Lake Elmo Airport

Joint Airport Zoning Board (JAZB)



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Introductions

LAKE ELMO AIRPORT JOINT AIRPORT ZONING BOARD (JAZB) MEMBERS

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JAZB Overview

Through a collaborative process, the JAZB seeks to collaboratively develop an airport zoning ordinance that achieves a balance between providing for a reasonable level of safety while allowing for compatible community development.



Why airport safety zoning is important:

- State requirements/expectations
- Pace of development in the vicinity of Lake Elmo Airport
- Certainty for surrounding community

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Selection of Chairperson

Method of JAZB Chair selection is set out in State Statute

A joint board shall have as members two representatives appointed by the municipality owning or controlling the airport and two from the county or municipality, or in case more than one county or municipality is involved two from each county or municipality, in which the airport hazard is located, and in addition a chair elected by a majority of the members so appointed. All members shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authority.

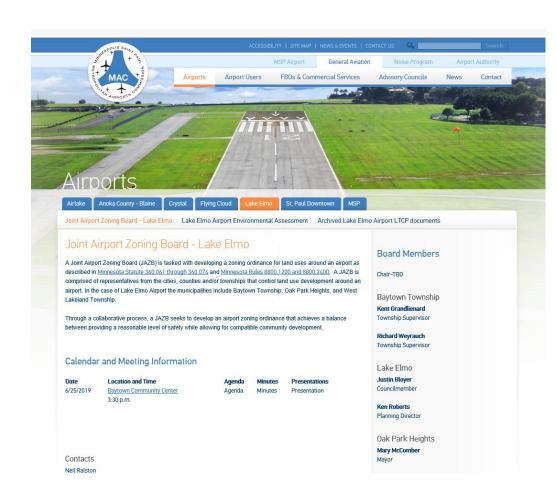
- The Chair must be someone "in addition" to the Board, i.e., not one of the members or alternates appointed by the municipalities or the Metropolitan Airports Commission
- The Chair must be elected by a majority of the JAZB Membership
- No other criteria are stated
- Nominations/Voting

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Organizational Logistics

- Meeting Organization
 - Robert's Rules of Order
 - Quorum = majority of JAZB membership in attendance to take action (6 members)
 - Majority vote for action pass/fail
 - Motion to adopt
 - Identification of alternate members encouraged!



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JAZB Goals

- Develop an Airport Zoning Ordinance for review and approval by the MnDOT Commissioner of Transportation
- Seek to develop an Airport Zoning Ordinance that achieves a balance between providing for a reasonable level of safety while allowing for compatible community development
- Ensure that the Airport Zoning Ordinance is developed in a manner that includes meaningful stakeholder engagement

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Summary of Zoning Statute Changes



Summary of Zoning Statute Changes (HF6/SF5 Chapter 3 – 2019, First Special Session)

to Minnesota's Airport Safety Zoning Laws (MN Chapters 360, 394 & 462)

Integration of airport zoning with local planning and zoning

Before August 1st

No reference to airpoit safety zoning currently exists in municipal or county planning and zoning laws (MS 394 & 462), which has caused MN Supreme Court to view airport zoning different from other, more routine types of zoning

Effective August 1st

Comprehensive plans required to consider the location and dimensions of airport safety zones

Encourages uses in airport safety zones that are compatible with the airport

Airport safety zones required on maps depicting official controls at next update

Flexibility to enact airport zoning

Effective August 1st

Before August 1st

The Joint Airport Zoning Board (JAZB) adopts airport zoning regulations that conform to the standards prescribed by the commissioner

Funding must be withheld if zoning effort is not initiated

Loosely defined social and economic cost arguments required in lieu of the Commissioner's Standard

Expands authority of Joint Airport Zoning Board (JAZB) allowing for creation and adoption of a Custom standard

Safety projects to maintain existing infrastructure are eligible for funding regardless of zoning effort

For custom zoning, specific criteria must be evaluated by the JAZB and resulting ordinance must provide a reasonable level of safety

Replace social and economic cost argument provision with criteria for Custom Airport Zoning Standards

Alignment with municipal and county process requirements

Before August 1st

Effective August 1st

Requires a minimum of two public hearings

No timeline for MnDOT review

One public hearing required unless changes are made after the initial public hearing

Notice of hearing posted on the municipality, county or JAZB's website.

Notice of hearing published at least 3 times between 15 and 5 days in two newspapers. Only one newspaper required if no second newspaper of wide circulation exists.

Mailed notice to affected parties must be given 10 days before each hearing.

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Airport's role

Before August 1st

Effective August 1st

The importance of airports to the general public is not explicitly stated

The maintenance and operation of airports is deemed an essential public service

Clarification of "planning" project eligibility

Before August 1

Effective August 1st

Planning is not specifically identified as allowable for funding with State Airport Fund dollars Insertion of "planning" as eligible for funding (allowing for potential funding of Custom ordinances and related analysis)

Existing land uses

Before August 1st

Effective August 1st

Established Residential Neighborhoods designation exempts existing neighborhoods built before January 1, 1978 from airport zoning restrictions

The term "Existing Land Use" replaces Established Residential Neighborhood allowing for broader exemptions from Commissioner's Standard zoning restrictions

Future rulemaking envisioned to define "Existing Land Use"

Federal no hazard determination

Before August 1st

Effective August 1st

Variance must be obtained for object to penetrate height restrictions

Custom zoning allows the flexibility to approve obstruction without variance, if FAA analyzes proposed construction, alteration, or growth and deems it non-hazardous

Boundary limitations

Before August 1st

Effective August 1st

The municipality may regulate via land use zoning only up to two miles from the airport boundary under approach zones, and up to 1 and ½ miles elsewhere Conflicting boundary limitations on zoning removed and left to the JAZB to determine limitations, if any

Circumstances of updating zoning

Before August 1st

Effective August 1st

Loosely defined statutory guidance on when a zoning update is required

Clarification of when zoning must be updated, stating that changes to nunway lengths or configurations are the trigger or if existing zoning was noncompliant

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Initial Meeting Plan

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Meeting 2:

- Presentation and Work Session Custom vs. Commissioner's Standards
- Board member input on zoning standard selection

Proposed Meeting Location & Time



Meeting 3:

- Presentation of Custom Zoning Factors and Methodology
- Board member input on Custom Zoning Factors and Methodology
- Discuss outline of proposed Draft Lake Elmo Airport Zoning Ordinance

Meeting 4:

- Presentation of Draft Lake Elmo Airport Zoning Ordinance
- Approval of Draft Lake Elmo Airport Zoning Ordinance for Public Hearing #1

Public Hearing #1

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Meeting 3:

- Presentation of Draft Lake Elmo Airport Zoning Ordinance
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