

THE ROH ONLINE

The ROH webpage is updated as ordinances are enacted by the City Council. It can be viewed at: www.honolulu.gov/ocs/roh.

What's online?

- Full text of the ROH
- List of recently enacted ordinances
- Tables of Disposition
- ROH Subject Index
- Appendices & Traffic Schedules

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Questions

If you have any questions about the ROH website or notice any errors, please email roh.info@honolulu.gov.

Language Access Assistance

For translation assistance, please contact directly the City agency or department that is responsible for implementing the program.

DISCLAIMER

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WHERE TO FIND THE ROH

Official Version – Hardcopy

Hawaii State Public Library
478 S. King Street, Honolulu, HI 96813
(808) 586-3500

Hawaii Supreme Court Library
Ali'iolani Hale, Room 115
417 S. King Street, Honolulu, HI 96813
(808) 539-4964

Municipal Reference Center (*by appointment*)
558 S. King Street, Honolulu, HI 96813
(808) 768-3765

Purchase

American Legal Publishing Corp.
www.amlegal.com or 1-800-445-5588

Online Reference

www.honolulu.gov/ocs/roh

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

Honolulu City Council

<http://www.honolulu.gov/council>

Legislation

<http://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/View/Collection-193>

USER GUIDE

REVISED ORDINANCES OF HONOLULU (ROH)



2016 EDITION



ABOUT THE ROH

The Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (“ROH”) is a compilation of all general and permanent laws enacted by the City and County of Honolulu (“City”).

The first ordinance code compilation for the City was completed in 1923. Subsequently, the code has been revised and reorganized (“recodified”) several times. The most recent recodification occurred in 1990. As such, the current edition of the code is referenced as the “ROH 1990, as amended”.

Since 1990, the City’s Office of Council Services (“OCS”) has served as its revisor of ordinances.

THE OFFICIAL ROH

The **official version** of the ROH is printed in hardcopy and published as a four-volume set. The official version of the ROH is available at:

- The Hawaii State Public Library
- The Hawaii Supreme Court Library
- The Municipal Reference Center

When referring to the ROH, references should always be made to the official print version.

Supplements

Amendments, additions, and other changes to the ROH are incorporated by semi-annual loose-leaf supplements that are compiled by OCS, issued by the publisher, and inserted into printed volumes.

Publisher

Official copies of the ROH and supplements may be purchased from the American Legal Publishing Corporation (www.amlegal.com).

ORGANIZATION OF THE ROH

The ROH is divided into chapters that are generally organized around broad subject headings such as:

- Traffic Code, Chapter 15;
- Building Code, Chapter 16; and
- Regulated Activities, Chapter 41.

Within each chapter, there are articles that are organized around subtopics. Each article contains sections that outline the specifics of the article.

The numbering of a chapter, article and section generally reads as three parts. For example, *Section 41-21.2*, is explained as:

- the chapter number is “41”
- the article number is “21”
- the section number is “2”

Legislative History

At the end of each section, legislative history notes are included in parentheses. The history identifies the specific source of the provisions found in that section. Amendments enacted after 1991 are included by ordinance number.

Land Use & Zoning

Historically, land use and zoning items receive special care in the ROH. For starters, the Land Use Ordinance (Chapter 21, ROH) adheres to a different numbering system for its sections (multiples of 10). Details about zoning ordinances and maps as well as information about adopted resolutions for Special Area Use Permits and Plan Review Use approvals, are all included in the appendices.

Appendices

Several appendices are a part of the ROH. For instance, appended to Chapter 14, Public Works Infrastructure Requirements Including Fees and Services, is Appendix 14-A which lists enacted improvement district ordinances.

Tables & Lists

The ROH includes tables that provide users with additional legislative and code information. The *Ordinance List and Disposition Table*, details information on all ordinances enacted by the City Council and, if applicable, the effect of each on the ROH.

The *Prior Code Cross Reference Table*, details the current disposition of sections originally found in the 1978 and 1987 editions of the ROH.

Special Uncodified Ordinances

All codified ordinances are incorporated into the body of the ROH. In contrast, uncodified ordinances are not made a part of ROH. Special uncodified ordinances are often laws of limited duration. Examples of uncodified ordinances include the annual budget ordinances. However, all ordinances enacted by the City Council, including special uncodified ordinances, are detailed in the *Ordinance List and Table of Disposition*, which is included in the ROH.

Industry Codes & Traffic Schedules

Statewide, national and international codes, such as the *International Building Code*, *State Fire Code*, and *State Traffic Code* and certain City traffic schedules are incorporated into the ROH by reference only. Industry codes may be viewed at the State Library.