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§3-61. Municipalities may acquire and operate airports - Eminent domain - Bonds.

Every municipal corporation within this state shall have the right and power to acquire, own, operate, improve and maintain, within or without the corporate limits of such municipal corporation, real estate, buildings, improvements and facilities for aviation airports and rights-of-way therefor. For such purposes every municipal corporation shall have the power to exercise the right of eminent domain within or without the corporate limits of such municipal corporation. For any and all of such purposes in order to carry out the same they shall have the power and authority to issue and sell bonds under and by virtue of the Constitution of this state, bearing interest not to exceed six percent (6%) per annum, maturing within twenty-five (25) years, and issued in the manner and form provided by law.

Laws 1945, p. 20, § 1.

§3-62. Leases.

Whenever it shall be deemed impractical to issue bonds, as above provided for, such municipal corporation, when deemed necessary or advisable for the public interest, and without increasing the total indebtedness of such municipal corporation beyond the Constitutional limitation, it shall be lawful for such municipal corporation to lease at a stipulated rental any real estate for use as an airport, or any improved airport within or without the corporate limits thereof from any person, firm or corporation which will contract to lease the same; providing further that in making any such lease contract the municipal corporation may reserve to such municipal corporation the option to purchase such real estate or improved airport in the future.

Laws 1945, p. 20, § 2.

§3-65.1. See the following versions:

OS 3-65.1v1 (HB 3672, Laws 2024, c. 18, § 1).

OS 3-65.1v2 (SB 1912, Laws 2024, c. 135, § 1).

§3-65.1v1. Definitions.

As used in this act, unless the text otherwise requires:

(a) "Airport" means an area on land or water that is used, or intended to be used, for the landing and taking off of aircraft, and includes its buildings and facilities, if any.

(b) "Air navigation facility" means any facility - other than one owned and operated by the United States - used in, available for use in, or designed for use in, aid of air navigation, including any structures, mechanisms, lights, beacons, markers, communicating systems, or other instrumentalities, or devices used or useful as an aid, or constituting an advantage or convenience, to the safe taking off, navigation, and landing of aircraft, or the safe and efficient operation or maintenance of an airport, and any combination of any or all of such facilities.

(c) "Airport hazard" means any structure, object of natural growth, or use of land which obstructs the airspace required for the flight of aircraft in landing or taking off at an airport or vertiport or is otherwise hazardous to such landing or taking off of aircraft.

(d) "Helipad" means a small designated area, usually with a prepared surface, on a heliport, airport, landing or takeoff area, apron or ramp, or movement area used for takeoff, landing or parking of helicopters.

(e) "Heliport" means an area of land, water or structure used or intended to be used for the landing and takeoff of helicopters and includes its buildings and facilities, if any.

(f) "Municipality" means any county, city, town, or political subdivision of this state. "Municipal" means pertaining to a municipality as herein defined.

(g) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, association, joint stock association, or body politic; and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee or other similar representative thereof.

(h) "Vertiport" means an area of land, water, or structure used or intended to be used for the landing and takeoff of VTOL aircraft.

(i) "VTOL aircraft" means an aircraft which has vertical takeoff and landing capability.

Added by Laws 1947, p. 15, § 1. Amended by Laws 1995, c. 181, § 1, eff. July 1, 1995; Laws 2024, c. 18, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-65.1v2. Definitions.

As used in the Municipal Airports Act, unless the text otherwise requires:

1. "Airport" means an area on land or water that is used, or intended to be used, for the landing and taking off of aircraft, and includes its buildings and facilities, if any;

2. "Air navigation facility" means any facility - other than one owned and operated by the United States - used in, available for use in, or designed for use in, aid of air navigation, including any structures, mechanisms, lights, beacons, markers, communicating systems, or other instrumentalities, or devices used or useful as an aid, or constituting an advantage or convenience, to the safe taking off, navigation, and landing of aircraft, or the safe and efficient operation or maintenance of an airport, and any combination of any or all of such facilities;

3. "Airport hazard" means any structure, object of natural growth, or use of land which obstructs the airspace required for the flight of aircraft in landing or taking off at an airport or is otherwise hazardous to such landing or taking off of aircraft;

4. "Helipad" means a small designated area, usually with a prepared surface, on a heliport, airport, landing or takeoff area, apron or ramp, or movement area used for takeoff, landing or parking of helicopters;

5. "Heliport" means an area of land, water or structure used or intended to be used for the landing and takeoff of helicopters and includes its buildings and facilities, if any;

6. "Municipality" means any county, city, or town of this state. "Municipal" means pertaining to a municipality as herein defined;

7. "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, association, joint stock association, or body politic; and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee or other similar representative thereof;

8. "Vertiport" means an area of land, water, or structure used or intended to be used for the landing and takeoff of VTOL aircraft; and

9. "VTOL aircraft" means an aircraft which has vertical takeoff and landing capability.

Added by Laws 1947, p. 15, § 1. Amended by Laws 1995, c. 181, § 1, eff. July 1, 1995; Laws 2024, c. 135, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-65.2. See the following versions:

OS 3-65.2v1 (HB 3672, Laws 2024, c. 18, § 2).

OS 3-65.2v2 (SB 1912, Laws 2024, c. 135, § 2).

§3-65.2v1. General powers of municipalities in the establishment, acquisition, operation and maintenance of airports, vertiports, and air navigation facilities.

(a) Establishment, Operation, Land Acquisition. Every municipality is authorized, out of any appropriations or other monies made available for such purpose, to plan, establish, develop, construct, enlarge, improve, maintain, equip, operate, regulate, protect and police airports, vertiports, and air navigation facilities, either within or without the territorial limits of such municipality and within or without the territorial boundaries of this state, including the construction, installation, equipment, maintenance and operation at such airports of buildings and other facilities for the servicing of aircraft or for the comfort and accommodation of air travelers, and the purchase and sale of supplies, goods and commodities as an incident to the operation of its airport properties. For such purposes the municipality may use any available property that it may now or hereafter own or control and may, by purchase, gift, devise, lease, eminent domain proceedings or otherwise, acquire property, real or personal, or any interest therein including easements in airport hazards or land outside the boundaries of an airport, vertiport, or airport site as are necessary to permit safe and efficient operation of the airport or vertiport or to permit the removal, elimination, obstruction-marking or obstruction-lighting of airport hazards or to prevent the establishment of airport hazards.

(b) Acquisition of Existing Airports. Any municipality may by purchase, gift, devise or lease acquire existing airports, vertiports, and air navigation facilities, provided however it shall not acquire or take over any airport or air navigation facility without the consent of the owner thereof.

(c) Establishment of Airports on Public Waters and Reclaimed Lands. For the purposes of this act, a municipality may establish or acquire and maintain, within or bordering upon the territorial limits of the municipality, airports in, over and upon, any public waters of this state, any submerged lands under such public waters, and any artificial or reclaimed lands which before the artificial making or reclamation thereof constituted a portion of the submerged lands under such public waters; and may construct and maintain terminal building, landing floats, causeways, roadways and bridges for approaches to or connecting with any such airport, and landing floats and breakwaters for the protection thereof.

(d) Limitation on Design and Operation of Air Navigation Facilities. All air navigation facilities established or operated by municipalities shall be supplementary to and coordinated in design and operation with those established and operated by the federal and state governments.

Added by Laws 1947, p. 16, § 2. Amended by Laws 2024, c. 18, § 2, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-65.2v2. General powers of municipalities in the establishment, acquisition, operation and maintenance of airports, vertiports, and air navigation facilities.

A. Establishment, Operation, Land Acquisition. Every municipality is authorized, out of any appropriations or other monies made available for such purpose, to plan, establish, develop, construct, enlarge, improve, maintain, equip, operate, regulate, protect and police airports, vertiports, and air navigation facilities, either within the territorial limits of such municipality or within the territorial boundaries of this state, including the construction, installation, equipment, maintenance and operation at such airports of buildings and other facilities for the servicing of aircraft or for the comfort and accommodation of air travelers, and the purchase and sale of supplies, goods and commodities as an incident to the operation of its airport properties. For such purposes the municipality may use any available property that it may now or hereafter own or control and may, by purchase, gift, devise, lease, eminent domain proceedings or otherwise, acquire property, real or personal, or any interest therein including easements in airport hazards or land outside the boundaries of an airport, vertiport, or airport site as are necessary to permit safe and efficient operation of the airport or vertiport or to permit the removal, elimination, obstruction-marking, or obstruction-lighting of airport hazards or to prevent the establishment of airport hazards.

B. Acquisition of Existing Airports. Any municipality may by purchase, gift, devise or lease acquire existing airports, vertiports, and air navigation facilities, provided however it shall not acquire or take over any airport or air navigation facility without the consent of the owner thereof.

C. Establishment of Airports on Public Waters and Reclaimed Lands. For the purposes of the Municipal Airports Act, a municipality may establish or acquire and maintain, within or bordering upon the territorial limits of the municipality, airports in, over and upon, any public waters of this state, any submerged lands under such public waters, and any artificial or reclaimed lands which before the artificial making or reclamation thereof constituted a portion of the submerged lands under such public waters; and may construct and maintain terminal building, landing floats, causeways, roadways and bridges for approaches to or connecting with any such airport, and landing floats and breakwaters for the protection thereof.

D. Limitation on Design and Operation of Air Navigation Facilities. All air navigation facilities established or operated by municipalities shall be supplementary to and coordinated in design and operation with those established and operated by the federal and state governments.

Added by Laws 1947, p. 16, § 2. Amended by Laws 2024, c. 135, § 2, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-65.3. Eminent domain.

In the acquisition of property by eminent domain proceedings authorized by this act, the municipality shall proceed in the manner now provided by law for the exercise of the right of eminent domain by railroad corporations in this state. The fact that the property to be acquired by eminent domain proceedings was acquired by its owner by eminent domain proceedings shall not prevent its acquisition by such proceedings by the municipality. For the purpose of making surveys and examinations relative to any eminent domain proceedings, it shall be lawful to enter upon any land, doing no unnecessary damage. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other statute or of any applicable municipal charter, the municipality may take possession of any property to be acquired by eminent domain proceedings at such time after the commencement of such proceedings as is now provided by law. The municipality shall not be precluded from abandoning such proceedings in any case where possession of the property has not been taken.

Laws 1947, p. 17, § 3.

§3-65.4. See the following versions:

OS 3-65.4v1 (HB 3672, Laws 2024, c. 18, § 3).

OS 3-65.4v2 (SB 1912, Laws 2024, c. 135, § 3).

§3-65.4v1. Disposal of airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility property.

Except as may be limited by the terms and conditions of any grant, loan, or agreement pursuant to Section 13 of this act, every municipality may by sale, lease or otherwise, dispose of any airport, vertiport, air navigation facility or other property, or portion thereof or interest therein, acquired pursuant to this act. Such disposal by sale, lease, or otherwise, shall be in accordance with the laws of this state, or provisions of the charter of the municipality, governing the disposition of other property of the municipality, except that in the case of the disposal of another municipality or agency of the state or federal government for aeronautical purposes incident thereto, the sale, lease, or other disposal may be effected in such manner and upon such terms as the governing body of the municipality may deem in the best interest of the municipality.

Added by Laws 1947, p. 17, § 4. Amended by Laws 2024, c. 18, § 3, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-65.4v2. Disposal of airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility property.

Except as may be limited by the terms and conditions of any grant, loan, or agreement pursuant to Section 65.13 of this title, every municipality may by sale, lease or otherwise, dispose of any airport, vertiport, air navigation facility, or other property, or portion thereof or interest therein, acquired pursuant to this act. Such disposal by sale, lease, or otherwise, shall be in accordance with the laws of this state, or provisions of the charter of the municipality, governing the disposition of other property of the municipality, except that in the case of the disposal of another municipality or agency of the state or federal government for aeronautical purposes incident thereto, the sale, lease, or other disposal may be effected in such manner and upon such terms as the governing body of the municipality may deem in the best interest of the municipality.
Added by Laws 1947, p. 17, § 4. Amended by Laws 2024, c. 135, § 3, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-65.5. See the following versions:

- OS 3-65.5v1 (HB 3672, Laws 2024, c. 18, § 4).
- OS 3-65.5v2 (SB 1912, Laws 2024, c. 135, § 4).

§3-65.5v1. Operation and use privileges.

A. Under Municipal Operation. In operating an airport, vertiport, air navigation facility or aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility owned, leased or controlled by a municipality, such municipality may, except as may be limited by the terms and conditions of any grant, loan, or agreement pursuant to Section 65.13 of this title, enter into contracts, leases and other arrangements for a primary term not exceeding fifty (50) years with any persons:

1. Granting the privilege of using or improving such airport, vertiport, air navigation facility or aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility or any portion or facility thereof, or space therein for commercial purposes;
2. Conferring the privilege of supplying goods, commodities, things, services or facilities at such airport, vertiport, air navigation facility or aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility; or
3. Making available services to be furnished by the municipality or its agents at such airport, vertiport, air navigation facility or aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility. In each case the municipality may establish the terms and conditions and fix the charges, rentals or fees for the privileges or services, which shall be reasonable and uniform for the same class of privilege or service and shall be established with due regard to the property and improvements used and the expenses of operation to the municipality.

B. Under Other Operation. Except as may be limited by the terms and conditions of any grant, loan, or agreement pursuant to Section 65.13 of this title, a municipality may by contract, lease or other arrangement, upon a consideration fixed by it, grant to any qualified person for a term not to exceed five (5) years the privilege of operating, as agent of the municipality or otherwise, any airport or vertiport owned or controlled by the municipality; provided, that no such person shall be granted any authority to operate such airport or vertiport other than as a public facility or to enter into any contracts, leases, or other arrangements in connection with the operation of the airport or vertiport which the municipality might not have undertaken under subsection A of this section.

Added by Laws 1947, p. 17, § 5. Amended by Laws 1991, 1st Ex. Sess., c. 1, § 1, emerg. eff. Jan. 18, 1991; Laws 2019, c. 156, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2019; Laws 2024, c. 18, § 4, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-65.5v2. Operation and use privileges.

A. Under Municipal Operation. In operating an airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility or aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility owned, leased or controlled by a municipality, such municipality may, except as may be limited by the terms and conditions of any grant, loan, or agreement pursuant to Section 65.13 of this title, enter into contracts, leases and other arrangements for a primary term not exceeding fifty (50) years with any persons:

1. Granting the privilege of using or improving such airport, vertiport, air navigation facility, or aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility or any portion or facility thereof, or space therein for commercial purposes;

2. Conferring the privilege of supplying goods, commodities, things, services or facilities at such airport, vertiport, air navigation facility, or aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility; or

3. Making available services to be furnished by the municipality or its agents at such airport, vertiport, air navigation facility, or aircraft maintenance or manufacturing facility. In each case the municipality may establish the terms and conditions and fix the charges, rentals or fees for the privileges or services, which shall be reasonable and uniform for the same class of privilege or service and shall be established with due regard to the property and improvements used and the expenses of operation to the municipality.

B. Under Other Operation. Except as may be limited by the terms and conditions of any grant, loan, or agreement pursuant to Section 65.13 of this title, a municipality may by contract, lease or other arrangement, upon a consideration fixed by it, grant to any

qualified person for a term not to exceed five (5) years the privilege of operating, as agent of the municipality or otherwise, any airport or vertiport owned or controlled by the municipality; provided, that no such person shall be granted any authority to operate such airport or vertiport other than as a public facility or to enter into any contracts, leases, or other arrangements in connection with the operation of the airport or vertiport which the municipality might not have undertaken under subsection A of this section.

Added by Laws 1947, p. 17, § 5. Amended by Laws 1991, 1st Ex. Sess., c. 1, § 1, emerg. eff. Jan. 18, 1991; Laws 2019, c. 156, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2019; Laws 2024, c. 135, § 4, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-65.6. Liens.

To enforce the payment of any charges for repairs or improvements to or storage or care of, any personal property made or furnished by the municipality or its agents in connection with the operation of an airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility owned or operated by the municipality, the municipality shall have a lien on such property, which shall be enforceable by the municipality as provided by law.

Added by Laws 1947, p. 18, § 6. Amended by Laws 2024, c. 18, § 5, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

NOTE: Laws 2024, c. 135, § 5 made identical amendments to this section.

§3-65.7. See the following versions:

OS 3-65.7v1 (HB 3672, Laws 2024, c. 18, § 6).

OS 3-65.7v2 (SB 1912, Laws 2024, c. 135, § 6).

§3-65.7v1. Delegation of authority to airport officer or board.

Any authority vested by this act in a municipality or in the governing body thereof, for the planning, establishment, development, construction, enlargement, improvement, maintenance, equipment, operation, regulation, protection and policing of airports, vertiport, or other air navigation facilities established, owned or controlled, or to be established, owned or controlled by the municipality may be vested by resolution of the governing body of the municipality in an officer or board or other municipal agency whose powers and duties shall be prescribed in the resolution; provided, however, that the expense of such planning, establishment, development, construction, enlargement, improvement, maintenance, equipment, operation, regulation, protection and policing shall be a responsibility of the municipality.

Added by Laws 1947, p. 18, § 7. Amended by Laws 2024, c. 18, § 6, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-65.7v2. Delegation of authority to airport officer or board.

Any authority vested by the Municipal Airports Act in a municipality or in the governing body thereof, for the planning, establishment, development, construction, enlargement, improvement, maintenance, equipment, operation, regulation, protection and policing of airports, vertiports, or other air navigation facilities established, owned or controlled, or to be established, owned or controlled by the municipality may be vested by resolution of the governing body of the municipality in an officer or board or other municipal agency whose powers and duties shall be prescribed in the resolution; provided, however, that the expense of such planning, establishment, development, construction, enlargement, improvement, maintenance, equipment, operation, regulation, protection and policing shall be a responsibility of the municipality. Added by Laws 1947, p. 18, § 7. Amended by Laws 2024, c. 135, § 6, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-65.8. See the following versions:

OS 3-65.8v1 (HB 3672, Laws 2024, c. 18, § 7).

OS 3-65.8v2 (SB 1912, Laws 2024, c. 135, § 7).

§3-65.8v1. Regulations and jurisdiction.

(a) Scope. A municipality, which has established or acquired or which may hereafter establish or acquire an airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility, is authorized to adopt, amend and repeal such reasonable ordinance, resolutions, rules, regulations and orders as it shall deem necessary for the management, government and use of such airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility under its control, whether situated within or without the territorial limits of the municipality. For the enforcement thereof, the municipality, may, by ordinance or resolution, as may by law be appropriate, appoint airport guards or police, with full police powers, and fix penalties, within the limits prescribed by law, for the violation of the aforesaid ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations and orders. Enforcement may also be conducted by airport officers holding a commission from and employed by an airport trust as defined in, and pursuant to and in accordance with, the provisions and requirements of the Oklahoma Campus Security Act, and who, as a result of which, hold full police powers. Said penalties shall be enforced in the same manner in which penalties prescribed by other ordinances, or resolutions of the municipality are enforced. To the extent that an airport, vertiport, or other air navigation facility controlled and operated by a municipality is located outside the territorial limits of the municipality, it shall, subject to federal and state laws, rules and regulations, be under the jurisdiction and control of the municipality controlling or operating it, and no

other municipality shall have any authority to charge or exact a license fee or occupation tax for operations thereon.

(b) Conformity to Federal and State Law. All ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations or orders which are issued by the municipality shall be kept in substantial conformity with the laws of this state or any regulations promulgated or standards established pursuant thereto, and, as nearly as may be, with the federal laws governing aerospace and aeronautics and the rules, regulations and standards duly issued thereunder.

Added by Laws 1947, p. 18, § 8. Amended by Laws 2012, c. 48, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2012; Laws 2024, c. 18, § 7, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-65.8v2. Regulations and jurisdiction.

A. Scope. A municipality, which has established or acquired or which may hereafter establish or acquire an airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility, is authorized to adopt, amend and repeal such reasonable ordinance, resolutions, rules, regulations and orders as it shall deem necessary for the management, government and use of such airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility under its control, whether situated within or without the territorial limits of the municipality. For the enforcement thereof, the municipality, may, by ordinance or resolution, as may by law be appropriate, appoint airport guards or police, with full police powers, and fix penalties, within the limits prescribed by law, for the violation of the aforesaid ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations and orders. Enforcement may also be conducted by airport officers holding a commission from and employed by an airport trust as defined in, and pursuant to and in accordance with, the provisions and requirements of the Oklahoma Campus Security Act, and who, as a result of which, hold full police powers. Said penalties shall be enforced in the same manner in which penalties prescribed by other ordinances, or resolutions of the municipality are enforced. To the extent that an airport, vertiport, or other air navigation facility controlled and operated by a municipality is located outside the territorial limits of the municipality, it shall, subject to federal and state laws, rules and regulations, be under the jurisdiction and control of the municipality controlling or operating it, and no other municipality shall have any authority to charge or exact a license fee or occupation tax for operations thereon.

B. Conformity to Federal and State Law. All ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations or orders which are issued by the municipality shall be kept in substantial conformity with the laws of this state or any regulations promulgated or standards established pursuant thereto, and, as nearly as may be, with the federal laws governing aerospace and aeronautics and the rules, regulations and standards duly issued thereunder.

Added by Laws 1947, p. 18, § 8. Amended by Laws 2012, c. 48, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2012; Laws 2024, c. 135, § 7, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-65.9. Appropriations and taxation.

The governing body of any municipality having power to appropriate and raise money, is hereby authorized to appropriate, and to raise by taxation or otherwise, sufficient monies to carry out the provisions of this act.

Laws 1947, p. 19, § 9.

§3-65.10. See the following versions:

OS 3-65.10v1 (HB 3672, Laws 2024, c. 18, § 8).

OS 3-65.10v2 (SB 1912, Laws 2024, c. 135, § 8).

§3-65.10v1. Bond issues - Financing acquisitions, costs and improvements.

The cost of planning and acquiring, establishing, developing, constructing, enlarging, improving, or equipping, an airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility, or the site therefor, including buildings and other facilities incidental to the operation thereof, and the acquisition or elimination of airport hazards, may be paid for wholly or partly from the proceeds of the sale of bonds or notes of the municipality, as the governing body of the municipality shall determine. For such purposes a municipality may issue general or special obligation bonds, revenue bonds or other forms of bonds or notes, secured or unsecured, including refunding bonds, in the manner and within the limitations prescribed by the laws of this state or the charter of the municipality for the authorization and issuance of bonds or notes thereof for public purposes generally. Any bonds or notes issued by a municipality pursuant to this act which are payable, as to principal and interest, solely from the revenues of an airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility (and such bonds or notes shall so state on their face) shall not constitute a debt of such municipality within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory debt limitation or restriction. In any suit, action or proceeding involving the security, or the validity or enforceability, of any bond or note issued by a municipality, which bond or note states on its face that it was issued pursuant to the provisions of this act and for a purpose or purposes authorized to be accomplished by this act, such bond or note shall be conclusively deemed to have been issued pursuant to this act for such purpose or purposes.

Added by Laws 1947, p. 19, § 10. Amended by Laws 2024, c. 18, § 8, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-65.10v2. Bond issues - Financing acquisitions, costs and improvements.

The cost of planning and acquiring, establishing, developing, constructing, enlarging, improving, or equipping, an airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility, or the site therefor, including buildings and other facilities incidental to the operation thereof, and the acquisition or elimination of airport hazards, may be paid for wholly or partly from the proceeds of the sale of bonds or notes of the municipality, as the governing body of the municipality shall determine. For such purposes a municipality may issue general or special obligation bonds, revenue bonds or other forms of bonds or notes, secured or unsecured, including refunding bonds, in the manner and within the limitations prescribed by the laws of this state or the charter of the municipality for the authorization and issuance of bonds or notes thereof for public purposes generally. Any bonds or notes issued by a municipality pursuant to the Municipal Airports Act which are payable, as to principal and interest, solely from the revenues of an airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility (and such bonds or notes shall so state on their face) shall not constitute a debt of such municipality within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory debt limitation or restriction. In any suit, action or proceeding involving the security, or the validity or enforceability, of any bond or note issued by a municipality, which bond or note states on its face that it was issued pursuant to the provisions of this act and for a purpose or purposes authorized to be accomplished by this act, such bond or note shall be conclusively deemed to have been issued pursuant to this act for such purpose or purposes. Added by Laws 1947, p. 19, § 10. Amended by Laws 2024, c. 135, § 8, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-65.11. Validation of prior acquisitions, actions and bond issues.

Any acquisition of property heretofore made, within or without the limits of any municipality of the state, for the purposes authorized by this act, and any other action heretofore taken by a municipality in furtherance of such purposes, including but not limited to the making of appropriations, the expenditure of money, the incurring of debts, the acceptance and disbursement of federal, state or other grants or loans, the issuance and payment of bonds and notes, the execution of leases and contracts, which acquisition or action would have been authorized had this act been in effect at the time of such acquisition or action, is hereby ratified and made valid. All bonds and notes heretofore issued in furtherance of purposes authorized by this act and actions ratified by this section are confirmed as legal obligations of the municipality, and, without prejudice to the general powers granted to the municipality by this act, such municipality is hereby authorized to issue further bonds and notes for such purposes up to the limit fixed in the original

authorization therefor, which bonds and notes shall be legal obligations in accordance with their terms.
Laws 1947, p. 19, § 11.

§3-65.12. See the following versions:

OS 3-65.12v1 (HB 3672, Laws 2024, c. 18, § 9).

OS 3-65.12v2 (SB 1912, Laws 2024, c. 135, § 9).

§3-65.12v1. Application of airport revenues and sale proceeds.

The revenues obtained by a municipality from the ownership, control or operation of any airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility, including proceeds from the sale of any airport, vertiport, or portion thereof of an air navigation facility property, shall be deposited in a special fund to be designated the "Airport Fund", which revenues shall be appropriated solely to, and used by the municipality for, the purposes authorized by this act. Added by Laws 1947, p. 19, § 12. Amended by Laws 2024, c. 18, § 9, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-65.12v2. Application of airport revenues and sale proceeds.

The revenues obtained by a municipality from the ownership, control or operation of any airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility, including proceeds from the sale of any airport, vertiport, or portion thereof of air navigation facility property, shall be deposited in a special fund to be designated the "Airport Fund", which revenues shall be appropriated solely to, and used by the municipality for, the purposes authorized by the Municipal Airports Act. Added by Laws 1947, p. 19, § 12. Amended by Laws 2024, c. 135, § 9, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-65.13. Federal and state aid.

Acceptance Authorized, Conditions. Every municipality is authorized to accept, receive, receipt for, disburse and expend federal and state monies and other monies, public or private, made available by grant or loan or both to accomplish, in whole or in part, any of the purposes of this act. All federal monies accepted under this section shall be accepted and expended by the municipality upon such terms and conditions as are prescribed by the United States and as are consistent with state law; and all state monies accepted under this section shall be accepted and expended by the municipality upon such terms and conditions as are prescribed by the state. Unless otherwise prescribed by the agency from which such monies were received, the chief financial officer of the municipality shall, on its behalf deposit all monies received pursuant to this section and shall keep them, in separate funds

designated according to the purposes for which the monies were made available, in trust for such purposes.

Added by Laws 1947, p. 19, § 13. Amended by Laws 1997, c. 98, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 1997.

§3-65.14. Contracts.

A municipality may enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to the execution of the powers granted it, and for the purposes provided by this act.

Laws 1947, p. 20, § 14.

§3-65.15. See the following versions:

OS 3-65.15v1 (HB 3672, Laws 2024, c. 18, § 10).

OS 3-65.15v2 (SB 1912, Laws 2024, c. 135, § 10).

§3-65.15v1. Joint operations.

