



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor Richard C. Irvin

FROM: Steve Andras, P.E., Airport Manager

DATE: September 18, 2023

SUBJECT:

A Resolution Authorizing a Limited Operator Agreement with Freedom Flying Club, Inc. at the Aurora Municipal Airport.

PURPOSE:

To obtain City Council approval of a limited operator agreement between the City of Aurora and Freedom Flying Club, Inc.

BACKGROUND:

Jack Maechtle, former flight instructor for Simply Fly flight school located at the Aurora Municipal Airport contacted the airport office to let us know that Simply Fly is relocating its operation to Texas. Jack also said that he was going to continue running the flight school at Aurora under the Freedom Flying Club name. It is important to know that both Simply Fly and Freedom Flying Club offer Sport Pilot training in Light Sport airplanes. Further, the holder of a Light Sport Pilot Certificate only allows that pilot to operate Light Sport aircraft.

Jack will operate out of the same facility that Simply Fly did located at 43W624 U.S. Route 30, Suite A, Sugar Grove IL 60554. This is space owned by REVV Aviation.

DISCUSSION:

This operator agreement is for a term of one year and allows for four (4) successive one year extensions under the same terms. The agreement guarantees a minimum rent amount of three hundred dollars (\$300) per month or three thousand six hundred dollars (\$3,600) per year.

IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this operating agreement will have no negative impacts to the City of Aurora or any existing tenants at the Aurora Municipal Airport as this business will backfill the vacancy created by Simply Fly's move to Texas.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The approval of this operator agreement will be beneficial to the City of Aurora by allowing the City to collect rent from this business. The approval of this agreement will allow the Aurora Municipal Airport to continue to provide light sport aviation flight training.

cc: Building, Zoning and Economic Development Committee



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. _____
DATE OF PASSAGE _____

A Resolution Authorizing a Limited Operator Agreement with Freedom Flying Club, Inc. at the Aurora Municipal Airport for a period of One Year.).

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora owns, operates and maintains the Aurora Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS, Freedom Flying Club, Inc. desires to operate an aviation flight school at the Aurora Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS, Freedom Flying Club, Inc. has agreed to pay a minimum annual amount of three thousand six hundred dollars (\$3,600) for the privilege of conducting business at the Aurora Municipal Airport

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, as follows:
The City Council of Aurora does hereby approve the Limited Operator Agreement between Freedom Flying Club, Inc. and the City of Aurora.