



## HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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TO: 1. HCDA-Maintained Public Files for Chapter 343 HRS Exemption Determinations  
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FROM: Craig K. Nakamoto, Executive Director, HCDA

SUBJECT: Exemption Notice for Grant of Non-Exclusive Easement for a Portion of Pohukaina Street (TMK: [1] 2-1-051:040)

DATE: October 23, 2024

### AGENCY OR APPLICANT ACTION

Check applicable box

- This exempted action is an agency action as defined by Section 343-5(b), Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), and Section 11-200.1-8, Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR)
- This exempted action is an applicant action as defined by Section 343-5(e), HRS, and Section 11-200.1-9, HAR

### EXEMPTION TYPE

- The Exemption Notice for the action described below is based on the general types enumerated in Section 11-200.1-15(c), Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR), Exemption Type **8, Continuing administrative activities.**
- As applicable, the exemption for the action described below is also supported by the Exemption List for the [name of agency], reviewed and concurred to by the Environmental Council on [date of concurrence].
- Exemption List Class \_\_\_\_.
  - Item Number \_\_\_\_.
  - Applicable language from the exemption list:

### DESCRIPTION OF ACTION

Proposing Agency or Applicant: Hawaii Community Development Authority  
Project Name & Address/Location: Grant of Non-Exclusive Easement for a Portion of Pohukaina Street (TMK: [1] 2-1-051:040), Kaka'ako, Honolulu, HI 96813  
Anticipated Start Date: 10/23/2024  
Anticipated End Date: N/A

Island and District: O‘ahu, Honolulu

Tax Map Key(s) and other geolocation means: [1] 2-1-051: 040

All Necessary Permits and Approvals:

### **NARRATIVE**

Describe the action and why it qualifies for the exemption: The HCDA is granting a non-exclusive and perpetual easement to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) for an easement area, approximately 7,000 square feet in size, that abuts and runs parallel to the northeast (mauka) portion of Pohukaina Street between Coral Street and Keawe Street. The easement will allow the HHFDC to use, operate, maintain, and repair one or more public road accesses and to access, enter, and cross in, over, under and across the easement area. At the same time, it will not change public use of Pohukaina Street. Granting of such easements is consistent with the duties of the HCDA as owner and manager of land assets within the Kakaako Community Development District and where this power is authorized by HRS 206E-4(17).

### **RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT**

Describe the site, including any impacts on the receiving environment: The HCDA-owned easement area is a strip that lies between the City-owned portion of Pohukaina Street and public and private parcels on the mauka side of the roadway. Therefore, a portion of the easement is used as a public road. This stretch of Pohukaina Street fronts a commercial building currently occupied by Fisher Hawaii office products store and the dog park section of Mother Waldron Park. Pohukaina Street is a two-way local street with one travel lane in each direction and on-street metered parking on both sides. Other facilities on the mauka side road include a concrete sidewalk, planting strip with canopy trees, and streetlights.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

I have considered the potential effects of the proposed project and all related activities against the criteria checked below:

	Not Applicable
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Zoning Conformance	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic (Vehicles, Bicycles, Pedestrian)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure (Roads, Buildings, Utilities)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality Pollutant Emissions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Noise Emissions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Solid, Hazardous, and Liquid Waste Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Social	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Beach Access	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources and Practices	<input type="checkbox"/>

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Visual/Aesthetic                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Justice                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rare, Threatened, and/or Endangered Species | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surface and Ground Water Resources          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Floodplains                                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Riparian/Coastal Resources                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Comments/summary of impact analysis:

- The grant of easement notwithstanding, the agreement provides for access to current and future development on parcels adjacent to the easement area.
- Vehicular roadway operations and capacity will not be affected by the easement. Similarly, no change is expected in pedestrian and bicycle access through the easement area.
- There are no natural, historic, or cultural resources on or surrounding the easement area. The grant of easement will not harm Native Hawaiian traditional or customary practices.

**MITIGATION**

Describe all mitigation measures and best management practices planned to address impacts during the project activities and after project completion: This action is not anticipated to have effects warranting mitigation.

**CONSULTATION**

The following parties have been consulted about this declaration exemption:

**EXEMPT DECLARATION**

The direct, cumulative, and potential impacts of the action described above have been considered pursuant to Chapter 343, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes and Chapter 11-200.1, Hawai‘i Administrative Rules. I declare that the action described above will have minimal or no significant impact on the environment and is therefore exempt from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment.

*Craig Nakamoto*

10/24/2024

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Signature of Director or Delegate

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Date

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