

Comprehensive Exemption List for
the Hawaii Tourism Authority
(including the Hawaii Convention Center)

December 12, 2001

Pursuant to Section 11-200-8(a), Hawaii Administrative Rules, the following types of actions shall generally be declared exempt by the Hawaii Tourism Authority ("HTA") from the requirements to prepare an environmental assessment. As stated in the rules, all exemptions under the following classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of planned successive actions in the same place, over time, is significant or involving cultural resources (historic, archeological, and cultural sites), environmentally sensitive areas (including flood plains, wetlands, beaches, coastal areas, erosion-prone areas, geologically hazardous land, critical habitats, and estuaries), or when an action that is normally insignificant in its impact on the environment may be significant in a particularly sensitive environment.

Exemption Class #1: Operation, repairs, or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment or topographic features involving negligible or no expansion or change beyond that previously existing:

1. Paint existing building.
2. Replace floor tiles.
3. Repair water features.
4. Repair or replace phones and phone booths.
5. Replace glass windows.

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. Reconstruct front driveway, loading and parking entrance pavement.
2. Repair or replace garage pavement.
3. Reconstruct garage dividers.

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,

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equipment and facilities and the alteration and modification of same, including, but not limited to: a) single-family residences less than 3500 square feet . . .; b) multi-unit structures designed for not more than four dwelling units . . .; c) stores, offices and restaurants designed for total occupant load of 20 persons or less . . .; and d) water, sewage, electrical, gas, telephone, and other essential public utility services extension to serve such structure or facilities; accessory or appurtenant structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences; and, acquisition of utility easements.

1. None at this time.

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

1. Maintenance and replacement of plants in the landscaping.
2. Maintenance of waterfalls and pond.

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

1. None at this time.

Exemption Class #6: Construction or replacement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities.

1. Plaques, sculptures, statutes, and other artwork.
2. Trash enclosures.

Exemption Class #7: Interior alterations involving things such as partitions, plumbing and electrical conveyances.

1. Reconstruct interior offices for staff.
2. Reconstruct interior meeting spaces for conventions.
3. Reconstruct interior electrical lines in meeting spaces for conventions.

Exemption Class #8: Demolition of structures, except those structures located on any historic site (as designated in the national register or Hawaii register as provided for in

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the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, P.L. 89-665, 16 U.S.C. § 470, as amended, or Ch. 6E, HRS).

1. None at this time.

Exemption Class #9: *Zoning variances except shoreline setback variances.*

1. None at this time.

Exemption Class #10: *Continuing administrative activities including, but not limited to, purchase of supplies and personnel-related actions.*

1. Purchase and repair motor vehicles.
2. Purchase of office supplies.
3. Purchase of maintenance supplies.

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