



The Kauai Board of REALTORS® Monthly April 2020

CORONAVIRUS (“COVID-19”) AMENDMENT/ADDENDUM issued on March 27, 2020 by the [Hawaii Association of REALTORS®](#)

Similar to the 2008 Financial Crisis when the industry responded to the financial crisis with addenda that related directly to the emergency, the Hawaii Association of REALTORS® Board of Directors convened an emergency meeting on March 27, 2020 to review and approve a new CORONAVIRUS (“COVID-19”) AMENDMENT/ADDENDUM. The Board of Directors also issued an advisory letter. Principal Brokers and Brokers-In-Charge will advise their licensees when and if it is appropriate for agents to use the form. View the form in ZipForm.

[National Association of REALTORS® Offers Assistance](#)

The National Association of Realtors has tirelessly provided all members with guidance on managing their business during these unprecedented times: In addition, NAR made certain that the “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act” or the “CARES Act” addressed the needs of small business and Independent Contractors.

Mayor Kawakami’s Proclamation and Rules – How These Impact Real Estate Licensees

On March 4, 2020, Mayor Kawakami issued an [Emergency Proclamation](#) with very clear intentions to restrict all but truly necessary movement. This quote is from the first page: “The Mayor incorporates the Governor’s Rules with the over-arching goal of limiting as much movement as possible on island with four (4) goals in mind concerning essential activities:

- A. OBTAINING NECESSARY SUPPLIES AND SERVICES for family or household members and pets, such as groceries, food, and supplies for household consumption and use, supplies and equipment needed to work from home, and products necessary to maintain safety, sanitation and essential maintenance of the home or residence.
- B. ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES ESSENTIAL FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY of family, household members and pets, including things such as seeking medical or behavioral health or emergency services and obtaining medical supplies or medication.
- C. CARING FOR A family, friends or pet in another household or residence, and to transport a family member, friend or their pet or essential health and safety activities, and to obtain necessary supplies and services.
- D. ENGAGING IN OUTDOOR EXERCISE ACTIVITIES such as walking, hiking, surfing, running or biking, but only if appropriate social distancing practices are used.

By March 24, 2020 Mayor Kawakami issued a series of Emergency Rules Nos. 1-5. [Emergency Rule No. 5](#) specifically addressing real estate in section 19 “LOCAL” RULES WITH RESPECT TO THIRD SUPPLEMENTARY PROCLAMATION PART 1.A:

The Mayor’s Emergency Rule No. 5 was then again amended on March 25, 2020, and March 31, 2020. The March 31, 2020 rule further clarifies restrictions. Note that all of those who support our industry are impacted. Become familiar with these restrictions.

Real estate licensees are cautioned that the police department is enforcing a Shelter In Place order. Many people who have been out working are now on the Kauai Police Department's radar (i.e. Landscapers on properties). The Emergency Rules are in place to protect the people of Hawaii. Agents should check with their Principal Broker on their policies and procedures. The policies should clearly define the process. Again, the higher rule prevails in this situation. Note the County's Rule #5. If an agent is required to do "essential" work for health and safety, he/she will need a letter from their Principal Broker/Broker-In-Charge on the office letter head stating that he/she is providing Essential Work. We all need to practice safety and good health.

Note that any licensee who is caught in violation is subject to penalty of no more than \$5,000 or imprisoned for up to 1 year or both. Please consider your actions, particularly in a license renewal year.

[KPD Answers FAQs Regarding Stay-At-Home Order](#)

UH Elicits Residents Help with COVID-19 Tracking: [HAWAII COVID-19 CONTACT TRACING QUESTIONNAIRE](#)

[Schatz Releases Coronavirus Federal Resource Guide To Help Hawai'i Small Businesses Access New Funding, Programs](#)

[Hawaii Information Service - First Quarter Kauai Real Estate Market Data](#)

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[Mayor Kawakami's COVID-19 Daily Update](#)

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