(a) Authorization. For the purposes of this section, unless otherwise qualified, the term "public agency" includes municipality, as defined in this act, an agency of the state government and of the United States, and any municipality, political subdivision and agency of another state, but shall not include institutions of higher education constituting the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education under Section 1, Article 13A, Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; or other institutions coordinated with the State System of Higher Education under Section 4, Article 13A, Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; and the term "governing body" means the governing body of a county or municipality, and the head of the agency if the public agency is other than a county or municipality. All powers, privileges and authority granted to any municipality by this act may be exercised and enjoyed jointly with any public agency of this state, and jointly with any public agency of any other state or of the United States to the extent that the laws of such other state or of the United States permit such joint exercise or enjoyment. If not otherwise authorized by law, any agency of the state government when acting jointly with any municipality, may exercise and enjoy all of the powers, privileges and authority conferred by this act upon a municipality.

(b) Agreement. Any two or more public agencies may enter into agreements with each other for joint action pursuant to the provisions of this section. Concurrent action by ordinance, resolution or otherwise or the governing bodies of the participating public agencies shall constitute joint action. Each such agreement shall specify its duration, the proportionate interest which each public agency shall have in the property, facilities and privileges involved, the proportion to be borne by each public agency of preliminary costs and costs of acquisition, establishment, construction, enlargement, improvement, and equipment of the

airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility, the proportion of the expenses of maintenance, operation, regulation and protection thereof to be borne by each, and such other terms as are required by the provisions of this section. The agreement may also provide for; amendments thereof, and conditions and methods of termination of the agreement; the disposal of all or any of the property, facilities and privileges jointly owned upon said property, facilities and privileges, or any part thereof, ceasing to be used for the purposes provided by this act, or upon termination of the agreement; the distribution of the proceeds received upon any such disposal, and of any funds or other property jointly owned and undisposed of; the assumption or payment of any indebtedness arising from the joint venture which remains unpaid upon the disposal of all assets or upon a termination of the agreement; and such other provisions as may be necessary or convenient.

(c) Joint Board. Public agencies acting jointly pursuant to this section shall create a joint board which shall consist of members appointed by the governing board of each participating public agency. The number to be appointed, their term and compensation, if any, shall be provided for in the joint agreement. Each such joint board shall organize, select officers for terms to be fixed by the agreement, and adopt and amend from time to time rules for its own procedure. The joint board shall have power to plan, acquire, establish, develop, construct, enlarge, improve, maintain, equip, operate, regulate, protect, and police any airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility or airport hazard to be jointly acquired, controlled and operated, and such board may exercise on behalf of its constituent public agencies all the powers of each with respect to such airport, vertiport, air navigation facility or airport hazard, subject to the limitations of subsection (d) of this section.

(d) Limitations on Joint Board. (1) Expenditures. The total expenditures to be made by the joint board for any purpose in any fiscal year shall be determined by a budget approved by the governing bodies of its constituent public agencies.

(2) Acquisitions Beyond Sums Allotted. No airport, vertiport, air navigation facility, airport hazard, or real or personal property, the cost of which is in excess of sums therefor fixed by the joint agreement or allotted in the annual budget, may be acquired by the joint board without the approval of the governing bodies of its constituent public agencies.

(3) Eminent Domain. Eminent domain proceedings under this section may be instituted only by authority of the governing bodies of the constituent public agencies of the joint board. If so authorized, such proceedings shall be instituted in the names of the constituent public agencies jointly, and the property so acquired

shall be held by said public agencies as tenants in common until conveyed by them to the joint board.

(4) Disposal of Real Property. The joint board shall not dispose of any airport, vertiport, air navigation facility or real property under its jurisdiction except with the consent of the governing bodies of its constituent public agencies, provided that the joint board may, without such consent, enter into contracts, leases, or other arrangements contemplated by Section 5 of this act.

(5) Police Regulations. Any resolutions, rules, regulations or orders of the joint board dealing with subjects authorized by Section 8 of this act shall become effective only upon approval of the governing bodies of the constituent public agencies provided that upon such approval, the resolutions, rules, regulations or orders of the joint board shall have the same force and effect in the territories or jurisdictions involved as the ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, or orders of each public agency would have in its own territory or jurisdiction.

(e) Joint Fund. For the purpose of providing a joint board with moneys for the necessary expenditures in carrying out the provisions of this section, a joint fund shall be created and maintained, into which shall be deposited the share of each of the constituent public agencies as provided by the joint agreement. Each of the constituent public agencies shall provide its share of the fund from sources available to each. Any federal, state or other contributions or loans, and the revenues obtained from the joint ownership, control and operation of any airport or air navigation facility under the jurisdiction of the joint board shall be paid into the joint fund, which said joint fund shall be kept and maintained at such place or places as shall be mutually agreed between the constituent agencies. Disbursements from such fund shall be made by order of the board, subject to the limitations prescribed in subsection (d) of this section.

Added by Laws 1947, p. 20, § 15. Amended by Laws 2024, c. 18, § 10, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-65.15v2. Joint operations.

A. Authorization. For the purposes of this section, unless otherwise qualified, the term "public agency" includes municipality, as defined in the Municipal Airports Act, an agency of the state government and of the United States, and any municipality, political subdivision and agency of another state, but shall not include institutions of higher education constituting the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education under Section 1, Article 13A, Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; or other institutions coordinated with the State System of Higher Education under Section 4, Article 13A, Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; and the term "governing body" means the governing body of a county or

municipality, and the head of the agency if the public agency is other than a county or municipality. All powers, privileges and authority granted to any municipality by this act may be exercised and enjoyed jointly with any public agency of this state, and jointly with any public agency of any other state or of the United States to the extent that the laws of such other state or of the United States permit such joint exercise or enjoyment. If not otherwise authorized by law, any agency of the state government when acting jointly with any municipality, may exercise and enjoy all of the powers, privileges and authority conferred by this act upon a municipality.

B. Agreement. Any two or more public agencies may enter into agreements with each other for joint action pursuant to the provisions of this section. Concurrent action by ordinance, resolution or otherwise or the governing bodies of the participating public agencies shall constitute joint action. Each such agreement shall specify its duration, the proportionate interest which each public agency shall have in the property, facilities and privileges involved, the proportion to be borne by each public agency of preliminary costs and costs of acquisition, establishment, construction, enlargement, improvement, and equipment of the airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility, the proportion of the expenses of maintenance, operation, regulation and protection thereof to be borne by each, and such other terms as are required by the provisions of this section. The agreement may also provide for; amendments thereof, and conditions and methods of termination of the agreement; the disposal of all or any of the property, facilities and privileges jointly owned upon said property, facilities and privileges, or any part thereof, ceasing to be used for the purposes provided by this act, or upon termination of the agreement; the distribution of the proceeds received upon any such disposal, and of any funds or other property jointly owned and undisposed of; the assumption or payment of any indebtedness arising from the joint venture which remains unpaid upon the disposal of all assets or upon a termination of the agreement; and such other provisions as may be necessary or convenient.

C. Joint Board. Public agencies acting jointly pursuant to this section shall create a joint board which shall consist of members appointed by the governing board of each participating public agency. The number to be appointed, their term and compensation, if any, shall be provided for in the joint agreement. Each such joint board shall organize, select officers for terms to be fixed by the agreement, and adopt and amend from time to time rules for its own procedure. The joint board shall have power to plan, acquire, establish, develop, construct, enlarge, improve, maintain, equip, operate, regulate, protect, and police any airport, vertiport, air navigation facility, or airport hazard to be jointly

acquired, controlled and operated, and such board may exercise on behalf of its constituent public agencies all the powers of each with respect to such airport, vertiport, air navigation facility, or airport hazard, subject to the limitations of subsection D of this section.

D. Limitations on Joint Board.

1. Expenditures. The total expenditures to be made by the joint board for any purpose in any fiscal year shall be determined by a budget approved by the governing bodies of its constituent public agencies.

2. Acquisitions Beyond Sums Allotted. No airport, vertiport, air navigation facility, airport hazard, or real or personal property, the cost of which is in excess of sums therefor fixed by the joint agreement or allotted in the annual budget, may be acquired by the joint board without the approval of the governing bodies of its constituent public agencies.

3. Eminent Domain. Eminent domain proceedings under this section may be instituted only by authority of the governing bodies of the constituent public agencies of the joint board. If so authorized, such proceedings shall be instituted in the names of the constituent public agencies jointly, and the property so acquired shall be held by said public agencies as tenants in common until conveyed by them to the joint board.

4. Disposal of Real Property. The joint board shall not dispose of any airport, vertiport, air navigation facility, or real property under its jurisdiction except with the consent of the governing bodies of its constituent public agencies, provided that the joint board may, without such consent, enter into contracts, leases, or other arrangements contemplated by Section 65.5 of this title.

5. Police Regulations. Any resolutions, rules, regulations or orders of the joint board dealing with subjects authorized by Section 65.8 of this title shall become effective only upon approval of the governing bodies of the constituent public agencies provided that upon such approval, the resolutions, rules, regulations or orders of the joint board shall have the same force and effect in the territories or jurisdictions involved as the ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, or orders of each public agency would have in its own territory or jurisdiction.

E. Joint Fund. For the purpose of providing a joint board with moneys for the necessary expenditures in carrying out the provisions of this section, a joint fund shall be created and maintained, into which shall be deposited the share of each of the constituent public agencies as provided by the joint agreement. Each of the constituent public agencies shall provide its share of the fund from sources available to each. Any federal, state or other contributions or loans, and the revenues obtained from the joint

ownership, control and operation of any airport or air navigation facility under the jurisdiction of the joint board shall be paid into the joint fund, which said joint fund shall be kept and maintained at such place or places as shall be mutually agreed between the constituent agencies. Disbursements from such fund shall be made by order of the board, subject to the limitations prescribed in subsection D of this section.

Added by Laws 1947, p. 20, § 15. Amended by Laws 2024, c. 135, § 10, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-65.16. See the following versions:

OS 3-65.16v1 (HB 3672, Laws 2024, c. 18, § 11).

OS 3-65.16v2 (SB 1912, Laws 2024, c. 135, § 11).

§3-65.16v1. Public purpose, county and municipal purpose.

The acquisition of any land or interest therein pursuant to this act, the planning, acquisition, establishment, development, construction, improvement, maintenance, equipment, operation, regulation, protection and policing of airports, vertiports, and air navigation facilities, including the acquisition or elimination of airport hazards, and the exercise of any other powers herein granted to municipalities and other public agencies, to be severally or jointly exercised, are hereby declared to be public and governmental functions, exercised for a public purpose, and matters of public necessity; and in the case of any county, are declared to be county functions and purposes as well as public and governmental; and in the case of any municipality other than a county, are declared to be municipal functions and purposes as well as public and governmental. All land and other property and privileges acquired and used by or on behalf of any municipality or other public agency in the manner and for the purposes enumerated in this act shall and are hereby declared to be acquired and used for public and governmental purposes and as a matter of public necessity, and, in the case of a county or municipality, for county or municipal purposes, respectively.

Added by Laws 1947, p. 22, § 16. Amended by Laws 2024, c. 18, § 11, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-65.16v2. Public purpose, county and municipal purpose.

The acquisition of any land or interest therein pursuant to the Municipal Airports Act, the planning, acquisition, establishment, development, construction, improvement, maintenance, equipment, operation, regulation, protection and policing of airports, vertiports, and air navigation facilities, including the acquisition or elimination of airport hazards, and the exercise of any other powers herein granted to municipalities and other public agencies, to be severally or jointly exercised, are hereby declared to be

public and governmental functions, exercised for a public purpose, and matters of public necessity; and in the case of any county, are declared to be county functions and purposes as well as public and governmental; and in the case of any municipality other than a county, are declared to be municipal functions and purposes as well as public and governmental. All land and other property and privileges acquired and used by or on behalf of any municipality or other public agency in the manner and for the purposes enumerated in this act shall and are hereby declared to be acquired and used for public and governmental purposes and as a matter of public necessity, and, in the case of a county or municipality, for county or municipal purposes, respectively.

Added by Laws 1947, p. 22, § 16. Amended by Laws 2024, c. 135, § 11, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-65.17. See the following versions:

OS 3-65.17v1 (HB 3672, Laws 2024, c. 18, § 12).

OS 3-65.17v2 (SB 1912, Laws 2024, c. 135, § 12).

§3-65.17v1. Property and income exempt from taxation.

Any property in this state acquired by a municipality for airport, vertiport, or air navigation purposes pursuant to the provisions of this act, and any income derived by such municipality from the ownership, operation or control thereof, shall be exempt from taxation to the same extent as other property used for public purposes. Any municipality is authorized to exempt from municipal taxation any property, acquired within its boundaries by a public agency of another state, for airport, vertiport, or air navigation purposes, and any income derived from such property, to the extent that such other state authorizes similar exemptions from taxation to municipalities of this state.

Added by Laws 1947, p. 22, § 17. Amended by Laws 2024, c. 18, § 12, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-65.17v2. Property and income exempt from taxation.

Any property in this state acquired by municipality for airport, vertiport, or air navigation purposes pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Airports Act, and any income derived by such municipality from the ownership, operation or control thereof, shall be exempt from taxation to the same extent as other property used for public purposes. Any municipality is authorized to exempt from municipal taxation any property, acquired within its boundaries by a public agency of another state for airport, vertiport, or air navigation purposes, and any income derived from such property, to the extent that such other state authorizes similar exemptions from taxation to municipalities of this state.

Added by Laws 1947, p. 22, § 17. Amended by Laws 2024, c. 135, § 12, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-65.18. Supplementary authority.

In addition to the general and special powers conferred by this act, every municipality is authorized to exercise such powers as are necessarily incidental to the exercise of such general and special powers.

Laws 1947, p. 23, § 18.

§3-65.19. Saving clause - Airport zoning.

Nothing contained in this act shall be construed to limit any right, power or authority of a municipality to regulate airport hazards by zoning.

Laws 1947, p. 23, § 19.

§3-65.20. Interpretation and construction.

This act shall be so interpreted and construed as to make uniform so far as possible the laws and regulations of this state and other states and of the government of the United States having to do with the subject of municipal airports.

Laws 1947, p. 23, § 20.

§3-65.21. Repealed by Laws 1989, c. 154, § 2, operative July 1, 1989.

§3-65.22. Short title.

This act may be cited as the "Municipal Airports Act."

Laws 1947, p. 23, § 23.

§3-71. Repealed by Laws 1947, p. 31, § 19.

§3-72. Repealed by Laws 1947, p. 31, § 19; Laws 1963, c. 354, § 13, eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-73. Repealed by Laws 1947, p. 31, § 19; Laws 1963, c. 354, § 13, eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-74. Repealed by Laws 1947, p. 31, § 19; Laws 1963, c. 354, § 13, eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-75. Repealed by Laws 1947, p. 31, § 19; Laws 1963, c. 354, § 13, eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-76. Repealed by Laws 1947, p. 31, § 19; Laws 1963, c. 354, § 13, eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-77. Repealed by Laws 1947, p. 31, § 19; Laws 1963, c. 354, § 13, eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-78. Repealed by Laws 1947, p. 31, § 19; Laws 1963, c. 354, § 13, eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-79. Repealed by Laws 1947, p. 31, § 19; Laws 1963, c. 354, § 13, eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-80. Repealed by Laws 1947, p. 31, § 19; Laws 1963, c. 354, § 13, eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-81. Short title – Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Act.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Act."

Added by Laws 1963, c. 354, § 1, emerg. eff. June 22, 1963. Amended by Laws 2023, c. 126, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2023.

§3-82. See the following versions:

OS 3-82v1 (HB 3672, Laws 2024, c. 18, § 13).

OS 3-82v2 (SB 1912, Laws 2024, c. 135, § 13).

§3-82v1. Definitions.

As used in the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Aeronautics" means the science, art and practice of flight including, but not limited to, transportation by aircraft and matters relating to air commerce; the operation, construction, repair or maintenance of aircraft, aircraft power plants and accessories including the repair, packing and maintenance of parachutes; the design, establishment, construction, extension, operation, improvement, repair or maintenance of airports, restricted landing areas or other air navigation facilities; and instruction in flying or ground subjects pertaining thereto;

2. "Aeronautical hazard" means any structure, object of natural growth or use of land, which obstructs the airspace required for the flight of aircraft in landing or taking off at an airport that is otherwise hazardous to the operation and navigation of aircraft;

3. "Air navigation facility" means any facility used in, available for use in, or designed for use in, aid of air navigation including landing areas, any structures, mechanisms, lights, beacons, markers, communicating systems or other instrumentalities or devices used or useful as an aid, or constituting an advantage or convenience, to the safe taking off, navigation and landing of aircraft, or the safe and efficient operation or maintenance of an airport and any combination of any or all of such facilities;

4. "Aircraft" means any contraption now known, or hereafter invented, used or designed for navigation of or flight in the air or airspace;

5. "Airman" means any individual who engages, as the person in command, or as a pilot, mechanic or member of the crew, in the navigation of aircraft while under way, and any individual who is directly in charge of the inspection, maintenance, overhauling or repair of aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers and appliances;

6. "Airport" means an area of land or water that is used, or intended to be used, for the landing and takeoff of aircraft, and buildings and facilities, if any;

7. "Airspace" means that portion of the atmosphere overlying a designated geographical area considered as subject to territorial jurisdiction or international law in respect to its use by aircraft, guided missiles, and rockets;

8. "Commercial service airport" means an airport meeting the current Federal Aviation Administration definition for commercial service airport;

9. "Commission" means the seven members of the Oklahoma Aerospace and Aeronautics Commission as appointed by the Governor;

10. "Department" means the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics;

11. "Director" means the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics;

12. "General aviation airport" means an airport not meeting the criteria for definition as a commercial service or reliever airport;

13. "Helipad" means a small, designated area, usually with a prepared surface, on a heliport, airport, landing or takeoff area, apron or ramp, or movement area used for takeoff, landing or parking of helicopters;

14. "Heliport" means an area of land, water or structure used or intended to be used for the landing and takeoff of helicopters and includes its buildings and facilities, if any;

15. "Manned aircraft" means an aircraft, as defined in this section, that is operated with a person in or on the aircraft;

16. "Model aircraft" means an aircraft as defined in this section that is mechanically driven or launched into flight and that meets all of the following requirements:

a. is flown solely for hobby or recreational purposes, and

b. is not used for payment, consideration, gratuity or benefit, directly or indirectly charged, demanded, received or collected by any person for the use of the aircraft or any photographic or video image produced by the aircraft;

17. "Municipality" means any incorporated city, village, or town of this state and any county or political subdivision or

district in this state, or any public trust thereof, which is, or may be, authorized by law to acquire, establish, construct, maintain, improve, and operate airports, airstrips, vertiports, and aeronautical navigation facilities;

18. "Operation of aircraft" or "operate aircraft" means the use, navigation or piloting of aircraft in the airspace over this state or upon any airport within this state;

19. "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, association, joint stock association or body politic and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee or other similar representative thereof;

20. "Primary commercial service airport" means an airport meeting the current Federal Aviation Administration definition for primary commercial service airport;

21. "Reliever airport" means an airport designated by the Federal Aviation Administration as a reliever airport and which provides substantial capacity or instrument training relief to a primary commercial service airport;

22. "Resources" means services, facilities, funds, equipment, property, personnel and such other activities as are customarily included within the term;

23. "State" or "this state" means the State of Oklahoma;

24. "Unmanned aircraft" means an aircraft, as defined in this section, that is operated without the possibility of human intervention from within or on the aircraft;

25. "Unmanned aircraft system" means an unmanned aircraft and associated elements including communication links and components that control the unmanned aircraft that are required for the pilot in command to operate safely and efficiently in the National Airspace System;

26. "Vertiport" means an area of land, water, or structure used or intended to be used for the landing and takeoff of VTOL aircraft; and

27. "VTOL aircraft" means an aircraft which has vertical takeoff and landing capability.

Added by Laws 1963, c. 354, § 2, emerg. eff. June 22, 1963. Amended by Laws 1995, c. 181, § 2, eff. July 1, 1995; Laws 1996, c. 344, § 1, eff. July 1, 1996; Laws 2021, c. 419, § 3, eff. Nov. 1, 2021; Laws 2023, c. 126, § 2, eff. Nov. 1, 2023; Laws 2024, c. 18, § 13, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-82v2. Definitions.

As used in the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Aeronautics" means the science, art and practice of flight including, but not limited to, transportation by aircraft and matters relating to air commerce; the operation, construction,

repair or maintenance of aircraft, aircraft power plants and accessories including the repair, packing and maintenance of parachutes; the design, establishment, construction, extension, operation, improvement, repair or maintenance of airports, restricted landing areas or other air navigation facilities; and instruction in flying or ground subjects pertaining thereto;

2. "Aeronautical hazard" means any structure, object of natural growth or use of land, which obstructs the airspace required for the flight of aircraft in landing or taking off at an airport that is otherwise hazardous to the operation and navigation of aircraft;

3. "Air navigation facility" means any facility used in, available for use in, or designed for use in, aid of air navigation including landing areas, any structures, mechanisms, lights, beacons, markers, communicating systems or other instrumentalities or devices used or useful as an aid, or constituting an advantage or convenience, to the safe taking off, navigation and landing of aircraft, or the safe and efficient operation or maintenance of an airport and any combination of any or all of such facilities;

4. "Aircraft" means any contraption now known, or hereafter invented, used or designed for navigation of or flight in the air or airspace;

5. "Airman" means any individual who engages, as the person in command, or as a pilot, mechanic or member of the crew, in the navigation of aircraft while under way, and any individual who is directly in charge of the inspection, maintenance, overhauling or repair of aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers and appliances;

6. "Airport" means an area of land or water that is used, or intended to be used, for the landing and takeoff of aircraft, and buildings and facilities, if any;

7. "Airspace" means that portion of the atmosphere overlying a designated geographical area considered as subject to territorial jurisdiction or international law in respect to its use by aircraft, guided missiles, and rockets;

8. "Commercial service airport" means an airport meeting the current Federal Aviation Administration definition for commercial service airport;

9. "Commission" means the seven members of the Oklahoma Aerospace and Aeronautics Commission as appointed by the Governor;

10. "Department" means the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics;

11. "Director" means the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics;

12. "General aviation airport" means an airport not meeting the criteria for definition as a commercial service or reliever airport;

13. "Helipad" means a small, designated area, usually with a prepared surface, on a heliport, airport, landing or takeoff area,

apron or ramp, or movement area used for takeoff, landing or parking of helicopters;

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15. "Manned aircraft" means an aircraft, as defined in this section, that is operated with a person in or on the aircraft;

16. "Model aircraft" means an aircraft as defined in this section that is mechanically driven or launched into flight and that meets all of the following requirements:

- a. is flown solely for hobby or recreational purposes, and
- b. is not used for payment, consideration, gratuity or benefit, directly or indirectly charged, demanded, received or collected by any person for the use of the aircraft or any photographic or video image produced by the aircraft;

17. "Municipality" means any incorporated city, village, or town of this state and any county or political subdivision or district in this state, or any public trust thereof, which is, or may be, authorized by law to acquire, establish, construct, maintain, improve, and operate airports, airstrips, and aeronautical navigation facilities;

18. "Operation of aircraft" or "operate aircraft" means the use, navigation or piloting of aircraft in the airspace over this state or upon any airport within this state;

19. "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, association, joint stock association or body politic and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee or other similar representative thereof;

20. "Primary commercial service airport" means an airport meeting the current Federal Aviation Administration definition for primary commercial service airport;

21. "Reliever airport" means an airport designated by the Federal Aviation Administration as a reliever airport and which provides substantial capacity or instrument training relief to a primary commercial service airport;

22. "Resources" means services, facilities, funds, equipment, property, personnel and such other activities as are customarily included within the term;

23. "State" or "this state" means the State of Oklahoma;

24. "Unmanned aircraft" means an aircraft, as defined in this section, that is operated without the possibility of human intervention from within or on the aircraft;

25. "Unmanned aircraft system" means an unmanned aircraft and associated elements including communication links and components that control the unmanned aircraft that are required for the pilot

in command to operate safely and efficiently in the National Airspace System;

26. "Vertiport" means an area of land, water, or structure used or intended to be used for the landing and takeoff of VTOL aircraft; and

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Added by Laws 1963, c. 354, § 2, emerg. eff. June 22, 1963. Amended by Laws 1995, c. 181, § 2, eff. July 1, 1995; Laws 1996, c. 344, § 1, eff. July 1, 1996; Laws 2021, c. 419, § 3, eff. Nov. 1, 2021; Laws 2023, c. 126, § 2, eff. Nov. 1, 2023; Laws 2024, c. 135, § 13, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-83. Purpose of act.

It is hereby declared that the purpose of this act is to further the public interest in aeronautical progress:

(a) by granting to a state agency such powers and imposing upon it such duties that the state may properly perform its functions relative to aeronautics; effectively assist in the development of a statewide system of airports, cooperate with and assist the municipalities of this state and others engaged in aeronautics, and encourage and develop aeronautics in all its phases in this state;

(b) by providing for the protection of persons and property through the promotion of safety in aeronautics; and

(c) by providing for cooperation with federal authorities in the development of a national system of civil aviation and for coordination of the aeronautical activities of those authorities and the authorities of this state by assisting in accomplishing the purposes of federal legislation and eliminating costly and unnecessary duplication of functions in the province of federal agencies.

Laws 1963, c. 354, § 3, emerg. eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-84. Creation of Commission - Membership - Director - Rules and regulations - Meetings - Office space.

A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Aerospace and Aeronautics Commission, which shall be the successor to the Oklahoma Aviation Commission created by Section 81 et seq. of this title. The Oklahoma Aerospace and Aeronautics Commission shall consist of seven (7) members, who shall be appointed by the Governor and who shall continue in office, as designated by the Governor at the time of appointment, through the last day of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh calendar years, respectively, following the passage of Section 81 et seq. of this title, with the initial seventh member remaining in office until the end of the calendar year 1979. The successors of the members initially appointed shall be appointed for terms of six (6) years in the same manner as the

members originally appointed under Section 81 et seq. of this title, except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall be appointed only for the remainder of such term. Each member shall serve until the appointment and qualification of a successor. One member shall be appointed from each congressional district and any remaining members shall be appointed from the state at large. However, when congressional districts are redrawn each member appointed prior to July 1 of the year in which such modification becomes effective shall complete the current term of office and appointments made after July 1 of the year in which such modification becomes effective shall be based on the redrawn districts. Appointments made after July 1 of the year in which such modification becomes effective shall be from any redrawn districts which are not represented by a board member until such time as each of the modified congressional districts are represented by a board member. No appointments may be made after July 1 of the year in which such modification becomes effective if such appointment would result in more than two members serving from the same modified district. To qualify for appointment to the Commission, an appointee shall have the following minimum qualifications:

1. A citizen and bona fide resident of the state; and
2. Three (3) years' experience in aeronautical activities, such as general aviation, agricultural aviation, airport management, or air carrier operation.

Members of the Commission shall receive no salary but shall be entitled to be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act. The members of the Commission may be removed by the Governor for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office in the manner provided by law for the removal of officers not subject to impeachment.

B. 1. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics shall be appointed by the Commission, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission. The Director shall be appointed with due regard to such person's fitness, by aeronautical education and by knowledge of and recent practical experience in aeronautics for the efficient dispatch of the powers and duties duly vested in and imposed upon the Director. The Director shall devote full time to the duties of the office and shall not be actively engaged or employed in any other business, vocation, or employment, nor shall the Director have any pecuniary interest in or any stock in or bonds of any civil aeronautics enterprise. The Director shall be reimbursed for all traveling and other expenses incurred in the discharge of the official duties of the Director, subject to general statutory limitations on such expenses as contained in the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

2. The Director shall be the executive officer of the Department and under its supervision shall administer the provisions

of Section 81 et seq. of this title and rules, regulations, and orders established thereunder and all other laws of the state relative to aeronautics. The Director shall attend all meetings of the Commission, but shall have no vote. The Director shall be in charge of the offices of the Department and responsible for the preparation of reports and the collection and dissemination of data and other public information relating to aerospace and aeronautics. The Director is hereby empowered to execute all contracts entered into by the Commission.

3. The Commission may, by written order filed in its office, delegate to the Director any of the powers or duties vested in or imposed upon it by Section 81 et seq. of this title. Such delegated powers and duties may be exercised by the Director in the name of the Commission.

4. The Director shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Commission, such experts, field and office assistants, clerks, and other employees as may be required and authorized for the proper discharge of the functions of the Department.

C. The Commission shall, within thirty (30) days after its appointment, organize, adopt a seal, and make such rules and regulations for its administration, not inconsistent herewith, nor inconsistent with, or contrary to, any act of the Congress of the United States or regulations promulgated or standards established pursuant thereto, as it may deem expedient and from time to time amend such rules and regulations. At such organizational meeting it shall elect from among its members a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary, to serve for one (1) year, and annually thereafter shall elect such officers, all to serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. The Commission shall schedule meetings at a convenient time and place as they become necessary. Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum, and no action shall be taken by less than a majority of the Commission. Special meetings may be called as provided by the rules and regulations of the Commission. Regular meetings shall be held at the established offices of the Department, but, whenever the convenience of the public or of the parties may be promoted, or delay or expense may be prevented, the Commission may hold meetings, hearings, or proceedings at any other place designated by it. The Department shall report in writing to the Governor on or about January 31 of each year. The report shall contain a summary of the proceedings of the Department during the preceding fiscal year, a detailed and itemized statement of all revenue and of all expenditures made by or on behalf of the Department, such other information as it may deem necessary or useful, and any additional information which may be requested by the Governor.

D. Suitable office space shall be provided by the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for the Department in the City of

Oklahoma City, and the Department may incur the necessary expense for office rent, furniture, stationery, printing, incidental expenses, and other necessary expenses needed for the administration of Section 81 et seq. of this title.

Added by Laws 1963, c. 354, § 4, emerg. eff. June 22, 1963. Amended by Laws 1967, c. 146, § 1, emerg. eff. April 27, 1967; Laws 1974, c. 195, § 4, emerg. eff. May 15, 1974; Laws 1983, c. 304, § 2, eff. July 1, 1983; Laws 1985, c. 178, § 6, operative July 1, 1985; Laws 1995, c. 181, § 3, eff. July 1, 1995; Laws 2002, c. 375, § 1, eff. Nov. 5, 2002; Laws 2005, c. 100, § 1, eff. July 1, 2005; Laws 2012, c. 304, § 20; Laws 2023, c. 126, § 3, eff. Nov. 1, 2023.

§3-84.1. Repealed by Laws 2001, c. 211, § 4, emerg. eff. May 14, 2001.

§3-84.2. Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics – Employees – Unclassified service – Property – Funding.

A. Beginning July 1, 2002, the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics shall cease to be part of or a division of the Department of Transportation and shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct agency, to be known as the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics, and not under the Merit System of Personnel Administration. The Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics and the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics shall continue to exercise their statutory powers, duties, and responsibilities. All records, property, equipment, assets, monies, matters pending, and funds of the division shall be transferred to the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics.

B. 1. The number of full-time-equivalent employees for the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics shall not be less than ten, nor more than the number of employees currently allowed by law for the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission division of the Department of Transportation and who transfer to the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics pursuant to this section. In no event shall the total full-time-equivalent employees of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics transferring or electing to remain with the Department of Transportation exceed eighteen full-time-equivalent positions.

2. All full-time-equivalent employee positions for the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics shall not be under the Merit System of Personnel Administration and shall be considered unclassified service. All employees shall serve at the pleasure of the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics.

3. The Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics and the Department of Transportation may enter into an agreement for the transfer of personnel from the Department of Transportation to the

Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics. No employee shall be transferred to the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics except on the freely given written consent of the employee. All classified employees under the Merit System of Personnel Administration who are not transferred to the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics shall retain the status in the class to which the position occupied by the employee on July 1, 2002, is allocated by the Office of Personnel Management. The salary of such an employee shall not be reduced as a result of such position allocation. All employees who are transferred to the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics shall not be required to accept a lesser grade or salary than presently received. All employees shall retain leave, sick and annual time earned, and any retirement and longevity benefits which have accrued during their tenure with the Department of Transportation. The transfer of personnel between the state agencies shall be coordinated with the Office of Personnel Management.

C. The Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics shall be authorized to rent, lease, or own the appropriate office space and property in order to conduct its business. The Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics is authorized to accept gifts, bequests, devises, contributions, and grants, public or private, including federal funds or funds from any other source for use in furthering the purpose of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics.

D. Funding for the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics shall be provided for in the appropriation process of the Legislature, in addition to any other funding provided by law. The expenses incurred by the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics as a result of the transfer required by this section shall be paid by the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics.

E. The division within the Department of Transportation known as the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission shall be abolished by the Transportation Commission after the transfer has been completed.

F. The Director of State Finance is directed to coordinate the transfer of assets, funds, allotments, purchase orders, liabilities, outstanding financial obligations or encumbrances provided for in this section. The Department of Central Services shall coordinate the transfer of property and records provided for in this section. Added by Laws 2002, c. 269, § 1, eff. July 1, 2002. Amended by Laws 2005, c. 100, § 2, eff. July 1, 2005; Laws 2023, c. 126, § 4, eff. Nov. 1, 2023.

§3-85. See the following versions:

OS 3-85v1 (HB 3672, Laws 2024, c. 18, § 14).

OS 3-85v2 (SB 1912, Laws 2024, c. 135, § 14).

OS 3-85v3 (SB 2038, Laws 2024, c. 452, § 1).

§3-85.1. Department authority for real and personal property.

The Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics is hereby authorized on behalf of and in the name of the state, to accept title to property, real or personal, or any interest therein including easements from any authority, county, municipality or political subdivision thereof. The Department is further authorized to construct, enlarge, improve, maintain, equip, operate, regulate, protect, and police such property, including the construction, installation, equipping, maintenance, and operation of airports, buildings and other facilities for the servicing of aircraft or for the comfort and accommodation of air travelers. Any property accepted pursuant to this section shall be in accordance with and subject to Section 81 et seq. of this title.

Added by Laws 2002, c. 157, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2002. Amended by Laws 2023, c. 126, § 6, eff. Nov. 1, 2023.

§3-85.3. Aerospace and Defense Development Act of 2013.

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Aerospace and Defense Development Act of 2013".

B. There is hereby created within the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission, the Center for Aerospace and Defense Supplier Quality (CADSQ), and the Oklahoma Aerospace Institute (OAI) whose purpose shall be to create a partnership of service providers to more effectively respond to the needs of the aviation, aerospace and defense industries in the areas of education and training, research, and economic development. The CADSQ and OAI will focus available resources to promote cooperation and collaboration among businesses, manufacturers, military installations, commercial aviation, educational institutions, nonprofit research institutions, and state government for the purpose of strengthening the economy of the State of Oklahoma. Contingent upon the availability of funds, the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission may employ established program processes or may contract with other qualified entities to operate the CADSQ and the OAI.

C. The CADSQ is designed to serve as a conduit between the aviation, aerospace and defense industries in Oklahoma, as well as commercial and military aviation, to promote quick response to opportunities that will:

1. Increase contracts between companies in the aviation, aerospace and defense industries in Oklahoma and the Department of Defense and its prime contractors;
2. Create and retain more high-wage, high-skill jobs;
3. Strengthen collaborations between businesses and aviation, aerospace and defense interests;

4. Reduce the flow of federal defense contract dollars out-of-state;

5. Expand the aviation, aerospace and defense industries in Oklahoma;

6. Provide engineering and technical assistance;

7. Provide more suppliers for Oklahoma military installations and the aviation, aerospace and defense industries; and

8. Reduce costs for the Department of Defense and Oklahoma military installations, and increase the competitiveness of aviation, aerospace and defense businesses in Oklahoma.

D. In order to streamline the use of resources with the goal of eliminating duplication of efforts, the OAI shall act as a clearinghouse of information and activities concerning the aviation, aerospace and defense industries. The OAI will provide a focal point to coordinate the plans and activities of state agencies, task forces, departments, boards, commissions, and other entities that have responsibilities or duties regarding the aviation, aerospace and defense industries with the goal of eliminating duplication of effort.

E. The OAI shall create a partnership of education and training providers to meet the specific needs of the aviation, aerospace and defense industries to build a credentialed work force for the future. Participating educational institutions shall act cooperatively to create complementary activities.

F. The OAI shall include a center for applied research and will primarily undertake applied research, development and technology transfer that have long-term potential for commercial development. The center shall build upon institutional strengths and conduct activity in areas of research in which the participating research institutions and businesses have achieved or have true promise of attaining a standard of excellence in applied research and development.

G. The OAI shall support and foster the growth of the aviation, aerospace and defense industries. The OAI shall acquire aerospace executive expertise and provide consulting services to the aviation, aerospace and defense industries, government agencies and organizations across the State of Oklahoma in order to strengthen the policy framework, economic development initiatives and activities of the state.

H. The OAI may accept funding that includes, but is not limited to:

1. Monetary contributions;

2. Contractual arrangements;

3. In-kind services;

4. Federal- and state-appropriated dollars;

5. Private and public foundation grants; and

6. Fee-for-service products.

Added by Laws 2006, c. 263, § 1, eff. July 1, 2006. Amended by Laws 2008, c. 180, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2008. Renumbered from § 5060.3a of Title 74 by Laws 2008, c. 180, § 2, eff. Nov. 1, 2008. Amended by Laws 2008, c. 417, § 5, eff. Nov. 1, 2008; Laws 2013, c. 343, § 1, eff. July 1, 2013.

§3-85.4. Oklahoma Aerospace Foundation.

A. There is hereby authorized the establishment of a not-for-profit foundation, to be known as the Oklahoma Aerospace Foundation, for the purpose of encouraging contributions for the educational and industry outreach and development initiatives of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics. Such support from a not-for-profit shall be supplementary to any state funding received by the Department and shall be a means to further assist in the development of the aviation and aerospace industry in the state.

B. The Oklahoma Aerospace Foundation, created pursuant to this section, may receive contributions from any public or private source to carry out the purposes of this act including, but not limited to, gifts or grants from private individuals, companies, foundations, corporations, and others in the private and public sectors.

C. Upon incorporation, the Oklahoma Aerospace Foundation shall secure tax-exempt status under the appropriate provision of Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c).

D. No employee of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics shall be a voting member of the board of the Oklahoma Aerospace Foundation. Any member of the Foundation who may have a financial interest in an action under consideration by the Foundation shall abstain from voting on such matter.

E. The Oklahoma Aerospace Foundation shall make all its financial records and documents including work papers, except for the names of donors and other privileged materials, available to auditors who are performing audits of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics.

Added by Laws 2024, c. 254, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

§3-85v1. Powers and duties of Department.

A. The Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics and its Executive Director acting under its authority is empowered and directed to encourage, foster, and assist in the development of aerospace and aeronautics in this state and to encourage the establishment of airports, vertiports, and air navigation facilities. It shall cooperate with and assist the federal government, the municipalities of this state, and other persons in the development of aerospace and aeronautics, and shall seek to coordinate the aeronautical activities of these bodies and persons. Municipalities are authorized to cooperate with the Department in

the development of aeronautics and aeronautical facilities in this state.

B. The Department may organize and administer a voluntary program of air-age education in cooperation with the schools, colleges, and for the general public, and may prepare and conduct voluntary flight clinics for airmen and issue such bulletins and publications as may be required.

C. The Department shall assist in all aeronautical matters related to emergency management actions in conformance with federal directions and with the Emergency Operations Plan of the state.

D. The Department may establish air markers throughout the state.

E. The Department may purchase and install roadside signs directing highway traffic to airports, subject to approval of the State Transportation Commission.

F. The Department shall:

1. Draft and recommend necessary legislation to advance the interests of the state in aerospace and aeronautics;

2. Represent the state in aeronautical matters before federal agencies and other state agencies; and

3. Participate as party plaintiff or defendant or as intervener on behalf of the state or any municipality or citizen thereof in any proceeding which involves the interest of the state in aerospace or aeronautics.

G. 1. The Department may, insofar as is reasonably possible, make available its engineering and other technical services to any municipality or person desiring them in connection with the planning, acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, or operation of airports, vertiports, or air navigation facilities.

2. The Department may render financial assistance by grant or loan or both to any municipality or municipalities acting jointly in the planning, acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, or operation of an airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility owned or controlled, or to be owned or controlled, by such municipality or municipalities, out of appropriations or other monies made available by the Legislature for such purposes. Such financial assistance may be furnished in connection with federal or other financial aid for the same purposes.

3. The Department shall be designated as the agent of this state or any political subdivision of this state for the purpose of applying for, receiving, administering and disbursing federal funds and other public monies for the benefit of general aviation airports, except reliever airports, as may be available under applicable federal law or other laws. If requested by a political subdivision, the Department may act as its or their agent in contracting for and supervising such planning, acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, or operation; and all

political subdivisions are authorized to designate the Department as their agent for the foregoing purposes. The Department, as principal on behalf of the state, may enter into any contracts with the United States or with any person, which may be required in connection with a grant or loan of federal monies for municipal airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility purposes. All federal monies accepted under this section shall be accepted and transferred or expended by the Department upon such terms and conditions as are prescribed by the United States. All monies received by the Department pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Revolving Fund in the State Treasury and shall be paid out by the Department in accordance with the terms and conditions of any agreement entered into under the provisions of this section.

H. 1. The Department is authorized on behalf of and in the name of the state, out of appropriations and other monies made available for such purposes, to plan, zone, establish, construct, enlarge, improve, maintain, equip, operate, regulate, protect, and police airports, vertiports, and air navigation facilities, either within or without the state, including the construction, installation, equipping, maintenance, and operation at such airports of buildings and other facilities for the servicing of aircraft or for the comfort and accommodation of air travelers. However, the regulatory authority shall not extend to any airman employed by, nor to any aeronautics facility or aircraft under the exclusive possession, operation, or control of, a person holding a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by any agency of the United States to operate as a common carrier by air of persons and/or property in interstate commerce. For such purposes, the Department may, by purchase, gift, devise, or lease, acquire property, real or personal, or any interest therein, including easements in aeronautical hazards or land outside the boundaries of an airport or airport site, as are necessary to permit safe and efficient operation of the state airports or to permit the removal, elimination, obstruction-marking or obstruction-lighting of airport hazards, or to prevent the establishment of airport hazards. In like manner, the Department may acquire existing airports, vertiports, and air navigation facilities. However, the Department shall not acquire or take over any airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility owned or controlled by a municipality of this or any other state without the consent of such municipality. The Department may, by sale, lease, or otherwise, dispose of any such property, airport, vertiport, air navigation facility, or portion thereof or interest therein. The disposal, by sale, lease, or otherwise, shall be in accordance with the laws of this state governing the disposition of other property of the state, except that, in the case of disposals to any municipality or state

government or the United States for aeronautical purposes incident thereto, the sale, lease, or other disposal may be effected in such manner and upon such terms as the Department may deem in the best interest of the state.

2. All airports owned by the state shall be within the primary jurisdiction of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics for purposes of design, development, and operation; provided, that airports owned and operated by the Oklahoma Space Industry Development Authority shall be exempt from such provisions, and during the time of a national emergency, the Air National Guard shall be exempt from such provisions, and provided further, that any airport owned by the state may be leased by the Department to a public or private agency, as it may deem fit.

3. Nothing contained in the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Act shall be construed to limit any right, power, or authority of the state or a municipality to regulate airport hazards by zoning.

4. The Department may exercise any powers granted by this section jointly with any municipalities or with the United States.

5. a. In operating an airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility owned or controlled by the state, the Department may enter into contracts, leases, and other arrangements for a term not exceeding twenty-five (25) years with any persons granting the privilege of using or improving such airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility or any portion or facility thereof or space therein for commercial purposes; conferring the privilege of supplying goods, commodities, things, services, or facilities at such airport or air navigation facility; or making available services to be furnished by the Department or its agents at such airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility. In each such case, the Department may establish the terms and conditions and fix the charges, rentals, or fees for the privileges or services, which shall be reasonable and uniform for the same class of privileges or services and shall be established with due regard to the property and improvements used and the expenses of operation to the state; provided, that in no case shall the public be deprived of its rightful, equal, and uniform use of the airport, vertiport, air navigation facility or portion or facility thereof.
- b. The Department may by contract, lease, or other arrangement, upon a consideration fixed by it, grant to any qualified person for a term not to exceed twenty-five (25) years the privilege of operating, as

an agent of the state or otherwise, any airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility owned or controlled by the state; provided, that no such person shall be granted any authority to operate the airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility other than as a public airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility or to enter into any contracts, leases, or other arrangements in connection with the operation of the airport, vertiport or air navigation facility which the Department might not have undertaken under subparagraph a of this paragraph.

- c. To enforce the payment of any charges for repairs to, or improvements, storage, or care of, any personal property made or furnished by the Department or its agents in connection with the operation of an airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility owned or operated by the state, the state shall have liens on such property, which shall be enforceable by the Department as provided by law.

6. In accepting federal monies under this section, the Department shall have the same authority to enter into contracts on behalf of the state as is granted to the Department under paragraph 3 of subsection G of this section with respect to federal monies accepted on behalf of municipalities. All monies received by the Department pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Revolving Fund in the State Treasury and shall be paid out of the Department Fund in accordance with the terms and conditions of any agreement entered into under the provisions of this section.

7. The Department shall grant no exclusive right for the use of any airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility under its jurisdiction. This shall not be construed to prevent the making of contracts, leases, and other arrangements pursuant to paragraph 5 of this subsection.

I. The Department may enter into any contracts necessary for the execution of the powers granted it by the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Act. All contracts made by the Department, either as the agent of the state or as the agent of any municipality, shall be made pursuant to the laws of the state governing the making of like contracts. When the planning, acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, or operation of any airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility is financed wholly or partially with federal monies, the Department as agent of the state or of any municipality may let contracts in the manner prescribed by the federal authorities acting under the laws of the United States and any rules or regulations made thereunder.

J. 1. The Oklahoma Aerospace and Aeronautics Commission, the Executive Director, or any officer or employee of the Department designated by it shall have the power to hold investigations, inquiries, and hearings concerning matters covered by the provisions of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Act and the rules, regulations, and orders of the Department. Hearings shall be open to the public and shall be held upon such call or notice as the Commission shall deem advisable. Each member of the Commission, the Director, and every officer or employee of the Department designated by it to hold any inquiry, investigation, or hearing shall have the power to administer oaths and affirmations, certify to all official acts, issue subpoenas, and order the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of papers, books, and documents. In case of the failure of any person to comply with any subpoena or order issued under the authority of this subsection, or on the refusal of any witness to testify to any matters regarding which he or she may be lawfully interrogated, it shall be the duty of the district court of any county or of the judge thereof, on application of the Department or its authorized representative, to compel obedience by proceedings for contempt, as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from such court or a refusal to testify therein.

2. In order to facilitate the making of investigations by the Department in the interest of public safety and promotion of aeronautics, the public interest requires, and it is therefore provided, that the reports of investigations or hearings, or any part thereof, shall not be admitted in evidence or used for any purpose in any suit, action, or proceeding growing out of any matter referred to in the investigation, hearing, or report thereof, except in case of any suit, action, or proceeding, civil or criminal, instituted by or in behalf of the Department or in the name of the state under the provisions of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Act or other laws of the state relating to aeronautics; nor shall any member of the Commission, or the Executive Director, or any officer or employee of the Department be required to testify to any facts ascertained in, or information gained by reason of, such person's official capacity, or be required to testify as an expert witness in any suit, action, or proceeding involving any aircraft. Subject to the foregoing provisions, the Department may in its discretion make available to appropriate federal, state and municipal agencies information and material developed in the course of its investigations and hearings.

K. 1. The Department is authorized to confer with or to hold joint hearings with any agency of the United States in connection with any matter arising under the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Act or relating to the sound development of aerospace and aeronautics.

2. The Department is authorized to avail itself of the cooperation, services, records, and facilities of the agencies of the United States as fully as may be practicable in the administration and enforcement of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Act. The Department shall furnish to the agencies of the United States its cooperation, services, records, and facilities, insofar as may be practicable.

3. The Department shall report to the appropriate agency of the United States all accidents in aeronautics in this state of which it is informed and shall, insofar as is practicable, preserve, protect, and prevent the removal of the component parts of any aircraft involved in an accident being investigated by it until the federal agency institutes an investigation.

L. The Department may organize and administer an aerospace education program in cooperation with universities, colleges and schools for the general public. The Department may also plan and act jointly in a cooperative aviation research or high technology program. As part of these programs, the Department may issue aviation communication films and publications.

M. The Department shall administer an airport inspection program for all public-use airports within this state. The inspection program shall occur on a three-year cycle and shall be administered by the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics. Airport owners, including individuals and municipalities, shall provide access to airport facilities for conducting the inspections. The Department shall provide a written report to each public-use airport detailing the findings of such inspections.

Added by Laws 1963, c. 354, § 5, emerg. eff. June 22, 1963. Amended by Laws 1995, c. 181, § 4, eff. July 1, 1995; Laws 2003, c. 329, § 56, emerg. eff. May 29, 2003; Laws 2005, c. 401, § 1, eff. July 1, 2005; Laws 2017, c. 103, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2017; Laws 2018, c. 304, § 1, emerg. eff. May 10, 2018; Laws 2023, c. 126, § 5, eff. Nov. 1, 2023; Laws 2024, c. 18, § 14, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

NOTE: Laws 2017, c. 138, § 1 repealed by Laws 2018, c. 304, § 2, emerg. eff. May 10, 2018.

§3-85v2. Powers and duties of Department.

A. The Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics and its Director acting under its authority is empowered and directed to encourage, foster, and assist in the development of aerospace and aeronautics in this state and to encourage the establishment of airports, vertiports, and air navigation facilities. It shall cooperate with and assist the federal government, the municipalities of this state, and other persons in the development of aerospace and aeronautics, and shall seek to coordinate the aeronautical activities of these bodies and persons. Municipalities are

authorized to cooperate with the Department in the development of aeronautics and aeronautical facilities in this state.

B. The Department may organize and administer a voluntary program of air-age education in cooperation with the schools, colleges, and for the general public, and may prepare and conduct voluntary flight clinics for airmen and issue such bulletins and publications as may be required.

C. The Department shall assist in all aeronautical matters related to emergency management actions in conformance with federal directions and with the Emergency Operations Plan of the state.

D. The Department may establish air markers throughout the state.

E. The Department may purchase and install roadside signs directing highway traffic to airports, subject to approval of the State Transportation Commission.

F. The Department shall:

1. Draft and recommend necessary legislation to advance the interests of the state in aerospace and aeronautics;

2. Represent the state in aeronautical matters before federal agencies and other state agencies; and

3. Participate as party plaintiff or defendant or as intervener on behalf of the state or any municipality or citizen thereof in any proceeding which involves the interest of the state in aerospace or aeronautics.

G. 1. The Department may, insofar as is reasonably possible, make available its engineering and other technical services to any municipality or person desiring them in connection with the planning, acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, or operation of airports, vertiports, or air navigation facilities.

2. The Department may render financial assistance by grant or loan or both to any municipality or municipalities acting jointly in the planning, acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, or operation of an airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility owned or controlled, or to be owned or controlled, by such municipality or municipalities, out of appropriations or other monies made available by the Legislature for such purposes. Such financial assistance may be furnished in connection with federal or other financial aid for the same purposes.

3. The Department shall be designated as the agent of this state or political subdivision of this state for the purpose of applying for, receiving, administering and disbursing federal funds and other public monies for the benefit of general aviation airports, except reliever airports, as may be available under applicable federal law or other laws. If requested by a political subdivision, the Department may act as its or their agent in contracting for and supervising such planning, acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, or operation; and all

political subdivisions are authorized to designate the Department as their agent for the foregoing purposes. The Department, as principal on behalf of the state, may enter into any contracts with the United States or with any person, which may be required in connection with a grant or loan of federal monies for municipal airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility purposes. All federal monies accepted under this section shall be accepted and transferred or expended by the Department upon such terms and conditions as are prescribed by the United States. All monies received by the Department pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Revolving Fund in the State Treasury and shall be paid out by the Department in accordance with the terms and conditions of any agreement entered into under the provisions of this section.

H. 1. The Department is authorized on behalf of and in the name of the state, out of appropriations and other monies made available for such purposes, to plan, zone, establish, construct, enlarge, improve, maintain, equip, operate, regulate, protect, and police airports, vertiports, and air navigation facilities, either within or without the state, including the construction, installation, equipping, maintenance, and operation at such airports of buildings and other facilities for the servicing of aircraft or for the comfort and accommodation of air travelers. However, the regulatory authority shall not extend to any airman employed by, nor to any aeronautics facility or aircraft under the exclusive possession, operation, or control of, a person holding a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by any agency of the United States to operate as a common carrier by air of persons and/or property in interstate commerce. For such purposes the Department may, by purchase, gift, devise, or lease, acquire property, real or personal, or any interest therein including easements in aeronautical hazards or land outside the boundaries of an airport or airport site, as are necessary to permit safe and efficient operation of the state airports or to permit the removal, elimination, obstruction-marking or obstruction-lighting of airport hazards, or to prevent the establishment of airport hazards. In like manner the Department may acquire existing airports, vertiports, and air navigation facilities. However, the Department shall not acquire or take over any airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility owned or controlled by a municipality of this or any other state without the consent of such municipality. The Department may, by sale, lease, or otherwise, dispose of any such property, airport, vertiport, air navigation facility, or portion thereof or interest therein. The disposal, by sale, lease, or otherwise, shall be in accordance with the laws of this state governing the disposition of other property of the state, except that, in the case of disposals to any municipality or state

government or the United States for aeronautical purposes incident thereto, the sale, lease, or other disposal may be effected in such manner and upon such terms as the Department may deem in the best interest of the state.

2. All airports owned by the state shall be within the primary jurisdiction of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics for purposes of design, development, and operation; provided, that airports owned and operated by the Oklahoma Space Industry Development Authority shall be exempt from such provisions, and during the time of a national emergency, the Air National Guard shall be exempt from such provisions, and provided further, that any airport owned by the state may be leased by the Department to a public or private agency, as it may deem fit.

3. Nothing contained in the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Act shall be construed to limit any right, power, or authority of the state or a municipality to regulate airport hazards by zoning.

4. The Department may exercise any powers granted by this section jointly with any municipalities or with the United States.

5. a. In operating an airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility owned or controlled by the state, the Department may enter into contracts, leases, and other arrangements for a term not exceeding twenty-five (25) years with any persons granting the privilege of using or improving such airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility or any portion or facility thereof or space therein for commercial purposes; conferring the privilege of supplying goods, commodities, things, services, or facilities at such airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility; or making available services to be furnished by the Department or its agents at such airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility. In each such case the Department may establish the terms and conditions and fix the charges, rentals, or fees for the privileges or services, which shall be reasonable and uniform for the same class of privileges or services and shall be established with due regard to the property and improvements used and the expenses of operation to the state; provided, that in no case shall the public be deprived of its rightful, equal, and uniform use of the airport, vertiport, air navigation facility, or portion or facility thereof.
- b. The Department may by contract, lease, or other arrangement, upon a consideration fixed by it, grant to any qualified person for a term not to exceed twenty-five (25) years the privilege of operating, as

agent of the state or otherwise, any airport owned or controlled by the state; provided, that no such person shall be granted any authority to operate the airport other than as a public airport or to enter into any contracts, leases, or other arrangements in connection with the operation of the airport which the Department might not have undertaken under subparagraph a of this paragraph.

