November 2, 2018

The Honorable Ernest Y. Martin
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Councilmembers
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Martin and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Revised Proposed Amendment to Chapter 21, ROH 1990, as Amended (The Land Use Ordinance), Relating to Short-Term Rentals

The Planning Commission held a public meeting on October 31, 2018 on the above subject matter. Written concerns, comments, and testimonies were received. The public hearing was closed on October 31, 2018.

The Planning Commission voted unanimously, 7:0, to accept the recommendation of the Acting Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), to adopt the revised proposed amendment to the Land Use Ordinance, relating to Short-Term Rentals (“STR”) with the following recommendations:

1) Fines and registration fees for STR shall be funneled towards the enforcement division of DPP for regulation of STR.
2) Remove submittal of the homeowner’s exemption from the proposed STR registration requirements.
3) Consider and revisit the Real Property Tax (“RPT”) rates to increase STR rates that apply only to the bedroom(s) used as STR and not the entire property.
4) Adjust RPT rate for bed and breakfast homes and transient vacation units to match the Resort RPT rate for STR in the Resort and Resort Mixed-Use Precincts.
5) At Sec. 21-2.150-2, Administrative Enforcement, on page 4, Section (b)(1)(E), after “a person who commits recurring violations” insert “as defined in the appropriate DPP Rules”, and after “shall be subject to increased civil fines”, insert “as may be determined in the discretion of the Director” as follows: ...
Attached is the report from the Acting Director of the DPP and the DPP’s revised October 19, 2018 draft bill.

Sincerely,

Cord D. Anderson, Vice Chair
Planning Commission

Enclosures

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