

2005/30

Airports - Articles II and III, (Amending 91/19)

2005/30

Airports - Articles II and III, (Amending 91/19)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO AMEND ARTICLE II, AVIATION BOARD AND ARTICLE III COUNTY AIRPORTS (RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR HILTON HEAD ISLAND AND LADY'S ISLAND AIRPORTS).

Whereas, Standards that are underscored shall be added text and Standards ~~lined through~~ shall be deleted text.

Adopted this 8th day of August, 2005.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY: Wm. Weston J. Newton
Wm. Weston J. Newton, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kelly J. Golden
Kelly J. Golden, Staff Attorney

ATTEST:

Suzanne M. Rainey
Suzanne M. Rainey, Clerk to Council

First Reading: June 27, 2005
Second Reading: July 25, 2005
Public Hearing: August 8, 2005
Third and Final Reading: August 8, 2005

(Amending 91/19)

ARTICLE II. AVIATION BOARD*

Sec. 6-26. Purpose.

The Purpose of the Aviation Board shall be to assist the county council in providing public aviation facilities and services and to promote aviation as a means of broadening the economic base of the county.

(Code 1982, § 3-1)

Sec. 6-27. Membership; meetings.

- (a) For membership of the Aviation Board, reference section 2-193 of this Code.
- (b) The board shall meet at the call of the chairman or the ~~airport general manager (Deputy Administrator of Community Services)~~ County Administrator, and will normally hold scheduled monthly meetings.
- (c) The ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director will assist the board in operational and administrative matters and the County Administrator will present the board's recommendations to the council.

(Code 1982, § 3-2)

Sec. 6-28. Powers and duties.

The Aviation Board shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) Promote aviation-related actions and advocate public understanding of the economic value to the community and serve as liaison to related community organizations in furthering aviation growth in the community.
- (2) Recommend aviation service and facilities goals for the county.
- (3) Recommend, with assistance from the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director, preparing and updating airport master plans and recommend to the council the adoption of completed plans and amendments.
- (4) Recommend, with assistance from the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director, actions necessary to maintain adequate growth space, airspace clear zones and noise buffers around county airports.
- (5) Recommend, with assistance from the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director, annual funding priorities for airport construction, maintenance and operations to be considered in preparing the county budget.
- (6) Recommend, with assistance from the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director, matters concerning planning and construction of new airport facilities.
- (7) Maintain continuing and coordinated contact with the Federal Aviation Administration, the state aeronautics commission and other appropriate agencies and solicit their support in achieving county aviation goals.
- (8) Recommend, with assistance from the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director, rules and regulations for each county airport which promote operating safety, security of private equipment and fair allocation of county aviation resources.

(9) Monitor the performance of fixed based operations and other commercial entities operating on county airports and advise the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director of required corrective action to enforce performance standards.

(10) Recommend rates and charges for the use of airport facilities by commercial entities for services rendered.
(Code 1982, § 3-3)

*Cross reference – Boards and commissions, § 2-191 et seq.

Sec. 6-29—6-55. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. COUNTY AIRPORTS*

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 6-56. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Airport means the Hilton Head Island Airport or the Beaufort County Airport (“Lady’s Island Airport”).

FAA means Federal Aviation Administration.

Owner means the County.

Person means an individual, partnership, firm, association or corporation.
(Code 1982, § 3-5)

Sec 6-57. ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director.

- (a) Enforcement authority. The ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director shall at all times have authority to take such reasonable action as may be necessary to enforce this article and efficiently manage the airports and its associated operations. In any contingencies or emergencies not specifically covered by the rules and regulations in this article, the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director is authorized to issue rules, orders and decisions as may be necessary and proper, to cover such contingencies or emergencies.
- (b) Approval of rules. Any permanent rules made by the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director under the conditions in subsection (a) of this section shall be approved by the Aviation Board and ratified by the County Council at its next regular meeting.
- (c) Operating and emergency procedures. The ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director may prescribe operating and emergency procedures which shall be followed by all airport users and fixed base operators. These procedures shall be reviewed by the Aviation Board and distributed to fixed base operators.
- (d) Filing NOTAMS. The ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director shall be responsible for filing NOTAMS. Airport users shall advise his office of any conditions requiring such action.
- (e) Posting article and procedures. The ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director shall ensure that copies of this article and other airport administrative and safety procedures are conspicuously posted at all county airports.

(Code 1982, § 3-19)

Sec. 6-58. Airport use generally.

Any person violating any section of this article shall ~~may~~ be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall pay such penalties as the court may decide, not to exceed \$200.00 or not to exceed 30 days' imprisonment for each violation. Each day during which such conduct shall continue shall constitute a separate violation, which shall subject the offender to liability prescribed in this section.

(Code 1982, § 3-19)

*Cross references –Government owned property and facilities, § 2-646 et seq.; zoning and development standards, ch. 106.

Sec. 6-59. Airport use generally.

- (a) *Regulation of commercial enterprises.* The Owner has the right to and does hereby regulate all commercial enterprises using the airport as a basis of operation, whether such operation is aeronautical or non-aeronautical in nature. No commercial operation of any kind or type shall be conducted on the airport unless specifically authorized by the ~~owner~~ Airports Director.
- (b) *Flying clubs.* A flying club is recognized as a plan for the joint ownership of aircraft and the fair distribution of the cost of maintaining and operating such aircraft. Such operation is not considered to be commercial in nature when so operated. Neither is flight instruction by club members for other club members considered to be commercial in nature so long as there is no profit or for-hire motive involved in the operation. In all cases ~~the owner~~ Airports Director shall determine if the operation of a flying club or other such organization is commercial. If determined to be commercial, the club shall conform to all requirements set forth in this article for commercial fixed base operators.
- (c) *Obligations of users to obey regulations.* The use of the airport or any of its facilities in any manner shall create an obligation on the part of the user thereof to obey all the regulations provided for in this article and adopted by the owner and all other county ordinances and administrative procedures pertaining to airport operation.
- (d) *Responsibilities of user and indemnification of owners and others.* The privilege of using the airport and its facilities shall be conditioned on the assumption of full responsibility and risk by the user thereof, and the user shall release and hold harmless and indemnify the owner, its officers and employees from any liability or loss resulting from such use, as well as claims of third persons arising from use of the airport.
- (e) *Insurance of commercial enterprises.* The privilege of using the airport for commercial enterprise shall be upon the further condition that any person or others desiring to use the airport shall furnish a policy of indemnity against personal injury and property damage in a reasonable sum as the owner shall require.
- (f) *Solicitation of funds; advertising.* No person shall solicit funds for any purpose, and no signs or advertisements may be posted at the airport without permission of the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director.
- (g) *Garbage and refuse; vandalism.* Garbage, refuse, and other waste material shall be placed in receptacles provided for such purpose. No person shall destroy, remove, disturb or deface in any way buildings, signs, equipment, markers or other county property.

(Code 1982, § 3-7)

Sec. 6-60. Automotive vehicles.

- (a) *Places to be operated; parking.* Unless authorized by the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director, no highway or other automotive vehicle shall be operated on the airport except on roadways, parking areas, etc., that are specifically designated for such vehicles. Such vehicles shall be parked in the manner prescribed by the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director while on the airport and as indicated by county-posted signs.
- (b) *Places from which excluded.* No surface vehicles shall be permitted on the runways, taxiways, aprons or ramps without the express permission of the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director unless the operation of such vehicle is in accordance with prior agreement to accomplish a necessary airport purpose, service or inspection.
- (c) *Manner of operation.* No person shall operate any vehicle in a careless or negligent manner or in disregard for the safety of others or in excess of posted speed limits. All aircraft have right-of-way over all surface vehicles.
- (d) *Identification.* All vehicles regularly or continuously operating within landing or other aircraft movement areas should be painted a bright yellow or international orange or shall display or be accompanied by a vehicle displaying an international orange and white checkered flag of not less than three feet square, with one-foot squares.

(Code 1982, § 3-8)

Cross references: Traffic and vehicles, ch. 70

Sec. 6-61. Aircraft operation.

