

**Comprehensive Exemption List for the
County of Hawaii, Department of Parks and Recreation
as Reviewed and Concurred by the Environmental Council on
August 8, 2001**

Pursuant to Section 11-200-8(a), Hawaii Administrative Rules, the following types of actions shall generally be declared exempt by the Department of Parks and Recreation from requirements regarding preparation of an environmental assessment. This exemption list was reviewed and concurred by the Environmental Council on August 8, 2001.

As stipulated by Section 11-200-8(b), Hawaii Administrative rules, if an exempt action is proposed in a particularly sensitive environment or if successive exempt actions could have a cumulative significant impact, the exempt status of the action would be invalid. Environmentally sensitive areas include, flood plains, wetlands, beaches and coastal areas, erosion-prone areas, geologically hazardous land, historic sites and resources, burial sites, critical habitats and estuaries.

Exemption Class #1:

Operations, repairs, or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing.

1. Reroofing or roofing
2. Painting of existing buildings
3. Resurfacing and repairing of existing pavements including, but not limited to, driveways, parking lots, walkways, and bikeways
4. Fencing, curbing, walls, and gates
5. Retaining walls
6. Equipment including, but not limited to, pumps; motors; electrical transformers; cabinets, panels, and vaults; power, light, and telephone pole systems; irrigation controllers; telephone stations; and lifts provided for handicapped accessibility
7. Operation of initial or continuing recreational programs consistent with established park use (for example, summer fun programs, sports leagues, concert series)
8. Subdivision/consolidation of public park lands and their transfer between the City and State for continuing park use
9. Acquisition, but not improvement, of improved property for park use, and minor subdivision and consolidation of parcels necessary for acquisition of property for park use
10. Essential utilities, including, but not limited to, wastewater systems, drainage systems, water systems, electrical systems, communication systems, and irrigation systems
11. Landscaping
12. Clearing and grubbing
13. Play courts
14. Ballfields
15. All appurtenant equipment and facilities for all outdoor sports including, but not limited to, soccer, football, volleyball, sand volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball
16. Bleachers
17. Play court practice walls
18. Ornamental and swimming pools
19. Community gardens
20. Accessible ramps and handrails
21. Litter containers
22. Trash enclosures
23. Trash compactors
24. Play equipment
25. Bike racks
26. Benches and picnic tables
27. Outdoor showers

28. Fitness exercise stations
29. Charcoal disposals
30. Arbors
31. Planter boxes
32. Pedestrian bridges in park areas
33. Maintenance/storage sheds
34. Visitor information kiosks
35. Drinking fountains
36. Hose bibs
37. Guard shacks
38. Scorekeeper booths and scoreboards
39. Phone booths
40. Bollards and vehicular access barriers
41. Steps and stairways
42. Water tanks developed to serve park needs
43. Signs and posts
44. Skating rinks and related facilities
45. Security lighting of park grounds, structures, and parking lots
46. Lighting of ballfields
47. Lighting of play courts
48. Ball barriers
49. Batting cages
50. Sidewalks, pathways, equestrian trails, bike paths
51. Ponds

Exemption Class #2:

Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located generally on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose, capacity, density, height, and dimensions as the structure replaced.

1. Park structures including, but not limited to pavilions, shelters, canoe halau, recreation buildings, multi—purpose buildings, clubhouses, education buildings, gymnasiums, ball field dugouts, trellises or pergolas, lifeguard stations, comfort stations, bathhouses, concession stands, administration buildings, bandstands, storage and operations buildings, equipment sheds, tent platforms, viewing platforms, security and information booths, and caretaker residences
2. Pavements including, but not limited to, driveways, parking lots, walkways, and bikeways
3. Fencing, curbing, walls, and gates
4. Retaining walls
5. Equipment including, but not limited to, pumps; motors; electrical transformers, cabinets, panels, and vaults; power, light, and telephone pole systems; irrigation controllers; telephone stations; and lifts provided for handicapped accessibility
6. Essential utilities, including, but not limited to, wastewater systems, drainage systems, water systems, electrical systems, communication systems and irrigation systems
7. Landscaping
8. Clearing, grading, and grubbing
9. Play courts
10. Ballfields
11. All appurtenant equipment and facilities for all outdoor sports including, but not limited to, soccer, football, volleyball, sand volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball
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Exemption Class #3:

Construction and location of single, new, small facilities or structures and the alteration and modification of the same and installation of new, small, equipment and facilities and the alteration and modification of same, including, but not limited to: (A) Single-family residences less than 3,500 square feet not in conjunction with the building of two or more such units; (B) Multi-unit structures designed for not more than four dwelling units if not in conjunction with the building of two or more such structures; (C) Stores, offices, and restaurants designed for total occupant load of 20 persons or less per structure, if not in conjunction with the building of two or more such structures; and (D) Water, sewage, electrical, gas, telephone, and other essential public utility services extensions to serve such structures or facilities; accessory or appurtenant structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences; and, acquisition of utility easements.

