**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION** 

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Mr. Joseph Shacat, Chair State Environmental Council Department of Health, State of Hawaii 236 South Beretania Street, Suite 702 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Shacat:

SUBJECT: City and County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation Exemption List

Thank you for your letter dated June 17, 2016 informing us that the exemption list is generally acceptable and requested that we update paragraph one on page one.

The Department of Parks and Recreation updated the list as requested and a copy is enclosed. Please update your files.

Should you have any questions, please contact John Reid, Planner at 768-3017.

Sincerely.

Michele K. Nekota Director

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Enclosures

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#### Comprehensive Exemption List for the

# City and County of Honolulu, Department of Parks and Recreation as Reviewed and Concurred by the Environmental Council on July 20, 2016

"Pursuant to Section 11-200-8, Hawai'i Administrative Rules, the following types of actions, where they fall within the given classes of action, shall generally be exempt from requirements regarding the preparation of an environmental assessment.

According to section 11-200-8, Hawai'i Administrative Rules, the Department of Parks and Recreation may declare exempt the following types of action from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment.

The Department of Parks and Recreation shall not make exemption declarations when the cumulative impact of successive actions 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. Sensitive area may include, but are not limited to significant historical, archaeological, and cultural sites, flood plains, wetland, beaches, coastal areas, erosion-prone areas, geological hazardous land, critical habitats, and estuaries."

# Exemption Class #1:

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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. Reroofing or roofing
- 2. Painting of existing buildings
- 3. Resurfacing and repairing of existing pavements including, but not limited to, driveways, parking lots, walkways, and bikeways
- 4. Fencing, curbing, walls, and gates
- 5. Retaining walls
- 6. Equipment including, but not limited to, pumps; motors; electrical transformers; cabinets, panels, and vaults; power, light, and telephone pole systems; irrigation controllers; telephone stations; and lifts provided for handicapped accessibility
- 7. Operation of initial or continuing recreational programs consistent with established park use (for example, summer fun programs, sports leagues, concert series)
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  8. Subdivision/consolidation of public park lands and their
  transfer between the City and State for continuing park use
- 9. Acquisition, but not improvement, of improved property for park use, and minor subdivision and consolidation of parcels necessary for acquisition of property for park use

- 10. Essential utilities, including, but not limited to, wastewater systems, drainage systems, water systems, electrical systems, communication systems, and irrigation systems
- 11. Landscaping
- 12. Clearing and grubbing
- 13. Play courts
- 14. Ballfields
- 15. All appurtenant equipment and facilities for all outdoor sports including, but not limited to, soccer, football, volleyball, sand volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball
- 16. Bleachers
- 17. Play court practice walls
- 18. Ornamental and swimming pools
- 19. Community gardens
- 20. Accessible ramps and handrails
- 21. Litter containers
- 22. Trash Enclosures
- 23. Trash Compactors
- 24. Play equipment
- 25. Bike racks
- 26. Benches and picnic tables
- 27. Outdoor showers
- 28. Fitness exercise stations
- 29. Charcoal disposals
- 30. Arbors
- 31. Planter boxes
- 32. Pedestrian bridges in park areas
- 33. Maintenance/storage sheds
- 34. Visitor information kiosks
- 35. Drinking fountains
- 36. Hose bibs
- 37. Guard shacks
- 38. Scorekeeper booths and scoreboards
- 39. Phone booths
- 40. Bollards and vehicular access barriers
- 41. Steps and stairways
- 42. Water tanks developed to serve park needs
- 43. Signs and posts
- 44. Skating rinks and related facilities
- 45. Security lighting of park grounds, structures, and parking lots
- 46. Lighting of Ballfields
- 47. Lighting of play courts
- 48. Ball barriers
- 49. Batting cages

#### Exemption Class #2:

Replacement of 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.

