



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#16-0182

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: July 12, 2016

TITLE: Ordinance Amending Airport Rules and Regulations (Chapter 7 of the
Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Airport Rules and Regulations, to ensure the safe operation of Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) and the John Fuhrer Downtown Helistop.

Background

The Airport Rules and Regulations became effective in 1993 and should be updated to reflect changes around the FXE and the Helistop and within the aviation industry that relate to safety and security.

The fundamental purpose of the Airport Rules and Regulations is to promote, protect, and improve the health, safety, and general welfare of FXE's tenants and its users. With the addition of new state and federal regulations, and revisions to Advisory Circulars regarding the operation of general aviation airports, it is necessary to develop and implement the new standards accordingly.

Notable modifications include:

- Requiring domesticated animals entering the Airport to be restrained and ensuring wild animals are caged. Restricting the feeding, hunting, trapping or killing of animals.
- Added procedures for accessing, using, and operating at the John Fuhrer Downtown Helistop.
- Added procedures for gate card use and vehicle ramp permit requirements.
- Implementing procedures for Commercial Aviation Operators, Independent Operators, and Through the Fence Operators accessing the Airport.
- Requiring aircraft painting processes to be performed in approved facilities and in compliance with local, state, federal health and safety regulation.

- Providing requirements for aircraft cleaning and the use of biodegradable cleaning solvents.
- Providing requirements for parties, rallies, social gatherings and events.
- Restricting helicopter landings at other than established airports unless authorized by City Commission and City Manager.
- Prohibiting seaplane landings on any body of water within the corporate limits of the City.
- Providing requirements for vehicles accessing the restricted area of the Airport through any gates, vehicle escorting procedures, and ramp permit driving guidelines.
- Providing procedures for aircraft accidents and disabled aircraft removal.
- Providing requirements for all based aircraft to register with the Airport Manager's office and include insurance and aircraft registration information.
- Restricting the use of the Airport for activities associated with parachute landings, operations of gliders, ultralight aircraft, hot air balloons, experimental aircraft test flights, unmanned aerial vehicles, and model airplanes.
- Limiting the transportation of radioactive cargo or hazardous materials as established in 49 Code of Federal Regulations.
- Providing a fee structure for failing to move an aircraft from the Movement Area, which obstructs the continuous operation of aircraft onto a runway, or taxiway, taxi-lane.

A draft copy of the proposed revisions of the Airport Rules and Regulations was provided to prime tenants for review and comments. There were minimal responses with suggestions relating to specific verbiage addressing storage of non-aviation equipment and parking of aircraft in un-authorized locations.

This item was reviewed and unanimously approved by the Aviation Advisory Board at its meeting on January 28, 2016.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Business Development Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 7: Be a well-positioned City within the global economic and tourism markets of the South Florida region, leveraging our airports, port, and rail connections.
- Objective 4: Deliver best-in-class regional general aviation airport amenities and services to domestic and international stakeholders.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Prosperous*

Attachment

Exhibit 1 –Ordinance

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