

# Port of Port Angeles

*Port Angeles, Washington*

## Commissioners' Resolution No. 17-1151

A RESOLUTION OF THE PORT OF PORT ANGELES ON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT FOR THE REMOVAL OF TREES TO RESCIND AND AVOID RESTRICTIONS ON RUNWAY 26 LANDING PROCEDURES.

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2017 the Federal Aviation Administration (the "FAA") issued Notice to Airmen ("NOTAM") Number 7/3082 stating that the GPS instrument approach procedure for Fairchild International Airport ("FIA") Runway 26 is no longer authorized at night; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has identified eight (8) trees in Lincoln Park that penetrate into the Runway 26 approach path, and has informed the Port that the NOTAM will be rescinded only after those trees are reduced in height or removed; and

WHEREAS, Port staff has identified additional trees in Lincoln Park that presently, or in the near future will, penetrate into the Runway 26 approach path; and

WHEREAS, the FAA likely will, through future NOTAMs, impose further restrictions on the use of Runway 26 because of tree penetration into the Runway 26 approach path, if those additional trees are not reduced in height or removed; and

WHEREAS, the Port does not receive advance notification from the FAA on landing restrictions announced in NOTAMs; and

WHEREAS, the best use of Port resources is to identify and remove those trees that presently do, and in the near future will, penetrate into the Runway 26 approach path; and

WHEREAS, Runway 26 is the most frequently used runway at FIA because of the prevailing wind direction, and because approaches to Runway 8 are inefficient for most arriving flights and are sometimes not possible because of wind conditions; and

WHEREAS, one immediate impact of NOTAM 7/3082 is that nighttime medical evacuation ("medevac") flights into FIA may be cancelled; and

WHEREAS, in the last nine months, Airlift NW has relied on FIA 38 times for its fixed wing aircraft, equating, on an annualized basis, to approximately one medevac flight from FIA per week, at unpredictable hours; and

WHEREAS, 24-hour-per-day/7-day-per-week availability of Runway 26 for medevac flights is critical to the health and safety of the people of Clallam County; and

WHEREAS, lives could be lost if Runway 26 is not available and medevac flights into FIA are cancelled as a result; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Port Angeles finds that the current restriction, and any similar future restriction, by the FAA on nighttime instrument approach landings on Runway 26, because of the penetration of trees into the Runway 26 approach path, constitutes an emergency situation that could result in loss of life if immediate action by the Port is not taken.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Port Angeles, as follows:

A. The potential for the cancellation of medical evacuation flights into Port Angeles as a result of the issuance by the Federal Aviation Administration of Notice to Airmen Number 7/3082, prohibiting nighttime instrument landings on Fairchild International Airport's Runway 26 pending the removal of trees in Lincoln Park that penetrate into the Runway 26 approach path, is a present emergency situation.

B. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to waive competitive bidding requirements and award all necessary contracts on behalf of the Port to address the present emergency situation.

C. A similar emergency situation will exist if the Federal Aviation Administration issues further restrictions on the use of instrument landings on Runway 26 because of trees penetrating into the Runway 26 approach path. In that event, the Executive Director is hereby authorized to declare an emergency situation exists, waive competitive bidding requirements, and award all necessary contracts on behalf of the Port to address the present emergency situation.

D. Prior to a determination by the Federal Aviation Administration of tree penetration into the Runway 26 approach path, the Executive Director may, without prior Commission approval, prepare plans and specifications, and may award contracts estimated at \$300,000 or less, using the small works roster process authorized in RCW 53.08.120, as amended, for the removal of trees that have been identified by the Port as penetrating into the Runway 26 approach path, thereby potentially resulting in restrictions on the use of instrument landings on Runway 26.

E. All contracts awarded under the authority granted in this Resolution shall be reported to the Port Commission at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the following month.

ADOPTED by the Port Commission of the Port of Port Angeles at a special meeting thereof held this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

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