

RESOLUTION NO. 1485

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 Washington State Growth Management Act requires towns, cities, and counties to discourage development of incompatible land uses adjacent to public use airports through adoption of comprehensive plan policies and development regulations; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Port of Pasco Commission wishes to express the following recommendations on the 160-acre parcel and 30-acres of the second parcel within the UGA expansion request:

- 1) Under no circumstances should that portion of the land falling within Airport Safety Compatibility Zones 2 and 4 be added to the City of Pasco UGA for residential development; and
- 2) The Port would prefer that the entire 160-acres parcel affected by both the Airport Compatibility Zones and the Future Noise 55 DNL contour remain outside of the City UGA to reduce future conflicts between residences and aircraft operations.

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 No. 1444.

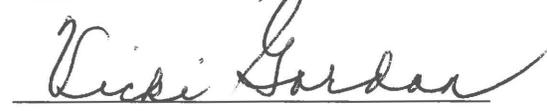
ADOPTED this 14th day of June, 2018

PORT OF PASCO COMMISSION

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