- Park structures including, but not limited to pavilions, 1. shelters, canoe halau, recreation buildings, multi-purpose buildings, clubhouses, education buildings, gymnasiums, ballfield dupouts, trellises or pergolas, lifequard stations, comfort stations, bathhouses, concession stands, administration buildings, bandstands, storage and operations buildings, equipment sheds, tent platforms, viewing platforms, security and information booths, and caretaker Residences
- Pavements including, but not limited to, driveways, parking 2. lots, walkways, and bikeways
- 3. Fencing, curbing, walls, and gates
- 4. Retaining walls
- Equipment including, but not limited to, pumps; motors; 5. electrical transformers, cabinets, panels, and vaults; power, light, and telephone pole systems; irrigation controllers; telephone stations; and lifts provided for handicapped accessibility
- Essential utilities including, but not limited to, wastewater 6. systems, drainage systems, water systems, electrical systems, communication systems, and irrigation systems
- 7. Landscaping
- 8. Clearing, grading, and grubbing
- 9. Play courts
- 10. Ballfields
- 11. All appurtenant equipment and facilities for all outdoor sports including, but not limited to, soccer, football, volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball
- 12. Bleachers
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# Exemption Class #3:

Construction and location of single, new, small facilities or structures and the alteration and modification of the same and installation of new, small, equipment and facilities and the alteration and modification of same, including, but not limited (A) Single-family residences less than 3,500 square feet not to: in conjunction with the building of two or more such units; (B) Multi-unit structures designed for not more than four dwelling units if not in conjunction with the building of two or more such structures; (C) Stores, offices, and restaurants designed for total occupant load of 20 persons or less per structure, if not in conjunction with the building of two or more such structures; and (D) Water, sewage, electrical, gas, telephone, and other essential public utility services extensions to serve such structures or facilities; accessory or appurtenant structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences; and, acquisition of utility easements.

- 1. Fencing, curbing, walls, and gates
- 2. Extensions, modifications, or additions to existing buildings
- Essential utilities, including, but not limited to, 3. wastewater systems, drainage systems, water systems, electrical systems, communication systems, and irrigation systems
- 4. Construction of new pavements including, but not limited to, driveways, parking lots, walkways, and bikeways
- Retaining walls, except within the shoreline area 5.
- Equipment installations including, but not limited to pumps; 6. motors; electrical transformers, cabinets, panels, and vaults; power, light, and telephone pole systems; irrigation controllers; telephone stations; and lifts provided for handicapped accessibility
- 7. Comfort facilities in existing parks
- 8. Benches and picnic tables
- 9. Ornamental and swimming pools
- 10. Play equipment

- 11. Bike racks
- 12. Litter containers
- 13. Trash enclosures
- 14. Arbors
- 15. Planter boxes
- 16. Pedestrian bridges in park areas
- 17. Outdoor showers
- 18. Maintenance/storage sheds
- 19. Visitor information kiosks
- 20. Drinking fountains
- 21. Water tanks developed to serve park needs
- 22. Bleachers
- 23. Acquisition of utility easements on other properties for park use
- 24. Landscaping
- 25. Clearing, grading, and rubbing
- 26. Play courts
- 27. Ballfields
- 28. All appurtenant equipment and facilities for all outdoor sports including, but not limited to, soccer, football, volleyball, sand volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball
- 29. Play court practice walls
- 30. Community gardens
- 31. Accessible ramps and handrails
- 32. Trash compactors
- 33. Fitness exercise stations
- 34. Charcoal disposals
- 35. Hose bibs
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## Exemption Class #4:

Minor alterations in the conditions of land, water, or vegetation.

- 1. Landscaping within existing parks (i.e., trees, shrubs, grass, ground covers, and community gardening planting)
- 2. Clearing, grubbing, or grading within existing parks

#### 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. Basic data collections, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities necessary within existing parks which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource including, but not limited to, archaeological surveys, reconnaissance, testing, or data recovery

## Exemption Class #6

Construction or placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities.

- Retaining walls, except in shoreline areas 1.
- 2. Plaques, sculptures, and statues
- 3. Trash enclosures
- 4. Benches and picnic tables
- Ornamental and swimming pools 5.
- Play equipment 6.
- 7. Bike racks
- Arbors 8.
- 9. Planter boxes
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Exemption Class #7:

Interior alterations involving things such as partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances.

1. Interior alterations and renovations to park buildings including, but not limited to, partitions, doors, counters, cabinets, shelving, plumbing, and electrical conveyances

## Exemption Class #8:

Demolition of structures, except those structures located on any historic site as designated in the nation register or Hawaii register as provided for in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Public Law 89-665, 16 U.S.C. §470, as amended, or Chapter 6E, HRS.

1. Demolition of park structures, except those structures located on any historic site

#### Exemption Class #9:

Zoning variances except shoreline setback variances.

1. Zoning variances of park properties except shoreline setback variances

#### Exemption Class #10:

Continuing administrative activities including, but not limited to purchase of supplies and personnel-related actions.

1. Continuing park administrative activities including, but not limited to, purchase of supplies and personnel-related actions