

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE

**TITLE 19**

**AIRPORTS AND HARBORS**

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**19.04.010 Title for citation.** The ordinance codified in this chapter shall be known as, and may be cited as the "airport ordinance." (Ord. 9979 Art. 1 § 2, 1970.)

**19.04.020 Purpose of chapter provisions.** The purpose of this chapter is to provide minimum standards to safeguard life, limb, property and public welfare by regulating and controlling the various activities on airports and STOLports owned or operated or both by the County of Los Angeles. (Ord. 9979 Art. 1 § 1, 1970.)

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- 19.04.030 Applicability of provisions.** The provisions of this chapter shall apply to any person, firm or corporation using such county airports or any navigation facility or portion thereof or space therein, provided that in no case shall the public be deprived of its rightful, equal and uniform use of the landing area or air navigation facilities. (Ord. 9979 Art. 1 § 3, 1970.)
- 19.04.040 Regulations imposed by county - Ejection of violators authorized when.** The regulations in this chapter and the regulations imposed pursuant to Section 19.04.560 are imposed by the county of Los Angeles as operator of and in charge of all of the county airports as conditions upon the privilege of being present upon or using any county airport. Every person who violates any such conditions is a trespasser ab initio and may be excluded from the airport upon which the violation of such condition occurs. (Ord. 9979 Art. 1 § 4, 1970.)
- 19.04.050 Provisions supplement state and federal regulations.** The rules and regulations codified in this chapter are a supplement to any local laws or ordinances, including state and federal laws, that may be in effect, and in no manner will these rules be construed to reduce or limit the authority of said laws or regulations. (Ord. 9979 Art. 1 § 10, 1970.)
- 19.04.060 Exceptions and variances - Conditions.** If the director of aviation finds that any provision of this ordinance or any regulation adopted pursuant to Section 19.04.560 would, if enforced, cause unnecessary hardship or practical difficulties inconsistent with economic feasibility, or would do manifest injustice, or impose a burden upon any person disproportionate to any benefit to the general public or to the airport, he may grant for a limited time, to be specified in such exception or variance, an exception or variance to such provision or regulation, but only to the extent that such exception or variance does not violate any other Ordinance, or any state or federal statute or regulation. (Ord. 9979 Art. 1 § 8, 1970.)
- 19.04.070 Compliance with regulations.** A person shall not enter, be or remain on any airport unless he complies with all of the regulations set forth in this chapter applicable to such airport, and with all other applicable ordinances, rules and regulations. (Ord. 9979 Art. 1 § 5, 1970.)
- 19.04.080 Liability limitations.** A person exercising any of the privileges authorized by this chapter does so at his own risk without liability on the part of the county, or Los Angeles County Flood Control District, for any injury to person or property resulting therefrom. (Ord. 9979 Art. 1 § 11, 1970.)
- 19.04.090 Enforcement authority.** The director shall enforce the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 9979 Art. 1 § 6, 1970.)
- 19.04.100 Violation - Penalty.** Any person within the unincorporated territory of the county of Los Angeles who violates any provision of this chapter, the conditions of any permit issued pursuant thereto, or any rule or regulation relating to airports, is guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon conviction thereof, he shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$200.00, or by imprisonment in the County Jail for not less than five days nor more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Every day during any portion of which any violation of such provision of this chapter or of such regulation is committed, continued or permitted shall constitute such violation a separate offense. (Ord. 9979 Art. 1 § 7, 1970.)
- 19.04.110 Severability.** If any provision or clause of the ordinance codified in this chapter, or application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications

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of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable. (Ord. 9979 Art. 1 § 9, 1970.)

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**19.04.120 Aerobatic.** "Aerobatic" means maneuvers intentionally performed by an aircraft involving an abnormal attitude as defined in FAA Regulations. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 28, 1970.)

**19.04.130 Aircraft.** "Aircraft" means any contrivance, now known or hereafter invented, for use or designed for navigation of or flight in the air. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 25, 1970.)

**19.04.140 Airport.** "Airport" means any airport and/or STOLport owned or operated, or both, by the county of Los Angeles, California. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 19, 1970.)

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- 19.04.150 Air traffic.** "Air traffic" means aircraft in operation anywhere in the airspace and on that part of the airport normally used for the movement of aircraft. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 26, 1970.)
- 19.04.160 Apron.** "Apron" means that area normally used for the parking, tying down and fueling of aircraft and the movement of aircraft between main taxiways and hangars or aircraft parking space. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 29, 1970.)
- 19.04.170 Board.** "Board" means the board of supervisors of the county of Los Angeles. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 13, 1970.)
- 19.04.180 Commercial operator.** "Commercial operator" means one who provides services on any airport as an airport tenant, lessee, licensee or permittee. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 20, 1970.)
- 19.04.190 Commercial vehicle.** "Commercial vehicle" means a vehicle used or maintained for the transportation of persons or property for hire, compensation or profit. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 38, 1970.)
- 19.04.200 County.** "County" means the county of Los Angeles. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 12, 1970.)
- 19.04.210 Deputy.** "Deputy" means chief, aviation division; assistant chief, aviation division; head airport manager or airport manager. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 17, 1970.)
- 19.04.220 Director.** "Director" means the director of aviation of the county of Los Angeles, or other person authorized by him to act in his behalf. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 16, 1970.)
- 19.04.230 Driveway.** "Driveway" means any street or roadway, either improved or unimproved, within the boundaries of the airport set aside or designated for use by vehicles. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 39, 1970.)
- 19.04.240 FAA.** "FAA" means the Federal Aviation Administration of the United States. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 42, 1970.)
- 19.04.250 Flying club (commercial).** "Flying club (commercial)" means any person or groups of persons owning or operating an aircraft from any airports that do not meet the requirements of a private plane owner, a nonprofit flying club, or if a fee is derived from the operation of the aircraft, shall be deemed a commercial operator, and shall be required to meet all requirements and pay all fees as prescribed. The director shall have the sole discretion to determine whether a flying club is nonprofit or commercial. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 23, 1970.)
- 19.04.260 Flying club (nonprofit).** "Flying club (nonprofit)" means any group of persons joining together equally or proportionately in aircraft ownership in a nonprofit venture for the personal pleasure and use of participating members only. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 22, 1970.)
- 19.04.270 Loading ramp.** "Loading ramp" means that space reserved for the loading and unloading of aircraft. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 33, 1970.)
- 19.04.280 Loading zone.** "Loading zone" means that space reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of passengers or materials. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 32, 1970.)

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- 19.04.290 Manager.** "Manager" means any person appointed by the director of aviation or his authorized representative to serve in managerial capacity at any Los Angeles County airport. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 18, 1970.)
- 19.04.300 Motor vehicle.** "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle which is self-propelled. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 37, 1970.)
- 19.04.310 Operator.** "Operator" means the pilot or owner of an aircraft, or any person who has rented or otherwise has the authorized use of such aircraft for the purpose of operation by him or his agent. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 21, 1970.)
- 19.04.320 Parking area and aircraft parking area.** "Parking area" means and includes any portion of the airport which is set aside for the parking of vehicles. "Aircraft parking area" means the area set aside for the parking of aircraft. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 31, 1970.)
- 19.04.330 Parking rent.** "Parking rent" means and denotes the privilege of parking rented to a person for the parking or tethering of his aircraft or vehicle. It does not denote any form of implied liability such as "hangar keeper's liability" or liability similar thereto. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 30, 1970.)
- 19.04.340 Passenger ramp.** "Passenger ramp" means equipment used to aid the loading and unloading of aircraft passengers. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 34, 1970.)
- 19.04.350 Pedestrian.** "Pedestrian" means any person afoot. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 41, 1970.)
- 19.04.360 Person.** "Person" means any individual, firm, copartnership, corporation, company, association, joint stock association or political body, and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee or similar representative thereof (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 35, 1970.)
- 19.04.370 Pilot's association.** "Pilot's association" means any nonprofit organized group of pilots, and others, for the purpose of promoting and bettering aviation and for social activities. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 24, 1970.)
- 19.04.380 Propeller blast.** "Propeller blast" means the resultant air movement created by the propeller, rotor or jet exhaust from any aircraft. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 27, 1970.)
- 19.04.390 Section.** "Section" means a section of this chapter. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 15, 1970.)
- 19.04.400 Shall and may.** "Shall" is mandatory and "may" is permissive. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 14, 1970.)
- 19.04.410 Traffic.** "Traffic" means pedestrians and vehicles, either singly or together, while using any driveway. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 40, 1970.)
- 19.04.420 Vehicle.** "Vehicle" means a device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be propelled, moved or drawn upon a highway. (Ord. 9979 Art. 2 § 36, 1970.)

