

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Kaua'i County Council will hold a public hearing on October 15, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., or soon thereafter, at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Room 201, Historic County Building, Līhu'e, on the following:

Bill No. 2974

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF BUSINESS AND TRADES (*Taxicab Rates for Touring or Chartered Time*)

This Bill proposes to amend Chapter 23, Kaua'i County Code 1987, as amended, by increasing the taxicab rates relating to Touring or Chartered Time.

Any person may testify at the public hearing, and at any Council and Committee Meeting (at which time any Bill may be amended). Meeting notices and full-text Bills are available at least six (6) days in advance at the Office of the County Clerk, Council Services Division and kauai.gov/Government/Council/Webcast-Meetings. Written testimony may be submitted via counciltestimony@kauai.gov, mail, or fax. For further information, please call (808) 241-4188.

CERTIFICATE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

I hereby certify that the Kaua'i County Council passed on first reading and ordered to print Bill No. 2974 during the September 17, 2025 Council Meeting, by the following vote:

AYES:	Carvalho, Cowden, Holland, Kaneshiro, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 6,
NOES:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	Bulosan	TOTAL – 1,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Līhu'e, Hawai'i
September 17, 2025

/s/ Jade K. Fountain-Tamigawa
County Clerk, County of Kaua'i

NOTE: IF YOU NEED AN AUXILIARY AID/SERVICE, OTHER ACCOMMODATION DUE TO A DISABILITY, OR AN INTERPRETER FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING PERSONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, COUNCIL SERVICES DIVISION AT (808) 241-4188 OR COKCOUNCIL@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.

(One publication – The Garden Island – September 24, 2025)

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BILL NO. 2974

**A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23,
KAUA'I COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED,
RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF BUSINESS AND TRADES**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF KAUAI, STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Chapter 23, Kaua'i County Code 1987, as amended, relating to the Regulation of Business and Trades.

SECTION 2. Chapter 23, Section 23-1.7(a), Kaua'i County Code 1987, as amended, is hereby amended to increase the charges in the "Rate 2" schedule to read as follows:

"Sec. 23-1.7 Rates of Fare and Baggage Charge.

(a) Rates of Fare Within the County of Kaua'i. Unless otherwise provided herein, no driver or owner of a taxicab while operating the taxicab within the County of Kaua'i shall charge, demand, collect or receive a fare other than that based on the following schedule:

Rate 1	
Initial meter actuation (entitles passenger to 1/10 mile or less, or 45 seconds standing time or less)	\$3.50
Each 1/10 mile additional, or less, after initial meter actuation	\$0.45
Each 45 seconds of additional waiting time, or less, after initial meter actuation	\$0.45
Each piece of baggage other than wheelchairs, bicycles and surf boards, handled by the driver in loading, unloading or both	\$1.00
Each surfboard, bicycle, baggage, freight or parcel too large to be carried within the rear passenger compartment or trunk of the taxicab (optional)	\$5.00
Rate 2	
Initial meter actuation (entitles passenger to 2 hours or less of touring or chartered time; minimum 2 hours of touring or chartered time required)	[\$120.00] <u>\$180.00</u>
Each 15 minutes of touring or chartered time, or less, after initial meter actuation	[\$15.00] <u>\$22.50</u>

A driver, owner, or lessee who owns, operates, controls or dispatches a taxicab may give a discount to persons with a disability, senior citizens, or students, as defined in Sec. 23-1.2. Such discount shall be twenty percent (20%) of the metered fare.

Nothing contained in this Subsection shall be construed to permit charging mileage or waiting time rates of fare which are greater or less than or different from those established and fixed by the schedule.”

SECTION 3. If any provision of this Ordinance or application thereof to any person, persons, or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect the other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

SECTION 4. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed. New Ordinance material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this Ordinance for inclusion in the Kaua‘i County Code 1987, as amended, the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring shall not be included.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Introduced by:



MEL RAPOZO

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

September 17, 2025

Lihu‘e, Kaua‘i, Hawai‘i

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CERTIFICATE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

I hereby certify that heretofore attached is a true and correct copy of Bill No. 2974, which was passed on first reading and ordered to print by the Council of the County of Kaua'i at its meeting held on September 17, 2025, by the following vote:

FOR PASSAGE:	Carvalho, Cowden, Holland, Kaneshiro, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 6,
AGAINST PASSAGE:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	Bulosan	TOTAL – 1,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Lihu'e, Hawai'i
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Jade K. Fountain-Tanigawa
County Clerk, County of Kaua'i