

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

ORDINANCE 26 - 11

BILL 70 (2025), CD2

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

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

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to allow dog parks to be credited toward satisfying the requirements for the provision or dedication of land for park and playground purposes.

SECTION 2. Section 22-7.2, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Definitions"), is amended by amending the definitions of "City" and "Privately Owned Parks and Playgrounds" to read as follows:

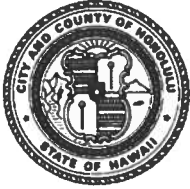
"City. The City and County of Honolulu. The geographical limit ~~[shall include all that portion of]~~ includes the area of land in the State of Hawaii commonly known as the island of Oahu ~~[and all other islands in the State of Hawaii and the waters adjacent thereto not included in any other county]."~~

"Privately Owned Parks and Playgrounds. Parks or playgrounds and ~~[their]~~ associated facilities [which] that are not provided in perpetuity or dedicated ~~[but which are]~~ to the city, but are privately owned and maintained by or on behalf of the ultimate users of the subdivision pursuant to recorded restrictive covenants~~[- Where]~~ and city approvals. If the privately owned park is a part of the lot or lots on which a building or group of buildings containing or divided into three or more dwelling units or lodging units is constructed, ~~[it shall not be required that]~~ the private park or playground is not required to meet county subdivision standards, nor [shall] will the area of the private park or playground be deducted from the area of the lot or lots for purposes of zoning or building requirements."

SECTION 3. Section 22-7.8, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is amended to read as follows:

"§ 22-7.8 Credit ~~[for]~~ toward new land required for parks and playgrounds.

- (a) *Credit for ~~[lands]~~ new land dedicated or provided in perpetuity for [parks] park and playground purposes before October 16, 1976. Where ~~[lands for park and playground]~~ new land for parks and playgrounds were dedicated or provided in perpetuity to the city before October 16, 1976, such ~~[land is]~~ park and playground lands are credited [against] toward the [park land which could] park and playground land area that would otherwise be required under § 22-7.5.*



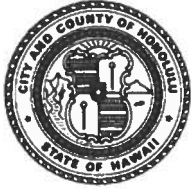
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- (b) *Credit for subdivisions where the provisions of this article were previously met.* When a subdivision is resubdivided or redeveloped, this article applies to the dwelling or lodging units ~~[above]~~ that are constructed in addition to those units ~~[which]~~ that originally complied with this article. Credit is applied ~~[to such]~~ toward the park and playground land area that would otherwise be required under § 22-7.5, whether such park and playground lands were dedicated[,] or provided in perpetuity, or fees were paid in lieu thereof.
- (c) *Credit for privately owned parks and playgrounds.* When new land is dedicated or provided in perpetuity for a private park and playground in a subdivision and ~~[such area]~~ the land is to be owned ~~[and]~~, maintained, and used by the owners (including private parties and public agencies), purchasers, or occupants of the subdivision, such park and playground land ~~[is]~~ will be credited ~~[against]~~ toward the ~~[park land area which]~~ park and playground land area that would otherwise be required under § 22-7.5.
- (d) *Credit for dog parks.* When new land is dedicated or provided in perpetuity for use as a dog park, this land may be credited toward the park and playground land area required under § 22-7.5; provided that:
- (1) The dog park does not use existing publicly or privately owned park and playground land; and
 - (2) The credit may not exceed 10 percent of the park and playground land area required."

SECTION 4. Ordinance material to be repealed 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 material that has been bracketed and stricken, or the underscoring.



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SECTION 5. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters

Andria Tupola

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

October 29, 2025
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Duane Pang
Deputy Corporation Counsel

DUANE W.H. PANG

APPROVED this 23rd day of June, 2026.

Rick Blangiardi
RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

CITY COUNCIL
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HONOLULU, HAWAII
CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 10/29/25 By: TOMMY WATERS
ANDRIA TUPOLA Committee: ZONING & PLANNING (ZON)

Title: RELATING TO PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

10/29/25	INTRO	Introduced.
11/05/25	CCL	Passed first reading. 9 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER
11/20/25	ZON	Reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing as amended in CD1 form. CR-383 4 AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, TUPOLA, WATERS 1 ABSENT: OKIMOTO
11/21/25	PUBLISH	Public hearing notice published in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser.
12/03/25	CCL/PH	Committee report adopted. Bill passed second reading as amended, public hearing closed and referred to committee. 8 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS 1 ABSENT: WEYER
12/11/25	PUBLISH	Second reading notice published in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser.
02/05/26	ZON	Cancelled and not considered.
03/05/26	ZON	Cancelled and not considered.
05/21/26	ZON	Reported out for passage on third reading as amended in CD2 form. CR-144(26) 5 AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WATERS
06/03/26	CCL	Committee report adopted and Bill passed third reading as amended. 9 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER

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.



CHADD KADOTA, ACTING CITY CLERK



TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER