

Good Afternoon Commission,

I understand the continued frustration residents are experiencing related to aircraft noise and training activity, and I want to clearly outline both the steps taken to date and the practical limitations the City faces.

Under federal law, flight paths, altitudes, and aircraft operations are regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration, not by the City or the Airport. The City does not have the authority to direct or restrict aircraft in flight, including touch-and-go operations or pilot training patterns. Any enforceable operational changes would require action at the federal or state level.

City staff have met with representatives from Embry-Riddle and engaged with other local flight training operators regarding community concerns and the City's voluntary noise-abatement procedures. Embry-Riddle emphasized that its primary responsibility is to student training requirements, federally mandated standards, and operational safety. Because the City's noise-abatement procedures are voluntary and not regulatory, we do not have a legal mechanism to compel compliance or impose penalties.

That said, we are not dismissing resident concerns. While our authority is limited, we can take steps to increase transparency, strengthen communication, and encourage voluntary cooperation. Staff is moving forward with the following actions:

- Formal letters will be sent to local aviation schools documenting prior discussions and reiterating the City's request for adherence to voluntary noise-abatement procedures.
- A new resident-facing reporting platform will be launched to allow residents to easily submit aircraft noise concerns.
- Complaint data will be compiled and regularly shared with individual flight schools for review and response.
- The Airport section of the City website will be expanded to include additional information on flight paths, FAA jurisdiction, voluntary noise-abatement procedures, complaint reporting options, school contact information, and summary reporting data.
- Enhanced data collection will allow the City to identify trends and provide objective information in future discussions with operators and regulators.

If the community believes additional restrictions are warranted, meaningful change **will require legislative or regulatory adjustments at the state or federal level** to provide municipalities with

clearer authority in this area. Broader resident engagement with state legislators and federal representatives would be necessary to advance any structural changes.

We recognize the quality-of-life concerns being raised. We will continue to engage operators, improve transparency, and monitor the situation within the scope of our authority. I will keep the Commission informed as these efforts move forward.

Thank you for your continued advocacy and attention to this matter.

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