



A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO THE TAXATION OF REAL PROPERTY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the provisions of ROH Chapter 8 with respect to horse boarding and stabling.

SECTION 2. Section 8-7.3, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, as amended ("Dedication of lands for agricultural use"), is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) As used in this section:

"Agricultural use" means the active, commercial, and primary use of land for aquaculture, crop production, livestock production [and], grazing of animals used in livestock production[.], and horse boarding and stabling.

"Agricultural products" include such products as livestock byproducts and plants for food, fiber, or energy; flowers and foliage; tree farms; aquatic animals and plants; bees and related natural byproducts; biomass; nuts; and seeds.

"Horse boarding and stabling" means the sheltering, care, feeding, and riding of horses as an income-producing business. All portions of land on which horses are boarded, cared for, fed, and ridden for intended income shall deemed utilized for horse boarding and stabling and eligible for dedication under this section.

"Land use change" means for land dedicated for a specific agricultural use either (i) a change in the state land use classification from agricultural to urban or rural district, (ii) a change in the county zoning from agricultural, preservation or country district, or (iii) a subdivision of the land dedicated for a specific agricultural use into parcels of five acres or less, which change or subdivision is initiated or authorized by the owner.

"Land use change cancellation" means a written notice of cancellation, filed by the owner with the director, due to a land use change whereby the land dedicated for a specific agricultural use or a portion thereof is no longer being maintained as agricultural land. The notice shall specify the nature of the land use change, the acreage and location of the land removed from the dedication, and the acreage and location of the dedicated land remaining, if any. Upon receipt of the notice, the dedication shall be cancelled or amended, as the case may be, and the land affected by the land use change shall be subject to rollback tax and penalty as calculated in subsection m(1) or



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(2) herein. Such cancellation shall be effective on the next July 1st which is at least nine months after the filing.

“Livestock production” means raising of cattle, sheep, swine, goats and poultry for food or in the production of food.

“Maintain as agricultural land” means that the land dedicated for a specific agricultural use shall remain in substantial and continuous agricultural use throughout the dedication period, unless the owner files with the director a land use change cancellation.

“Owner” or “property owner” means the fee simple owner of the real property provided that for government-owned real property, “owner” or “property owner” means a lessee of the land where the lease allows the specific agricultural use.

“Residential homesite area” means that portion of the parcel, which is zoned agricultural and used for residential purposes, including land upon which the house is located and the land designated to be the yard space. A residential homesite area cannot be dedicated for agricultural use.

“Revenue-generating” means producing income from the agricultural uses of the property.

“Substantial and continuous agricultural use” means no less than 75 percent of the area of the subject land, but excluding the area of unusable land, is in active, continuous and revenue-generating agricultural use throughout the subject time period. For lands dedicated for a period of five years or 10 years, substantial and continuous agricultural use shall include necessary and customary fallowing periods.

“Tree farm property” and “tree farm” mean land classified as tree farm property under HRS Chapter 186.

“Unusable land” means that portion of the lands dedicated for a specific agricultural use that the director determines to be unsuitable for the dedicated agricultural use.”

SECTION 3. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed. New ordinance material is underscored. When revising, compiling or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the revisor of ordinances need not include the brackets, the bracketed material or the underscoring.



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SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and shall apply to the tax years beginning July 1, 2013 and thereafter.

INTRODUCED BY:

Y. H. Arakawa

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

PETER B. CARLISLE, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu