



A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS.

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this ordinance is to defray some of the cost of staffing neighborhood board meetings by authorizing the city to charge a fee for entities requesting multiple appearances on the same neighborhood board's agenda.

SECTION 2. Chapter 2, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, ("Executive Agencies—Additional Powers, Duties and Functions") is amended by adding a new article to be appropriately designated by the revisor of ordinances and to read as follows:

**"Article \_\_. Neighborhood Boards**

**Sec. 2-\_\_1 Neighborhood board charge.**

(a) As used in this section:

"Calendar year" refers to the period beginning on January 1st and ending on the immediately following December 31st.

"Non-city entity" means any private organization or business or any department or agency of the state or federal government, and excludes any city officer, employee, department or agency. For purposes of this definition, the office of each state or federal legislator shall be deemed a separate entity.

(b) Any non-city entity that has been placed on or had an item placed on the agenda of the same neighborhood board three times in a calendar year at its request shall be requested by the neighborhood commission to pay a charge of \$250. Proceeds from the neighborhood board charge received under this section shall be deposited into the general fund to be used to defray the cost of staffing neighborhood board meetings and transcribing the board minutes.

(c) The commission shall notify the city clerk that a request has been made to a non-city entity for payment of the charge. The non-city entity may refuse to pay the charge. The city clerk shall post the names of all non-city entities who fail to pay the charge within 45 days of the request for payment on the city's legislative branch web page.



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- (d) Any request by any officer, employee or agent of a private organization or business or of a state or federal department or agency to be placed on or have an item placed on a neighborhood board agenda shall be attributed to the applicable private organization or business or applicable federal or state department or agency. Different agenda items appearing on a neighborhood board's agenda shall be aggregated for purposes of subsection (b) so long as they appeared at the request of the same entity.
- (e) The neighborhood commission shall work with the neighborhood boards to determine, to the extent possible, for each item listed on a neighborhood board agenda, whether the item was listed on the agenda due to a request subject to subsection (b), and, if so, to which non-city entity the item is attributable. The neighborhood commission shall also provide the city clerk with the names of the non-city entities who have refused to pay the voluntary charge.
- (f) Subsection (b) shall not apply to any appearance or request that is required to be made by city ordinance."



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SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2010.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

APR 28 2009

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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MUFI HANNEMANN, Mayor  
City and County of Honolulu