

## **ATTACHMENT J**

**City and County of Honolulu Grading Ordinance Letter of Agreement**  
*(Item 7.2.15c of SWPPP)*

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Mr. Henry Eng, Director  
Department of Planning and Permitting  
City and County of Honolulu  
650 South King Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Eng:

Subject: Request for Non-Applicability of Detailed Plan Review for State Department of  
Transportation Highways (HDOT) projects

We request for the City & County of Honolulu's (City) continued concurrence that a detailed plan review is not required for projects submitted for grading permits. In 1986, the City and HDOT agreed that a detailed plan review was not required provided that HDOT submits with the grading permit application, "a statement certifying that the work has been reviewed and found in substantial compliance with the City's Grading Ordinance."

The rationale for the previous agreement was that during project development by HDOT, our design process already covers the intent of the City's grading ordinance and is in compliance with current State and Federal requirements. Thus another level of review by a different government agency would be a duplication of effort.

HDOT will continue to submit grading permits as required by Chapter 14, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu. Approved plan sheets will be furnished with the permit application.

HDOT is responsible to correct any deficiencies in erosion and sediment control, both during construction and post construction, and our field construction personnel are required to monitor, control and enforce erosion control procedures and Best Management Practices.

If agreeable, this request supersedes the City's letter 14-0415 dated May 27, 1986 and DOT's letter HWY-DD 2.90019 dated May 13, 1986. We look forward for a favorable consideration to this request to enable a cost and time efficient means to deliver transportation projects to Oahu's motorists.

Very truly yours,



BRENNON T. MORIOKA, Ph.D., P.E.  
Director of Transportation

Enclosures

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cc: HWY-D, -DD, -DS, -DH, -DB, -DL, -T, -L

ATTACHMENT A

**TYPICAL PROJECTS NOT REQUIRING GRADING PERMITS**  
**(for DOT's use only to determine non-applicability)**

	Project Type	Typical Scope of Work
1	Pavement Preservation and Maintenance (PPM)	Application of chip seal, slurry seal, cold plane and replace up to 1-1/2 inches of asphalt.
2	Road Resurfacing	Cut and replace asphalt, place more than 1-1/2 inches of asphalt, ultra thin white topping
3	Road Rehabilitation	Demolition and replacement of PCC, removal and repair and replacement of entire pavement section including PCC or AC and underlying pavement structure materials.
4	Electrical, water, sewer, drainage, communication or other utility installation or relocations	Trenching, removal and/or installation of conduits or pipes, trench backfill, and patching.
5	Traffic Signal Modernization and/or Installation	Trenching, installation of electrical and communication conduits, backfill, patching, replacement of traffic signal hardware, installation of poles & mast arms, augering and placement of concrete foundations, placement of small concrete pads for electrical equipment.
6	Lighting Improvements	Trenching, installation of electrical conduits, backfill, patching, augering and placement of concrete light foundations, placement of small concrete pads for electrical transformers and equipment.
7	Guardrail and Shoulder Improvements	Excavation for shoulder pavement section, install concrete sidewalks and wheel chair ramps, guardrails and end treatments, relocating street lights, grading to "shape" shoulder areas.
8	Intersection Improvements	Installation of pavement structures & sidewalks; minor grading and/or shaping; sometimes installation of traffic signal facilities and installation of electrical and communication conduits.
9	Landscape Improvements	Installation of trees, shrubs, irrigation facilities and other architectural features.
10	Retaining Walls or Sound Walls	Excavation and backfill for footings and walls.
11	Rockfall Protection	Installation of anchors, restraining or containment mesh, restraining or energy absorbing fencing. Slope scaling and removal of boulders.
12	Drainage Improvements	Trenching and replacement of drainage pipes, installation of catchment, inlet or outlet structures, installation of AC or concrete berms or curbs, installation of concrete gutters. Earth or lined ditches and/or swales.

**Exclusions (Section 14, Article 13.5, ROH)**

1. *Excavation* which does not alter the general drainage pattern with respect to abutting properties, which does not exceed 50 cubic yards of materials on any one site, and does not exceed three feet in vertical height at its deepest point; **provided that the cut meets the cut slopes and distance from property lines requirement in Section 14-15.1, ROH (attachment D).**
2. *Fill* which does not alter the general drainage pattern with respect to abutting properties, which does not exceed 50 cubic yards of materials on any one site, and does not exceed three feet in vertical height at its deepest point; **provided that the cut meets the cut slopes and distance from property lines requirement in Section 14-15.1, ROH.**
3. Grubbing that does not alter the general drainage pattern with respect to abutting properties and does not exceed a total of 15,000 square feet.