

**City of Longmont
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DATE: March 8, 2008
TO: Airport Tenants
FROM: Tim Barth, Airport Manager
SUBJECT: Airport Compliance Issues – Cleaning Up the Airport

Lately I have been receiving complaints about the overall aesthetics and appearance of the Airport from both airport tenants and other City officials. This stems largely in part from the amount of non-aviation related items stored at the Airport and around various hangar facilities that is not authorized. We need to have this issue remedied and the Airport cleaned up. Please assist me by doing your part to clean up the affected areas adjacent to your hangars and around the Airport generally.

Both myself and the City's Code Enforcement Officer will be conducting an evaluation of the Airport premises during the last week of March 2008 to note any violations of City Code and the Airport Rules and Regulations. Any leased properties found not in compliance will receive a violation notice from the City which forces compliance or results in a municipal summons being issued. Let's avoid that situation!

Specifically, all outside storage items must be removed. This includes, but is not limited to, trailers for towing or hauling, abandoned vehicles, vehicles without license plates, junked vehicles (flat tires, broken windows, etc.), BBQ's, water tanks, excessive aircraft parts, lumber, materials, storage drums and other items not pertaining to the operation of the Airport or aircraft. Also, weed control needs to be performed around many hangars now that spring is approaching.

Please help me get the Airport cleaned up! With the new front entrance signage/landscaping to be completed this spring and a new entrance road to be constructed this year, let's make our Airport a proud example of a public facility in this City.

The appropriate Airport Rules and Regulations as well as excerpts from the City Code are listed below to provide additional assistance:

Airport Rules

13.39.050 Airport use-general conditions

C. No person may abandon vehicles, equipment, aircraft or parts on the Airport. Any vehicles, equipment, aircraft or parts not removed within 24 hours after notice or posting from the Airport Manager shall be considered abandoned. The City may remove any such equipment and dispose of it with no liability for damage. The last registered owner of the equipment shall be liable for all costs the City may incur.

D. Disabled, wrecked or damaged aircraft or parts shall be stored out of public view or removed from the Airport. Any aircraft disabled, wrecked or damaged and not removed after notice or posting from the Airport Manager shall be considered abandoned.

E. Waste oil, chemicals, garbage, sludge, ashes, trash or any other waste material may not be disposed of, or stored on Airport property. All paper, cans, bottles, or similar trash must be put in appropriate approved waste receptacles for disposal off of the Airport.

13.39.100 Minimum standard and requirements for development and maintenance.

A. General provisions.

2. All persons leasing land at the Airport, and their tenants, shall keep their leased areas maintained, including repair of asphalt, if paved, and free of weeds. Additionally, all persons leasing land at the Airport must

keep their buildings in repair. Determination of adequate maintenance is within the authority of the Airport Manager.

City Code

9.04.100 Offensive Premises

A. Declaration of Policy. The accumulation of junk, rubbish and debris facilitates rodent ,pest and vermin harborage, compromises public health resulting from dangerous and unsanitary conditions, constitutes a fire hazard and threat to public safety and quality of life, and otherwise erodes the aesthetic conditions of the community, degrading the quality of life of the citizens of Longmont. This section is intended to complement the provisions set forth in Chapter 11.12 of this code relating to abandoned and junked vehicles.

B. Definitions. As used in this section, the following definitions shall apply:

1. "Junk" includes, but is not limited to, a junked vehicle put upon or kept upon any private real property in the city contrary to the prohibitions and affirmative defenses of section 11.12.050 of this code, scrap or remnant building materials, lumber or metals, discarded furniture, fixtures, appliances, motor vehicle parts and tires, inoperable, abandoned, demolished, dismantled machinery, trailers, and other goods in such condition of deterioration or disrepair so as to be unusable in their existing condition.

2. "Rubbish" and "debris" means all waste, refuse and rejected matter and material, whether animal, vegetable or mineral, manufactured or natural.

C. Unlawful Accumulations. It shall be deemed a public nuisance and unlawful to deposit, accumulate, store, keep, abandon, or to permit the accumulation, storage, keeping or abandonment of junk, rubbish or debris on private or public property within the city, unless such area is

specifically used and appropriately zoned for such deposit, accumulation, storage or keeping of junk, rubbish or debris, and all applicable fencing, setback and other requirements applicable to such use are complied with.

11.12.050 Junked vehicles prohibited - - Exceptions

It is unlawful for any person to permit any junked vehicle to be left upon any street, highway, public property or, being the owner or tenant in possession of any real property in the city, to cause or permit any junked vehicle to be put upon or kept upon any real property in the city,

"Junked" means any vehicle which:

1. Does not bear valid, unexpired license plates, unless of a type specifically exempted from motor vehicle licensing by the laws of the state of Colorado; or
2. Is wrecked, damaged or substantially dismantled to the extent that such vehicle is inoperable; or
3. If designed to be capable of moving itself when in proper repair, is incapable of being moved under its own power in its existing condition, or does not have all tires inflated.

9.32.010 Weeds declared nuisance.

A. Any weeds, such as ragweed, thistle, knapweed, bindweed, dandelion or any Type A, B or C list noxious weeds, as classified by the state of Colorado noxious weed act C.R.S. § 35-5.5-101 et seq. ("noxious weeds"), found growing in any lot or tract of land in the city, are a public nuisance and shall be removed.

B. It is unlawful for any person owning or having possession of any land, including any abutting the public right-of-way, to permit any weeds, grasses or other unsightly vegetation to grow in height exceeding twelve inches or to otherwise become a nuisance. For purposes of this section, the term "public right-of-way" means and includes the nontraveled portion of any street or alley. The following are exempt from the height limitation of this paragraph: vegetation intended to enhance the natural settings on city golf courses, primary greenways, trails, and parks; and production crops on agricultural properties. (Ord. 0-2005-91 § 1; Ord. 0-92-27 § 1 (part))