

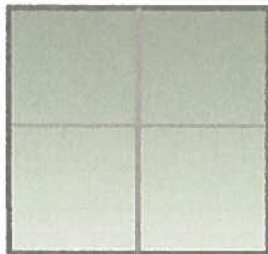
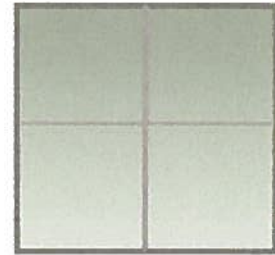


Building Permits

Assistance available in each county

In Hawaii, though each county regulates building permits differently, one common thread exists; the regulations are meant to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the general public.

All counties require building permits to erect, construct, demolish, alter, remove, or demolish any building structure (including fences, retaining walls and swimming pools). They are also required for any electrical or plumbing work, and to construct or alter any sidewalk, curb or driveway in public rights of way (Language taken from Do You Need A Building Permit? Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting, July 2010). Maui, Hawaii and Kauai have similar language to Oahu with all requirements stipulated in each county's Revised Ordinances. Furthermore, each county typically uses the "International Building Code" as published by the International Code Council, Inc., 500 New Jersey Avenue, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20001 as a reference point. Each county regulates and administrates their building permit processes differently. However, it is state law that any electrical or plumbing must not only be permitted but also done by a licensed electrical or plumbing contractor.



Each county has adopted online processes for residents to submit their Building Permit Applications. Depending on the complexity of work, the application must be accompanied with: fees, sets of plans, architect's or surveyor's seal, and on Maui, a copy of the recorded deed if the property ownership is not already filed with the County of Maui's Real Property Tax Division or a notarized letter of authorization from the current fee owner. Also, depending on the nature of work, further review may be required by other agencies such as Building, Water, Health, Fire, Planning, Engineering and Waste Water, to name a few. Each county asks for a different number of plans and costs vary, as well.

When contemplating the need for a building permit, start at your respective building division. Understand ahead of time it can be a time consuming process depending on the nature of work. Take time to review each county's website and ordinances as needed and then make contact with the building division. **Once the work is done and final inspection is completed by the building inspector, it is highly recommended that you get written confirmation or proof that the permit is closed.** Open building permits and obtaining after-the-fact permits are a serious issue and will be both timely and expensive to manage.

Each county has their own website to provide the public assistance in applying, obtaining and researching building permits.

Below are contact information for each county Building Divisions.

City and County of Honolulu

Department of Planning & Permitting
650 S. King St.
Honolulu, HI 96813
Fax: (808) 768-6743
email: info@honoluluodpp.org

<http://www.honoluluodpp.org/Applications/Forms/BuildingPermits.aspx>

County of Maui

Building Permit Office
250 S. High St.
Wailuku, HI 96793
Ph: (808) 270-7250
Fax:(808) 270-7972

<http://www.co.maui.hi.us/index.aspx?nid=1208>

County of Hawaii

EAST HAWAII:

Aupuni Center, 101 Pauahi Street, Suite 7
Hilo, HI 96720
Ph: (808) 961-8331
Fax: (808) 961-8410

WEST HAWAII:

74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Highway
Bldg E, 1st Floor
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
Ph: (808) 323-4720
Fax: (808) 327-3509

Email: cohbuild@co.hawaii.hi.us

<http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/public-works-building>

County of Kauai

Call (808) 241-4050

or visit the Planning Department's website at
<http://www.kauai.gov/planning>

Department of Public Works

Building Division

4444 Rice Street, Suite 175

Lihue, Hawaii 96766-1340

Ph: (808) 241-4854

Fax: (808) 241-6806

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<http://www.kauai.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=363>

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