- (a) ~~Federal Aviation Administration~~ FAA traffic rules and regulations. ~~Federal Aviation Administration~~ FAA traffic rules and regulations governing operation of aircraft in effect and all additions thereto are made a part of this article as fully as if included in this article.
- (b) *Traffic advisory practices.* Pilots shall follow FAA recommended traffic advisory practices for tower/non-tower airports, as appropriate, and shall maintain constant aural and visual alertness while in the vicinity of the airports.
- (c) *Starting and running of aircraft engines.* Aircraft engines shall be started and run up only in the places designated for such purposes. At no time shall engines be run up in a manner that will endanger structures, equipment or persons or cause unnecessarily loud or prolonged noise.
- (d) *Parking and storage of aircraft.* No aircraft shall be parked or stored at a county airport except in the areas designated for such use. At the direction of the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director, the operator, owner, or pilot of any illegally parked aircraft on the airport shall move the aircraft to a legally designated parking area on the airport. If the operator refuses to comply with the directions, the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director, may have the aircraft moved to such a place at the aircraft operator's expense and without liability for damage that may result from such moving.
- (e) *Taxiing.* No person shall taxi an aircraft until he has ascertained by visual inspection of the area that there will be no danger of collision with any person or object in the immediate area. Aircraft shall be taxied at a safe and reasonable speed with due respect for other aircraft, persons, or property. Radio contact with the tower is required when the tower is operating, prior to taxi, at Hilton Head Island Airport.

- (f) *Movement of aircraft.* Fixed-wing takeoffs and landings shall be confined to the runways, and all movement of aircraft shall be confined to designated taxiways or apron areas. The same shall be applicable for helicopters.
 - (g) *Departures; use of entire runway.* ~~Departures utilizing less than~~ It is highly recommended that departures utilize the full length of a runway are prohibited unless specifically authorized by a Federal Aviation Administration control facility on the field. unless a request for an intersection departure is specifically approved by an FAA control facility on the field.
 - (h) *Obstructions and signs in aircraft operating area.* No person may place any obstruction, traffic marker or traffic sign of any type on any vehicular or aircraft operating area without the written authorization of the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director.
- (Code 1982, § 3-9)

Sec. 6-62. Safety procedures.

- (a) *Persons authorized to enter designated areas.* No person, except airmen, duly authorized personnel, passengers going to or from aircraft, or persons being personally conducted escorted by airport attendants, should be permitted to enter the ~~Airport landing area proper, taxi space, or aprons~~ Operating Area (AOA). However, this does not give any person so excepted the privilege of unrestricted use of the airport. These privileges are confined to the necessary use of ~~these spaces~~ the airport in connection with the flights, inspections and routine duties.
- (b) *Fire equipment.* The owner and tenants of all hangars and buildings shall provide suitable fire extinguishers and equipment, and they shall be kept in good condition as recommended by the fire chief and inspected at least every 12 months by authorized personnel.
- (c) *Fueling and defueling aircraft.* Fueling and defueling of aircraft shall be subject to the following:
 - (1) No aircraft shall be fueled or defueled while the aircraft engine is running or while the aircraft is in a hangar or an enclosed area.
 - (2) During all fuel operations the aircraft shall be grounded by an approved method (ACOO-34-A).
 - (3) Smoking or lighting an open flame shall be prohibited within 50 feet of any fueling operation.
 - (4) Fueling operations should be conducted and fuel trucks should be parked at least 50 feet from any hangar or building.
 - (5) All fuel storage and dispensing equipment shall be kept in a safe and ~~nonleaking~~ leak-free condition.
 - (6) If fuel spillage occurs, fueling operations shall be discontinued until the spill can be properly removed, using ~~proper~~ the necessary safety precautions.
- (d) *Servicing of oxygen systems.* The following precautions shall be observed whenever aircraft oxygen systems are to be serviced:
 - (1) Oxygen system servicing shall be accomplished only when the aircraft is located outside of a hangar.
 - (2) Oxygen system servicing is not permitted during airport fueling operations or while other work is performed that could provide a source of ignition.

