

COMPREHENSIVE EXEMPTION LIST
for the
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
DEPARTMENT OF LAND UTILIZATION
as approved by the
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION

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Pursuant to EIS Regulation 1:33, the following types of actions, where they fall within the given classes of action, shall generally be exempt from requirements regarding preparation of an environmental assessment, negative declaration, or EIS:

Exemption Class #1: Operations, repairs or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing.

1. Interior alterations and/or renovation.
2. Roofing or re-roofing.
3. Exterior work on existing structures (i.e., painting, window work, air conditioning units, etc.)
4. Repair and maintenance of roads and highways within existing rights-of-ways, including striping and general safety improvements like guard rails, fences.
5. Repair and maintenance of underground utility lines, including but not limited to, water, sewer, power, and telephone and minor appurtenant structures such as pad mounted transformers and sewer pump stations.
6. Solar water heating devices.
7. Repair and maintenance of utility lines and minor appurtenant structures.

Exemption Class #2: Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located generally on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose, capacity, density, height and dimensions as the structure replaced.

1. Fence, walls
2. Signs
3. Alteration of non-conforming structure which does not increase building volume.

Exemption Class #3: Construction and location of single, new small facilities or structures and the alteration and modification of same and installation of new, small, equipment and facilities and the alteration and modification of same including but not limited to: (a) single family residences not in conjunction with the building of two (2) or more such units; (b) multi-unit structures designed for not more than four (4) dwelling units if not in conjunction with the building of two (2) or more such structures; (c) stores, offices and restaurants designed for total occupant load of twenty (20) persons or less, if not in conjunction with the building of two (2) or more such structures; (d) water, sewage, electrical, gas, telephone, and other essential public utility services extensions to serve such structures or facilities; and (e) accessory or appurtenant structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences.

1. Fences, walls
2. Extension or addition to an existing structure
3. Signs
4. Wind generators

Exemption Class #4: Minor alteration in the conditions of land, water, or vegetation.

1. Routine landscaping activities for which grading permits are not required.

- 2. Routine maintenance and dredging of existing streams as covered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit issued to the Department of Public Works.

Exemption Class #5: Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

- 1. Test borings for percolation tests, after which the test site will be restored to its original appearance.
- 2. Core samplings for archaeological studies, after which the site will be restored to its original appearance.

Exemption Class #6: Continuing administrative activities, such as purchases for supplies and personnel-related actions.

- 1. Transfer of title to land.
- 2. Creation or termination of easement, covenants or other rights in structures or land.
- 3. Acquisition of land.
- 4. Subdivision of land into lots greater than 20 acres in size.
- 5. Readjustment of boundary lines.
- 6. Subdivisions of a parcel of land containing two or more existing dwellings into two or more lots provided that:
 - a. Each resultant parcel contains one existing dwelling meeting the requirements of the Comprehensive Zoning Code; and
 - b. The lot area of each resulting parcel is less than that required for a two-family detached dwelling.
- 7. Subdivisions that do not increase density.
- 8. Consolidation of land.

Exemption Class #7: Construction or placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities.

1. Walls, fences, garages.
2. Additions to existing buildings
3. Temporary uses
4. Lei Kiosks
5. Planter boxes

Exemption Class #9: Demolition of structures, except those structures located on any historic site as designated in the National Register or Hawaii Register as provided for in the Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Public Law 89-665, or Chapter 6, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

1. Removal/placement/relocation of trees except exceptional trees.
2. Fire damaged building(s)--Building Department condemnation.

NOTE: As stipulated by EIS Regulation 1:33(b), all exemptions under this list are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of planned successive actions of the same type, in the same place, over time, is significant, or when an action that is normally insignificant in its impact on the environment may be significant in a particularly sensitive environment.