1. Fencing, curbing, walls, and gates
2. Extensions, modifications, or additions to existing buildings less than 2000 square feet
3. Essential utilities, including, but not limited to, wastewater systems, drainage systems, water systems, electrical systems, communication systems, and irrigation systems
4. Construction of new pavements including, but not limited to, driveways, parking lots, walkways, and bikeways of 5,000 square feet or less
5. Retaining walls, except within the shoreline area or the state conservation district
6. Equipment installations including, but not limited to, pumps; motors; electrical transformers, cabinets, panels, and vaults; power, light, and telephone pole systems; irrigation controllers; telephone stations; and lifts provided for handicapped accessibility
7. Comfort facilities in existing parks
8. Benches and picnic tables
9. Play equipment
10. Bike racks

11. Litter containers
12. Trash enclosures
13. Arbors
14. Planter boxes
15. Pedestrian bridges in park areas
16. Outdoor showers
17. Maintenance/storage sheds
18. Visitor information kiosks
19. Drinking fountains
20. Water tanks developed to serve park needs of 15,000 gallons or less
21. Bleachers
22. Acquisition of utility easements on other properties for park use
23. Landscaping
24. Clearing, grading, and grubbing of one acre or less
25. Play courts
26. Play court practice walls
27. Community gardens
28. Accessible ramps and handrails
29. Trash compactors
30. Fitness exercise stations
31. Charcoal disposals
32. Hose bibs
33. Guard shacks
34. Scorekeeper booths and scoreboards
35. Phone booths
36. Bollards and vehicular access barriers
37. Steps and stairways
38. Signs and posts
39. Security lighting of park grounds, structures, and parking lots
40. Ball barriers not to exceed 40' or maximum height limits of zoning code
41. Batting cages not to exceed 40' or maximum height limits of zoning code
42. Sidewalks, pathways, equestrian trails, bike paths not greater than 10,000 lineal feet

Exemption Class #4:

Minor alterations in the conditions of land, water, or vegetation.

1. Landscaping within existing parks (i.e., trees, shrubs, grass, ground covers, and community gardening planting)
2. Clearing, grubbing, or grading within existing parks of one acre or less

Exemption Class #5:

Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

1. Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities necessary within existing parks which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource including, but not limited to, archaeological or environmental surveys, reconnaissance, testing, data recovery, topographical, bathymetrical, or boundary surveys.

Exemption Class #6:

Construction or placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities.

1. Retaining walls, except in shoreline areas or the state conservation district

2. Plaques, sculptures, and statues
3. Trash enclosures
4. Benches and picnic tables
5. Play equipment
6. Bike racks
7. Arbors
8. Planter boxes
9. Pedestrian bridges in park areas
10. Outdoor showers
11. Maintenance/storage sheds
12. Visitor information kiosks of 2,000 square feet or less
13. Play court practice walls
14. Accessible ramps and handrails
15. Trash compactors
16. Fitness exercise stations
17. Bollards and vehicular access barriers
18. Steps and stairways
19. Guard shacks
20. Scorekeeper booths and scoreboards
21. Phone booths
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23. Ball barriers not to exceed 40' or maximum height limits of zoning code
24. Batting cages not to exceed 40' or maximum height limits of zoning code
25. Sidewalks, pathways, equestrian trails, bike paths not greater than 10,000 lineal feet

Exemption Class #7:

Interior alterations involving things such as partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances.

1. Interior alterations and renovations to park buildings including, but not limited to, partitions, doors, counters, cabinets, shelving, plumbing, and electrical conveyances

Exemption Class #8:

Demolition of structures, except those structures located on any historic site as designated in the national register or Hawaii register as provided for in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Public Law 89—665, 16 U.S.C. §470, as amended, or Chapter 6E, HRS.

1. Demolition of park structures, except those structures located on any historic site

Exemption Class #9:

Zoning variances except shoreline setback variances.

1. Zoning variances of park properties except shoreline setback variances

Exemption Class #10:

Continuing administrative activities including, but not limited to purchase of supplies and personnel-related actions.

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