

TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS

RESOLUTION NO. R09-001

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS, IN SUPPORT OF THE AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOCIATION (AOPA) POSITION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) CLASS B AIRSPACE EXPANSION.

WHEREAS, the FAA has proposed expanding the Dallas Class B airspace to contain approaches to area airports which adversely affects Addison Airport and its users; and

WHEREAS, the approaches to area airports could be redesigned to stay within the existing airspace; and

WHEREAS, the AOPA has raised questions about the need for such a large expansion of the Dallas Class B airspace and is asking the FAA to consider changing procedures to increase efficiency and better accommodate all users before changing the airspace; and

WHEREAS, the AOPA also is raising concerns about the safety and economic impact the airspace changes will have on general aviation operators, who may be forced to travel long distances to circumnavigate the Class B, and businesses at underlying airports also could be negatively affected.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS: That we support the AOPA position that (1) the FAA should look at other options that would retain the current airspace and increase traffic flow and operational efficiencies of all users; (2) the boundary of the Class B extension over Addison Airport should be created as far to the southwest as possible, and (3) the FAA proposal in its current form is unacceptable from a safety standpoint because in certain areas below the proposed Class B expansions the vertical area in which aircraft are left to maneuver is too small in that it is reduced to less than 900 feet, for bidirectional flow. In support of our users, tenants and tenant businesses, the Town respectfully requests FAA to reconsider their proposal to expand the Class B Airspace and reevaluate their approach procedures to favor containing the approaches within existing Class B Airspace.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of January 2009.



Joe Chow, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lea Dunn, City Secretary