

Ranger Municipal Airport Rules and Regulations

Ordinance No. 2008-21-1A

An ordinance providing rules and regulations for the efficient and safe operation of Ranger Municipal Airport (hereinafter referred to as the "Airport"); providing general rules and regulations for use of the Airport; regulating air and ground traffic; regulating the use of aircraft; providing for fire regulations; regulating student training and practice flying; and providing penalties for violations; all as authorized by chapter 22 of the Transportation Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS THAT:

Section 1. Use of Airport Restricted

No person, partnership, firm, association, corporation or entity, incorporated or otherwise, shall use the Airport for any commercial activity, unless approved by the City Commission or the Airport Manager.

Section 2. General Rules and Regulations

The following rules and regulations shall be observed in the use, operation, and conduct of the Airport:

Rule 1. Federal Air Traffic Rules of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for aircraft operated within the United States, and presently or hereafter effective, are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof as though full set forth and incorporated herein.

Rule 2. Safeguard of Persons and Property

The Airport Manager shall at all times have authority to take necessary and legal actions to safeguard any person, aircraft, equipment, or property at the Airport.

Rule 3. Hangars and other buildings or structures owned by the City may be leased to private individuals, companies, or corporations under the direction of the Airport Manager on a monthly or yearly basis for the storage of aircraft and ancillary equipment or to conduct a commercial Fixed Base Operation (FBO), subject to approval by the City Commission and execution of a written lease agreement.

Rule 4. Lease of Airport Property

The City may lease property within the building area or other portions of the

Airport for the construction of hangars, hangar-homes, buildings, lean-tos, aprons, taxiways, and auto parking lots in accordance with an approved Airport Master Plan. Aviation related use must be given priority in the use of all leased or privately owned property, buildings, or structures. If the aviation needs of the airport are sufficiently met, the City Commission may consider authorizing nonaviation use of any portion of the Airport or any building on the Airport on a case by case basis. **Nonaviation equipment includes automobiles, boats, or farm equipment.** Application of such nonaviation use shall be made to the City Commission; the City must request and receive approval from the TxDOT Aviation Division prior to granting authorization for nonaviation use.

A. No leases will be written for a primary period in excess of twenty (20) years, without the written approval of the City Commission.

B. Any privately owned structure or hangar not in use for aviation purposes for a period in excess of ninety (90) days or not available for lease or sublease for aviation purposes, unless so authorized for nonaviation uses by the City Commission, must be removed after due notice to the owner in writing or the City Commission will consider such structures or hangars abandoned and will seek title to such structure or hangar.

C. Leased land, from which any building, hangar, or structure is removed, after due notice or expiration of the lease, will be cleared, cleaned, and put back in its original or acceptable condition.

D. Leased property on the Airport may be subleased by the lessee when so authorized in lease agreement.

E. No hangar or structure may be erected within the building restriction line or in conflict with the approved Airport Layout Plan.

F. All construction must be authorized by the City Commission and must be of a compatible standard capable of withstanding winds of 85 mph, with doors open or closed. Furthermore, all structures must comply with any and all City building codes and applicable airport compatible land use or zoning ordinances.

G. **City-owned hangars shall be used at all times for storage of aircraft and related equipment. Lessees may not store equipment other than aircraft or aircraft-related equipment in the hangar. Hangars that are vacant or used for storage of equipment other than aircraft or aircraft-related equipment for 30 consecutive days or more shall be deemed abandoned by the lessee, and the City may terminate the lease with ten (10) days written notice to the lessee and re-lease the hangar.**

H. **Through the Fence Operations Prohibited**

No private individual, partnership, FBO, company, corporation, or body politic shall be permitted direct ground access to the Airport by their aircraft, customers' aircraft, or private vehicle from property adjacent to or in the immediate vicinity of the Airport. Furthermore, no private individual, partnership, company, corporate, body politic, or customers' aircraft or vehicle shall be permitted direct ground access to property from the Airport – a practice commonly known as a “through the fence operation.” The City Commission may request approval from TxDOT Aviation Division for certain through the fence operations on a case by case basis.

Rule 5. Lien for Charges

To enforce the payment of any charge made for repairs, improvements, storage, or care of any personal property made or furnished by the City or its agents in connection with the operation of the Airport, the City may have a lien upon such personal property, which shall be enforceable as provided by law.

Rule 6. Lien Possessory Right

To enforce the payment of any such charge, the Airport Manager may retain possession of such personal property until all reasonable, customary, and usual compensation has been paid in full.

