THE CHARTER OF INCORPORATION OF THE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF HONOLULU

On August 31, 1850 King Kamehameha III declared Honolulu to be a city and the capital of his kingdom, and six weeks later, on October 15, 1850, a group of merchants signed the constitution establishing the Chamber of Commerce.

Over the years the Charter of Incorporation has been amended from time to time as occasions required. The Charter attached is now the Chamber's official "Charter in Perpetuity." The most recent amendments were approved by the Chamber membership on November 15, 1962.

The bound historical copies of the Chamber's Articles of Incorporation start with the year 1871; this Charter is entirely hand-written in the official form. The Charter was amended in 1883, 1914, and 1950. The Charter of 1914 had a legal life of 50 years, so its effective date was May 27, 1964; the "Charter in Perpetuity" permanently replaces the 1914 Charter.