- c. To enforce the payment of any charges for repairs to, or improvements, storage, or care of, any personal property made or furnished by the Department or its agents in connection with the operation of an airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility owned or operated by the state, the state shall have liens on such property, which shall be enforceable by the Department as provided by law.

6. In accepting federal monies under this section, the Department shall have the same authority to enter into contracts on behalf of the state as is granted to the Department under paragraph 3 of subsection G of this section with respect to federal monies accepted on behalf of municipalities. All monies received by the Department pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Revolving Fund in the State Treasury and shall be paid out of the Department Fund in accordance with the terms and conditions of any agreement entered into under the provisions of this section.

7. The Department shall grant no exclusive right for the use of any airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility under its jurisdiction. This shall not be construed to prevent the making of contracts, leases, and other arrangements pursuant to paragraph 5 of this subsection.

I. The Department may enter into any contracts necessary to the execution of the powers granted it by the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Act. All contracts made by the Department, either as the agent of the state or as the agent of any municipality, shall be made pursuant to the laws of the state governing the making of like contracts. When the planning, acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, or operation of any airport, vertiport, or air navigation facility is financed wholly or partially with federal monies, the Department as agent of the state or of any municipality may let contracts in the manner prescribed by the federal authorities acting under the laws of the United States and any rules or regulations made thereunder.

J. 1. The Commission, the Director, or any officer or employee of the Department designated by it shall have the power to hold investigations, inquiries, and hearings concerning matters covered by the provisions of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and

Aeronautics Act and the rules, regulations, and orders of the Department. Hearings shall be open to the public and shall be held upon such call or notice as the Commission shall deem advisable. Each member of the Commission, the Director, and every officer or employee of the Department designated by it to hold any inquiry, investigation, or hearing shall have the power to administer oaths and affirmations, certify to all official acts, issue subpoenas, and order the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of papers, books, and documents. In case of the failure of any person to comply with any subpoena or order issued under the authority of this subsection, or on the refusal of any witness to testify to any matters regarding which he may be lawfully interrogated, it shall be the duty of the district court of any county or of the judge thereof, on application of the Department or its authorized representative, to compel obedience by proceedings for contempt, as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from such court or a refusal to testify therein.

2. In order to facilitate the making of investigations by the Department in the interest of public safety and promotion of aeronautics the public interest requires, and it is therefore provided, that the reports of investigations or hearings, or any part thereof, shall not be admitted in evidence or used for any purpose in any suit, action, or proceeding growing out of any matter referred to in the investigation, hearing, or report thereof, except in case of any suit, action, or proceeding, civil or criminal, instituted by or in behalf of the Department or in the name of the state under the provisions of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Act or other laws of the state relating to aeronautics; nor shall any member of the Commission, or the Director, or any officer or employee of the Department be required to testify to any facts ascertained in, or information gained by reason of, such person's official capacity, or be required to testify as an expert witness in any suit, action, or proceeding involving any aircraft. Subject to the foregoing provisions, the Department may in its discretion make available to appropriate federal, state and municipal agencies information and material developed in the course of its investigations and hearings.

K. 1. The Department is authorized to confer with or to hold joint hearings with any agency of the United States in connection with any matter arising under the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Act or relating to the sound development of aerospace and aeronautics.

2. The Department is authorized to avail itself of the cooperation, services, records, and facilities of the agencies of the United States as fully as may be practicable in the administration and enforcement of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Act. The Department shall furnish to the

agencies of the United States its cooperation, services, records, and facilities, insofar as may be practicable.

3. The Department shall report to the appropriate agency of the United States all accidents in aeronautics in this state of which it is informed and shall, insofar as is practicable, preserve, protect, and prevent the removal of the component parts of any aircraft involved in an accident being investigated by it until the federal agency institutes an investigation.

L. The Department may organize and administer an aerospace education program in cooperation with universities, colleges and schools for the general public. The Department may also plan and act jointly in a cooperative aviation research or high technology program. As part of these programs, the Department may issue aviation communication films and publications.

M. The Department shall administer an airport inspection program for all public-use airports within this state. The inspection program shall occur on a three-year cycle and shall be administered by the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics. Airport owners, including individuals and municipalities, shall provide access to airport facilities for conducting the inspections. The Department shall provide a written report to each public-use airport detailing the findings of such inspections.

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NOTE: Laws 2017, c. 138, § 1 repealed by Laws 2018, c. 304, § 2, emerg. eff. May 10, 2018.

§3-85v3. Powers and duties of Department.

A. The Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics and its Director acting under its authority is empowered and directed to encourage, foster, and assist in the development of aerospace and aeronautics in this state and to encourage the establishment of airports and air navigation facilities. It shall cooperate with and assist the federal government, the municipalities of this state, and other persons in the development of aerospace and aeronautics, and shall seek to coordinate the aeronautical activities of these bodies and persons. Municipalities are authorized to cooperate with the Department in the development of aeronautics and aeronautical facilities in this state.

B. The Department may organize and administer an aerospace and aviation education program in cooperation with the schools, colleges, and for the general public, and may prepare and conduct

voluntary flight clinics for airmen and issue such bulletins and publications as may be required. This program shall be known and may be cited as the "AeroSPACE Program" or "Aero Student Pathways for Aerospace Careers and Education". This program shall be a partnership with primary, secondary, career technology, and higher education providers to respond to the workforce needs of the aviation and aerospace industry by promoting and organizing quality curriculum, enhanced classroom instruction, and research-based educational programs. The AeroSPACE Program shall collaborate with industry and act as the facilitator for the collection and sharing of information, development and implementation of activities, and the dissemination of resources concerning aerospace education with the primary goal being to establish a common statewide strategy for implementing aerospace educational curriculum initiatives to better prepare students for an aviation and aerospace career. The Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission may employ established program processes or contract with other qualified entities to operate the AeroSPACE Program. The Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission may accept funding that includes, but is not limited to, donations, contractual arrangements, in-kind services, federal or state appropriations, and grants.

C. The Department shall assist in all aeronautical matters related to emergency management actions in conformance with federal directions and with the Emergency Operations Plan of the state.

D. The Department may establish air markers throughout the state.

E. The Department may purchase and install roadside signs directing highway traffic to airports, subject to approval of the State Transportation Commission.

F. The Department shall:

1. Draft and recommend necessary legislation to advance the interests of the state in aerospace and aeronautics;

2. Represent the state in aeronautical matters before federal agencies and other state agencies; and

3. Participate as party plaintiff or defendant or as intervener on behalf of the state or any municipality or citizen thereof in any proceeding which involves the interest of the state in aerospace or aeronautics.

G. 1. The Department may, insofar as is reasonably possible, make available its engineering and other technical services to any municipality or person desiring them in connection with the planning, acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, or operation of airports or navigation facilities.

2. The Department may render financial assistance by grant or loan or both to any municipality or municipalities acting jointly in the planning, acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, or operation of an airport owned or controlled, or to be owned or

controlled, by such municipality or municipalities, out of appropriations or other monies made available by the Legislature for such purposes. Such financial assistance may be furnished in connection with federal or other financial aid for the same purposes.

3. The Department shall be designated as the agent of this state or political subdivision of this state for the purpose of applying for, receiving, administering and disbursing federal funds and other public monies for the benefit of general aviation airports, except reliever airports, as may be available under applicable federal law or other laws. If requested by a political subdivision, the Department may act as its or their agent in contracting for and supervising such planning, acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, or operation; and all political subdivisions are authorized to designate the Department as their agent for the foregoing purposes. The Department, as principal on behalf of the state, may enter into any contracts with the United States or with any person, which may be required in connection with a grant or loan of federal monies for municipal airport or air navigation facility purposes. All federal monies accepted under this section shall be accepted and transferred or expended by the Department upon such terms and conditions as are prescribed by the United States. All monies received by the Department pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Revolving Fund in the State Treasury and shall be paid out by the Department in accordance with the terms and conditions of any agreement entered into under the provisions of this section.

H. 1. The Department is authorized on behalf of and in the name of the state, out of appropriations and other monies made available for such purposes, to plan, zone, establish, construct, enlarge, improve, maintain, equip, operate, regulate, protect, and police airports and air navigation facilities, either within or without the state, including the construction, installation, equipping, maintenance, and operation at such airports of buildings and other facilities for the servicing of aircraft or for the comfort and accommodation of air travelers. However, the regulatory authority shall not extend to any airman employed by, nor to any aeronautics facility or aircraft under the exclusive possession, operation, or control of, a person holding a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by any agency of the United States to operate as a common carrier by air of persons and/or property in interstate commerce. For such purposes the Department may, by purchase, gift, devise, or lease, acquire property, real or personal, or any interest therein including easements in aeronautical hazards or land outside the boundaries of an airport or airport site, as are necessary to permit safe and efficient

operation of the state airports or to permit the removal, elimination, obstruction-marking or obstruction-lighting of airport hazards, or to prevent the establishment of airport hazards. In like manner the Department may acquire existing airports and air navigation facilities. However, the Department shall not acquire or take over any airport or air navigation facility owned or controlled by a municipality of this or any other state without the consent of such municipality. The Department may, by sale, lease, or otherwise, dispose of any such property, airport, air navigation facility, or portion thereof or interest therein. The disposal, by sale, lease, or otherwise, shall be in accordance with the laws of this state governing the disposition of other property of the state, except that, in the case of disposals to any municipality or state government or the United States for aeronautical purposes incident thereto, the sale, lease, or other disposal may be effected in such manner and upon such terms as the Department may deem in the best interest of the state.

2. All airports owned by the state shall be within the primary jurisdiction of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics for purposes of design, development, and operation; provided, that airports owned and operated by the Oklahoma Space Industry Development Authority shall be exempt from such provisions, and during the time of a national emergency, the Air National Guard shall be exempt from such provisions, and provided further, that any airport owned by the state may be leased by the Department to a public or private agency, as it may deem fit.

3. Nothing contained in the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Act shall be construed to limit any right, power, or authority of the state or a municipality to regulate airport hazards by zoning.

4. The Department may exercise any powers granted by this section jointly with any municipalities or with the United States.

5. a. In operating an airport or air navigation facility owned or controlled by the state, the Department may enter into contracts, leases, and other arrangements for a term not exceeding twenty-five (25) years with any persons granting the privilege of using or improving such airport or air navigation facility or any portion or facility thereof or space therein for commercial purposes; conferring the privilege of supplying goods, commodities, things, services, or facilities at such airport or air navigation facility; or making available services to be furnished by the Department or its agents at such airport or air navigation facility.

In each such case the Department may establish the terms and conditions and fix the charges, rentals, or

fees for the privileges or services, which shall be reasonable and uniform for the same class of privileges or services and shall be established with due regard to the property and improvements used and the expenses of operation to the state; provided, that in no case shall the public be deprived of its rightful, equal, and uniform use of the airport, air navigation facility or portion or facility thereof.

- b. The Department may by contract, lease, or other arrangement, upon a consideration fixed by it, grant to any qualified person for a term not to exceed twenty-five (25) years the privilege of operating, as agent of the state or otherwise, any airport owned or controlled by the state; provided, that no such person shall be granted any authority to operate the airport other than as a public airport or to enter into any contracts, leases, or other arrangements in connection with the operation of the airport which the Department might not have undertaken under subparagraph a of this paragraph.
- c. To enforce the payment of any charges for repairs to, or improvements, storage, or care of, any personal property made or furnished by the Department or its agents in connection with the operation of an airport or air navigation facility owned or operated by the state, the state shall have liens on such property, which shall be enforceable by the Department as provided by law.

6. In accepting federal monies under this section, the Department shall have the same authority to enter into contracts on behalf of the state as is granted to the Department under paragraph 3 of subsection G of this section with respect to federal monies accepted on behalf of municipalities. All monies received by the Department pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Revolving Fund in the State Treasury and shall be paid out of the Department Fund in accordance with the terms and conditions of any agreement entered into under the provisions of this section.

7. The Department shall grant no exclusive right for the use of any airport or air navigation facility under its jurisdiction. This shall not be construed to prevent the making of contracts, leases, and other arrangements pursuant to paragraph 5 of this subsection.

I. The Department may enter into any contracts necessary to the execution of the powers granted it by the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Act. All contracts made by the Department, either as the agent of the state or as the agent of any municipality, shall be made pursuant to the laws of the state

governing the making of like contracts. When the planning, acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, or operation of any airport or air navigation facility is financed wholly or partially with federal monies, the Department as agent of the state or of any municipality may let contracts in the manner prescribed by the federal authorities acting under the laws of the United States and any rules or regulations made thereunder.

J. 1. The Commission, the Director, or any officer or employee of the Department designated by it shall have the power to hold investigations, inquiries, and hearings concerning matters covered by the provisions of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Act and the rules, regulations, and orders of the Department. Hearings shall be open to the public and shall be held upon such call or notice as the Commission shall deem advisable. Each member of the Commission, the Director, and every officer or employee of the Department designated by it to hold any inquiry, investigation, or hearing shall have the power to administer oaths and affirmations, certify to all official acts, issue subpoenas, and order the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of papers, books, and documents. In case of the failure of any person to comply with any subpoena or order issued under the authority of this subsection, or on the refusal of any witness to testify to any matters regarding which he may be lawfully interrogated, it shall be the duty of the district court of any county or of the judge thereof, on application of the Department or its authorized representative, to compel obedience by proceedings for contempt, as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from such court or a refusal to testify therein.

2. In order to facilitate the making of investigations by the Department in the interest of public safety and promotion of aeronautics the public interest requires, and it is therefore provided, that the reports of investigations or hearings, or any part thereof, shall not be admitted in evidence or used for any purpose in any suit, action, or proceeding growing out of any matter referred to in the investigation, hearing, or report thereof, except in case of any suit, action, or proceeding, civil or criminal, instituted by or in behalf of the Department or in the name of the state under the provisions of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Act or other laws of the state relating to aeronautics; nor shall any member of the Commission, or the Director, or any officer or employee of the Department be required to testify to any facts ascertained in, or information gained by reason of, such person's official capacity, or be required to testify as an expert witness in any suit, action, or proceeding involving any aircraft. Subject to the foregoing provisions, the Department may in its discretion make available to appropriate

federal, state and municipal agencies information and material developed in the course of its investigations and hearings.

K. 1. The Department is authorized to confer with or to hold joint hearings with any agency of the United States in connection with any matter arising under the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Act or relating to the sound development of aerospace and aeronautics.

2. The Department is authorized to avail itself of the cooperation, services, records, and facilities of the agencies of the United States as fully as may be practicable in the administration and enforcement of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Act. The Department shall furnish to the agencies of the United States its cooperation, services, records, and facilities, insofar as may be practicable.

3. The Department shall report to the appropriate agency of the United States all accidents in aeronautics in this state of which it is informed and shall, insofar as is practicable, preserve, protect, and prevent the removal of the component parts of any aircraft involved in an accident being investigated by it until the federal agency institutes an investigation.

L. The Department may organize and administer an aerospace education program in cooperation with universities, colleges and schools for the general public. The Department may also plan and act jointly in a cooperative aviation research or high technology program. As part of these programs, the Department may issue aviation communication films and publications.

M. The Department shall administer an airport inspection program for all public-use airports within this state. The inspection program shall occur on a three-year cycle and shall be administered by the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics. Airport owners, including individuals and municipalities, shall provide access to airport facilities for conducting the inspections. The Department shall provide a written report to each public-use airport detailing the findings of such inspections.

Added by Laws 1963, c. 354, § 5, emerg. eff. June 22, 1963. Amended by Laws 1995, c. 181, § 4, eff. July 1, 1995; Laws 2003, c. 329, § 56, emerg. eff. May 29, 2003; Laws 2005, c. 401, § 1, eff. July 1, 2005; Laws 2017, c. 103, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2017; Laws 2018, c. 304, § 1, emerg. eff. May 10, 2018; Laws 2023, c. 126, § 5, eff. Nov. 1, 2023; Laws 2024, c. 452, § 1, emerg. eff. June 14, 2024.

NOTE: Laws 2017, c. 138, § 1 repealed by Laws 2018, c. 304, § 2, emerg. eff. May 10, 2018.

§3-86. Public and governmental functions.

The acquisition of any lands or interest therein pursuant to this act, the planning, acquisition, establishment, construction,

improvement, maintenance, equipment, and operation of airports and air navigation facilities, whether by the state separately or jointly with any municipality or municipalities, and the exercise of any other powers herein granted to the Commission are hereby declared to be public and governmental functions, exercised for a public purpose, and matters of public necessity. All lands and other property and privileges acquired and used by or on behalf of the state in the manner and for the purposes enumerated in this act shall and are hereby declared to be acquired and used for public and governmental purposes and as a matter of public necessity. Laws 1963, c. 354, § 6, emerg. eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-87. Use of facilities, services and resources of other agencies - Cooperation.

In carrying out the provisions of Section 81 et seq. of this title the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics may use the facilities, services, and resources of other agencies of the state and of the municipalities of the state, and all other such agencies of the state and municipalities are hereby specifically authorized to cooperate with the Department by use of their respective equipment, facilities, services, and resources in the furtherance of the purposes of Section 81 et seq. of this title and in the furtherance of the plans and programs of the Department. Added by Laws 1963, c. 354, § 7, emerg. eff. June 22, 1963. Amended by Laws 2023, c. 126, § 7, eff. Nov. 1, 2023.

§3-88. Provisions not mandatory.

No provision of this act is mandatory upon any city or town in Oklahoma, or the governing body thereof, in the acquisition, improvement, construction, operation, or maintenance of any municipally owned airport or air navigation facility; nor shall any provision of this act prevent or take away from any city or town governing board the authority to deal directly with any agency of the federal government in the matching of any funds made available by the federal government for acquisition, improvement, construction, operation, or maintenance of any such municipally owned airport or air navigation facility. Laws 1963, c. 354, § 8, emerg. eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-89. Transfer of powers and duties.

The powers and duties of the Oklahoma Planning and Resources Board relating to aviation as prescribed by 3 O.S. 1961, Section 25, are hereby transferred to and vested in the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission. Laws 1963, c. 354, § 9, emerg. eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-90. Construction and repair of airports in various counties - Minimum runways - Federal funds.

In order to assure a safe and adequate system of airports within this state:

1. In every county wherein there is no active airport, the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics is authorized to construct within such county or a municipality located therein or upon land owned by the federal government but under the active control of the state, county or a municipality located within such county a runway of not less than two thousand six hundred (2,600) feet in length and to repair, maintain and hardsurface such runway.

2. In each county wherein there already exists an active airport owned by such county or a municipality located therein or upon land owned by the federal government but under the active control of the state, county or a municipality located within such county, but there does not exist within such county a hardsurfaced runway of at least two thousand six hundred (2,600) feet in length, the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics may construct upon such lands as those described in paragraph 1 of this section a runway of not less than two thousand six hundred (2,600) feet and may repair, maintain and hardsurface such runway, or may, where sufficient land is available for such purpose, expand such existing airport to a length of two thousand six hundred (2,600) feet and may thereupon repair, maintain and hardsurface the entire runway.

3. During the fiscal year in which federal funds are available under the Federal Airport Program for development or improvement of a state, county or city owned or controlled airport, the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics shall be prohibited from performing any construction or major repair work upon such airstrip unless and until such federal funds have been available for such purpose.

4. The Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics, in any county where no airport containing two thousand six hundred (2,600) feet or more runway exists, is authorized to accept gifts of land to be used for a county airport and of money to be used to acquire an airport.

5. The Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics is further authorized to accept federal grants for construction, repair, maintenance and other purposes not inconsistent with the provisions of this section and to utilize machinery and material for the purpose of matching available federal funds and grants.

Added by Laws 1963, c. 354, § 10, emerg. eff. June 22, 1963.

Amended by Laws 1979, c. 40, § 1, emerg. eff. April 9, 1979; Laws 1981, c. 140, § 1, emerg. eff. May 5, 1981; Laws 1995, c. 181, § 5, eff. July 1, 1995; Laws 2023, c. 126, § 8, eff. Nov. 1, 2023.

§3-91. Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Revolving Fund.

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics to be designated as the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Revolving Fund. The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of a monthly allocation by the Oklahoma Tax Commission of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) from the motor fuel excise tax levied and collected pursuant to the provisions of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, such amount being a part of the estimated amount of tax paid on gasoline consumed by engines to propel aircraft in this state, sale of surplus property, fees and receipts collected pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Records Act, donations, gifts, bequests, contribution, devices, interagency reimbursements, federal funds unless otherwise provided by federal law or regulation, sale of leases and aircraft registration fees and taxes, fees authorized by Section 1135.5 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes or any other source. All monies accruing to the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics for airport construction and rehabilitation programs, general operations of the agency, for promoting the awareness of aviation and aerospace, and providing financial support for aviation education programs to address the need for a skilled and competent aviation workforce. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

Added by Laws 1963, c. 354, § 11, emerg. eff. June 22, 1963.

Amended by Laws 1979, c. 47, § 3, emerg. eff. April 9, 1979; Laws 1987, c. 205, § 82, operative July 1, 1987; Laws 2012, c. 304, § 21; Laws 2017, c. 331, § 4, eff. Nov. 1, 2017; Laws 2023, c. 126, § 9, eff. Nov. 1, 2023.

§3-92. Lease of state-owned lands for oil, gas, mining and agricultural purposes.

The Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics is hereby authorized and empowered to offer for sale, sell and execute oil and gas leases, and other mineral and mining leases, and agricultural leases on any of the lands of this state under the control and supervision of the Department, provided, the development of land for the purpose leased will not unduly interfere with the aeronautical purpose for which said land is being used by the state. The Department is hereby given authority to adopt and promulgate such additional rules and regulations, not inconsistent herewith, as it may deem necessary and for the best interest of the state in facilitating the sale of said leases. It shall be the duty of the

Director of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics to execute such leases for and in behalf of the Department, and the Director shall be liable on his official bond for failure to faithfully discharge his duties hereunder. The sales of all oil, gas and mineral leases shall be made upon the basis of a retained royalty of not less than one-eighth (1/8) of all oil, gas, casinghead gas, and other minerals produced from the lands covered by such leases and such additional cash bonus as may be procured. Provided, however, if the state owns less than one hundred percent (100%) of the oil, gas, casinghead gas and other minerals covered by any such lease, the royalty retained shall not be less than one-eighth (1/8) of the mineral interest so owned. All oil, gas, mineral and agricultural leases shall be sold only after advertisement for a period of three (3) weeks in a legal newspaper published and of general circulation in the county in which said lands are located. The sale shall be made to the highest and best bidder and all bids shall be in sealed envelopes and opened and considered at the same time.

Added by Laws 1967, c. 150, § 1. Amended by Laws 2023, c. 126, § 10, eff. Nov. 1, 2023.

§3-93. Disposition of funds received.

All money derived from the sale of such leases, and from any royalties subsequently accruing, shall be deposited in the State Treasury and credited to the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Revolving Fund, and such money may be expended in the same manner and for the purposes as other money in the fund is authorized to be expended.

Added by Laws 1967, c. 150, § 2. Amended by Laws 1987, c. 205, § 83, operative July 1, 1987; Laws 2023, c. 126, § 11, eff. Nov. 1, 2023.

§3-100. Short title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Airport Zoning Act".

Laws 1945, p. 14, § 15. Renumbered from § 115 of this title by Laws 1986, c. 20, § 15, eff. Nov. 1, 1986.

§3-101. Definitions.

As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Airport" means an area of land or water that is used or intended to be used for the landing and taking off of aircraft including its buildings and facilities, if any.

(2) "Airport hazard" means any structure, object of natural growth or use of land which obstructs the airspace required for the flight of aircraft in landing or taking off at an airport or is otherwise hazardous to such landing or taking off of aircraft.

(3) "Airport hazard area" means any area of land or water upon which an airport hazard might be established if not prevented as provided in this act.

(4) "Political subdivision" means any municipality, city, town, village, or county.

(5) "Person" means any individual, firm, copartnership, corporation, company, association, joint stock association, or body politic, and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee, or other similar representative thereof.

(6) "Structure" means any object constructed or installed by man, including, but without limitation, buildings, towers, smokestacks, and overhead transmission lines.

(7) "Tree" means any object of natural growth.

Added by Laws 1945, p. 9, § 1. Amended by Laws 1995, c. 181, § 6, eff. July 1, 1995.

§3-102. Airport hazards contrary to public interest.

It is hereby found that an airport hazard endangers the lives and property of users of the airport and of occupants of land in its vicinity, and also, if of the obstruction type, in effect reduces the size of the area available for the landing, taking off and maneuvering of aircraft, thus tending to destroy or impair the utility of the airport and the public investment therein.

Accordingly, it is hereby declared: (a) that the creation or establishment of an airport hazard is a public nuisance and an injury to the community served by the airport in question; (b) that it is therefore necessary in the interest of the public health, public safety, and general welfare that the creation or establishment of airport hazards be prevented. It is further declared that both the prevention of the creation or establishment of airport hazards and the elimination, removal, alteration, mitigation, or marking and lighting of existing airport hazards are public purposes for which political subdivisions and the Commission may raise and expend public funds and acquire land or property interests therein.

Laws 1945, p. 9, § 2; Amended by Laws 1986, c. 20, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 1986.

§3-102.1. Permit for erection, alteration or modification of certain structures.

A. In order to prevent the erection of structures dangerous to air navigation, subject to the provisions of subsections B, C and D of this section, each person shall secure from the local airport zoning authority, or in the absence of a local airport zoning authority, the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics, a permit for the erection, alteration, or modification of any structure the result of which would exceed the federal obstruction

standards as contained in 14 CFR, Part 77. Permits from the local airport zoning authority will be required only within an airport hazard area where federal standards are exceeded and if the proposed construction is within:

1. A 10-nautical mile radius of the geographical center of a publicly owned or operated airport, a military airport, or an airport open for public use which has a published instrument approach procedure;

2. A 6-nautical mile radius of the geographical center of a publicly owned or operated airport, a military airport, or an airport open for public use which has no published instrument approach procedure and has runways in excess of three thousand two hundred (3,200) feet in length; or

3. A 2.5-nautical mile radius of the geographical center of a publicly owned or operated airport, a military airport, or an airport open for public use which has no published instrument approach and has runways three thousand two hundred (3,200) feet or less in length.

B. Affected airports will be considered as having those facilities which are programmed in the Federal Aviation Administration's Regional Aviation System Plan and will be so protected.

C. Permit requirements of subsection A of this section shall not apply to projects which received construction permits from the Federal Communications Commission for structures exceeding federal obstruction standards prior to May 20, 1975; nor shall it apply to previously approved structures now existing, or any necessary replacement or repairs to such existing structures, so long as the height and location is unchanged.

D. In determining whether to issue or deny a permit, the local airport zoning authority shall consider:

1. The nature of the terrain and height of existing structures;
2. Public and private interests and investments;
3. The character of flying operations and planned developments of airports;

4. Federal airways as designated by the Federal Aviation Administration that lie within the radii described in paragraphs 1 through 3 of subsection A of this section;

5. Whether the construction of the proposed structure would cause an increase in the minimum descent altitude or the decision height at the affected airport;

6. Technological advances;

7. The safety of persons on the ground and in the air; and

8. Land use density.

E. In order to promote the health, safety and welfare of the public and to protect persons and property by promoting safety in aeronautics, the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics

may review any structure erected, altered, or modified since January 1, 1996, in which no permit was secured from the local airport zoning authority because of the absence of a local airport authority. The Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics shall determine whether such structures meet the requirements set forth in this section. If the structures do not meet the requirements as set forth in this section, the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics may request the owners of such structure to make any necessary modifications to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public, including, but not limited to, altering, marking, mapping, or identifying such structure. The Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics may assist the owner of such structure in any manner deemed feasible by the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics.

Added by Laws 1986, c. 20, § 2, eff. Nov. 1, 1986. Amended by Laws 1995, c. 181, § 7, eff. July 1, 1995; Laws 1999, c. 389, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 1999; Laws 2001, c. 211, § 1, emerg. eff. May 14, 2001; Laws 2023, c. 126, § 12, eff. Nov. 1, 2023.

§3-102.2. Zoning regulations to permit certain variances.

Airport zoning regulations adopted by any political subdivision pursuant to this act, as a minimum, shall require a permit or variance for the erection, alteration, or modification of any structure which would result in the structure exceeding the federal obstruction standards pursuant to 14 CFR, Part 77.

Added by Laws 1986, c. 20, § 3, eff. Nov. 1, 1986.

§3-103. Power to adopt airport zoning regulations - Joint boards.

(1) In order to prevent the creation or establishment of airport hazards, every political subdivision having an airport hazard area within its territorial limits shall adopt, administer, and enforce, under the police power and in the manner and upon the conditions hereinafter prescribed, airport zoning regulations for such airport hazard area, which regulations may divide such area into zones, and within such zones, specify the land uses permitted and regulate and restrict the height to which structures and trees may be erected or allowed to grow.

(2) Where an airport is owned or controlled by a political subdivision and any airport hazard area appertaining to such airport is located outside the territorial limits of the political subdivision, the political subdivision owning or controlling the airport and the political subdivision within which the airport hazard area is located may, by ordinance or resolution duly adopted, create a Joint Airport Zoning Board, which Board shall have the same power to adopt, administer and enforce airport zoning regulations applicable to the airport hazard area in question as that vested by subsection (1) of this section in the political subdivision within

which such area is located. Each Joint Board shall have as members two representatives appointed by each political subdivision participating in its creation and in addition a chairman elected by a majority of the members so appointed. The chairman shall be elected from the appointed membership of the Board for a term of two (2) years.

(3) Where the airport hazard area appertaining to any airport is located within the territorial limits of two or more political subdivisions, such political subdivisions together with the political subdivision, if any, owning or controlling said airport may, by ordinance or resolution duly adopted, create a Joint Zoning Board, which Board shall have the same power to adopt, administer and enforce airport zoning regulations applicable to the airport hazard area in question as that vested by subsection (1) of this section in the political subdivision within which such area is located. Each such Joint Board shall have as members one member appointed by each political subdivision participating in its creation and an additional member appointed by each political subdivision having a total population in excess of thirty-six thousand (36,000). The chairman shall be elected by a majority of the members so appointed. The chairman shall be elected from the appointed membership of the Board for a term of two (2) years. The Joint Board shall have the power to make its own rules governing its meetings and procedure and any zoning regulation shall be effective upon adoption by a majority of its members and shall thereupon be filed with the county clerk, without charge, of each county in which the airport hazard area is located. The resolution shall then be presented for adoption to each of the political subdivisions participating in the Joint Airport Zoning Board. The failure of a political subdivision to participate in the creation of the Joint Airport Zoning Board shall not restrict the authority of the Joint Airport Zoning Board to make and enforce zoning regulations over the entire airport hazard area.

Added by Laws 1945, p. 10, § 3. Amended by Laws 1953, p. 13, § 1; Laws 1986, c. 20, § 4, eff. Nov. 1, 1986; Laws 1995, c. 181, § 8, eff. July 1, 1995.

§3-104. Relation to comprehensive zoning regulations.

(1) Incorporation. In the event that a political subdivision has adopted, or hereafter adopts, a comprehensive zoning ordinance regulating, among other things, the height of buildings, any airport zoning regulations applicable to the same area or portion thereof, may be incorporated in and made a part of such comprehensive zoning regulations, and be administered and enforced in connection therewith.

(2) Conflict. In the event of conflict between any airport zoning regulations adopted under this act and any other regulations

applicable to the same area, whether the conflict be with respect to the height of structures or trees, the use of land, or any other matter, and whether such other regulations were adopted by the political subdivision which adopted the airport zoning regulations or by some other political subdivision or the Commission, the more stringent limitation or requirement shall govern and prevail. Laws 1945, p. 10, § 4; Amended by Laws 1986, c. 20, § 5, eff. Nov. 1, 1986.

§3-105. Procedure for adoption of zoning regulations.

(1) Notice and Hearing. No airport zoning regulations shall be adopted, amended, or changed under this act except by action of the governing body of the political subdivision in question, or the Joint Board provided for in subsection (2) of Section 103 of this title, after a public hearing in relation thereto, at which parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard. At least fifteen (15) days' notice of the hearing shall be published in an official paper, or a paper of general circulation, in the political subdivision or subdivisions in which is located the airport hazard area to be zoned.

(2) Airport Zoning Commission. Prior to the initial zoning of any airport hazard area under this act, the political subdivision or Joint Airport Zoning Board which is to adopt the regulations shall appoint a Commission, to be known as the Airport Zoning Commission, to recommend the boundaries of the various zones to be established and the regulations to be adopted therefor. The Commission shall make a preliminary report and hold public hearings thereon before submitting its final report, and the governing body of the political subdivision or the Joint Airport Zoning Board shall not hold its public hearings or take other action until it has received the final report of the Commission. Where a city planning commission or comprehensive zoning commission already exists, it may be appointed as the Airport Zoning Commission.

Added by Laws 1945, p. 10, § 5. Amended by Laws 1986, c. 20, § 6, eff. Nov. 1, 1986; Laws 1995, c. 181, § 9, eff. July 1, 1995.

§3-106. Airport zoning requirements.

(1) Reasonableness. All airport zoning regulations adopted under this act shall be reasonable and none shall impose any requirement or restriction which is not reasonably necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act. In determining what regulations it may adopt, each political subdivision and Joint Airport Zoning Board shall consider, among other things, the character of the flying operations expected to be conducted at the airport, the nature of the terrain within the airport hazard area, the character of the neighborhood, and the uses to which the property to be zoned is put and adaptable.

(2) Nonconforming Uses. No airport zoning regulations adopted under this act shall require the removal, lowering, or other change or alteration of any structure or tree not conforming to the regulations when adopted or amended, or otherwise interfere with the continuance of any nonconforming use, except as provided in Section 7(3).

Laws 1945, p. 11, § 6.

§3-107. Permits and variances.

(1) Permits. Any airport zoning regulations adopted under this act may require that a permit be obtained before any new structure or use may be constructed or established and before any existing use or structure may be substantially changed or substantially altered or repaired. In any event, however, all such regulations shall provide that before any nonconforming structure or tree may be replaced, substantially altered or repaired, rebuilt, allowed to grow higher, or replanted, a permit must be secured from the administrative agency authorized to administer and enforce the regulations, authorizing such replacement, change or repair. No permit shall be required to make maintenance repairs to or to replace parts of existing structures which do not enlarge or increase the height of such existing structures. No permit shall be granted that would allow the establishment or creation of an airport hazard or permit a nonconforming structure or tree or nonconforming use to be made or become higher or become a greater hazard to air navigation than it was when the applicable regulation was adopted or than it is when the application for a permit is made. Except as provided herein, all applications for permits shall be granted.

(2) Variances. Any person desiring to erect any structure, or increase the height of any structure, or permit the growth of any tree, or otherwise use property in violation of airport zoning regulations adopted under this act, may apply to the Board of Adjustment for a variance from the zoning regulations in question. Such variances shall be allowed where a literal application or enforcement of the regulations would result in practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship and the relief granted would not be contrary to the public interest but do substantial justice and be in accordance with the spirit of the regulations and this act. However, any variance may be allowed subject to any reasonable conditions that the Board of Adjustment may deem necessary to effectuate the purpose of this act.

(3) Hazard Marking and Lighting. In granting any permit or variance under this section, the administrative agency or Board of Adjustment may, if it deems such action advisable to effectuate the purpose of this act and reasonable in the circumstances, so condition the permit or variance as to require the owner of the structure or tree in question, at the owner's expense, to install,

operate, and maintain thereon such markers and lights as may be necessary to indicate to flyers the presence of an airport hazard.

(4) Copies of any request for a permit or variance shall be forwarded by the political subdivision or Joint Airport Zoning Board to the Commission within five (5) days of filing.

Added by Laws 1945, p. 11, § 7. Amended by Laws 1986, c. 20, § 7, eff. Nov. 1, 1986; Laws 1995, c. 181, § 10, eff. July 1, 1995.

§3-108. Appeals.

(1) Any person aggrieved, or taxpayer affected, by any decision of an administrative agency made in its administration of airport zoning regulations adopted under this act, or any governing body of a political subdivision, or any Joint Airport Zoning Board, who is of the opinion that a decision of such an administrative agency is an improper application of airport zoning regulations of such governing body or board, may appeal to the Board of Adjustment authorized to hear and decide appeals from the decisions of such administrative agency.

(2) All appeals taken under this section must be taken within a reasonable time, as provided by the rules of the Board of Adjustment, by filing with the agency from which the appeal is taken and with the Board, a notice of appeal specifying the grounds thereof. The agency from which the appeal is taken shall forthwith transmit to the Board all the papers constituting the record upon which the action appealed from was taken.

(3) An appeal shall stay all proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed, unless the agency from which the appeal is taken certifies to the Board, after the notice of appeal has been filed with it, that by reason of the facts stated in the certificate a stay would, in its opinion, cause imminent peril to life or property. In such cases proceedings shall not be stayed otherwise than by order of the Board on notice to the agency from which the appeal is taken and on due cause shown.

(4) The Board shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing of appeals, give public notice and due notice to the parties in interest including the Commission, and decide the same within a reasonable time. Upon the hearing any party may appear in person or by agent or by attorney.

(5) The Board may, in conformity with the provisions of this act, reverse or affirm wholly or partly, or modify, the order, requirement, decision, or determination appealed from and may make such order, requirement, decision or determination as ought to be made, and to that end shall have all the powers of the administrative agency from which the appeal is taken.
Laws 1945, p. 12, § 8; Amended by Laws 1986, c. 20, § 8, eff. Nov. 1, 1986.

§3-109. Administration of airport zoning regulations.

All airport zoning regulations adopted by the political subdivision or the Joint Airport Zoning Board shall provide for the administration and enforcement of such regulations by an administrative agency which may be an agency created by such regulations or any official, board, or other existing agency of the political subdivision adopting the regulations or of one of the political subdivisions which participated in the creation of the Joint Airport Zoning Board adopting the regulations, if satisfactory to that political subdivision, but in no case shall such administrative agency be or include any member of the Board of Adjustment. The duties of any administrative agency designated pursuant to this act shall include that of hearing and deciding all permits under Section 7(1), but such agency shall not have or exercise any of the powers herein delegated to the Board of Adjustment.

Laws 1945, p. 12, § 9; Amended by Laws 1986, c. 20, § 9, eff. Nov. 1, 1986.

§3-110. Board of Adjustment.

(1) All airport zoning regulations adopted under this act shall provide for a Board of Adjustment to have and exercise the following powers:

(a) To hear and decide appeals from any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by the administrative agency in the enforcement of the airport zoning regulations, as provided in Section 8.

(b) To hear and decide any special exceptions to the terms of the airport zoning regulations upon which such Board may be required to pass under such regulations.

(c) To hear and decide specific variances under Section 7(2).

(2) Where a Zoning Board of Appeals or Adjustment already exists, it may be appointed as the Board of Adjustments. Otherwise, the Board of Adjustment shall consist of five (5) members, each to be appointed for a term of three (3) years, by the authority adopting the regulations and to be removable by the appointing authority for cause, upon written charges and after public hearing.

(3) The concurring vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Adjustment shall be sufficient to reverse any order, requirement, decision, or determination of the administrative agency, or to decide in favor of the applicant on any matter upon which it is required to pass under the airport zoning regulations, or to effect any variation in such regulations.

(4) The Board shall adopt rules in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance or resolution by which it was created. Meetings of the Board shall be held at the call of the chairman and at such other times as the Board may determine. The chairman, or in

his absence, the acting chairman, may administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses. All hearings of the Board shall be subject to the Open Meeting Act. The Board shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon each question, or, if absent or failing to vote, indicating such fact, and shall keep records of its examinations and other official actions, all of which shall immediately be filed in the office of the Board and shall be a public record.

Laws 1945, p. 12, § 10; Amended by Laws 1986, c. 20, § 10, eff. Nov. 1, 1986.

§3-111. Judicial review.

(1) Any person aggrieved, or taxpayer affected, by any decision of a Board of Adjustment, or any governing body of a political subdivision or any Joint Airport Zoning Board who is of the opinion that a decision of a Board of Adjustment is illegal, may present to the district court a verified petition setting forth that the decision is illegal, in whole or in part, and specifying the grounds of the illegality. Such petition shall be presented to the court within thirty (30) days after the decision is filed in the office of the Board.

(2) Upon presentation of such petition, the court may review such decision of the Board. The allowance of an appeal shall not stay proceedings upon the decision appealed from, but the court may, on application, and with notice to the Board and on due cause shown, grant a restraining order.

(3) The Board of Adjustment shall not be required to return the original papers acted upon by it, but it shall be sufficient to return certified or sworn copies thereof or of such portions thereof as may be called for by the court. The return shall concisely set forth such other facts as may be pertinent and material to show the grounds of the decision appealed from and shall be verified.

(4) The court shall have exclusive jurisdiction to affirm, modify, or set aside the decision brought up for review, in whole or in part, and if need be, to order further proceedings by the Board of Adjustment. The findings of fact of the Board, if supported by substantial evidence, shall be accepted by the court as conclusive, and no objection to a decision of the Board shall be considered by the court unless such objection shall have been urged before the Board, or, if it was not so urged, unless there were reasonable ground for failure to do so.

(5) Costs shall not be allowed against the Board of Adjustment unless it appears to the court that it acted with gross negligence, in bad faith, or with malice, in making the decision appealed from.

(6) In any case in which airport zoning regulations adopted under this act, although generally reasonable, are held by a court to interfere with the use or enjoyment of a particular structure or

parcel of land to such an extent, or to be so onerous in their application to such a structure or parcel of land, as to constitute a taking or deprivation of that property in violation of the Constitution of this state or the Constitution of the United States, such holding shall not affect the application of such regulations to other structures and parcels of land.

Laws 1945, p. 13, § 11; Amended by Laws 1986, c. 20, § 11, eff. Nov. 1, 1986.

§3-112. Enforcement and remedies.

Each violation of this act or of any regulations, orders, or rulings promulgated by the political subdivision, Joint Airport Zoning Board, or Commission pursuant to this act, shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment for not more than one (1) year in the county jail, or by both such fine and imprisonment. In addition, the political subdivision or agency adopting zoning regulations under this act may institute in any court of competent jurisdiction, an action to prevent, restrain, correct or abate any violation of this act, or of airport zoning regulations adopted under this act, or of any order or ruling made in connection with their administration or enforcement, and the court shall adjudge to the plaintiff such relief, by way of injunction or otherwise, as may be proper under all the facts and circumstances of the case, in order fully to effectuate the purposes of this act and of the regulations adopted and orders and rulings made pursuant thereto.

Laws 1945, p. 14, § 12; Amended by Laws 1986, c. 20, § 12, eff. Nov. 1, 1986.

§3-113. Acquisition of air rights.

In any case in which:

(1) It is desired to remove, lower, or otherwise terminate a nonconforming structure or use; or (2) the approach protection necessary cannot, because of constitutional limitations, be provided by airport zoning regulations under this act; or (3) it appears advisable that the necessary approach protection be provided by acquisition of property rights rather than by airport zoning regulations, the political subdivision within which the property or nonconforming use is located or the agency or political subdivision owning the airport or served by it may acquire, by purchase, grant, or condemnation in the manner provided by the law under which the agency or political subdivisions are authorized to acquire real property for public purposes, such air right, aviation easement, or other estate or interest in the property of nonconforming structure or use in question as may be necessary to effectuate the purpose of this act.

Laws 1945, p. 14, § 13; Amended by Laws 1986, c. 20, § 13, eff. Nov. 1, 1986.

§3-114. Repealed by Laws 1989, c. 154, § 2, operative July 1, 1989.

§3-115. Renumbered as § 100 of this title by Laws 1986, c. 20, § 15, eff. Nov. 1, 1986.

§3-116. Preparation of zoning codes.

The Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics may provide technical assistance to any political subdivision requesting assistance in the preparation of an airport zoning code. A copy of all local airport zoning codes, rules, and regulations, and amendments and proposed and granted variances thereto, shall be filed with the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics. Added by Laws 1986, c. 20, § 14, eff. Nov. 1, 1986. Amended by Laws 1995, c. 181, § 11, eff. July 1, 1995; Laws 2023, c. 126, § 13, eff. Nov. 1, 2023.

§3-120.1. Short title - Aircraft Pilot and Passenger Protection Act.

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Aircraft Pilot and Passenger Protection Act".

B. It is the intent of this act to:

1. Regulate obstructions to air navigation that have the potential of endangering the lives and property of aircraft pilots and passengers and those that live or work in the vicinity of public-use airports; that may affect existing and future instrument approaches to a public-use airport; and that may reduce the size of areas available for the landing, takeoff and maneuvering of aircraft thus impairing the utility of a public-use airport and the public investment therein;

2. Regulate the use of land in close proximity to a public-use airport to ensure compatibility with aircraft operations; and

3. Provide specific powers and duties to the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the public so that the state may properly fulfill its duty to ensure that land use around a public-use airport is compatible with normal airport operations including the landing and takeoff of aircraft.

C. All heights or surfaces set forth in this act are from the standards set forth in Subpart C of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 77.

D. Depending upon the type of survey used, an adjustment will be made in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration standards to the horizontal and vertical measurements of the proposed structure as follows:

Survey Type	Horizontal Adjustment	Survey Type	Vertical Adjustment
1	±20 ft (6 m)	A	+3 ft (1 m)
2	±50 ft (15 m)	B	+10 ft (3 m)
3	±100 ft (30 m)	C	+20 ft (6 m)
4	±250 ft (75 m)	D	+50 ft (15 m)
5	±500 ft (150 m)	E	+125 ft (38 m)

If the survey type (horizontal and vertical) is not certified by a licensed engineer or a licensed surveyor, a horizontal adjustment of plus or minus two hundred fifty (250) feet and a vertical adjustment of fifty (50) feet will be applied to the structure measurements.

E. This act shall neither prevent nor preempt a municipality from having ordinances or regulations governing land use that may affect public-use airports.

Added by Laws 2010, c. 367, § 1, eff. Oct. 1, 2010. Amended by Laws 2017, c. 32, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2017.

§3-120.2. Definitions.

As used in the Aircraft Pilot and Passenger Protection Act:

1. "Airport reference point" is the geometrical center of all usable runways;
2. "Airport elevation" is the highest point of an airport's usable runways measured in feet from mean sea level;
3. "Approach surface" is an imaginary surface shaped like a trapezoid:
 - a. longitudinally centered on the extended runway centerline at a public-use airport,
 - b. beginning two hundred (200) feet beyond the end of each runway pavement and at the runway end elevation,
 - c. having an inner-edge width of one thousand (1,000) feet expanding outward uniformly to a width of sixteen thousand (16,000) feet at the outer edge, and
 - d. sloping upward for a distance of ten thousand (10,000) feet at a slope of fifty (50) to one (1), with an additional forty thousand (40,000) feet at a slope of forty (40) to one (1);
4. "Commission" means the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission or a successor agency;
5. "Conical surface" is an imaginary surface extending outward and upward from the periphery of the horizontal surface at a slope of twenty (20) to one (1) for a horizontal distance of four thousand (4,000) feet;
6. "FAA" means the Federal Aviation Administration or a successor agency to the Federal Aviation Administration;
7. "Horizontal surface" is an imaginary horizontal plane one hundred fifty (150) feet above the established airport elevation,

the perimeter of which is constructed by swinging arcs of ten thousand (10,000) feet radii from a point located on the extended runway centerline two hundred (200) feet beyond each end of runway pavement and connecting the adjacent arcs by lines tangent to those arcs;

8. "Incompatible purpose" means the use of a building, structure or area as a residence, educational center (including all types of primary and secondary schools, preschools, and child-care facilities), place of worship, place of public assembly, hospital, medical inpatient treatment facility, nursing/convalescent home, retirement home, transportation facility, storage facility, aboveground utility facility or similar use;

9. "Legal representative" means a person who is authorized to legally bind an entity;

10. "Permit" means a permit issued by the Commission under this act;

11. "Person" means an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, association, or body politic and includes a trustee, receiver, assignee, or other similarly authorized representative of any of them;

12. "Primary surface" is a surface longitudinally centered on a runway. When the runway has a specially prepared hard surface, the primary surface extends two hundred (200) feet beyond each end of that runway; but when the runway has no specially prepared hard surface, or planned hard surface, the primary surface ends at each end of that runway. The elevation of any point on the primary surface is the same as the elevation of the nearest point on the runway centerline. The width of the primary surface is one thousand (1,000) feet;

13. "Public-use airport" means a structure or an area of land or water that is designed and set aside for the landing and taking off of aircraft, is utilized or to be utilized by and in the interest of the public for the landing and taking off of aircraft and is identified by the FAA as a public-use airport. Public-use airport shall include any military airport operated by a branch of the armed services of the United States government. Public-use airport shall not include any privately owned airport for private use as identified by the FAA, or any airport owned by a municipality with a population exceeding five hundred thousand (500,000) according to the most recent Federal Decennial Census;

14. "Runway" means the portion of an airport designated as the area used for the landing or takeoff of aircraft;

15. "Runway protection zone" is a trapezoidal zone centered along the extended runway centerline, beyond each end of the primary surface, two thousand five hundred (2,500) feet long, with an inner width of one thousand (1,000) feet and an outer width of one thousand seven hundred fifty (1,750) feet. The function of the

runway protection zone is to enhance the protection of people and property on the ground;

16. "Structure" means any constructed or installed object including, but not limited to, buildings, towers, wind turbines, smokestacks, electronic transmission or receiving towers, and antennae and overhead transmission lines. The term does not include:

- a. any aviation navigational aids that are fixed by function, or
- b. any construction or installed object on property owned by the federal government; and

17. "Total structure height" means the elevation of the ground above mean sea level at the structure's location, plus the height of the structure above ground level in feet, plus the applicable survey type adjustment provided the survey adjustment is in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration standards.

Added by Laws 2010, c. 367, § 2, eff. Oct. 1, 2010. Amended by Laws 2017, c. 32, § 2, eff. Nov. 1, 2017.

§3-120.3. Construction permit.

A. A person shall obtain a permit from the Commission prior to the construction, installation, or use of any of the following near a public-use airport:

1. Any proposed structure or area for an incompatible purpose in the primary surface or the runway protection zone;
2. Any structure, alteration or addition to a structure within three (3) statute miles from the airport reference point of a public-use airport, that would result in a total structure height in excess of one hundred fifty (150) feet above the established airport elevation; and
3. Any structure, alteration or addition to a structure that would result in a total structure height greater than the horizontal, conical or approach surfaces, as defined in Section 120.2 of this title.

B. No permit shall be required:

1. For mobile or temporary equipment used to construct or install a new structure or to perform routine maintenance, repairs, or replace parts of an existing structure or for temporary structures that will be in place for less than twenty-four (24) months; or
2. To repair, replace, or alter an existing structure that would not result in a total structure height greater than the horizontal, conical or approach surfaces as defined in Section 120.2 of this title, or change the location of an existing structure.

C. Any person required to notify the FAA of any proposed construction or alteration pursuant to Subpart B of Section 77.13 of the Federal Aviation Regulations Part 77, that in response receives

an acknowledgement from the FAA that further aeronautical study is required to determine whether the proposed construction or alteration would be a hazard to air navigation, shall, upon requesting further aeronautical study by the FAA, concurrently notify the Commission of the request and shall provide the Commission with true and correct copies of all relevant filings made with the FAA.

Upon receipt of such notification of the filing of a request for further aeronautical study, the Commission shall give timely notice thereof to the Oklahoma Strategic Military Planning Commission, or any successor agency, and to any military airport within Oklahoma potentially affected by the proposed construction or alteration.

The Commission further shall use its best efforts to establish regular and consistent communication with the FAA to encourage sharing of information regarding construction or alteration in a military training route or slow-speed low-altitude training route within the State of Oklahoma with appropriate state agencies and military installations.

Added by Laws 2010, c. 367, § 3, eff. Oct. 1, 2010. Amended by Laws 2017, c. 32, § 3, eff. Nov. 1, 2017.

§3-120.4. Construction of structure for an incompatible purpose.

The construction of a structure for an incompatible purpose within the primary surface or the runway protection zone is presumed to be incompatible with normal airport operations including the landing and takeoff of aircraft.

Added by Laws 2010, c. 367, § 4, eff. Oct. 1, 2010.

§3-120.5. Hazards to air navigation.

Any structure or alteration to a structure is presumed to be a hazard to air navigation if its total structure height is greater than the horizontal, conical or approach surfaces, as defined in Section 2 of the Aircraft Pilot and Passenger Protection Act.

Added by Laws 2010, c. 367, § 5, eff. Oct. 1, 2010.

§3-120.6. Permit application - Required components.

Applications to the Commission for a permit in accordance with the provisions of the Aircraft Pilot and Passenger Protection Act for construction near a public-use airport shall include the following:

1. For construction in a primary surface or runway protection zone, under paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 3 of this act:
 - a. a completed application on a form prescribed by the Commission with the following statement on the application, signed by a legal representative of the applicant:

"The applicant acknowledges for itself, its heirs, its successors, and its assigns, that the real estate described in this application is located in the primary surface or the runway protection zone of a public-use airport, and that the applicant is building a structure upon this real estate, with the full knowledge and acceptance that it may be incompatible with normal airport operations including the landing and takeoff of aircraft.", and

- b. if required, a copy of the FAA Form 7460-1, "Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration", as described in 14 CFR part 77, sub-part B, Section 17, to be submitted to the FAA; and

2. For construction or alteration of a structure in a horizontal, conical, or approach surface under paragraph 2 or 3 of subsection A of Section 3 of this act:

- a. a completed application on a form prescribed by the Commission, and

- b. a copy of FAA Form 7460-1, to be submitted to the FAA.

Added by Laws 2010, c. 367, § 6, eff. Oct. 1, 2010.

§3-120.7. Permit application - With or without FAA Form 7460-1.

A. If FAA Form 7460-1 is required, then an application for a permit pursuant to Section 120.3 of this title shall be filed at the same time the FAA Form 7460-1 is sent to the FAA, or at any time before that. If FAA Form 7460-1 is not required, then the application shall be filed at least thirty (30) days before the earlier of the following:

1. The date the proposed construction or alteration is to begin; or

2. The date an application for a construction or building permit is to be filed with the municipality.

Upon receiving an application, the Commission shall notify a legal representative of the public-use airport owner affected by the application and solicit comments from the airport owner.

B. In determining whether to issue a permit, the Commission shall consider:

1. The nature of the terrain and height of existing structures;

2. Public and private interests and investments of an airport;

3. The character of flying operations and planned developments of an airport;

4. Whether the construction of the proposed structure would cause an increase in the minimum descent altitude or the decision height at the affected airport;

5. Technological advances;

6. The safety of persons on the ground and in the air;

7. Land use density;

8. Comments from all interested persons; and
9. Findings and determinations of other government agencies.

C. If FAA Form 7460-1 is required, then the Commission shall notify the applicant of its determination within thirty (30) days of the FAA completing its aeronautical study. If the applicant has not been notified by the Commission of its determination within thirty (30) days of the FAA completing its aeronautical study, then the applicant shall notify the Commission that it has not received notice of the Commission's determination. The Commission shall then have seven (7) working days from the date of the applicant's notice to notify the applicant of its determination. Nothing herein precludes the Commission from making its determination before the FAA completes its aeronautical study.