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- 19.04.430 **Entry on airport property constitutes agreement to comply with regulations.** Any permission granted by the board of supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, or director thereof, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, to enter upon or use the airport or any part thereof (including aircraft operators, crew members and passengers, spectators, sightseers, pleasure and commercial vehicles, officers and employees of airlines, lessees and other persons occupying space at such airport, persons doing business with any airport, its lessees, sublessees and permittees, and all other persons whatsoever whether or not of the type indicated) is conditioned upon compliance with this chapter, and rules and regulations of Los Angeles County airports; and entry upon or into the airport by any person shall be deemed to constitute an agreement by such person to comply with said ordinance, rules and regulations. (Ord. 9979 Art. 3 § 43, 1970.)
- 19.04.440 **Experimental aircraft and motor vehicles.** Demonstrations or testing of experimental aircraft or motor vehicles shall not be conducted on an airport without the express approval of the director. (Ord. 9979 Art. 3 § 52, 1970.)
- 19.04.450 **Areas closed to the public - Entry restrictions.** Persons shall not enter any restricted area posted as "closed" to the public except persons authorized by the director. (Ord. 9979 Art. 3 § 47, 1970.)
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- A. All persons wishing to travel on any airport must do so only on roads, walks or places provided for this class of traffic.
  - B. All persons shall use the roads or walks or places in such a manner as not to hinder or obstruct their proper use. (Ord. 9979 Art. 3 § 46, 1970.)
- 19.04.470 **Landing areas - Pedestrian restrictions.** A person shall not enter, be or remain upon any landing area of any airport unless the director or airport manager finds that his presence will not endanger anyone or interfere with any operations of the airport and has given him permission to so enter, be or remain. (Ord. 9979 Art. 3 § 48, 1970.)
- 19.04.480 **Animals - Control required.** Dogs and other animals may be permitted on an airport only if on a leash or confined in such a manner as to be under control. (Ord. 9979 Art. 3 § 51, 1970.)

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### **19.04.490 Apron of airport - Activities restricted.**

- A. Persons on the apron shall be careful to keep clear of moving aircraft or turning propellers.
- B. No one shall use, climb upon, sit in, push or otherwise touch property of others parked or based on the airport.
- C. Children under 14 years of age must be accompanied by adults when in any area except the terminal building. (Ord. 9979 Art. 3 § 49, 1970.)

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- A. Garbage, papers and refuse, or other material, shall be placed in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- B. Comfort stations are for the convenience of the public and all persons shall use them only in a clean and sanitary manner. (Ord. 9979 Art. 3 § 54, 1970.)

### **19.04.510 Injuring airport property - Payment of costs.**

- A. Persons shall not:
  - 1. Destroy, injure, deface or disturb any property;
  - 2. Abandon any personal property on the airport;
  - 3. Alter in any way, unless approved in advance in writing by the director, any building, structure, fixtures or equipment; or
  - 4. Hoist any objects in any manner from any building or structure except as approved by the director.
- B. Any and all airport property destroyed, injured or damaged, by accident or otherwise, shall be paid for by the party or parties responsible. (Ord. 9979 Art. 3 § 50, 1970.)

**19.04.520 Commercial operations - Requirements generally.** All persons wishing to use an airport, or any portion thereof, for any revenue-producing activity such as, but not limited to, commercial photography, air shows, air charters, flight instruction, sales of equipment, supplies or aircraft, and maintenance or repair of aircraft, or for any consideration of any nature whatsoever, must secure an appropriate permit, license or lease for such activity from the director and pay the rates and charges prescribed for such use. An approved performance bond may also be required. (See Section 19.04.580.) (Ord. 9979 Art. 3 § 44, 1970.)

**19.04.530 Advertisements - Approval for posting or distribution.** All persons wishing to post, distribute or display signs, advertisements, circulars, printed or written matter at any airport must obtain the approval of the director and post such notices in a manner prescribed by the director. (Ord. 9979 Art. 3 § 45, 1970.)

**19.04.540 Lost articles.** Any person finding lost articles shall deposit them at the airport office. (Ord. 9979 Art. 3 § 55, 1970.)

**19.04.550 Gambling prohibited.** Persons shall not conduct gambling in any form, or operate gambling devices anywhere on an airport. (Ord. 9979 Art. 3 § 53, 1970.)

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#### **19.04.560 Director powers and duties.**

- A. The director shall recommend to the board for approval and adoption and the board may adopt rates and charges and such additional regulations regarding each airport operation as may be necessary, provided such regulations are not conflicting with anything contained in this chapter.
- B. The director shall be responsible for notifying the appropriate authorities of all flight operations being conducted in an illegal or hazardous manner within an airport flight pattern or control zone.

