

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

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Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit to Waikiki Beach Chaplaincy, Inc. for Sunday Church Services Purposes at Duke Kahanamoku Beach and Fort DeRussy Beach on Every Sunday from June 1, 2026, to May 31, 2027, on Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu; Tax Map Key: (1) 2-3-037: portions of 021 and Fort DeRussy Beach.

APPLICANT:

Waikiki Beach Chaplaincy, Inc. a Hawaii Nonprofit Corporation

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Sections 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: portions of 021 and Fort DeRussy Beach.

AREA:

3,000 square feet, more or less, to accommodate a 30-foot by 100-foot tent.

ZONING:

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

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 unencumbered and open to public beach access.

CHARACTER OF USE:

Sunday Church services purposes.

TERM OF RIGHT-OF-ENTRY:

Upon the acceptance of the terms and conditions, the requested right-of-entry permit shall be effective between 07:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Every Sunday from June 1, 2026, to May 31, 2027.

For their annual, Easter Sunday event only, Applicant is authorized to set up beginning at 10:00 PM on Saturday, March 27, 2027, and use the area through 12:00 PM on Sunday, March 28, 2027, Easter Sunday.

CONSIDERATION:

Gratis. Non-profit entity.

CHAPTER 343 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) § 11-200.1-15; 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: which applies to “Operations, repairs or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment, or topographical features, involving minor expansion or minor change of use beyond that previously existing.”

Part 1, item 44: that states “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 has resulted in no known significant impact, whether immediate or cumulative, to the natural, environmental and/or cultural resources in the area. Staff recommends that the Board find the Applicant request will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and should be declared exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

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>

REMARKS:

The requested area spans over Duke Kahanamoku Beach and Fort DeRussy Beach which are under management jurisdiction of Land Division and the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR), respectively. The Applicant is required to secure an appropriate permit from DOBOR for any portion of the DOBOR-managed area that will be used as part of its church services.

The subject location will include a 30-foot by 100-foot tent placed on both Duke Kahanamoku Beach and Fort DeRussy Beach. Seating will be provided for attendees of the services. The services will utilize an amplified sound system for the duration of the event. Immediately upon conclusion of the event, the Applicant will cease all amplified sound, remove all tents and seating, and clean and restore the area to its original beach conditions.

As the Applicant has indicated the use of an amplified sound system needed during the event, staff notes that pursuant to §13-221-13 (b), Hawaii Administrative Rules, pertaining to Audio devices:

“No person shall operate or use public address systems, whether fixed, portable, or vehicle mounted, on land, water, or roadways within the premises except when the use or operation is in connection with public gatherings or special events for which permits have been issued by the board or its authorized representative.”

Therefore, the Board may consider, as a condition of the requested right-of-entry permit, authorizing the use of an amplified sound system.

The right-of-entry permit is for non-commercial activity only, and the Applicant is not permitted to sell merchandise of any description, solicit or collect donations, or conduct any other commercial activity under the right-of-entry permit. Additionally, Applicant is solely responsible for sourcing utilities for its events at its sole cost and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

The Department has not received any complaints from the public or other parties regarding the Applicant's utilization of State land covered by the previous right-of-entry, and the Applicant provided the required insurance to the division. Staff considers the Applicant to be in compliance regarding the terms and conditions of the previous right-of-entry permit.

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.

Therefore, Staff is recommending the issuance of the requested right-of-entry permit subject to the conditions noted in the Recommendation section.

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, 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 Waikiki Beach Chaplaincy, Inc. covering the subject area, including the use of an amplified sound system, 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, as may be amended from time to time;
 - B. The terms and conditions required by the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation;
 - C. This right-of-entry permit is for non-commercial activities only. Applicant is not permitted to sell merchandise of any description, collect donations, or conduct any other commercial activity under the right-of-entry permit. Additionally, Applicant is solely responsible for sourcing utilities for its events at its sole cost and in compliance with all applicable laws; and
 - D. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.

Respectfully Submitted,

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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

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