## **Flying Cloud Airport**

Joint Airport Zoning Board



27 February 2018

Public Hearing #1 – Overview of Proposed Airport Zoning Ordinance

## Presentation Agenda

- Purpose & Goals
- Review of FCM Zoning Historical Timeline
- Summary of Draft FCM Airport Zoning Ordinance
- Next Steps

#### **Terminology Key:**

- Flying Cloud Airport = FCM
- Joint Airport Zoning Board = JAZB
- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Office of Aeronautics = MnDOT
- Federal Aviation Administration = FAA



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### JAZB Purpose & Goals

## Why is airport safety zoning important now?

- State requirements/expectations and funding implications
- Pace of development in the vicinity of Flying Cloud Airport is increasing
- Revenue-generating use opportunities on airport property
- Certainty for surrounding community
- Finish what was started in 2009



## JAZB Purpose & Goals

Through a collaborative process, the JAZB seeks to develop an airport zoning ordinance that achieves a balance between a reasonable level of public safety and compatible community

development.



In determining what minimum airport zoning regulations to adopt, Minnesota State Statutes guide the JAZB to consider the **social and economic costs of restricting land uses** versus the **benefits derived from a strict application of the standards of the commissioner** (the State Model Zoning Ordinance).

## JAZB Purpose & Goals

#### Goals for the FCM JAZB include:

- Develop an FCM zoning ordinance for review and approval by the Commissioner of Transportation for subsequent adoption by the Board and then by local communities
- Update relevant sections of 2010 draft Zoning Ordinance to reflect current conditions
- Ensure appropriate level of stakeholder/community engagement



City of Eden Prairie City of Shakopee

#### **JAZB Participants**

City of Chanhassen Metropolitan Airports Commission

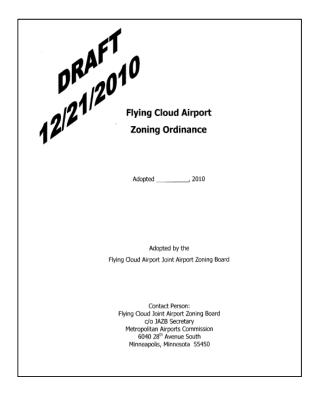
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### JAZB Historical Timeline and Accomplishments

- July 2009: First FCM JAZB meeting
- August 2009 April 2010: JAZB develops Draft Airport Zoning Ordinance
- April 2010: First Public Hearing for the draft Ordinance
- December 2010: JAZB approves submittal of Draft Airport Zoning Ordinance to MnDOT Commissioner
- **Early 2011**: MAC requests that MnDOT temporarily suspend Ordinance review due to legal uncertainties surrounding airport zoning related litigation pending at the time
- 2011 2015: Court cases resolved
- 2016: Decision made to re-convene FCM JAZB to move forward with the Draft Airport Zoning Ordinance



## JAZB Historical Timeline and Accomplishments

- September 2017: First meeting of the re-convened FCM JAZB
- October 2017 January 2018: JAZB reviews/updates
  Draft Airport Zoning Ordinance
  - Included updates to supporting studies: Safety/Risk Study and Economic Impact Analysis
- January 18, 2018: FCM JAZB formally approves updated Draft FCM Airport Zoning Ordinance for public review, comment, and hearing
- **February 27, 2018:** Public Hearing for updated Draft Airport Zoning Ordinance

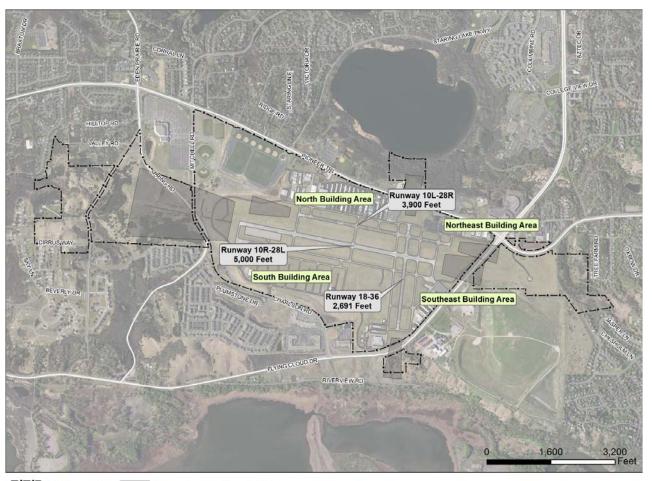


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## FCM Airfield Configuration