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- C. The manager shall have the authority to take such steps as may be necessary for the handling, policing and protection of the public at the airport.
  - D. The manager may, in his absence, appoint the assistant airport manager, or an airport serviceman, to act as his agent for the county in matters not affecting policy. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 56, 1970.)
- 19.04.570 Hours of operation.** The airport will be in operation for such hours as designated by the director, subject to such restrictions as are necessary in the interest or safety. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 57, 1970.)
- 19.04.580 Commercial operations - Permit procedures and fees.** A written permit issued by the county of Los Angeles is required of all persons prior to commencing commercial operations from or upon an airport.
- A. Application. To obtain a permit, the applicant shall first file an application in writing with the director on a form furnished by the director.
  - B. Duration. Permits may be issued for the following duration:
    - 1. Temporary, from one to 30 days, as shown on permit;
    - 2. Month-to-month;
    - 3. Semi-annual;
    - 4. Annual.
  - C. Permit Fees. An appropriate fee, set by the board, shall be paid upon the issuance of a permit to operate any commercial activity on or off an airport.
  - D. Permits. The permit will indicate the type of activity, dates covered, principals involved and the fee paid, as well as any special conditions or requirements.
  - E. Special Requirements. Because of the nature of each activity, there may be additional or special requirements for a permit, such as insurance, equipment, inspections, approved performance bonds, or whatever the director may require for the protection of the public and the county of Los Angeles. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 58, 1970.)
- 19.04.590 Airport fees - Payment required.** Persons shall not operate an aircraft or use a landing area, passenger ramp, apron area or aircraft parking and storage area except upon payment of such fees and charges as established by the board. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 59, 1970.)
- 19.04.600 Airport fees - Penalties for failure to pay.** Any aircraft owner, agent or pilot in charge failing to pay any fee charged against aircraft owned or controlled by him shall be subject to:
- A. Having said aircraft held until such fees are paid;
  - B. Any other penalties which may be imposed by law. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 60, 1970.)
- 19.04.610 Insurance requirements for commercial operators.**
- A. All commercial operators on any airport shall obtain public liability and property damage insurance together with product liability coverage, with a hold-harmless endorsement in favor of the county of Los Angeles,

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its officers and employees, in amounts set by the director from a company or companies which are licensed to do business in California and which are satisfactory to the director.

- B. All commercial operators shall obtain insurance which shall be extended to cover persons who rent aircraft from a commercial operator against claims for property damage or liability to passengers or third parties. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 87, 1970.)
- 19.04.620 Aircraft - Storage license and registration requirements.** All persons wishing to store aircraft on an airport must make application and complete an aircraft storage license. Each commercial operator shall submit a list of aircraft based in this area, including his own, to the airport manager, stating the owner's name, address, telephone number, aircraft make, model and registration number. On the first day of each month, a report of newly based or departed aircraft shall be submitted. (Ord. 10294 § 1, 1971: Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 62, 1970.)
- 19.04.630 Instructors, mechanics and other personnel - Registration.** All flight instructors, charter pilots, ground-school instructors and aircraft and engine mechanics shall be registered with the manager's office prior to operating from any airport, and shall have such required licenses, permits or certificates verified. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 61, 1970.)
- 19.04.640 Visiting pilots - Registration.** All visiting pilots who land at an airport shall register on arrival. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 63, 1970.)
- 19.04.650 Flying clubs.**
- A. Profit-making clubs are considered to be commercial operators and shall not base at any airport without a lease.
  - B. All nonprofit flying clubs shall be registered and file a copy of their organizational papers with the airport office.
  - C. All flying clubs shall carry insurance in an amount and type set by the director. Members of flying clubs shall each have reasonable and proportionate ownership in the club's airplanes and equipment.
  - D. No club shall solicit for the purpose of instruction any person on the premises of a commercial operator without the written permission of said operator on file with the director.
  - E. The director shall have the sole discretion to determine whether a flying club is nonprofit or commercial. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 64, 1970.)
- 19.04.660 Tenants and lessees - Posting of information.** All lessees and tenants shall maintain bulletin boards in conspicuous places for the purpose of posting the information of their personnel and customers, airport regulations and charges. Each tenant shall post on his bulletin board Workmen's Compensation notices, lists of physicians and the names of liability insurance carriers. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 86, 1970.)
- 19.04.670 Traffic rules - Passengers, aircraft and equipment.**
- A. Persons shall not board or disembark from any aircraft on the landing or takeoff area.

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- B. Aircraft shall not be permitted to stop on or remain on any part of the landing or takeoff area. Engine operation when loading or unloading passengers is prohibited except in cases where FAA regulations permit.
- C. Persons or equipment are not allowed on runways or taxiways except when authorized by the director. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 69, 1970.)

