



RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO EASE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SUBMETERS BY RESIDENTIAL SEWER USERS.

WHEREAS, residential sewer users in the city are assessed a sewer service charge consisting of a monthly base charge and a monthly usage charge; and

WHEREAS, the monthly usage charge includes a charge per 1,000 gallons of metered water consumed over an initial 2,000 gallons, including an 18 percent water irrigation factor credit to reflect that water used for purposes such as irrigation and washing vehicles is not discharged into the sewer system; and

WHEREAS, ROH Section 14-6.4A provides that residential sewer users may, upon request to and approval of the Director of Environmental Services, be permitted to install and maintain, at the user's expense, a water meter for submetering nonsewer water; and

WHEREAS, in such cases, the sewer user shall not have the water consumed reduced by the 18 percent water irrigation factor, but instead the sewer service charge shall be based in part on the amount of water actually discharged to the public sewer utilizing submeter readings; and

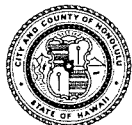
WHEREAS, the city's requirements for the installation of a submeter currently include, among other things, the issuance of a building permit and the approval of plans certified by a licensed civil or mechanical engineer or an architect; and

WHEREAS, such requirements may be onerous for the homeowner who desires to install a submeter; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that submetering benefits both residential sewer users by allowing them to exercise control over their sewer usage charge and the community at large by promoting water conservation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the city administration is urged to ease requirements for the installation of submeters by residential sewer users; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that measures considered by the city administration for such easing shall include replacing the requirements for a building permit and plans certified by a licensed civil or mechanical engineer or an architect with a requirement that the submeter be installed by a licensed plumber; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the city administration shall, if deemed necessary, propose legislation to the Council to facilitate such easing; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of Environmental Services, the Director of Planning and Permitting, and Chairman of the Board of Water Supply.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

OCT 25 2011
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers