



DATE: May 5, 2026  
TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: City Attorney  
SUBJECT: Airport Hazard Preventative Zoning Requirements

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**Background:**

Airport hazards include structures or land uses that can interfere with aircraft operations, pose safety risks, or reduce the usability of airport facilities. K.S.A. 3-705 authorizes municipalities to adopt zoning regulations to prevent the creation of airport hazards. This ordinance is consistent with the City of Wichita Airport Hazard Zoning Ordinance and is intended to support the continued safe and efficient operation of Colonel James Jabara Airport.

**Analysis:**

This ordinance is intended to:

- Protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents and airport users;
- Preserve the utility and operational integrity of the airport;
- Prevent the development of obstructions or incompatible land uses within designated hazard areas;
- Promote safe and efficient use of navigable airspace.

Notice of the public hearing was published in accordance with state law. The Planning Commission reviewed the ordinance on 03/12/26 and voted to recommend approval to the governing body.

**Financial Considerations:**

Financial impact to the City is not anticipated at this time.

**Legal Considerations:**

A draft ordinance has been prepared and revised to incorporate comments from the Airport Zoning Commission and City staff.

**Recommended Action:**

Staff recommends approval of the proposed Airport Hazard Zoning Ordinance pursuant to K.S.A. 3-705.

**Attachments:**

Final Report from Airport Zoning Commission Public Hearing on 04/09/26

Draft ordinance

Draft ordinance, Exhibit A, Sedgwick County Airport Hazard Zoning Map

Draft Minutes from the Airport Zoning Commission Public Hearing on 04/09/26