City of Sand Point



RESOLUTION 18-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAND POINT REQUESTING THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES (ADOT & PF) TO IMPLEMENT FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION PART 139 STANDARDS AT THE SAND POINT AIRPORT, AND ADOT & PF TO ESTABLISH AIRCRAFT LANDING FEES TO PAY FOR THE ADDITIONAL LEVEL OF SERVICE.

WHEREAS, the City of Sand Point desires to have scheduled service at the Sand Point Airport with a larger aircraft, such as the Saab 2000, that would provide a higher level of safety and comfort for our residents and the traveling public; and,

WHEREAS, Peninsula Airways, Inc. (Pen Air) currently provides scheduled air service at Sand Point Airport with a Saab 340B aircraft, and has indicated it desires to provide scheduled air service at Sand Point Airport with the larger and more efficient Saab 2000 aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires an airport meet the Federal Aeronautical Regulations Part 139 standards to allow an aircraft with more than 30 seats, such as the Saab 2000, to operate at an airport; and,

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT & PF) owns the Sand Point Airport and has indicated it is willing and capable to meet the Part 139 standards, but would need to have a stable funding source to pay for the higher level of ongoing, operating expenses to meet the Part 139 standards that the FAA would require; and,

WHEREAS, landing fees are a standard revenue source at airports across the nation, but landing fees are not currently charged at the Sand Point Airport; and,

WHEREAS, the stand-up or one-time cost of implementing the Part 139 Process will be paid by the ADOT & PF, and the ADOT & PF shall be responsible for the operation and staffing of Aircraft and Fire Fighting vehicle(s) ARFF and other Part 139 operational requirements; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Sand Point operational support for a Part 139 operation in Sand Point will only entail a mutual aid agreement in which the city will utilize any available emergency support such as ambulance, fire rescue vessel or other related services; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Sand Point supports a reasonable landing fee to cover Part 139 Certification cost at the Sand Point Airport; and,

WHEREAS, the ADOT & PF will provide its in-house cost determination for setting or changing the landing fees for the Sand Point Airport and provide an opportunity for the City of Sand Point to make comments; and,

WHEREAS, the ADOT & PF will provide a mechanism to suspend any landing fees if Part 139 operations are suspended or terminated at the airport and the Operating Certificate is returned to the FAA; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Sand Point and ADOT & PF agree to a review of collection and expenditure of land fees upon request from the City of Sand Point.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The City of Sand Point, by this resolution, requests that the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities completes the 139 certification of the Sand Point Airport, and that DOT & PF implement a landing fee program to pay for the increased operating expenses associated with meeting the FAA's Part 139 standards.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SAND POINT ON THIS 8th DAY OF MAY, 2018.

CITY OF SAND POINT

Glen Gardner Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Shannon Sommer, City Clerk