HAMilton County council ordinance no. 3-3-99-a

An ordinance for the formation of the Hamilton county board of aviation commissioners

WHEREAS, Indiana code 8-22-2-1 provides, in pertinent part, that “Whenever the fiscal body of an eligible entity adopts an ordinance or a resolution in favor of the acquisition, improvement, operation, or maintenance of an airport or landing field for the entity under this chapter, and declaring a necessity for the airport or landing field, then on the effective date of the ordinance or resolution, there is established as an executive department of the entity a department of aviation, under the control of a board to be known as the board of aviation commissioners.”

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has four active public use airports, two with hard surfaced runways, and the third most based aircraft of any County in the State of Indiana,

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has a rapidly growing, high income population base, and development is occurring rapidly and with rising land values,

WHEREAS, none of the public use airports are owned or operated by Hamilton County and are not protected for long term use as airport facilities,

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Council is in favor of the continued improvement, operation, or maintenance of the County’s existing public use airports, including encouraging compatible land use or public sponsorship, if such protection of said airports can be done in an economically feasible manner and,

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Council finds that there is a necessity for protection of such public use airports in the County provided that the same is economically feasible,

therefore, be it ordained by the Council of the County of Hamilton, State of Indiana, as follows:

1. That, pursuant to said Indiana Code 8-22-2-1, the County of Hamilton, State of Indiana, hereby creates, as an executive department, a Department of Aviation under the control of a board of four (4) members to be known as the Hamilton County Board of Aviation Commissioners.

2. The Hamilton County Commissioners shall appoint the members of the Board, and not more than two (2) of the members of the board shall be of the same political party. The first members of the Board shall hold office as follows: one (1) for a term of one (1) year; one (1) for a term of two (2) years; one (1) for a term of three (3) years; and one (1) for a term of four (4) years, from twelve o’clock noon on the first Monday in January of the year of their appointments. Thereafter, the member or members so appointed shall hold office for a term of four(4) years, and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

3. The authority of the Hamilton County Board of Aviation Commissioners shall be co-extensive with the boundaries of Hamilton County, Indiana.
4. That nothing contained in this Ordinance shall require Hamilton County, Indiana, to acquire, operate, or maintain said public use airports nor shall the Council of Hamilton County be required, by this Ordinance, to appropriate funds for such acquisition, operation, or maintenance of said Airport.

5. That this Ordinance shall take effect from this passage and approval according to law.

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