

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 06/22/21

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 21-0452

LOG NAME: 55REVISION TO RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR AVIATION

SUBJECT

(CD 2, CD 6, and CD 7) Authorize the Adoption of the Attached Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Article II, Department of Aviation and Aviation Advisory Board, and Article VII, Fort Worth Alliance Airport Access, of the Code of the City of Fort Worth to Reflect Changes to the Frequency of Regularly Scheduled Meetings From Monthly to Quarterly for the Aviation Advisory Board, as Well as Update Provisions Related to Airport Access at Fort Worth Alliance Airport

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached ordinance repealing and restating Chapter 3, Article II, Department of Aviation and Aviation Advisory Board, and Article VII, Fort Worth Alliance Airport Access, of the Code of the City of Fort Worth to reflect changes to the frequency of regularly scheduled meetings, from Monthly to Quarterly, for the Aviation Advisory Board, as well as update provisions related to airport access at Fort Worth Alliance Airport.

DISCUSSION:

Chapter 3 of The Code of The City of Fort Worth (Airport Rules and Regulations) is the guiding document used to govern and ensure compliance with the rules and regulations relating to Fort Worth Meacham International, Spinks, and Alliance Airports. It also ensures the safety and security of these airports.

The City Council last approved an update to Airport Rules and Regulations in 2017. The Aviation Department's new proposed changes to the Airport Rules and Regulations includes revisions to existing provisions related to the frequency of regularly scheduled meetings for the Aviation Advisory Board, as well as updates to provisions related to airport access at Alliance Airport to accurately reflect current practices.

Section 3-23 – Meetings

Change “regular monthly meetings” to “regular scheduled quarterly meetings” each year to establish a minimum and properly align with current scheduling procedures.

Section 3-281 – Definitions (OFF-AIRPORT USER)

Change the Definitions of the following:

1. Affiliate – This definition will be deleted.
2. Off-Airport User – Now will more clearly define an off-airport user as either a large or small aircraft user.
3. Large Aircraft User – Now includes an owner or user of an off-airport parcel that also owns or operates directly, or uses through contract, aircraft that weigh over 80,000 pounds.
4. Small Aircraft User – Now includes an owner or user of an off-airport parcel who also owns or operates aircraft less than 80,000 pounds.

Section 3-282 – Access Right (paragraphs (a) and (b))

Additional language is being added to make it clear that an access right is irrevocable only as long as all rules and regulations within the article are followed.

Section 3-285 – Access Permit Fee: Landing Fee; Fuel Flowage; Time for Payment; Amount of Fee; Abatement of Fee; Use of Fees by City

This section is being updated to make any changes necessary based on the new definitions listed above and to direct all fees to be prescribed by the City's Schedule of Rates and Charges that are re-evaluated each fiscal year.

A public meeting was held February 4, 2021 to discuss the proposed revisions to the Airport Rules and Regulations, and additional edits were considered. On March 11, 2021, the Aviation Advisory Board approved the recommendation that the City Council adopt an ordinance amending the Airport Rules and Regulations.

The City's airports are located in COUNCIL DISTRICTS 2, 6 and 7.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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