Rule 7. Unauthorized Signs and Equipment

No signs, nonaeronautical equipment, portable buildings, or trailers may be erected, moved-in, or installed on Airport property, except as may be specifically authorized by the Airport Manager.

Rule 8. Surreptitious Activities

Any person observing suspicious, unauthorized or criminal activities should report such activities immediately to the Airport Manager, local police, officers of the Texas Department of Public Safety, or other police officers.

Rule 9. Wrecked Aircraft

Every aircraft owner, his/her pilot, or agents, shall be responsible for notifying FAA and promptly removing disabled or wrecked aircraft from the operational areas of the Airport, under the direction of the Airport Manager.

Rule 10. Repairs to Aircraft

No aircraft shall be repaired on any part of the landing or takeoff area. All outside repairs shall be made only at places designated by the Airport Manager for such purpose. Any preventative maintenance authorized by FAR Part 43 may be made by the owner or operator of any aircraft, but only within a hangar leased or owned by that aircraft owner or operator or at places designated by the Airport Manager for such purpose.

Rule 11. Agricultural Spraying Operations

Agricultural (Ag) spraying operations will be conducted in accordance with

procedures approved by the Airport Manager and made known to all persons conducting agricultural spraying operations. Said operations shall be conducted only on the designated airport areas, and shall not include careless chemical handling. Chemicals used in agricultural operations shall be dispersed, maintained, and stored and the dispensing area shall be cleaned with all empty chemical containers stored and promptly disposed of in accordance with label directions. Washing of Ag aircraft and flushing of Ag aircraft spray tanks or hoppers will be accomplished in accordance with the standards of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in an area so designated by the Airport Manager. Takeoff and landing procedures in accordance with Section 4, "Takeoff and Landing Rules" contained herein will be observed at all times.

Rule 12. Damage to Airport

Any person, individual, or corporation or the owner of any aircraft causing damage of any kind to the Airport, whether through violation of any of these rules, through vandalism, or any act of negligence, shall be liable therefore in and to the City.

Rule 13. Injury to Person

Persons entering upon the Airport ground side property by automobile, other vehicular conveyance, or pedestrian traffic (does not include persons in aircraft using approved air side facilities) do so at their own risk and with no liability incurring to the City for any injury or damage to person or property. Further, any person desiring to use the Airport shall observe and obey all valid laws, resolutions, orders, rules, and regulations promulgated and enforced by the City or by any other Authority having jurisdiction over the conduct and operation of the Airport.

Rule 14. Registration

Each person owning an aircraft based at the Airport, employed, or receiving instruction at the Airport shall register at the office of the Airport Manager their name, address, telephone number, aircraft model, aircraft registration "N" number, and the name, address, and telephone number of their next of kin or person to be notified in case of an accident or emergency.

Rule 15. Intoxicants and Narcotics Prohibited

No person under the influence of any intoxicant, narcotic, or other illicit drug shall operate or fly in any aircraft to or from the Airport. Such prohibition shall not apply to a passenger under the care of a medical doctor and accompanied by a doctor, nurse, or caretaker.

Rule 16. Foreign Objects

No foreign objects, including bottles, cans, scrap, nuts, bolts, nails, or any object that may cause damage to an aircraft, shall be left upon the floor of any building or upon any part of the surface area of the Airport. Individuals are encouraged to pick up such foreign objects when observed and place them in a

trash receptacle.

Section 3. Ground Operations

Rule 17. Air and Ground Traffic – Vehicular Traffic

All vehicular traffic on the Airport shall be confined to streets, roads, and avenues of passage designated and provided for that purpose and shall not be operated at a speed in excess of 5 miles per hour. Authorized vehicles only will be driven on the landing area. Such vehicles will have a flashing beacon light mounted on the roof of the car or a checkered orange and white flag mounted on the vehicle. An aircraft owner who rents, leases, or owns his/her private hangar may park his/her automobile in that hangar only while on a trip originating from Ranger Airport.

Rule 18. Fueling of Aircraft

A. Aircraft shall not be fueled while the engine is running or while in a hangar or other enclosed place.

B. All aircraft shall be fueled clear of all hangars, other buildings, and aircraft by at least fifty (50) feet.

C. Aviation or auto fuels shall not be stored within a hangar or building except in small quantities and in containers manufactured for such purpose.

D. Persons or businesses wishing to supply or dispense aviation fuel for use in their privately owned aircraft shall not be denied; however, they must meet all requirements the City places on other fuel suppliers, public or private. Private fueling facilities located on leased or private property must be installed and the fuel dispensed in accordance with all rules appertaining to aircraft fueling and fire safety contained herein.

E. Aircraft authorized by the FAA to use auto gas may be privately fueled by the owner in a location designated by the Airport Manager in accordance with all rules appertaining to aircraft fueling and fire safety contained herein.

Rule 19. Tie-down of Aircraft

A. All aircraft not hangared shall be tied down and the wheels chocked at night and during inclement weather.

B. All aircraft owners or their agents are responsible for the tiedown or security of their aircraft at all times and particularly during inclement weather.

Rule 20. Running Aircraft Engines

A. No aircraft engine shall be started or run inside any building or hangar.

B. No engine shall be started, run up, or warmed up until and unless the aircraft is in such position that the propeller stream or jet blast will clear all

buildings, other aircraft, and groups of people.

Rule 21. Taxiing Aircraft

A. No person shall taxi an aircraft until he/she has reasonably ascertained there will be no danger of collision with any person or object in the immediate area.

B. Aircraft will be taxied at a safe and prudent speed and in such manner as to be under the control of the pilot at all times.

C. Aircraft shall not taxi onto the runway from the ramp and taxiway area if there is an aircraft approaching to land or on the ground in takeoff position. Aircraft waiting for another aircraft to take off or land will remain clear of the runway.

D. Aircraft shall not be taxied by engine power into or out of a hangar or T-hangar.

Rule 22. Parking Aircraft

A. All aircraft not hangared shall be parked in the areas designated by the Airport Manager for that purpose.

B. Aircraft shall not be parked in such a manner as to hinder the normal movement of other aircraft and traffic unless specifically authorized by the Airport Manager as an emergency measure.

C. It is the responsibility of the pilot when leaving a parked aircraft unattended to see that the brakes are set and/or it is properly chocked and/or tied down.

Section 4. Takeoff and Landing Rules

Rule 23. Authority to Suspend Operations

The Airport Manager may suspend or restrict any or all operations whenever such action is deemed necessary in the interest of safety.

Rule 24. UNICOM /MULTICOM

All pilots with radio equipped aircraft shall call on the MULTICOM frequency 122.9 to announce their position and intentions for takeoff or landing.

Rule 25. Takeoffs on Apron or Taxiways –

Takeoffs or landings shall not be made on the apron, parking ramp, or taxiway by fixed-wing, rotary-wing, or ultra-light aircraft except by special permission of the Airport Manager.

Rule 26. Takeoffs Allowed

Touch and go landings may be made at the discretion of the pilot. Pilots remaining in the pattern making touch and go landings should broadcast on the MULTICOM frequency 122.9 their pattern turns and their touch and go intentions after turning final. All aircraft shall clear for landing and takeoff traffic before taxiing into takeoff position.

Rule 27. Traffic Pattern Altitude

Traffic pattern elevation at the Airport is 800 feet above ground level (AGL) for all aircraft, which is 2270 feet above mean sea level (MSL)

Rule 28. Student Training and Practice Flying

A. Flight instructors shall inform students and themselves of all rules and regulations in effect at the Airport.

B. Aircraft shall not be permitted to remain on the landing or takeoff areas for the purpose of instruction.

Rule 29. Special Procedures

The Airport Manager may, in the interest of safety, designate special traffic procedures for certain operations, such as helicopters, air shows, agricultural operations, gliders, ultralights, etc. Any such change from standard procedures shall be published in the FAA's Airport/Facility Directory if of a permanent nature or the Airport Manager shall issue a NOTAM if such change is of a temporary nature.

Section 5. Fire Regulations

Rule 30. Applicable Rules

A. Every person going upon or using the Airport or its facilities in any manner shall exercise the greatest care and caution to avoid and prevent fire.

B. Smoking or open flame within fifty (50) feet of any aircraft, fuel tank, fuel pump or fuel truck is prohibited.

C. Compressed flammable gas shall not be kept or stored upon the Airport, except at such place as may be designated by the Airport Manager.

D. No flammable substance shall be used for the cleaning of any aircraft part or other thing inside a hangar, T-hangar, or other building upon the Airport.

E. No one shall smoke or ignite a match or lighter in any building or hangar, except in posted "Designated Smoking Areas" identified by the Airport Manager.