### **19.04.680 Aircraft - Engine operation restrictions.**

- A. Aircraft engines shall not be started or run unless a qualified operator is at the control and effective brakes are on and locked or wheels blocked.
- B. Aircraft engines shall not be operated in a manner or position that hangars, buildings, or other facilities, property or persons may be damaged or injured by such operation. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 74, 1970.)

### **19.04.690 Brakes and blocking devices for aircraft and equipment.** Aircraft, passenger ramps, baggage trucks and other such portable equipment shall be equipped with brakes. In alternative cases, suitable blocking devices shall be securely set when equipment is not in use. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 76, 1970.)

### **19.04.700 Aircraft - Taxiing restrictions.**

- A. Pilots shall taxi their aircraft at a safe speed on taxiways, displaying extreme caution at all times.
- B. Aircraft shall not taxi onto the runways without first stopping to observe traffic and to wait for approaching aircraft to pass or land.
- C. Aircraft shall not be taxied into or out of hangars or push-in tiedown spots.
- D. Helicopters shall not air-taxi unless permitted by the director. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 75, 1970.)

### **19.04.710 Loading gates - Use restrictions.**

- A. The loading gate in front of the administration building or such other designated areas will be used only for the immediate loading or unloading of passengers, baggage, freight or cargo.
- B. Aircraft at the loading gate shall move out of the area as soon as loaded or unloaded.
- C. If an aircraft is delayed because of late passengers, equipment trouble, or for any other reason, the aircraft shall be moved to an area designated by the director. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 71, 1970.)

### **19.04.720 Freight and cargo handling.** The handling of freight and cargo will be done only in areas designated by the director. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 72, 1970.)

### **19.04.730 Aircraft - Parking and storage specifications.**

- A. Aircraft shall be stored and repairs made only in areas designated for that purpose by the director.
- B. Privately owned aircraft shall be parked only in the aircraft parking area or in a hangar.

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- C. Flying school and rental aircraft shall be parked and operated from an area assigned them by the director.
  - D. Visiting aircraft shall be parked in the aircraft parking area in positions assigned them by the director.
  - E. At the direction of the director, the operator, owner or pilot of any aircraft on the airport shall move the aircraft from the place where it is parked or stored to any other place designated on the airport. If the operator refuses to comply with the director, the director shall order the aircraft moved or towed to such designated place at the operator's expense and without liability for damage to the county, its officers, employees or agents, that may result from such moving.
  - F. Open parking spaces for aircraft shall not be used for toolboxes, ladders, storage lockers or other tools or equipment.
  - G. Hangar entrances shall be kept clear at all times. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 70, 1970.)
- 19.04.740 Intoxicating liquor, narcotics or drugs - Restrictions.** No person who is under the influence of, or in possession of, Intoxicating liquor, narcotics or any dangerous drug (as now or hereafter listed in Section 4211 of the Business and Professions Code) shall board or operate any aircraft or motor vehicle upon an airport. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 82, 1970.)
- 19.04.750 Aircraft - Unnecessary noise prohibited.** Aircraft shall be operated in a manner while on the ground or in flight so as to create the least amount of noise commensurate with safe operation. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 66, 1970.)
- 19.04.760 Aircraft operation - Traffic pattern.**
- A. Unless otherwise authorized, all aircraft entering the landing pattern shall do so in compliance with the published flight pattern. Pilots shall maintain a proper interval, as provided in the FAA air traffic control manual, to avoid crowding of the runways on landing.
  - B. The director, unless superseded by other authority, by appropriate notice and clearances shall designate the traffic pattern altitude at each airport. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 65, 1970.)
- 19.04.770 Aircraft operation - Take-offs and landings.**
- A. Pilots shall make an engine check at least 100 feet clear of the runway and visually check for landing traffic before entering the takeoff position.
  - B. Before taxiing an aircraft into position on the runway for takeoff, the final approach shall be clear.
  - C. All takeoffs and landings of aircraft shall be made on the runway only.
  - D. All initial takeoffs of aircraft shall be made from the end of the runway.
  - E. No aircraft shall land or take off in such a manner as to clear any public street at an altitude of less than 50 feet.
  - F. No 180-degree turns or turn-backs shall be made on the landing runway.