- (3) Oxygen system servicing while passengers are on board the aircraft is prohibited.
 - (e) *Smoking or lighting an open flame.* Smoking or lighting of an open flame is prohibited within 50 feet of any aircraft; within 50 feet of hangars, fueling operations, fuel trucks or fuel loading stations, tank farms; and at places with posted signs.
 - (f) *Starting an open fire.* No person shall start an open fire any place on the airport without permission of the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director.
 - (g) *Compliance with fire code.* No person shall store material or equipment, use inflammable liquids or gases, or allow the person's premises to become in such condition so as to violate in any manner the fire code in force in the area of the airport.
 - (h) *Tenants' care of premises.* Tenants and persons are required to keep their premises clean and clear of all rubbish, junk, debris, and other unsightly objects. If, after written notice by the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director, the area is not cleaned, cleaning shall be arranged ~~done~~ by the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director and billed to the tenant.
 - (i) *Operation of aircraft engine; location.* No one shall operate an aircraft engine while the aircraft is inside or within 20 feet of any hangar or enclosed area.
- (Code 1982, § 3-10)

Sec. 6-63. Fixed base operations.

- (a) *Generally.* All fixed base operations at a county airport shall be full-time business enterprises, with manned office facilities at the airport during normal business hours. No fixed base operator shall be allowed to operate on county airports without a fully executed lease agreement with the owner.
- (b) *Full fixed base operators.* Fixed base operators providing flight line services and sale of aviation petroleum products shall be designated as "full fixed base operators." Full fixed base operators may at their option engage in other aeronautical activities by qualifying to meet the associated minimum standards for the aeronautical services involved. No persons or fixed base operators other than full fixed base operators as described in this subsection shall be permitted to sell aviation petroleum products.
- (c) *Limited fixed base operators.* All other fixed base operators shall be designated as "limited fixed base operators." Such limited fixed base operators may engage in such other aeronautical services as they may qualify themselves for in accordance with this article and their lease agreements.
- (d) *Sale of aviation petroleum products.* To sell aviation petroleum products, the fixed base operator must provide and maintain adequate space for a storeroom, office, lounge, and restrooms, which may be an adjunct to other structures and facilities.
- (e) *Liability insurance.* The minimum liability insurance which a fixed base operator shall carry is as required by the County Risk Manager and Section 6-59(e) follows:

(1) Aircraft repair and service	\$100,000.00
(2) Sale of gasoline and oil	100,000.00
(3) Stores (aircraft parts and accessories)	50,000.00

(4) Bodily injury	50,000.00
(5) Hangar owner liability	200,000.00
(6) Aircraft liability (per person)	100,000.00
(7) Fuel tender liability	200,000.00
(8) Fuel tender bodily injury	100,000.00

- (f) *Construction.* All construction required in this article shall be in accordance with design and construction standards established by the ~~owner and municipality~~ for the facility involved. All construction shall require written approval by the Airports Director ~~owner~~ and permits from the appropriate municipality and the FAA. Fixed base operators shall be required to furnish the owner a performance bond commensurate with the construction required under the minimum standards of services established in this article.
- (g) *Air services.* Ramp services shall be provided full time during normal daylight operating hours, seven days a week, by the fixed base operator. Operators may, at their option, provide late night aircraft service.
- (h) *Aircraft sales.* The fixed base operator selling aircraft shall provide and maintain adequate ~~ramp space showroom~~ or office space. This shall be a full-time business operation, providing sales facilities and sales personnel during normal daily business hours.
- (i) *Flight schools.* The fixed base operator shall, if operating a flight school, as distinguished from providing flight instruction, provide classroom space, training aids and other facilities as required and specified by the Federal Aviation Administration and/or the Veterans Administration for such flight instruction. The operator must also provide properly certified instructors for each phase of training offered. Adequate office, lounge and restroom space must be provided by the operator and/or owner. The operator offering such schooling shall make suitable arrangements for the parking and servicing of his aircraft at the airport.
- (j) *Miscellaneous operations.* Miscellaneous operations such as radio and instrument repairs, aerial advertising, crop dusting and other aeronautical activities not provided for in this section or conducted in affiliation with a fixed base operator as provided for in his lease must have written approval from the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director. Reasonable terms and conditions for the privilege of engaging in these various services shall be established by the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director, commensurate with the nature and scope of the activities involved.
- (k) *Conformance with standards.* The ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director shall determine substantial conformance to the standards for fixed base operators.

(Code 1982, § 3-11)

Sec. 6-64. Inspections.

- (a) *Required.* The following facility and safety inspections shall be accomplished or arranged for by the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director:
- (1) *Facility inspection.* A general inspection of the airport shall be accomplished weekly by the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director or his representative. It shall include but not necessarily be limited to the following:

- a. Condition of runways and taxiways.
 - b. Testing of runway, taxiway, obstruction lights, and rotating beacon, ~~VASI~~, PAPI, and REILS, etc.
 - c. Conditions of roads and grounds.
 - d. General appearance and condition of structures.
 - e. Condition of guidance signs.
 - f. Wind tee and/or sock and segmented circle.
 - g. Condition of fencing, gates, locks, etc., for security.
 - h. Condition of county-owned communications equipment.
 - i. Posting of the regulations in this article and familiarity and compliance therewith, to include compliance with landing traffic pattern and departure rules, categories of planes using the airport, and unnecessary operations between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. daily and from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sundays which will be noted.
- (2) *Special inspections.* Special inspections will be conducted as required by unusual meteorological conditions, accidents or construction.
- (3) *Fire and safety inspections.* Fire and safety inspections shall be conducted semiannually by the building inspection department and a report of discrepancies sent to the airport manager.
- (4) *Safety inspections.* Safety inspections shall be accomplished at least every six months. Federal Aviation Administration and/or state aeronautics commission personnel shall be invited to assist. In addition to items listed in this subsection, the following shall be inspected:
- a. Flight operation procedures.
 - b. Service vehicular conditions and operations.
 - c. Aircraft servicing operations and fuel storage.
 - d. Adequacy of emergency plans.
 - e. Adequacy and currency of rules and regulations pertaining to airport operations.
 - f. Maintenance of approach slope clearance.
- (b) *Deficiencies.* Detailed inspection checklists shall be used to ensure complete coverage. Deficiencies shall be corrected on the spot if possible. Uncorrected and recurring deficiencies shall be reported to the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director.

(c) *Implementation of penalties.* The ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director is responsible for initiating action to implement section 6-58 of this article; however, flagrant, uncorrected and recurring deficiencies shall be reported by the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director to the County aviation board who shall recommend any additional appropriate action to the County Council.

(d) *Records of inspections.* Records of inspections indicating deficiencies and corrective action shall be retained by the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director for at least six months.
(Code 1982, § 3-12)

Sec. 6-55. Airport use fees.

~~The owner, by resolution of the county council, has authority to establish airports use fees such as but not restricted to basic landing fees, supplemental landing fees and filed improvement landing fees. The airport general manager Airports Director, with approval of the aviation board, has authority to establish airport use fees, such as, but not restricted to, basic landing fees, parking/tie-down fees and ramp use fees and hanger rental fees. The airport general manager Airports Director shall have the authority to detain any aircraft for nonpayment of any charges to the county.~~
(Code 1982, § 3-13)

Sec. 6-66. Parachute operations.

Recreational parachuting is prohibited on county airports without the prior written permission of the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director.
(Code 1982, § 3-16)

Sec. 6-67. Rules and regulations for operation and use of county airports.

The rules and regulations for the operation and use of Hilton Head Island and Beaufort County Airports are not printed in this article but are available in the office of the clerk to the council.
(Code 1982, § 3-17)

Sec. 6-68. Minimum commercial standards for commercial enterprises.

The qualifications established as the minimum requirements to be met by commercial enterprises to conduct an aeronautical (or non-aeronautical) activity at the county's airport are not printed in this article but are available in the office of the clerk to the council.
(Code 1982, § 3-18)

Secs. 6-69–6-95. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT

Sec. 6-96. Inbound aircraft broadcasts.

Inbound aircraft at Hilton Head Island Airport should check the Automated Traffic Information System (ATIS), 121.4 MHZ for airport information and then call the Air Traffic Control Tower frequency 118.975 MHZ, as soon as released from Approach Control or before entering the Class D airspace (3.9 nautical miles from the airport) and follow instructions from the tower. When the tower is closed, monitor UNICOM, 123.0 MHZ, from 4 five miles from the Airport, to landing or as soon as released by air traffic

control. Airport advisories should will be requested from UNICOM and position, altitude and intentions broadcasted prior to five miles. Further position broadcasts will be made turning downwind, base and final, as recommended by the FAA. Pilots of non-radio aircraft will, as much as possible, visually determine the preferred direction of traffic, obey light signals from the tower and conform thereto. A phone call to the tower prior to arriving or departing will assist the tower controllers in identifying non-radio aircraft.