D. If FAA Form 7460-1 is not required, then the Commission shall notify the applicant of its determination within sixty (60) days of filing the application. If the applicant has not been notified by the Commission of its determination within sixty (60) days of filing the application, then the applicant shall notify the Commission that it has not received notice of the Commission's determination. The Commission shall then have seven (7) working days from the date of the applicant's notice to notify the applicant of its determination.

Added by Laws 2010, c. 367, § 7, eff. Oct. 1, 2010. Amended by Laws 2017, c. 32, § 4, eff. Nov. 1, 2017.

§3-120.8. Application process after issuance of permit - Amending a permit.

A. Once a permit is issued by the Commission, the applicant shall be required to complete the following steps to complete the permit process:

1. The applicant for a permit under Section 120.3 of this title shall record each permit issued by the Commission in the office of the county clerk for the county where the structure is located not later than sixty (60) business days after the Commission issues the permit. If a structure is located in more than one county, the county that contains the majority of the structure is the county in which the permit must be filed. A permit issued under paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 120.3 of this title shall contain the following statement:

"The permittee acknowledges for itself, its heirs, its successors, and its assigns, that the real estate described in this permit is located within the primary surface or the runway protection zone of a public-use airport, and that the permittee is building a structure upon this real estate with the full knowledge and acceptance that it may be incompatible with normal

airport operations including the landing and takeoff of aircraft.";

2. A permit issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 120.3 of this title is valid only after the Commission receives a certified copy of the recorded permit with the recording data from the county clerk of the county in which the structure is located; and

3. Every permit granted by the Commission shall specify that obstruction markers, markings, lighting, or other visual or aural identification required to be installed on or in the vicinity of the structure shall conform to federal laws and regulations.

B. Once a permit is valid the permittee may request to amend a permit under these conditions:

1. The amendment is to change the administrative items of the permit including the transfer of ownership rights. There shall be no limit to the number of times a permittee can request an amendment that is administrative in nature; or

2. The amendment is for the purpose of micrositing a structure that has been permitted, but not yet constructed. Micrositing shall allow for a structure to be moved four hundred (400) feet or less in a horizontal direction provided the new location will not impact an airport's instrument or visual approaches. A permittee can request to amend a permit for micrositing up to two times. A third micrositing request on the structure will require the permittee to file a new permit application.

Added by Laws 2010, c. 367, § 8, eff. Oct. 1, 2010. Amended by Laws 2017, c. 32, § 5, eff. Nov. 1, 2017.

§3-120.9. Validity of permit issued under Section 3 of Aircraft Pilot and Passenger Protection Act.

A permit issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of the Aircraft Pilot and Passenger Protection Act is valid only if the proposed structure has been constructed within ten (10) years of the issuance of a permit by the Commission pursuant to Section 8 of this act.

Added by Laws 2010, c. 367, § 9, eff. Oct. 1, 2010.

§3-120.10. Notification of denial of permit.

A. If the Commission determines that a permit should not be issued under the provisions of the Aircraft Pilot and Passenger Protection Act, the Commission shall notify the applicant in writing of its determination. The notification may be served by delivering it personally to the applicant or by sending it by certified or registered mail to the applicant at the address specified in the application.

B. The determination is final thirty (30) days after notification of the determination is served, unless the applicant,

within the thirty-day period, requests reconsideration in writing to the Commission and provides written evidence showing why the application should have been granted. The Commission has up to a period of thirty (30) days from the receipt of the request. The Commission shall notify the applicant of its determination as specified in subsection A of this section. In the event of a second denial by the Commission of the permit request, the applicant can request a hearing before the Commission with reference to the application. A hearing under this section shall be open to the public. The applicant may appear and be heard either in person or by counsel and may present pertinent evidence and testimony. At the hearing, the applicant has the burden to show cause why the Commission should have granted the permit to erect the proposed structure.

Added by Laws 2010, c. 367, § 10, eff. Oct. 1, 2010.

§3-120.11. Applicability of act.

The provisions of the Aircraft Pilot and Passenger Protection Act shall not apply to structures that existed or have an approved building permit from the local authority with jurisdiction over the property that the structure is proposed to be constructed upon, prior to the effective date of this act.

Added by Laws 2010, c. 367, § 11, eff. Oct. 1, 2010.

§3-120.12. Violation of act - Fine.

Each violation of the Aircraft Pilot and Passenger Protection Act, or rulings promulgated by the Commission pursuant to this act, shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Each day that such a violation or failure continues constitutes a separate offense. In addition, the Commission may institute in any court of general jurisdiction, an action to prevent, restrain, correct, or abate any violation of this act, or any rules adopted or orders issued by the Commission pursuant to this act. The court may grant such relief, by way of injunction, which may be mandatory, or otherwise, as may be necessary under this act and the applicable rules or orders of the Commission issued under this act.

Added by Laws 2010, c. 367, § 12, eff. Oct. 1, 2010.

§3-120.13. Application fee.

The Commission shall prepare and charge a schedule of reasonable fees for services rendered, not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per permit application.

Added by Laws 2010, c. 367, § 13, eff. Oct. 1, 2010.

§3-120.14. Authority to promulgate rules.

The Commission is authorized to promulgate any rules necessary to implement the provisions of the Aircraft Pilot and Passenger Protection Act.

Added by Laws 2010, c. 367, § 14, eff. Oct. 1, 2010.

§3-121. Anemometer towers.

A. For purposes of this section:

1. "Anemometer" means an instrument for measuring and recording wind speed;

2. "Anemometer tower" means a structure, including all guy wires and accessory facilities, on which an anemometer is mounted, that is fifty (50) feet in height above the ground or higher, is not located within the boundaries of a municipality, and whose appearance is not otherwise regulated by state or federal law;

3. "Commission" means the seven members of the Oklahoma Aerospace and Aeronautics Commission; and

4. "Department" means the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics.

B. In addition to any zoning requirements of the Airport Zoning Act or the Aircraft Pilot and Passenger Protection Act, the Department shall promulgate rules regulating the appearance of anemometer towers to ensure that anemometer towers are clearly recognizable in clear air during daylight hours according to the following guidelines:

1. The Department shall consider the best method for making anemometer towers visible, including but not limited to painting, flagging, or marking the towers and guy wires; and

2. Any rule promulgated pursuant to this section may apply immediately, upon adoption, to anemometer towers constructed after the date of adoption; however, anemometer towers constructed prior to the date of adoption of the rule shall be exempt from the rule for one (1) year from the date of adoption.

C. The Department shall establish and maintain a database containing the location of all anemometer towers by November 1, 2015. The Department may contract with a governmental entity or private entity to create and maintain the database.

D. The Department shall promulgate rules requiring an owner of an anemometer tower to provide the Department with information specifying the location and height of the tower, and any other information the Department may require to ensure aviation safety.

E. The Department shall promulgate rules requiring any person proposing to construct an anemometer tower to notify the Department of such proposal. The Department shall require the owner of the proposed tower to provide the Department with information specifying the location and height of the tower, and any other information the Department may require to ensure aviation safety.

F. The Department shall promulgate rules by requiring the owner of an anemometer tower to notify the Department upon removal or destruction of an anemometer tower.

G. The Department shall have the authority to promulgate rules and implement administrative penalties to enforce the provisions of this section.

H. Violations of this act are prohibited.

Added by Laws 2014, c. 354, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2014. Amended by Laws 2023, c. 126, § 14, eff. Nov. 1, 2023.

§3-131. Repealed by Laws 1963, c. 354, § 13, eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-132. Repealed by Laws 1963, c. 354, § 13, eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-133. Repealed by Laws 1963, c. 354, § 13, eff. June 22, 1963.

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§3-135. Repealed by Laws 1963, c. 354, § 13, eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-136. Repealed by Laws 1963, c. 354, § 13, eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-137. Repealed by Laws 1963, c. 354, § 13, eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-138. Repealed by Laws 1963, c. 354, § 13, eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-139. Repealed by Laws 1963, c. 354, § 13, eff. June 22, 1963.

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§3-144. Repealed by Laws 1963, c. 354, § 13, eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-145. Repealed by Laws 1963, c. 354, § 13, eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-146. Repealed by Laws 1963, c. 354, § 13, eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-147. Repealed by Laws 1963, c. 354, § 13, eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-148. Repealed by Laws 1963, c. 354, § 13, eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-149. Repealed by Laws 1963, c. 354, § 13, eff. June 22, 1963.

§3-201. State owned aircraft - Liability insurance - Limits.

Any department, agency or commission which is authorized to own or operate aircraft is hereby authorized to carry insurance on such aircraft and pay the premium therefor out of funds appropriated for the operation of such subdivision of government for the following kinds and within the limits indicated:

(a) bodily injury liability, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) each person, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) each accident;

(b) property damage liability, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) each accident;

(c) medical expense, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

Such insurance shall be on standard policy forms approved by the State Insurance Commissioner and with companies authorized to do business in Oklahoma.

Laws 1963, c. 61, § 1, emerg. eff. May 13, 1963.

§3-205. Rental of aircraft - Notice of insurance coverage - Violations.

A. Every person who, in the ordinary course of his business, rents an aircraft to another person, shall deliver to that person a written notice stating the nature and extent of insurance coverage provided, if any, for the renter against loss of or damage to the hull of the aircraft, or against liability arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of the aircraft. Such notice shall contain the name of the person giving the notice, and shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF INSURANCE COVERAGE

As a renter of aircraft, you are hereby notified that:

(1) You (are) (are not) (strike phrase not applicable) insured under a policy or policies of insurance provided by the undersigned and providing liability coverage to renters of aircraft. If coverage is provided, it is in the amount of \$_____.

Said liability insurance is subject to a deductible amount of \$_____.

(2) You (are) (are not) (strike phrase not applicable) insured for hull damage to the aircraft. If hull insurance is provided, it is in the amount of \$_____.

Such hull damage insurance is subject to a deductible amount of \$_____.

(3) Although insurance may be provided for liability and/or hull coverage, the undersigned's insurance carrier has full rights to subrogate against you for any payments it may be required to make on account of any damage or loss arising out of your operation of the aircraft. It is suggested that you carry insurance to protect you to partially or fully cover this possibility.

(Signature of Person or Officer of

Company Renting Aircraft)

Dated _____, 19____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

B. The notice delivered pursuant to subsection A of this section shall constitute a material part of any rental agreement, and each renter shall give written acknowledgment of receipt of such notice.

Delivery of said notice to a renter shall cover all future rentals, unless the insurance coverage set forth in the original notice has been reduced or eliminated.

C. Any person convicted of violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

Added by Laws 1987, c. 89, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 1987.

§3-251. Policy.

A. It is hereby declared that it is the policy of the Legislature to make registration procedures for aircraft similar to those for automobiles, with the authority to accomplish the same vested fully in Service Oklahoma separately from the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics, the jurisdiction of the two agencies, their directors and officers being separate.

B. It shall be the duty of Service Oklahoma to promulgate any additional rules and regulations and designate forms and procedures for the implementation of Section 251 et seq. of this title.

Added by Laws 1976, c. 258, § 1. Amended by Laws 2023, c. 126, § 15, eff. Nov. 1, 2023; Laws 2023, c. 365, § 1, eff. July 1, 2024.

§3-252. Aircraft, defined.

Notwithstanding any other definition thereof in any other statute, the term "aircraft" as used herein shall, for license and registration purposes, include any contrivance now known, or hereafter invented, used or designed for navigation of or flight in the air or airspace, manufactured by mass production or individually constructed or assembled, which are subject to registration with the Federal Aviation Administration.

Laws 1976, c. 258, § 2.

§3-253. Aircraft - Exemptions.

The following aircraft are exempt from provisions of Section 251 et seq. of this title:

1. Aircraft manufactured under a Federal Aviation Administration approved type certificate which are owned and in the physical possession of the manufacturers as provided in subsection D of Section 254 of this title;

2. Aircraft owned by charitable organizations and used solely for the furtherance of charitable purposes;

3. Aircraft belonging to nonresidents of this state and registered in another state;

4. Aircraft of the federal government, any agency thereof, any territory or possession thereof, any state government or agency or political subdivision thereof, any aircraft of the Civil Air Patrol used solely in transaction of official business by a unit of the Civil Air Patrol;

5. Aircraft licensed by a foreign country with which the United States has a reciprocal agreement covering the operation of such licensed aircraft; and

6. Aircraft not currently licensed or holding a current airworthiness certificate by the Federal Aviation Administration. Added by Laws 1976, c. 258, § 3. Amended by Laws 1994, c. 363, § 9, eff. July 1, 1994; Laws 1999, c. 389, § 2, eff. Nov. 1, 1999.

§3-254. Application for registration.

A. Except as otherwise provided in Section 251 et seq. of this title, every owner or person in charge of an aircraft which shall be operated on or from any airport of any type in this state shall for each such aircraft cause to be filed by mail or otherwise with Service Oklahoma a certified application for registration of same, on a form to be furnished for that purpose, containing:

1. A description of each aircraft to be registered including the name of the manufacturer, aircraft registration number, type, and gross weight; and

2. The name and address of the owner of such aircraft and the county where aircraft is based. The legal basis for determining the county where the aircraft is based shall be the location and/or address on the Federal Aviation Administration Certificate of Registration for the aircraft.

B. Registration requirements shall not apply to aircraft based or operated in the state for less than thirty (30) days.

C. 1. All dealers in the sale of aircraft shall be exempt from registration requirements upon purchase of a license from Service Oklahoma pursuant to Section 254.1 of this title. This exemption shall not apply to dealers' personal aircraft. The payment of the license fee as set forth in Section 254.1 of this title shall be treated as a payment in lieu of any ad valorem tax upon the value of aircraft owned by the dealer.

2. Dealers' "sales aircraft" shall be exempt from payment of ad valorem tax and registration fees and taxes as provided in Section 256 of this title upon certification to Service Oklahoma that each particular aircraft is used for delivery and demonstration purposes only.

D. All manufacturers of aircraft shall be exempt from registration requirements upon purchase of an "exemption license" from Service Oklahoma, cost of which shall be Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). The payment of the fee prescribed by this subsection shall be treated as a payment in lieu of any ad valorem tax upon the value of aircraft owned by the manufacturer.

E. Registrants not having purchased registration certificates in January will be penalized at the rate of twenty cents (\$0.20) per day in February and doubled on the first day of March.

Added by Laws 1976, c. 258, § 4. Amended by Laws 1985, c. 341, § 4, eff. Jan. 1, 1986; Laws 1994, c. 363, § 10, eff. July 1, 1994; Laws 2000, c. 138, § 1, eff. July 1, 2000; Laws 2023, c. 365, § 2, eff. July 1, 2024.

§3-254.1. Sale of new or used aircraft - Dealer licenses - Denial, suspension and revocation - Fine.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of selling new or used aircraft in this state, or to serve in the capacity of, or act as a dealer of new or used aircraft in this state without first obtaining a dealer license as provided in this section. Any person utilizing more than one location where such business is carried on or conducted shall be required to obtain and hold a current license for each such location.

B. Dealer licenses issued pursuant to this section shall be issued only to persons that prove to the satisfaction of Service Oklahoma that they are clearly recognizable as bona fide dealers. Proof of bona fide dealer status shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Consistent identification of the business as a dealer establishment in advertising, signs, telephone book listings, web sites, and other similar means. The dealership shall be clearly identifiable as such by any person who visits or deals with the business; and

2. A picture, upon application for a new license, of the business location which includes the office and business sign.

C. Applications for licenses required to be obtained pursuant to this section shall be verified by the oath or affirmation of the applicant and shall be made on forms prescribed by Service Oklahoma. The form shall contain such information as Service Oklahoma deems necessary to enable it to fully determine the qualifications and eligibility of the applicant to receive the license requested. Service Oklahoma shall require in such application information relating to:

1. Whether the applicant has an established place of business and is primarily engaged in the pursuit or business of selling aircraft;

2. Whether the applicant is able to properly conduct the business for which the license has been requested; and

3. Such other pertinent information consistent with the safeguarding of the public interest and the public welfare.

All applications for licenses shall be accompanied by the appropriate fees in accordance with the provisions of this section. In the event any application is denied and the license requested is not issued, the entire license fee shall be returned to the applicant.

D. All licenses issued pursuant to this section shall expire on December 31 of the second year following the date of issue. All licenses shall be nontransferable. All applications for renewal of a license shall be submitted by November 1 of the year of renewal, and such license shall be issued by January 1. If a licensee has not made an application for renewal of the licenses by December 31, it shall be illegal for that licensee to sell new or used aircraft in this state or to serve in the capacity of or act as a dealer of new or used aircraft in this state. If after December 31 the license has not been renewed, then such licensee shall be required to apply for a license as a new applicant.

E. The license fee to be charged and received by Service Oklahoma for the license issued pursuant to this section shall be Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). There shall be no fee for renewal of a license unless the licensee is required pursuant to this section to apply for a license as a new applicant.

F. Service Oklahoma may deny an application for a license, or revoke or suspend a license, or impose a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) against a dealer for each day that any provision of this section is violated, or for any of the following reasons:

1. On satisfactory proof of unfitness of the applicant in any application for a license pursuant to this section;

2. For any material misstatement made by an applicant in any application for a license pursuant to this section;

3. A change of condition after a license is granted resulting in failure to maintain the qualifications for a license;

4. Being a dealer who:

a. uses false or misleading advertising in connection with the business as a dealer,

b. has committed any unlawful act which resulted in the revocation of any similar license in another state,

c. has failed or refused to perform any written agreement with any retail buyer involving the sale of an aircraft,

d. has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude,

- e. has committed a fraudulent act in selling, purchasing, or otherwise dealing in aircraft, or has misrepresented the terms and conditions of a sale, purchase, or contract for sale or purchase of an aircraft, or
- f. has failed to meet or maintain the conditions and requirements necessary to qualify for the issuance of a license; or

5. Being a dealer who does not have an established place of business.

Service Oklahoma may also assess any excise tax, including penalty and interest, against any dealer determined by Service Oklahoma to be in violation of this section for any aircraft sold or purchased while such dealer was in violation of this section.

G. Service Oklahoma may deny any application for a license, or suspend or revoke a license issued or impose a fine, only after appropriate notice and a hearing as set forth by rule of Service Oklahoma.

H. Any person holding a dealer license on July 1, 2000, issued pursuant to Section 254 of Title 3 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be entitled to retain such license until December 31, 2000. At such time, the dealer shall apply for a new license in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Added by Laws 2000, c. 138, § 2, eff. July 1, 2000. Amended by Laws 2003, c. 67, § 1, emerg. eff. April 10, 2003; Laws 2008, c. 292, § 1, emerg. eff. June 2, 2008; Laws 2023, c. 365, § 3, eff. July 1, 2024.

§3-254.2. Definitions.

As used in Sections 254.2 through 254.5 of this title:

1. "Agreement" means any written or oral contracts or agreements between a dealer and a manufacturer that were in effect prior to July 1, 2007, and all revisions, modifications, extensions, amendments and replacements of such agreements, that grant the dealer the right to sell new aircraft manufactured by the manufacturer and either to sell aircraft parts or to perform service, maintenance, or warranty work for the manufacturer;

2. "Dealer" means any entity that was incorporated or otherwise doing business in this state prior to July 1, 2007, and that is a dealer, licensee, franchisee, or other authorized representative of an aircraft manufacturer which is authorized by an aircraft manufacturer to sell new aircraft and either to sell parts or to perform service, maintenance or warranty work for the aircraft manufacturer. All successors and assigns of a dealer, together with all persons who purchase assets, business or ownership of a dealer shall also be considered dealers. With the exception of paragraph 3 of this section, the provisions of this section and Sections 254.3

through 254.5 of this title shall not apply to any entity authorized to sell only new piston-powered aircraft manufactured or distributed by a manufacturer, notwithstanding the authorization of that entity to sell parts or to perform service, maintenance or warranty work for the aircraft manufacturer;

3. "Manufacturer" means a manufacturer or distributor of new aircraft; and

4. "New aircraft" means a newly manufactured aircraft in its entirety.

Added by Laws 2004, c. 286, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2004. Amended by Laws 2005, c. 107, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2005; Laws 2007, c. 198, § 1, eff. July 1, 2007; Laws 2008, c. 292, § 2, emerg. eff. June 2, 2008.

§3-254.3. Fraud - False or misleading statements - Unfair business practices - Failure to comply with agreement.

Notwithstanding any contractual provision in any agreement to the contrary, no manufacturer, in connection with the offer, negotiation, sale, purchase, operation, or transfer of any license, dealership, franchise, or other agreement relating to the sale or service of aircraft or aircraft parts shall, directly or indirectly:

1. Employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud; or

2. Make any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances, not be false or misleading; or

3. Engage in any act, practice, or course of business which operates as a fraud, an unfair trade practice, an anticompetitive practice, or a predatory trade practice against the dealer; or

4. Fail to comply with or alter or change in any materially adverse way the fundamental relationship between the manufacturer and dealer without the prior written consent of the dealer, including without limitation, making a material change in any existing agreement in connection with its renewal; or

5. Act in any capricious or arbitrary manner with respect to any material provision in any agreement.

Added by Laws 2004, c. 286, § 2, eff. Nov. 1, 2004. Amended by Laws 2005, c. 107, § 2, eff. Nov. 1, 2005; Laws 2008, c. 292, § 3, emerg. eff. June 2, 2008.

§3-254.4. Termination, cancellation, nonrenewal of agreement - Good cause - Notice.

A. No manufacturer, in its dealings with a dealer, may terminate, cancel, or fail to renew an agreement as defined in Section 254.2 of this title without good cause. As used in this subsection, "good cause" means that the dealer has:

1. Employed a material device, scheme, or artifice to defraud the manufacturer in connection with the performance of the agreement;

2. Made false or materially misleading statements of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances, not be false or misleading in connection with the agreement, where the statements made or omissions have had a material adverse effect upon the manufacturer;

3. Engaged in any act, practice, or course of business which operates in a material way as a fraud upon the manufacturer;

4. Failed to comply with any material provision of the agreement which has had a material adverse effect upon the manufacturer, and the time to cure the noncompliance has expired;

5. Been convicted of a felony or any other crime involving fraud, dishonesty, deceit, or moral turpitude in connection with the agreement;

6. Impaired in a material way the trademark, trade name, or similar commercial symbol of the manufacturer, trade name, or similar commercial symbol;

7. Abandoned the business relating to the agreement for a period of not less than sixty (60) consecutive days;

8. Been adjudicated as bankrupt or has become insolvent and unable to pay debts as they become due;

9. Has, in the good faith judgment of the manufacturer, failed to adequately perform the dealer's sales, marketing, or service functions under the agreement; or

10. Has, in the good faith judgment of the manufacturer, failed to keep or maintain proper facilities, equipment, or sales or service staff to adequately meet the needs of the manufacturer's customers or to support the market for the manufacturer's goods and services in the sales territory of the dealer.

B. Before any termination, cancellation, or failure to renew any license, dealership, franchise, or other agreement becomes effective, the manufacturer must first give the dealer not less than ninety (90) days' prior written notice of the proposed termination or nonrenewal, where the notice states specifically the reasons for the proposed action and gives the dealer not less than forty-five (45) days to cure the claimed deficiency. If the manufacturer proposes to discontinue the manufacture of aircraft or other line of business authorized to be performed by the dealer, the manufacturer shall give the dealer not less than one hundred eighty (180) days' prior notice of the effective date of the discontinuance.

Added by Laws 2004, c. 286, § 3, eff. Nov. 1, 2004. Amended by Laws 2005, c. 107, § 3, eff. Nov. 1, 2005; Laws 2008, c. 292, § 4, emerg. eff. June 2, 2008.

§3-254.5. Private right of action - Damages - Applicability - Effect on multiple contracts - Dealer.

A. Any dealer harmed by the failure of a manufacturer to comply with Section 254.3 or 254.4 of this title shall be entitled to bring a private right of action against the manufacturer for the recovery of the fair market value of the business affected and to recover treble actual and special damages, and such other relief to which it may be entitled at law or in equity. The dealer shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorney fees and all expenses and costs incurred due to the private right of action if the dealer prevails. In addition, if a manufacturer commits an act prohibited by Section 254.3 or 254.4 of this title, the manufacturer shall purchase from the affected dealer the following items at the following prices:

1. All aircraft in the inventory of the dealer of aircraft held for resale at the fair market value; and

2. All parts and supplies acquired by the dealer from the manufacturer which are in the inventory of the dealer at the time of the violation of the manufacturer at the current price list amounts of the manufacturer; and

3. All equipment and specialty tools owned by the dealer and purchased from the manufacturer for use in the sale, service, or maintenance of the aircraft manufactured or sold to the dealer by the manufacturer at the fair market value. If any items are encumbered or subject to any outstanding financing statement, the payments shall be made jointly to the dealer and the secured party to the extent of their respective interests. If any items are leased by the dealer, the manufacturer shall assume all future obligations under the lease.

B. This section shall apply only to agreements between dealers and manufacturers in effect prior to July 1, 2007, and all revisions, modifications, extensions, amendments and replacements of such agreements.

C. If the relationship between a manufacturer and a dealer is set forth in more than one contract or agreement, then the revision, modification, amendment, replacement, cancellation, termination, or failure to renew of one or more such contracts or agreements shall not deny the dealer a right of action under this section for any acts by the manufacturer relating to the remaining contracts.

D. Any entity meeting the definition of "dealer" provided in paragraph 2 of Section 254.2 of this title shall continue to be considered a dealer for the purposes of this section and Sections 254.3, 254.4 and 254.6 of this title notwithstanding that any such agreement or portion thereof is terminated, cancelled, or not renewed by the manufacturer.

Added by Laws 2004, c. 286, § 4, eff. Nov. 1, 2004. Amended by Laws 2005, c. 107, § 4, eff. Nov. 1, 2005; Laws 2007, c. 198, § 2, eff. July 1, 2007; Laws 2008, c. 292, § 5, emerg. eff. June 2, 2008.

§3-254.6. Application.

The provisions of Sections 254.2, 254.3, 254.4 and 254.5 of Title 3 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall apply only to dealers of new or used aircraft licensed pursuant to the provisions of Section 254.1 of Title 3 of the Oklahoma Statutes and which have agreements or contracts with manufacturers in effect prior to July 1, 2007, and all revisions, modifications, extensions, amendments and replacements of such agreements or contracts. Sections 254.2, 254.3, 254.4 and 254.5 of Title 3 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall not apply, except as provided in this section, to dealers which have agreements or contracts with manufacturers entered into on or after July 1, 2007.

Added by Laws 2007, c. 198, § 3, eff. July 1, 2007.

§3-255. Certificates of registration - Filing - Fees.

A. Upon receipt of an application for the registration of an aircraft, as herein provided, Service Oklahoma shall file such application and register such aircraft with the name and address of the owner, manufacturer or dealer, as the case may be, together with facts stated in such application, in a book or index to be kept for the purpose, under the distinctive number assigned to such aircraft, which book or index shall be open for the inspection of the public during business hours.

B. Upon the filing of such application and the payment of the fee herein provided for, Service Oklahoma shall assign to that aircraft the distinctive license number used by the federal government to identify that aircraft, and issue and deliver to the owner certificates of registration number to be posted in a conspicuous place at the discretion of the owner of such aircraft. Such certificates shall display the outline of this state imprinted thereupon. Such certificates shall be subject to inspection by Service Oklahoma.