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- G. Aircraft landing at the airport shall make the landing runway available to others by leaving the line of traffic as promptly as possible.
  - H. The director may delay or restrict any flight or other operations at the airport, and may refuse takeoff clearance to any aircraft when necessary in the interest of safety.
  - I. The director, by appropriate notices, may restrict, regulate or entirely suspend student training, touch-and-go landings, practice takeoffs and landings, or simulated forced landings when required in the interest of safety. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 68, 1970.)
- 19.04.780 Aircraft operation - Formation takeoffs and landings.** Formation takeoffs or landings shall not be permitted. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 67, 1970.)
- 19.04.790 Unattended aircraft.** Aircraft shall not be left unattended unless properly tied down. Owners of such aircraft shall be held responsible for any damage resulting from failure to comply with this rule. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 73, 1970.)
- 19.04.800 Helicopter operations.** Helicopters shall land and take off from designated areas only. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 77, 1970.)
- 19.04.810 Gliders - Towing restrictions.** A person shall not tow or pull a glider by airplane, motor vehicle or any other method where such towing or pulling is for the purpose of taking off unless approved by the director. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 78, 1970.)
- 19.04.820 Aircraft - Agricultural activities prohibited.** No dusting, spraying of insecticide, or other flights of an agricultural nature shall be allowed from an airport. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 84, 1970.)
- 19.04.830 Model aircraft - Operation prohibited.** No person shall fly or cause or permit the flying of model aircraft or any similar device on any airport. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 88, 1970.)
- 19.04.840 Parachute jumping prohibited - Exception.** Parachute jumping within the confines of airport boundaries, flight patterns, approach zones or 45-degree entry legs, is prohibited unless prior approval is obtained from the FAA and the Division of Aeronautics of the state of California. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 79, 1970.)
- 19.04.850 Aircraft - Maintenance and repair activities.**
- A. Aircraft may be maintained and repaired on county-owned airports in designated maintenance and repair areas and buildings, in leased areas and buildings, in tee hangars and tiedown spaces rented under aircraft storage license agreements, and in buildings or areas approved or assigned by the airport manager, subject to compliance with terms and conditions included in applicable leases or license agreements.
  - B. Aircraft maintenance and repair performed in the areas and buildings is authorized subject to compliance with appropriate Federal Aviation Regulations, government agencies as provided in Section 19.04.050 of this chapter, Building and Fire Codes, and airport regulations. Maintenance performed by commercial operators not otherwise authorized by lease license agreement or contract is permitted subject to compliance with Sections 19.04.520 and 19.04.580 of this chapter. (Ord. 10294 § 2, 1971; Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 85, 1970.)

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- 19.04.860 Aircraft - Washing facilities.** Aircraft shall be washed only in areas provided for that purpose, or in any other area so designated by the director. Arrangements for the use of these facilities shall be made in advance. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 83, 1970.)
- 19.04.870 Aircraft - Fuel and oil.** The county of Los Angeles shall be the distributor for fuel and oil products on all airports. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 89, 1970.)
- 19.04.880 Accident report requirements.** Witnesses of and participants involved in aircraft, vehicular or pedestrian accidents occurring on or within airport boundaries shall make a full report to the director as soon after the accident as practicable, and submit such information together with their names and addresses to complete required accident reports. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 80, 1970.)
- 19.04.890 Damaged or disabled aircraft - Removal requirements.** The operator shall be responsible for the prompt removal of damaged or disabled aircraft or parts thereof unless required or directed to delay such action pending an investigation of the accident. In the event it shall become necessary for Los Angeles County airport personnel to move or have moved such disabled aircraft, or parts thereof, such removal shall be at the operator's expense, without liability to the county, its officers, employees or agents for damage which may result. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 81, 1970.)
- 19.04.900 Aircraft impound area - Placement conditions.** The director may establish an impound area on each airport to lock aircraft in place, and place therein any aircraft in possession of the county for which payment is owing to the county, and not paid on demand, for repairs, labor, supplies, materials or for storage of safekeeping; also for reasonable charges for the use of any landing aid and reasonable landing fee. The moving of such aircraft shall in no way obligate the county for any damages done. A \$ 10.00 charge for moving shall be added to the account. (Ord. 9979 Art. 4 § 90, 1970.)

