

RESOLUTION NO. 902

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA MARIA PUBLIC AIRPORT DISTRICT ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR NON-AIRWORTHY AIRCRAFT STORAGE IN DISTRICT HANGARS

WHEREAS, the Santa Maria Public Airport District (the “District”) is an airport district duly formed and existing under the California Public Utilities Code Section 22001 et. seq; and

WHEREAS, The primary revenues generated for the Airport are facility rates and fees levied on the users of the airport; and

WHEREAS, A portion of Santa Maria Airport District storage hangars capable of holding an aircraft house non-operational aircraft, meaning the aircraft are housed in an airport hangar but have not flown for a significant amount of time; and

WHEREAS, Non-airworthy aircraft are not supporting the local aviation economy including local aviation service providers, and secondary income including fuel flowage fees.

WHEREAS, District hangar rental rates remain below that of neighboring airports to encourage aviation activities; and

WHEREAS, The District desires to continue the support of aviation activities, while not encouraging hangar use for personal storage or non-airworthy aircraft that have not shown progress towards becoming active and flyable;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Maria Public District, as follows:

1. A non-airworthy aircraft storage fee be established and included in the Rates and Charges as follows:
 - a. A fee of 20% above current hangar rental rates, effective July 1, 2022
 - b. A fee of 30% above current hangar rental rates, effective July 1, 2023
 - c. A fee of 40% above current hangar rental rates, effective July 1, 2024

2. District Staff will determine the status of an aircraft and applicability of the fee based on logged flights through 3rd party sources, actual observation of flight activity, and annual hangar inspections. Should an aircraft be identified as non-airworthy, tenants may provide evidence that the aircraft listed on the Hangar Lease meets the conditions of Part § 91.409. The following options are acceptable records that meet the intent of the Non-Airworthy Aircraft Fee:
 - a. Copy of the Aircraft Maintenance Logbook entry that indicates current airworthy status (annual inspection); or

- b. Annual Inspection Receipt or an invoice from aircraft maintenance shop or inspector that includes the Aircraft Registration Number; or
 - c. Other means that meets the intent of the Non-Airworthy Aircraft Fee, including condition inspections for experimental aircraft.
3. The General Manager or designee may authorize a fee waiver if requested upon changed circumstances in a particular aircraft that will be corrected within a set period of time. Requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and limited to a six (6) month waiver upon submission of a plan to correct any issues with the aircraft, with the flexibility to further extend for another period not to exceed a total waiver of twelve (12) months based on demonstrated progress or circumstances that warrant an extension.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Maria Public Airport District on October 28, 2021, by the following roll call votes:

AYES: Brown, Engel, Rafferty, Adams
NOES: Baskett
ABSENT:
ABSTAINED:


Dated: October 28, 2021

SANTA MARIA PUBLIC AIRPORT DISTRICT

Approved as to content for District:



General Manager

By: 

Steve Brown, President

Approved as to form for District:

By: 

Hugh Rafferty, Secretary



District Counsel