

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-28**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR VENICE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, CONTENTS, SECTION 1 DEFINITIONS, SUBSECTION 5.05 PARACHUTE JUMPING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, Sec. 14-54 of the Code of Ordinances provides that amendments to the Rules and Regulations for Venice Municipal Airport may be made and adopted by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to amend the Rules and Regulations for Venice Municipal Airport.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, as follows:**

**SECTION 1.** The Whereas clauses above are ratified and confirmed as true and correct.

**SECTION 2.** The Contents of the Rules and Regulations for Venice Municipal Airport is hereby amended as follows:

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**SECTION 3.** Section 1, Definitions, of the Rules and Regulations for Venice Municipal Airport is hereby amended as follows:

**SECTION 1  
DEFINITIONS**

**1.01** Unless specifically defined otherwise herein, or unless a different meaning is apparent from the context, the terms used in these Rules and Regulations shall have the following definitions:

- a. "Aircraft" shall mean any contrivance now known or hereafter designed, invented, or used for navigation or flight in the air, except a parachute or other contrivance used primarily as safety equipment.
- b. "Airport" shall mean Venice Municipal Airport, Venice, Florida.
- c. "City" shall mean the City of Venice and/or the Venice City Council.
- d. "Bus" shall mean a motor vehicle which operates on a fixed route and a predetermined schedule and which holds a valid license from the Florida Public Service Commission.
- e. "Commercial Activities" shall mean all operations of aircraft for commercial purposes and shall include, without limitation, the following: (a) operations by a scheduled air carrier not currently holding a formal Agreement with the City; (b) operation of non-scheduled air service for transportation of freight, express or passengers, or charter service; (c) any other revenue producing activity carried on or from the Airport. Air-taxi and Air-ambulance service to Airport by "transient aircraft" shall not be considered as a commercial activity.
- f. "He shall also mean "she" when used in these Rules and Regulations.
- g. "Gross Weight" shall mean the maximum allowable gross landing weight of aircraft, as determined by the Federal Aviation Administration or other governmental agency having jurisdiction.
- h. "Landing Area" shall mean all aircraft operation areas including runways, taxiways, ramps and aprons.

- i. "Limousine" shall mean any motor vehicle having a rated seating capacity of six (6) or more persons, not including the driver, operating to and from the Airport in accordance with a valid permit from the Florida Public Service Commission, but shall not include the vehicles commonly designated as "taxicabs" or "buses."
- j. "Airport Manager" (hereinafter called "Manager") shall mean the person having immediate charge of the Airport and acting under the direction of the City Manager.
- k. "Person" shall mean any individual, partnership, firm, organization, association, company, corporation, or their agents.
- l. "Public Parking Facilities" shall mean all parking facilities provided for the public at the Airport.
- m. "Scheduled Operations" shall mean all operations of aircraft by scheduled air carriers.
- n. "Solicitation" or "To Solicit" shall mean to directly or indirectly, actively or passively, openly or subtly, as (or endeavor to obtain by asking), request, implore, plead for, importune, seek or try to obtain.
- o. "Taxicab" or "Taxi" shall mean any automobile that carries persons for a fare, usually determined by a meter, and that is appropriately licensed as a taxicab by the proper municipal authority.
- p. "Transient Aircraft" shall mean an aircraft not using the Airport as its permanent base of operations.
- q. "Dope" shall mean cellulose nitrate or cellulose acetate dissolved in volatile flammable solvents.
- r. "Doping" shall mean the process of using dope for the installation of a fabric covering for an aircraft.
- s. "Parachutist or Skydiver" shall mean any person who intends to exit an aircraft while in flight using a parachute to descend to the surface.
- t. "Parachute Drop Zone" or "Drop Zone" shall mean any pre-determined area designated for the landing of parachutists or objects after a parachute jump.
- u. "Parachute Jump" shall mean any activity that involves the descent of one or more parachutists/skydivers to the surface, after jumping from an aircraft or other aeronautical vehicle in flight.

- v. “Parachute Operation” or “Skydive Operation” shall mean any and all activities associated with or in support of, a parachute jump. A parachute operation can involve, but is not limited to, the following persons: parachutist, a parachutist-in-command and passenger-in-tandem parachute operation, jump master, certificated parachute rigger, or pilot.
- w. “Commercial Parachute Operation” or “Skydiving Operation” shall mean a commercial aeronautical service provider who meets the Airport’s Minimum Standards and is authorized to conduct parachute operations using a designated drop zone.
- x. “United States Parachute Association (USPA)” shall mean the not-for-profit, voluntary membership organization for participants of the sport of parachuting.
- y. “Basic Safety Requirements (BSRs)” shall mean generally accepted practices and conditions published by the USPA that promote skydiving safety.

**1.02** Words relating to aeronautical practices, processes, and equipment shall be construed according to their general usage in the aviation industry.

**SECTION 4.** Subsection 5.05, Parachute Jumping, of the Rules and Regulations for Venice Municipal Airport is hereby amended as follows:

#### **5.05 Parachute Jumping**

Parachute jumping/skydiving is a recognized aeronautical activity. Because of its inherent dissimilarities with other aeronautical activities extant at the Airport, parachute jumping is regulated under specific rules and regulations to ensure the safety of all Airport users.

- a. Experimental and exhibition parachute jumping at the Airport shall not be permitted except as hereinafter provided. This activity may be permitted on specific occasions by the City upon favorable recommendation of the Manager provided prior approval has been obtained from the FAA and proper precautions have been insured to protect the public safety.

- b. No person shall engage in a parachute operation or skydive operation at the Airport without the written permission of the Manager.
- c. In addition to complying with this Section 5.05, all parachute operations and skydive operations at the Airport shall be conducted in compliance with the provisions and conditions set forth in the Venice Municipal Airport Standard Operating Procedures for Skydiving Operations.
- d. Persons engaged in approved parachute operations or skydive operations shall use only the designated parachute drop zone(s). Landing on another area of the Airport property by a parachutist or skydiver is strictly prohibited.
- e. Only parachutists holding a current USPA Class D license, or jumping in tandem with a Class D license holder, shall be permitted to use the Airport for parachute jumps.
- f. Unless expressly approved pursuant to item a. of this section, parachute operations shall only be conducted through the services and facilities of a commercial skydiving operator authorized to conduct business at the Airport.
- g. The parachute drop zone and the area in the general vicinity of the parachute drop zone is restricted to persons with an operational need to be in or around the area.
- h. References and Resources:

The following information is hereby incorporated by reference, as may be amended from time to time:

- 14 CFR Part 105 - Parachute Jumping
- FAA Advisory Circular 105-2E - Sport Parachute Jumping

- FAA Advisory Circular 90-66A - Recommended Standard Traffic Patterns and Practices for Aeronautical Operations at Airports without Operating Control Towers
- USPA Skydiver's Information Manual
- FAA Aeronautical Information Manual
- Venice Municipal Airport Standard Operating Procedures for Skydiving Operations

**SECTION 5.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval and adoption as required by law.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VENICE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.**

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John W. Holic, Mayor

**ATTEST**

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Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

I, Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Venice, Florida, a municipal corporation in Sarasota County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and complete, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by Venice City Council at a meeting thereof duly convened and held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016, a quorum being present.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the said city this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

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Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

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Approved as to form:

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David Persson, City Attorney