### Part 5

#### MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS:

##### Sections:

- 19.04.910 Operation regulations applicable.
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  - 19.04.980 Parking restrictions.
  - 19.04.990 Repairs and cleaning restricted.
  - 19.04.1000 Bicycles and certain other vehicles prohibited - Exceptions.
- 19.04.910 Operation regulations applicable.** Motor vehicles shall be operated on an airport in strict accordance with the motor vehicle laws of the state of California and local jurisdictions. In addition thereto, the following regulations set forth in this Part 5 pertaining to operation of motor vehicles on airports shall apply. (Ord. 9979 Art. 5 § 91, 1970.)
- 19.04.920 Flight operations area restrictions.**

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- A. Motor vehicles shall not be permitted on the airport flight operations area except by prior approval of the director.
  - B. All motor vehicles in daily use on the flight operations area shall be painted as set forth in the Federal Aviation Administration Regulations (FARs) or subsequent FARs.
  - C. Other motor vehicles having occasion to enter the flight operations area shall display a flag above the vehicle. This flag shall be not less than three feet square, consisting of a checkered pattern of orange and white squares of not less than one foot on a side with the orange squares appearing at the corners and in the center of the flag. (Ord. 9979 Art. 5 § 92, 1970.)
- 19.04.930 Clearance of fire gate and entrance areas.** All fire gates and entrances shall be kept clear of motor vehicles at all times. (Ord. 9979 Art. 5 § 99, 1970.)
- 19.04.940 Loading areas.** All motor vehicles shall load and unload only at locations designated by the director. (Ord. 9979 Art. 5 § 97, 1970.)
- 19.04.950 Speed limits.** Motor vehicles shall be operated on established streets and roadways in strict compliance with speed limits posted on traffic signs, and in any event shall not be in excess of 25 miles per hour, and shall at all times be operated in a proper and safe manner. On passenger loading ramps and in areas immediately adjacent to hangars, speed shall not exceed 10 miles per hour. (Ord. 9979 Art. 5 § 93, 1970.)
- 19.04.960 Crossing runways - Procedures.** The operator of a motor vehicle authorized to enter taxiways or runways shall exercise caution so as to keep clear of aircraft and shall follow the directions of the control tower, if any. (Ord. 9979 Art. 5 § 94, 1970.)
- 19.04.970 Yield right-of-way to aircraft.** Motor vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to aircraft. (Ord. 9979 Art. 5 § 95, 1970.)
- 19.04.980 Parking restrictions.** Motor vehicles shall not be parked on an airport other than in the manner and at locations designated by the director. (Ord. 9979 Art. 5 § 98, 1970.)
- 19.04.990 Repairs and cleaning restricted.** No person shall clean or make any repairs to motor vehicles anywhere on an airport, except those minor repairs necessary to remove such motor vehicles from an airport. (Ord. 9979 Art. 5 § 100, 1970.)
- 19.04.1000 Bicycles and certain other vehicles prohibited - Exceptions.** Bicycles, and other two- or three-wheel vehicles are strictly prohibited except when used in the conduct of business, such as transportation to an airport, or if approved by the director. (Ord. 9979 Art. 5 § 96, 1970.)

### Part 6

## FIRE REGULATIONS

### Sections:

- 19.04.1010 Fire equipment requirements.
- 19.04.1020 Smoking and open-flame operations.
- 19.04.1030 Flammable materials - Use restrictions.



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- 19.04.1040 Cleanliness of premises and equipment.
- 19.04.1050 Flammable rags and waste.
- 19.04.1060 Operations involving fire hazards.

### **19.04.1010 Fire equipment requirements.**

- A. Adequate and readily accessible fire extinguishers shall be provided by lessees, and maintained in proper working order. Each fire extinguisher shall carry a suitable tab showing date of most recent inspection.
- B. Use of any fire equipment, no matter how trivial, shall be reported to the director immediately after use. (Ord. 9979 Art. 6 § 101, 1970.)

### **19.04.1020 Smoking and open-flame operations.**

- A. Smoking or lighting of open flames shall be prohibited in the following locations:
  - 1. Places with posted "no smoking" signs;
  - 2. On ramps or aprons;
  - 3. Within 50 feet of fuel trucks or fuel-loading stations.
- B. Persons shall not be permitted to conduct any open-flame operations in any building, or part thereof, except those specifically rented for repair-shop purposes, unless specifically authorized by the director.
- C. Open flames, unprotected lightbulbs, blowtorches, heaters, welding, or other causes of fire or sources of sparks shall not be permitted within a distance of 100 feet while any fuel filling or draining operations are being conducted, or at any distance where ignition of fuel vapor is possible. (Ord. 9979 Art. 6 § 102, 1970.)

