
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
TO PASS AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING PLANS AND PERMITS FOR ALL
LARGE RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS BE IN
COMPLIANCE WITH SMART GROWTH PRINCIPLES.

1 WHEREAS, there is a growing concern that current
2 development patterns in communities across the nation are
3 detrimental to the well-being of our cities, existing suburbs,
4 small towns, rural communities, and wilderness areas; and
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6 WHEREAS, the urban sprawl that has spread throughout the
7 country is the result of the abandonment of infrastructure in
8 the city for new building projects beyond the city limits; and
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10 WHEREAS, though communities are supportive of growth,
11 demographic shifts, increased fiscal concerns, and strong
12 environmental ethic are pushing the demand for smart growth; and
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14 WHEREAS, smart growth invests time, attention, and
15 resources in restoring communities and vitality to city centers
16 and older suburbs, and emphasizes centralization in towns,
17 transit and pedestrian methods of transportation, and a greater
18 mix of housing, commercial, and retail uses, while preserving
19 open space and emphasizing environmentally-friendly practices;
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22 WHEREAS, the following principles touch on the various
23 aspects of planning and development that are involved in smart
24 growth:
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- 26 (1) Create a range of housing opportunities and choices;
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28 (2) Create walkable neighborhoods;
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30 (3) Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration;



- 1 (4) Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a
- 2 strong sense of place;
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- 4 (5) Make development decisions predictable, fair, and
- 5 cost-effective;
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- 7 (6) Mix land uses;
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- 9 (7) Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty, and
- 10 critical environmental areas;
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- 12 (8) Provide a variety of transportation choices;
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- 14 (9) Strengthen and direct development towards existing
- 15 communities; and
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- 17 (10) Take advantage of compact building design;
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19 now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the

22 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular

23 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the City Council of

24 the City and County of Honolulu is requested to pass an

25 ordinance requiring plans and permits for all large residential

26 or commercial developments be in compliance with smart growth

27 principles; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this

30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City

31 and County of Honolulu, Chair of the City Council of the City

32 and County of Honolulu, and Director of the City and County of

33 Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting.

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OFFERED BY:

The 'OFFERED BY:' section contains several handwritten signatures. On the left, there are three signatures, with the bottom one clearly reading 'Karen Awana'. In the center, there are two signatures, one of which appears to be 'Tom De'. On the right, there are three signatures, with the top one appearing to be 'Shum & Shum', the middle one 'Crisley Evans', and the bottom one 'J. H. Karaman'. The signatures are written in black ink over a white background.