#### Runway 18-36 Length

- Updated Zoning Ordinance 2,691 feet (existing length)
  - 2010 Draft Zoning Ordinance 2,800 feet

#### Runway 10L-28R (north parallel)

- Updated Zoning Ordinance "Utility" designation
  - 2010 Draft Zoning Ordinance "Other Than Utility" designation
  - No change to length or width

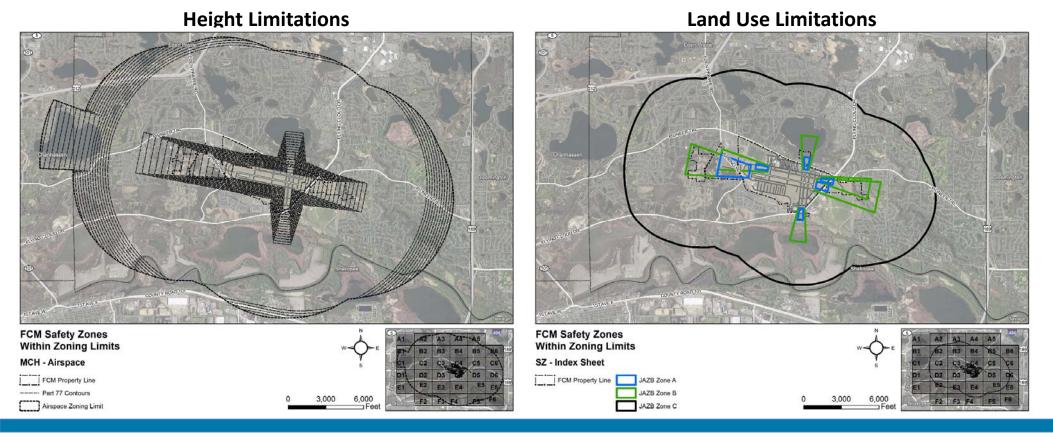
#### Runway 10R-28L (south parallel)

No change

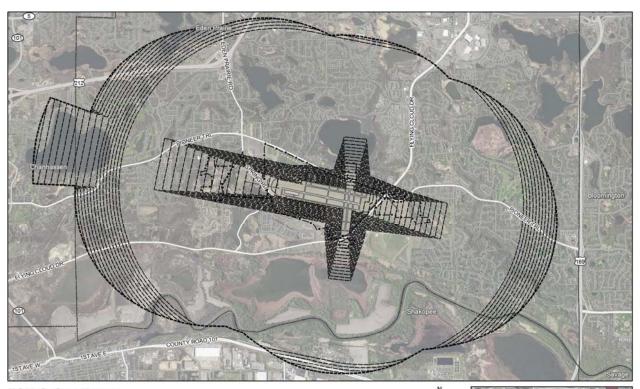
Airfield configuration changes from the 2010 Draft Zoning Ordinance result in less restrictive zoning areas

## **Airport Zoning Ordinance Overview**

#### Two primary components



## FCM Airspace Zones (Height)

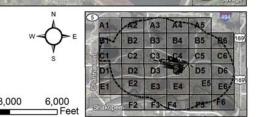


#### FCM Safety Zones Within Zoning Limits

MCH - Airspace

FCM Property Line

Airspace Zoning Limit

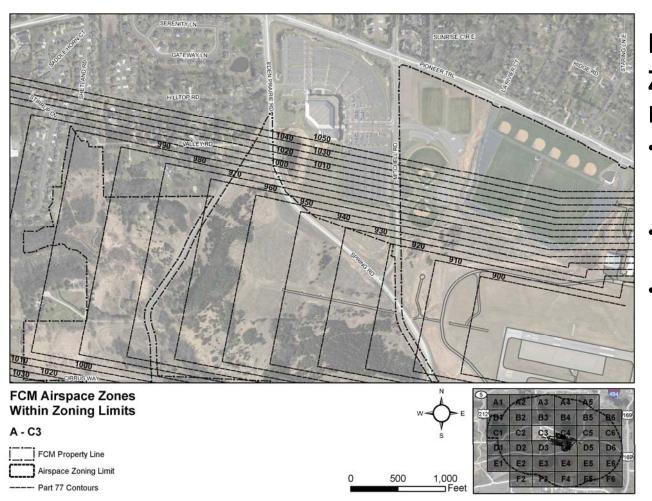


# **Height limitations imposed by Zoning Ordinance**

Based on FAA Airspace criteria

- Limits the height of structures and vegetation under FCM airspace surfaces.
- Penetrations to the Airspace Zones will require a variance issued by a Board of Adjustment
  - Exception no variance required if the FAA issues a No Hazard airspace determination

## FCM Airspace Zones (Height)

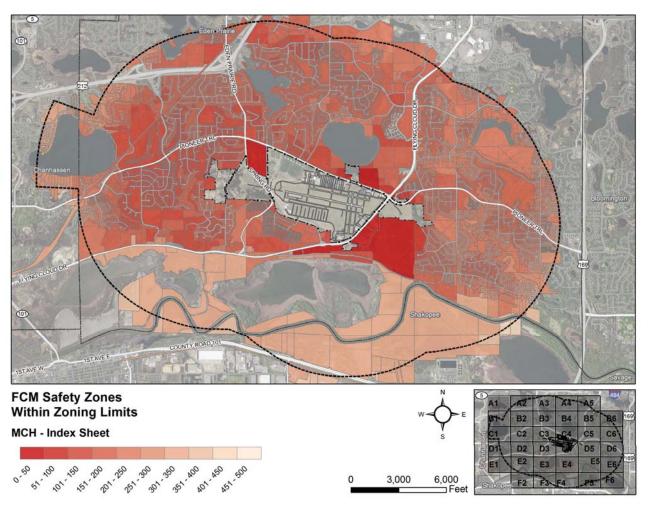


# **Height limitations imposed by Zoning Ordinance**

Based on FAA Airspace criteria

- Grid maps in the Draft Ordinance show airspace surface heights in 10-foot intervals
- Heights are expressed as mean sea level, not above ground level
- More specificity provided on Maximum Construction Height Without Permit maps

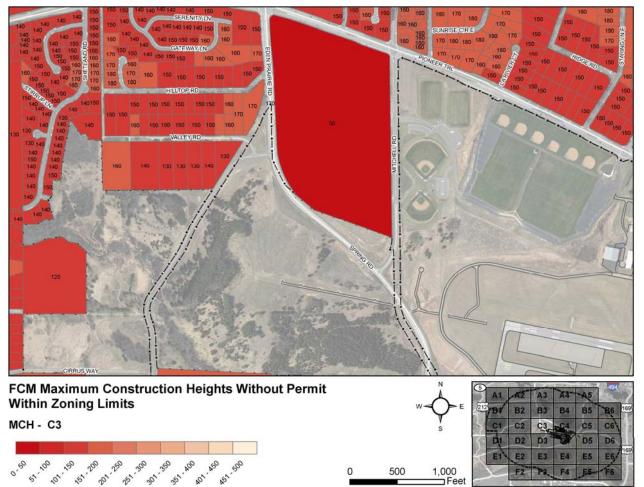
#### FCM Maximum Construction Height Without Permit (Height)



# Establishes a height per parcel up to which an airport zoning permit is not needed

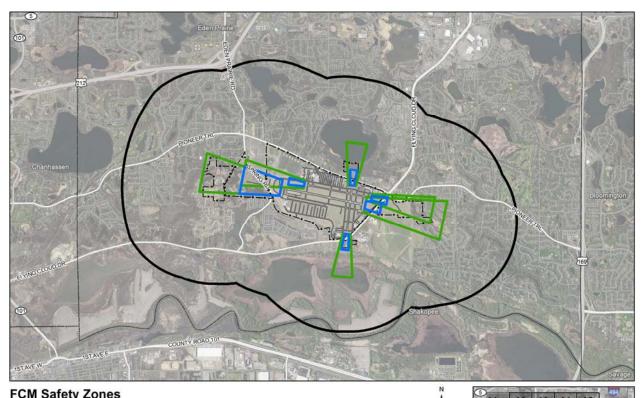
- Used updated 1-foot airspace contours and more precise ground elevation contours
- Provides a buffer to Airspace Zones
- Exceeding the Maximum Construction
  Height Without Permit will require an
  Airport Zoning Permit from the City
  Zoning Administrator

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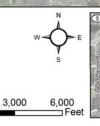
- Grid maps in the Draft Ordinance show Maximum Construction Heights
   Without Permit for each parcel
- Heights are expressed above ground level
- In most cases, the airport zoning height limitations would be less restrictive than maximum heights allowed in the municipal zoning code.

