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## Buildings on Kauai



In early February, my friend Patti came to visit me from Santa Barbara. We spent one week on the island of Oahu, spending most of our time in Honolulu and Waikiki.

I've lived on the smaller Hawaiian island of Kauai now for over five years. The biggest difference that immediately struck me in Honolulu was the massive number of huge high-rise buildings. They are everywhere!

Here on Kauai, our "skyline" is completely different. By law, no building on Kauai can be taller than a palm tree. This means that our tallest buildings are four stories!

This is a photo of my 3-story condo. I have all 3 floors of this "tower." So, my home is one of the taller buildings on Kauai! You can see that it is just a tiny bit taller than the palm trees next to it. But these trees are shorter than many others on the island.

Another part of the Kauai law states that "no multiple family buildings, hotel or motel, shall be more than ten feet higher than any residential building located within thirty feet of the building."

I LOVE living on an island where there are no skyscrapers!