(Code 1982, § 3-14(a))

Sec. 6-97. Departing aircraft broadcasts.

Departing aircraft at Hilton Head Island Airport should call ground control/clearance delivery on 121.1 MHZ or monitor 123.0 and broadcast position and intentions when ready to taxi and prior to taxiing onto the active taxiway or runway.

(Code 1982, § 3-14(b))

Sec. 6-98. Landing traffic pattern.

The landing traffic pattern at Hilton Head Island Airport is as follows: standard lefthand pattern on runway 21 and runway 03; traffic pattern entry altitude will be 1,200 feet for single-engine aircraft and 1,500 feet for multi-engine and turbo-prop aircraft. Traffic pattern entry will be accomplished so as to ensure a definite base leg is established when the tower is not operating.

(Code 1982, § 3-14(c))

Sec. 6-99. Departures; noise abatement.

In the interest of noise abatement sensitive areas near Hilton Head Island Airport, an aircraft shall climb on the runway heading, at the best angle of climb to 1,000 MSL or higher, before turning on course, or as directed by the tower.

(Code 1982, § 3-14(d))

Sec. 6-100. Rotary wing aircraft.

At Hilton Head Island Airport rotary wing aircraft should land and take off on the runway or from a designated area. Rotary wing aircraft shall taxi or air taxi on designated taxiways and shall follow the landing and departure procedures prescribed in sections 6-98 and 6-99. Rotary aircraft when being tied down or stored shall be on approved ramps or aprons or in areas designated clear from taxiways and other aircraft.

(Code 1982, § 3-14(e))

Sec. 6-101. Prohibited aircraft.

The following categories of aircraft will may not be permitted to use the Hilton Head Island Airport except in emergencies or with the approval of the airport manager-Airports Director; any aircraft with a gross weight in excess of 38,000 pounds dual wheel loading and 12,000 pounds single wheel loading.

(Code 1982, § 3-14(f))

Sec. 6-102. Operating hours.

The Hilton Head Island Airport will be open 24 hours per day unless specifically closed by the airport general manager-Airports Director or as otherwise provided by ordinance. An effort will be made, however, to keep takeoffs to at a minimum between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. daily, and additionally between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Sundays. Fixed base operators shall post signs in operations and flight planning areas requesting pilot cooperation in this regard.

(Code 1982, § 3-14(g))

Sec. 6-103. Vehicles for hire.

- (a) *Applicability.* This section applies to all vehicles for hire that do business at the Hilton Head Island Airport.
- (b) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Limousine means any motor vehicle that meets the manufacturer's specifications for a luxury limousine, with a design seating capacity of no more than eight ~~nine~~ passenger seats located behind the operator of the vehicle.

Shuttle service means service using any type of motor vehicle, including but not limited to vans and buses, which operate on a predetermined route and/or regular schedule for the conveyance of passengers.

Taxicab means any motor vehicle engaged in the business of carrying passengers for hire, or offering to carry passengers for hire, and subject to the regulations of this article.

Tour bus means any large motorcoach, exclusive of interstate carriers, with a seating capacity of not less than ten passengers and primarily engaged in the business of conveying passengers for sightseeing purposes along predetermined routes.

Van means any motor vehicle, other than a sedan-type vehicle, with a designated seating capacity of not less than five or more than 15 passengers.

- (c) *Permits required.* Each individual or company desiring to engage in the business of offering ground transportation services while on county-owned property at Hilton Head Island Airport shall:
 - (1) Secure a business license from the Town of Hilton Head Island, as required by chapter 3, sections 10-3-10 through 10-3-90, of the Hilton Head Island Code. An appropriate sticker shall be placed on each vehicle used in the business as proof of compliance with this subsection.
 - (2) Enter into a limousine/taxi service agreement with the county. The ~~county administrator~~ Airports Director is authorized to prepare such service agreement and amendments and to promulgate and enforce compliance with such agreement, which includes the following
 - a. Facilities leased to operator. Parking spaces for vehicles for hire will be assigned by the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director.
 - b. Rental and operating fees. A yearly rental fee will be charged for each parking space leased from the county to the operator.
 - c. Taxi/limousine equipment standards. All equipment used by the operator will conform to standards set forth in such agreement and will be removed from service by the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director if it does not meet such standards until deficiencies are corrected.
 - d. Fares and schedule to be posted. The operator will conspicuously post all rates for services in order to be easily identified by passengers. Any

changes in fares must be submitted to the ~~county~~ Airports Director in writing four weeks prior to the changes becoming effective.

