February 6, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dean I. Hazama, Chair and Members of the Planning Commission

FROM: George I. Atta, FAICP, Director
Department of Planning and Permitting

SUBJECT: Request for Amendment to Chapter 21, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 (Land Use Ordinance), Related to Regulation of Certain Visitor Accommodations

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) is submitting for your review and consideration a bill which would amend certain sections of the Land Use Ordinance (LVO) relating to regulation of certain visitor accommodations.

The proposed amendment to the LVO is intended to:

1. Require advertisements for vacation rentals (transient vacation units and bed and breakfasts) to include certain information that would facilitate the City's efforts to enhance the regulations of vacation rental operations and improve enforcement measures targeting illegal vacation rentals in residential and other districts.

2. Allow exceptions to the conditions of approval for the renewal of the Nonconforming Use Certificates (NUC) where good cause is established.

3. Revise the renewal procedures to allow processing of the renewal application and issuance of the renewal certificate at any time after the renewal notice is issued.
4. Revise the NUC renewal cycle from a two-year cycle to a one-year cycle to minimize the impact of the DPP not being notified of a change of ownership.

5. Require the NUC applicant to identify an on-island agent if the certificate holder (applicant) does not reside on Oahu.

We have attached the Bill for an Ordinance and Justification Sheet. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have concerning this matter during the public hearing.

Attachments

cc: Mayor Kirk Caldwell
    Managing Director Designate, Roy K. Amemiya, Jr.
    City Council