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City of Vero Beach



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

January 25, 2022

Mr. Jason Brown County Administrator Indian River County 1801 27th Street Vero Beach, Florida 32960

Dear Jason:

Last year Indian River County was very accommodating in passing a Resolution seeking support to amend Florida Statutes, which regulate Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT's) funding of Airports based on Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Classification. I am asking that the County pass a similar Resolution this year. The Bill did not pass last year, but because situations have changed we believe with the help of all of our surrounding municipalities in Indian River County that it will pass this year.

Attached is a copy of a Resolution that the City of Vero Beach recently passed, which you are welcome to use as a template when presenting this Resolution to your Council.

Thank you for your help in this matter and please feel free to call me if you have any questions. Once you have passed the Resolution, please send a copy to our City Clerk at <u>tbursick@covb.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Robbie Brackett, Mayor City of Vero Beach

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Enclosure

Indian River County Office of the County Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE ADOPTION OF SENATE BILL 780 AND HOUSE BILL 631 AS FILED IN THE 2022 SESSION OF THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE AMENDING SECTION 332.007, FLA. STAT. REVISING THE TYPES OF AIRPORTS TO WHICH FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE AVIATION DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Vero Beach Regional Airport is a general aviation facility and receives funding from federal and state sources; and

WHEREAS, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) funds airport capital improvement projects at general aviation airports at 80% of project cost; and

WHEREAS, under current state law, when a general aviation airport begins to receive scheduled commercial airline service and subsequently exceeds 10,000 annual commercial passenger enplanements, the airport is classified as a primary Commercial Service Airport by the Federal Aviation Administration and FDOT, and at such time, FDOT funding eligibility is reduced from 80% to 50%; and

WHEREAS, the Commercial Service Airport designation remains in effect, even if annual commercial passenger enplanements falls below 10,000; and

WHEREAS, the reduced funding from 80% to 50% puts smaller commercial service airports such as Vero Beach Regional Airport at a financial disadvantage in that revenue from airline operations is far from sufficient to make up the loss in FDOT funding; and

WHEREAS, SB 780 and HB 631 would amend section 332.007, Fla. Stat. to allow Vero Beach Regional Airport to remain a general aviation airport and not be subject to the reduced grant contributions caused by the threshold of 10,000 enplanements per year, but would increase the threshold to 100,000 passenger boardings per year; and

WHEREAS, under the current statute should Vero Beach Regional Airport exceed 10,000 enplanements per year the FDOT funding would be reduced from 80% to 50%, which would result

in the delay or cancellation of capital improvement projects and in deterioration of airport property and possibly jeopardize the safety of airport operations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 - Adoption of "Whereas" clauses.

The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby adopted and incorporated herein as forming the legislative findings, purpose, and intent of this Resolution.

Section 2 - Support for Adoption of SB 780 and HB 631.

-- The City Council supports the adoption and passage of SB-780 (by Senator Travis Hutson) --- and HB 631 (by Representative Erin Grall) in the 2022 session of the Florida Legislature, and extends its appreciation to the local legislative delegation for its support and assistance.

Section 3 - Effective Date.

This Resolution shall become effective upon final adoption by the City Council.

This Resolution was heard on the 7^{ln} day of 0 and 2021, at which time it was moved for adoption by Councilmember Minuse, seconded by Councilmember Meville, and adopted by the following vote:

Mayor Robert Brackett
Vice-Mayor Rey Neville
Councilmember Honey Minuse
Councilmember Bob McCabe
Councilmember John E. Cotugno

yes yes yes yes yes

ATTEST:

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Tammy K. Burs City Clerk CITY COUNCIL: CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA

By:

Robert Brackett Mayor

(2/9/2 Date:

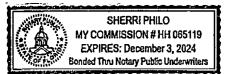
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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF INDIAN RIVER

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of \Box physical presence or \Box online notarization this $\underline{9^{th}}$ day of $\underline{December}$ 2021, by Robert Brackett, the Mayor, and attested by Tammy K. Bursick, the City Clerk, of the City of Vero Beach, Florida. Both are personally known to me.

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Sign: Notary Public, State of Florida at Large ____

Print Name: <u>Sherk: Phils</u> Notary Commission No.: _____ My Commission Expires: _____

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Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

John S. Turner

City Attorney

Approved as conforming to municipal policy:

Monte K. Falls, P.E. City Manager