

APPENDIX A

Sample Avigation Easement

AVIGATION AND HAZARD EASEMENT

WHEREAS, (full name of property owner(s)) hereinafter called the Grantors, are the owners in fee of that certain parcel of land situated in the City of _____, County of _____, State of _____, more particularly described as follows:

(full description of property to be covered by easement)

hereinafter called "Grantors' property," and outlined on the attached map (Exhibit 1);

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of _____ dollars (\$_____) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Grantors, for themselves, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and assigns, do hereby grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto (owner and operator of airport, i.e., City of _____) hereinafter called the Grantee, its successors and assigns, for the use and benefit of the public, as easement and right of way, appurtenant to (full name of airport) or the unobstructed passage of all aircraft, ("aircraft" being defined for the purpose of this instrument of any contrivance now known or hereafter invented, used, or designed for navigation of or flight in the air) by whomsoever owned and operated.

In the air space above Grantors' property above an imaginary plane rising and extending in a general (i.e., Easterly) direction over Grantors' property, said imaginary plane running from approximately (i.e., 25) feet Mean Sea level above Point A on Exhibit 1 at the rate of one foot vertically for each (i.e., 50) feet horizontally to approximately (i.e., 55) feet Mean Sea level above Point B on Exhibit 1, to an infinite height above said imaginary plane,

(OR USE THE FOLLOWING)

in the air space above Grantors' property above a Mean Sea level of (i.e., 150) feet, to an infinite height above said Mean Sea level of (i.e., 150) feet,¹

(OR USE THE FOLLOWING)

in all air space above the surface of Grantors' property, to an infinite height above said Grantors' property.

Together with the right to cause in all air space above the surface of Grantors' property such noise, vibrations, fumes, dust, fuel particles, and all other effects that may be caused or may have been caused by the operation of aircraft landing at, or taking off from, or operating at or on said (full name of airport).

The easement and right of way hereby granted includes the continuing right in the Grantee to prevent the erection or growth upon Grantors' property of any building, structure, tree, or other object, extending into the air space above the aforesaid imaginary plane,

(OR USE THE FOLLOWING)

extending into the air space above the said Mean Sea level of (i.e., 150) feet,¹

¹ Alternative language depending upon desired coverage of easement

(OR USE THE FOLLOWING)

extending into the air space above the surface of Grantors' property;¹

and to remove from said air space, or at the sole option of the Grantee, as an alternative, to mark and light as obstructions to air navigation, any such building, structure, tree or other objects now upon, or which in the future may be upon Grantors' property, together with the right of ingress to, egress from, and passage over Grantors' property for the above purposes.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said easement and right of way, and all rights appertaining thereto unto the Grantee, its successors, and assigns, until said (full name of airport) shall be abandoned and shall cease to be used for public airport purposes.

AND for the consideration hereinabove set forth, the Grantors, for themselves, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and assigns, do hereby agree that for and during the life of said easement and right of way, they will not hereafter erect, permit the erection or growth of, or permit or suffer to remain upon Grantors' property any building, structure, tree, or other object extending into the aforesaid prohibited air space, and that they shall not hereafter use or permit or suffer the use of Grantors' property in such a manner as to create electrical interference with radio communication between any installation upon said airport and aircraft, or as to make it difficult for flyers to distinguish between airport lights and others, or as to impair visibility in the vicinity of the airport or as otherwise to endanger the landing, taking off, or maneuvering of aircraft, it being understood and agreed that the aforesaid covenants and agreements shall run with the land.

In consideration of the premises and to assure Grantee of the continued benefits accorded it under this Easement, (name of mortgagee), owner and holder of a mortgage dated _____ and recorded _____ covering the premises above described, does hereby covenant and agree that said mortgage shall be subject to and subordinate to this Easement and the recording of this Easement shall have preference and precedence and shall be superior and prior in lien to said mortgage irrespective of the date of the making or recording of said mortgage instrument².

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantors have hereunto set their hands and seals this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of:

_____ (SEAL)

_____ (SEAL)

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² Local recordation and subordination practices must also be met. If subordination is necessary, in which case the mortgagee must join in the agreement, the above language is suggested.