C. In the event of loss, mutilation, or destruction of a certificate of registration, the owner of a registered aircraft may obtain from Service Oklahoma a duplicate thereof upon filing with Service Oklahoma an affidavit showing the facts and upon the payment of a service charge of One Dollar (\$1.00) for each duplicate.

D. Such registration shall be renewed annually, as in the registration of automobiles, and in the same manner and upon payment of the same fee as provided for the original aircraft registration.

E. The sale of registration certificates for aircraft shall be by Service Oklahoma and its agents. Provided, that monies to be paid for processing or services for the sale of registration certificates shall be deducted from the fees provided by the scheduled rates.

F. Registration of aircraft may be transferred upon payment of a fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

Added by Laws 1976, c. 258, § 5. Amended by Laws 1985, c. 341, § 5, eff. Jan. 1, 1986; Laws 2023, c. 365, § 4, eff. July 1, 2024.

§3-256. Registration fees - Schedule and rates.

A. Registration fees and taxes on aircraft shall be paid to and collected by Service Oklahoma and its agents in the same manner as registration fees and taxes are paid and collected on automobiles.

The registration and reregistration of aircraft shall be subject to the following schedule and rates:

1. Single-engine piston aircraft shall be taxed according to the following Schedule "A":

SCHEDULE "A"

WEIGHT IN POUNDS	FEE
Less than 1,750	\$30.00
1,751 through 2,500	\$52.50
2,501 through 3,500	\$82.50
3,501 through 4,500	\$112.50
4,501 through 5,500	\$142.50
5,501 through 6,500	\$172.50
6,501 through 8,500	\$202.50
8,501 through 10,000	\$277.50
10,001 through 13,000	\$345.00
13,001 through 17,000	\$397.50
17,001 through 20,000	\$450.00
20,001 through 25,000	\$562.50
25,001 through 30,000	\$750.00
30,001 through 40,000	\$937.50
40,001 through 50,000	\$1,125.00
50,001 through 75,000	\$1,500.00
75,001 through 100,000	\$1,875.00
100,001 and over	\$2,250.00

2. Rotary-wing aircraft shall be taxed at two times the Schedule "A" fee, based on the same weight classifications.

3. Multiengine piston aircraft shall be taxed at three times the Schedule "A" fee, based on the same weight classifications.

4. Turbo-prop aircraft shall be taxed at six times the Schedule "A" fee, based on the same weight classifications.

5. Turbo-jet aircraft shall be taxed at ten times the Schedule "A" fee, based on the same weight classifications.

6. Antique aircraft as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration, sailplanes, balloons, and home-built aircraft shall be subject to a flat-rate fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

7. The fees of this subsection, except those in paragraph 6 of this subsection, shall be reduced at a rate of ten percent (10%) each year following the date of manufacture until the fee is equal to fifty percent (50%) of the original fee, which shall then be the fee for each year thereafter.

8. Every aircraft owner shall have the right to appeal the assessment of the fee as provided for in this subsection, and Service Oklahoma shall appraise the aircraft and its avionics as personal property at the fair market value thereof, and shall apply a twelve-percent assessment rate which shall be levied at the appropriate county millage rate.

B. Aircraft purchased after January 1 of each year and subject to registration as provided for in this section shall be registered and taxed on a prorated basis. Registration fees and taxes shall be in lieu of all aircraft ad valorem taxes. All monies collected shall be paid to Service Oklahoma and disbursed as follows:

1. Three percent (3%) of all such funds shall be paid to the State Treasurer for deposit to the credit of the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury; and

2. Ninety-seven percent (97%) of such registration fees and taxes shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Revolving Fund.

Added by Laws 1976, c. 258, § 6. Amended by Laws 1984, c. 221, § 1, operative July 1, 1984; Laws 1986, c. 223, § 8, operative July 1, 1986; Laws 1987, c. 205, § 84, operative July 1, 1987; Laws 2017, c. 157, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2017; Laws 2023, c. 126, § 16, eff. Nov. 1, 2023; Laws 2023, c. 365, § 5, eff. July 1, 2024.

§3-256.1. Lien filing fee - Agency special account.

A. Service Oklahoma is hereby authorized to require the owner of each aircraft to pay a filing fee for the purpose of filing necessary liens with the Federal Aviation Administration when any registration fees required to be paid by the owner pursuant to the provisions of Section 256 of this title, or taxes levied pursuant to the provisions of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall become delinquent. The fee shall not exceed the actual cost of filing such liens with the Federal Aviation Administration and shall be collected in the same manner as such liens are collected.

B. The Special Agency Account Board is hereby directed to create an agency special account in which shall be deposited monies from subsection A of Section 256 of this title for the purpose of filing liens pursuant to subsection A of this section. All monies accruing to the credit of such account may be budgeted and expended by Service Oklahoma for the purpose of paying for filing all necessary liens with the Federal Aviation Administration.

The amount of any balance of the agency special account in excess of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) at the close of each fiscal year shall revert to the General Revenue Fund of this state to be paid out pursuant to direct appropriation by the Legislature. Added by Laws 1984, c. 221, § 2, operative July 1, 1984. Amended by Laws 1993, c. 146, § 1; Laws 2023, c. 365, § 6, eff. July 1, 2024.

§3-256.2. Aircraft in process of manufacture - Registration fee - Documentation of personal property used or consumed - Report to Tax Commission - Violation - Penalty.

A. Each manufacturer of aircraft shall pay a registration fee of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) on each aircraft in the process of manufacture, whether or not on a factory basis, including assembly and subassembly, and the personal property used or consumed therein, which, when completed, shall be the subject of a Federal Aviation Administration-approved type certificate. Such fee shall be paid by the manufacturer to Service Oklahoma. Service Oklahoma shall remit such fee to the county treasurer of the county in which the manufacturing facility is located to be apportioned in the same manner that ad valorem taxes are apportioned.

B. In calculating the number of aircraft in the process of manufacture, "personal property used or consumed therein" shall include personal property which:

1. Is or is to be used or consumed as part of an aircraft in the process of manufacture; and
2. Is held by the manufacturer or by a supplier physically located in this state who has entered into a contract with the manufacturer for the provision of such personal property.

C. The manufacturer shall submit to Service Oklahoma and to the county assessor of the county in which the manufacturing facility is located a report which provides documentation of the personal property, the value thereof and the Oklahoma supplier thereof which is or is to be used or consumed in the process of manufacture for each aircraft registered pursuant to the provisions of this section. Each such Oklahoma supplier shall also submit to Service Oklahoma and to the county assessor of the county in which the supplier is located a report which provides documentation of any personal property, the value thereof and the manufacturer thereof which is used or consumed in the process of manufacture for each aircraft registered pursuant to the provisions of this section. Such reports shall contain any further information which may be required by Service Oklahoma or the county assessor to enforce the provisions of this section and the Ad Valorem Tax Code, Section 2801 et seq. of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

D. Any manufacturer or supplier who willfully violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). In addition to such penalty a manufacturer or supplier convicted of a violation of this section shall not be eligible to pay the registration fee as provided by this section and shall be subject to the provisions of the Ad Valorem Tax Code, Section 2801 et seq. of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

Added by Laws 1991, 1st Ex. Sess., c. 2, § 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1992.
Amended by Laws 2023, c. 365, § 7, eff. July 1, 2024.

§3-257. Rules and regulations.

Authority is hereby given to Service Oklahoma and the Department of Public Safety to promulgate rules and regulations for the purpose of regulating and enforcing Section 251 et seq. of this title. Any administrative rules promulgated by the Oklahoma Tax Commission related to the administration of the aircraft registration provisions set forth in Section 251 et seq. of Title 3 of the Oklahoma Statutes after January 1, 2024, shall be transferred to and become a part of the administrative rules of Service Oklahoma. The Office of Administrative Rules within the Office of the Secretary of State shall provide adequate notice in "The Oklahoma Register" of the transfer of rules and shall place the transferred rules under the Administrative Code section of Service Oklahoma. From and after January 1, 2024, any amendment, repeal, or addition to the transferred rules shall be under the jurisdiction of Service Oklahoma. All documents issued by the sections transferred to Service Oklahoma, including but not limited to registrations and permits, shall be deemed to have been issued by Service Oklahoma. Added by Laws 1976, c. 258, § 7. Amended by Laws 2023, c. 365, § 8, eff. July 1, 2024.

§3-258. Operating aircraft not registered with FAA Office of Aircraft Registry - Supplying false information relating to ownership or identity of aircraft.

A. It is unlawful for any person in this state to operate an aircraft that is not registered with the Federal Aviation Administration Office of Aircraft Registry or with a foreign country which has ratified and is subject to the Convention on the International Recognition of Rights in Aircraft, 4 U.S.T. 1830. Provided however, no person charged with violating this subsection shall be convicted of the charge if he or she produces in court or the office of the arresting officer proof of registration that was valid at the time of arrest.

B. It is a violation of this section for any person or corporate entity to knowingly supply false information to any governmental entity in regard to ownership of an aircraft in or operated in this state.

C. It is a violation of this section for any person to give a wrong description in any application for the registration of any aircraft in this state for the purpose of concealing or hiding the identity of such aircraft.

D. This section does not apply to any aircraft registration or information supplied by a governmental entity in the course and scope of performing its lawful duties.

E. A conviction for a violation of this section shall be a felony.

Added by Laws 1991, c. 248, § 11, eff. Sept. 1, 1991. Amended by Laws 1997, c. 133, § 106, eff. July 1, 1999.

NOTE: Laws 1998, 1st Ex.Sess., c. 2, § 23 amended the effective date of Laws 1997, c. 133, § 106 from July 1, 1998, to July 1, 1999.

§3-259. Destruction, etc., of federal registration number or serial number of aircraft - Removal of manufacturer's identification number plate or decal from aircraft - Sale, etc., of aircraft with identification number removed or falsified.

A. Any person or persons who shall destroy, remove, cover, alter or deface, or cause to be destroyed, removed, covered, altered or defaced, the United States registration number assigned by the Federal Aviation Administration or manufacturer's serial number of any aircraft in this state, without first giving notice of such act to the Federal Aviation Administration, upon such form as the Federal Aviation Administration may prescribe, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for a term of not less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years.

B. A person who removes a manufacturer's identification number plate or decal from an aircraft or affixes to an aircraft a manufacturer's identification number plate or decal not authorized by law for use on said aircraft with intent to conceal or misrepresent the identity of the aircraft or its owner shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony.

C. A person who buys, receives, possesses, sells or disposes of an aircraft, knowing that the identification number of the aircraft has been removed or falsified, shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor.

D. A person who buys, receives, possesses, sells or disposes of an aircraft, with knowledge that the identification number of the aircraft has been removed or falsified and with intent to conceal or misrepresent the identity of the aircraft, shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony.

E. As used in this section:

1. "Identification number" includes an identifying number or serial number placed on an aircraft by its manufacturer or by authority of the Federal Aviation Administration or in accordance with the laws of another country;

2. "Remove" includes deface, cover and destroy; and

3. "Falsify" includes alter and forge.

F. An identification number may be placed on an aircraft by its manufacturer in the regular course of business or placed or restored on an aircraft by authority of the Federal Aviation Administration without violating this section; an identification number so placed or restored is not falsified.

Added by Laws 1991, c. 248, § 12, eff. Sept. 1, 1991. Amended by Laws 1997, c. 133, § 107, eff. July 1, 1999; Laws 1999, 1st Ex.Sess., c. 5, § 42, eff. July 1, 1999.

NOTE: Laws 1998, 1st Ex.Sess., c. 2, § 23 amended the effective date of Laws 1997, c. 133, § 107 from July 1, 1998, to July 1, 1999.

§3-271. Possession of airman's certificate and medical certificate while operating aircraft.

The required airman's certificate and medical certificate as applicable shall be kept in the personal possession of the certificate holder when he is operating aircraft within this state and shall be presented for inspection upon the demand of any peace officer of this state or any federal law enforcement officer. Any person arrested for a violation of this section shall be released by the arresting officer upon personal recognizance if the arrested person signs a written promise to appear as provided for on the citation issued by the arresting officer. The arresting officer shall record the arraignment date and time on the citation. Any person convicted of violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided however, no person charged with violating this section shall be convicted of the charge if he or she produces in court or the office of the arresting officer the required certificates issued to that person and valid at the time of arrest. Added by Laws 1991, c. 248, § 13, eff. Sept. 1, 1991.

§3-281. Installation of nonconforming fuel tank, bladder, drum, or other container.

A. It is unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or association to install or equip on any aircraft, or install in the wings or fuselage of the aircraft, any fuel tank, bladder, drum, or other container which will hold fuel, if such fuel tank, bladder, drum, or other container does not conform to federal aviation regulations or has not been approved by the Federal Aviation Administration by inspection or special permit. Any person convicted of violating this subsection shall be guilty of a felony.

B. It is unlawful for any person to knowingly possess any aircraft which has been equipped with, or had installed in its wings or fuselage, any fuel tank, bladder, drum, or other container which will hold fuel if such fuel tank, bladder, drum, or other container does not conform to federal aviation regulations or has not been approved by the Federal Aviation Administration by inspection or special permit. Any person convicted of violating this subsection shall be guilty of a felony.

C. A copy of the Federal Aviation Administration Approval Form 337, or special permit pertaining to such installations, shall be carried on board the aircraft at all times. Any person convicted of violating this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. No

person charged with violating this subsection shall be convicted of the charge if he or she produces in court or the office of the arresting officer a copy of the required documentation either valid at the time of arrest or acquired within thirty (30) days after the arrest.

D. The provisions of this section shall apply to any pipes, hoses, or auxiliary pumps which when present in the aircraft could be used to introduce fuel into the primary fuel system of the aircraft from such tanks, bladders, drums, or containers.

Added by Laws 1991, c. 248, § 14, eff. Sept. 1, 1991. Amended by Laws 1997, c. 133, § 108, eff. July 1, 1999.

NOTE: Laws 1998, 1st Ex.Sess., c. 2, § 23 amended the effective date of Laws 1997, c. 133, § 108 from July 1, 1998, to July 1, 1999.

§3-301. Operation of aircraft under influence of intoxicants - Definitions - Penalties - Treatment.

A. It is unlawful and punishable as provided in subsection D of this section for any person to operate an aircraft within this state who:

1. Has a blood or breath alcohol concentration, as defined in Section 305 of this title, of four-hundredths (0.04) or more within two (2) hours after the arrest of such person; or
2. Is under the influence of any intoxicant.

B. The fact that any person charged with a violation of this section is or has been lawfully entitled to use an intoxicant shall not constitute a defense against any charge of violating this section.

C. As used in Sections 301 through 308 of this title:

1. "Intoxicant" means:

- a. any beverage containing alcohol,
- b. any controlled dangerous substance as defined in the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, Section 2-101 et seq. of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- c. any substance which is capable of being ingested, inhaled, injected or absorbed into the human body and is capable of adversely affecting the central nervous system, vision, hearing or other sensory or motor functions of the human body, and
- d. any combination of alcohol, controlled dangerous substances, and substances capable of being ingested, inhaled, injected or absorbed into the human body and capable of adversely affecting the central nervous system, vision, hearing or other sensory or motor functions of the human body; and

2. "Operate" means manipulating any of the levers, the starting mechanism, the brakes or other mechanism or device of an aircraft, setting in motion any aircraft, or piloting any aircraft.

D. Every person who is convicted of a violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor for the first offense and shall be punished by imprisonment in jail for not less than ten (10) days nor more than one (1) year, and a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Any person who within ten (10) years after a previous conviction of a violation of this section is convicted of a second or subsequent offense pursuant to the provisions of this section or has a prior conviction within ten (10) years prior to the conviction pursuant to the provisions of this section, in a municipal criminal court of record for the violation of a municipal ordinance prohibiting the offense provided for in subsection A of this section shall be guilty of a felony and shall be sentenced to the custody of the Department of Corrections for not less than one (1) year and not to exceed five (5) years, and a fine of not to exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00); provided, such fine shall be in addition to other punishment provided by law and shall not be imposed in lieu of other punishment. When a sentence of incarceration is imposed, the person shall be processed through the Lexington Assessment and Reception Center or at a place determined by the Director of the Department of Corrections. If the person is evaluated to be receptive to treatment and not deemed by the Department of Corrections to be a security risk, the person shall be assigned to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for substance abuse treatment. The inmate shall be required to reimburse the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for all or part of the actual cost incurred for treatment of the inmate while the inmate was assigned to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, if at the time the sentence of incarceration was imposed, the court determined that the convicted person has the ability to pay for all or part of the cost of treatment. The court shall determine the amount of reimbursement the convicted person shall pay. While assigned to such a Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services treatment program the inmate shall comply with the rules and regulations as agreed upon by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and the Department of Corrections. Any infraction of said rules may result in the inmate's reassignment to a correctional facility of the Department of Corrections. Upon successful completion of the treatment program the person shall be properly reassigned by the Department of Corrections for the completion of the sentence imposed by the court. Prior to discharge from the treatment facility, the treatment facility shall forward to the Department of Corrections a report and discharge summary including arrangements and recommendations for further disposition and follow-up treatment. If the person is evaluated not to be receptive to treatment or is evaluated to be a security risk, the inmate shall be assigned to a

state correctional facility according to normal Department of Corrections classification procedures. In the event a felony conviction does not result in a sentence of incarceration as provided for in this subsection, the person shall be required to serve not less than ten (10) days of community service, or to undergo in-patient rehabilitation or treatment in a public or private facility with at least minimum security for a period of not less than forty-eight (48) consecutive hours, notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 991a, 991a-2 and 996.3 of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

E. Any person who is found guilty of a violation of the provisions of this section may be referred, prior to sentencing, to an alcoholism evaluation facility designated by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for the purpose of evaluating the receptivity to treatment and prognosis of the person. The court shall order the person to reimburse the facility for the evaluation in an amount not to exceed Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00). The facility shall, within seventy-two (72) hours, submit a written report to the court for the purpose of assisting the court in its final sentencing determination.

Added by Laws 1991, c. 248, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1991. Amended by Laws 1997, c. 133, § 109, eff. July 1, 1999; Laws 1998, c. 89, § 1, eff. July 1, 1998; Laws 1999, 1st Ex.Sess., c. 5, § 43, eff. July 1, 1999.

NOTE: Laws 1998, 1st Ex.Sess., c. 2, § 23 amended the effective date of Laws 1997, c. 133, § 109, as amended by Laws 1998, c. 89, § 1, from July 1, 1998, to July 1, 1999.

§3-302. Tests to determine concentration of intoxicants - Implied consent.

A. Any person who operates an aircraft within this state shall be deemed to have given consent to a test or tests of such person's blood or breath, for the purpose of determining the alcohol concentration as defined in Section 5 of this act, and such person's blood, saliva or urine for determining the presence and concentration of any other intoxicant therein as defined in Section 1 of this act, if arrested for any offense arising out of acts alleged to have been committed while the person was operating an aircraft within this state while the person was under the influence of an intoxicant. The test shall be administered by or at the direction of a law enforcement officer after having arrested such person and having reasonable grounds to believe that such person was operating an aircraft within this state while under the influence of an intoxicant.

B. The law enforcement agency by which the arresting officer is employed may designate, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board of Tests for Alcohol and Drug Influence, hereinafter

referred to as the Board, whether blood or breath is to be tested for the alcohol concentration thereof, and whether blood, saliva or urine is to be tested for the presence and concentration of any other intoxicant therein. In the event the law enforcement agency does not designate the test to be administered, breath shall be the substance tested for alcohol concentration. Blood may also be tested to determine the alcohol concentration thereof in the event that breath cannot be tested to determine the alcohol concentration thereof because of the lack of an approved device or qualified person to administer a breath test or because such breath test for any other reason cannot be administered in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board. In the event the law enforcement agency does not designate the test to be administered, blood, saliva or urine shall be the substance tested for the presence and concentration of any other intoxicant or the combination of alcohol and any other intoxicant therein.

C. In the event the person is incapable of submitting to and successfully completing, by reason of illness or injury or other physical disability, the test to be administered, an alternate test may be administered in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board.

D. Any person who is unconscious or otherwise incapable of refusing to submit to a test of such person's blood or breath to determine the alcohol concentration thereof, or to a test of such person's blood, saliva or urine to determine the presence and concentration of any other intoxicant therein, shall be deemed not to have withdrawn the consent provided by subsection A of this section, and such test may be administered as provided herein.

E. In addition to any test designated by the arresting officer, the arrested person may also designate any additional test to be administered to determine the concentration of alcohol, any other intoxicant or the combination of alcohol and any other intoxicant. The cost of such additional test shall be at the expense of the arrested person.

A sufficient quantity of any specimen obtained at the designation of the arrested person shall be available to the law enforcement agency employing the arresting officer. Such specimens shall be treated in accordance with the same rules and regulations applicable to the specimens obtained by an arresting officer.
Added by Laws 1991, c. 248, § 2, eff. Sept. 1, 1991.

§3-303. Drawing or collecting of specimens - Use as evidence - Independent tests.

A. Only a licensed medical doctor, licensed osteopathic physician, licensed chiropractic physician, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, physician's assistant, certified by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, an employee of a

hospital or other health care facility authorized by the hospital or health care facility to withdraw blood, or other qualified person authorized by the Board of Tests for Alcohol and Drug Influence acting at the request of a law enforcement officer may withdraw blood for purpose of having a determination made of its concentration of alcohol or other intoxicant. Only qualified persons authorized by the Board may collect breath, saliva or urine, or administer tests of breath under the provisions of Sections 301 through 308 of this title.

B. No person specified in subsection A of this section, no employer of such a person, and no hospital or other health care facility where blood is withdrawn, shall incur any civil or criminal liability as a result of the proper withdrawal of blood when acting at the request of a law enforcement officer pursuant to the provisions of Section 302 or 304 of this title, if the withdrawal of blood is performed in a reasonable manner according to generally accepted clinical practice. If the person specified in subsection A of this section is presented with a written statement by the person whose blood is to be withdrawn or a duly authorized peace officer that the person whose blood is to be withdrawn has agreed to the withdrawal of blood or an order from a court of competent jurisdiction that blood be withdrawn, the person authorized to withdraw the blood and the hospital or other health care facility where the withdrawal occurs may rely on such a statement or order as evidence that the person has consented to or has been required to submit to the clinical procedure and shall not require the person to sign any additional consent or waiver form. In such a case, the person authorized to perform the procedure, the employer of such person, and the hospital or other health care facility shall not be liable in any action alleging lack of consent or lack of informed consent. No person specified in subsection A of this section shall incur any civil or criminal liability as a result of the proper collection of breath, saliva or urine when acting at the request of a law enforcement officer under the provisions of Section 302 or 304 of this title or when acting pursuant to court order.

C. The blood, breath, saliva or urine specimens obtained shall be tested by the appropriate test as determined by the Board, or tested by a laboratory that is exempt from the Board rules pursuant to Section 759 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, to determine the alcohol concentration thereof, or the presence and concentration of any other intoxicant which might have affected the ability of the person tested to operate an aircraft safely.

D. When blood is withdrawn or saliva or urine is collected for testing of its alcohol or other intoxicant concentration, at the request of a law enforcement officer, a sufficient quantity of the same specimen shall be obtained to enable the tested person, at his or her own option and expense, to have an independent analysis made

of such specimen. The excess blood, saliva or urine specimen shall be retained by a laboratory approved by the Board, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board, or by a laboratory that is exempt from the Board rules pursuant to Section 759 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, for sixty (60) days from the date of collection. At any time within that period, the tested person or his or her attorney may direct that such blood, saliva or urine specimen be sent or delivered to a laboratory of his or her own choosing and approved by the Board for an independent analysis. Neither the tested person, nor any agent of such person, shall have access to the additional blood, saliva or urine specimen prior to the completion of the independent analysis, except the analyst performing the independent analysis and agents of the analyst.

E. When a test of breath is performed for the purpose of determining the alcohol concentration thereof, except when such test is performed by means of an automated analyzer as designated by the Board, a sufficient quantity of breath, or of the alcohol content of a fixed or measured quantity of breath, shall be obtained, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board, to enable the tested person, at his or her own option and expense, to have an independent analysis made of such specimen. The excess specimen of breath, or of its alcohol content, shall be retained by the law enforcement agency employing the arresting officer, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board, for sixty (60) days from the date of collection. At any time within that period, the tested person, or his or her attorney, may direct that such specimen be sent or delivered to a laboratory of his or her own choosing and approved by the Board for an independent analysis. Neither the tested person, nor any agent of such person, shall have access to the additional specimen of breath, or of its alcohol content, prior to the completion of the independent analysis thereof, except the analyst performing the independent analysis and agents of the analyst.

F. The costs of collecting blood, breath, saliva or urine specimens for the purpose of determining the alcohol or other intoxicant thereof, by or at the direction of a law enforcement officer, shall be borne by the law enforcement agency employing such officer. The cost of collecting, retaining and sending or delivering to an independent laboratory the excess specimens of blood, breath, saliva or urine for independent analysis at the option of the tested person shall also be borne by such law enforcement agency. The cost of the independent analysis of such specimen of blood, breath, saliva or urine shall be borne by the tested person at whose option such analysis is performed. The tested person, or his or her agent, shall make all necessary arrangements for the performance of such independent analysis other than the forwarding or delivery of such specimen.

G. Tests pursuant to the provisions of Sections 301 through 308 of this title, whether administered by or at the direction of a law enforcement officer or administered independently, at the option of the tested person, on the excess specimen of such person's blood, breath, saliva or urine, to be considered valid and admissible in evidence under the provisions of this section and Section 305 of this title, shall have been administered or performed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board, or performed by a laboratory that is exempt from the Board rules pursuant to Section 759 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

H. Any person who has been arrested for any offense arising out of acts alleged to have been committed while the person was under the influence of an intoxicant and was operating an aircraft, who is not requested by a law enforcement officer to submit to a test shall be entitled to have an independent test of his or her blood, breath, saliva or urine which is appropriate as determined by the Board for the purpose of determining its alcohol concentration or of any other intoxicant therein, performed by a person of his or her own choosing who is qualified as stipulated in this section. The arrested person shall bear the responsibility for making all necessary arrangements for the administration of such independent test and for the independent analysis of any specimens obtained, and bear all costs thereof. The failure or inability of the arrested person to obtain an independent test shall not preclude the admission of other competent evidence bearing upon the question of whether such person was under the influence of an intoxicant.

I. A written report of the results of the test administered by or at the direction of the law enforcement officer shall be made available to the tested person, or his or her attorney, to the law enforcement agency employing the arresting officer, the district attorney of the county in which the alleged violation of Section 301 of this title occurred, and to the Federal Aviation Administration Flight Standards District Office having jurisdiction over the county in which the alleged violation of Section 301 of this title occurred. The results of the tests provided for in this title shall be admissible in civil actions.

Added by Laws 1991, c. 248, § 3, eff. Sept. 1, 1991. Amended by Laws 1992, c. 382, § 1, emerg. eff. June 9, 1992; Laws 2004, c. 418, § 1, eff. July 1, 2004.

§3-304. Refusal to submit to testing.

A. If a conscious person under arrest refuses to submit to testing of his or her blood or breath for the purpose of determining the alcohol concentration thereof, or to a test of his or her blood, saliva or urine for the purpose of determining the concentration of any intoxicant, none shall be given, unless the investigating officer has probable cause to believe that the person under arrest,

while intoxicated, has operated an aircraft in such a manner as to have caused the death or serious physical injury of any other person or persons. In such event, such test otherwise authorized by law may be made in the same manner as if a search warrant had been issued for such test or tests. The sample shall be taken in a medically acceptable manner at a hospital or other suitable health care facility.

B. Any refusal by a conscious person to submit to testing shall be reported to the Federal Aviation Administration Flight Standards District Office having jurisdiction over the county in which the alleged violation of Section 1 of this act occurred.

Added by Laws 1991, c. 248, § 4, eff. Sept. 1, 1991.

