In July 2016 Mayor Kirk Caldwell signed Bill 27 (Ord. 16-019) into law. Bill 27 was drafted by the DPP and passed unanimously by the City Council. The Ordinance includes provisions to provide fee waivers for ADUs for a period of two years, until June 30, 2018. The goal of these fee waivers is to encourage homeowners and contractors to continue the production of ADUs and increase the number of affordable rental units. The Ordinance also provides a permanent waiver of park dedication fees, the same as currently provided for Ohana Dwelling Units.

The following fees will be waived for ADU projects until June 30, 2018. All other building permit related fees are due at time of permit issuance.

1. Building permit and plan review fees,
2. Grading, grubbing, or stockpiling permit fees, and
3. Wastewater system facility charges.

Additional considerations:

- Fees (mentioned above) paid by Applicants that have received their ADU permits since Ordinance 15-41 was signed into law (September 14, 2015) will be refunded if requested by the Applicant.
- Fees for after-the-fact building permits will not be waived (for converting illegally constructed structures into legal ADUs).

Note: The ADU informational documents (instructions, FAQ, etc.) are being updated to reflect the changes from Bill 27. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this transition period.

An ADU is defined by the Honolulu Land Use Ordinance as a second dwelling unit, including separate kitchen, bedroom and bathroom facilities, attached or detached from the primary dwelling unit on the zoning lot.

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