



RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING A BILL IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO REDUCE THE COST OF REGISTERING AIRCRAFT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Seventeen

WHEREAS, Boire Field is a general aviation airport located within the city;

WHEREAS, the State of New Hampshire, in creating the Nashua Airport Authority, found:

It is declared that there is a need for the development of air navigation facilities for the betterment and improvement of air transportation services required in the public interest. It is the purpose of this act [chapter] to create an instrumentality empowered to acquire, own, maintain and operate airports and other air navigation facilities, to broaden the base upon which to support the operation of existing and future facilities and the financing of extensive and costly improvements and developments required to keep pace with the demand for fast, reliable and economical air transportation services;

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua finds that the operation of said airport provides substantial public good in the form of revenue to the community, commerce, jobs, and the facilitation of economic development both on the airport property and throughout the City of Nashua and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua understands that a reasonable fee structure for aircraft registration within the State of New Hampshire is necessary and healthy for the funding of aeronautical resources throughout the state; but finds that the disparate nature of registration fees on new aircraft in the State of New Hampshire provides a substantial barrier and disincentive to the use of the airport for its intended contribution to the public good, encouraging business to base their aircraft and often their business outside of the City of Nashua and the State of New Hampshire.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that the City of Nashua hereby endorses any effort by the State Legislature to reduce the disparity in registration fees on new (less than 10 year old) aircraft with the fee structures of surrounding states, such as a re-drafted version of HB124 reducing the mill rate by repealing paragraphs III(a) (1) through (6) of RSA 422:31.

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2017

RESOLUTION: R-17-085

PURPOSE: Supporting a bill in the state legislature to reduce the cost of registering aircraft in New Hampshire

SPONSOR(S): Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy

**COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENT:**

FISCAL NOTE: None.

ANALYSIS

This legislation indicates the support of the City of Nashua for State legislation that would reduce the disparity in registration fees on new (less than 10 year old) aircraft with the fee structures of surrounding states, in order to encourage New Hampshire businesses. There is a bill pending in the State Legislature, HB124, repealing certain aircraft registration fees, which could be amended to achieve this result. There is a public hearing on this bill in front of the House Transportation Committee on January 18, 2017.

Approved as to form:

Office of Corporation Counsel

By: Dorethy Clarke

Date: January 10, 2017