

RESOLUTION 2025-090
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITIES OF LOVELAND AND FORT COLLINS REGARDING
THE JOINT OPERATION OF THE NORTHERN COLORADO
REGIONAL AIRPORT IN FURTHERANCE OF A TRANSITION TO
AN AIRPORT AUTHORITY

A. In 1963, the City of Fort Collins and City of Loveland (jointly, the “Cities”) agreed to the establishment of a regional general aviation facility and become the owners and operators of the Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport (the “Airport”).

B. Pursuant to Section 29-1-203 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (and Article II, Section 16 of the City Charter), the Cities are authorized by law to contract with one another to provide for the joint exercise of any function, service or facility lawfully authorized to each of the Cities.

C. The Cities currently operate and maintain the Airport pursuant to that certain Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement for the Joint Operation of the Fort Collins-Loveland Airport dated January 22, 2015 (the “IGA”), as amended in 2016 and 2019, which established the Northern Colorado Regional Airport Commission (the “Commission”) as part of the Airport governance structure. Through the IGA, the Cities delegated certain powers to the Commission while reserving certain powers to the City Councils.

D. In 2023, the Cities commenced a project to study a possible change in governance of the Airport (the “Project”) to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Airport as an important asset of the Cities in the Northern Colorado Region. The Cities were awarded a grant through the Colorado Department of Transportation – Division of Aeronautics to provide funding for the Project.

E. As part of the Project, the Cities, through their expert consultant, conducted interviews with all members of the City Councils of the Cities to discuss governance options and provided a memorandum regarding the information he gathered and the potential governance structures available to the Cities.

F. Through approval of Resolution 2023-101 by the Fort Collins City Council and by motion of the Loveland City Council, each City appointed two City Council members to serve on a Joint Committee Regarding Airport Governance (the “Governance Committee”) to review the Project and ultimately make a recommendation to the City Councils regarding a governance model for the Airport.

G. Throughout 2024, the Governance Committee met four times and ultimately recommended that the City Councils move towards the creation of a public airport authority under the Public Airport Authority Act (C.R.S. §§ 41-3-101, et seq.).

H. Pursuant to Resolution 2025-014 of the Fort Collins City Council and Resolution R-26-2025 of the Loveland City Council, the Cities directed staff of the Cities to pursue the recommendation of the Governance Committee. Through the process of determining and evaluating the various steps required to form an airport authority, City staff carefully reviewed the issues facing the Airport and its financial status.

I. The proposed Intergovernmental Agreement would amend the governance structure of the Airport by eliminating the Commission and delegating powers to the City Councils, City Managers, and Airport staff while the Cities continue to successfully jointly operate the airport while working towards the formation of an airport authority.

J. The City Council has received a favorable recommendation for the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement from Airport staff and has determined that the Intergovernmental Agreement is in the best interests of the City.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. The Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Cities of Loveland and Fort Collins Regarding the Joint Operation of the Northern Colorado Regional Airport in Furtherance of a Transition to an Airport Authority amending the governance structure for the Airport, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference, is approved.

Section 2. The Mayor is authorized to execute said Intergovernmental Agreement together with such changes to the form of said agreement as the City Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney, determines to be necessary or appropriate to protect the interests of the City provided that such changes are materially consistent with the terms and conditions of this Resolution and the intended purpose of said agreement.

Section 3. The Intergovernmental Agreement shall supersede and fully replace the Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement dated January 22, 2015, as amended.

Passed and adopted on October 21, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: October 21, 2025

Approving Attorney: Dave Gorlin

Exhibit: Exhibit A – Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Cities of Loveland and Fort Collins Regarding the Joint Operation of the Northern Colorado Regional Airport in Furtherance of a Transition to an Airport Authority.