

RESOLUTION NO. 1492

A RESOLUTION OF THE PORT OF PASCO, SUPPORTING COMPATIBLE LAND USE PLANNING TO ENABLE FUTURE GROWTH OF THE TRI-CITIES AIRPORT

WHEREAS, the Port of Pasco owns and operates the Tri-Cities Airport, the third largest commercial airport in the State of Washington serving the Tri-Cities region along with a large portion of southeast Washington and northeast Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the number of enplaned passengers, frequency of flights, and size of aircraft at the Tri-Cities Airport has consistently increased and is expected to continue increasing into the future; and

WHEREAS, runway 12/30 to the northwest of the airport is the only runway which can be extended to accommodate larger aircraft; and

WHEREAS, the FAA encourages strong land use protections to accommodate future airport growth; and

WHEREAS, the current county zoning designation of agricultural is generally considered compatible with the airport operations; and

WHEREAS, residential development is generally incompatible near airports because of noise, safety, fumes, vibration, light and perception of low-flying aircraft; and

WHEREAS, there is currently a request to add a 160 acre parcel and approximately 30 acres of a second parcel to the City of Pasco's Urban Growth Area (UGA) for new residential development that are impacted by the Airport Safety Compatibility Zones and the Future Noise 55 DNL contour; and

WHEREAS, the modification to residential could result in the airport being prevented from an expansion that would accommodate larger aircraft and growth of the airport; and

WHEREAS, approximately 104 acres of the requested UGA expansion falls within Airport Safety Compatibility Zones 2 and 4 as referenced in both the City of Pasco and Franklin County Airport Overlay Zoning Codes; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Pasco Commission adopted Resolution No. 1485 on June 14, 2018 recommending that the aforementioned parcels remain outside of the City of Pasco UGA for residential development; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Pasco Commission passed a motion at their August 9, 2018 regular meeting to rescind Resolution 1485 as it relates to any property on which the Port has received an executed and acknowledged Avigation easement on or before 4:00 pm on August 10, 2018, and which otherwise conforms to any Avigation easement agreement pertaining to such property; and

WHEREAS, the Port received signed avigation easements from Farm 2005, LLC on August 9, 2018 for two parcels totaling 160 acres; and from Fred Olberding on August 9, 2018 for one parcel totaling approximately 30 acres; and

WHEREAS, the avigation easements granted to the Port provide a right of flight for the passage of aircraft in and through the airspace above the surface of the Grantor's property, together with the right to cause in said airspace such noise as may be inherent in the operation of aircraft, now known or hereafter used, for navigation of or flight in the said airspace, and for the use of said airspace for landing on, taking off from, or operating on the Tri-Cities Airport, and other considerations.

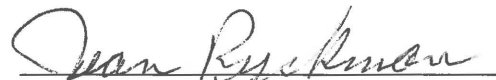
NOW, THEREFORE, the Port of Pasco Commission hereby rescinds Resolution No. 1485 and withdraws their opposition to the aforementioned parcels being added to the City of Pasco UGA.

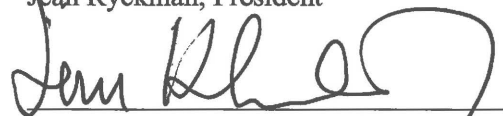
BE IT RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be immediately transmitted to the City of Pasco, Franklin County, and the Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation Division.


This Resolution supersedes Resolution Nos. 1444 and 1485.

ADOPTED this 6th day of September, 2018

PORT OF PASCO COMMISSION


Jean Ryckman, President


James T. Klindworth, Vice-President


Vicki Gordon, Secretary