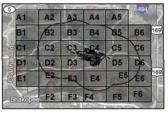


#### FCM Safety Zones Within Zoning Limits

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#### **JAZB Safety Zones Overview**

#### JAZB Safety Zone A

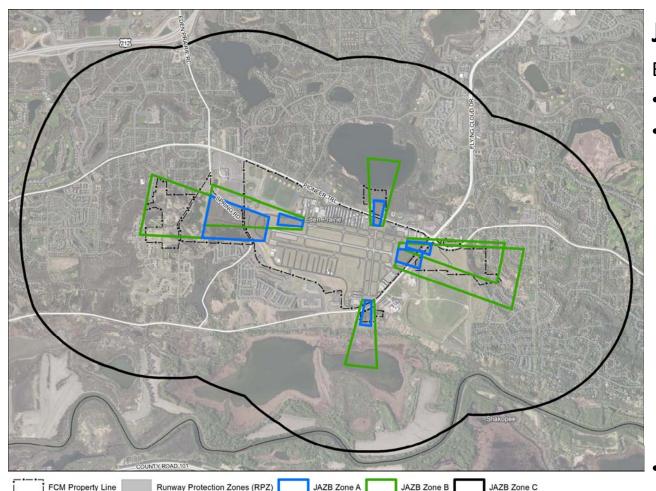
- Most restrictive safety zone
- Prohibits the development of structures

#### JAZB Safety Zone B

- Less restrictive zone
- Prohibits certain land uses
- Allows residential development in Permitted Residential Areas
- Requires contiguous open space

#### JAZB Safety Zone C

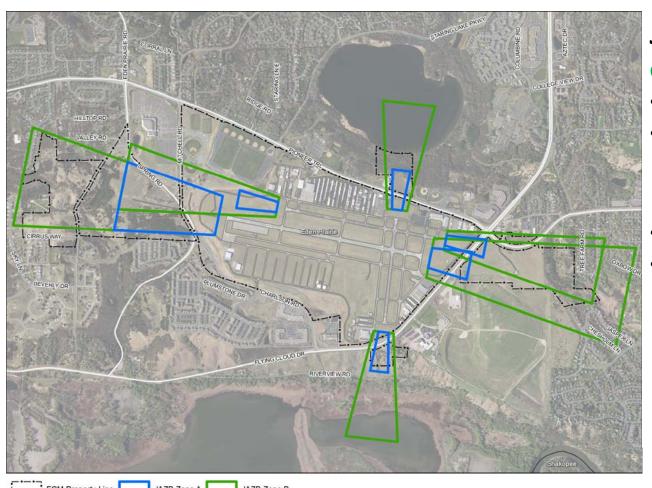
- Least restrictive zone
- General land use restrictions against flight interference



#### **JAZB Safety Zone C**

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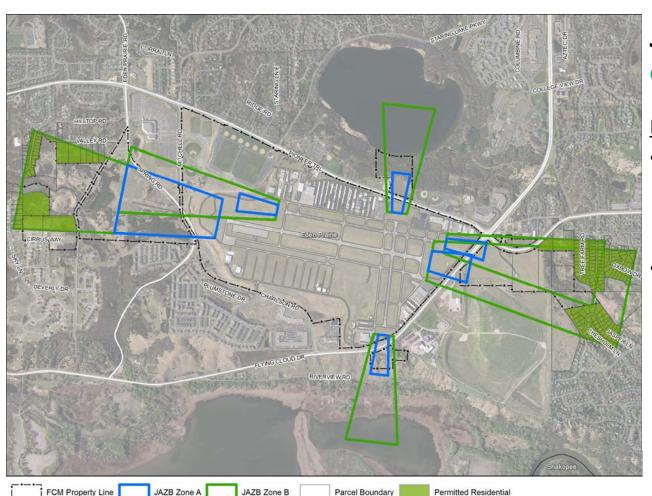
- Least restrictive safety zone
- General prohibitions against land uses that would:
  - Create or cause interference with the operations of radio or electronic facilities
  - Create or causes interference with radio or electronic communications between FCM and aircraft
  - Make it difficult for pilots to distinguish between Airport lights and other lights
  - Result in glare in the eyes of pilots using FCM
  - Impair visibility in the vicinity of FCM
  - Otherwise endanger the landing, taking off, or maneuvering of aircraft in the runway approach areas.
- These apply to Zones A & B as well



#### **JAZB Safety Zone B**

#### Green trapezoid

- More restrictive safety zone
- Prohibits certain land uses
  - Amphitheaters, churches, hospitals, nursing homes, schools, stadiums, theaters, wildlife attractants
- Based on State Model Zone dimensions
- Less restrictive land use controls than State Model Zone B
  - No minimum parcel size for development
  - No site population restrictions based on site acreage
  - Based on detailed safety/risk study and economic impact analysis

