



RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING AS A CITY POLICY THAT NEWLY-PAVED ROADWAYS ARE SUBJECT TO A TWO-YEAR MORATORIUM ON ROAD CUTTING AND TRENCHING.

WHEREAS, one of the most frequent complaints voiced by Honolulu residents deals with newly-repaved roads that are dug up shortly thereafter for utility or other construction work beneath the roadways; and

WHEREAS, the substance of these concerns focuses on the following factors:

- The wasteful cost to taxpayers of repaving trenches dug in newly-repaved roadways,
- The effect on road quality and traffic of digging up and repaving roadways time and time again, and
- The reduced public confidence and trust in government operations, services, and efficiency;

and

WHEREAS, it is the Council's understanding that a one-year moratorium on road cutting and trenching newly-repaved roadways was established by the City Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the current one-year moratorium has proven insufficient and that a two-year moratorium could appropriately motivate other utilities, government agencies and organizations to participate more actively in roadwork coordination, resulting not only in greater and enhanced coordination between the private and public sectors, but also in financial savings by decreasing the amount of taxpayer dollars currently squandered whenever a newly-repaved roadway is dug up and repaved again; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it hereby establishes a new City policy that newly-repaved roadways are subject to a two-year moratorium on road cutting and trenching; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the current moratorium exceptions, including exceptions for emergency work and residential sewer lateral line connections, continue to be available and applicable to the expanded moratorium period; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and the Managing Director.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JUL 16 2014
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers