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**Section 12.04.010 Rules and regulations adopted--Airport Director defined.**

The rules and regulations set out in this title are established and adopted for the use of the Riverside Municipal Airport, referred to in this title as the "airport". All persons using the airport or any facilities thereon in any manner, including the operation of aircraft or motor vehicles, shall obey all applicable rules and regulations herein established or adopted.

"Airport Director" means the Director of the Riverside Municipal Airport or the authorized representative of said Airport Director. (Ord. 5661 § 1, 1988; prior code § 5.1)

**Section 12.04.020 Purposes of airport.**

The Riverside Municipal Airport shall be conducted as a public use facility for the promotion and accommodation of civil aviation and associated activities. (Ord. 6773 § 1, 2004; 5661 § 1, 1988; prior code § 5.2)

**Section 12.04.030 When open for public use.**

The Airport shall be open for public use during all reasonable hours of the day and night, subject to such restrictions due to inclement weather, condition of the landing area, presentation of special events and like causes, as may be determined by the Airport Director. (Ord. 5661 § 1, 1988; prior code § 5.3)

**Section 12.04.040 Flying model aircraft, kites, moored balloons, model rockets, and ultralights at airport.**

No person shall release or fly or cause to be released or flown, within five miles of the airport, any moored balloons, kites, unmanned rocket, or unmanned free balloon which might be ingested by an aircraft engine or might cause a pilot's view of the airport and zone approach to

be obstructed, or which could be used to suspend an object capable of endangering airborne aircraft or impairing a pilot's vision. The provisions of 14 CFR Part 101 relating to moored balloons, kites, unmanned rockets and unmanned free balloons shall be met.

Flying of model aircraft within the Riverside City limits shall conform to the Federal Aviation Administration Advisory Circular 91-57, dated June 9, 1981, or as subsequently amended; and if flown within three miles of the airport, the operator shall first notify the Airport Director.

The operation of ultralight aircraft on the airport shall be permitted only from a site designated by the Airport Director. Ultralight aircraft with an official identification number and a two-way radio shall be controlled as any other heavier-than-air aircraft. The provisions of 14 CFR Part 103 shall strictly apply to all ultralight aircraft operating at the airport, as well as Sections 21012 and 21661 of the Public Utilities Code of the State of California. (Ord. 5661 § 1, 1988; prior code § 5.3-1)

**Section 12.04.050 Special services and facilities.**

Special services may be provided on such terms as the City Council may prescribe from time to time. (Ord. 5661 § 1, 1988; prior code § 5.4)

**Section 12.04.060 Commercial and business activities require permits and licenses.**

No person shall use the airport as a base for the carrying on of commercial and business activities, for the carrying for hire of passengers, freight, express or mail, for instruction in aviation in any of its branches, for the sale of fuels, refreshments or any commodity or service or for any other commercial purpose unless a lease, permit or license to conduct such business on the airport has been granted by the City. All business activity shall conform to the minimum standards established by the City. (Ord. 5661 § 1, 1988; prior code § 5.5)

**Section 12.04.070 Indemnification of City.**

The privilege of using the airport and its facilities shall be conditioned upon the assumption of full responsibility and risk by the user thereof, and such user shall release, hold harmless and indemnify the City, members of the City Council and the Airport Commission, its officers and employees, from any liability or loss resulting from such use, as well as against claims of third persons so using the airport. The exercise of the privilege of use shall constitute an acknowledgment that the City maintains the airport in a governmental capacity. (Ord. 5661 § 1, 1988; prior code § 5.6)

**Section 12.04.080 Advertising and signs.**

No signs, posters or other advertising material shall be posted or distributed on the airport without prior permission of the Airport Director. The granting of such permission by the Airport Director shall not relieve the person posting or distributing such signs, posters or other advertising materials from complying with any other applicable law or ordinance. (Ord. 5661 § 1, 1988; prior code § 5.7)

**Section 12.04.090 Damage to airport property.**

Any person damaging any airport light, fixture or other airport property shall report such damage to the Airport Director's office immediately or in no event later than the beginning of the next business day and shall be fully responsible for any costs required to replace or repair the damaged property. (Ord. 5661 § 1, 1988; prior code § 5.8)

**Section 12.04.100 Entering restricted areas.**

A. No person shall enter any airport taxiway, runway, heliport, safety area or movement area, as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration, on foot, in a motor vehicle or bicycle or by any other means unless permission of the Airport Director was first secured.

B. The Airport Director is authorized to deny access to and prohibit the use of the airport to any person or firm which enters said restricted areas in violation of subsection A of this Section. (Ord. 5982 § 1, 1992; Ord. 5661 § 1, 1988; prior code § 5.9)

**Section 12.04.110 Aircraft owners to adhere to airport rules.**

It shall be the responsibility of all aircraft owners, operators and users of the airport to become familiar with and adhere to the rules and regulations hereinafter set forth. (Ord. 5661 § 1, 1988; prior code § 5.10)

**Section 12.04.120 Motor vehicle regulations.**

A. Unless authorized by the Airport Director, no motor vehicles shall be operated on the airport except on roadways, parking areas or places that are designated for such vehicles.

B. No person shall operate any vehicle on the airport in a careless or negligent manner, in disregard for the safety of others, in excess of posted speed traffic signs and in no event in excess of twenty-five miles per hour. On ramps or near building areas, the maximum speed shall not exceed fifteen miles per hour.

C. Motor vehicles on the airport shall always yield the right-of-way to aircraft on the ground or in the process of landing or taking off.

D. Any accident involving motor vehicles on the airport shall be reported to the Airport Director.

E. Except as hereinafter set forth, motor vehicles on the airport shall only be parked in a manner and in areas so designated for such purpose. Fuel tank trucks, automotive or aircraft fuel tenders and trucks delivering flammable materials are prohibited from entering or being parked or stored in hangars. Administration vehicles and fuel and service vehicles owned or operated by the fixed base operators may be parked in their leased areas. Vehicles parked in uncovered areas will be required to display the aircraft parking space number on the vehicle. Aircraft owners who rent hangar space from a fixed base operator may be permitted to park one vehicle within that hangar space at the discretion of the fixed base operator with the reservation that any and all such vehicles would be under the control of the fixed base operator; also, if any car is to be locked, the keys shall be in the possession and control of the fixed base operator and such fixed base operator shall be responsible for compliance with this regulation.

F. All visitors, aircraft owners, and employees utilizing the terminal area of the airport must park in designated parking spaces. No motor vehicle shall be left unattended in any area designated as a taxiway between hangar rows or parking areas.

G. Illegally-parked vehicles at the airport may be issued parking violation citations or moved to designated parking areas. A charge for such towing may be levied, and the airport shall not assume any liability for damage while moving such vehicles.

H. Motor vehicles operated on the airport shall be appropriately licensed and shall comply with the insurance requirements imposed by the State of California for the operation of motor vehicles on the public street. Any operator of a motor vehicle on the airport shall furnish the Airport Director with evidence of compliance with the insurance requirements if requested by the Airport Director. (Ord. 6554 § 3, 2000; Ord. 5661 § 1, 1988; Ord. 3622 § 1 (part), 1969; prior code § 5.12)

**Section 12.04.130 Fire regulations.**

Conformance with the Uniform Fire Code as adopted by the City is required of all users of the airport. (Ord. 5661 § 1, 1988; Ord. 3622 § 1 (part), 1969; prior code § 5.13)

**Section 12.04.140 Restrictions on Aircraft Cleaning and/or Washing.**

A. Findings. The Council finds that the cleaning and/or washing of aircraft at the Riverside Municipal Airport, except for the approved washracks, could result in the introduction of fuel, oil and other contaminants of hazardous substances into the storm drain system. It is therefore, necessary to regulate the cleaning and/or washing of aircraft and to control the discharge of wastes into the public sewer and storm drain systems as set forth in Chapter 14.12.

B. Approved Washracks. All cleaning and/or washing of aircraft is prohibited on any area of the airport except for the approved washracks.

C. Prohibited Activity. The cleaning and/or washing of aircraft is prohibited on any area of the airport except for the approved washracks.

D. Violation. Every person who cleans and/or washes aircraft in any area of the Riverside Municipal Airport, except the approved washracks shall be in violation of the provisions of this section. Each incident shall be a new and separate offense.

E. "Cleaning" or "washing" an aircraft means the use of water together with solvents or cleansing agents. (Ord. 6773 § 2, 2004; Ord. 6554 § 3, 2000)

**Section 12.04.150 Use of hangars.**

A. Aircraft storage hangars shall be used only for the storage of aircraft, and associated aircraft equipment and supplies as approved by the Airport Director. Hangars shall not be used primarily for the storage of automobiles, vehicles, boats, or other personal property not directly associated with the operation of aircraft.

B. The Airport Director or a designee shall be authorized to enter and inspect hangars from time to time, provided that the Airport Director has given notice to a lessee at least twenty-four hours prior to the date and time set for inspection.

C. Any person renting a hangar containing an aircraft that is not airworthy or who intends to restore, construct or engage in the major repair of an aircraft must register and file a work plan with the Airport Director before initiating the project. The work plan shall be approved by the Airport Director and shall contain the projected start and finish dates and scope of work. A regular project status report demonstrating timely progress pursuant to the work plan shall be filed with the Airport Director. Failure to provide evidence of progress pursuant to the work plan or reasonable explanation for delay will result in a 30-day notice of eviction. (Ord. 6773 § 3, 2004)

**Section 12.04.160 Repair of aircraft.**

Except with the express written consent of the Airport Director, no person shall engage in any major repair, restoration or construction of any aircraft in any location on the Airport other than inside an approved hangar or other approved facility. (Ord. 6773 § 4, 2004)