



RESOLUTION

INITIATING AMENDMENTS TO THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU 1973, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the council believes that agriculture is an important component of the economy and culture of the state and the city and merits greater attention in policy making and implementation; and

WHEREAS, the task force convened by Resolution 04-218, CD1, FD1, to recommend long-term solutions to the problems related to the real property taxation of agricultural land determined that, in addition to the need for alternative agricultural property taxation, there exists a need for a more comprehensive approach, including reviewing the land use ordinance for impediments to development of agricultural lands or unnecessary requirements; and

WHEREAS, the council, by Resolution 04-288, CD1, established an Agricultural Development Task Force to advise the council on ways to foster the growth and enhancement of agricultural activities on Oahu; and

WHEREAS, the council extended the term of the task force by Resolutions 05-407 and 07-052; and

WHEREAS, the task force meetings have considered a variety of issues and the council has found the meetings productive; and

WHEREAS, the council finds that the agriculture industry is of such importance to the city that a permanent advisory body should be established by the Revised Charter to advise the council on matters relating to agricultural development; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu:

1. That it propose, and it is hereby proposed, that the following question be placed on the 2008 general election ballot:

“Shall the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu be amended to create an Agricultural Development Commission to advise the council on matters relating to agricultural development?”



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2. That it propose and it is hereby proposed, that Article III, Chapter 1, Revised Charter of Honolulu 1973, as amended, be amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

“Section 3-123. Agricultural Development Commission –

1. There shall be an independent agricultural development commission consisting of seven members, who shall serve for staggered terms of five years and until their successors have been appointed and qualified. The initial appointments shall commence no later than six months after the effective date of this section and the initial terms shall be as follows:

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| (a) | <u>Two members, one appointed by the mayor and one appointed by the council</u> | <u>Two years</u> |
| (b) | <u>Two members, one appointed by the mayor and one appointed by the council</u> | <u>Three years</u> |
| (c) | <u>Two members, one appointed by the mayor and one appointed by the council</u> | <u>Four years</u> |
| (d) | <u>One member appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council</u> | <u>Five years</u> |

Each succeeding appointment shall be for a term ending five years from the date of the expiration of the term for which the predecessor had been appointed. The commission shall elect a chair from among its members and the commission shall act by a majority vote of its membership. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as for an original appointment.

2. The commission shall advise and make recommendations to the council on ways to support and enhance the agricultural industry in the city, including but not limited to:

- (a) Revisions to the zoning ordinances and maps to reflect changes in agricultural practices and to preserve agricultural lands for agricultural purposes;



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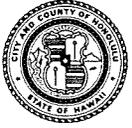
- (b) Reevaluating infrastructure requirements within agricultural areas;
- (c) Examining the agricultural tax rate;
- (d) Developing incentives to benefit and enhance the agricultural industry.

3. The commission shall establish its rules of procedure and may adopt rules and regulations pursuant to law.

4. The commission shall employ consultants and staff as is necessary to assist it in the performance of its duties subject to the provision of appropriations therefor.

5. The members of the agricultural development commission shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including travel expense necessary for the performance of their duties."

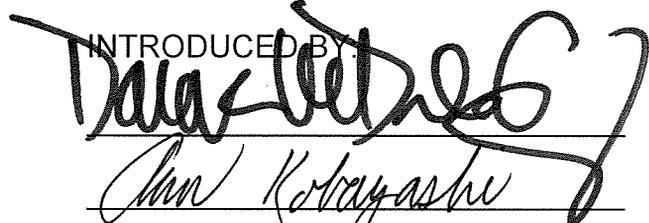
- 3. New charter material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing these charter provisions for inclusion in the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973, as amended, the revisor of the charter need not include the underscoring.
- 4. If these charter provisions are amended by any other charter amendment approved by the electors in the 2008 general election, the revisor of the charter, in revising, compiling or printing the charter: (1) May designate or redesignate articles, chapters, sections or parts of sections, and rearrange references thereto; and (2) Shall, except as otherwise expressly provided in this resolution or in the other resolution(s) amending these charter provisions, give effect, to the extent possible, to all of the amendments approved. The revisor of the charter may also change capitalization or the form of numbers and monetary sums for the sake of uniformity.
- 5. That the City Clerk be and is hereby directed:
 - A. To prepare the necessary ballots with the question contained in this resolution and with spaces for "yes" and "no" votes on the question for presentation to the electors at the 2008 general election. The City Clerk may make technical and non-substantive changes to the form of the



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question presented in order to conform it to the form of other charter amendment questions presented to the electors at the same election; and

- B. To publish the above-proposed charter amendments at length in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the City and County of Honolulu at least 45 days prior to their submission to the electors at the 2008 general election.
- 6. That upon approval of the charter amendment question posed in the resolution by a majority of the electors voting thereon, as duly certified, the charter amendments proposed in this resolution shall take effect.

INTRODUCED BY

 Dan Kobayashi

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JAN 10 2008
 Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2008.

 MUFU HANNEMANN, Mayor
 City and County of Honolulu

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 JAN 10 2008
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