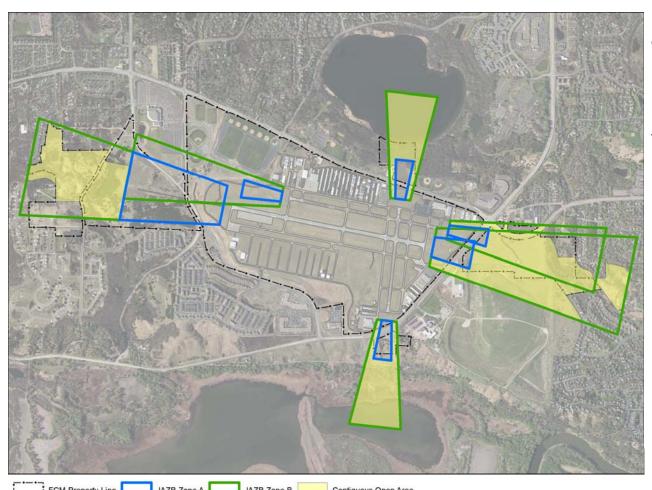


#### **JAZB Safety Zone B**

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#### Permitted Residential Areas

- Allows for the improvement, expansion, and development of new residential uses in areas guided for residential development
- These Permitted Residential Areas are recognized and treated as conforming land uses

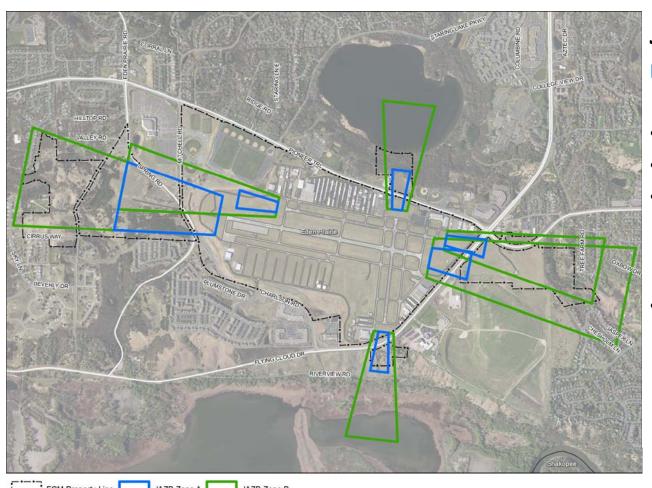


#### **JAZB Safety Zone B**

Green trapezoid

#### **Contiguous Open Space**

- Requires a minimum of 20% of total Zone B acreage or 20 acres, whichever is greater, to remain as contiguous open space
  - Applies to the totality of Zone B, not per parcel
  - Requirement easily met by existing airport land and other land guided to remain as open space or not regularly occupied

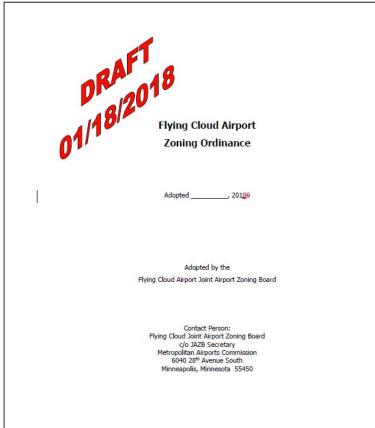


#### **JAZB Safety Zone A**

Blue trapezoid

- Most restrictive safety zone
- Prohibits the development of structures
- Co-terminus with FAA Runway Protection Zones (RPZ)
  - The RPZ has similar land use restrictions
  - Mostly contained to airport-owned property
- Smaller than State Model Zone A
  - Based on detailed safety/risk study and economic impact analysis

## FCM Draft Zoning Ordinance Language



# Minor updates and clarifications from 2010 draft language

- Mostly updates to zone descriptions and dimensions based on minor airfield configuration changes
- Removed City of Bloomington from the list of JAZB participants
- Adding clarifying language about airspace evaluation process
- Clarified judicial review language

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## Next Steps / Timeline

#### **Next Steps**

- Public comment period ends on March 14, 2018
- JAZB reviews comments submitted during public comment period
- JAZB schedules next meeting to:
  - Review public comments and proposed responses
  - Approve submittal of Updated Draft FCM Airport Zoning Ordinance to MnDOT for review
- Submit Draft Flying Cloud Zoning Ordinance to MnDOT
- Receive MnDOT comments and submit response
- Hold 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing after MnDOT approval
- Final adoption of the Zoning Ordinance by JAZB
- Adoption and enforcement of the FCM Airport Zoning Ordinance by participating municipalities



#### Comments can be sent to:

Secretary to the FCM Joint Airport Zoning Board Metropolitan Airports Commission 6040 28th Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55450

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