### **19.04.1030 Flammable materials - Use restrictions.**

- A. No person shall keep, store, use or discard any flammable liquids, gases, signal flares or other similar material in hangars or in any building on any airport; however, such materials may be kept in aircraft in the proper receptacles installed in the aircraft for such purpose, or in rooms or areas specifically approved for such storage by the director.
- B. No cylinder or flask of compressed flammable gas shall be kept or stored except at such place as may be designated by the director.
- C. No gasoline shall be stored aboveground or brought upon the premises of an airport except by persons duly authorized by the director.
- D. Extreme caution shall be observed in handling paints, thinners and other flammable substances.
- E. The process of fabric preparation or painting shall not be carried on in any hangar or building other than those specifically approved for the purpose.
- F. No aircraft shall be fueled or drained while in a hangar or other enclosed place. Fueling shall be done in such a manner and with such equipment that adequate connections for the grounding at a point of zero electrical potential shall be continuously maintained during such times.

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- G. No person shall use flammable volatile liquids in cleaning operations unless such cleaning operations are conducted in open air and 50 feet or more away from any other airplane, equipment or building.
- H. Aircraft or aircraft engines shall not be cleaned or degreased unless such operations are done in maintenance areas properly equipped to handle such works, or in a space designated for such purpose by the director. (Ord. 9979 Art. 6 § 103, 1970.)

### **19.04.1040 Cleanliness of premises and equipment.**

- A. Hangars and building space shall be kept clean inside and out.
- B. Hangar floors, gasoline pits and trucks shall be kept clean and free of excess gasoline, grease and other flammable liquids, solids or gases.
- C. Floors shall be kept clean and free of oil, and no volatile or flammable solvent shall be used for cleaning floors. (Ord. 9979 Art. 6 § 104, 1970.)

### **19.04.1050 Flammable rags and waste.**

- A. Lessees of hangars or other airport areas shall provide suitable metal receptacles for the storage of oily waste, rags and other rubbish. All such waste or rubbish shall be removed by the lessee at frequent intervals. In garages, shops or other buildings operated or maintained by the airport, the above and other rules prescribed by the director shall be observed by employees on the airport engaged in operation or maintenance of such garages, shops or other buildings.
- B. Boxes, crates, rubbish, paper or other litter shall not be permitted to accumulate in or about any hangar, and all oil, paint, varnish cans, bottles or other containers shall be removed from the hangar immediately upon being emptied.
- C. Any spilled gasoline in enclosures shall be wiped up immediately. The cleaning rags shall be disposed of promptly and the space ventilated. (Ord. 9979 Art. 6 § 105, 1970.)

**19.04.1060 Operations involving fire hazards.** When any operation involving fire hazard not specifically covered by any regulation contained in this chapter constitutes an unsafe practice, in the opinion of the director, the operator shall cease such operation immediately upon notice. (Ord. 9979 Art. 6 § 106, 1970.)

## **Chapter 19.08**

### **AIRPORT HAZARDS**

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### **19.08.010 Definitions. As used in this chapter:**

- A. "Airport" means any area of land or water which is used or intended for use for the landing and taking-off of aircraft.
- B. "Person" means any individual, firm, copartnership, joint adventure, association, social club, fraternal organization, corporation, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, syndicate, this and any other county, city and county, municipality, district or other political subdivision, or any other group or combination acting as a unit. (Ord. 6703 §§ 2 and 3, 1955.)

**19.08.020 Board of supervisors findings.** The board of supervisors finds that high-tension wires carrying in excess of 66,000 volts in close proximity to airports present an extreme hazard to human life because of the possibility of contact with such wires by planes due to engine failure or other difficulties. (Ord. 6703 § 1, 1955.)

**19.08.030 High-tension electrical lines prohibited where.** A person shall not construct, establish or maintain any high-tension line carrying more than 66,000 volts of electricity within 2,000 feet of the outer boundaries of any airport unless all parts of such wire or wires are not more than 65 feet above the highest portion of such outer boundaries of the airport. (Ord. 6703 § 4, 1955.)

**19.08.040 Exceptions to chapter applicability.** This chapter does not apply to any high-tension line existing on June 14, 1955, the day that the ordinance codified in this chapter was adopted, unless the voltage in such line is subsequently increased or such line is raised or its position changed so as to bring it nearer to the outer boundaries of any airport. (Ord. 6703 § 5, 1955.)

**19.08.050 Violation - Penalty.** Violation of this chapter is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day during any portion of which any violation of any provision of this chapter is committed, continued or permitted is a separate offense. (Ord. 6703 § 7, 1955.)

**19.08.060 Severability.** If any portion of the ordinance codified in this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of such ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby. (Ord. 6703 § 6, 1955.)

<sup>1</sup> For statutory provisions on county airports, see Gov. Code § 26020 et seq. and § 50470 et. seq. For county Aero Museum, see Ch. 2.90 of this code. For interference with airport operation, see Ch. 13.14.

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