

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Departments of Aviation & Information Technology
AGENDA DATE: March 12, 2013
CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Miguel Gamino, Director of Information Technology, 541-4746
Monica Lombraña, Director of Aviation, 780-4793
DISTRICT (S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

Approve a resolution that the prohibition against landing aircraft within the City limits, except upon a regularly established airfield or landing place contained in Section 14.12.080 of the El Paso City Code, is hereby waived to permit Arizona Heliservices Inc. (DBS-Heliservices LLC) to land a Bell UH-1 Helicopter at the Wells Fargo Building at 221 N. Kansas, in connection with the P-25 Digital Public Safety Radio System Project, on March 17, 2013, with a contingency date for bad weather of March 24th, 2013.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The City of El Paso has contracted with Motorola Solutions to provide a new public safety communications system. A portion of the radio equipment is slated to be installed at the Wells Fargo Building located at 221 N. Kansas in downtown El Paso. This system, used for public safety, requires back-up power in the event that commercial electric power fails.

In order to provide said back-up power, the approved plans call for the installation of a back-up generator on the roof of the Wells Fargo Building. The Wells Fargo Building is 22 stories tall and portable cranes cannot reach the rooftop. The most practical method is the use of a helicopter to lift this equipment to the rooftop. The use of a helicopter to make the lift requires that the load be slung below the aircraft. The aircraft is prohibited from flying over occupied facilities while making this transport. The best option that will provide minimal disruption to the public would be to land the aircraft at the employee parking lot and transport the generator to the roof of the Wells Fargo Building. All regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and other federal and state agencies will be complied with.

The provision of the City of El Paso Ordinance Section 9.40070 Noise Sensitive Zones has been reviewed in regard to the proposed aircraft operation. A survey of the local area has determined that no school, hospital or similar health care institution, church or library should be impacted by the aircraft noise. The El Paso Public Main Library located at 501 N. Oregon does not operate between the hours of 8:00 AM and Noon on Sundays, and noise levels at that location are estimated to be below the permissible limit. A number of churches were also located and found to be well beyond the perimeter where any disruption would be an issue.

The installation of the El Paso P-25 Public Safety Radio System provides for advanced communication of Fire/Rescue and Police service to enhance the public health and safety of the people of El Paso. The aircraft operations allow for a minimally disruptive operation to construct this system at Wells Fargo Building 221 N Kansas. All other alternatives have been explored and none have been found to be less disruptive, more economical and more supportive of the general mission.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Miguel Gamino, Director of Information Technology

Name

Signature

3/15/2013

Date

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Monica Lombraña, A.A.E., Director of Aviation

Name

Signature

3/15/13

Date

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

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ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF March 2013.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

ATTEST:

John F. Cook
Mayor

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Sylvia Borunda Firth
City Attorney

Monica Lombraña, A.A.E.
Director of Aviation



US Department
of Transportation
Federal Aviation
Administration

Air Carrier Certificate

This certifies that

ARIZONA HELISERVICES INC
2101 E. ELVIRA RD
TUCSON, AZ 85756

has met the requirements of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended, and the rules, regulations, and standards prescribed thereunder for the issuance of this certificate and is hereby authorized to operate as an air carrier and conduct common carriage operations in accordance with said Act and the rules, regulations, and standards prescribed thereunder and the terms, conditions, and limitations contained in the approved operations specifications.

This certificate is not transferable and, unless sooner surrendered, suspended, or revoked, shall continue in effect indefinitely.



By Direction of the Administrator

James H. Guthrie
(Signature)

Acting Manager, IWP-FBEC-WPOT
(Title)

Western Pacific
(Region/Office)

Certificate number: 3622275Y

Effective Date: 06/10/2002

REISSUED: 03/18/2011

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