



**CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

ORDINANCE 22-26  
BILL 43 (2022), CD1

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**A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE**

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RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT OF THE BUILDING,  
ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, AND SIDEWALK CODES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to address the administrative enforcement of the building, electrical, plumbing, and sidewalk codes.

SECTION 2. Section 18-7.4, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, is amended to read as follows:

**"Sec. 18-7.4 Administrative enforcement.**

In lieu of or in addition to enforcement pursuant to Section 18-7.3, if the building official determines that any person, firm, or corporation is not complying with a notice of violation, the building official may have the party responsible for the violation served, by mail or delivery, with an order pursuant to this section.

(a) Contents of the Order.

(1) The order may require the party responsible for the violation to do any or all of the following:

- (A) Correct the violation within the time specified in the order;
- (B) Except as provided in subsection (e)(2), [Pay] pay a civil fine not to exceed \$2,000 in the manner, at the place, and before the date specified in the order; and
- (C) Pay a civil fine not to exceed \$2,000 per day for each day in which the violation persists, in the manner and at the time and place specified in the order.

(2) The order ~~[shall]~~ must advise the party responsible for the violation that the order ~~[shall]~~ will become final 30 calendar days after the date of its delivery. The order ~~[shall]~~ must also advise that the building official's action may be appealed to the building board of appeals.

(b) Service of Notice of Order. A notice of order must be served upon responsible persons either personally or by certified mail. However, if the whereabouts of such persons are unknown and the same cannot be ascertained by the building



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official in the exercise of reasonable diligence and the building official provides an affidavit to that effect, then a notice of order may be served by publishing the same once each week for two consecutive weeks in a daily or weekly publication in the city pursuant to HRS Section 1-28.5.

- (c) **Effect of Order—Right to Appeal.** The provisions of the order issued by the building official under this section ~~[shall]~~ will become final 30 calendar days after the date of the delivery of the order. The party responsible for the violation may appeal the order to the building board of appeals as provided in Chapter 16. The appeal must be received in writing on or before the date on which the order becomes final. However, an appeal to the building board of appeals ~~[shall]~~ will not stay any provision of the order.
- (d) **Judicial Enforcement of Order.** The building official may institute a civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction for the enforcement of any order issued pursuant to this section. Where the civil action has been instituted to enforce the civil fine imposed by said order, the building official need only show that the notice of violation and order were served, that a civil fine was imposed, the amount of the civil fine imposed, and that the fine imposed has not been paid.
- (e) **Three Orders Within a Three-Year Period.** If a person incurs three final orders under this section within a period of three years relating to a detached one- or two-family dwelling, as those terms are used in Chapter 16, then:
  - (1) For a period of three years from the date the third order becomes final, the building official may not accept any application for a permit under this chapter from the person; and
  - (2) The civil fine for any subsequent violation by the person within three years of the preceding violation will be \$10,000. The building official may not reduce or waive any portion of the civil fine issued pursuant to this subdivision.

A notice of order that has been appealed will be deemed final when it has been sustained upon appeal.

Any person who has incurred three final orders under this section within a three-year period may not circumvent the application of this subsection through the use of third persons, including employees and agents, and any third person knowingly aiding a person in the circumvention of this subsection shall be subject to the fine prescribed in subdivision (2)."



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SECTION 3. Ordinance material to be deleted is bracketed and stricken. New material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the Revisor of Ordinances need not include the brackets, the bracketed and stricken material, or the underscoring.

SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

June 29, 2022

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

BRAD T. SAITO

APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor  
City and County of Honolulu

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CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 06/29/22 By: TOMMY WATERS

Committee: ZONING AND PLANNING (ZP)

Title: RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT OF THE BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, AND SIDEWALK CODES.

Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

06/29/22	INTRO	Introduced.
07/06/22	CCL	Passed first reading.  9 AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS
07/14/22	ZP	Reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.  CR-181  4 AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, KIA'ĀINA, SAY
07/29/22	PUBLISH	Public hearing notice published in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser.
08/10/22	CCL/PH	Committee report adopted. Bill passed second reading, public hearing closed and referred to committee.  8 AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS  1 ABSENT: TSUNEYOSHI
08/25/22	ZP	Reported out for passage on third reading.  CR-229  4 AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, KIA'ĀINA, SAY
09/07/22	CCL	Recommitted.  9 AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS
09/22/22	ZP	Reported out for passage on third reading as amended in CD1 form.  CR-256  4 AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, KIA'ĀINA, SAY
10/05/22	CCL	Committee report adopted and Bill passed third reading as amended.  9 AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this BILL.

  
GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

  
TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER