

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Land Division
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

PSF#23OD-010

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Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit to Hawaii Explosives & Pyrotechnics, Inc. for Private Event Aerial Fireworks Display at Duke Kahanamoku Beach on March 28, 2023, Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 2-3-037: portion of 021.

APPLICANT:

Hawaii Explosives & Pyrotechnics, Inc., a Hawaii profit corporation.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Section 171-55, Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”), as amended.

LOCATION:

Portion of Government lands situated at Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu, identified by Tax Map Key: (1) 2-3-037: portion of 021, as shown on **Exhibit A**.

AREA:

500 square feet, more or less for Staging area, and a safety zone with a radius of approximately 235 feet (173,494 sq. ft.) around the firing site.

ZONING:

State Land Use District: Conservation
City and County of Honolulu LUO: Public Precinct

TRUST LAND STATUS:

Section 5(a) lands of the Hawaii Admission Act
DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution: No

CURRENT USE STATUS:

Requested area is vacant and unencumbered.

CHARACTER OF USE:

Set up and conducting aerial fireworks display.

TERM:

Between 12:00 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

RENTAL:

One-time payment of \$550. See Remarks Section for breakdown of costs.

COLLATERAL SECURITY DEPOSIT:

\$2,500.00

CHAPTER 343 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 11-200.1-15 and -16 and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources reviewed and concurred on by the Environmental Council on November 10, 2020, the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to General Exemption Type 1, that states, "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," Part 1, Item 44, that states the "Permits, licenses, registrations, and rights-of entry issued by the Department that are routine in nature, involving negligible impacts beyond that previously existing". The subject request will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and should be declared exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment and the requirements of § 11-200.1-17, HAR **(Exhibit C)**.

DCCA VERIFICATION:

Place of business registration confirmed:	YES <u> x </u>	NO <u> </u>
Registered business name confirmed:	YES <u> x </u>	NO <u> </u>
Applicant in good standing confirmed:	YES <u> x </u>	NO <u> </u>

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

Applicant will be required to post a deposit of \$2,500 to ensure timely clean-up after the event described above. Payment shall be made in the form of a certified check payable to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. The deposit may be held by the Department for up to seven (7) days after the scheduled fireworks event, and if not forfeited under the conditions discussed below, will be returned to the Applicant.

REMARKS:

Hawaii Explosives & Pyrotechnics, Inc. ("HE") is requesting the issuance of a right-of-entry permit for the setup and firing of aerial fireworks display at Duke Kahanamoku Beach on March 28, 2023 for a private event being hosted at the adjacent Hilton Hawaiian Village at a venue near the Duke Kahanamoku Beach. HE originally asked for the Duke Kahanamoku Lagoon as the launch site, but the client had to change the venue for their function which necessitated a change in the launch location as the original area was not situated to view the fireworks display. The public will be able to enjoy the private event show, provided they remain outside of the safety zone during the event.

The setup and firing of the aerial fireworks display for the event will include the staging area, consisting of 500 square feet. The public will start to be cleared of the safety zone from 4:00 p.m. to secure the area. A small truck will be used to carry the pyrotechnics and equipment to the launch site and will remain in position during the launch and post display procedures. The safety Zone will reopen approximately 30 minutes after the display has concluded. The areas are shown on the map (**Exhibit A**). According to HE, the approximate firing time is between 8:10 p.m. to no later than 9:00 p.m., and the show will last for about four (4) minutes.

HE explained for safety, containment, and aesthetic reasons, the fireworks are positioned so they fire in a spread from vertically to towards the ocean. The prevailing wind in Hawaii is from the Northeast as trade winds. At Duke Kahanamoku Beach, the wind blows generally from the Rainbow Tower towards the landward side of the break wall, parallel to the beach. If the wind conditions during the show shift substantially in a direction that could present a risk to spectators and/or property, they may modify the trajectory of the fireworks or even suspend or cancel the display. HE utilizes spotters along the perimeter of the safety zone to ensure that debris are contained within the zone. If the spotters observe debris landing outside of this zone, they may suspend or cancel firing. HE uses the observation of the spotters to concentrate cleaning efforts post-display. HE does not limit cleanup procedures only to these areas but also inspects and cleans the beach, water and lagoon areas both

immediately after the display as well as early the next morning. It is their experience that this process removes almost all of the debris generated by their operations. **Exhibit B** illustrates the area where HE typically concentrates cleaning efforts.

Staff is recommending a charge of \$500 be imposed to cover the exclusive use of the safety zone as shown on Exhibit A. The total cost for this right-of-entry, which includes the staging area of \$50, will be \$550.

HE will be required to comply with the standard terms and conditions for rights-of-entry for fireworks displays including, without limitation, submission to the Department of satisfactory evidence of post-event clean-up, consisting of: (i) date-stamped photographs of the premises taken during the daytime on the day of the event and on the day immediately following the event; (ii) a certification regarding the clean-up of the premises in the form used for these types of events completed by HE; and (iii) a certification regarding the clean-up of the premises in the form used for these types of events completed by the property owner or operator who contracted for the event, or who accommodated guests who contracted for the event.

Applicant has not had a lease, permit, easement, or other disposition of State lands terminated within the past five years due to non-compliance with such terms and conditions. Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands has no comments on the subject request and concurs with the proposed exemption from preparation of an environmental assessment. There are no pertinent issues or concerns.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:

1. Declare that, after considering the potential effects of the proposed disposition as provided by Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200.1-15 and -16, HAR, this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.
2. Authorize the issuance of a right-of-entry permit to Hawaii Explosives & Pyrotechnics, Inc. covering the subject area for aerial fireworks display purposes under the terms and conditions cited above, which are by this reference incorporated herein and further subject to the following:
 - A. The standard terms and conditions of the most current right-of-entry permit form for aerial firework displays, as may be amended from time to time; and

- B. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.

Respectfully Submitted,



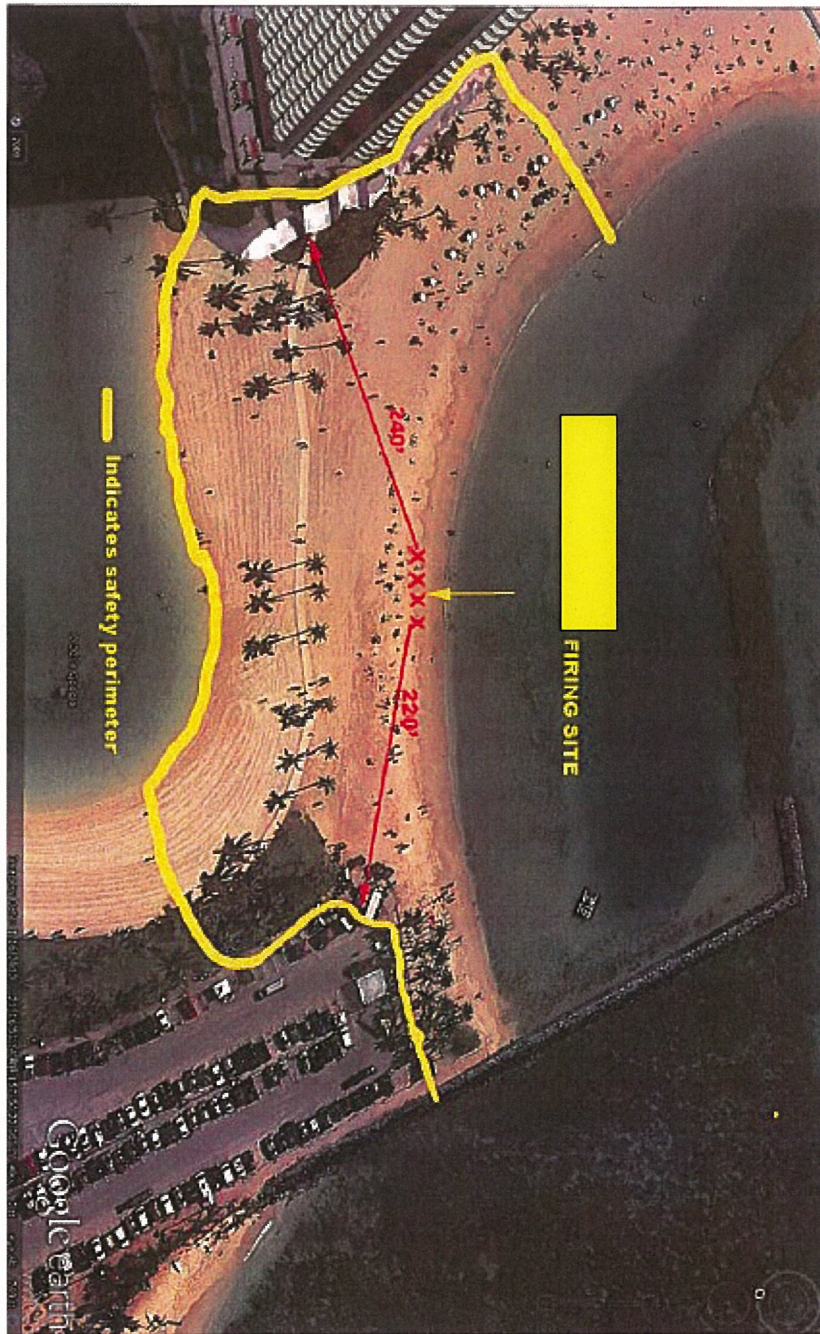
Darlene Bryant-Takamatsu
Land Agent

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



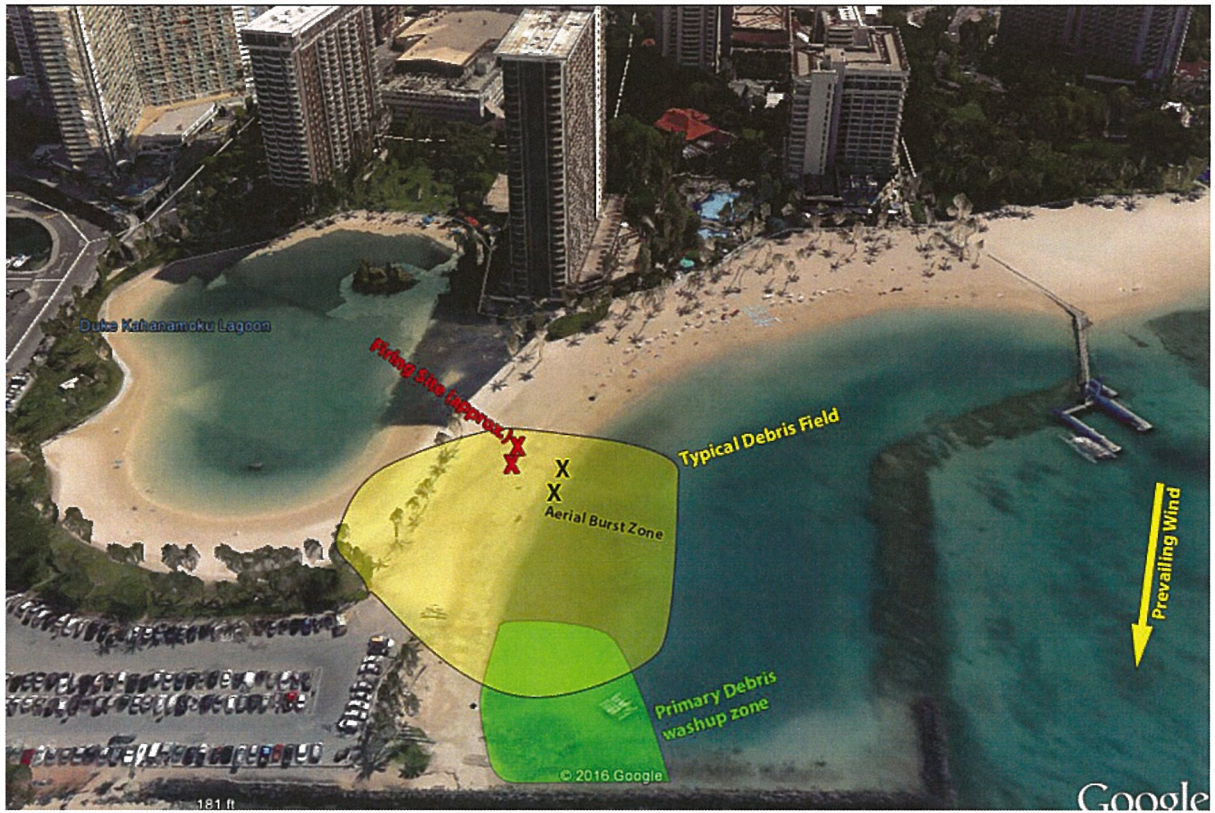
Dawn N. S. Chang, Chairperson





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Exhibit A



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Exhibit B

EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION

Regarding the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Chapter 343, HRS and Chapter 11-200.1-15, HAR

Project Title: Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit to Hawaii Explosives & Pyrotechnics, Inc. for Aerial Fireworks Display on March 28, 2023, at Duke Kahanamoku Beach.

Reference No.: PSF#23OD-010

Project Locations: Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 2-3-037: portion of 021.

Project Description: Aerial Fireworks Display.

Chap. 343 Trigger(s): Use of State Land

Exemption Class No.: In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 11-200.1-15 and -16 and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources reviewed and concurred on by the Environmental Council on November 10, 2020, the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to General Exemption Type 1, that states, "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," Part 1, Item 44, that states the "Permits, licenses, registrations, and rights-of entry issued by the Department that are routine in nature, involving negligible impacts beyond that previously existing". The subject request will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environmental and should be declared exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment and the requirements of § 11-200.1-17, HAR.

Cumulative Impact of Planned Successive Actions in Same Place Significant?

No, similar events occur at the same location from time to time. However, based on the multiple environmental clean-ups conducted after each display, to remove debris from the lagoon area, staff believes that there would be no significant cumulative impact.

Action May Have Significant Impact on Particularly Sensitive Environment?

The requested area is a portion of State beach visited by tourists and residents, and is heavily impacted by human activity. Public access across the requested area is maintained by the Hilton Hawaiian Village staff. In addition, based on the

Exhibit C

analysis below, staff believes there would be no significant impact to sensitive environmental or ecological receptors.

Consulted Parties: Consulted with Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands.

Analysis: The Board has permitted similar events in the past. The proposed activity is of a similar type and scope of beach activities that periodically occurred and continues to occur on this and other beach areas across the State. Such activities have resulted in no known significant impacts, whether immediate or cumulative, to the natural, environmental and/or cultural resources in the area. Staff also believes that the request would involve negligible or no expansion or change in use of the subject area beyond that previously existing.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board find that this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is presumed to be exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.