



RESOLUTION

URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO AMEND THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO ALLOW CERTAIN OWNERS TO POST A NON-BRONZE PLAQUE ON DEDICATED HISTORIC RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES.

WHEREAS, on October 12, 1982, Ordinance 82-42 (codified as Section 8-10.22 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu) was approved and established that an owner of historic residential property may dedicate the owner's property and the dedicated property is exempt from real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 1985, the administration approved rules to implement the dedication; and

WHEREAS, Section 4-16-5 of the rules stated that the owner of the dedicated property must place and maintain a sign or plaque, but, the section did not specify the composition of the sign or plaque; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2011, Ordinance 11-7 was enacted by the Council, which among other things, required the plaque for the dedicated property to be approved by the Budget and Fiscal Services Director and the State Historic Preservation Officer and be subject to requirements detailed in the director's rules; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2011, the administration amended Section 4-16-5 of the administrative rules and, more than 28 years after the dedication was established, required that the owner of dedicated historic residential property must place and maintain a conspicuous 10 inch by 14 inch solid cast bronze plaque on the property; and

WHEREAS, prior to the adoption of the revised rules, many residential properties have been granted the dedication and the sign or plaque on many of these properties are not bronze; and

WHEREAS, in comparison to plaques made out of other material, bronze plaques are very expensive and, because of increase in the scrap price for bronze, are subject to theft; and

WHEREAS, it is unduly burdensome for owners to impose the bronze plaque requirement on owners who obtained the dedication prior to the adoption of the bronze plaque requirement in the revised rules; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the administration is urged to amend the administrative rules to allow owners who received the historic residential property dedication prior to September 25, 2011 to post a non-bronze plaque; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services.

INTRODUCED BY:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers