



City Council Report

Date: May 4, 2009
To: City Council
From: Jack Friedline, Deputy City Manager
Natalie Lewis, Assistant to the City Manager
Subject: Proposed Resolution Directing City Manager to Adopt Regulations for the Safe and Efficient Operation of Falcon Field Airport (District 5)

PURPOSE

Review and take action on proposed resolution to provide the City Manager authority to adopt rules and regulations related to the safe and efficient operation of Falcon Field Airport.

BACKGROUND

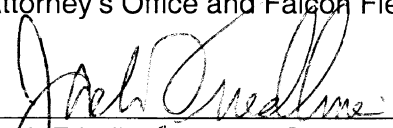
As Falcon Field continues to evolve as a successful and economically sustainable General Aviation Airport, there will be the need to create safety/efficiency-related rules from time to time that may impact and/or be of significant interest to a cross-section of airport stakeholders, including tenants, businesses, community members, Federal Aviation Administration, Council, etc.

This resolution is being presented to formalize Council's authorization that the City Manager, with support from City staff, will be responsible for coordinating the drafting, review, finalization and implementation of these types of rules/regulations. In addition, and as part of the process to draft various proposals, the City will coordinate a stakeholder outreach/input process to ensure public feedback is considered and to demonstrate how that feedback has been incorporated into the final rule(s) recommendation prior to implementation.

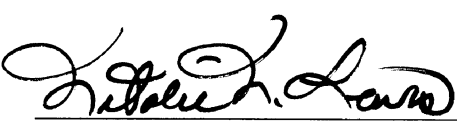
The rules and regulations that would require this more comprehensive process with City Manager involvement are envisioned to go beyond the normal day-to-day airport operations and administration. Those responsibilities will remain within the Airport Director's proper scope of authority.

COORDINATED WITH

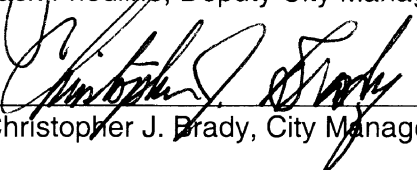
This report has been prepared by the City Manager's Office in coordination with the City Attorney's Office and Falcon Field Airport.



Jack Friedline, Deputy City Manager



Natalie Lewis, Asst. to City Manager



Christopher J. Brady, City Manager

ATTACHMENT: Proposed Resolution

Resolution No. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA
DELEGATING AND DIRECTING CITY MANAGER CHRISTOPHER J.
BRADY TO ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR THE SAFE AND EFFICIENT
OPERATION OF FALCON FIELD AIRPORT**

WHEREAS, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulates many of the nation's airports, including Mesa Falcon Field; and

WHEREAS, FAA rules require that all airports shall adopt and enforce adequate rules and regulations as necessary to ensure the safety and efficiency of flight operations and to protect the public using the airport; and

WHEREAS, FAA rules permit local jurisdictions to adopt rules to encourage uniform and orderly approaches and departures from the airport; and

WHEREAS, FAA rules specifically permit an airport owner, such as the City of Mesa, to adopt rules for safety reasons, that may "restrict or deny use of the airport for student training, ... or for some other purpose deemed incompatible with safety under the local conditions particular to that airport;" and

WHEREAS, residents near Falcon Field have raised safety concerns about student pilots arriving and departing in general as well as after dark, or at other times when the FAA air traffic control tower at Falcon Field is unmanned;

WHEREAS, other reasonable safety and efficiency-related rules or regulations may be required in the future in order to meet the evolving needs of the Airport and its economic sustainability;

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Mesa, Arizona do hereby resolve as follows:

That the Mesa Mayor and Council do hereby delegate and direct the Mesa City Manager Christopher J. Brady or his/her designee, the authority to adopt feasible and appropriate rules, regulations and fees deemed necessary to regulate, implement and enforce safe and efficient operations at Falcon Field.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA,
MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, this ____ day of _____, 2009

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk