



Airport Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**
FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT **WARD: 3**
SUBJECT: REVIEW PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE –
TITLE 12

ISSUE:

The item for Airport Commission consideration is to review and provide feedback to the proposed modifications to Riverside Municipal Code Title 12 - Airport and Aircraft Regulations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Airport Commission:

1. Provide any recommendations deemed necessary to the current and/or proposed modifications to Riverside Municipal Code Title 12 - Airport and Aircraft Regulations; and
2. Request staff bring forth any specific language recommendations along with a corresponding resolution to the full City Council for discussion.

BACKGROUND:

Riverside Municipal Code (RMC) Title 12 – Airport and Aircraft Regulations provides governance to operations and activities at Riverside Municipal Airport. Chapter 12 of the RMC is regularly reviewed and updated to conform with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations and requirements.

DISCUSSION:

Subject to City Council approval, the proposed modifications to RMC Title 12 - Airport (Airport) and Aircraft Regulations will provide information for pilots and Airport users to maintain safety.

Proposed modifications to Airport and Aircraft Regulations include:

- Add language for entities to host special events at the Airport including the establishment of special event rates, insurance requirements, and safety regulations.
- Update language associated with Unmanned Aircraft Systems, commonly referred to as “drones” and notification requirements to the FAA.
- Update language for motor vehicle operations on the Airport to include parking restrictions, speed limits, and rental car delivery/pickup.
- Update language associated with Airport perimeter gate access to include blocking open a gate and gate card access controls.
- Establish requirements for fire extinguishers in aircraft hangars in compliance with local fire regulations.
- Restrict use of aircraft wash racks for aircraft only.
- Establish rules for departing aircraft to reduce the noise impact on the surrounding community.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 2 *Community Well-Being* and Goal 2.3 – Strengthen neighborhood identities and improve community health and the physical environment through amenities and programs that foster an increased sense of community and enhanced feelings of pride and belonging citywide.

1. **Community Trust** - The Airport builds community trust by regularly reviewing federal guidelines and regulations to ensure operational safety of Riverside Municipal Airport.
2. **Equity** – Riverside Municipal Code – Title 12 ensures equitable access to Airport resources as a public use facility for the promotion and accommodation of civil aviation and associated activities.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – Riverside Municipal Code - Title 12 identifies authorized use of aircraft hangars, business access, and Airport resources. Through establishing regulations, the Airport generates operating revenue to meet operational needs.
4. **Innovation** – Through continued review of Title 12, the Airport ensures FAA compliance to new technologies including drone flights, film permits and changes in the aviation industry.
5. **Sustainability and Resiliency** – The regulations established by Title 12 ensures the Airport operations are conducted in a sustainable manner safeguarding Airport resources and assets.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal action associated with this report.

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Attachment: Existing Riverside Municipal Code, Title 12
Proposed Rules and Regulations