§3-305. Admissibility of evidence - Evidence of intoxication.

A. Upon the trial of any criminal action or proceeding arising out of acts alleged to have been committed by any person while operating an aircraft while the person was under the influence of an intoxicant, evidence of the alcohol concentration in the blood or breath of the person as shown by analysis of the blood or breath of the person performed in accordance with the provisions of Sections 2 and 4 of this act or evidence of the presence and concentration of any other intoxicant as shown by analysis of such person's blood, breath, saliva, or urine specimens in accordance with the provisions of Sections 2 and 4 of this act is admissible. Evidence that the person has refused to submit to either of said analyses is also admissible.

B. For the purpose of Sections 1 through 8 of this act:

1. Evidence that there was an alcohol concentration of less than four-hundredths (0.04) is prima facie evidence that the person was not under the influence of alcohol;

2. Evidence that there was an alcohol concentration of four-hundredths (0.04) or more shall be admitted as prima facie evidence that the person was under the influence of alcohol.

C. As used in Sections 1 through 8 of this act, alcohol concentration shall mean grams of alcohol per one hundred (100) milliliters of blood if the blood was tested, or grams of alcohol per two hundred ten (210) liters of breath if the breath was tested.

D. To be admissible in a criminal action or proceeding, evidence of alcohol concentration shall first be qualified by establishing that such test was administered to the person within two (2) hours after the arrest of the person.

Added by Laws 1991, c. 248, § 5, eff. Sept. 1, 1991.

§3-306. Report of conviction to federal agency.

If a person is convicted of a violation of Section 1 of this act or of a local ordinance substantially corresponding to Section 1 of this act, a report of the conviction shall be forwarded by the court

in which the conviction occurred to the Federal Aviation Administration Flight Standards District Office having jurisdiction over the county in which the violation occurred.
Added by Laws 1991, c. 248, § 6, eff. Sept. 1, 1991.

§3-307. Permitting aircraft to be operated by person under influence of intoxicant - Penalties.

The owner or operator of an aircraft or the person in charge or in control of an aircraft shall not knowingly permit the aircraft to be operated within this state by a person who is under the influence of any intoxicant. A person who is convicted of violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or both such fine and incarceration.
Added by Laws 1991, c. 248, § 7, eff. Sept. 1, 1991.

§3-308. Proof of intoxication by other competent evidence.

The provisions of Sections 1 through 7 of this act do not limit the introduction of any other competent evidence bearing on the question of whether the person was under the influence of an intoxicant.
Added by Laws 1991, c. 248, § 8, eff. Sept. 1, 1991.

§3-321. Possession of aircraft without consent of owner - Injury or tampering with aircraft - Manipulating aircraft mechanisms.

A. A person not entitled to possession of an aircraft who, without the consent of the owner and with intent to deprive the owner, temporarily or otherwise, of the aircraft or its possession, takes, uses or flies the aircraft, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a felony.

B. A person who, with intent and without right to do so, injures or tampers with any aircraft or in any other manner damages any part or portion of said aircraft or any accessories, appurtenances or attachments thereto, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

C. A person who, without right to do so and with intent to commit a crime, climbs into or upon an aircraft whether it is in motion or at rest, manipulates any of the levers, starting mechanism, brakes or other mechanism or device of an aircraft while the same is at rest and unattended, or sets in motion any aircraft while the same is at rest and unattended, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Added by Laws 1991, c. 248, § 10, eff. Sept. 1, 1991. Amended by Laws 1997, c. 133, § 110, eff. July 1, 1999.

NOTE: Laws 1998, 1st Ex.Sess., c. 2, § 23 amended the effective date of Laws 1997, c. 133, § 110 from July 1, 1998, to July 1, 1999.

§3-322. Critical infrastructure facility - Unmanned aircraft prohibited.

A. As used in this section:

1. "Critical infrastructure facility" means:

- a. one of the following, if completely enclosed by a fence or other physical barrier that is obviously designed to exclude intruders, or if clearly marked with a sign or signs that are posted on the property, are reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders, and indicate that entry is forbidden or flight of unmanned aircraft without site authorization is forbidden:
 - (1) a petroleum or alumina refinery,
 - (2) an electrical power generating facility, substation, switching station or electrical control center,
 - (3) a chemical, polymer or rubber manufacturing facility,
 - (4) a water intake structure, water treatment facility, wastewater treatment plant or pump station,
 - (5) a natural gas compressor station,
 - (6) a liquid natural gas terminal or storage facility,
 - (7) a telecommunications central switching office,
 - (8) wireless telecommunications infrastructure, including cell towers,
 - (9) a port, railroad switching yard, trucking terminal or other freight transportation facility,
 - (10) a gas processing plant, including a plant used in the processing, treatment or fractionation of natural gas or natural gas liquids,
 - (11) a transmission facility used by a federally licensed radio or television station,
 - (12) a steelmaking facility that uses an electric arc furnace to make steel,
 - (13) a facility identified and regulated by the United States Department of Homeland Security Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program,
 - (14) a dam that is regulated by the state or federal government, or
 - (15) a natural gas distribution utility facility, including, but not limited to, pipeline interconnections, a city gate or town border

station, metering station, aboveground piping, a regulator station and a natural gas storage facility, or

- b. any aboveground portion of an oil, gas, hazardous liquid or chemical pipeline that is enclosed by a fence or other physical barrier that is obviously designed to exclude intruders;

2. "Dam" means any barrier, including any appurtenant structures, that is constructed for the purpose of permanently or temporarily impounding water; and

3. "Unmanned aircraft" means an aircraft without occupants that is flown by a pilot via a ground control system or autonomously through use of an onboard computer and other additional equipment necessary to operate the aircraft and includes unmanned aircraft commonly called drones.

B. Except as provided in subsection C of this section, a person shall not intentionally or knowingly:

1. Operate an unmanned aircraft over a critical infrastructure facility if the unmanned aircraft is less than four hundred (400) feet above ground level;

2. Allow an unmanned aircraft to make contact with a critical infrastructure facility, including any person or object on the premises of or within the facility; or

3. Allow an unmanned aircraft to come within a distance of a critical infrastructure facility that is close enough to interfere with the operations of or cause a disturbance to the facility.

C. This section shall not apply to conduct committed by:

1. The federal government, the state or a political subdivision of the state;

2. A person under contract with or otherwise acting under the direction or on behalf of the federal government, the state or a political subdivision of the state;

3. A law enforcement agency;

4. A person under contract with or otherwise acting under the direction or on behalf of a law enforcement agency;

5. An owner or operator of the critical infrastructure facility;

6. A person under contract with or otherwise acting under the direction or on behalf of an owner or operator of the critical infrastructure facility;

7. A person who has the prior written consent of the owner or operator of the critical infrastructure facility;

8. The owner or occupant of the property on which the critical infrastructure facility is located or a person who has the prior written consent of the owner or occupant of that property; or

9. An operator of an unmanned aircraft that is being used for a commercial purpose, if the operator is authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration to conduct operations over that airspace.

D. Any person in violation of this section may be civilly liable for damages to the critical infrastructure facility to include, but not be limited to, damage to property, the environment or human health.

Added by Laws 2016, c. 313, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2016.

§3-351. Short title - Space Flight Liability and Immunity Act - Definitions.

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Space Flight Liability and Immunity Act".

B. As used in the Space Flight Liability and Immunity Act:

1. "Launch vehicle" means a vehicle built to operate in, or place a payload or humans in, outer space;

2. "Participant" means an individual space flight participant, who is not an employee of the space flight entity, carried within a launch vehicle or reentry vehicle;

3. "Participant injury" means any bodily injury, including death, emotional injury, or property damage sustained by the participant;

4. "Reentry vehicle" means a vehicle designed to return from Earth orbit or outer space to Earth, or a reusable launch vehicle designed to return from Earth orbit or outer space to Earth, substantially intact;

5. "Space flight activities" means:

a. launch activities involved in the preparation of a launch vehicle, payload, crew, crew training, or space flight participant for launch,

b. reentry activities involved in the preparation of a reentry vehicle and payload, crew, crew training, or space flight participant, if any, for reentry, or

c. the conduct of a launch or a reentry; and

6. "Space flight entity" means any public or private entity holding, either directly or through a corporate subsidiary or parent, a license, permit, or other authorization issued by the United States Federal Aviation Administration pursuant to the Commercial Space Launch Activities chapter (51 U.S.C. Section 50901 et seq.), including, but not limited to, a safety approval and a payload determination. "Space flight entity" shall also include any manufacturer or supplier of components, services, or vehicles that have been reviewed by the United States Federal Aviation Administration as part of issuing such a license, permit, or authorization.

Added by Laws 2013, c. 177, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2013.

§3-352. Liability.

A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, a space flight entity shall not be held liable for a participant injury resulting from the risks of space flight activities, provided that the participant has been informed of the risks of space flight activities as required by federal law and the Space Flight Liability and Immunity Act, and the participant has given informed consent that the participant is voluntarily participating in space flight activities after having been informed of the risks of those activities as required by federal law and the Space Flight Liability and Immunity Act. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, no:

1. Participant;
2. Participant's representative, including the heirs, administrators, executors, assignees, next of kin, and estate of the participant; or
3. Person who attempts to bring a claim on behalf of the participant for a participant injury, is authorized to maintain an action against or recover from a space flight entity for a participant injury that results from the risks of space flight activities.

B. Nothing in subsection A of this section shall prevent or limit the liability of a space flight entity if the space flight entity:

1. Commits an act or omission that constitutes gross negligence evidencing willful or wanton disregard for the safety of the participant, and that act or omission proximately causes a participant injury; or
2. Intentionally causes a participant injury.

C. Any limitation on legal liability afforded by this section to a space flight entity is in addition to any other limitations of legal liability otherwise provided by law.

Added by Laws 2013, c. 177, § 2, eff. Nov. 1, 2013.

§3-353. Warning statement.

A. Every space flight entity providing space flight activities to a participant shall have each participant sign the warning statement specified in subsection B of this section.

B. The warning statement shall contain, at a minimum and in addition to any language required by federal law, the following statement:

"WARNING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: I understand and acknowledge that, under Oklahoma law, there is no civil liability for bodily injury, including death, emotional injury, or property damage sustained by a participant in space flight activities provided by a space flight entity if such injury or damage results from the risks of the space flight activity. I have given my informed consent to participate in

space flight activities after receiving a description of the risks of space flight activities as required by federal law pursuant to 51 U.S.C. Section 50905 and 14 C.F.R. Section 460.45. The consent that I have given acknowledges that the risks of space flight activities include, but are not limited to, risks of bodily injury, including death, emotional injury, and property damage. I understand and acknowledge that I am participating in space flight activities at my own risk. I have been given the opportunity to consult with an attorney before signing this statement."

C. Failure to comply with the requirements concerning the warning statement provided in this section shall prevent a space flight entity from invoking the privileges of immunity provided by the Space Flight Liability and Immunity Act.

Added by Laws 2013, c. 177, § 3, eff. Nov. 1, 2013.

§3-373. Short title - Oklahoma Advanced Mobility Pilot Program.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Advanced Mobility Pilot Program".

Added by Laws 2020, c. 74, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2020.

§3-374. Focus of program - Eligible communities - Advisory Council - Matching grant awards.

A. There is hereby created within the Department of Transportation the Oklahoma Advanced Mobility Pilot Program. The program shall focus on developing and improving on transportation technologies, including but not limited to advanced ground transportation, autonomous ground vehicles, advanced air mobility vehicles, and autonomous electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) vehicles. The program will also look to enhance the interaction between modes of transportation to ensure the state is best prepared for the interconnected transportation technologies of the future.

B. The Department of Transportation shall identify and select government entities in this state that are eligible to serve as pilot programs for the adoption of advanced mobility technologies. Eligible entities will be cities, counties and tribal governments. Priority will be given to entities that have been selected to participate in transportation-related pilot programs by the United States Department of Transportation after January 1, 2017.

C. The Secretary of Transportation shall create the Advanced Mobility Program Advisory Council comprised of nine (9) members selected by the Secretary of Transportation to represent a diverse set of stakeholders involved with the adoption of advanced mobility technologies. The Council shall provide policy, regulatory, and any other necessary recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation on issues related to the adoption of advanced mobility technologies.

D. Subject to the availability of funds, the Program shall make two matching grant awards each year to the selected pilot programs to support program activities. The awards shall be up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) each and shall require a direct one-to-one match for nonstate funds invested or received by the pilot including funds from the pilot entity.

E. The Department of Transportation shall have the power to make any contract, execute any document or perform any act in order to carry out the Oklahoma Advanced Mobility Pilot Program. Added by Laws 2020, c. 74, § 2, eff. Nov. 1, 2020. Amended by Laws 2023, c. 365, § 14, eff. Nov. 1, 2023.

§3-375. Oklahoma Advanced Mobility Pilot Project Revolving Fund.

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to be designated the "Oklahoma Advanced Mobility Pilot Project Revolving Fund". The Fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations and shall consist of all monies received by the Oklahoma Tax Commission which are specifically required by law to be deposited in the Fund, any public or private donations, contributions and gifts received for the benefit of the Fund and any amounts appropriated by the Legislature. All monies accruing to the credit of the Fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for the purpose of funding grants as provided in this act. Expenditures from the Fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment. Added by Laws 2020, c. 74, § 3, eff. Nov. 1, 2020.

§3-401. Competitive bidding process for contracts.

Contracts entered into for projects and activities of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics relating to airport and air navigation facility construction, maintenance and repair shall be awarded using the competitive bidding process set forth in the Public Competitive Bidding Act of 1974. The Department may administer the competitive bidding process through the Department of Transportation rather than the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.

Added by Laws 2021, c. 102, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2021. Amended by Laws 2023, c. 126, § 17, eff. Nov. 1, 2023.

§3-403. Oklahoma Advanced Air Mobility Revolving Fund.

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics to be designated the "Oklahoma Advanced Air Mobility Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year

limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Oklahoma Tax Commission which are specifically required by law to be deposited in the fund, any public or private donations, contributions, and gifts received for the benefit of the fund, and any amounts appropriated by the Legislature. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics for the purpose of investing in advanced air mobility and unmanned aircraft systems and associated infrastructure. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

Added by Laws 2023, c. 365, § 16, eff. Nov. 1, 2023.

§3-411. Short title - Oklahoma Air Service Development Grant Program.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Air Service Development Grant Program".

Added by Laws 2022, c. 203, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2022.

§3-412. Definitions.

As used in the Oklahoma Air Service Development Grant Program:

1. "Aircraft" means any contrivance now known, or hereafter invented, used, or designed for navigation of or flight in the air or airspace;

2. "Airport" means an area of land or water that is used, or intended to be used, for the landing and takeoff of aircraft, and buildings and facilities, if any;

3. "Airport sponsor" means the owner of a publicly owned airport;

4. "Commercial air service" means the operation of a company that provides scheduled air transport services to the state for traveling passengers;

5. "Commercial service airport" means an airport meeting the current Federal Aviation Administration definition for commercial service airport;

6. "Municipality" means any incorporated city, village, or town of this state and any county or political subdivision or district in this state, or any public trust thereof, which is, or may be, authorized by law to acquire, establish, construct, maintain, improve, and operate airports, airstrips, and aeronautical navigation facilities;

7. "New airline service" means a commercial service carrier or company that provides regularly scheduled new air transport services to the state for traveling passengers and freight;

8. "Nonstop flight" means a flight made without intermediate stops between source and destination;

9. "Primary airport" means a commercial service airport that has more than ten thousand (10,000) passenger boardings each year; and

10. "State" or "this state" means the State of Oklahoma.
Added by Laws 2022, c. 203, § 2, eff. Nov. 1, 2022.

§3-413. Oklahoma Air Service Development Grant Program.

A. There is hereby created within the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics, the Oklahoma Air Service Development Grant Program. The Oklahoma Air Service Development Grant Program (OASDGP) is designed to offer financial assistance by grant to private or public entities for the purpose of assisting commercial air service development. Grant funding is administered based on merit and the potential for a specific project to enhance the state's economy. Grants are one-time awards.

B. Grant funding can be used for commercial air service development projects and include minimum revenue guarantees for specific new routes, marketing and advertising of service, market study and research projects to develop data for a business case for new service, start-up cost offsets to reduce the cost of an airline beginning service, and other innovative risk sharing models to support the introduction of new airline service in the state. Grants must be used to recruit service in an airport-pair that has no current, daily scheduled airline service. Grants may not be used to support current routes or to recruit a second carrier to an airport-pair.

C. Public, private and nonprofit entities within this state that have sufficient financial and management capacity to complete the requested project are eligible for funding under this program. Eligible entities include:

1. Airport sponsors of publicly owned airports;
2. Oklahoma municipalities;
3. Chambers of commerce; or
4. Community organizations that promote economic development.

D. Each application must include a detailed business plan with supporting data for the proposed project. The business plan should include:

1. Available passengers for the route including local demand and connecting demand;
2. Detail on available revenue;
3. Current and historical fare data relative to peers and how the project will lower fares; and
4. Business demand for companies based in this state or doing business in this state that may use the proposed route.

E. Projects with airline support will be considered first for funding under this program. Airline support can be evidenced by a letter, dated, signed, and on airline letterhead, or other communication directly from an airline stating its support for the funding and its interest in the proposed route. An airline letter of support is not required for funding to be allocated to a project but will be used in prioritizing fund awards.

F. To be considered for state funding under this program, applicants must demonstrate the ability to provide a minimum twenty percent (20%) of all funding for the project through local sources. Local funding should be dedicated to the project and evidenced by letters of commitment before an application is submitted. Any private enterprise or nonairport, nonmunicipal, nonprofit entity must have a letter of credit to qualify for a grant without a public partner.

G. Each application should include a narrative organized into seven (7) sections:

1. A proposal summary;
2. Applicant organization description, history, and ability to fund the project;
3. Air service background and history of the airport/market;
4. Project description, target route, and specific business plan for service;
5. Timeline;
6. Budget including local funding; and
7. Letters of support.

H. Applications will first be vetted for completeness. Any application which does not include the information listed in subsection G will be eliminated from consideration. Any application that does not include local funding for at least twenty percent (20%) of the project cost will be eliminated from consideration. Any applicant that cannot demonstrate he or she is working with an airport sponsor on the project will be eliminated from consideration.

I. Once applications have been deemed to meet minimum requirements, they will be evaluated for funding against each other, with special attention paid to the following criteria in this order:

1. The viability of the business case for service and the opportunity for service to be sustainable;
2. The need for the service in the community and region;
3. The challenges with current air service that could be rectified with grant funding;
4. Share of local funding versus grant funding;
5. Airline support for the project;
6. Broad-based stakeholder support for the project; and
7. The ability to use the funding in a timely manner.

The Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall be part of this review process. The state may request additional information from the applicant and may require a written response from the applicant for any outstanding questions. The state reserves the right to require formal presentations from each applicant to explain the proposed project.

J. The state will enter into a grant agreement contract with recipients prior to distributing program funds. The agreement shall include:

1. The specific project receiving grant funding;
2. The maximum dollar amount of state funding;
3. Effective dates of the grant;
4. Rights to terminate the grant agreement;
5. Inspection and reporting requirements to verify project status and expenditures; and
6. Conditions of disbursement of grant funds including obligation to repay funds if the terms of the agreement are not met.

The grant agreement contract shall require the awardee to provide ongoing quarterly reports stating progress and detailing any activity related to the project.

Added by Laws 2022, c. 203, § 3, eff. Nov. 1, 2022. Amended by Laws 2023, c. 126, § 19, eff. Nov. 1, 2023.

§3-414. Oklahoma Air Service Development Grant Program Revolving Fund.

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics to be designated the "Oklahoma Air Service Development Grant Program Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Tax Commission which are specifically required by law to be deposited in the fund, any public or private donations, contributions and gifts received for the benefit of the fund, and any amounts appropriated by the Legislature. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics for the purpose of funding grants as provided in Section 411 et seq. of this title. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

Added by Laws 2022, c. 203, § 4, eff. Nov. 1, 2022. Amended by Laws 2023, c. 126, § 20, eff. Nov. 1, 2023.

§3-415. Long-Term Aerospace and Aeronautics Infrastructure Sustainability Revolving Fund.

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics to be designated the "Long-Term Aerospace and Aeronautics Infrastructure Sustainability Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Department from appropriations designated for the purpose of construction, maintenance, or other capital projects. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics shall, at the end of each month, provide a current balance and statement of encumbrances of the fund to the Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Chair of the House of Representatives Appropriations and Budget Committee. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics for the sole purpose provided for in this section. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

Added by Laws 2024, c. 126, § 1, emerg. eff. April 23, 2024.

§3-421. See the following versions:

OS 3-421v1 (HB 3672, Laws 2024, c. 18, § 15).

OS 3-421v2 (SB 1912, Laws 2024, c. 135, § 15).

§3-421v1. Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics established as clearinghouse for unmanned aircraft systems.

A. The Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics is hereby established as the clearinghouse for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and advanced air mobility (AAM) in this state and shall be designated as the agency of this state for the promotion, enhancement and development of UAS and AAM as well as any associated infrastructure necessary to ensure the safe integration and use of this new technology within the state. The purpose of this clearinghouse is to create a partnership between those entities that currently operate UAS, those that desire to use this technology in the future and other entities that can support the research and development of UAS to ensure that this state can more effectively respond to the needs of this critical sector of the aviation and aerospace industry. In the operation of this clearinghouse, the Department shall cooperate, assist and coordinate with the federal government, agencies of this state, tribal entities, municipalities and other persons in the development of unmanned aircraft systems throughout the state to ensure the acceptance of this technology and the successful integration of UAS into the National Airspace System. Contingent upon the availability of funds, the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics may use established program processes

or may contract with other qualified entities to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Development Act of 2021.

B. The primary goal of the clearinghouse within the Department is to establish a central point within state government to develop the strategy for how this state can become a leader in the UAS and AAM industry. It will focus the collective resources, knowledge, information and assets within state government to ensure coordinated efforts amongst all parties. The clearinghouse will:

1. Conduct research on what other states and localities are doing insofar as their UAS rules and regulations so that it can provide recommendations to ensure this state is in the best position within the industry;

2. Organize and coordinate the application for any UAS and AAM test site, integration opportunity, pilot program or grant funding on behalf of this state;

3. Maintain a registry of UAS being operated by state agencies, except those UAS that are part of a university-affiliated research program;

4. Maintain a registry of educational institutions that offer training programs for users of UAS; and

5. Investigate the development of and, if necessary, create a statewide system plan that will provide the framework for the construction, development, siting, and potential partnerships required for vertiports and other infrastructure needed to integrate AAM and UAS into the existing air transportation system of the state.

C. The Department is authorized to enter into partnerships with any city or town of this state and any county or political subdivision or district of this state, or any public trust thereof, for the purpose of investing in and operating infrastructure and any other items necessary to safely and effectively integrate AAM and UAS into the existing air transportation system of the state as well as the testing and development of these new aeronautical technologies.

Added by Laws 2021, c. 419, § 2, eff. Nov. 1, 2021. Amended by Laws 2023, c. 126, § 18, eff. Nov. 1, 2023; Laws 2023, c. 365, § 15, eff. Nov. 1, 2023; Laws 2024, c. 18, § 15, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

NOTE: Editorially renumbered from § 401 of this title to avoid a duplication in numbering.

§3-421v2. Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics established as clearinghouse for unmanned aircraft systems.

A. The Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics is hereby established as the clearinghouse for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and advanced air mobility (AAM) in this state and shall be designated as the agency of this state for the promotion,

enhancement and development of UAS and AAM as well as any associated infrastructure necessary to ensure the safe integration and use of this new technology within the state. The purpose of this clearinghouse is to create a partnership between those entities that currently operate UAS, those that desire to use this technology in the future and other entities that can support the research and development of UAS to ensure that this state can more effectively respond to the needs of this critical sector of the aviation and aerospace industry. In the operation of this clearinghouse, the Department shall cooperate, assist and coordinate with the federal government, agencies of this state, tribal entities, municipalities and other persons in the development of unmanned aircraft systems throughout the state to ensure the acceptance of this technology and the successful integration of UAS into the National Airspace System. Contingent upon the availability of funds, the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics may use established program processes or may contract with other qualified entities to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Development Act of 2021.

B. The primary goal of the clearinghouse within the Department is to establish a central point within state government to develop the strategy for how this state can become a leader in the UAS and AAM industry. It will focus the collective resources, knowledge, information and assets within state government to ensure coordinated efforts amongst all parties. The clearinghouse will:

1. Conduct research on what other states and localities are doing insofar as their UAS rules and regulations so that it can provide recommendations to ensure this state is in the best position within the industry;

2. Organize and coordinate the application for any UAS and AAM test site, integration opportunity, pilot program or grant funding on behalf of this state;

3. Maintain a registry of UAS being operated by state agencies, except those UAS that are part of a university-affiliated research program;

4. Maintain a registry of educational institutions that offer training programs for users of UAS; and

5. Investigate the development of, and if necessary, create a statewide system plan that will provide the framework for the construction, development, siting, and potential partnerships required for vertiports and other infrastructure needed to integrate AAM and UAS into the existing air transportation system of the state.

C. The Department is authorized to enter into partnerships with any city or town of this state and any county or political subdivision or district in this state, or any public trust thereof, for the purpose of investing in and operating infrastructure and any

other items necessary to safely and effectively integrate AAM and UAS into the existing air transportation system of this state as well as the testing and development of these aeronautical technologies.

Added by Laws 2021, c. 419, § 2, eff. Nov. 1, 2021. Amended by Laws 2023, c. 126, § 18, eff. Nov. 1, 2023; Laws 2023, c. 365, § 15, eff. Nov. 1, 2023; Laws 2024, c. 135, § 15, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.

NOTE: Editorially renumbered from § 401 of this title to avoid a duplication in numbering.

§3-501. Short Title – Oklahoma Aircraft Engine Testing Development Grant Program.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Oklahoma Aircraft Engine Testing Development Grant Program”.

Added by Laws 2024, c. 125, § 1, eff. July 1, 2024.

§3-502. Oklahoma Aircraft Engine Testing Development Grant Program – Application information – Agreement.

A. There is hereby created, within the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics, the Oklahoma Aircraft Engine Testing Development Grant Program to offer financial assistance by grant to private or public entities for the purpose of expanding the aircraft engine testing capabilities of this state and developing aircraft engine testing infrastructure. Grant funding shall be administered based on the potential for a specific project to enhance the aviation and aerospace industry of this state. A grant under this program shall be a one-time award.

B. Public, private, and nonprofit entities within this state that have sufficient financial and management capacity to complete the requested project are eligible for funding under this program. Applicants shall provide the following information:

1. Airline or industry support as evidenced by a letter or other communication directly from the entity stating its support for the project;

2. The ability to provide a minimum of forty percent (40%) matching funds for the project; and

3. A proposal summary that shall include any background information or history with aircraft engine testing and development, project description, timeline for completion of project, and estimated budget for the entire project.

C. A grant agreement shall be made between any awardee and the Department. The grant agreement shall provide for the conditions of disbursement, shall include a provision requiring the repayment of awarded funds if the terms are not met, and shall include a requirement for awardees to provide ongoing quarterly reports detailing activity related to the project.

Added by Laws 2024, c. 125, § 2, eff. July 1, 2024.

§3-503. Oklahoma Aircraft Engine Testing Development Grant Program Revolving Fund.

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics to be designated the "Oklahoma Aircraft Engine Testing Development Grant Program Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Department from all monies received by any public or private donations, contributions, and gifts received for the benefit of the fund, and any amounts appropriated by the Legislature, provided for the purpose of funding grants as provided in this act. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Department for the purpose provided for in this act. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment. Added by Laws 2024, c. 125, § 3, eff. July 1, 2024.