- (d) *Administration.* Upon proof of the appropriate business license, the limousine/taxi service agreement may be obtained from the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director. Upon payment of the proper fees, presentation of an insurance binder and compliance with other applicable provisions therein, the company will be authorized to pick up and discharge passengers. Parking other than at assigned locations on airport property is prohibited.
- (e) *Enforcement.* In addition to any other penalties provided for in the limousine/taxi service agreement or in this article, the ~~airport general manager~~ Airports Director is authorized to suspend or revoke the permit of any vehicle for hire company which has violated any of the sections of this article, or the service agreement.

(Code 1982, § 3-14.5)

Cross references: Traffic and vehicles, ch. 70.

Sec. 6-104. Emergency procedures.

- (a) *Aircraft accident on the airfield.* An aircraft accident at Hilton Head Island Airport requiring fire or medical services will be reported to the Hilton Head emergency dispatcher, phone number 911. A brief description of the accident and information as to the number of people involved will be provided if possible. The Hilton Head emergency dispatcher will notify the following:
 - (1) The fire department and/or rescue squad as required
 - (2) ~~Savannah Flight Service Station phone number 785-4390, requesting inbound aircraft be diverted until further notice.~~ Air Traffic Control Center (ATCC).
 - (3) ~~The airport manager, phone number 524-4444, extension 235 and home phone number 524-7832.~~ MCAS Beaufort Air Traffic Control Center (ATCC).
 - (4) Anderson Flight Service Station (FSS).
 - (5) The Airports Director.

The senior fire department official will be in control of all activity at the accident site and shall have the authority to close the airport if he deems necessary. He will advise the Hilton Head emergency dispatcher when fire/rescue actions are complete and indicate if the airfield can be reopened. The ~~airport manager~~ Airports Director and ~~Federal Aviation Administration~~ FAA will be so advised.

If the airfield must remain closed for aircraft or debris removal, the ~~airport manager~~ Airports Director will assume the responsibility for reopening.

- (b) *Accidents involving injury or property damage.* Accidents involving injury or property damage shall be reported to the ~~airport manager~~ FAA within 48 hours by the individuals involved or their agent.
- (c) *Moving damaged aircraft.* If an accident occurs, ~~the owner (airport),~~ through the ~~airport manager~~ Airports Director, may, in compliance with ~~the FAA Federal Aviation Administration~~ and other governmental agencies regulations, move damaged aircraft from the landing areas, ramps, aprons, or other areas, at the expense of the registered aircraft owner and without liability for damage resulting from such moving.
- (d) *Payment for damaged property.* Airport property damaged or destroyed by an accident, incident, or otherwise shall be paid for by the aircraft owner or other parties responsible.

- (e) *Aircraft accident off airfield.* The person receiving notification of a downed aircraft will notify the Hilton Head emergency dispatcher, phone number 911. If the location and condition of the downed aircraft is known, the emergency dispatcher will notify the following:
 - (1) Fire and/or rescue as required. If the aircraft is down in a body of water, swamp or tidal area where normal fire and service vehicles are unable to reach the scene, search and rescue forces will be called.
 - (2) The sheriff's department.
 - (3) MCAS Beaufort ATCC.
 - (4) Savannah ATCC.

If the general location of the downed aircraft is not known, the Savannah ATCC/MCAS Beaufort ATCC and the sheriff's department will be advised, and search and rescue forces alerted but not dispatched until a definite general location is established.

- (f) *Hurricane alert.* Aircraft should be evacuated if possible. Remaining aircraft should be securely tied down with all moveable surfaces secured. Horizontal surfaces should be sandbagged if time permits. Upon notice that island evacuation has been directed, the ~~airport manager~~ Airports Director, or civil defense director, may close the airfield to incoming traffic except for those participating in the evacuation or emergencies. The ~~FAA Federal Aviation Administration~~ will be so advised.
- (g) *Other airport emergencies.* If vehicle accidents, structural or grass fires, personal injuries or sickness occurs, the Hilton Head emergency dispatcher will be contacted at phone number 911.

