

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 08/26/25

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 25-0798

**LOG NAME:** 55REVISION TO RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR AVIATION

## **SUBJECT**

(CD 2, CD 8, and CD 10) Authorize the Adoption of the Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Article V, Regulations Governing Airports, Division 3, Regulation of Aircraft, Section 3-122(c), of the Code of the City of Fort Worth to Reflect Changes to the Requirements for Lighting of Aircraft while being Towed at Night

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached ordinance repealing and restating Chapter 3, Article V, Regulations Governing Airports, Division 3, Regulation of Aircraft, Section 3-122(c), of the Code of the City of Fort Worth to reflect changes to the requirements for lighting of aircraft while being towed at night.

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## **DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to adopt the attached ordinance repealing and restating Chapter 3, Article V, Regulations Governing Airports, Division 3, Regulation of Aircraft, Section 3-122(c), of the Code of the City of Fort Worth to reflect changes to the requirements for lighting of aircraft while being towed at night.

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 Airport, Spinks Airport, and Perot Field at Alliance Airport. It also ensures the safety and security of these airports.

The City Council last approved an update to Airport Rules and Regulations in 2021. The Aviation Department's new proposed changes to the Airport Rules and Regulations include revisions to existing provisions related to the acceptable ways to adequately light an aircraft while being towed at night. This will allow our provisions to better mirror Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements for the lighting of aircraft being towed at night.

### **Section 3-122 – Aircraft Movement**

Change subsection (c):

from: *“(c) Aircraft lights. All aircraft which are being taxied, towed or otherwise moved at the airport shall have running lights on during the hours of darkness and during periods of reduced visibility.”*

to: *“(c) Every person operating a towing vehicle at night shall operate the equipment with the lights on and ensure that any towed aircraft is either lighted (i.e., all aircraft position lights are on) or clearly illuminated (i.e., external lights are shining onto the aircraft to make it clearly illuminated). Additional means of compliance may be granted with approval from the Aviation Director, if all applicable FAA rules, regulations, policies, and procedures are followed.”*

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

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## **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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