F. Hangar entrances shall be kept clear at all times.

G. The floors in all buildings shall be kept clean and free of oil.

H. No boxes, crates, cans, bottles, paper, tall grass, weeds, unusable airplane parts or wreckage, scrap wood or metal, discarded airplane or automobile tires, trash, or other litter shall be permitted to accumulate in or about a hangar, building, or other leased space. If such trash and litter is permitted to accumulate around a private owned, rented, or leased hangar/building, the Airport Manager shall notify the hangar/building owner, renter or lessee in writing to remove the offending litter. If within ten (10) work days after receipt of the letter the hangar/building owner, renter, or lessee has not removed the trash and litter as directed, the Airport Manager may have the area cleaned and the cost for such cleaning shall be charged to the hangar/building owner, renter, or lessee **and included in the rental payment.** **Failure to pay such cost shall be grounds for termination of the lease pursuant to Section 9.**

I. Prior to the fueling of any aircraft, the aircraft shall be bonded to the fuel pump or hydrant service/fuel truck to equalize the static electrical potential between the fueler and the aircraft.

J. A sufficient number, rating, and size of fire extinguishers shall be available whenever aircraft are being refueled.

K. All aviation fuel nozzles shall have "dead man" controls which will shut off the fuel flow when the nozzle hand control is released. Nozzles with mechanical hold open devices will not be permitted for fueling aircraft.

Section 6. Airport Manager

A. The Airport Manager is authorized to create policies and regulations to implement this Ordinance and to govern the operation of the airport that are not inconsistent with this Ordinance, for the City Commission's consideration and approval. Such policies shall not be effective until approved by the City Commission.

B. Any fees collected by the Airport Manager in the performance of his or her duties for the City shall be deposited within a reasonable time with the City Secretary, but no later than the next business day following the day on which the fee was received.

C. The Airport Manager shall file a quarterly report with the City Secretary reporting the revenues and expenses of the Ranger Municipal Airport.

Section 7. Knowledge of Rules Implied

By publication and adoption of this ordinance, all persons shall be deemed to have knowledge of its contents. However, the Airport Manager is directed to have copies of the ordinance printed and posted where appropriate. Copies shall be available at all times in the Airport office, and copies shall be furnished to all owners and operators of aircraft based at the airport.

Section 8. Conflict of Rules and Regulation

If and where there are conflicts in the rules and regulations prescribed herein and the FAA's Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR), *as amended, which are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part of this Ordinance as though fully set forth and incorporated in this Section,* the latter shall prevail. If and where there exists a conflict between any of the rules or regulations prescribed herein and any other City rules applicable to the same area, the more stringent limitation or requirement shall govern and prevail. The adoption of ordinance number 2007-10-08-01 is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved.

Section 9. Penalty for Violation

A. The Airport Manager may deny use of the Airport for a period not exceeding fifteen (15) days for any person violating or refusing to comply with any of the rules or regulations prescribed herein pending a hearing by the City Commission. Upon such hearing, such person may be deprived of the further use of the Airport and its facilities for a period of time as may appear necessary for the protection of life and property. The Airport Manager or City Commission may request authorized police officers to investigate any suspected violation of these rules.

B. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance or shall fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, within the City limits shall be deemed guilty of an offense. Any person convicted of violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine in an amount not to exceed Two Thousand dollars (\$2000.00). Each day the violation exists shall constitute a separate offense. Such penalty shall be in addition to all the other remedies provided herein.

C. Failure to comply with this Ordinance shall be grounds for termination of any lease of Ranger Municipal Airport facilities, provided that the lessee is given written notice and ten days to come into compliance. If a lease is terminated under this Section, lessee shall surrender the premises to the City, and the lessee shall remain liable for any violation of the lease, this Ordinance, or for damages to the property or back rents owed.

Section 10. Severability

If any of the provisions of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

PASSED AND APPROVED on First Reading this 21 day of January, 2008.

FINALLY PASSED AND APPROVED on this 28 day of January, 2008.

Mayor John Cony
City of Ranger, Texas

Attest: Monica Brown
City Secretary of Ranger, Texas.

Legal Notice

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ALL-GENI AND SAFE OPERATION OF RANGER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "AIRPORT"); PROVIDING GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR USE OF THE AIRPORT; REGULATING AIR AND GROUND TRAFFIC; REGULATING THE USE OF AIRCRAFT; PROVIDING FOR FIRE REGULATIONS; REGULATING STUDENT TRAINING AND PRACTICE FLYING; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; ALL AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 22 OF THE TRANSPORTATION CODE.

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