(Code 1982, ch. 3, app. § 1)

Secs. 6-105--6-130. Reserved.

DIVISION 3. BEAUFORT COUNTY, "LADY'S ISLAND" AIRPORT

Sec. 6-131. ~~Landing pattern~~ Airport Operations.

~~The landing pattern at Lady's Island Airport is lefthand traffic to runway 24 and righthand traffic to runway 60.~~

- (a) Inbound pilots will monitor UNICOM frequency 122.7 MHZ and advise the airport and other aircraft in the vicinity of their intentions, as recommended by the FAA.
- (b) The landing pattern at Lady's Island Airport requires left-hand traffic for runway 25 and right-hand traffic for runway 7. The single engine aircraft traffic pattern altitude is 1000 feet, the multi-engine and turbine aircraft pattern is 1200 feet.
- (c) Aircraft over 38,000 pounds dual wheel loading at landing weight are prohibited, except in emergencies, without the approval of the Airports Director.
- (d) The airport, and self-service fueling, will be open 24 hours per day with the terminal and other services available between 7 am and 7 pm daily, including holidays, unless otherwise posted.

- (e) VFR noise abatement procedures require aircraft departing on runway 25 to climb straight ahead to pattern altitude prior to turning on course.

Sec. 6-132. Airport Emergencies.

(a) Aircraft accident on the airfield. An aircraft accident requiring fire or medical services will be reported to the Beaufort County emergency dispatcher, phone number 911. A brief description of the accident and information as to the number of people involved will be provided if possible. The Beaufort County emergency dispatcher will notify the following:

- (1) The fire department and/or rescue squad as required
- (2) MCAS Beaufort Air Traffic Control Center (ATCC).
- (3) Anderson Flight Service Station, 864-224-8101.
- (4) The Airports Director.

The senior fire department official will be in control of all activity at the accident site and shall have the authority to close the airport if he deems necessary. He will advise the Beaufort County emergency dispatcher when fire/rescue actions are complete and indicate if the airfield can be reopened. The Airports Director and Federal Aviation Administration will be so advised.

If the airfield must remain closed for aircraft or debris removal, the Airports Director will assume the responsibility for reopening.

- (b) Accidents involving injury or property damage. Accidents involving injury or property damage shall be reported to the FAA within 48 hours by the individuals involved or their agent.
- (c) Moving damaged aircraft. If an accident occurs, the owner (airport), through the Airports Director, may, in compliance with FAA and other governmental and agencies regulations, move damaged aircraft from the landing areas, ramps, aprons, or other areas at the expense of the registered aircraft owner and without liability for damage resulting from such moving.
- (d) Payment for damaged property. Airport property damaged or destroyed by an accident or otherwise shall be paid for by the aircraft owner or other parties responsible.
- (e) Aircraft accident off airfield. The person receiving notification of a downed aircraft will notify the Beaufort County emergency dispatcher, phone number 911. If the location and condition of the downed aircraft is known, the emergency dispatcher will notify the following:

- (1) Fire and/or rescue as required. If the aircraft is down in a body of water, marsh or tidal area where normal fire and service vehicles are unable to reach the scene, search and rescue forces will be called.
- (2) The sheriff's department.
- (3) Savannah ATCC.
- (4) MCAS Beaufort ATCC.
- (5) Airports Director

If the general location of the downed aircraft is not known, the Savannah ATCC/MCAS Beaufort ATCC and the sheriff's department will be advised, and search and rescue forces alerted, and dispatched.

- (h) Hurricane alert. Aircraft should be evacuated if possible. Remaining aircraft should be hangered, or securely tied down with all moveable surfaces secured. Horizontal surfaces should be sandbagged if time permits. Upon notice that island evacuation has been directed, the Airports Director or civil defense director may close the airfield to incoming traffic except for those participating in the evacuation or emergencies. The FAA will be so advised.
- (i) Other airport emergencies. If vehicle accidents, structural or grass fires, personal injuries or sickness occurs, the Beaufort County emergency dispatcher will be contacted at phone number 911.

(Code 1982, § 3-15).