, amended...what changes will be made, because I do not fully understand what is being proposed by this Bill. I am sure that I will as it progresses, but I also think that if the public...these are free from the Planning Department. They explain our zoning designations, so I am hoping that the two (2) introducing councilmembers, Council Chair Rapozo and Councilmember DeCosta, can help the public and myself better understand the impact that this Bill will have. Thank you very much.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Is there anyone else in the audience wishing to testify? Seeing none, this Public Hearing is closed.

(Note: No one from the public testified on the Bill via oral testimony taken at the beginning of the meeting via the Zoom remote technology platform.)

There being no further testimony on this matter, the public hearing adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



JADE K. FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA
County Clerk